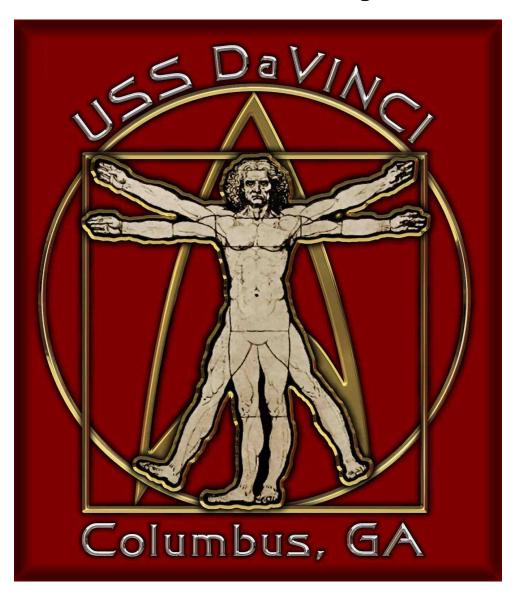
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UPCOMING DAVINCI EVENTS

**03 August, Columbus Comic Book Show, Coca-Cola Space Science Center, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**18 August, Night Out and Membership Meeting, Ezell's, 7:00 PM

**23 August, Twilight Zone Marathon Part II, Freddy and Connie's House, 12:00 PM





IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

Bang! Zap! Pop! Fizzle and KaBoom! No, it's not the beginning of an epic Batman episode, it's all the fantastic fun that the crew of the USS DaVinci had at our annual 4th of July party on Saturday, 5 July. Freddy and Connie were kind enough to host the event, which this year was attended by nearly 20 DaVinci personnel and their guests. We even had the opportunity to see some folks that haven't been available to attend other events for various reasons and it was very nice to see them again. The hamburgers and hotdogs were delicious and all the trimmings such as homemade potato salad, corn salad, and macaroni and cheese made for a holiday feast that even a Klingon could sing stories about for generations to come. Home made desserts were also on hand to take care of the sweet tooth and I myself particularly enjoyed the cherry pie.





James, Vanessa, Lech, Todd, and Diane, and Leiko, Randy, Russell, and Rebecca wait for the food!





Chow time and the crew digs in!





The crew fixes their plates and Connie and Diane talk about – who else – Freddy and Russell!





Jeff, Gregory, Christopher, and Martha, and Rebecca, Randy, and Lech in the food line.





Russell, Diane, and Ariana and Connie, Todd, Vanessa, and James finish out the line.





Enjoying the food in the dining room are Margaret, Jeff, and Leiko and Lech and Gregory.





Russell, Joe, James, Vanessa, Todd, and Diane enjoy their food in the kitchen while outside on the patio Randy, Rebecca, and Connie enjoy theirs.





Yummy, ice cream for dessert and Connie with her "baby" DiNozzo!

After everyone had plenty of time to eat and fellowship for awhile, we decided to give out our annual awards but just before all that I had that awesome honor of awarding our faithful Chief Medical Officer, Jeff Kirkland, with a long overdue promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral. I also promoted Martha Kirkland to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Congratulations to both Jeff and Martha. Other awards presented included a certificate of meritorious achievement to Joe, certificate of appreciation to Maria, and a special DaVinci Ship's Galley award to Connie for all her contributions in the area of food preparation during our events. There were some other awards; however, those individuals were not present so I won't reveal them until we get a chance to present them personally.







Guess who received awards? Jeff (promotion to RADM); Martha (promotion to LTCMDR); and Connie (Starship Galley Award)!





Let us not forget Joe (Certificate of Appreciation) and Maria (Certificate of Appreciation)

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Names were drawn and several door prizes were given out to members of the crew. I can't remember all of them so take a look at the pictures to see for yourself. We wound things down around 5:00 PM and everyone went their separate ways. My personal thanks to all that participated at this event. Your efforts to be a part of our activities do not go unnoticed.







Look what we won! Maria (Klingon book); Katie (Star Trek coasters); Gregory (Star Trek book)







We did too! Vanessa (Star Trek coasters); Todd (Star Trek comics); Martha (Star Trek encyclopedia)







Hey what about us! Ariana (Star Trek coasters); Christopher (ST shot glasses); James (action figure)







The DaVinci crew discussing future chapter activities near the end of the day.

What great time we had at Chilli Thai. Nine of the DaVinci crew made it to participate in our July Night Out at the Chilli Thai Restaurant in Columbus on Monday, 21 July. One of our newest members, Scott Roop, even came in his uniform! Their menu items were described in chili peppers from one to three but many of the entrees had no peppers next to them and were not spicy at all. You could even order one of the spicy meals without any Thai spice. Three or four of us went with the house-fried rice, which had a combination of beef, pork and chicken it along with a tasty selection of vegetables and the portion matched the cost with ease and then some. Freddy got some type of dish with a sauce and all I could hear was "Umm, ah, wow, this is really good!" We all managed to get our fill and some took some home, as the portions were indeed plentiful. While awaiting our meals we awarded Hal a Certificate of Appreciation for his regular monthly contributions of aluminum cans. Joe was the lucky winner of the free meal this month and he also won one of the Captain's perks this time which was Jean-Luc Picard Hamilton plate and the other perk prize was won by Lech who received a Star Trek magazine. Yes, it was another wonderful time together with the DaVinci crew.





Russell, Scott, Lech and Joe, and Gregory wait to order their meals.





And so too does Tood, Hall, and the happy couple Connie and Freddy.

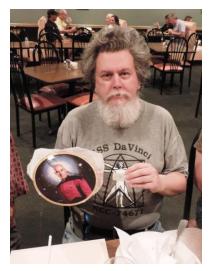




Russell presents a certificate of appreciation to Hal for his weekly donation of aluminum cans.







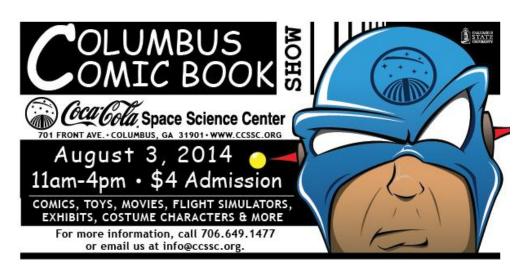
Look what we won: Joe (free meal), Lech (Star Trek magizine), and Joe (Hamilton plate)





The DaVinci crew at Chilli Thai and Russell says, "Gotta go and pick up Diane at the church."

Here's one more reminder about the Columbus Comic Book Show that Dutch has planned for Sunday, August 3rd at the Coca Cola Space Science Center from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Kevin J. Anderson is scheduled to be the guest author. Kevin J. Anderson is an American science fiction author with over forty bestsellers. He has written spin-off novels for Star Wars, StarCraft, Titan A.E., Star Trek and The X-Files, and with Brian Herbert is the co-author of the Dune prequels. His original works include the Saga of Seven Suns series and the Nebula Award-nominated Assemblers of Infinity. Bring a book for him to sign!



The DaVinci will have its membership drive table set up and we could always use a volunteer or two (or three, or four) to assist us at this event. Dutch can always use some help as well so contact him if you would like to volunteer. As always, Dutch is grateful to us by allowing our members in good standing free admission to his events and we ask that you wear your DaVinci shirt if you have one. If you don't have a DaVinci shirt then we just happen to have a brand new batch that are available for purchase in all three of the branch colors and they look spectacular! Check them out in later in the Pilot.

Frequencies closed! Warp speed ahead in 2014!



RECORDS ROOM REPORTING

The first thing I need to mention is that a whole lot of memberships expired in July. So, PLEASE check your expiration date and if yours has expired or is nearing expiration renew as soon as possible. Also, if you renew your Starfleet membership, PLEASE let me know so that I can change the date in the official files. Thanks.

Do not forget to check out the new DaVinci t-shirts. All sizes are in stock from S-4X and a few children's medium. So if you want one let me know and I will reserve one for you.

Part II of the Twilight Zone marathon is scheduled for Saturday, 23 August, at my house, beginning at 12:00 PM. As before, snacks will be provided but you must bring your own beverage of choice. Connie has some interesting snacks ideas dreamed up and if you remember the surprise she pulled at the Indiana Jones marathon, you may wish to consider coming.

I know this is really early but I received an email newsletter from the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission with a schedule of event for the rest of the year. This year's Help-the-Hooch River clean up is scheduled for Saturday, 04 October. I reserved our usual site, Rigdon Park so mark your calendars for this fun-filled event. More to come later.

Records room signing off.

ADM Freddy Heller



SICK BAY

Open Frequencies.

Here we are in midsummer and it is getting very warm. I hope that you are having a very good summer. I want to remember a few simple rules. When you are going out for any length of time please put on some sunscreen, keep yourself well hydrated (water is the best), and have a good time for the rest of the summer.

Close Frequencies.

RADM Jeff Kirkland



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

The new rates for membership in Starfleet are in place and are a pretty good deal, especially if you take the electronic membership option. If you were thinking of joining Fleet but the expense was too high now you can get your membership for up to half off (A \$10 Savings!) by taking the electronic option. Not only that but your membership in the DaVinci is half off as well (up to a \$7.50 savings!).

For Paper Memberships:
Individual - \$20
Family of 2 - \$25
Family of 3 - \$27
Family of 4 - \$29
Family of 5 - \$31
Family of 6 - \$33



TABULATIONS

Quite a few tabs have been donated in the last month. I have padded my lead while Connie has jumped up seven places thanks to a nice donation of tabs from our church (which I had to split with her) and Randy has added to his total with a hefty donation at the 4th of July Cookout. Come on folks! Time is slipping away and we are way behind if we ever hope to meet our goal of 100,000 tabs! So please start saving those tabs and who knows, you might be one of the lucky few that get to toss a pie at our January Pie Party!

Starting Balance	0000
Freddy Heller	12019
Jeff Kirkland	6000
Russell Ruhland	4863
Randy Dunn	3682
Connie Heller	1856
Gregory Newer	1574
Hal Stewart	401
John Clark	47
Thelma Shumpert	42
Maria Morgan	34
Joe Perry	22

TOTAL 30540



DAVINCI NIGHT OUT

The restaurants for the 2014 Night Out locations were selected at our Thanksgiving dinner celebration. The selections are an interesting mix of tastes from Italian to Cajun and from Korean to Caribbean. Five of the 12 restaurants have never hosted a Night Out and three we have only been to once! Of course, there is always the annual Captain's Choice pilgrimage to the Olive Garden in May! Check out the list below:

January McAlister's February Koreana March Carrabba's

April Country's (Mercury Drive)

May Olive Garden
June Thibodeaux's
July Chilli Thai

August Ezell's (Warm Springs Road)

September CiCi's (Bradley Park) October Rose's Caribbean

November Red Robin

December IHOP (Gateway)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in May. Only one milestone birthday this month: Carmen Gray is no longer a teenager! Happy 20th birthday Carmen!

First Vessel to Cross North Pole Under Water (USS Nautilus 1958)	3^{rd}
Neil Armstrong (Astronaut)	5^{th}
Michael Okuda (Art Supervisor)	6^{th}
Cathrine Hicks (Dr. Gillian Taylor)	6^{th}
Second Man in Space - Gherman Titov Aboard Vostok 2 (1961)	6^{th}
US Launches Explorer 6 Satellite (1964)	7^{th}

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Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko on DS9)	7^{th}
CRMN Richard Howe	7^{th}
Apollo 15 Returns to Earth (1971)	7^{th}
Genesis Probe Launched to Study Solar Winds (2001)	8^{th}
James Irwin Dies [8 th Human to Walk on Moon; Apollo 15] (1991)	8^{th}
Eric Bana (CPT Nero in Star Trek)	9 th
CRMN Jeremie Fritzgerald	$9^{ ext{th}}$
COMM Becky Thane	12^{th}
Bruce Greenwood (CPT Pike in Star Trek)	12^{th}
Matt Jeffries (Set Designer)	12^{th}
Jane Wyatt (Amanda on TOS)	12^{th}
First Balloon Satellite (Echo One) Launched (1960)	12^{th}
First Married Couple in Space - Mark Lee & Jan Davis (Endeavour 1992)	12^{th}
First Black Woman in Space - Mae Jemison (Endeavour 1992)	12^{th}
First Japanese National in Space – Mamoru Mohri (Endeavour 1992)	12^{th}
First Two-Way Telephone Conversation By Satellite (Echo I 1960)	13 th
Brannon Braga (Executive Producer Enterprise)	14 th
Julie Newmar (Eleen on TOS)	16 th
First Trans-Atlantic Balloon Flight (1978)	17 th
Harve Bennett (Producer)	17 th
Gene Roddenberry (Star Trek Creator)	19 th
Jonathan Frakes (CMDR William Riker on TNG)	19 th
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Kathrine Pulaski on TNG)	19 th
Viking 1 Launched to Mars (1975)	20 th
Voyager II is Launched (1977)	20 th
ENS Jay Sabata	20 th
Galileo Galilei Demonstrated His New Telescope Atop the Campanile (1609)	21 st
Kim Catrall (Valeris from The Undiscovered Country)	21 st
ENS Janet Winkles	23 rd
Jennifer Lien (Kes on VOY)	24 th
Pluto Demoted from Planet Status to "Dwarf Planet" (2006)	24 th
First Woman to Fly Solo Non-Stop Across USS (Amelia Erhart, 1932)	24 th
Voyager 2 Comes Within 63,000 Miles of Saturn's Cloud (1981)	25 th
Neil Armstrong Dies at 82 (2012)	25 th
Chris Pine (CPT James T. Kirk in Star Trek)	26 th
Mariner II is Launched to Venus (1962)	27 th
First Commercial Satellite, Marcopolo 1, Launched (1989)	27 th
First Turojet-Powered Aircraft (Heinkel He-178) Takes Flight (1939)	27 th
Gates McFadden (Dr Beverly Crusher on TNG)	28 th
Last Crew Leaves Mir Space Station (1999)	28 th
Redesigned Space Shuttle's First Full-Scale Test Firing (1987)	30^{th}
First Black American in Space (Guion Bluford 1983)	30^{th}
CRMN Carmen Gray	$31^{\rm st}$
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MEMBERSHIPS

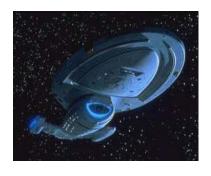
Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your family expiration dates. Please note that if your name is highlighted in **RED** in the DaVinci column this will be your last newsletter. If in **BLUE** you membership is expired or nearing it expiration so please renew soon. Thanks!

Name	DaVinci	Starfleet	Name	DaVinci	Starfleet
David Belk	Jul 14		Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 15	Nov 14
Steve Brown	Dec 14		Maria Morgan	May 18	May 15
Phil "Rat" Campanaro	Aug 14		Cameron Mull	Mar 15	Mar 15
James Carey	Feb 16	Feb 15	Gregory Newer	Nov 15	Nov 14
Brad Carrne	Jul 14		Andrea O'Connor	Jul 14	Expired
Mackey Carter	Jul 14	Expired	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	
M. John Clark	Jul 14	Expired	Joe Perry	Jul 15	Nov 14
Dutch Cummings	Jul 14	Mar 15	Karen Pynenburg	Jul 14	Aug 14
Randy Dunn	Jul 15	Jul 15	Kris Reeves	Jul 14	
Jeremie Fritzgerald	Jul 14		Scott Roop	May 15	May 15
James "JR" Furgerson	Jul 14	Jul 14	Kris Rudder	Jul 14	
Whitney Gaines	Aug 15	Feb 15	Russell Ruhland	Aug 14	Aug 14
Karoline Garcia	Jul 14		Dennis Shaw	Jul 15	Jul 15
Rosalie Grant-Nolt	Jul 14		Thelma Shumpert	Oct 14	TBD
Kenny Gray	Jul 14	Expired	Susanne Soto	Jul 14	
Freddy Heller	Jul 15	Sep 15	Gisela Stephens	LTM	Apr-15
Rick Howe	Mar 15		Harold Stewart	Feb 15	Apr 15
Todd Kes	Oct 14	Oct 14	Jessie Sutton	Oct 14	Dec 14
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 14	Aug 15	Becky Thane	Jul 15	Dec 15
Leiko Koone	Nov 15	Dec 14	Mike Walker	Jul 16	
Everett Leonard	Aug 14		David West	Jul 14	
Lech Mazur	Jul 15	Nov 14	Janet Winkles	Jul 14	Sep 14
			Alison Zamora	Jul 14	

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WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Dandy Dunn (D) (C)	Candya Halt (D) (C)	Mothay, Dunn (D) (C)
Randy Dunn (D) (S)	Sandye Holt (D) (S)	Mathew Dunn (D) (S)
Rebecca Dunn (D) (S)	Christopher Dunn (D) (S)	Margaret McGillicuddy (D)
Lech Mazur (D)	Dennis Shaw (D) (S)	Becky Thane (D) (S)
John Thane (D) (S)	Julie Thane (D) (S)	Jeff Kirkland (S)
Martha Kirkland (S)	Freddy Heller (S)	Connie Heller (S)
Travis Heller (S)	Ariana Heller (S)	



ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Hal Stewart for his weekly donation of cans;

Randy Dunn for his donation of cans;

Maria Morgan for her donation of coupons;

And to Martha Kirkland for her promotion to LTCMDR and Jeff Kirkland for his promotion to RADM!

DAVINCI T-SHIRTS

The new DaVinci t-shirts are in!! They are quite nice and I am sure they will go fast so make sure you reserve yours today. The cost is very reasonable: YM to L (\$10); XL (\$11), 2X (\$12), 3X (\$13), and 4X (\$14). I did order (I hope) enough of each size and this time around some youth medium in each color. Oh, we still have a few of the older ones left and they can be purchased at a slight discount. Here is what the new ones look like:



COLUMBUS, GA

Operations

Science







Our motto is on the back



LATINUM VAULT

Still plenty of reserve latinum in our bank account:

\$173.46
\$15.00
\$84.39
\$14.52
\$72.70

Closing Balance \$132.25



Here are some scheduled DVD releases for August that may interest you:

- "Doctor Who, Series 4, Part 1" (5th)
- "Bitten, Season 1" (12th)
- "Blacklist, Season 1" (12th)
- "Boardwalk Empire, Season 4" (19th)
- "Good Wife, Season 5" (19th)
- "NCIS, Season 11" (19th)
- "Once Upon a Time, Season 3" (19th)
- "Three's Company, Complete Series" (19th)
- "Elementary, Season 2" (26th)
- "Haven, Season 4" (26th)
- "Twilight Zone, Complete Series" (26th)
- "Walking Dead, Season 4" (26th)
- "Welcome Back Kotter, Complete Series" (26th)



Here are a few important web sites relevant to the DaVinci:

Starfleet Home Page: www.sfi.org

Starfleet Region 2 Home Page: www.region2.org
USS DaVinci Home Page www.ussdavinci.org

Craig's List: http://columbusga.craigslist.org/grp

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USS DAVINCI IN PICTURES

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 the USS DaVinci what it is today. 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. If I get a name wrong, please let me know! Okay, here is Part I from the May 2006 Columbus Game and Hobby Expo at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center.





Watching the helicopter flying outside and Russell waiting his Vito's hotdog lunch.





Park enjoys one of the jet simulators and Russell as seen from the FLIR (note Vulcan hand salute).





Guess who is having way too much fun posing with a couple of wrestling stars!





Christopher plays the Mars Rover simulator and Russell, Randy and Park at the DaVinci table.





New members Stacy and Stephanie and Freddy just had to have another one taken!



The DaVinci crew at the expo (Front L-R: Russell, Park, Todd, and Joe; Back L-R: Christopher, Rebecca, Randy and Freddy)!

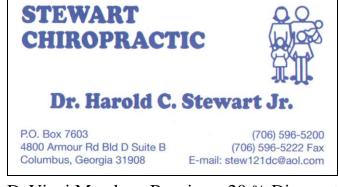
In next month's Pilot, photos from our 8th annual 4th of July cookout!



CARGO BAY



Receive \$25 off Tax Preparation Fee!



DaVinci Members Receive a 20 % Discount!



Receive Free Drink with Adult Buffet Purchase!



DaVinci Members Receive a Discount





Purchase \$5.00 Worth of Food and Get a Free Drink!

Members Receive a 10-15% Discount!

A LITTLE HUMOR AND DISMISSED!

