



DaVinci Pilot

Newsletter of the U.S.S. DaVinci
Columbus, Georgia

Volume 6 Number 10

APRIL 2001

FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Wahoo! Did we have a blast at our anniversary party! I was hoping for a larger showing from the crew but we did have 9 DaVinci personnel and CPT Josh Ainsworth and his family from the Shadow Hawk. We had plenty of alien and other exotic dishes for the most discriminating taste. Some of the goodies were Ground Targ with Brill Cheese; Tube Grubs in Ancient West Sauce; Crispy Leola Root Slices with Sauces Ala Neelix; Kava Nuts; Vulcan Mind Melders; and two kinds of Earth desserts, peach pie and ice cream! We were going to order pizza later in the evening but everyone was full from the snacks that we decided not to partake. The highlight of the day was the showing of the Region 2 Summit video shot by Josh. The infamous "Snickers Bar" incident was what everyone was waiting to see. It is too complicated to go into now, but the next time you see me I will fill you in on all the juicy details! Around 4:00 PM we started the Star Trek Pilot mini-marathon, beginning with Voyager and ending with the Original Series. The festivities began at 2:00 PM and ended when the last person left around 10:30 PM!

The Starfleet Region 2 Conference (RC) was an absolute blast! It was called the Risa Summit and for good reason. Near the lobby of the hotel stood an 8 foot tall Horga'hn, which we all know is a signal for your desire to engage in Jamaharon. One way of measuring the success of a Summit is how many individuals pre-register up for the next Summit. That figure usually runs from 5 to 15 pre-registrations for the following year. This year, that figure was 40 pre-registrations! Next year the Summit will be in Columbus! The DaVinci is the host ship and we have much to do to equal the success of the 2001 Summit.

Some of the notable things that happened at the Summit directly involved the DaVinci! First, we were recognized as "Mothership of the Year" by the region! Second, we received a certificate recognizing our total donations to the overseas coupon project. First in Region 2 and first in all of Starfleet! Third, I pinned the pips on Josh Ainsworth upon his promotion to Captain. If you did not know it already, the shuttle Shadow Hawk is now the USS Shadow Hawk! Our baby has grown up. Finally, your Captain was very surprised when he was promoted to Commodore!

If you are interested in attending the International Conference (IC), it will be held on 27-29 July at the Kansas City Airport Marriott, Kansas City, MO. The IC is pretty much like the RC but on a much grander scale. For IC information go to the Starfleet website (sfi.org). I will be going and would not mind sharing a room with anyone who wishes to go. Just let me know.

The Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission will be sponsoring a city-wide clean-up on the 7th of April. Organizations, groups, and individuals from around the area will participate in this annual event. I have signed up the DaVinci and we will be responsible for cleaning our Adopt-a-Highway site. As usual we will meet at the McDonald's on Veteran's parkway at 8:30 AM and begin picking up trash around 9:00 AM. In February five of us spent several hours picking up litter. I would love to have a much larger turn-out for the April event. Please mark your calendar and hope to see you there!

The penny jar fund raiser is back! Yes, I have decided to bring back the infamous penny jars which if memory serves me correct was the cause of much controversy the last time around. This time we will start with "Your Favorite Captain". If you

do not know how it works here are the rules: 1) Pennies dropped into a jar are votes for; 2) Silver dropped into a jar is a vote against and subtracts from the penny amount; 3) Bills are appreciated but do not count toward the final total; and 4) The winner is determined by subtracting silver from pennies. For example, if I drop 50 pennies in Sisko's jar and someone else, who never wants to get promoted, drops in two quarters, although there is \$1.00 in the jar, the number of "votes" is zero because the silver cancelled out the pennies. So remember, whenever you come to a DaVinci event, bring lots of change to cast your vote! Oh, if you plan on bringing lots of change, it would be preferable to have the change rolled. Thanks and let the games begin!

Commodore Freddy Heller

SECOND THOUGHTS

We have secured the hotel for the 2002 RC and will be looking for volunteers to help out. We still have to decide on a theme, and start creating graphics (for t-shirts and mugs). We also have to start on the program book. Some possibilities for the theme are Columbus-related (fountain city, etc), Italian-related (we are having Italian food for the banquet) or some other idea. So put on your thinking caps and come up with suggestions soon. You can give them to me at the night-out, at the meeting, through e-mail (perry_joe@colstate.org), snail-mail (7314 Daisy Street, Columbus, GA 31904) or telephone (work 706-569-3043, home 706-327-5888).

If you telephone and I do not answer please leave a message. We started screening our calls. E-mail is the preferred method. Freddy will have more to say about this year's RC, but based on the advance payments for next year, this year was one of the best yet. We need to make next year's even better. We are interested in hearing any (and all) suggestions for the summit, but don't be surprised if a committee chair is included in response to a suggestion (after all, that is how I became the local RC chair). We have several chair positions that still need to be filled. If you are interested see me at the meeting or night-out.

CPT Joe Perry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)	1 st
CRMN Rosemarie Hutson	9 th
CRMN Sherri L. Reagon	13 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
Kate Mulgrew (CPT Kathryn Janeway)	29 th

CONVENTIONS, ETC.

Joe Motes and his fantastic Vulkan Conventions are 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 Vulkan web site and order them today (<http://www.vulkan.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!

Joe's Atlanta convention is also shaping up to be a good one! So far the guest list includes George Takei (Sulu), Alice Krige (Borg Queen), Bruce Campbell, and Robin "The Kiss" Curtis (the one and only true and real Saavik from Star Trek III and IV). The convention will take place on 25-27 May at the Marriott Century Center in downtown Atlanta! Get your tickets early because Joe's Atlanta shows sell out quickly.

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.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Mike Walker (D)
 Jean Walker (D)
 Hannah Walker (D)
 Maxwell Walker (D)
 Gracie Walker (D)
 Ivy Walker (D)
 Tony Fleming (D)
 Maritza Fleming (D)
 Mariaelena Fleming (D)
 Vincenzo Fleming (D)

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	193.49
Deposit	15.00
Postage	60.40
Closing Balance	148.09

CMDR Connie Heller

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 **VACANT**
 Counselor **VACANT**
 Morale **VACANT**
 Medical Emma Certo 582-3442

Engineering Officer **VACANT**
 Communications Gisela Stephens 689-4266
 Quartermaster Randy Dunn 291-0150
 Security **VACANT**

Cadet Corps Commander **VACANT**

Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**

**THE NEXT NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT
 EZELL'S SEAFOOD ON 2 APRIL
 AT 7 PM! Y'ALL COME!!**

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 WILL BE ON 19 APRIL AT
 7:00 PM AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
 COME ONE COME ALL!!**