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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Our 13th Annual Christmas party was a lot of good food, good fun, and good camaraderie! The food was especially great with the 20+ crew members feasting on turkey, ham, stuffing, chips and dip, vegetable salad, corn pudding, potato logs, green bean casserole (and a whole lot of casserole it was), macaroni and cheese, egg salad, corn bread, rolls, and the various desserts to include pecan pie, peach pie, brownies, and ice cream!



The hungry crew beings its ravenous feast!

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SPEAKEASY PUB

**ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY AT 7:00 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!!**



Lisa and Shane wait their turn at the buffet.



Crew members are amazed at Joe's knowledge of World of Warcraft tidbits and trivia



Shane talks with Abby while Roger consumes his "bowl" of ice cream.

Once everyone had had their fill of the wonderful food, it was time for the door prizes. The selection of prizes this year were really great and thanks to a nice donation by Randy there was nearly enough for one per membership. The first name drawn this year was little Alexander and he selected the Star Trek cereal box containing this year's Hallmark ornament, Ilia from Star Trek: The Motion Picture!



Alexander poses with his Ilia ornament as "Photo Phreddy" takes his picture.

Sandye won an autograph of Tim Russ (Tuvok on Voyager) on a flyer from his fan club. Ariana won a Star Trek cereal box containing a miscellaneous assortment of stuff to include a Christmas note pad and several items from Roddenberry.com. Rat won the event's best prize a three disc special edition of the movie Up. Russell took home an unopened box of Star Trek cereal. Both Lech and Joe won an electronic game in the shape of the Enterprise. Shane took home an autographed photo of Ethan Phillips (Neelix on Voyager). Finally, Lisa won a book entitled "Worlds of the Federation".

Immediately following the door prizes, I thought it would be a good time for the selection of the 2010 Night Out locations. Nearly everyone had several chances to pick their favorite restaurant as we went around the room three times. Once the last person selected, our official drawer of names, Ariana, selected the January Night Out location – the Speakeasy Pub! Of the 11 locations finally selected, six were restaurants we have never been to before. The new list can be found later in the Pilot. Of course, I got to select the Night Out location for my

birth month and to no one's surprise I chose the Olive Garden since it had not been one of the 11 selected.

Later those who brought "gag" gifts had their annual exchange. This year were had one of the largest number of participants in many years. Nine folks brought their version of bad gifts. Surprisingly, none of the gifts were really that bad, if fact, some were quite nice.



Freddy shows off his ceramic R2D2 and VHS tapes at the gag gift exchange.

The Captain's table also did some good business and desperately needed funds were raised for the DaVinci's treasury.

I would like to send out a BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended the last DaVinci party of the year. I will be looking forward (not really) to the Pie Party in January!

Ho..ho..ho! We had a very merry time at the December Night Out at the New China Express. Eleven crew personnel braved the chilly weather outside and in (for our tables were right next to the door and every time someone came in a blast of cold air would envelop the tables) to have a merry time at our last Night Out of the year. If you have never been to the New China Express you are missing the best fast-food deal in Columbus! The food is only one Dollar a scoop and they are certainly not stingy with their portions. Granted they do not have an extensive selection, but what they do have is really good Chinese food. It is near the Gateway Walmart. Check out some photos!



The hungry crew waiting in line to place an order at the December Night Out (21 December 2009)



The Kirkland's dressed in their holiday attire.



Russell downs a folk full while Diane gets ready to do the same. Looks like Steve is almost finished!



The crew enjoying the good food!



A very happy Shane, the winner of the free dinner drawing and as an added bonus a jar of cookie mix!

See y'all soon!

VADM Freddy Heller

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EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

Dashing thru my files, for a deadline coming soon.
When to send this in, morning, night, or noon.
Thought I'd take a nap, couldn't sleep a wink.
What fun it is to write these spoofs, it's all that I can
think (of):

Ohhhh....Articles, articles, writing all the time,
Trying to send one every month
And find words that rhyme (ohhhh),
Articles, articles, wanting you to know,
Christmas cheer to all the crew
From your talented XO!!! (LoL)

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 January!

First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1969)	1 st
First Rocket Fired Past Moon (Russia; 1959)	2 nd
Deep Space Nine Premiers (1992)	2 nd
Mars Probe Spirit Lands on Mars (2004)	3 rd
Aron Eisenber (Nog on DS9)	6 th
First Around-the-World Trip by Commercial Airplane (Pacific Clipper 1942)	6 th
Mark Allen Shepard (Morn on DS9)	7 th
Four of Jupiter's Moons Discovered (Galileo 1610)	7 th
Michelle Forbes (Ro Laren on TNG)	8 th
CRMN Tytricia Mann	8 th
CRMN Tanya Davis	8 th
ENS Philip "Rat" Campanaro	9 th
Last Unmanned Probe on Moon (Surveyor VII 1968)	9 th
First Hispanic in Space (Franklin Chang-Diaz 1986)	12 th
Kirstie Alley (LT Saavik from Wrath of Khan)	12 th
ENS JoAnn Timmons	12 th
CRMN Harold Stewart	13 th
Voyager Premiers (1995)	16 th
CRMN Patricia Lewis-Carn	17 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy on TOS)	20 th
David Gerrold (Author & Script Writer)	21 st
Mars Probe Opportunity Lands on Mars (2004)	25 th
James Cromwell (Zephram Cochrane-First Contact)	27 th
Apollo I is Lost [White, Chaffee, & Grissom] (1967)	27 th
Shuttle Challenger is Lost (1986)	28 th
Moon Probe Ranger VI is Launched (1964)	30 th
US Launches First Satellite (Explorer I 1958)	31 st
Ham the Chimp is Launched into Space (1961)	31 st
Apollo XIV is Launched (1971)	31 st

STARFLEET ACADEMY NEWS

Congratulations to Russell for finally getting his Bronze Boothby Award for completing 50 Starfleet Academy courses! Here is a list of the most recent courses he has completed:

College of Treknology

TNG 101 Characters - Distinction
TNG 102 Main Characters - Distinction
TNG 103 Episodes - Distinction
TNG 104 Technology - Honors
TNG 105 Trivia - Distinction

College of Federation Studies

History of the UFP 101 - Distinction
Captains of the Enterprise 102 - Distinction
Special Federation Studies STDS9 - Distinction.
Special Federation Studies - Distinction
Federation Law 1 - Distinction
Special Federation Studies 2 - Distinction

College of Star Trek Chronology

Trek Chronology 101 - Honors

College of History

Ships Called Enterprise - Pass

TABULATIONS

Well, with just a few weeks to go, Russell turned in 500 tabs at the Christmas party thus meeting his goal of 10,000 tabs and earning the right to pie either himself or the Captain. Hmmm, which will he choose?

Although we did not meet our secondary goal of 175,000 tabs we did manage to smash the goal of 110,000 tabs by over 8,000 tabs! Our annual Pie Party this month should be a lot of fun.

Here are the winners for this year:

1. Jeff – Pies both CO and XO
2. Freddy – Choice of CO or XO
3. Connie – Choice of CO or XO
4. Russell – Choice of CO or XO

Something tells me that the Captain is in serious trouble!

. Stay tuned for the date and time and details of the 2010 Pie Party!

Here are the current totals as of press time:

STOP THE PRESSES!! Holy tab count Batman!! Jeff Kirkland did it again! Just hours before the December Night Out, Jeff drops off 23,000 tabs on my lap! Check out the new 2009 totals!!!

Starting Balance	Zero
Jeff Kirkland	65779
Freddy Heller	31146
Connie Heller	24203
Russell Ruhland	10363
Roger Wright	3400
Tony Fleming	2730
Shane Russell	1709
Unclaimed	1079
Randy Dunn	374
Todd Kes	364
Joe Perry	93
Total	141240

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	101.03
Supplies	78.43
Night Out	14.70
Postage	9.05
Deposit	118.85
Closing Balance	117.70

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 Shane Russell, the winner of the free dinner at New China Express during the December Night Out.

January	Speakeasy Pub
February	Mi Casa Mexican Buffet
March	Texas Roadhouse
April	Outback Steakhouse
May	Olive Garden
June	Hooter's
July	Cici's Pizza
August	Loco's Pub and Grill
September	Red Robin
October	Logan's
November	Mike and Ed's BBQ
December	Bavarian House

A very impressive list of restaurants. I hope you can make it to some if not all of the 2010 Night Out locations!

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans.

Karen Pynenburg for her large donation of cans

Russell Ruhland for his Starfleet Academy courses and Bronze Boothy Award!

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Steve Brown (D)

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for January:

“Battlestar Galactica, Season 1 [Blu-ray] (5th)

“Chuck, Season 2” [DVD and Blu-ray] (5th)

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 10	
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 10
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

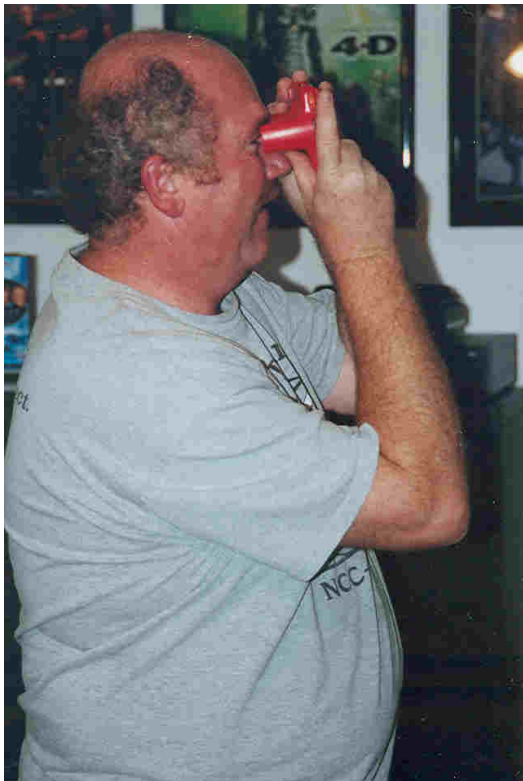
The following is a trip down the USS DaVinci memory lane. Each month I will show a series of photographs from our very beginning, as the Shuttle DaVinci, up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is 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.



Freddy with Russell, shows off some of his Christmas presents from the crew at our 8th annual Christmas Party (18 December 2004)



Gisela shows her gag gifts, a couple of C3PO mugs for her collection.



Hummm, I wonder what kind of pictures Randy sees in his View Master gag gift (actually it is some Sesame Street characters but you would never know that by his smile).



Lech loves his gag gift, a ceramic potato and a "Shoot or be Shot" DVD starring the illustrious William Shatner!



Tony shows off his gag gift, a Pickup and Reaching tool great for Highway or Help-the-Hooch River clean ups.



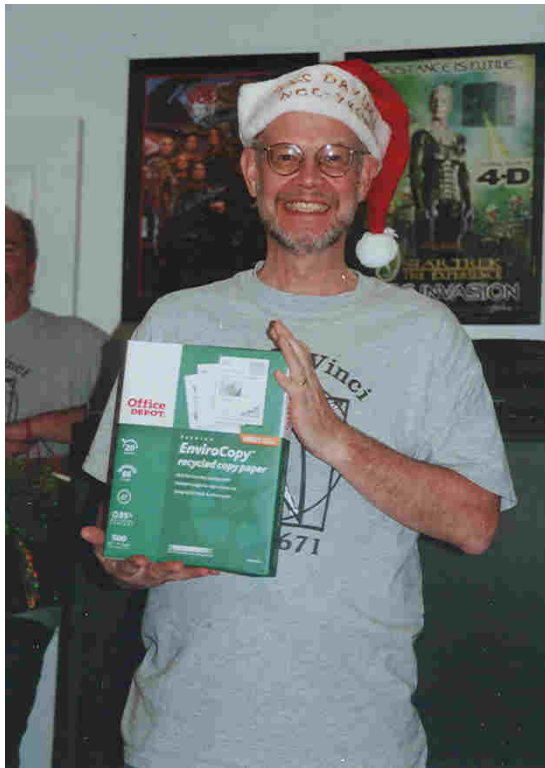
“How pretty” beams an excited Roger as he shows off his gaga gift, a crocheted Kleenex box cover.



Russell selected the book “Davy” from the gag gift pile of presents.



Todd promised to put to good use his gag gifts, a blindfold and ties!



Freddy's gaga gift, a ream of paper, will come handy when printing out the next issue of the Pilot.



Those who stayed around for the photo had a great time. Back row: Joe, James, Roger, Randy, Steve. Center: Margaret, Rose, Lisa. Front row: Faye and Connie

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!

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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WORD SEARCH #7

TOS Doctors (How many do YOU recognize?)

M G U P S L R A T S R P Y P T
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N L T T K W A E S O H L C D M
I A H M S D L B T J E I M L A
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E L R R H U A M N D H B R G L
L U C K E V W D A N T O A N E
E M O P R H T I D A E Y N A I
S N L I O D E K A R B C O V G
T N E P D G N S M I A E E N H
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