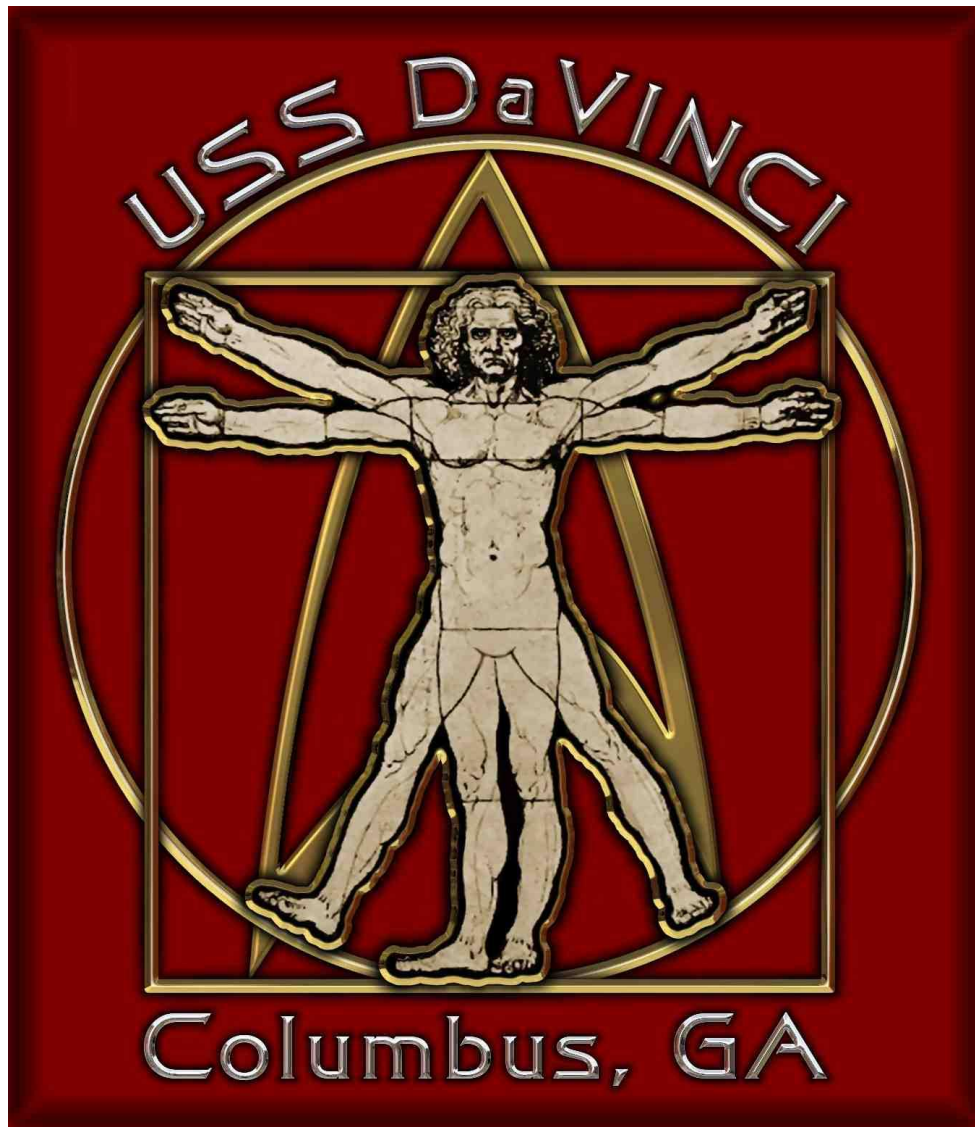


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UPCOMING DAVINCI EVENTS

****16 February, Night Out/Membership Meeting at the Blue Iguana, 7:00 PM**

****22 February, Columbus Comic Book Show, Space Science Center, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**



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IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

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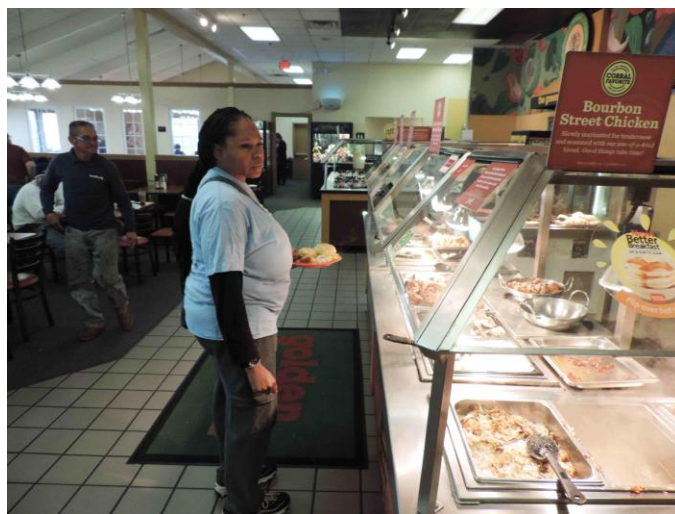
Well then, only a couple of items to write about for this month but never the less good items indeed. The first was our annual Tab Turn-In and Pie Party at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) on Saturday, 17 January. The venue was changed this year and we initially met at Golden Corral for lunch at 11:30 that morning. The food was excellent as always and we had a very good attendance this year.



Russell and Thelma filling their plates at the buffet line.



And so too do Gregory and Jeff while Martha waits her turn.



Connie helps herself to some of the food while Trish ponders what else she wants.



Gregory and Joe pose with our server Sharon and the DaVinci crew enjoying their lunch!

After lunch we proceeded to the RMH and presented our 60,000 tabs to the weekend manager, Anna Justice. That is a substantial decrease from previous years but I was happy we were able to get this many tabs. After a few posing pictures were taken all adjourned to the front lawn for the annual pie toss! Yours truly was first up. I stood there staunch and proud as Freddy prepared to smack me with a rather large pie. He gave me very little time to prepare (ugh, choke, psst, psst, can I breathe now?). Next up was Freddy who stood in for Jessie our mysteriously absent Executive Officer and I had sweet revenge tossing that pie, giving a count of three but pieing Freddy on the count of one! Joe, our Operations Officer, was next and Connie waived her right to pie as we managed to talk Anna into tossing the pie and boy, was she way too gentle on Joe's face. Lech our Science Officer was fourth up and Jeff had that honor. Lech quickly donated \$20.00 to the DaVinci for a volunteer to take a pie in his stead and Thelma immediately rose to the occasion. She took it like a trooper as Jeff did his worst. Finally, Todd volunteered to be the last recipient (we have no Engineering Officer – any volunteers for the position?) and Gregory tossed the pie with all his National Guard expertise. A grand time indeed for a very charitable cause. Check out what you missed!



The two boxes containing 60,000 tabs and the DaVinci crew at the turn in.



The five pies await their "victims." Freddy gets ready to pie Russell with the biggest one!



SPLAT! "Oh boy, was that ever fun!"



“Smile Russell, smile” and “Revenge will be so-o-o- sweet!”



“Heeeeeee, oh joy, oh joy!”



Russell gives Freddy the crowning touch and then whispers “Revenge is so-o-o sweet indeed!”



Anna Justice, the Ronald McDonald House weekend manager prepares to and then pies Joe!



Anna seemed to have a good time. No so much Joe!



Jeff prepares to pie Thelma (taking Lech' spot) and the result!



Gregory prepares to pie Todd, another volunteer and SPLAT goes the pie right on target!

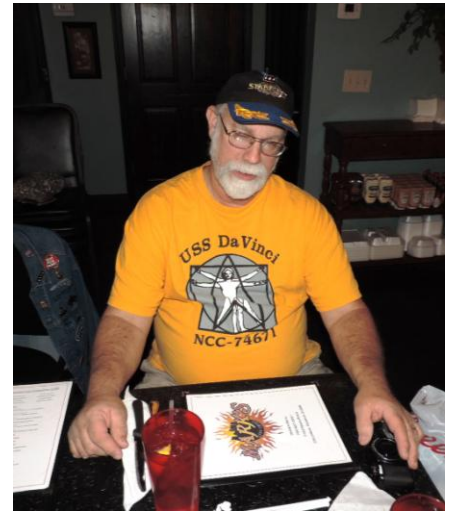
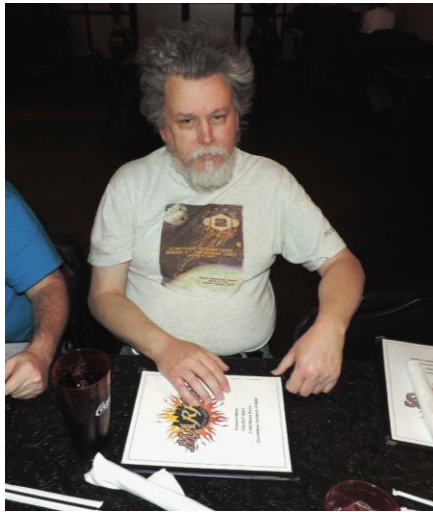


Todd acknowledges the cheers from his adoring fans and tips his hat to the crowd.

The following Monday evening, 19 January, we gathered for our monthly Night Out/Membership Meeting at Mark's City Grill in Columbus and 11 of the DaVinci crew came for an evening of good food and fellowship. Leiko and her dad Charles came to be with us and I not only was able to present Leiko with her grand prize annual gift (drawn at the Christmas party) which was a 10 inch collector's plate of the Original Series crew and ship but her dad also joined the DaVinci that night. We gladly welcome Charles to the crew. This month's free meal was awarded to Leiko and the Captain's Perks went to Todd (DaVinci Mug and Delta Shield pin), Hal (Star Trek comic book collection), Lech (Star Trek Ship of the Line book donated by Todd who had won it the month before), and Connie (Star Trek Ships of the Line USS Excelsior). The food was outstanding and some folks even had to take part of their meal home, as there was so much to eat. We manage to finish up around 8:00 PM and went our separate ways until our February night out at the Blue Iguana Mexican restaurant in Columbus, GA. This is a new location for the Night Out and I hope to see many of you attend.



Hal and Scott and Gregory and Lech at Mark's City Grill for the January Night Out.



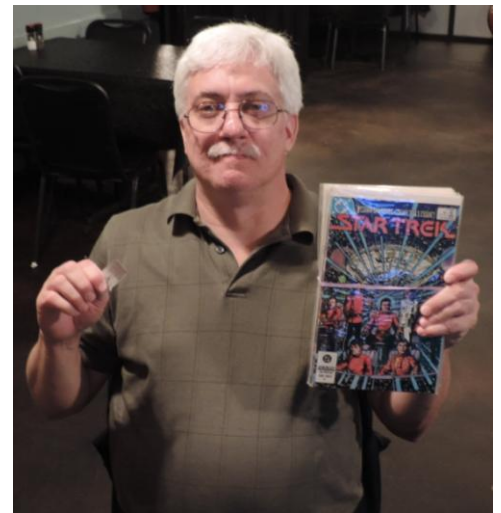
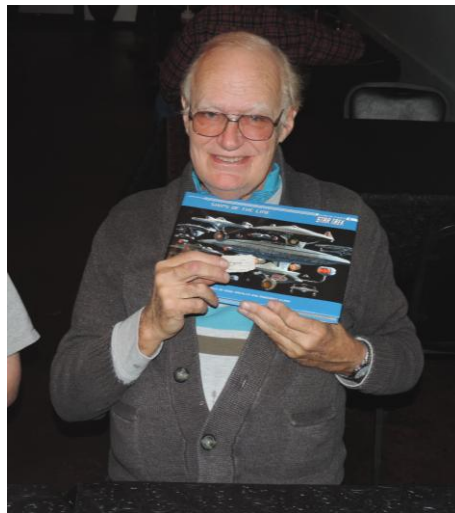
So too is Joe, Todd, and Russell minus Diane who was not feeling well that evening.



Let us not forget new member Charles and Leiko and Freddy and Connie.



Leiko opens her year end gift surprise while Russell watches and Leiko and the her prize – a Hamilton collector's plate of the Original Series cast and 1701 Enterprise! WOW!



Look what we won! Leiko (free meal), Lech (Ships of the Line book), and Hal (Star Trek comics).



Todd (DaVinci cup and communicator and Connie USS Excelsior ship from Eaglemoss.

Finally, let's not forget some important upcoming events: there will be a Comic Book Show at the Space Science Center on 22 February from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM and the DaVinci will have its usual membership drive table and volunteers are needed to work both the show and the table; Region 2 will have its annual summit in Daytona Beach, FL during the weekend of 27-29 March and I would love to see many DaVinci members attend this fun-filled weekend; and Treklanta will hold its annual sci-fi convention in Atlanta, GA the weekend of 24-26 April. More on these events as we get closer to the dates but make you plans to attend all of these events now!

That's all for this month. Warp speed ahead in 2015!

VADM Russell Ruhland



RECORDS ROOM REPORTING

Okay folks, the gauntlet has been thrown down! The new Awards Director for Region 2, ADM Barbara Paul, is trying to drum up enthusiasm in the Region for the Overseas Coupon Program, now renamed the “Military Support and Appreciation Award.” What this comes down to is that we may have many other Chapters in the Region just waiting to dethrone the “Coupon King”, the USS DaVinci. Only once in the last – oh – 15 years have we NOT been the Chapter donating the most amount of coupons. This year we may, just may have some competition. Okay, what this means is that y’all need to start saving and clipping all the manufacturer coupons you can scrounge up! Usually I only get donations from Maria and Randy so PLEASE start saving today. Oh, and do not worry if the coupons are expired because the manufacturers will extend the date 6 months for coupons going overseas. Here is the note Barbara sent out to the Region:

“Greetings Region 2. I’m coming to you today as your Awards Director with a “Call to Arms” of sorts. There’s been a program that Starfleet has had for years that helps support our military. For years there’s only been one or two chapters in the entire Region who has participated in it. It’s something that’s not difficult to do and makes a big difference to a struggling military family trying to make ends meet with a spouse who’s deployed in harm’s way defending the rights, freedoms and privileges we enjoy every day including our being able to meet each year at our summits. I am opening the OCP Program back up for this Region with hopes we’ll see a bigger turnout then in the past. I’m enclosing the info about the program below. I’m going to rename this award the “Military Support & Appreciation Award” for 2015. There is a tab in the award submission dropdown box for the OCP Program. I hope to see quite a few submissions come in this year. Someone has to topple the *DaVinci*. Which one of you will it be?”

Sounds like a challenge to me!

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

Well, a new year is upon us and so is another year for tab collecting. We only managed to collect 60,753 tabs. In fact, it was the lowest amount collected since 2005 when we collected only 34,000 tabs. Our goal for this year will be much less than previous years, say 75,000 instead of the 100,000 tabs we usually shoot for. And what a way to start the year! Over 2500 tabs were donated at the Pie Party thanks to Randy and Thelma. I padded my lead a bit but Connie has been counting lots and lots and lots and lots of tabs she picked up in Texas (they do things in a big way there) during her annual Christmas trek home. So, expect her to zoom into the lead shortly. Then there was the January Night Out! Russell vaulted into first place with a huge donation of 4371 tabs! Anyway, the list of participants is currently small but I am sure it will get longer as the months go by. So, start saving today!

Starting Balance	0753
Russell Ruhland	4371
Freddy Heller	3356
Randy Dunn	1987
Thelma Shumpert	604
Connie Heller	65
Hal Stewart	65

TOTAL 11201



DAVINCI NIGHT OUT

The Night Out/Membership Meeting locations for 2015 were selected at our Thanksgiving get together at Golden Corral. We have some great locations in store with four new locations and so I hope you mark your calendars. Here are the 2015 locations:

January	Mark's City Grill
February	Blue Iguana (Harmony Place) **NEW**
March	Mongo's **NEW**
April	Cook's Place (Moon Road Location)
May	Olive Garden
June	Stevi B's
July	Hibachi Buffet **NEW**
August	El Vaquero (North Columbus Location)
September	New China
October	PhillyOsophy
November	Bonefish Grill **NEW**
December	Red Lobster (Columbus Park Crossing Location)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and historical events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in February. No special birthdays this month. In fact, there is only one DaVinci birthday so I suppose that makes it special anyway.

Shuttle Columbia is Lost (2003)	1 st
Brent Spiner (Data on TNG)	2 nd
First Soft Landing on Moon of Manmade Object (Luna 9 1959)	3 rd
First Female Pilot of Shuttle (LTC Eileen Collins 1995)	3 rd
First Russian Aboard US Spacecraft (Sergei Krikalev 1994)	3 rd
First Successful Test-Firing of Titan Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (1959)	6 th
First Untethered Space Walk (McCandless & Stewart 1984)	7 th
Ethan Phillips (Neelix on VOY)	8 th
Last 3-Man Crew of Skylab (Carr, Pogue, & Gibson) Return to Earth	9 th
Jerry Goldsmith (Composer)	10 th

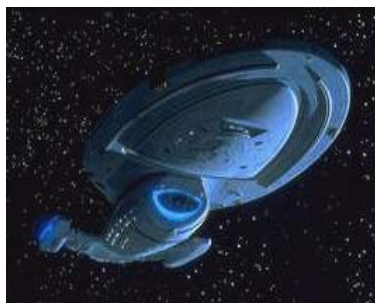
Philip Anglim (Vedek Beareil)	11 th
Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (Test Pilot)	13 th
Andrew Robinson (Elim Garak on DS9)	14 th
Simon Pegg (Montgomery Scott in Star Trek)	14 th
COMM Connie Heller	14 th
LeVar Burton (LTCMDR Geordi LaForge on TNG)	16 th
Dr. Wallace H. Carothers Receives a Patent for Nylon (1937)	16 th
Maiden Flight of the Shuttle "Enterprise" (1977)	18 th
Pluto is Discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh in Flagstaff, AZ (1930)	18 th
Thomas Edison Received a Patent for his Phonographic Machine (1878)	19 th
First American to Orbit the Earth (John Glenn 1962)	20 th
Ranger 8 Crashes on Moon (1965)	20 th
Shuttle Columbia Test Fires Its 3 Main Engines (1981)	20 th
Gary Lockwood (LT Gary Mitchell on TOS)	21 st
Martha Hackett (Seska on VOY)	21 st
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine on VOY)	22 nd
Majel Barrett Roddenberry (Lwaxana Troi on TNG)	23 rd
Chase Masterson (Leeta the Dabo Girl on DS9)	27 th
Barbara Babcock (Voice of Loskene, Trelane's Mother, Beta 5 Computer Mea 3, and Philana on TOS)	27 th
Double-Helix Structure of DNA Discovered (Watson & Crick, 1953)	28 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 15	Aug 15	Cameron Mull	Mar 15	Mar 15
James Carey	Feb 16	Feb 15	Gregory Newer	Nov 15	Nov 15
Dutch Cummings	Jul 15	Mar 15	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	
Randy Dunn	Jul 15	Jul 15	Joe Perry	Jul 15	Nov 15
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 15	Oct 15	Thelma Shumpert	Oct 15	Nov 15
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 15	Aug 15	Gisela Stephens	LTM	Apr-15
Leiko Koone	Nov 15	Jan 16	Harold Stewart	Feb 15	Apr 15

Everett Leonard	Aug 15		Jessie Sutton	Jan 16	Jan 16
Lech Mazur	Jul 15	Nov 15	Becky Thane	Jul 15	Dec 16
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 15	Nov 15	Mike Walker	Jul 16	Jun 15



WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Charles Koone (D*)

Leiko Koone (D) (S)

Jessie Sutton (D) (S)



LATINUM VAULT

We are getting a bit low in our reserve so please renew your membership soon!

Opening Balance	\$38.57
January Night Out	\$14.00
Pie Party	\$8.16
Postage	\$22.55
Deposit	\$53.00
Closing Balance	\$46.86

COMM Connie Heller

**NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND MEMBERSHIP
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**ON MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY AT 7:00 PM
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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



Engineering



Motto on Back

By the way, Science blue seems to be the most popular color because we have completely run out of size large. In fact, this is what we currently have in stock:

Operations (Red)

1 – Youth Medium
1 – Small
2 – Medium
1 – XL
1 – 2X
2 – 3X

Science (Blue)

1 – Youth Medium
1 – Small
2 – 2X
2 – 3X
1 – 4X

Engineering (Yellow)

1 – Youth Medium
1 - Small
2 - Medium
1 - Large
2 - XL
2 – 2X
1 – 3X
1 – 4X

If we do not have your size in stock I can order more you just have to let me know which color, your size, and, of course, how many of each!

We also have several of the last version DaVinci shirts available for a discount – your choice \$7.00 each. Here is what we have: Operations (1 - Medium); Science (1 - Medium); Engineering (1 - Medium); Generic Gray (1 - Medium and 2 – XL); and believe it or not we still have one of our first gray t-shirts (Medium) in stock. If you want any of the above t-shirts feel free to email or call me to reserve your size. I cannot hold it forever so if you reserve a shirt, please pay as soon as possible. Thanks.



ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
Hal Stewart for his weekly donation of cans;
Lech for his donation of coupons



TV SHOWS ON DVD

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

“Atlantis, Season 2, Part 1” (10th)

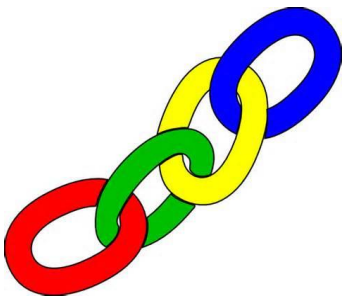
“Batman, Season 2, Part 1” (10th)

“Doctor Who, Last Christmas” (17th)

“Game of Thrones, Season 4” (17th)

“Jumanji, Season 1” (17th)

Guess what is coming in September?! Lost in Space the complete series in Blu-ray! More information as it is announced.



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.ussdavinci.org

Craig's List:

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



USS DA VINCI 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 are some photos from our September 2006 Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall cookout!



The DaVinci crew digs in: Roger, Lisa, James, Diane, Russell, and Bill and Barbara on the left photo and Bill, Connie, Randy, Rebecca, and Russell on the right photo!



Travis, Lech, and Margaret wait their turn while Bill, James, Connie, Lisa, and Diane listen to Russell talking trek!



Randy, Joe, and Park at the kitchen table and our lost, but never forgotten, brother Roger
Next month, Part II of our 2006 Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall Cookout!



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