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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Before I go on to tell you about one of the best gatherings of the crew, I have to announce that the April meeting WILL NOT be at my house. We are in the process of adding a room to the house (my new shrine!) and things will be a bit messy. So, we will be meeting at the North Branch Library on Armour Road. If you need directions, please call either me or CPT Joe Perry.

Well, if you were not there, you missed a great time. Nearly 20 members of the DaVinci and Shadow Hawk gathered at my house on the 13th of March to celebrate the DaVinci's third anniversary. The food was plentiful and the atmosphere full of friendship and merriment. The hit of the spread was CRMN Emma Certo's delicious lasagna (which she better bring to each and every event where food is laid out or else the opportunity for promotion is very questionable!) Naturally, there was a cake for the occasion and some non-alcoholic bubbly to toast the DaVinci, the Shadow Hawk, and the traditional "to the Fleet." Both televisions were running with a bootleg copy of a certain recent movie on the big screen and the season finale of Babylon 5 on the other. Of course, most of the excitement was at the gathering of all the Great Dalmuti wannabe's in the great room (a warning to all the Dalmuti players, watch out for ENS Chantel Billingsly! She plays with no emotion and will come out of nowhere for the kill!).

Prior to the festivities, there was a very short meeting so LTCMDR Steve Gordon, the Shadow Hawk's new XO, could be presented with two well deserved "awards" (snicker snicker). The first was from CMDR Josh Ainsworth, CO of the Shadow Hawk. He presented Steve with the first "Hull Breech" award for his eloquent snoring after

consuming a bottle of Romulan Ale at the Region 2 Summit. Next, Steve was presented a bottle of synthahol Romulan Ale by me. On the bottle was a photograph of Steve and overlaid on Steve's smiling face was the international symbol for "not allowed" (circle with slash through it). This was to remind Steve what NOT to do! Anyway, the laughter took awhile to die down after both presentations!

A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who made this event such a festive occasion.

IT'S A BOY!!! Well, actually a new shuttle, but what the heck, right? Anyway, congratulations to CMDR Josh Ainsworth and his XO, LTCMDR Steve Gordon, on the launching of the Shuttle Shadow Hawk! The Shadow Hawk was officially launched at the Region 2 summit in Jackson, MS. I do not wish to spoil the wonderful article by Josh, so enough said about that.

Do not forget the Earthday celebration which will be held on the 17th of April. The DaVinci will participate by cleaning up its adopt-a-highway interchange. As usual, we will meet at 8:00 AM at the Burger King on Veteran's Parkway. Following the clean-up we will go to Oxbow Meadows for other activities. Please be on time and if this is your first time helping out, park in the rear of the Burger King. Thanks!

FCPT Freddy Heller

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SHADOW HAWK RISING !

As I return from Sunny Summit IV in Jackson, MS, I would like to pass along a review of my experience of this event. After a late start, Frazier Smith and I arrived the Thursday before the summit so that we could be there to volunteer with setup and registration. Friday started out with helping get courtesy bags filled, a few misfit picture taking sessions, followed by an all you can eat seafood buffet for lunch in the hotel restaurant. Let me tell you folks, although the restaurant there didn't serve fresh gagh or pipius claw, the food was still to die for! After registration I changed into my uniform and my crew joined Freddy for an evening at the planetarium to see Astronaut Fred Haise (who by the way hung out with everyone at the summit and even joined us for the golf tournament and go cart race). I do have to say he was a very down to earth person. After a late start the show got on its way with a presentation by Mr. Haise followed by a reception and autograph signing.

After the show we returned to the hotel to join the members of the USS Hephaestus, the hosts for next year's R2 summit, for the Hospitality Suite. We met up with members from the USS Draco, another shuttle that was launched at the summit, who brought home brewed blood wine and Romulan ale. My XO, Steve Gordon, found out just how potent Romulan ale can be! Freddy and I have the pictures to prove it!

Saturday morning officially started off the summit with opening ceremonies, followed by panel discussions, and the RC's putt-putt golf tournament and go cart race. Steve Gordon and his team won an award for the golf tournament while I competed in the go cart race. I started out in first place but because of engine problems I came in second in the race behind the winner, Pete Mohny, our new Region 2 Coordinator.

After a short rest we changed into our uniforms and headed off to the banquet and awards ceremony. After the banquet followed the awards ceremony, wherein my ship along with the USS Draco, were launched. We are still pending official paperwork from Shuttle Operations Command and may have another launch and promotion ceremony here after we receive the paperwork.

Afterwards there were two parties, one of which was hosted by the Klingons of the Rogue Pheonix

which Frazier and I attended first. I heard a rumor that Steve was off again to acquire more Romulan Ale! Afterwards we joined Starfleet members in the hospitality suite for their party.

On Sunday's agenda was a few more panel discussions and the closing ceremonies. We all hated that it was over but we had to say goodbye.

If you have never been to a Region 2 Summit I would highly recommend going to the next summit which will be in Birmingham, AL next year. I had a few problems trying to get there but I am glad I went because if anything else, I got to see old friends and make a lot of new friends that I will remember for days to come.

In closing I want to give a special thanks to Freddy and my crew for all the help I received in getting me there and the things that were done for me while I was there. They are an example of what Starfleet is all about! I am thankful for friends like this and others that I have come to know since I have been in Starfleet. Thanks guys!

Qapla'!

CMDR Joshua Ainsworth

TREK BUZZ

Since its release, Insurrection has taken in \$100 million, about \$32 million of which is in foreign sales.

Since being named as one of People Magazine's 50 most beautiful people of 1997, Garrett Wang now has the opportunity to make a difference. His steady role on Star Trek: Voyager gives him the chance to show an Asian American in a non-stereotypical role, a rare opportunity in Hollywood.

This year's Hollywood Salutes Easter Seals special at UCLA's Freud Theater will present a Lifetime Achievement Award honoring Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry. This solicitation-free event will salute the work of Easter Seals and of the entertainment industry's commitment to present stories about people with disabilities. The special will air nationwide the week of 27 March.

Deep Space Nine producer Ron Moore and his wife gave birth on January 26th to Robin Cooper Moore. Mom and son are doing well.

Patrick (Picard) Stewart is now filming his Christmas Carol movie for a Christmas 2000 airing on TNT.

Star Trek: The Experience is among nominees in this year's Golden Reel Awards by the Motion Picture Sound Editors. Experience is nominated in the category of Special Venues

Experience introduced wedding packages with four weddings on Valentine's Day. Wedding packages, which begin at \$2000, take place on the bridge with the reception at Quark's.

Vidiot's Star Trek site noted recently that Voyager is being offered for sale into daily syndication for airings beginning this fall.

Armin (Quark) Shimerman noted that he is working on another SF novel entitled The Merchant Prince.

Here's a quick follow-up and confirmation regarding whether or not Paramount is actively considering development of another Star Trek series. In short, there have been further strong and reliable indications that Paramount is keenly interested in developing a new Trek series to fill the ugly void left by Star Trek: Deep Space Nine's forthcoming conclusion. At this time, there is still no indication as to what form such a series would actually take. There is some indication that such decisions may have already been made, or that a general "approach" to the series has now been established.

Finally, a little about the current status of Star Trek X: It will most likely be the last TNG film, since several actors have expressed an interest in finishing up. Most notably, Brent Spiner has stated that as he is becoming older, Data should not, so Spiner wants Data killed off in the next film. Anything you hear at this point about the film is conjecture. Apparently, Patrick Stewart, Rick Berman, et al held a preliminary meeting to discuss possible options for the next film. The film may include a story line with the Romulans - but again, this is purely conjecture.

Thanks to Dateline: Starfleet and Strek/News for the information.

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CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

A small contingent of DaVinci personnel took the CPT's private shuttle craft, the "Mona Lisa", and made the journey to Atlanta system to see Tim Russ (Lt Tuvok). In addition, Max Grodenchik (Rom), Lolita Fatjo (Voyager script coordinator and Max's significant other), and Inge Heyer (Hubble space telescope specialist) attended.

As usual Joe Motes and Vulkon put on a good show. The place was packed with nearly 500 fans. Saturday began with an excellent slide show from Inge Heyer. She showed images that various space craft have taken of the planets in our solar system and concluded by showing wonderful images taken by the Hubble space telescope of the universe we live in. Her presentation itself was worth the price of admission.

Next up was Lolita Fatjo, who gave the audience a slide show of what is coming up on Deep Space Nine and Voyager for the next several episodes. Naturally, the mass of Trek fans wanted to know what is going to happen on the final DS9 episode! Too bad. Lolita has been sworn to secrecy and could not reveal single a thing. "Will the Federation win the Dominion War?" "Wait and see." "Will DS9 be destroyed?" "Wait and see".

Max Grodenchik is wonderful on stage. He left the set in a hurry to catch the flight to Atlanta and in the confusion he forgot to give his teeth back. So he thrilled the audience by putting them back in his mouth and talking like Rom. Yes, there were several "Moogies." Max did not give away any secrets either but did enchant the group with a song, "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" Ferengi style!

Finally, Tim Russ entertained the audience with several songs. Most were in fun but one was from his four-song compact disk. He also told some great stories on some of the antics that go on during filming. One story that comes to mind is during the filming of the recent Species 8475 episode, Ray Walston became frustrated over the techno-babble that he had to endure, so he started quoting from Hamlet. Sitting across from him, Robert Beltran responded with the next line in the play. Back and forth the two went for nearly 20 minutes, the perfect dialogue captivating those on the set. "You could hear a pin drop", Tim Russ said.

We also learned that Joe will not be back in Atlanta until October 2000. Bummer.

COMEDY ZONE - PART I I

Starfleet Captains might be considered Rednecks if...

- 1) They say "Yea Haw! Let's get this puppy movin!" instead of "Engage"
- 2) They have a hand-tooled holster for their phaser
- 3) They insist on calling their executive officer "Bubba"
- 4) They set the forward view screen to reruns of "Bassmaster"
- 5) They program food replicator for beer, ribs, and turnip greens
- 6) They repaint the starship John Deere green with racing stripes
- 7) They refer to a Pulsar as a "Blue Light Special"
- 8) They refer to the Mutara Nebula as a "swamp"
- 9) Their moonshine is stronger than Romulan Ale
- 10) They sing "Lucille" instead of "Kathleen"
- 11) Their idea of a dress uniform is clean bib overalls

Next month more laughs!

ENS Karen Baker

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel and Star Trek celebrities and events who are celebrating birthdays in April!

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)	1 st
CADET Courtney Ainsworth	9 th
Michael Ansara (Kang)	15 th
Avery Brooks (CPT Benjamin Sisko)	18 th
Herman Zimmerman (Set Designer)	19 th
George Takei (CPT Hikaru Sulu)	20 th
Spice Williams (Vixis)	26 th
ENS Jeanne Ainsworth	26 th
Kate Mulgrew (CPT Kathryn Janeway)	29 th

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WELCOME ABOARD!

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

ENS Gloria Woolley (D) (S)
PO2 Rob Anthony (D)
CRMN Zach Farley (D)
CRMN Patty Williams (D)
CRMN Tory Thomas (D)

ACCOLADES TO:

LTCMDR Steve Gordon of the Shuttle Shadow Hawk for being the first recipient of the "Hull Breech Award." This prestigious award is only given to the truly deserving (snicker snicker)!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	106.92
Nix Printing	42.75
Deposit	81.00
Postage	43.50
Paper	7.48
Closing Balance	94.19

CMDR Connie Heller

PROGRAM SCHEDULES

All listings are tentative and based on the Paramount schedule. Check local listing.

Deep Space Nine:

03 April	Penumbra [pt.1 of 4]*
10 April	Umbra [pt.2 of 4]
17 April	Eclipse [pt.3 of 4]
24 April	Darkness [pt.4 of 4]

Voyager:

07 April	The Fight
14 April	Think Tank
21 April	Juggernaut
28 April	Someone to Watch Over Me

SPACE: THE GAME

The pieces for this month's newsletter are
Equipment: PADD and Equipment Bat'telh.



FINALLY

With the official launching of the Shuttle Shadow Hawk, the DaVinci has lost some very valuable crew personnel. The loss of these individuals has created several important openings in the Senior Staff. Check the roster below to see which positions are open and if you have an interest please give me a call or see me at the next get together.

Mark your calendars!!! Insurrection will be out on video on 11 May! I have already asked Vicki at Blockbuster video to allow us to have a membership drive on that day. There should be no problem. Now what I need is some volunteers to man the table. It is on a weekday so I need some folks who do not work during the day or will be willing to take the day off. I also need those who have uniforms. Unfortunately, I will not be there as the Hellers will be at Disney World.

Coming next month, ever wonder just who was that red shirt was that bit the dust in that TOS episode?

**NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE
AT THE HICKORY HOUSE (PHENIX
CITY) ON APRIL 5th AT 7:00 PM
Y'ALL COME!**

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer	Freddy Heller	562-TREK
Executive Officer	Joe Perry	327-5888
Finance	Connie Heller	562-8735
Community Service	VACANT	
Publications	Freddy Heller	562-8735
Science Officer	Michael Walker	214-5179
Counselor	JoAnne Vazquez	563-9185
Holodeck	VACANT	
Medical	VACANT	
Engineering Officer	Deniece Dunn	291-0150
Communications	Karen Baker	323-4217
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Zach Farley	682-0140
Cadet Corps CMDR	VACANT	