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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Whew! The weather is sure hot. Well, welcome to another summer in Columbus, GA. The Meeting-Night Out at New China was not that well attended but the food was great and the companionship even better. The result of the election was announced and I was re-elected for another 2-year term as Captain of the DaVinci. I wish to thank all of you who voted for me and I hope I live up to the confidence you have shown. I am going to keep Russell as my "Number One" and second in command.

Our Fourth of July cookout is just around the corner and if you wish to come, please let me know. We still need folks to bring chips, dips, and other snacks; fixings for the burgers and dogs (pickles, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, etc.); baked beans, desserts; and any other miscellaneous items you can think of. This is our biggest event of the year so just wait until you see what I have dug up for the prize of the year! Remember all those times your name was written on the back of a ticket when you came to an event? Well, they are all going into a container for the yearly drawing. Oh, there will be a drawing or two for just coming to the cookout so you might just well win more than one prize.

We have been invited to two other 4th of July parties by the crew of the Atlanta and Robins. Unfortunately both are on the same day – 11 July. Last year we went to the Atlanta's get together and so I thought this year we could attend the party hosted by Barbara Paul and the crew of the Robins. If you wish to car pool with me, I will be driving our van and have room for six. Two of the seats are already spoken for so if you wish to go, you must let me know as soon as possible. Thanks!

VADM Freddy Heller

SCIENCE STATION

The schedules for the July astronomy night are as follows.

06 July, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM
13 July, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM
18 July, Providence Canyon, 9:00 PM
20 July, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM
27 July, 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 July!

Dominic Keating (LT Malcolm Reed)	1 st
Alan Ruck (CPT Harriman)	1 st
Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko on DS9)	2 nd
First Solo Around the World Balloon Flight (2002)	2 nd
First Balloon to Cross the Atlantic (1987)	3 rd
Pathfinder Spacecraft Lands on Mars (1997)	4 th
Rick Sternbach (Senior Illustrator)	6 th
William Schallert (Nilz Baris on TOS)	6 th
Kim Darby (Miri on TOS)	7 th
Linda Park (ENS Hoshi Sato on ENT)	9 th
Telstar Communications Satellite Launched (1962)	10 th
Skylab Burns Up in Atmosphere on Return to Earth (1977)	11 th
Patrick Stewart (CPT Jean Luc Picard on TNG)	13 th
Robert Justman (Producer)	13 th
First Atomic Bomb Explosion (1945)	16 th
First Link-Up of Apollo-Soyuz (1975)	17 th
ENS Martha Kirkland	18 th
Viking 1 Lands on Mars (1976)	20 th
First Man on the Moon (Neil Armstrong 1969)	20 th
Second American in Space (Gus Grissom 1961)	21 st
Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn on DS9)	22 nd
First Solo Flight Around Word (Wiley Post 1933)	22 nd
Mariner 1 Fails to Launch (1962)	22 nd
Ronnie Cox (CPT Jellico on TNG)	23 rd
First Woman Space Walker (Svetlana Savitskaya 1984)	25 th
COMM Joe Perry	25 th
Nana Visitor (COL Kira Nerys on DS9)	26 th
NASA Created (1958)	29 th
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher on TNG)	29 th
David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon from Undiscovered Country)	29 th
Carel Struycken (Mr. Homm on TNG)	30 th

TABULATIONS

WOW! For the first time in several years we have a new leader at the halfway point! Because of a rather large and ongoing donation, the other half of the Heller duo is now in the lead! How long will this amazing feat last? Will Connie call out her reserve troops and retake the lead? Or will Freddy hang on for an astonishing upset victory! Only time will tell.

Remember, our goal for 2009 is to reach 110,000 tabs! We are over half way there! 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.

Starting Balance	Zero
Freddy Heller	27586
Connie Heller	21525
Russell Ruhland	5335
Jeff Kirkland	4689
Tony Fleming	2730
Roger Wright	800
Shane Russell	467
Randy Dunn	374
Todd Kes	364
Joe Perry	30
Total	63900

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!

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

Congratulations to Harold Stewart, the winner of the free dinner at New China during the June Night Out.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	45.20
Deposit	78.03
Night Out	11.00
Closing Balance	112.23

COMM Connie Heller

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for July:

- “Flash Gordon, Complete Series” (14th)
- “Pushing Daisies, Season 2” (21st)
- “Pushing Daisies, Season 2 [Blu-ray] (14th)
- :Stargate SG-1, Children of the Gods” (21th)
- “Battlestar Galactica, Season 4.5” (28th)
- “Battlestar Galactica, Season 4.5” [Blu-ray] (28th)
- “Battlestar Galactica, Complete Series” (28th)
- “Battlestar Galactica, Complete Series” [Blu-ray] (28th)
- “Doctor Who, Planet of the Dead” (28th)
- “Dollhouse, Season 1” (28th)
- “Dollhouse, Season 1” [Blu-ray] (28th)

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

ENS Dutch Cummings for receiving a grade of Honors for SIM-130 - Under Siege from the School of IOIE - Intel in Movies (SIM)

ENS Melanie Cummings for receiving a grade of Pass for SIM-142 - Mission Impossible III from the School of IOIE - Intel in Movies (SIM) and a grade of Honors for SIM-132 - Wild Wild West from the School of IOIE - Intel in Movies (SIM)

CRMN Harold Stewart for his weekly 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).

- Randy Dunn (S)
- Sandy Holt (D)
- Mathew Dunn (D)
- Rebecca Dunn (S)
- Christopher Dunn (S)
- Lech Mazur (S)

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	Jan 09
Philip “Rat” Campanaro	Jul 10	Jun 10
Adam Chryst	Jul 09	May 09
Paul Cowart	Nov 10	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 10	Feb 10
Randy Dunn	Feb 10	Jun 10
Tony Fleming	Jul 09	Jun 09
Freddy Heller	Jul 09	Sep 09
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 09
Benlee Huguley	Feb 10	
Todd Kes	Oct 09	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 10	Jul 09
Leiko Koone	Nov 09	Nov 09
Lech Mazur	Jul 09	Jun 10
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 09	Oct 09
Joshua Nazario	Jan 10	
Lisa Neal	Jul 09	
Joe Perry	Jul 09	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 09	May 10
Russell Ruhland	Aug 09	Aug 09
Shane Russell	Mar 10	
Park Scully	Jul 09	Sep 09
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 09
Harold Stewart	Feb 10	
Patty Williams	Apr 09	
Roger Wright	Jul 09	Feb 10

MEMORY ALPHA

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

**HE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND
MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT
BUFFALO WILD WINGS
ON MONDAY 20 JULY AT 7:00 PM COME
FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!!**

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! Reminiscence.

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.

Part II of the 8th annual Help the Hooch River clean-up!



Rebecca and Ariana taking a break.



Randy, Nicholas, and Christopher finding trash on a River Walk hill.



Johnny, Gisela, Russell, and Roger working the River Walk.



A tired crew heading back to the starting point!



Gisela and Deborah stroll the River Walk.



“Look mama! I am touching a snake!” Ariana at the Columbus Watershed tent.



One of the biggest turnouts for a Help the Hooch River Clean Up and the trash collected!



Rose downs her third or fourth hot dog while son Nicolas thinks something in the air is quite foul.



Russell getting off the parking lot bus transportation to the volunteer party.



Gisela, Rose, Nicolas, Deborah, and Johnnie enjoying the hot dogs, chips, drinks, and Twinkies!



Ariana and then "boyfriend" Roger pose for the camera.



Russell, Lech, Randy, Roger, and Ariana enjoying the free food.

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.

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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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