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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, for only the second time since the founding of the DaVinci we did not have a Thanksgiving Dinner celebration. I only received one telephone call expressing an interest in attending. Remember, if you wish to attend one of our events, you must telephone or email me to let me know if you are attending, what you plan on bringing, and how many are in your party. On that note...

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 19th beginning at 2:00 PM. The DaVinci will supply the turkey and ham but the rest must come from you. In addition if you wish to participate in our gag gift exchange, start going through your residence to search for that one item that you are too embarrassed to leave out on trash day for fear of being the laughing stock of the landfill employees. And so, if you wish to attend please let me know. So far, two folks (Randy and Joe) have let me know they are attending and what they are bringing. We will also be selecting our Night Out locations for next year so be sure to join us if you wish your favorite restaurant to make the list.

Our November monthly Night Out/Meeting at the Texas Roadhouse was nicely attended with 14 DaVinci personnel on hand. A couple of us had certificates for a free appetizer and both wanted the Roadhouse's excellent onion blossom. Lech attended his first event since the 4th of July party so before the food arrived he was presented with a DaVinci Commendation, the "Yellow Taxi Award", for driving me all over Columbus to pick up the pizza for our Anniversary Party back in March. We also had a first time winner for the free meal drawing! Congratulations to Jeff Kirkland who had his meal paid for by the DaVinci.



Lech receives his "Yellow Taxi" Award!



And the winner is...Jeff finally wins a free meal!

Unless you have recently been on a desert island, you know that Star Trek was released on DVD on Tuesday, 17 November. Only one video store in town had a release party and the DaVinci was there! Video Stop in Columbus Park Crossing shopping center was kind enough to let us set up a membership drive table. I was the only brave soul to arrive on Monday evening around 10:30 PM for the midnight release of the movie. Video Stop had pizza, mini sandwiches, chips, and several different kinds of drinks for those in attendance. Throughout

the 2 hours I was there, I would estimate that 15-20 folks showed up to pick up their copy of Star Trek. There was some interest in the DaVinci as I sure did a lot of taking trying to convince folks to join our crew. Who knows, we may get a couple new memberships from my efforts. Check out the photos below!



A potential new member checking out the binder of DaVinci photographs



No, you will not see this display in my "shrine" because one of the store employees claimed it first! Sigh...

VADM Freddy Heller

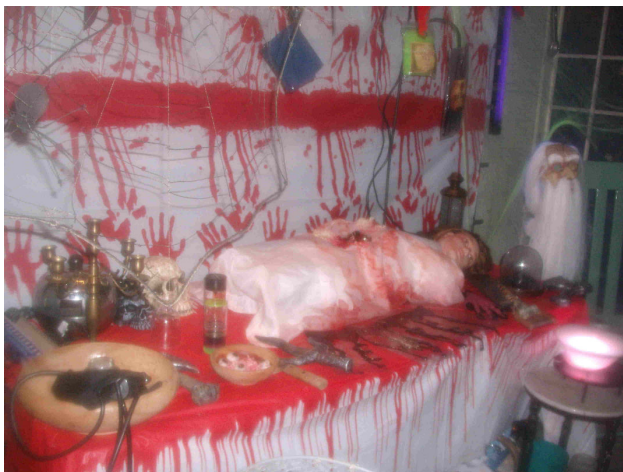
EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

I just happened to be looking around in my office today and discovered to my astonishment, "Yikes, what a mess!" It's amazing how in the midst of all the numerous tasks one performs how easily an office can get into disorder. I have; however, heard that old expression that, "A cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind!" Oh well, I suppose it's time for me to unclutter my mind so that I can write something you would really be interested in.

Halloween - The USS DaVinci, South. Randy, Christopher, Diane, and myself put together a truly exciting and scary display for the trick-or-treaters at Randy's house in Phenix City on Halloween night. Randy had his annual "mad scientist" routine and this year we built a morgue scene with myself as the evil mortician.



The "morgue", the merrier! Who knows what evil awaits inside?



Of "corpse" you can join me, if you dare!



The evil mortician (me!) awaits his next victim.



"Witch" one of you would like some candy? Diane with the handouts.

There were spider webs, bubbling brew and even a home-made corpse that spewed blood in a fountain for all the passers by. I took things one evil step further by chopping the corpse's head off a few times which sent some of my visitors straight back up to the street in Warp drive! Just good ol' Halloween fun, right? All the candy monsters finished their rounds at about 9:30 PM and we called it a night. We all look forward to doing it again next year with even *MORE* exciting action packed displays.

Short and "sweet" for my article this month. See ya'll next time.

COMM Russell Ruhland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

CRMN James Crowson	2 nd
Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko on TNG)	3 rd
LTCMDR Tony Fleming	3 rd
ENS Tammy Campanaro	3 rd
Gemini VII Launched (Borman & Lovall 1965)	4 th
Hubble Repaired by Crew of Endeavor (1993)	4 th
Building of International Space Station Begins (1998)	4 th
Star Trek VI Premiers (1991)	6 th
First US Attempt to Orbit Satellite Fails (1957)	7 th
Star Trek: The Motion Picture Premiers (1979)	7 th
Michael Dorn (LTCMDR Worf on TNG)	9 th
John Colicos (Kor on TOS)	11 th
Terry Garr (Roberta Lincoln on TOS)	11 th
Mariner II Transmits Pictures of Venus (1962)	14 th
CRMN Stephen Davis	15 th
Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim on VOY)	15 th
Gemini 6/7 Fly Within 10 Feet of Each Other (1965)	15 th
First Heavier-than-Air Flight (Wright Brothers 1903)	17 th
Majel Barrett Roddenberry Dies	18 th
Nicole deBoer (Ezri Dax on DS9)	20 th
Apollo 8 Lifts off for the Moon (1968)	21 st
First Non-Stop, Non-Refueled Flight Around the World (1986)	23 rd
Rick Berman (Executive Producer)	25 th
Hubble Repaired by Crew of Discovery (1999)	25 th
Nichelle Nichols (LT Uhura on TOS)	28 th
CRMN Todd Kes	29 th
LTJG Randy Dunn	31 st

TABULATIONS

It does not look like we will meet our secondary goal of 175,000 tabs but I have no complaints because we smashed our initial goal of 110,000 tabs by a margin of 6,000 tabs!

The exciting question from last month still remains: will Russell be able to reach the 10,000-tab level and thus be eligible to toss a pie? He is only a mere 137 tabs from that goal so something tells me he will make it! So it looks like Jeff will get to pie both the CO and XO and Freddy, Connie, and Russell get to pie either the CO or XO. Stay tuned for the date and time and details of the 2010 Pie Party!

Here are the current totals as of press time:

Jeff Kirkland	42779
Freddy Heller	30603

Connie Heller	24199
Russell Ruhland	9863
Roger Wright	2900
Tony Fleming	2730
Shane Russell	1709
Randy Dunn	374
Todd Kes	364
Joe Perry	93

Total 115614

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	134.50
Supplies	8.47
Nights Out (2)	25.00
Closing Balance	101.03

COMM Connie Heller

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

Well, the new list of the 2010 Night Out locations will be drawn at our Christmas party. Stay tuned to see if your favorite restaurant made the list!

Congratulations to Jeff Kirkland, the winner of the free dinner at Texas Roadhouse during the November Night Out.

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans.
Jeff Kirkland for his donation of cans and stamps.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Margaret McGillicuddy (S)
Gisela Stephens (S)
Leiko Koone (D) (S)

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT
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TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for December:

- “Lost, Season 5” [DVD & Blu-ray] (8th)
- “Star Trek, Season 3” [Blu-ray] (15th)
- “Kyle XY, Season 3” (22nd)

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. Pay special attention to those marked in **red** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your membership. Our membership currently stands at 61 and of that number over 34 are in Starfleet!

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Karen Baker	May 10	
Steve Brown	Dec 09	
James Carey	Nov 10	Oct 10
Philip “Rat” Campanaro	Jul 10	Jun 10
Paul Cowart	Nov 10	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 10	Feb 10
Tanya Davis	Apr 11	
Randy Dunn	Feb 10	Jun 10
Tony Fleming	Jul 09	Jun 10
Freddy Heller	Jul 10	Sep 10
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 09
Benlee Huguley	Feb 10	
Todd Kes	Oct 10	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 10	Aug 10
Leiko Koone	Nov 10	Nov 10
Tyricia Mann	Apr 11	
Lech Mazur	Jul 10	Sep 10
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 10	Oct 10
Amanda Moore	Apr 11	
Joshua Nazario	Jan 10	Jul 10
Lisa Neal	Jul 11	
Joe Perry	Jul 10	Nov 09
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 10	May 10
Russell Ruhland	Aug 10	Aug 10
Shane Russell	Mar 10	
Park Scully	Jul 09	Sep 09
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 10
Harold Stewart	Feb 10	
Jo Ann Timmons	Jul 10	Jul 10
Roger Wright	Jul 12	Feb 10

RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Even though we no longer meet at the Ronald McDonald house they still are in need of a variety of items. If you wish to donate an item, bring it by my house and I will make sure it gets there. It is a good way to say “thank-you” for letting The DaVinci use their meeting room free of charge these past few years.

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are trash bags (35 gal), laundry detergent, dryer sheets, air freshener spray, AA batteries, copier paper, labels, Styrofoam cups, and food items such as hard candy, cake icing, lemonade, salad dressing, soup, box dinners, vegetable oil, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods. Thanks!

USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

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 what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! 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.



Some of the DaVinci crew check out pictures at our 8th annual Christmas Party. From the left, that is Lech, Faye, Roger, Karen, Todd, and Margaret (18 December 2004)



At last! Food. Joe, Russell, Karen, Tony, and Margaret help them selves to the food.



Faye and Roger at the party.



Bad photo but good food! Russell, Connie, Todd, and Karen at the party.



Tony goes back for seconds while Rogers goes back for, hummm, thirds? Fourths?

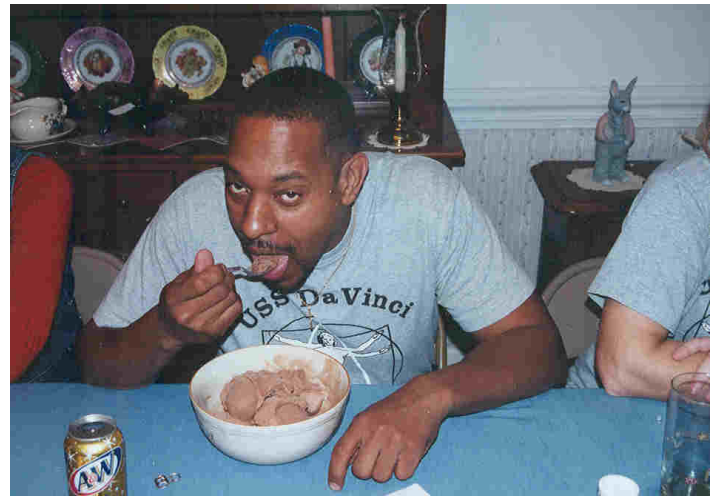


Better photo! Stephanie, Joe, Stacy, Lech, Margaret, and Leiko enjoy the good food.

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More of the crew relaxing after dinner. From left that is Karen, Rebecca, Randy, Joe, Margaret, and Connie.



"Found it!!"



"Where is that dang ice cream!"



Leiko gets promoted to Acting Ensign!

Next month, Part II of our 8th annual Christmas Party!

FINALLY!

Go back and check when your membership on the DaVinci and or Starfleet expires. **Several memberships have expired!!!** Please renew as soon as possible or you might not get a newsletter.

CARGO BAY

For Sale: Hundreds of Star Trek, Star Wars, and other miscellaneous female action figures. Low prices! The more you buy the more you save. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

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For Sale: Miscellaneous Star Trek items. Comics, magazines, commercial items, toys, you name it I probably have it! Low prices. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: If you have been to Freddy and Connie's house you probably noticed the large collection of Liberty Falls houses. Well, they are for sale! Check with Connie for your needs.

Autographs: Looking for that certain autographed photograph of your favorite Star Trek or other sci-fi personality? Check with Freddy. He just may have what you need.

Plates: I have several Hamilton Collector Plates for sale: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country, Yesterday's Enterprise, Worf, and Captain's Tribute. Call Tony at (706) 568-6529 and leave a message.

DaVinci Slideshow: The new DaVinci slideshow is now available. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece, in varying formats. See or call Connie for more info!

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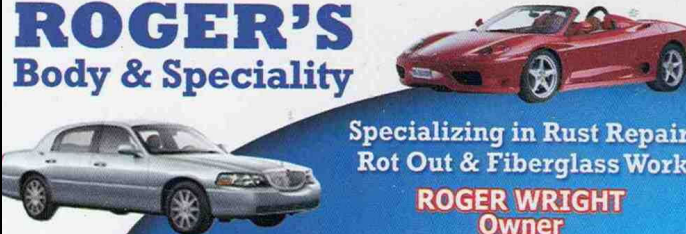
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