



DaVinci Pilot

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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

March will be a time of celebration! Not only has our baby shuttle (Shadow Hawk) reached the status of starship but it will be the USS DaVinci's 5th anniversary! What does this mean? Parties of course! The USS Shadow Hawk will be having a commissioning party but the details of when and where are a bit sketchy right now. I will keep you informed. The DaVinci's party will be a time to get together, a time to eat way too much food, and a time to enjoy the company of other crew personnel. Okay, here are the particulars. The anniversary party will be held on the 17th of March beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and lasting until the last person leaves! Instead of the usual covered dish affair, the DaVinci will dig into its coffers and spring for pizza! I still need a few volunteers to bring some snack food such as chips and dip, maybe a vegetable tray, desserts, and whatever else would seem appropriate. Bring your checkbooks or cash because the "Captain's Bazaar" will have lots of Trek and non-Trek goodies for the most discriminating taste. Proceeds from the sale will help benefit the pockets of the Captain – ah, I mean the coffers of the DaVinci! So if you wish to join us for the great festivities, please let our wonderful communications officer, LT Gisela Stevens, know as soon as possible.

This is a little early, but the DaVinci will be holding two mourning parties in the very near future. Both "Voyager" and "Xena: Warrior Princess" are in their final season and will be ending this spring. I know Voyager finds its way home on May 23rd with a 2-hour episode, but I am not sure when Xena fights her last battle. If anyone knows (Lisa?) let me know as soon as possible. I will keep you informed!

I called the manager and pop-top coordinator of the Ronald-McDonald House in Columbus to make arrangements for a formal presentation of the nearly 22,000 pop-tabs that we have collected. What I need are some volunteers in uniforms or DaVinci shirts to be there when the presentation is made. The best time for most of you would be between 5 and 6 PM Monday through Friday. I will call the Ledger-Enquirer and arrange to have a reporter there when the tabs are handed over. If you are available please let me know soon. Thanks!

Okay, we all have to admit that the meetings have been pretty "dry" lately. I am trying to think of ways to spice them up! I could have auctions, trivia contests, games, you name it. The only trouble is, the meetings are not that well attended. The night out is always better attended than the meetings. I would like to change that, but I need your help. Give me some ideas on what you would like to see occur during the meetings. What about changing the time we meet? Several members said they could not make it during the week but could if the meeting were held on the weekend. Okay, what about meeting on Saturday? Should it be in the afternoon or in the evening? What about a morning meeting – a breakfast gathering of the clan? Would that seem too much like the night out? If Saturday is not good, is there another day of the week that would be better? Let me know your thoughts. Remember, this is your club and it is what we make it. Help me out.

FCPT Freddy Heller

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Y'ALL COME!!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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| Brent Spiner (Data) | 2 nd |
| James Doohan (LTCMDR Montgomery Scott) | 3 rd |
| CADET Ariana Heller | 12 th |
| J.G. Hertzler (Martok) | 18 th |
| John DeLancie ("Q") | 20 th |
| CADET Travis Heller | 22 nd |
| William Shatner (CPT James T. Kirk) | 22 nd |
| Michael Westmore (Makeup Designer) | 22 nd |
| D. C. Fontana (Story Editor) | 25 th |
| Leonard Nimoy (Spock) | 26 th |
| Marina Sirtis (CMDR Deanna Troi) | 29 th |
| CRMN Lesh Mazur | 30 th |

ACCOLADES!

Hearty congratulations to Cadet Travis Heller who recently placed first in his school spelling bee. In addition, this smart, intelligent, and handsome child (who naturally takes after his father) placed 4th overall in the city-wide math tournament. His team (Midland Academy) placed third in the competition. Way to go Travis!

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Emma Certo (D)
Alan Certo (D)
Randy Dunn (S)
Gisela Stephens (D/S)
Margaret McGillicuddy (D)

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE ON 15 MARCH AT
7:00 PM AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
COME ONE COME ALL!!**

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CONVENTIONS, ETC.

Joe Motes and his fantastic Vulkon Conventions is getting ready to host another fabulous show. None other than Seven of Nine, herself, Jeri Ryan, is scheduled to be in Tampa, FL on the 14th and 15th of July! Other confirmed guests have not yet been announced, but you can always count on Joe getting someone exciting! For instance, Joe is trying to get someone from Andromeda! I am sure tickets will go fast for this show so act now and go to the Vulkon web site and order them today (<http://www.vulkon.com/upcoming.htm>)! I have ordered mine and will gladly share a room with anyone who wants to drive down to Tampa with me. So, go to the web site and check it out!

Emily Barth's Make It So Productions, out of Ohio, is putting on some really awesome conventions. The first will be on the 28th and 29th of April in Jacksonville, FL. It is called "Klingon Kon 2001" and is scheduled to have a great Klingon guest list. Included is Michael Dorn (Worf), Tony Todd (Kurn), Rosana Desoto (Azetbur), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Gwyneth Walsh (B'Etor), Barbara March (Lursa), Spice Williams (Vixis), Todd Bryant (Klaa), and Mary Kay Adams (Grilka)! The second is 25-26 May in Cleveland, OH. This convention is entitled the "Women of Star Trek Voyager". Guests include Kate Mulgrew (Janeway), Jennifer Lien (Kes), Roxann Dawson (Torres), Nancy Hower (Ensign Wildman), and Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)! They are also planning a convention in Dallas, TX on 30 June and 1 July. It will be called the "Borg Collective". Some of the invited Borg guests are Jeri Ryan, Alice Krige (Borg Queen), Jonathan Del Arco (Hugh Borg), and Manu Intiraymi (Icheb). Other Borg guests are pending. This has the promise to be an exciting convention so if you think you can make it, go to makeitsoproductions.com and check it out.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

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| Opening Balance | 163.49 |
| Deposit | 30.00 |
| Closing Balance | 193.49 |

CMDR Connie Heller

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Many of you are letting your memberships in the DaVinci or Starfleet expire before you renew. This is not so much a problem with the record keeping of the DaVinci, but it does make it difficult for Starfleet record keeping. It takes 6-8 weeks for the folks in Computer Operations to realize that you have renewed. This is true even if you renew on line! So, if your Starfleet membership is about to expire, please renew at least 6 weeks out. This way you are assured of not missing a copy of the Communiqué if one comes out near your expiration date. If you do not know what your expiration date is, please contact me and I will let you know. Also, keep an eye on your DaVinci membership. Your expiration date is always printed on the address label of the Pilot. Thanks!

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Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**