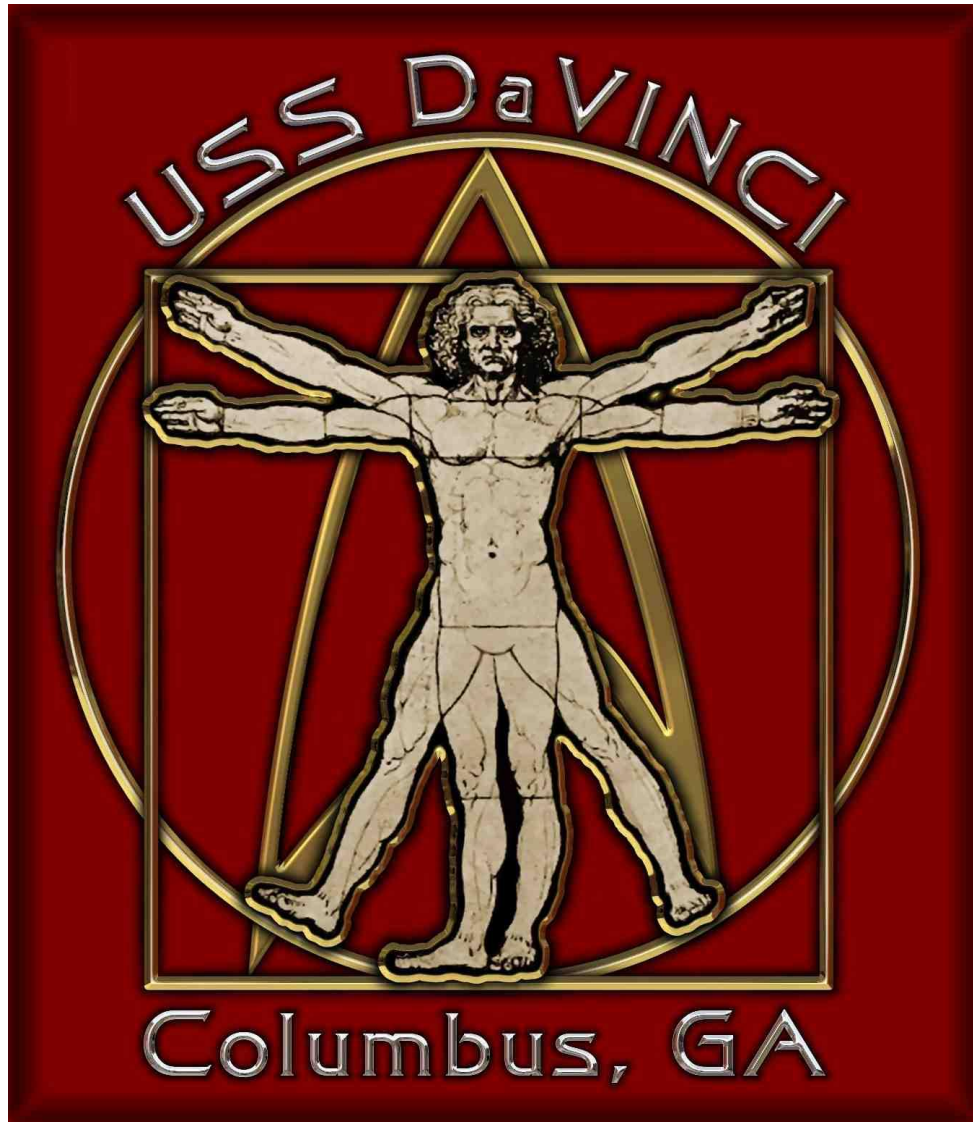


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UPCOMING EVENTS

** 21 August, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Blue Iguana, 6:30 pm



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Registration is open for the Starfleet International Virtual Conference. It will be held Friday, August 11 through Sunday, August 13, 2023. Special guests include Tim Russ, John Billingsley, Bruce Horak, J.G. Hertzler, and many more.

You can register for the conference free by visiting the website and clicking the “Register Here” button at the bottom of the page: <https://vic23.sfi.org/>

ON THE HOLODECK

Music has always been a key part of Star Trek. The theme song to the original series is iconic, and is echoed in the theme to ‘The Next Generation.’ While the music in the opening credits of subsequent Star Trek series didn’t stick quite so close to the original theme, the music is still immediately recognizable to fans.

But there’s more to music than just Star Trek theme songs. Most of us enjoy listening to a wide variety of auditory delights. In May I asked for your favorite space themed songs, and I’ve narrowed down the resulting list to some tunes I’m sure we all can appreciate.

We shall start with songs from sci-fi soundtracks. The Vitamin String Quartet has released tribute albums to both Star Wars and Star Trek featuring covers of music from the soundtracks. Both are well worth purchasing.

“The Battle Begins” is from the 1980 movie “Battle Beyond the Stars.” While I can’t speak for the quality of the film, the song itself is a lovely instrumental.

We’ve all seen Stargate, right? (I will assume the answer is “yes.” If you said “no” be sure to check out both the movie and first TV series.) One song from the film stands out; “Ra – The Sun God” is an ominous instrumental with palpable tension.

“Space Stallions” is a “fake 80’s cartoon” short created by The Animation Workshop. The music video is very nostalgic and typical of that era considering it was created in 2012.

“Star Trekkin;” by The Firm is a must-listen classic. This song is the ultimate earworm that’ll leave you humming “...Ye cannae change the laws of physics, laws of physics, laws of physics...” for hours.

Equally catchy is “The Saga Begins” by Weird Al Yankovic. This Star Wars Episode One parody is set to the tune of “American Pie” (by Don Mclean). The chorus is very catchy, beginning

with, “Oh my, my this here Anakin guy; Maybe Vader someday later, now he’s just a small fry…”

Perhaps the ultimate combined Star Trek and Star Wars tribute is Aurelio Voltaire’s ‘BiTrekTual’ album. Some of the songs get a bit raunchy, such as “The Sexy Data Tango,” but the music is overall good. There are even guest appearances by Tim Russ (Tuvok), Garrett Wang (Ens. Kim), and Robert Picardo (The Doctor). There are two versions of the title track. One featuring Jason C. Miller (formerly of Godhead), and an alternate version with Robert Picardo. This is a must-have album for fans with a naughty sense of humor. (Seriously, don’t let the kids listen until you’ve heard for yourself which songs are “safe” for tiny ears.)

“Rocket Ride” by Tom Smith is a tribute to the sci-fi genre that’s well worth a listen. Smith is a filk musician known as “The World’s Fastest Filker” for his improvisational skills.

Speaking of rockets, Elton John’s “Rocket Man” is one of the more mainstream hits that fits our space theme. “Space Oddity” by David Bowie is another classic, as is Bowie’s “Starman.” All three of these songs conjure images of spaceships against a twinkling void.

“Come Take A Trip In My Airship” is a song originally performed in 1904 by J.W. Myers, composed by George “Honey Boy” Evans, with lyrics by Ren Shields. It’s about a couple “sailing” through the clouds on an airship, through the stars, around Venus and Mars, ending with a visit to the Man in the Moon. It’s a chipper little song that’s been performed by multiple people over the century, including Johnny Cash and Natalie Merchant. Most recently Abney Park covered it as part of their “New Nostalgics” album.

Abney Park has two other songs with a space theme. “Deep In Space” is about a spaceship that comes across a planet that has been ravaged by the dominant intelligent species to the point of near-ruin. The music video features scenes from Earth as viewed by the ship’s crew. This is a song intended to make the listener Think. The other space song from this band is far more light-hearted. “Christmas From Space” is a holiday themed song that tells of Santa’s spacefaring adventure.

“Stairway to the Stars” has been performed by many artists, but most notably by Ella Fitzgerald in 1939. The song feels of old-time romanticism that still charms listeners today.

Marvin Gaye even gets in on these space-themed songs with “Funky Space Reincarnation.” The song is a jazz/funk number that tells of a man who travels in space and time on a “space bed,” and encounters a woman who reminds him of his first wife.

“Space & Time” by VNV nation is another “travel through space and time” themed song, only in this case the individual is lost. The meaning of this song is not quite so clear-cut, but it’s an enjoyable listen.

“Stars Align” by violinist Lindsey Stirling features very few words. In fact, “when the stars align” is the only vocalization. The song combines Stirling’s skilled violin playing with the

electric-techno accompaniment in an energetic space-themed frenzy.

“Fire In The Sky” by Kristoph Klover is perhaps the ultimate history of space travel in musical form. The melody is powerful, and the words inspire both triumph and despair as Klover sings about some of the greatest accomplishments and disasters of human space travel. The song ends on a high note, calling for continued efforts to explore the universe beyond Earth’s atmosphere.

The album “To Touch The Stars,” which includes the aforementioned song, is entirely about space exploration. The album features musical celebrations of spaceflight from a variety of artists, and is well worth adding to your own music library.

“Starlight Brigade” by TWRP tells the tale of a young alien who finds a starship, joins a group of other starship pilots, and defeats a powerful enemy. The music video is a delight for the eyes as well as the ears.

“Spaceboy” is a song by Doctor Steel, a steampunk artist with an industrial hip hop style. Who doesn’t love watching a mad scientist rap about a boy playing “spaceman” in a cardboard spaceship in the back yard?

Our final song isn’t exactly space-themed, but I couldn’t resist including it. “Magic Carpet Ride” by Steppenwolf secured it’s spot by being the song Zefram Cochrane listened to as he blasted off to break the Warp barrier for the first time. That historical flight attracted the attention of some passing Vulcans, leading to First Contact between humans and an alien species. The events surrounding the event can be viewed in the movie “Star Trek: First Contact.”

Article by Leiko

WELL WISHES

Everyone keep Joe Perry in your thoughts as he recovers following a recent hospitalization. He does plan to attend the next Night Out.



COMIC CORNER NEWS

This is a partial list of 2023 Sci-Fi / Comic / Collector conventions in the southeast. All information is extremely subject to change! (Submitted by Lisa Neal; Updated by Leiko)

August

- Aug 6 **Atlanta Comic Convention** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.atlantacomicconvention.com/)
Aug 4-6 **Georgia Pop & Horror Convention** - Columbus, Georgia (gapopandhorrorcon.com)
Aug 11-13 **Joelanta** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.joelanta.org/home)
Aug 18-20 **Geek'd Con** - Shreveport, Louisiana (Kevin Smith) (geekdcon.com)
Aug 25-27 **Vampire Diaries Reunion** - New Orleans, Louisiana (Ian Somerhalder, Paul Wesley, Charles Michael Davis, Daniel Gillies & more)
(www.creationent.com/cal/tvd_nola/index.htm)
Aug 26 **Mystic Con** - Orlando, Florida (mystic-con.com)
Aug 27 **Columbus Toy & Comic Book Show** - Columbus, Georgia
(www.ccssc.org/comicbookshow/)
Aug 31-Sep 4 **Dragon*Con** - Atlanta, Georgia (Nathan Fillion, Sean Maher, & Jewel Staite, all from Firefly, +3 people from Dr Who) (www.dragoncon.org)

September

- Sep 1-4 **Big River Steampunk Festival** - Hannibal, Missouri (bigriversteampunkfestival.com)
Sep 2-4 **Fanboy Expo** - Orlando, Florida (fanboyexpo.com)
Sep 15-17 **Ancient City Con** – St. Augustine, Florida (www.ancientcitycon.com/)
Sep 23-24 **Alabama Comic Con** - Birmingham, Alabama (alabamacomiccon.com)

October

- Oct 5-8 **Pirate Festival** - Tybee Island, Georgia (www.tybeepiratefest.com)
Oct 12 **Cartersville Comic Con** - Cartersville, Georgia
(www.facebook.com/cartersvillecomiccon)
Oct 14 **Bartow Con** - Bartow, Florida (Robin Curtis from Star Trek) (bartowcon.com)
Oct 20-22 **Multiverse Convention** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.multiversecon.org)
Oct 20-22 **Scarefest** - Lexington, Kentucky (scarefestweekend.com)
Oct 20-22 **TFCon Orlando** - Orlando, Florida (Peter Cullen, Andy Barnett & more)
(www.tfcon.com)
Oct 21 **Smoky Mountain Geek Expo** - Waynesville, NC
(smokymountaingEEKexpo.com/)
Oct 21-22 **Chattanooga Comic Con** - Chattanooga, Tennessee (www.chattanoogacomicon.com)
Oct 26-30 **Anime Weekend Atlanta** - Atlanta, Georgia (awa-con.com)
Oct 27-29 **HallowCon** - Dalton, Georgia (a three-day celebration of fantasy, horror, & Halloween) (www.hallowcon.com/)
Oct 27-29 **Monsterama** - Atlanta, Georgia (Nicholas Meyer, Stephen Manley, & Laura Banks of Star trek, Patrick Wayne & Caroline Munro of Sinbad)
(monsteramacon.com)

November

- Nov 3 **Vampire Ball** - Savannah, Georgia (www.ticketfairy.com/event/vampire-ball-2023)
Nov 3-5 **Creation Jacksonville** - Jacksonville, Florida (www.creationent.com/cal/ce_jax/)
Nov 17-19 **CONjuration** - Atlanta, Georgia (Convention for Harry Potter fans
& other Magical Fantasy fandoms) (www.conjurationcon.com)

December

- Dec 8-10 **Creation Nashville** - Nashville, Tennessee (www.creationent.com/cal/ce_nash/)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Here are just a few of the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and historical events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Angus Imrie (<i>Zero, Prodigy</i>)	2 nd
ENS Wilbert Adams	5th
Bruce Horak (<i>Hemmer, Strange New Worlds</i>)	5 th
Lucille Ball (CEO Desilu Studios, approved production of <i>The Original Series</i>)	6 th
Michelle Yeoh (Emperor Philippa Georgiou, <i>Discovery</i>)	6 th
<i>Star Trek: Lower Decks</i> Premiers (2020)	6 th
Evan Evagora (<i>Elnor, Picard</i>)	10 th
Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, & Larry Newman Become First People to Cross Atlantic Ocean in a Balloon (1978)	11 th
Space Shuttle <i>Enterprise</i> 's First Free Flight Test (1977)	12 th
Dawnn Lewis (CPT Carol Freeman, <i>Lower Decks</i>)	13 th
ENS Sue Koone	14th
Gene Roddenberry (Creator of <i>Star Trek</i>)	19 th
Jonathan Frakes (CDR William Riker, <i>The Next Generation</i>)	19 th
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Kathrine Pulaski, <i>The Next Generation</i>)	19 th
Russian Cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya Becomes Second Woman in Space (<i>Soyuz T-7</i> , 1982)	19 th
Eddie Paskey (LT Leslie, <i>The Original Series</i>)	20 th

John Noble (The Diviner, <i>Prodigy</i>)	20 th
NASA's <i>Viking 1</i> Lander Launched on Mission to Mars (1975)	20 th
Jennifer Lien (Kess, <i>Voyager</i>)	24 th
Melissa Navia (LT Erica Ortegas, <i>Strange New Worlds</i>)	24 th
Lycia Naff (ENS Sonya Gomez, <i>The Next Generation</i>)	29 th
Dee Bradley Baker (Murf, <i>Prodigy</i>)	31 st

**- LEO -
WOLF**



- Honor is everything
- Are they brave or are they foolish?
- Takes themselves way too seriously
- Enjoys love poetry

Ju 23 – Aug 23

**- VIRGO -
GUINAN**



- Wiser than you
- Comfort feeder
- Remarkably practical
- Actually hundreds of years old

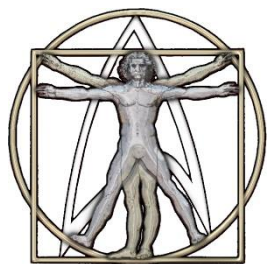
Aug 24 – Sep 23

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

August	Blue Iguana
September	El Carrizo
October	Five Guys
November	Denny's
December	Peppone's

Alternates:

- Outback Steakhouse**
- Longhorn Steakhouse**
- Hibachi Buffet**



MEMBERSHIPS



Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci and/or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your **family** expiration dates.

Please note that if the date is highlighted in **RED**, your membership has expired and you need to renew as soon as possible to make sure you keep getting the Pilot every month.

If your name is in RED this will be your last Pilot.

If highlighted in **BOLD** your membership is nearing its expiration so please renew soon.

Note: This is June's Membership list as updates were not available at time of publication.

Name	DaVinci	Starfleet	Name	DaVinci	Starfleet
Sandra Adams	Oct '23	Expired	Leiko Koone	Jul '23	Apr '24
Robert Anthony	Sep '23	—	Everett Leonard	Oct '23	Expired
Michael Allen	Jul '24	Expired	Gregory Newer	Expired	Jan '24
Steve Brown	May '23	—	Joe Perry	Dec '23	Nov '23
Steve Cushing	Jan '24	—	Karen Pynenburg	Nov '23	Mar '24
Randy Dunn	Nov '23	—	Russell Ruhland	Jul '23	Feb '24
Freddy Heller	LTM	—	Harold Stewart	Jul '23	Mar '24
Todd Kes	Mar '25	Nov '23	Mike Watkins	Feb '24	Apr '24
Jeff Kirkland	Nov '23	Nov '23	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	—

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LINKS

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

- USS DaVinci Home Page <http://www.usdavinci.org/>
- Starfleet Home Page <http://www.sfi.org/>
- Starfleet Database <https://db.sfi.org>
- Starfleet Region 2 Home Page <http://region2.org/>

TABULATIONS

Keep saving tabs! Turn your tabs in to Steve Cushing.

As always, the tabs can come off any type can from pop to pet food to soup! Ask your neighbors to save tabs for you; ask your church or other social group to save tabs. You will be surprised as to how many tabs you can collect that way.

Coupons		Tabs	
Jeff & Martha Kirkland	\$22,500	Freddy & Connie Heller	3588
Steve Cushing	\$8,335	Randy Dunn	385
Sandra	\$165	Steve & Lisa	2027
		Jeff & Martha Kirkland	6000

LATIUM VAULT



Opening Balance	\$215.11
Annual Website Fees	-\$141.05
Membership Dues	???

Closing Balance \$???

**Note: Financial records were not available at time of publication.
They will be included in the September Pilot.**

DAVINCI T-SHIRTS

DaVinci t-shirts are still available! The cost is very reasonable: YM to L (\$11); XL (\$12), 2X (\$13), 3X (\$14), and 4X (\$15). Please contact Joe if you'd like to purchase a shirt.

Here is what the shirts look like:



Operations



Science



Engineering

Here is what we currently have in stock:

<u>Operations (Red)</u>		<u>Science (Blue)</u>		<u>Engineering (Yellow)</u>	
Medium	2	Youth Medium	1	Youth Medium	1
Large	0	Small	1	Small	1
XL	3	Medium	2	Medium	4
2X	2	Large	1	Large	2
4X	1	2X	2	XL/2X	0/0

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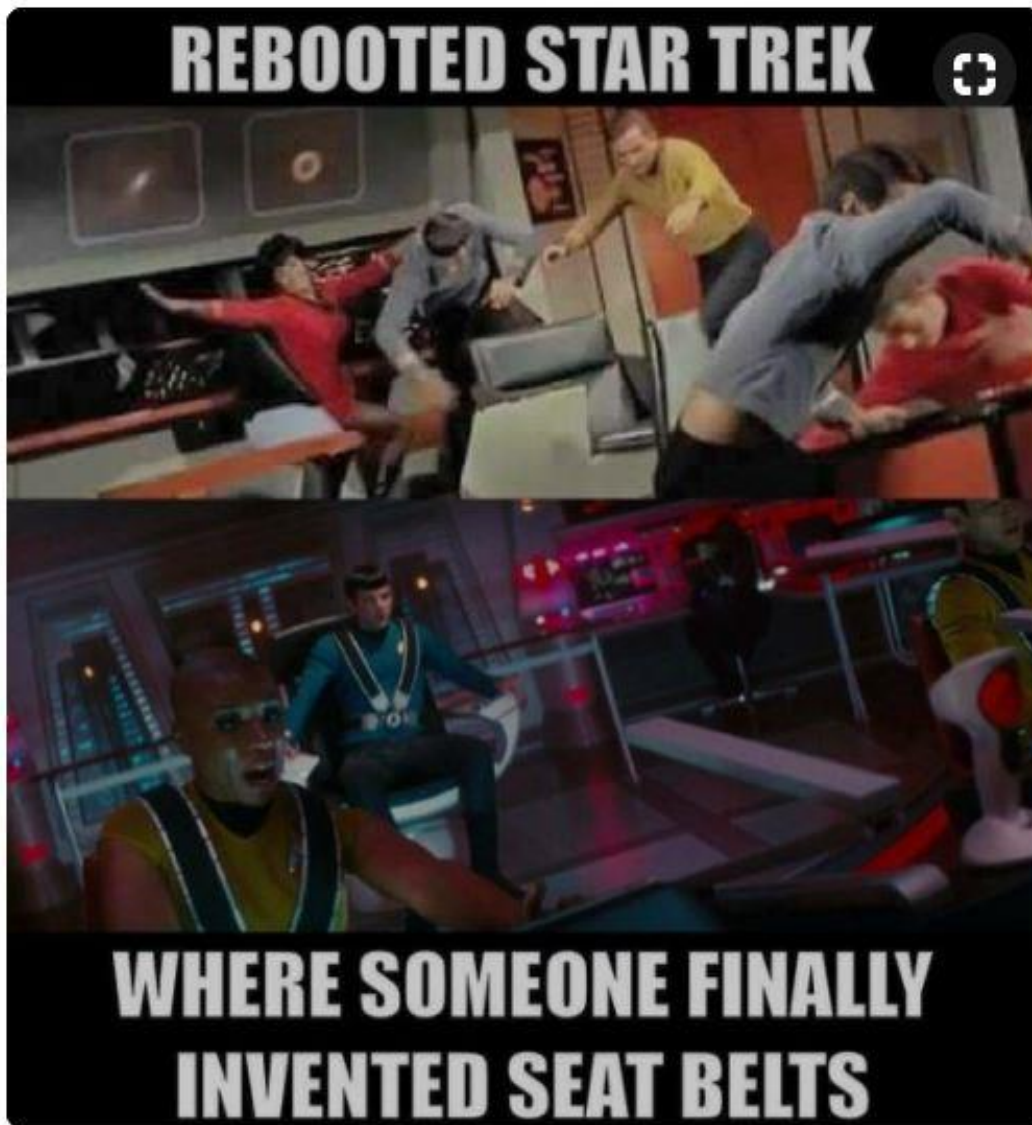
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