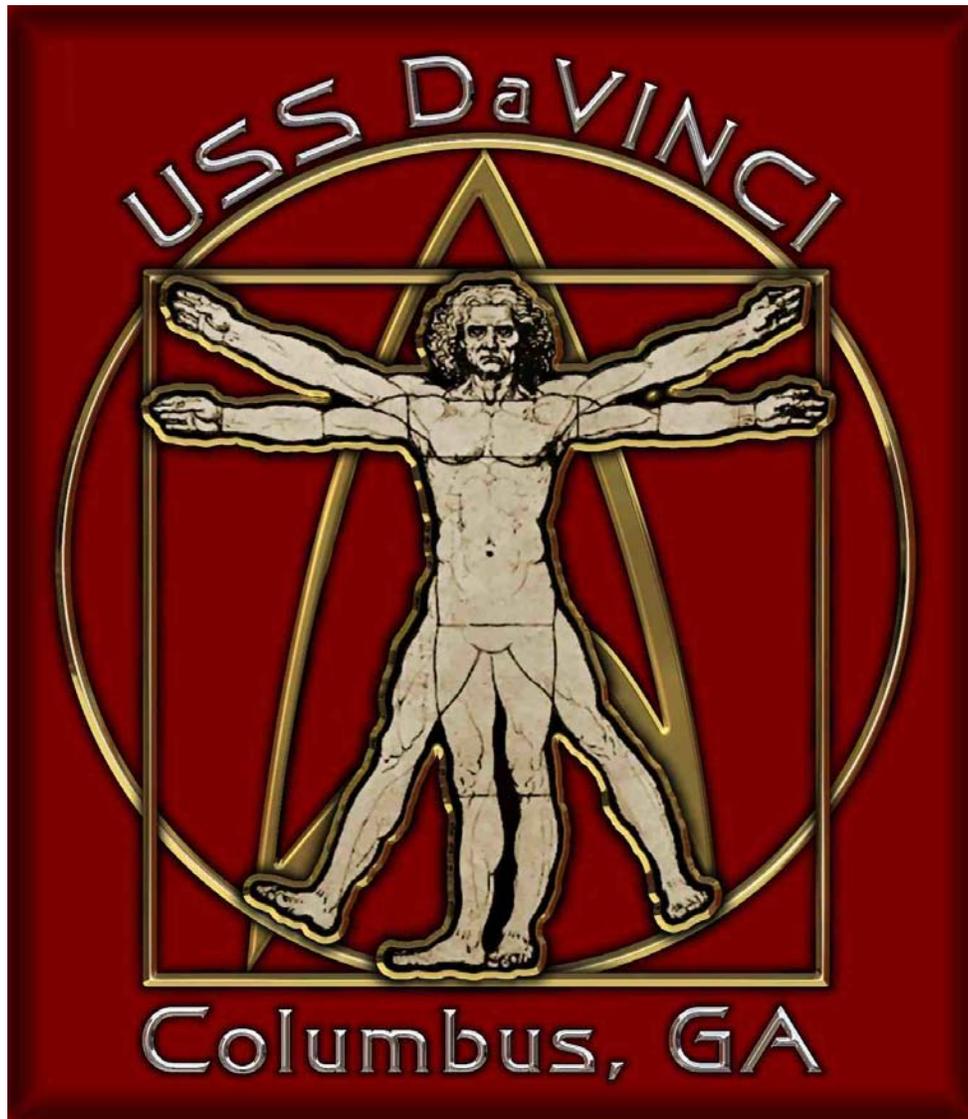


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UPCOMING DAVINCI EVENTS

- **04 October, Help-the-Hooch River Clean Up, 9:00 AM, Rigdon Park**
- **04 October, 8th Annual Columbus Sci-Fi Con, Coca-Cola Space Science Center, 10:30 AM-6:00 PM**
- **20 October, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Rose's Caribbean, 7:00 PM**
- **31 October, Halloween Trek-or-Treat, Freddy and Connie's, 6:00 –9:00 PM**



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IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

The October night out at Ci-Ci's Pizza was wonderful. Fourteen of the crew were present and we had the opportunity to meet a new (well, former but new again) member, Everett, who was with us for his first official attendance at one of our events. We wholeheartedly welcome Everett back to the DaVinci and hope to see him at many more of our activities in the future. Thelma joined us late and it was pleasant to see her as well. Yummmm. Yum! The pizza just kept coming and coming and coming! Oh, that was actually me going, and going, and going back to the line for more!



Russell and Diane devouring pizza at the September Night Out.



Richard and Gloria and Joe dropped by for the delicious pizza.



Hal talks on his cell phone while Lisa and Scott engage in conversation.



Everett and Russell pause for a photo while Lech and Hal ignore the camera and keep eating!

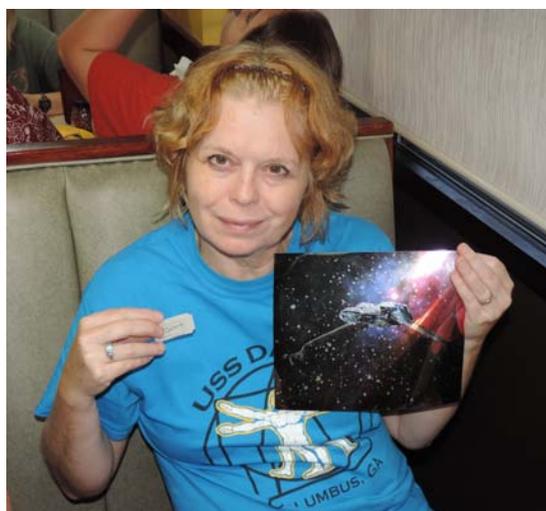


Todd was there too and Connie wonders just how much more pizza to eat.



Gregory works on his fourth plate full while Thelma watches the ravenous DaVinci crew.

Everyone was having such a great time and Joe was the winner of the free meal this month. The captain's perks went to Connie who received a 3-D Klingon Bird of Prey photo, Richard won a Klingon mini action figure set, Hal won an autographed photo of Jonathan Frakes, and Everett received a DaVinci cup. Lisa gave us a synopsis of the ups and downs of this year's DragonCon and it really looks like that event has gotten so huge that they have reached their limits on space in downtown Atlanta. Apparently there were even long lines to get into the vendor area and one would have to be a contortionist to squeeze in to see the DragonCon parade. It should be interesting to see how things set up for next year's con.



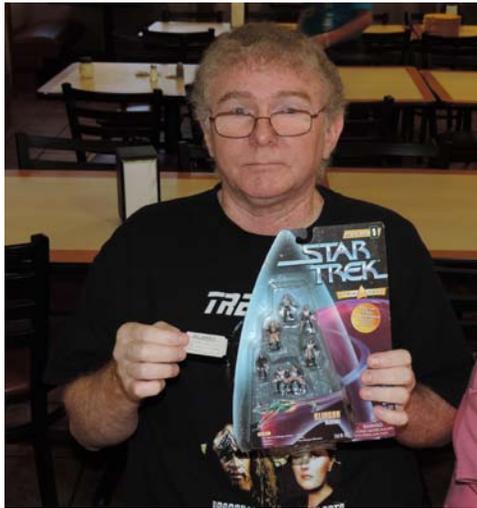
Look what we won: Joe (free meal), Connie (BOP 3-D photo), and Everett (DaVinci cup)!

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ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER AT 7:00 PM

COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!!



We won too: Richard (Klingon mini action figure set) and Hal (autographed photo)

We closed things out around 8:20 PM and all enjoyed their meals thoroughly. October's night out brings us to Rose's Caribbean Restaurant in Columbus on Monday, 20 October 2014. I do not think we have had an event at this location before so it should be interesting. Maybe we can make it a uniform night, eh?

There are several events coming up in the next couple of months. First, our Goodbye Summer/Hello Fall gathering will be held at Ryan's on Saturday, 27 September 2014 at 4:00 PM. We will have a separate dining room available and I am informed that their food selection has gotten much better. There will be door prizes awarded and you just never know what surprises might be in store at these events. I hope to see many of the crew there. I'll send out a separate email soon in order to get an idea of how many of you can attend.

Next, there is double duty on Saturday, 4 October 2014. Our annual Help the Hooch clean up event starts at 8AM with those that desire to participate will meet in Columbus at Rigdon Park (Freddy will talk about this further in his article below). Also, Dutch has scheduled the Columbus Sci-Fi con at the Coca Cola Space Science Center on 4 October from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Special guest author, Kevin J. Anderson, will be in attendance. Anderson is the author of more than 125 books in the Star Wars, Dune, Batman, Superman, and Star Trek universes. He will be on hand all day to sign complementary autographs. We will have our membership drive table set up and DaVinci members in good standing that wear their uniform or DaVinci shirt will gain free admittance to this event. If you can assist me at the table send an email to trekchristian@gmail.com and let me know.

NerdaCon v9 is being held at the Davidson Center on the Columbus University campus Friday and Saturday 14-15 November. I have requested a Starfleet panel and also requested a table for a membership drive. Anyone desiring to assist with either the panel or table should let me know. This year, for accountability purposes, NerdaCon will be charging a \$5 admittance fee, which will help them to acquire a larger facility for next year's event. The panel we did at last year's NerdaCon was a great success and I'm looking forward to even greater things this year. More at the date gets closer.

That's all for this month. Warp speed ahead in 2014!

VADM Russell Ruhland



RECORDS ROOM REPORTING

The St. Jude Night at Chili's was not as well attended as those in the past. Still, 7 DaVinci personnel did show up for an evening of good food and conversation (although it appeared that most of the time was spent watching Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud, and Big Bang Theory on the various televisions scattered throughout the restaurant! I was hoping for a better turnout, especially since this was a charity event. A BIG Bajoran thanks goes out to all who did attend this worthwhile event.



Lech, Russell and Hal and Gregory wait for a table to be prepared.



Our server, Nick, takes Todd's order while Connie and Lech wait for their turn.



Hal and Gregory watch Jeopardy while Freddy and Connie pose for a picture.

Hey! Do not forget our annual participation in the Help-the-Hooch River clean up scheduled for 05 October. We will meet at the far end of the Rigdon Park parking lot at 9:00 AM. Following the clean up we will adjourn to Golden Field for the volunteer party and Watershed Festival. Each participant will receive a Help-the-Hooch t-shirt and lunch, usually consisting of a hotdog, bag of chips, and a can of pop. Other goodies, such as snow cones, will also be available. This will be our 18th year of participation so I would like a good turnout. Please make an effort to attend. I know it conflicts with the Sci-Fi con at the Space Science Center but you do have the time to make both events. Thanks!

Well, the first Admiral's poker night was a bust. Only two folks (thanks Joe and Gregory) emailed me to say they were coming. I truly thought this would be a lot of fun since no money would be involved and the winner would have some autographs as well as bragging rights. There will not be another attempt. Nor will there be a third Twilight Zone marathon. Connie went to a lot of trouble to prepare some Twilight Zone themed dishes and only 5 attended Part II. Part I was even less with only 4 in attendance. It is just not worth the effort and time if folks are not interested. Y'all have to participate to make the club fun for all. Both Russell and I try to come up with not just Star Trek themed events but other sci-fi themed events as well. Another recent disappointment was the charity breakfast held on 06 September. Again, only two folks (thanks Thelma and Gregory) emailed me saying they would attend – pretty bad for a chapter with nearly 60 members.

One of the few events that would go on even if no one showed up is our annual Trek-or Treat get together at my house. We come dressed in uniform or other costume and pass out candy to the kiddies and have available hot cider and cookies for both the adults and kids. We even have a bobbing for apples station, which is a load of fun! Folks in my subdivision look forward to this every year. The fun begins at 6:00 PM and lasts until about 9:00 PM. Hope you can make it.

As of this newsletter we have donated a total of \$757,622 worth of coupons to the Army and Naval Community Services since 1995 since we first started clipping coupons as part of the Overseas Coupon Project (OCP). The OCP helps military families by sending them coupons, which they then use in the commissary or Exchanges. The coupons are still good up to 6 months pass the expiration date. Most of the donated coupons come from myself with some help from Maria, Randy, and Russell. I would love for us to hit the \$1,000,000 mark sometime in the next

year. What this means is that I need more help from y'all. Start saving those manufacturers coupons (preferable clipped) today! Weekly coupons can be found in the Sunday Ledger-Enquirer and most of the time in the weekly Fort Benning paper.

ADM Freddy Heller



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 Electronic Memberships:

Individual - \$10
Family of 2 - \$15
Family of 3 - \$17
Family of 4 - \$19
Family of 5 - \$21
Family of 6 - \$23

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

Thanks to a huge donation from our church, I have padded my lead and Connie has jumped ahead of Randy and Gregory. Russell has added to his lead over Connie and Hal has added to his total as well. 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	18298
Jeff Kirkland	6000
Russell Ruhland	5631
Connie Heller	4730
Randy Dunn	3682
Gregory Newer	3285

Hal Stewart	917
John Clark	47
Thelma Shumpert	42
Maria Morgan	34
Joe Perry	22

TOTAL 42688



DAVINCI NIGHT OUT

The Night Out/Membership Meeting location for October will be at Rose's Caribbean at 2039 Torch Hill Road in Columbus. This will be our very first Night Out at Rose's so I am hoping for a good turn out. Hope to see you there. The remaining locations for our Night Out look pretty good as well!

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 October!

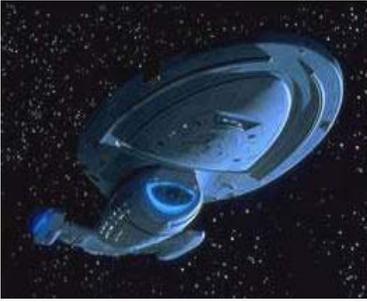
Stephen Collins (Cpt Decker from The Motion Picture)	1 st
Avery Brooks (CPT Benjamin Sisko on DS9)	2 nd
Persis Khambatta (Lt. Ilia from The Motion Picture)	2 nd
Wally Schirra Orbits Earth in Sigma Seven (1962)	3 rd
Gordon Cooper (Mercury 7 Astronaut) Dies (2004)	5 th
ENS Ryan Sabata	7 th
Todd Bryant (Klaa from The Final Frontier)	8 th
First Woman to Fly Across US (Laura Ingalls 1930)	9 th
Scott Bakula (CPT Jonathan Archer on ENT)	9 th
Lunar Probe Pioneer 1 Burns Up in Atmosphere After Launch (1958)	11 th
First Apollo Mission (Schirra, Eisele, & Cunningham 1968)	11 th
First Multiple Crew (3) in Space (Voskhod 1964)	11 th
First US Woman to Walk in Space (Kathy Sullivan 1984)	11 th

CRMN Kris Reeves	12 th
Man Breaks Sound Barrier (Chuck Yeager 1947)	14 th
First Man to Break Sound Barrier with Aircraft (Felix Baumgartner 2012)	14 th
First Live Telecast from US Spacecraft (Apollo 7, 1968)	14 th
Mark Lenard (Ambassador Sarek on TOS)	15 th
CRMN Brittany Howe	17 th
ENS Christopher Dunn	18 th
CRMN Everett Leonard	21 st
Thomas Edison Perfected a Workable Electric Light (1879)	21 st
Ira Steven Behr (Executive Producer, DS9)	23 rd
First Woman to Make Solo Airplane Flight (Blanche S. Scott 1910)	23 rd
John Winston (LT Kyle on TOS)	24 th
Gene Roddenberry Dies (1991)	24 th
Space Shuttle Enterprise Lands (1977)	27 th
John Glenn Returns to Space Aboard Discovery (1997)	29 th
William Campbell (Koloth & Trelaine on TOS)	30 th

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** your membership is expired or nearing its expiration so please renew soon. Thanks!

Name	DaVinci	Starfleet	Name	DaVinci	Starfleet
Steve Brown	Dec 14		Maria Morgan	May 18	May 15
Phil "Rat" Campanaro	Aug 14	Aug 15	Cameron Mull	Mar 15	Mar 15
James Carey	Feb 16	Feb 15	Gregory Newer	Nov 15	Nov 14
Dutch Cummings	Jul 15	Mar 15	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	
Randy Dunn	Jul 15	Jul 15	Joe Perry	Jul 15	Nov 14
Whitney Gaines	Aug 15	Feb 15	Kris Reeves	Jul 15	
Freddy Heller	Jul 15	Sep 15	Scott Roop	May 15	May 15
John Hood	Aug 15	Aug 15	Russell Ruhland	Aug 15	Aug 15
Rick Howe	Mar 15		Dennis Shaw	Jul 15	Jul 15
Todd Kes	Oct 14	Oct 14	Thelma Shumpert	Oct 14	Nov 14
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 14	Aug 15	Gisela Stephens	LTM	Apr-15
Leiko Koone	Nov 15	Dec 14	Harold Stewart	Feb 15	Apr 15
Everett Leonard	Aug 15		Jessie Sutton	Oct 14	Dec 14
Lech Mazur	Jul 15	Nov 14	Becky Thane	Jul 15	Dec 15
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 15	Nov 14	Mike Walker	Jul 16	



WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Dutch Cummings (D)

Melanie Cummings (D)

Everett Leonard (D)

Russell Ruhland (D)

Diane Ruhland (D)

Tim Franklin (D)

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:



Operations



Science

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Engineering



Our motto is on the back



ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
Hal Stewart for his weekly donation of cans;
Russell Ruhland for his donation of Box Tops for Education.



LATINUM VAULT

Still plenty of reserve latinum in our bank account:

Opening Balance	\$118.25
September Night Out	\$6.00
Deposit (dues, cans, t-shirt sales, donation)	..\$150.20
Repay Hellers for paying for t-shirts	\$147.00
Closing Balance	\$115.45

COMM Connie Heller



TV SHOWS ON DVD

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

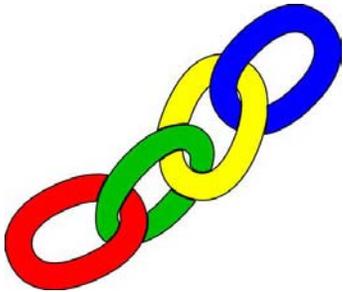
“American Horror Story, Season 3” (7th)

“Following, Season 2” (7th)

“Penny Dreadful, Season 1” (7th)

“Psych, Complete Series” (7th)

“Vikings, Season 2” (7th)



LINKS

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.usdavinci.org

Craig's List:

<http://columbusga.craigslist.org/grp>



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 II from our 8th annual 2006 4th of July cookout.



Travis joins the fun and helps himself to the food while the attendees watch something Trek!



Roger, our lost brother and great friend to all and Joe works on a Star Trek puzzle for prizes.



Benlee and the folks from the New Hope work on solving the puzzles too.

In next month's Pilot, part III of the 8th annual 4th of July cookout awards, awards, and more!



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