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UPCOMING EVENTS

**15 January, Tab Turn-In and Pie Party, 8:00 AM at Ryan's for Breakfast, 9:00 AM Turn-In, 2:00 PM Pie Party

**17 January, Night Out/Meeting at Mark's City Grill (Moon Road and Knology Way, Next to Chevron Station), 7:00 PM

FROM THE CENTER SEAT

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope y'all had a wonderful holiday season and I wish you all the best for a prosperous New Year.

I am sorry this newsletter is late but the day before Christmas my sinuses decided to act up and I was pretty much out of it from then until now (29th). Of course I may have had the flu but the short time of my misery says it was the former. I am still not a hundred percent but getting better with each day.

Well, as you all know the Christmas party had to be cancelled to lack of interest. I really hated to do this but with all the email reminders and notification in the newsletter and since only three folks (thanks Lisa, Josh, and Todd) responded that they wished to come, I felt it not worth having a party this year. For the future, please either email me or call me (if you do not have email) to let me know that you are coming to an event. I need to know in advance because for every get together, the DaVinci always buys the main course, whether it is turkey, ham, hamburgers, hot dogs, or pizza. What about the Night Out locations. you ask? Not a problem, a few folk dropped by and we had an informal selection of the Night Out locations for this year. A few new places were selected and some old favorites as well. Check out the list later in the newsletter.

Okay, our annual Tab Turn-In and Pie Party will be held on 15 January. We will start the day with an 8:00 AM breakfast at Ryan's, followed by a 9:00 AM turn-in of the tabs at the Ronald McDonald house, and finally the Pie Party at 2:00 PM. The DaVinci will supply the pizza but you must bring your own drink of choice. Again, please let me know via email or telephone if you are planning on attending the Pie Party. Oh, make sure to wear your uniform or DaVinci shirt to the tab turn in.

Our last Night Out/Meeting of the year at the Bavarian House was not as well attended as most Night Outs can be; still, the atmosphere and the good company well made up for it. Check out some of the photographs below!



Russell and Diane decide what to order.



Jeff and Martha and their very wild musical hats!



Lech chats with Russell and Diane across the table.



Jonathan Evans, newest member and winner of the free dinner at the Bavarian House!

Well, that is it for this month. Hope to see y'all at the tab turn in and Pie Party on the 15th!

VADM Freddy Heller

CHIROPRACTIC CARE

Chiropractic and Spinal Research

No matter what condition a person may have they need chiropractic care to ensure their body is working without subluxations. If you have any specific questions please feel free to contact me.

Bedwetting, menstrual cramps, & stomach problems.

Patients suffering from bedwetting, menstrual cramps and ulcer pains/indigestion were given chiropractic care. MDs performed pap tests, pelvic exams and upper GI studies but could find nothing

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wrong. “A total of eight subjects in each category were selected and two in each category were not treated (to be used as control cases). No one in the study had any back pain. “All cases of pelvic pain and severe cramping of the uterus had stopped. All women experienced three menstrual cycles through the duration of this study. “The bedwetting category demonstrated 50% of the children had stopped bedwetting early in the program, 25% of the children had a 50% reduction in the frequency of occurrences and 25% showed no improvement. “All the patients in the gastric category except one responded to chiropractic care.” (1)

Improved quality of life

This preliminary study revealed that those under chiropractic showed significant improvements in physical well being, mental/emotional state, stress management, life enjoyment and overall quality of life, during an average of 5.5 months of chiropractic care (1).

(1) McAllister, W and Boone, W.R. “Changes in physical state and self-perceptions in domains of health related quality of life among public safety personnel undergoing chiropractic care”

ENS Hal Stewart

GAME MASTER

This month I will be discussing the different class choices in WoW. There are 10 different classes in the game. Your choice of class is important for 2 reasons. First, your choice of class defines your choices of game play. Second, your class is the only character definition choice that cannot later be changed. If you decide that a particular class is not for your game play style, then your only choice is to create a new toon.

One of the attributes of your toon is armor. Armor give you damage mitigation. The more armor that your have the less damage you take. For purposes of armor availability, I divide the 10 classes into 4 groups.

The lowest armor group wear cloth armor. This is akin to normal clothes. You wear cloth armor everyday. Cloth armor gives you the least amount of damage mitigation. The three classes in this group are referred to as 'clothies' or 'squishies'. This is because they take a lot of damage, and if they get hit they tend to die. The three classes in this group are

priests, mages and warlocks.

Priests are the best healers in the game and also have very good damage potential. This damage comes at the expense of their healing abilities. Mages are spell users with several area-of effect spells. This means that when they cast the spell it does damage to all mobs in a certain area. Mages are known as 'glass cannons'. This is because they do a lot of damage but when hit, they die. A mage always monitors their threat so that the mob is attacking someone else and not themselves. The last class in this group is the warlock. Warlocks use shadow magic to cause damage and have spells that do damage over time or cause curses. The defining characteristic of the warlock is their stable of enslaved demons that fight with the warlock.

The next group are leather-wearers. The two classes in this group are the rogue and the druid. The rogue uses stealth and various 'dirty tricks' to due their damage. They are in close damage dealers. Rogues also have the ability to pick locks and to find traps. For these reasons, some fights are much easier with a rogue present. The druid uses nature spells but they also have the ability to change into various forms that change the way that they fight.

The next two groups have the capability of changing their armor as they level up. The first group consist of the hunter and the shaman. They start out using leather armor like the druid and the rogue but at level 40 they can start using mail armor. The hunter is a ranged damage dealer. Their primary weapon is the bow, crossbow and gun. The hunter is also known for their ability to tame animals and have the animal fight with them. My main toon is a hunter. The shaman uses elemental spells and totems to support and heal they group. They can function at range and melee distances.

The last group start out using mail armor and at level 40 can equip plate armor. These classes are the warrior, paladin and death knight. The warrior is a close-combat fighter. There are three different playing styles. The tanking style is the 'sword and board'. This is the traditional fighter from all the movies set in the middle ages. They use a one-handed sword and a shield. You also have the 'Conan' style. They use a two-handed sword and at high levels can use 2 two-handed swords. The last playing style uses what I call the 'sword dance'. They wield 2 one-handed weapons. They best example is River Tam in the movie Serenity against

the Reavers. The paladin is a holy knight. They can operate in a healing or damage mode and use spells both to damage the mobs and help their group members. The death knight is the hero class from the last expansion. They utilize necromantic magic in combination with martial abilities. A death knight starts out at level 55, so despite being in this group, they will never be wearing mail armor. It is just easier to include them in this group instead of a separate group.

In a group, each member will have one of three tasks that define their job in the group. There will be at least one tank. The job of the tank is have the mobs attacking them and not the rest of the group. Several classes can function as the tank. There will be at least one healer. If there is only 1 healer, then his job is to keep the tank alive. Depending on the size of the group, there may be additional healers that will keep the rest of the group alive. The rest of the group are referred to as DPS. Their job is to kill the mobs without causing the mob to attack them instead of the tank.

If you have any questions then e-mail me or mention them at the night out and I will try to answer then in the next column.

COMM Joe Perry

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Trek Trax Atlanta will be held from 18-20 February at the Holiday Inn Select Perimeter. Special guests include Tim Russ (Tuvok on Voyager), Barbara March (Lursa on TNG and DS9), Gwynyth Walsh (B'Etor on TNG and DS9), and more! Currently tickets are \$40 for the weekend but the price goes to \$50 on 1 January. Hotel rates are a very reasonable \$65 per night. Connie and I are going and will invite others to drive up with us. Connie and I will be going up on Saturday if you wish to go with us. Check out <http://www.trektrax.org/> for more information.

Vulcan Events is back with another convention on 25-27 February at the Doubletree Tampa Westshore Airport. Hotel rates are a very reasonable \$99.00 per night. Guests, so far, include J.G. Hertzler (Martok on DS9) and Robert O'Reilly (Gowron on TNG and DS9). Both will appear on stage in full costume! There are two ticket packages. The Platinum VIP ticket guarantees a reserved seat in the first few rows

and a general admission ticket. The former is \$195.00, which includes autographs and other benefits and the latter \$40.00, which does not include extra benefits. Check out vulcanevents.com for more information.

MegaCon, the annual convention in Orlando, FL will be held from 25-27 March at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Guests so far (and there will be many more) include William Shatner (Cpt Kirk), Bruce Boxleitner (Cpt Sheridan on Babylon 5), Robin Curtis (Saavik in Star Trek III and IV), Doug Jones (Hellboy I & II and the Silver Surfer), Mira Furlan (DeLenn on Babylon 5 and Danielle Rousseau on Lost), Cindy Morgan (Lora/Yori in Tron), Michael Dorn (Worf on TNG and DS9), Jonathan Frakes (William Riker on TNG), Marina Sirtis (Deanna Troi on TNG), Kevin Sorbo (Hercules and Dylan Hunt on Andromeda), John Schneider (Jonathan Kent on Smallville, Bo Duke on the Dukes of Hazzard), Gil Gerard (Buck Rogers), Erin Gray (Col Deering on Buck Rogers), and many more! The hotel is the Doubletree Resort Orlando within walking distance of the convention center. Rates are \$119 per night. Check out their web site at <http://www.megaconvention.com/>.

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for January

"Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea, Season Four, Vol. 2 (11th)

"Dark Skies, Complete Series" (18th)

"Merlin, Complete Second Season" (18th)

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans.

Joe Perry for his donation of can

Russell Ruhland for being award the Titanium Boothby Award for completing 350 Starfleet Academy courses!!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1969)	1 st
First Rocket Fired Past Moon (Russia; 1959)	2 nd
Deep Space Nine Premiers (1992)	2 nd
Mars Probe Spirit Lands on Mars (2004)	3 rd
Aron Eisenberg (Nog on DS9)	6 th
First Around-the-World Trip by Commercial Airplane (Pacific Clipper 1942)	6 th
Mark Allen Shepard (Morn on DS9)	7 th
Four of Jupiter's Moons Discovered (Galileo 1610)	7 th
Michelle Forbes (Ro Laren on TNG)	8 th
CRMN Tytricia Mann	8 th
CRMN Tanya Davis	8 th
ENS Philip "Rat" Campanaro	9 th
Last Unmanned Probe Lands on Moon (Surveyor VII 1968)	9 th
First Hispanic in Space (Franklin Chang-Diaz 1986)	12 th
Kirstie Alley (LT Saavik from Wrath of Khan)	12 th
ENS JoAnn Timmons	12 th
CRMN Harold Stewart	13 th
Voyager Premiers (1995)	16 th
CRMN Patricia Lewis-Carn	17 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy on TOS)	20 th
David Gerrold (Author & Script Writer)	21 st
Mars Probe Opportunity Lands on Mars (2004)	25 th
James Cromwell (Zephram Cochrane, First Contact)	27 th
Apollo I is Lost [White, Chaffee, & Grissom Die] (1967)	27 th
Shuttle Challenger is Lost (1986)	28 th
Moon Probe Ranger VI is Launched (1964)	30 th
US Launches First Satellite (Explorer I 1958)	31 st
Ham the Chimp is Launched into Space (1961)	31 st
Apollo XIV is Launched (1971)	31 st

STARFLEET ACADEMY NEWS

More completions of courses by Russell!

College of Federation Studies

- SFC-101 Captains: Archer - Beta Tester (BT)
- SFC-102 Captains: Pike - Beta Tester
- SFC-103 Captains: April - Beta Tester
- SFC-104 Captains: Kirk - Beta Tester

College of Federation Studies

- SFC-105 Captains: Picard - Beta Tester
- SFC-106 Captains: Sisko - Beta Tester
- SFC-107 Captains: Janeway - Beta Tester
- SFC-108 Captains: Jellico - Beta Tester
- SFC-109 Captains: Calhoun - Beta Tester

- HOTE-101 History of the Enterprise: NX-01 - BT
- HOTE-102 History of the Enterprise: NCC-1701/1701A - Beta Tester
- HOTE-103 History of the Enterprise: NCC-1701B/C - Beta Tester
- HOTE-104 History of the Enterprise: NCC-1701D - Beta Tester
- HOTE-105 History of the Enterprise: NCC-1701E - Beta Tester
- HUFPP-100 History of the UFP: Presidents - BT
- HUFPP-101 History of the UFP: Early Years - BT
- HUFPP-102 History of the UFP: Movie Years - BT
- HUFPP-103 History of the UFP: Early 24th Century - Beta Tester
- HUFPP-104 History of the UFP: Mid 24th Century I - Beta Tester
- HUFPP-105 History of the UFP: Mid 24th Century II - Beta Tester
- HUFPP-106 History of the UFP: Mid 24th Century III - Beta Tester

College of Treknology

- ST9-101 Characters - Beta Tester
- ST9-102 Quotes - Beta Tester
- ST9-103 Technology - Beta Tester
- ST9-104 Trivia - Beta Tester

College of Law

- COL-101 UFP Law - Distinction
- COL-102 The Prime Directive - Pass
- COL-103 Xenojurisprudence - Honors

College of Engineering

- SOEH-105 STARFLEET Engineers - Honors

College of Medicine

- COM-303 Betazoid Telepathy - Distinction
- COM-316 Psychiatry/Psychology - Distinction

College of Survival Studies

- TSS-101 Survival Training - Distinction
- EPS-101 Escape Pods 101 - Distinction
- EPS-102 Escape Pods 102 - Distinction
- EPS-103 Escape Pod Identification - Distinction
- EPS-201.1 Escape Pod Technician I - Distinction

College of Archaeology/Anthropology

- SOAR-101 Level I Certification - Distinction
- SOAR-201 Level II Certification - Distinction

College of Alien Contact

- MIB-101 Men in Black I - Distinction
- MIB-102 Men in Black II - Pass

STARFLEET Marine Academy

- PD-15 MSG Officer Course - Distinction
- OD-22 G2/S2 Officer Course - Distinction
- NCO-20 Advanced NCO Development - Pass

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 family expiration dates. Pay special attention to those marked in **BLUE** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your membership. Our membership stands at 61 with 29 of those in Starfleet!

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Josh Ainsworth	Jul 11	Jun 11
Matt Arnold	Jul 11	
Karen Baker	Jul 11	
Ken Baker	Feb 12	
Abby Boyd	Jul 11	
Steve Brown	Dec 10	
Phil "Rat" Campanaro	Jul 11	May 11
James Carey	Nov 10	Oct 10
Paul Cowart	Nov 10	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 11	Feb 11
Tanya Davis	Apr 11	
Randy Dunn	Apr 11	Jun 11
Jonathan Evans	Dec 11	Dec 11
Tony Fleming	Jul 11	Jun 11
Freddy Heller	Jul 11	Sep 11
Mike Henigan	LTM	Feb 11
Benlee Huguley	Feb 11	
Clarence Jenkins	Feb 12	
Tyrone Jordan	Feb 12	
Todd Kes	Oct 11	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 11	Aug 11
Leiko Koone	Nov 12	Nov 11
Tyricia Mann	Apr 11	
Lech Mazur	Jul 11	Oct 11
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 11	Oct 11
Amanda Moore	Apr 11	
Lisa Neal	Jul 11	
Joe Perry	Jul 11	Nov 11
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 11	May 11
Kris Reeves	Jul 11	
Russell Ruhland	Aug 11	Aug 11
Park Scully	Nov 11	Nov 11
Frazier Smith	Jul 11	
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 11
Harold Stewart	Feb 11	Feb 11
Jo Ann Timmons	Jul 11	Jul 10
Angela Welch	Jul 11	
Patty Williams	Sep 11	
Justin Whitaker	Oct 11	

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

The list of restaurants for the 2011 Night Out locations has been selected! There are some new ones on the list as well as some old favorites!

Congratulations to new member Jonathan Evans, the winner of the free dinner at Bavarian House during the December Night Out.

February	Picasso Pizza
March	Country's Barbeque
April	Red Lobster
May	Olive Garden
June	CiCi's Pizza
July	Longhorn's
August	Cracker Barrel
September	Willy T's
October	Chili's
November	Ruby Tuesday
December	Don Chucho's

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	371.97
Closing Balance	371.97

COMM Connie Heller

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Leiko Koone (S)
Jonathan Evans (D*) (S*)
Timmy Evans (D*)

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TABULATIONS

Our goal of 130,000 tabs has been shattered thanks to the effort of Jeff who brought in over 96,000 tabs!

The battle for second was close but Connie beat out hubby Freddy by a mere 1250 tabs!

Stay tuned for all the hilarious photographs from the Pie Party in the next issue of the Pilot

The final results for the 2010 effort are as follows!

Starting Balance	240
Jeff Kirkland	96040
Connie Heller	20990
Freddy Heller	19740
Russell Ruhland	5371
Tony Fleming	4585
Joe Perry	2470
Karen Pynenburg	2250
Dutch Cummings	1571
Shane Russell	1112
Benlee Huguley	800
Todd Kes	683
Hal Stewart	232
Gabriele Baker	69
Josh Ainsworth	67
Lech Mazur	17
Tanya Davis	9
Randy Dunn	9
Rat Campanaro	9
Ken Baker	8
Total	156032

USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

The following is a trip down the USS DaVinci 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.

And now Part II of our 7th annual 4th of July cookout (07 July 2005)



Frazier accepts his DaVinci Certificate of Commendation.



And so does Gisela



Randy too!



Let us not forget Russell's commendation!



And the pins get pinned!



Randy is all smiles after receiving the DaVinci Officer of the Year Award!



Randy gets promoted to Warrant Officer First Class in the Marines.



Frazier too is all smiles after his promotion to Lieutenant



Frazier presents Connie with a Starfleet Marine shirt for all her hard work in the DaVinci.

Part III of our 7th annual 4th of July cookout next month in the Pilot

FINALLY!

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

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.

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!

Want to put an ad in the Pilot? Just send it to me and it will go in. Does not matter what it says – wanted, for sale, or something more personal! Deadline is the 20th of each month.

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SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE!!!

DaVinci members Rat and Tammy Campanaro gave me a very special item that was going to be donated to the charity auction at the recent Sci-Fi Convention and Toy Show. When the auction was cancelled they gave it to me to do with it as I wished. I would love to keep it but really have no room to store it. Check out the photos below!

What you are looking at is a Lego Star Wars display that was in Toys R Us. The display is 47 inches in length, 16 inches wide, and 18 inches in height! It is quite nice and is currently sitting in my house if you wish to look at it. I am asking \$425 for the display, which is very reasonable since just the ship in the second photo was going for over \$160.00 on eBay! All the money from the sale will go into the DaVinci treasury. So, if you are a Star Wars fan or know someone who is, let them know about this one of a kind item! In fact, any DaVinci member who recommends a buyer that purchases the display will get 10% of the sale price! Please feel free to give out my email address and telephone number.

