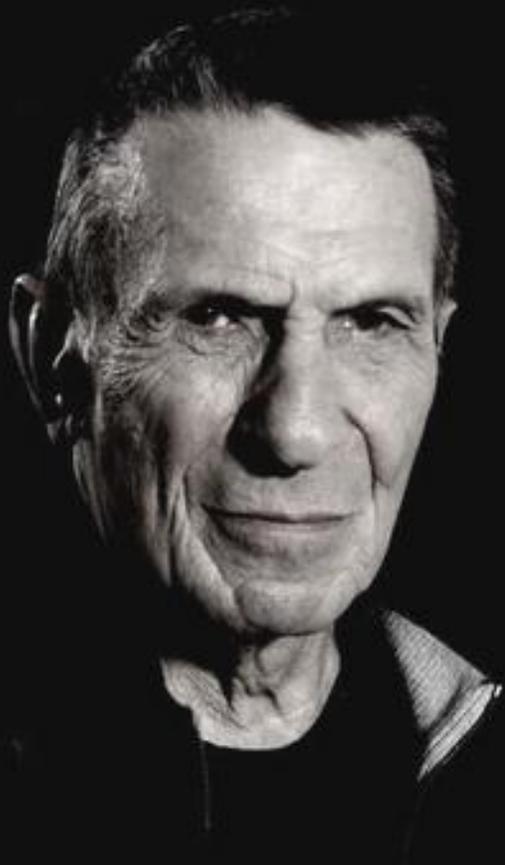


IN MEMORANDUM

“Of all the souls
I’ve encountered in
my travels, his was
the most...human.”

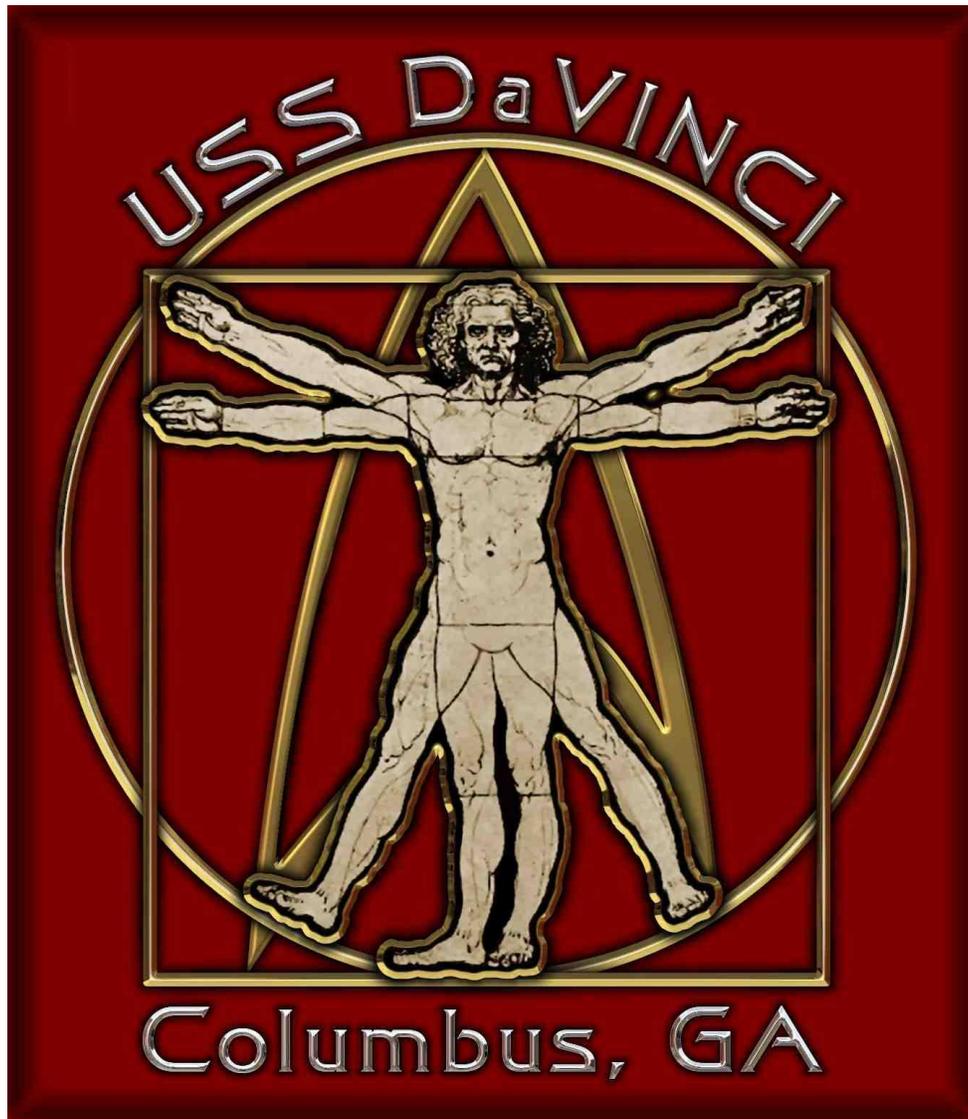
Leonard Nimoy (1931-2015)



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UPCOMING DAVINCI EVENTS

****20 April, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Cook's Place (Moon Road), 7:00 PM**



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PASSAGES

StarTrek.com is deeply saddened to report the passing of Leonard Nimoy. The legend - an actor, writer, producer, director, poet, host, voiceover artist, photographer, husband, father and grandfather, as well as Star Trek's beloved Spock - died today at the age of 83 at his home in Los Angeles. Nimoy succumbed to the end stages of COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), an illness that resulted from years of smoking and which afflicted him despite having quit smoking three decades ago. In 2014, he announced via Twitter that he was battling COPD and urged fans to stop smoking before it was too late.



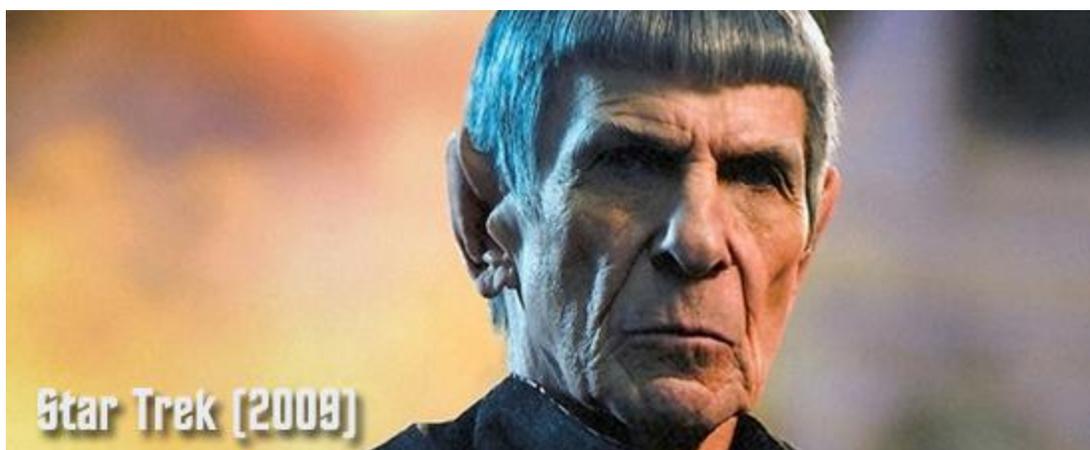
Nimoy's career spanned generations. Born and raised in Boston, he started acting as a boy, but moved to Los Angeles at age 18 to give it a go on a professional level. He worked his way up from small roles in the likes of Queen for a Day, Zombies of the Stratosphere and Them! to major guest star turns in such shows as Broken Arrow, Dragnet, Sea Hunt, Twilight Zone, Wagon Train and The Outer Limits. At one point, he acted in an episode of The Lieutenant, a show written and created by a rising behind-the-scenes talent named Gene Roddenberry, and he acted in an episode of The Man from U.N.C.L.E. with a young Canadian by the name of William Shatner.



It wouldn't be long before their lives intersected again. Roddenberry created *Star Trek: The Original Series*, tapping Nimoy to play Spock and Jeffrey Hunter to play Captain Pike. NBC rejected the pilot, but asked Roddenberry to try again. The second pilot once again featured Nimoy as Spock, but after Hunter opted out of his contract, Roddenberry hired Shatner to play Captain Kirk. DeForest Kelley, who'd turned down the role of Spock, came on board to portray Dr. McCoy, and that unforgettable trio -- complemented by Nichelle Nichols, James Doohan, George Takei and, starting with season two, Walter Koenig -- formed the cast that would see *Star Trek* through three seasons of the original show, 20-plus episodes of an animated series and six feature films, not to mention numerous television commercials and countless convention appearances.



Nimoy at times waged an internal battle when it came to Spock. He titled his first autobiography *I Am Not Spock*. Twenty years later, though, he wrote *I Am Spock*. He turned down the proposed *Star Trek: Phase II* series, but returned for *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*. Spock died in *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, only to be resurrected for *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*, which Nimoy directed. He also directed *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* and produced and developed the story for *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*, and, as a tie-in, he guest starred as Ambassador Spock on two episodes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. And in 2009, after 18 long years, Nimoy helped J.J. Abrams reboot the *Star Trek* franchise by playing Spock Prime in *Star Trek* (2009), passing the torch to Zachary Quinto, who became a close friend. He also voiced Spock for *Star Trek Online*, made a cameo in *Star Trek Into Darkness* and was reportedly in talks to appear in the upcoming *Star Trek* film at the time of his death.



Beyond Star Trek, Nimoy's many film, TV and stage credits included Mission: Impossible, A Woman Called Golda, In Search Of..., Equus, Never Forget, Vincent, Standby: Lights! Camera! Action!, The Simpsons, Transformers: Dark of the Moon *and* Fringe. With his friend and TNG's Q, John de Lancie, he created Alien Voices, which staged and recorded radio play-style productions of classic and original sci-fi/fantasy stories. And yes, who could forget Nimoy's music pursuits, which included such tunes as "Proud Mary" and "The Legend of Bilbo Baggins"? Nimoy joined Twitter in 2010 and gave William Shatner a run for his money, tweeting more than 1,700 times and amassing more than one million followers.



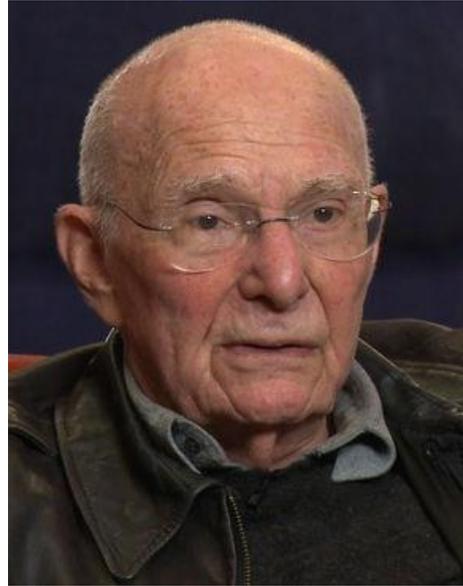
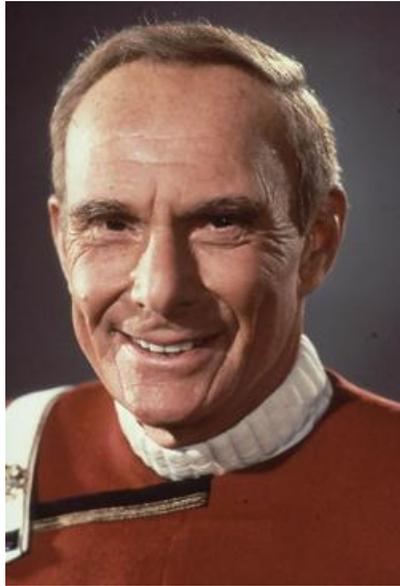
He was also a friend to StarTrek.com, helping re-launch the site in 2010 with an opening statement, granting an extensive, career-spanning interview in 2011, contributing a guest blog in 2012 about his creation of the split-fingered Vulcan greeting, and checking in with us often over the years for interviews and with updates on his current projects, as well as to answer specific questions about Star Trek as they came up. He ended his emails to us as he did every tweet to the public, with the acronym LLAP - Live Long and Prosper.

Back in May 2012, StarTrek.com teased Nimoy about being the busiest retired man in history. Asked if he truly considered himself retired, Nimoy replied, "Yeah, I do. I am. Look, I liken myself to a steamship that's been going full-blast and the captain pulls that handle back and then says, 'Full stop,' but the ship doesn't stop. It keeps moving from inertia. It keeps moving. It keeps moving. It'll start slowing down, but it doesn't stop. It doesn't come to a dead stop. That's the way I am. I still have a few odds and ends things that I enjoy doing. I don't want to get up in the morning and have nothing to do that day. That would be boring." Perfectly logical, right? And in his final tweet, which he posted on Feb. 23, Nimoy wrote, "A life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory. LLAP."

Nimoy leaves behind his wife, Susan Bay, two children and several grandchildren.

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COOK'S PLACE (MOON ROAD)
ON MONDAY 20 APRIL AT 7:00 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!!**

It's the sad duty of StarTrek.com to report the passing of another towering Star Trek figure, Harve Bennett. The veteran writer and producer passed away on Wednesday, March 4, at the age of 84, less than a week after the death of Leonard Nimoy, with whom his career intersected -- to the everlasting benefit of both men. He retired to Oregon years ago and died there following a long illness.



Bennett, of course, produced and co-wrote the story for Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, which was a hit financially, critically and with Trek fans and is widely credited with saving the franchise, as Paramount Pictures had serious doubts about Star Trek as a viable entity following the costly Star Trek: The Motion Picture. Bennett subsequently produced and co-wrote the stories for The Search for Spock, The Voyage Home and The Final Frontier. Bennett also made a memorable cameo appearance in The Final Frontier, playing Starfleet Chief of Staff Admiral Robert Bennett.

Bennett turned down the opportunity to produce Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country because he favored a prequel script he'd written called Star Trek: The Academy Years. He "had an eye on" John Cusack for Spock and thought Ethan Hawke could have been Kirk, and there would have been roles for all the Original Series actors as well. "All the possibilities were open, the script was beautiful, and the love story was haunting," Bennett told StarTrek.com in 2010. "But it didn't happen."

The Chicago-born Bennett was already a successful writer-producer by the time he beamed into the Star Trek universe. Among his credits were Mod Squad, The Invisible Man (1975 version), Rich Man, Poor Man, The Gemini Man, The Six Million Dollar Man, The Bionic Woman and Salvage 1. During and after his run with Trek, Bennett wrote and/or produced A Woman Called Golda (with Leonard Nimoy co-starring opposite Ingrid Berman), The Jesse Owens Story, Time Trax and Invasion America.

In a 2010 interview with Bennett, StarTrek.com asked him what he thought his most significant contributions to the franchise were. He replied candidly and in detail, saying. "I resurrected the franchise (at the time). That would be my contribution. There might not have been another Star Trek and certainly there would not have been spin had not Star Trek II been such a very viable hit.



Bennett with the cast of Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country.

The Motion Picture was like a last memorial to a great franchise, but it was not the kind of a thing that would stimulate people to come back and see more of the same," he continued "My friends say I have something called the Lazarus syndrome because of the number of times I've brought someone or something back from the dead. It started with The Bionic Woman. We killed off Lindsay Wagner, but Six Million Dollar Man fans wanted Steve Austin and Jaime Sommers together. Because it was science fiction, and you can do a lot of weird things in science fiction, we put her in cryogenic freeze and then brought her back for a series of her own. So, Lindsay was my first back from the dead. And then there was a fellow named Spock..."

He continued, "When I first took the Star Trek assignment, one of the problems was that Leonard Nimoy had already written his book I Am Not Spock. He had publicly put it out there that he'd never do Spock again. And one of my first challenges was to convince Leonard that he should come back, because it wouldn't be Star Trek without him. I finally convinced him with a very simple, actor-proof argument. I said, "Leonard, if you come back, I'm going to give you the greatest death scene since Janet Leigh in Psycho. One third of the way into the picture, we're going to kill you. The audience will be shocked. It will be the end of your problems with Spock and we will go on to complete the story." He said, "That's good. I like that." So he signed on. For a variety of reasons, including Gene (Roddenberry) and the 100,000 letters the studio received from fans after it got out that we were going to kill off Spock, we couldn't do it the way we planned. Hence a rewrite and when Nick Meyer, God bless him, came on board we found a way to extend Spock's role. And it was much better, because I think Wrath of Khan might have been a failure if Spock had died one third of the way through it. So we got Wrath of Khan done, Nick Meyer was brilliant, and the rest is history."

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IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

Ten members of the DaVinci crew boldly made their way to the Captain's new home in Phenix City, AL on Saturday, 14 March for our 19th annual anniversary party. Parking was certainly no problem as the yard was very big and everyone seemed to like the really big rooms in the house also. After a short invocation we proceeded to devour the pizza without hesitation and thanks to Randy there were plenty of chips, dips and pretzels for everyone to snack on. There was an anniversary cake available and some other desert goodies to include a chocolate bunt cake, apple pie, and ice cream with chocolate syrup. After a time we drew for a couple of door prizes. Hal donated a return of his Star Trek comic book prize from a previous event. Freddy was the lucky winner. The second door prize was a spirit card donated by Todd, which was won by Martha. After a great time of fellowship and talking about some future events with our bellies full the party broke up around 5:00 PM. I want to personally thank everyone who attended and we will surely have many events at the Ruhland manor in the future! Check out the pictures below for all the fun!



Gregory began the line for the pizza and was followed by Martha, Jeff, Maria, Randy, and Joe.

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Everett, Joe, and Maria downing the pizza and lovebirds Russell and Diane pose for a photo.



Martha and Jeff enjoying the pizza and so too does Maria!



Randy helps Maria take off the bunt cake lid and later she cuts the first piece while Russell helps himself to the ice cream and chocolate syrup!



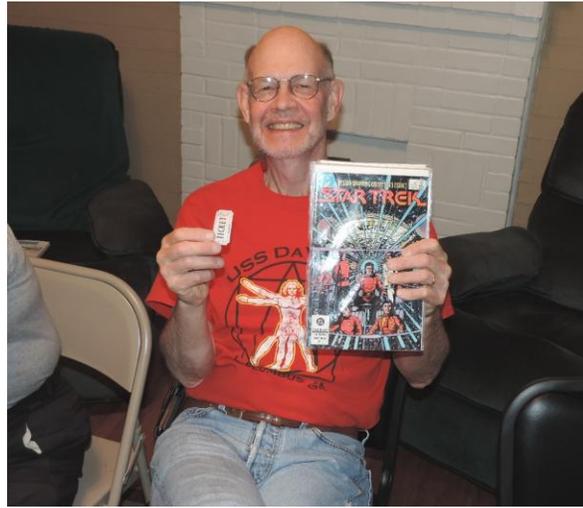
Joe helps himself to some ice cream and the DaVinci crew chatting around the table.



Our 19th anniversary cake and the crew poses with the cake just prior to...



...slicing that puppy up as Joe and Martha look on and Randy cuts his piece while Diane looks on.



Look what we won! Martha (spirit card) and Freddy (Star Trek comic collection)!

The following Monday we held the monthly night out at Mongo's on Veteran's Parkway in Columbus. There were 9 crewmembers present and Scott's mom, Gail, joined us this month. Mongo's is an oriental cuisine restaurant where you go down a line picking out what vegetables, meat, and sauce you want the chef to prepare. The prepared meal is then brought to your table. I just had an appetizer and drink while others chose to sample an entire meal of fresh items for the pallet to enjoy. Jessie stopped by just for a moment to drop off some items to Diane and I. After a bit of time passed we drew for the free meal and yours truly won this month. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meals and some had to place a portion of their meal to go. All in all another fine night out for the DaVinci crew. More photos below!



Gail, Scott, Joe, and Hal in line and Connie and Ariana soon join them.

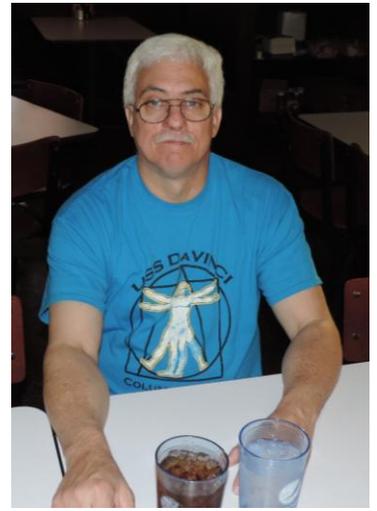
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Gail and Scott and Russell enjoying their pot stickers appetizers!



Ariana and Connie wait for their meals to arrive while Todd and Hal pose for the camera!



Ariana, Connie, and Freddy also pose for a photo while Russell says, "Look what I won!"

The Region 2 Summit is just days away and so far there are 7 DaVinci crewmembers that will be in attendance. I am looking forward to being at the hotel on the ocean at Datona Beach, FL as well as getting the chance to see all my friends in the Region 2 family of Starfleet. There's still time to register and get a room reserved if you wish to attend this glorious event which will be held on the weekend of 27-29 March.

Treklanta (formerly know as TrekTrax) is being held this year in Atlanta during the weekend of 24-26 April. The guest list is pretty impressive with Jason Carter (Marcus Cole on Babylon 5), Anne Lockhart (LT Sheba on the classic Battlestar Galactica), and Sean Kennedy (CPT Christopher Pike and a host of other characters on the original Star Trek). You can find out more about this event by going to the website at Treklanta.org. Since this is an event close to home I would think that several of our crewmembers would endeavor to attend and support this convention. At this time Diane, myself, and Freddy are attending. This would be a great opportunity to get away for the weekend and enjoy some Sci-fi type activities as well.

Short and sweet this month. Frequencies closed! Warp speed ahead in 2015!

VADM Russell Ruhland



RECORDS ROOM REPORTING

Well, we tried. About 7 DaVinci personnel met at the IHOP on Gateway to enjoy some pancakes during Free Pancake Day. Unfortunately when Connie, Ariana, and I arrived (we were the first) there was horde of people inside the restaurant and out waiting to be seated. I went inside and found out the wait would be an hour and forty minutes to two hours! Needless to say no one wanted to wait that long! So, we all went our separate ways. A BIG Bajoran thanks goes out to all who showed up. Maybe next year we will plan on meeting there a bit earlier.

Ten DaVinci personnel met at O'Charley's in Columbus to celebrate Maria's 60th birthday! The food was excellent and our server, Christopher, kept the drinks coming. Prior to most of the folks coming Christopher knocked over a glass of tea and much of it ended up in Joe's lap! Ouch! So for the next few minutes or so whenever Christopher walked by with a drink, we all cringed and covered our laps! It was all in jest as Christopher smiled and said it would not happen again. After everyone had their fill of the delicious food, it was time for Maria to open her presents (the gag kind!). I gave her some pear baby food for that time when she has no more teeth and Russell in his devious way brought a bag full of goodies for Maria to laugh at. Once the presents were all opened it was time for the cake. Once Maria blew out the candles with precision (there were only four – one for each 15 years) the cake was cut and the crew dug in! We only consumed half of the small cake and Gregory was more than willing to take the rest home. The fun broke up around 8:45 PM. A BIG Bajoran thanks goes out to all who attended this fun-filled event. Next up Joe's 60th bash! Check out the photos below.



Maria, the birthday girl, Martha, and Jeff check out the menu as does Gregory.



What is good for the goose they say and Russell and Diane after the photo was taken.



Todd poses for a photo while Diane and Joe check out the menu and Hal gives his order to Christopher while Joe waits his turn.



The birthday cake and Maria gets ready to blow out the candles as Martha looks on.



Success (!!) and Maria with her pears baby food.



Russell prepares to give Maria the first of many “age appropriate” gifts and Maria with them!

We have many more special birthdays coming up in the future so stay tuned!

ADM Freddy Heller



REGION TWO SUMMIT

Well, its that time of the year again and the admiral's shuttle departed for this year's Region 2 Summit in Daytona Beach FL on Thursday afternoon along with Quartermaster Shuttle 1. Diane and I drove to Valdosta first to spend the night prior to completing the trip and Randy and Sandy came in their vehicle and met us at the hotel. We got a quick nap and then had supper at a rather nice country buffet. Friday morning after breakfast we continued on and arrived in Daytona around 2:00 PM. There was no problem getting checked in and interestingly enough, Diane and I were in Room 116; Randy and Sandy were in room 216; and Freddy and Gregory were in room 616! Altogether there were 7 members of the DaVinci crew that attended the Summit: Diane, Freddy, Gregory, Hal, Randy, Sandy, and myself. The Fleet Admiral's Dinner supper was held at Sunsetter's, a popular local seafood bar and grill (where else but on the waterfront). The food there was ok and the place was very noisy. Still, all had a good time. They had a huge digital clock that counted down the time until sunset at which time everyone in the restaurant was given a free shot of whatever the bartender decided was appropriate. That evening it was vodka mixed with grenadine, and several variety of fruit juices. Since most of us at the table did not drink, Freddy was more than willing to "take one for the crew" and I think that he may have had one too many (see the photo). We made it back to the hotel and after wheeling Freddy back to his room (not really, Connie) everyone called it a night.



Hal, Russell, Gregory, Diane, and Randy at Sunsetter's and a certain un-named individual with the rest of the table's Sunsetter shots!



Our server takes Randy's order while Diane patiently waits and Freddy and Randy give Diane the infamous "DaVinci Squeeze!"

Saturday morning began with breakfast in the hotel restaurant to order and the omelets were rather good. Sandy had the biscuits and gravy, which covered her entire plate. Opening ceremonies began at around 10:00 AM and the USS DaVinci was given a Perfect Monthly Reporting Award and the Overseas Coupon Award (again)! Freddy suggested that they just change the name of that one to the DaVinci OCP award, as we seem to win it every year. As for panels, there was only the CO/XO/ZC meeting, the Marine Muster, and Ask the Brass, as it was themed for a "family reunion" atmosphere where we could fellowship with all our Region 2 friends and family. Of course we had the opportunity to meet several new members in the region and I finally got a chance to personally meet the Vice Commander of Starfleet, Hayden Segel at the banquet that evening, as I had only spoken with him via Skype. For a part of Saturday afternoon, Diane and I went sightseeing and shopping at the many businesses the Daytona had to offer and spent a bit of time on the beach just admiring the ocean view.



Russell toasts the Region while Diane looks on and Gregory and Hal pose for the camera.



The DaVinci crew at the Opening Ceremony and Freddy accepts the OCP Award from our new Regional Coordinator (RC) Ryan Case.

Saturday evening brought with it the banquet held at the Riptides restaurant just a few blocks from the hotel. Although the menu included a lot of items that were “market priced” I couldn't help myself and had to chow down on the all you can eat snow crab legs and Diane had the popcorn shrimp. Yum yum; I gobbled down those crab legs like a starving Klingon and ended up finishing 3 plates full before I had to quit. The rest to the group seemed to really enjoy their meals and after supper we all returned to the hotel for the annual Region 2 awards presentations.



Randy, Sandye, Diane, and Russell and Hal and Gregory at the Saturday night Banquet.

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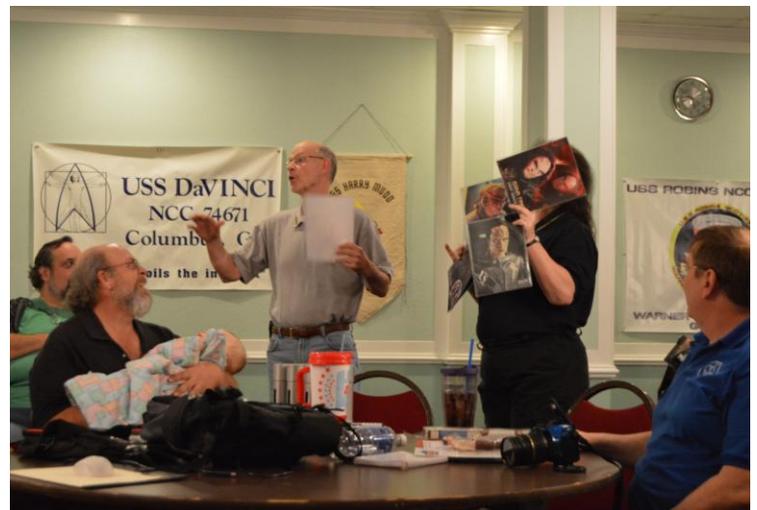
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COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!!



Jack Eaton, our “retired” RC poses with Freddy while Russell devours his plate of crab legs!

The USS DaVinci won 3rd place in the newsletter category (way to go, Freddy!) and nothing else this year but, nevertheless, I was glad to see some new chapter submissions winning various awards this year. After the awards came the charity auction. Freddy was the auctioneer and I did fairly well by snagging the Next Generation box set and Randy graciously won a set of autographs and gave them to me to help restart my collection that was lost with everything else in our house fire back in February. Things got wrapped up around 10:00 PM and we called the night to get some well-needed sleep.



Russell accepts the 3rd place newsletter award and Freddy hard at work at the auction.

Sunday morning came for Diane and I at 7:00 AM and we went to breakfast. Joining us shortly was Freddy, Hal, Randy, and Sandy. After breakfast we went to the ballroom for the traditional DaVinci group photo and Diane and I left for the morning nondenominational service. There were only 4 people at the service but the fellowship and spiritual discussion was awesome. About an hour and a half later we attended the Ask the Brass panel followed by the Closing Ceremony, the only part of the whole summit I really don't look forward to because we won't get a chance to see most of our Region 2 family again for another year. There were a few acknowledgments

given to those involved with putting together the summit and then our RC, Ryan Case, called Diane and I up for the charity presentation. After a short synopsis of the collections, we were presented a check for \$1000 to help us recover from our house fire and of course both of us broke into tears for the thankfulness we have to our Region 2 family. You see, that's the real reason we are a part of the Starfleet Fan Association. It's much more than a simple Star Trek Fan Club; it's made up of individual's that are willing to go the extra mile to assist one of their fellow members in a time of serious need and both Diane and I will never forget the kindness and generosity we were shown during this year's summit.



Russell, and Diane accept the \$1000 check from Ryan and Russell cannot hold back his emotions.



And neither can Diane! The Region say's "See y'all next year in Navarre!"

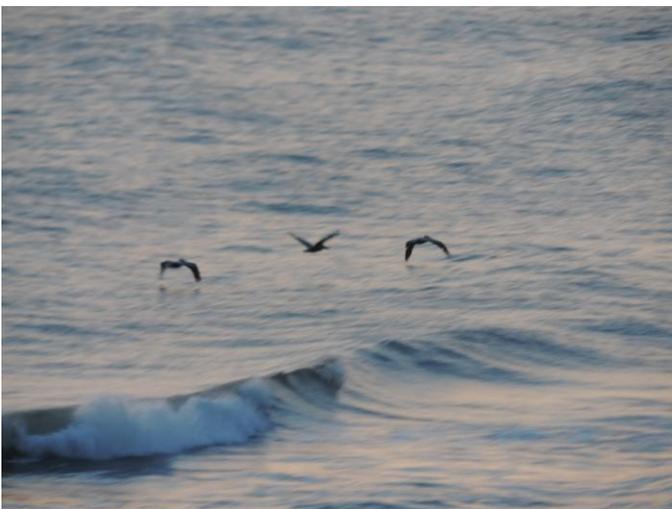
After all the hugs and sad good-byes, several of us who remained went to lunch at a local restaurant for the "Dead Dog Gathering." This eating establishment did a really good lunch and we had a chance to fellowship with a few of the folks before they got on the road to head home. We stayed one more night to travel home on Monday morning just so we could eat supper at the "Bubba Gump Shrimp Company" restaurant on Sunday evening.

Monday came with the packing up and departure from Daytona Beach with the Admiral's shuttle arriving safely back in Phenix City, AL that afternoon. Next year's summit is being held in

Navarre, FL also during March and I anxiously await attending once again to see all of our great Region 2 family! Oh, and in case you did not attend, here are a couple of parting shots from our rooms!



View from Freddy's room on Thursday and Saturday morning sunrise!



Seagulls in flight and a shot down the beach from Freddy's balcony!

I hope y'all will consider going to the 2016 summit in Navarre. After all it will be our 20th anniversary and all should have a good time!

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

VADM Russell Ruhland

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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, the tab collection effort for 2015 is progressing quite nicely! We are well over 20,000 tabs and still have 6 months to go! Last year at this time we only had a little over 13,000 tabs collected. Freddy is slowly gaining on Russell and may soon overtake him. At the anniversary party, Gregory joined in on the hunt with a sizeable donation. Randy increased his lead, Maria added to her total, and Joe also joined in on the fun. Keep it up folks and we may yet hit 100,000 tabs this year!

Starting Balance	0753
Jeff Kirkland	8000
Russell Ruhland	4371
Freddy Heller	4368
Randy Dunn	2213
Gregory Newer	1473
Thelma Shumpert	604
Hal Stewart	227
Maria Morgan	103
Connie Heller	78
Joe Perry	20

TOTAL 22210



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 April. Only one DaVinci birthday this month! Leiko turns 31!

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand on TOS)	1 st
Apple Computer Founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne (1976)	1 st
First Weather Satellite, TRIOS-One, is Launched (1960)	1 st
First Hand-Held Portable Telephone Demonstrated By Motorola (1973)	3 rd
Maiden Voyage of Shuttle Challenger (1983)	4 th
Frank Gorshin (Bele on TOS)	5 th
First Men to Reach North Pole (Robert E. Perry and Matthew A. Henson 1909)	6 th
First Long-Distance (Washington to New York) Demonstration of TV (1927)	7 th
NASA Presented its First Seven Astronauts (1959)	9 th
Apollo 13 Begins its Ill-Fated Mission to the Moon (1970)	11 th

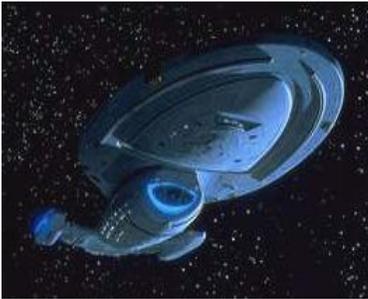
First Man in Space (Yuri Gagarin 1961)	12 th
Charles Napier (Adam on TOS)	12 th
LTJG Leiko Koone	13 th
First Test Flight of Shuttle Columbia (1981)	14 th
Apollo 13 is Crippled When a Tank of Liquid Oxygen Explodes (1970)	13 th
Michael Ansara (Kang on TOS)	15 th
First Woman to Fly Across English Channel (Harriet Quimby 1912)	16 th
First Woman to Solo Around the World (Jerrie Mock 1964)	17 th
Apollo 13 Returns Safely to Earth after Near Disaster (1970)	17 th
Herman Zimmerman (Set Designer)	19 th
Elinor Donahue (Asst Commissioner Nancy Hedford on TOS)	19 th
Ashley Judd (ENS Robin Lefler on TNG)	19 th
Apollo 16 Lands on the Moon (1972)	20 th
Clint Howard (Balok on TOS; Grady on DS9)	20 th
George Takei (CPT Hikaru Sulu)	20 th
CRMN Joshua Turner	24 th
China Launches Its First Satellite (1970)	24 th
First Satellite Relay of a Television Signal (1962)	24 th
Bacillus Responsible for Tuberculosis Discovered by Robert Koch (1882)	24 th
Pioneer Ten Crosses Pluto's Orbit (1983)	25 th
Hubble Space Telescope is Deployed (1990)	25 th
Spice Williams (Vixis from Search for Spock)	26 th
Kate Mulgrew (CPT Kathryn Janeway on VOY)	29 th
Gideon Sundback Receives a Patent for a "Separable Fastener" or Zipper (1913)	29 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
Karen Baker	Feb 16	Feb 16	Maria Morgan	May 18	May 15
Steve Brown	Dec 15		Cameron Mull	Expired	Expired
Phil "Rat" Campanaro	Aug 15	Aug 15	Gregory Newer	Nov 15	Nov 15
James Carey	Feb 16	Expired	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 15	Mar 15	Joe Perry	Jul 15	Nov 15
Randy Dunn	Jul 15	Jul 15	Kris Reeves	Jul 15	
Whitney Gaines	Aug 15	Expired	Scott Roop	May 15	May 15
Freddy Heller	Jul 15	Sep 15	Russell Ruhland	Aug 15	Aug 15
John Hood	Aug 15	Aug 15	Dennis Shaw	Jul 15	Jul 15
Rick Howe	Mar 15		Thelma Shumpert	Oct 15	Nov 15

Todd Kes	Oct 15	Oct 15	Gisela Stephens	LTM	Apr-15
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 15	Aug 15	Harold Stewart	Feb 16	Apr 15
Leiko Koone	Nov 15	Jan 16	Jessie Sutton	Jan 16	Jan 16
Everett Leonard	Aug 15		Becky Thane	Jul 15	Dec 16
Lech Mazur	Jul 15	Nov 15	Mike Walker	Jul 16	Jun 15
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 15	Nov 15	Jaryn Wester	Feb 17	Feb 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).

Hal Stewart (D)



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Closing Balance	\$85.42

COMM Connie Heller

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
- 1 – 3X

Science (Blue)

- 1 – Youth Medium
- 1 – Small
- 1 – 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;



TV SHOWS ON DVD

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

“Brady Bunch, Complete Series” (7th)

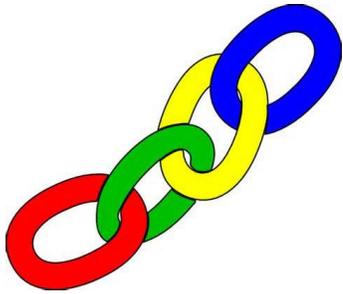
“Frasier, Complete Series” (7th)

“MacGyver, Complete Series” (7th)

“Matlock, Complete Series” (7th)

“Mentalist, Season 7” (28th)

and for you Bronies, “My Little Pony Tales, Complete Series” (28th)



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 I of our 2006 Help-the-Hooch River clean up.



Tony and daughter Mariaelena begin the clean up and are later joined by Randy.



Marianelena coming down the hill with trash and Joe, Tony, and Mariaelena working hard.



Joe and Randy picking up trash and Ariana slips and slides a little down the hill



Christopher grabs a cup stuck in a tree while Lech picks up trash nearby.

Next month, Part II of our 2006 Help-the-Hooch River Clean Up!



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