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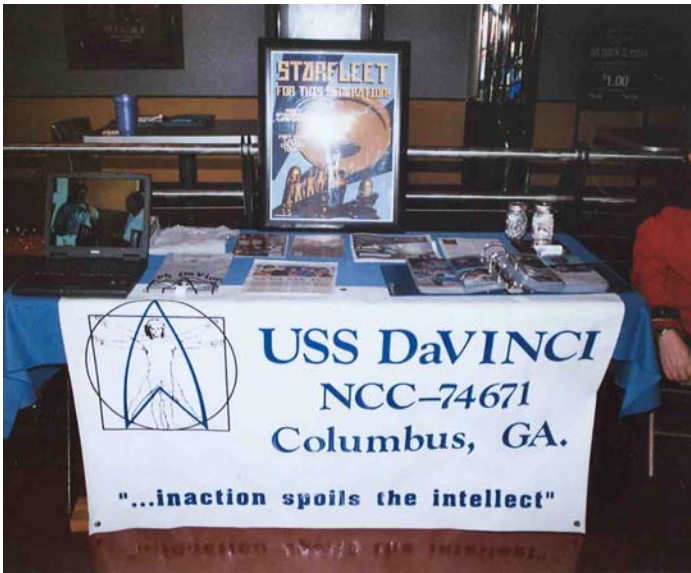
## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, it has been an exciting few weeks that is for sure! The first item was the premiere of the new Star Trek movie and our membership drive at the Carmike 15 Theater. The manager of the theater, Micah Hendrick, allowed the DaVinci to set up a membership drive table in the lobby. We were there on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Over the three evenings we had many folks stop by the table. Many were just curious but others were very excited about there being a Star Trek fan club in Columbus. Although I gave out quite a few business cards and membership applications only one family joined on the spot. So a BIG Bajoran welcome goes out to Paul Cowart and his family!

Sandra Okamoto of the Ledger-Enquirer was there. She wanted to interview some of the fans to see what they thought of the movie. Take a look at the photographs below for all the fun and excitement during the weekend.



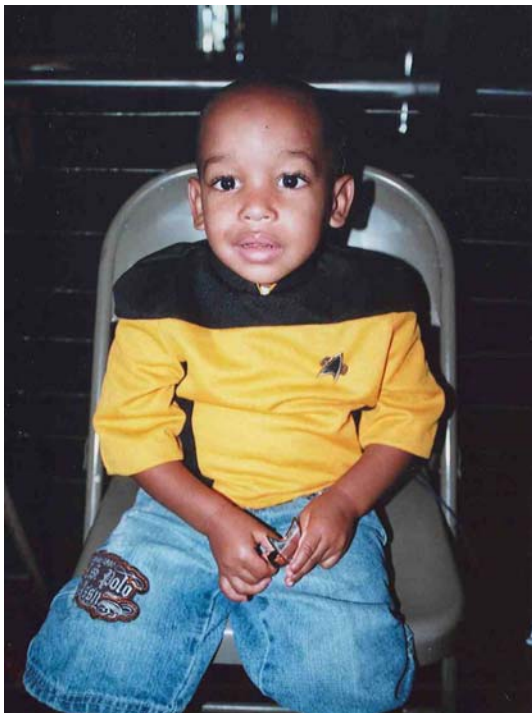
The Thursday night crew with Sandra Okamoto of the Columbus Ledger- Enquirer.



Our membership drive table.



Shane, Hal, and Roger, talking to Sandra Okamoto about the DaVinci and the movie.



How cute can you get? Ladies sure love a man in uniform! Alexander at the Thursday premiere.



The Friday night crew.



Dutch, Melanie, and Randy talk about the movie.

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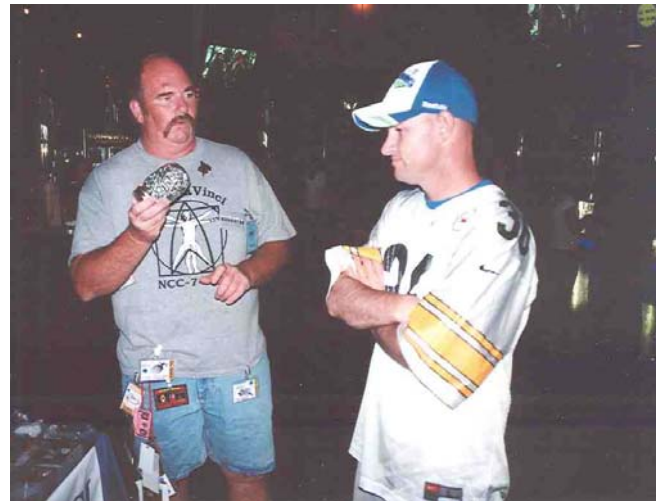


Connie and Ariana at the Friday premiere.



Dutch and Melanie (hey Dutch, no more complaining about your picture not being in the newsletter!) at the Friday premiere.

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Randy talking to a moviegoer on Saturday night.



A couple of Trek fans looking at Randy's DragonCon pictures on Saturday night.



Russell and Diane on Saturday night.

Our second annual Sweet Tooth party was not as well attended as some of our other affairs, still it was fun and the amount of sweet Hasperat, sweet salsa with tortilla chips, cakes, pies, banana pudding, fruit parfait, cheese cake, key lime pie, cookies, and strawberry shortcake was enough to feed twice the number of attendees. Naturally, there was a door prize, which was a set of the new Burger King glasses from the new movie. Although he left early the winner was Roger (sigh, again?)! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended.

On May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at my house there will be a meeting of the 2010 Region Two Summit staff. The summit will be held right here in Columbus, GA at the Holiday Inn North (previously called the Airport Holiday Inn). If you plan on attending the summit and wish to lend a hand putting it all together, please try to make it to this meeting.

Okay, everyone by now should have received their ballot in the mail for the election to see who will be Captain of the DaVinci for the next 2 years. At the May Night Out, Russell Ruhland and I were nominated. You have until June 10<sup>th</sup> to return your ballot to Lech Mazur, the election coordinator. The results of the election will be announced at the June Night Out/Meeting with the winner taking official command at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. If you did not receive a ballot, please let me know as soon as possible and another will be sent out.

I have not heard anything about a Ronald McDonald night at Chili's yet and given the lateness of the month I do not believe there will be one. But! Coming up in June over the Father's Day weekend (12-14 June) there will be a Ronald McDonald Night at Houlihan's, the Cannon Brew Pub, and Loco's Grill and Pub. A vote was taken at the May Night Out and we will be going to Loco's Grill and Pub. The date will be determined later.

Our new Morale Officer, Dutch Cummings, wanted me to pass along to you information on the upcoming Columbus Sci-Fi Con that will take place on Saturday October 10th from 10:30 AM-9:00 PM. He will need help and would like the DaVinci to take the lead with Dutch at the helm (hmmmm, smells like a mutiny to me). He will be forming a committee for this event and would like folks from the DaVinci to be a part.

VADM Freddy Heller

## SCIENCE STATION

The schedules for the June astronomy night are as follows.

01 June, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM  
 08 June, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM  
 15 June, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM  
 20 June, Roosevelt State Park, 9:00 PM  
 22 June, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM  
 29 June, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM

If you are interested in attending any of these nights, please give me a call and perhaps we can schedule an away mission.

ENS Lech Mazur

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in June!

Star Trek III Premieres (1984)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Rene Auberjonois (Odo on DS9)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Anthony Montgomery (ENS Travis Mayweather on ENT)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner on TOS)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Surveyor I Lands on the Moon (1966)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Suzie Plakson (K'Elhleyr on TNG)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
First American to Walk in Space (Ed White 1965)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Star Trek II Premieres (1982)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Deep Space Nine Ends (1999)	6 <sup>th</sup>
James Darren (Vic Fontaine on DS9)	8 <sup>th</sup>
Star Trek V Premieres (1989)	9 <sup>th</sup>
DeForest Kelley (Dr McCoy) Dies (1999)	11 <sup>th</sup>
Malcolm McDowell (Dr. Soran from Generations)	13 <sup>th</sup>
Probe Pioneer 10 Leaves the Solar System (1983)	13 <sup>th</sup>
Mariner 5 Launched to Venus (1967)	14 <sup>th</sup>
Robin Curtis (Saavik from Search for Spock)	15 <sup>th</sup>
First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1963)	16 <sup>th</sup>
First US Woman in Space (Sally Ride 1983)	18 <sup>th</sup>
First Woman to Fly Across Atlantic (Amelia Earhart 1928)	18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>LTCMDR Shane Russell</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>
Mariette Hartley (Zarabeth from TOS)	21 <sup>st</sup>
First Privately Funded Space Flight (SpaceShipOne 2004)	21 <sup>st</sup>
Tim Russ (LT Tuvok from VOY)	22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>ENS Dutch Cummings</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>ENS Margaret McGillicuddy</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>
Alice Krige (Borg Queen from First Contact)	28 <sup>th</sup>
Jeri Taylor (Executive Producer)	30 <sup>th</sup>
Three Soyuz 11 Cosmonauts Die On Reentry (1971)	30 <sup>th</sup>

## TABULATIONS

The tabs are beginning to flow in at a record pace! Here we are in the sixth month of the year and already we have nearly 40,000 tabs! As usual, Connie Heller is in the lead, but it is now summer break and her source of tabs has temporarily dried up! So, here is your chance to catch her, well, until at least the fall, when again she will surge ahead. At this pace we should easily reach our goal so keep those tabs coming. Remember, our goal for 2009 is to reach 110,000 tabs! If this amount is reached, the top "tabber" gets to pie both the Captain and First Officer! Yes, you get to pie both of us! Anyone else who reaches 10,000 tab donations gets his or her choice as to which one of us gets pied. What could be better than that? So start saving those tabs today. Here are the tab counts as of press time.

<b>Starting Balance</b>	Zero
Connie Heller	20420
Russell Ruhland	5335
Jeff Kirkland	4689
Freddy Heller	4589
Tony Fleming	2730
Roger Wright	800
Shane Russell	467
Randy Dunn	374
Todd Kes	364
Joe Perry	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>39798</b>

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	56.20
Night Out	11.00
Closing Balance	45.20

COMM Connie Heller

## TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for May:

- "Blood Ties, Season One" (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- "The Hunger, Season One" (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- "Reaper, Season Two" (9<sup>th</sup>)
- "Burn Notice, Season Two" (16<sup>th</sup>)
- "Lost, Season One & Two on Blu-ray" (16<sup>th</sup>)
- "Eureka, Season Three" (30<sup>th</sup>)
- "Stargate: Atlantis, Season Five" (30<sup>th</sup>)

## NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

Attention! The Night Out locations for 2009 were selected at the Christmas party. The list is below. There are some new places this year. I hope your favorite restaurant made the list!

July	Buffalo Wild Wings
August	Chili's
September	Ruby Tuesday (Veteran's)
October	Ryan's
November	Texas Roadhouse
December	Hong Kong Buffet

Congratulations to Diane Ruhland, the winner of the free dinner at Olive Garden during the May Night Out.

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

ENS Dutch Cummings for passing IOMS: SST: TOS-035 The Doomsday Machine from the IOMS - School of Security in Trek (IOMS: SST); SIM-126 - Windtalkers from the School of IOIE - Intel in Movies (SIM); and SIM-120 - Stalag 17 from the School of IOIE - Intel in Movies (SIM)

ENS Melanie Cummings for passing OTS with honors and her promotion to Acting Ensign! Way to go Melanie!

CRMN Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans.

LT Roger Wright for his donation of stamps and coupons.

COMM Jeff Kirkland for his donation of cans.

## WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined (\*) or renewed their membership in the DaVinci (D) or Starfleet (S).

- Phil Campanaro (D\*) (S)
- Tammy Campanaro (D\*) (S)
- Christjyn Tuma (D\*) (S\*)
- Paul Cowart (D\*)
- Lisa Cowart (D\*)
- Rachel Cowart (D\*)
- Juliana Cowart (D\*)
- James Cowart (D\*)
- Karen Baker (D\*)

## MEMBERSHIPS

Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your expiration dates. Pay special attention to those marked in **red** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your (or your family's) membership.

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Karen Baker	May 10	
Steve Brown	Dec 09	
Hollie Bundy	Sep 09	
James Carey	Nov 09	<b>Jan 09</b>
Philip "Rat" Campanaro	Jul 10	Jun 10
Adam Chryst	<b>Jul 09</b>	<b>May 09</b>
Paul Cowart	Nov 10	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 10	Feb 10
Randy Dunn	Feb 10	<b>Jun 09</b>
Tony Fleming	<b>Jul 09</b>	<b>Jun 09</b>
Freddy Heller	<b>Jul 09</b>	Sep 09
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 09
Benlee Huguley	Feb 10	
Todd Kes	Oct 09	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 10	<b>Jul 09</b>
Leiko Koone	Nov 09	Nov 09
Lech Mazur	<b>Jul 09</b>	<b>Jan 09</b>
Margaret McGillicuddy	<b>Jul 09</b>	Oct 09
Joshua Nazario	Jan 10	
Lisa Neal	<b>Jul 09</b>	
Joe Perry	<b>Jul 09</b>	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	<b>Jul 09</b>	<b>May 09</b>
Russell Ruhland	Aug 09	Aug 09
Shane Russell	Mar 10	
Park Scully	<b>Jul 09</b>	Sep 09
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 08
Harold Stewart	Feb 10	
Patty Williams	<b>Apr 09</b>	
Roger Wright	<b>Jul 09</b>	Feb 10

## MEMORY ALPHA

The 2008-2009 version of the DaVinci slideshow will be available at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party! The cost is \$5.00 and will be available on DVD. Please contact Connie to place your order.

## RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Even though we will no longer be meeting at the Ronald McDonald house they still are in need of a variety of items. If you wish to donate an item,

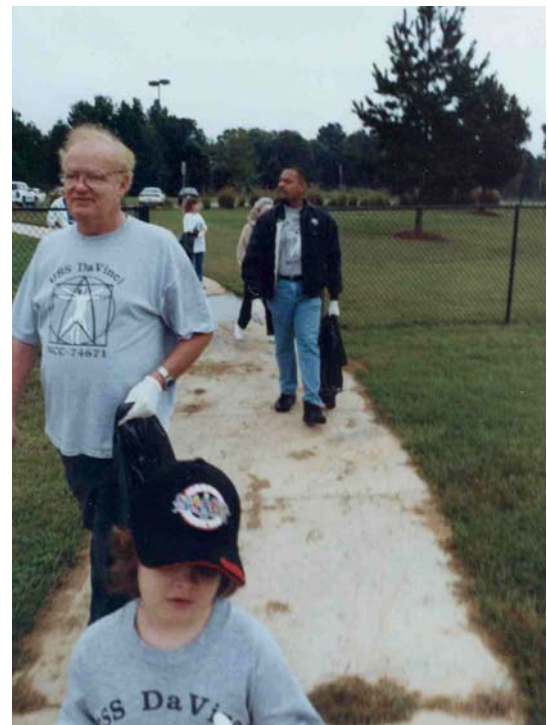
bring it by my house and I will make sure it gets there. It is a good way to say "thank-you" for letting The DaVinci use their meeting room free of charge these past few years.

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are trash bags (35 gal), laundry detergent, dryer sheets, air freshener spray, AA batteries, copier paper, labels, Styrofoam cups, and food items such as hard candy, cake icing, lemonade, salad dressing, soup, box dinners, vegetable oil, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods. Thanks!

## USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

I thought everyone would enjoy a look down memory lane. Each month I will show a series of photographs from our very beginning, as the Shuttle DaVinci, up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! Reminisce.

If you have any photographs that you would like to see published in the Pilot, feel free to send them to me with a brief explanation as to who is in the photo and when and where it was taken.



The crew (Ariana, Lech, Roger, Gisela, & Rose) heading to the River Walk for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Help the Hooch River clean-up (09 Oct 2004)





Lech down by the Chattahoochee gathering trash.



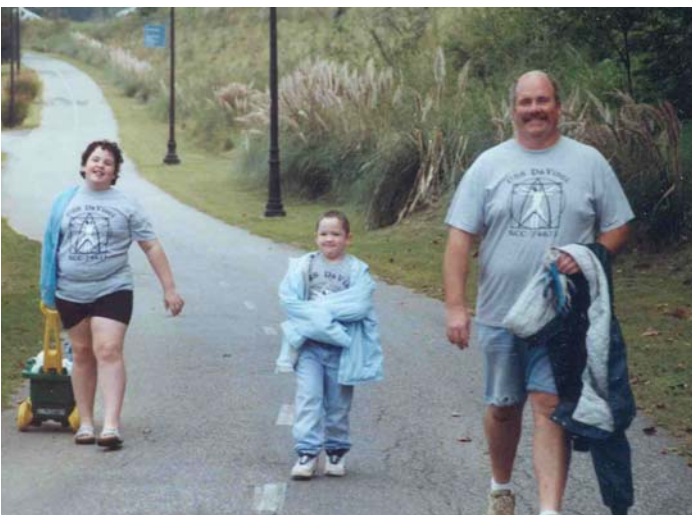
Ariana putting trash into Gisela's open bag.



Roger and Johnny picking trash along the 'Hooch.



"Rose of the Jungle" hard at work.



Meanwhile, the Dunn's (Rebecca, Christopher, and dad Randy) tackle the trash along the River Walk.



Randy tossing a chair found in the brush!





Roger tossing out an old ball found in the brush.



Russell looking in the brush for trash.

Next week, Part II of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Help the Hooch River clean-up!

## FINALLY!

Go back and check when your membership on the DaVinci and or Starfleet expires. **Several memberships have expired!!!** Please renew as soon as possible or you might not get a newsletter. Thanks!

## CARGO BAY

**For Sale:** Hundreds of Star Trek, Star Wars, and other miscellaneous female action figures. Low prices! The more you buy the more you save. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

**For Sale:** Miscellaneous Star Trek items. Comics, magazines, commercial items, toys, you name it I probably have it! Low prices. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

**For Sale:** If you have been to Freddy and Connie's house you probably noticed the large collection of Liberty Falls houses. Well, they are for sale! Check with Connie for your needs.

**Autographs:** Looking for that certain autographed photograph of your favorite Star Trek or other sci-fi personality? Check with Freddy. He just may have what you need.

**Plates:** I have several Hamilton Collector Plates for sale: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country, Yesterday's Enterprise, Worf, and Captain's Tribute. Call Tony at (706) 568-6529 and leave a message.

**DaVinci Slideshow:** The new DaVinci slideshow is now available. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece, in varying formats. See or call Connie for more info!

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