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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

The annual Starfleet Region 2 Summit will be held in Columbus this year from 12-14 March at the Holiday Inn North at the corner of I-185 and the Manchester Expressway.

If you have not gotten your registration you can register at the door but you might not be able to attend the banquet. The banquet has been reduced nearly in half from \$32.00 down to \$17.00. The Texas Hold 'Em tournament has been canceled but there will be other things we have scheduled to raise money for our charity. Our charity this year will be split between Region 2 for a Region 2 scholarship and half will go to Haiti relief. Some of the other charity fundraisers will be a raffle or two and a Star Trek the Original Series quiz. Both will allow the winner to win fabulous prizes from my personal collection! Then there is the Pie Auction where you may win the chance to pie Fleet Admiral Sal Lizard, Regional Coordinator Jack Eaton, Eric Watts, the CO of the largest Chapter in Region 2, and the Summit Chair yours truly! So bring your checkbook, cash, or first-born male child!

There are some interesting panels this year as well. Some of the more notable ones are a CPR Certification class, World of WarCraft 101, a panel on Internet Sci-Fi films, and much more. We also have a special guest, Scott Norman, Director of the Challenger Learning Center at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center (CCSSC) who will present a panel on the History of Space Flight: Past, Present, and Future.

Speaking of the Space Science Center, thanks to DaVinci member and CCSSC employee, Dutch Cummings, 32 lucky individuals will be able to partake in "Voyage to Mars", an exciting chance for you to be part of the crew that goes to Mars. There

is normally a \$500 fee per group but all we are asking is a donation to the Summit charity of only \$5.00 per person! There will be a sign-up sheet at registration and we need a minimum of 18 to do the program!

On a more disheartening note, there will be no t-shirt this year due to the lack of pre-orders. Maybe next year.

Thanks and hope to see you at the Summit!

We had a nice turn-out for the February Night Out at Mi Casa Mexican Buffet. Check out the photos!

VADM Freddy Heller



Hey! Wake up Lech! Time to eat!



"Wel-l-l excuse me!" Todd enjoying his meal.



Randy and Shane chatting about Trek.



Diane and Connie at the buffet!



And Ariana too!

THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT
TEXAS ROADHOUSE
ON MONDAY 15 MARCH AT 7:00 PM COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!!

VIEW FROM TEN FORWARD

A reminder to all ship personal that the 2nd annual Columbus Comic Book Show is coming up Sunday, February 28th, from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. All DaVinci personal can get in for only \$1. This will also act as a membership drive. If anyone you know has wanted to join the DaVinci, this would be a great time to do so. Pay \$4 admission at the door and receive \$4 off the \$10.00 membership. So for 6 big ones they too can join the best ship in the fleet! What can be better than that? So come on down on the 28th and join in on the fun.

The show will have lots of vendors with comics, toys, games and more. We will be showing the 2009 Star Trek movie in the theater at 1:00 PM plus two laser shows, Laser Beatles at 12 Noon and Laser Metallica at 3:00 PM. Please spread the word!

Something else I am working on is having a dinner and a movie night at the Space Science Center. If anyone has any suggestions on this e-mail me.

ENS Dutch Cummings
Morale Officer

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

There will be a convention in Tampa, FL from 30 April – 2 May. Some of the confirmed guests include Christopher Lloyd (Doc Brown from Back to the Future; Kruge from Star Trek III); Gary Graham (Soval from Enterprise); William Morgan Sheppard (Klingon Commander from Star Trek VI); Tony Todd (Worf's brother Kurn on TNG and DS9; Adult Jake Sisko on DS9 episode "The Visitor"; Alpha Hirogen from Voyager); Catherine Hicks (Annie Camden from 7th Heaven; Dr. Gillian Taylor from Star Trek IV); Dean Stockwell (Al Calavicci from Quantum Leap, John Cavil from Battlestar Galactica, COL Grat from Enterprise); Sally Kellerman (MAJ Margaret Houlihan from M*A*S*H (movie); Dr. Elizabeth Dehner from TOS episode "Where No Man Has Gone Before"); and Gary Lockwood (Dr. Frank Poole from 2001: A Space Odyssey; Gary Mitchell from the TOS episode "Where No Man Has Gone Before"). What a great line-up. And, there will be more guests announced soon! For more information on this great convention go to vulcanevents.com and check out the ticket prices and hotel information. Also, see the attached flyer.

I am planning on going. If you wish to go, let me know and you can drive down with me. If there is enough interest, I will drive our van, which can hold up to 6 passengers so get your reserved spot in soon.

NOTE: this convention should not be confused with Vulkan, which is a different promoter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Barbara Luna (LT Marlene Moreau on TOS)	2 nd
James Doohan (LTCMDR Montgomery Scott on TOS)	3 rd
Apollo 9 Blasts off to Test Lunar Module (1969)	3 rd
Jolene Blalock (T'Pol on ENT)	5 th
Anton Yelchin (Chekov in Star Trek)	11 th
CADET Ariana Heller	12 th
Astronaut Wally Schirra	12 th
Uranus Discovered by Sir William Herschel (1781)	13 th
First American (Norman Thagard) on Russian Space Craft (1995)	14 th
Astronaut Frank Borman	14 th
Astronaut Eugene Cernan	14 th
Penny Johnson-Jerald (CPT Cassidy Yates on DS9)	14 th
Astronaut Alan L. Bean	15 th
J.G. Hertzler (Martok on DS9)	18 th
First Human to Walk in Space (Alexi Leonov 1965)	18 th
Conner Trineer (CMDR Charles Tucker on ENT)	19 th
John DeLancie ("Q" on TNG)	20 th
ENS Travis Heller (20!!!)	22 nd
William Shatner (CPT James T. Kirk on TOS)	22 nd
Michael Westmore (Makeup Designer)	22 nd
First US 2-Person Craft (Gemini III) Launched (1965)	23 rd
Russia's Mir Space Station Falls to Earth (2001)	23 rd
D. C. Fontana (Story Editor)	25 th
Leonard Nimoy (Spock on TOS)	26 th
Yuri A. Gagarin Dies (1968)	27 th
Marina Sirtis (CMDR Deanna Troi on TNG)	29 th
ENS Lesh Mazur	30 th

STARFLEET ACADEMY NEWS

Well, Russell is at it again! Here is a list of his most recent Starfleet Academy courses. Congratulations Russell!!

Cadet College of Space History

CCSH-203 Soviet Manned Program - Beta Tester
CCSH-204 Russian & Ukraine Manned Program - Beta Tester

College of Borg Technology

COBT-101 General Borg Knowledge – Distinction
COBT-102 - General Borg Knowledge, Part II – Honors
COBT-201 TNG I Borg - Distinction
COBT-202 VOY Drone - Distinction
COBT-203 VOY Survival Instinct – Honors

College of Charmed

CHR-100 Charmed Characters – Honors
CHR-100.3 Wicca – Pass

College of Communications

COC-101 Abbreviations & Acronyms - Beta Tester
COC-103 Netiquette & Emoticon Basics - Beta Tester
COC-104 HTML Basics- Beta Tester

College of Down Under

AUS-101 Flags of Australia - Honors
NZL-101 Flags of New Zealand – Distinction
TOS-055 Assignment Earth – Honors

College of the Fantasy Realm

HE-101 League of Extraordinary Gentlemen – Pass

College of Star Trek Chronology

CSTC-101 Star Trek The Franchise – Honors

Ferengi Orientation College

FOC-101 Basic Ferengi Knowledge - Distinction
FOC-102 Rules of Acquisition Pt. 1 - Distinction
FOC 103 Rules of Acquisition Pt. 2 – Distinction

Gorn Academy

TGA-202 Gorn History - Honors
TGA-203 Gorn Biology – Honors

School of Security in Trek

TOS-009 Balance of Terror - Honors
TOS-024 Space Seed - Honors
TOS-028 City of the Edge of Forever - Distinction
TOS-035 The Doomsday Machine - Honors
TOS-037 The Changeling - Distinction
TOS-049 A Piece of the Action – Pass

Starfleet Officer's Radio School

SORS-101 Radio in TOS - Distinction
SORS-103 Radio in TNG - Honors
SORS-105 Radio in VOY – Pass

TABULATIONS

Okay, some thought has been given to who shall be pied at the Pie Party next January. I guess it just could not be a true Pie Party without the CO and XO being the recipients! So, the Pie Party next year will be the same as the one we had this year with just one slight difference. The Top Tabber will still get to pie both the CO and XO. Anyone who donates 15,000 tabs (up from 10,000 last year) will get to pie either the CO or XO.

The goal for this year, given that some of you have pretty good contacts, will be 130,000 tabs! So start collecting those small pieces of aluminum today! We have a long way to go!

Here are the totals as of the end of February:

Starting Balance	240
Freddy Heller	1447
Dutch Cummings	1245
Connie Heller	118
Total	3050

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

Below are the 2010 Night Out locations as selected by the crew at last year's Christmas Party. I hope your favorite restaurant made the list!

Congratulations to Connie Heller, the winner of the free dinner at Mi Casa Mexican Buffet during the February Night Out.

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

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for March:

“Alice” (Mini Series) [DVD/Blu-ray] (02 Mar)
“Have Gun Will Travel, Season 4, Vol. 1” (02 Mar)
“The Prisoner, Miniseries” (23 Mar)

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	Feb 11
Benlee Huguley	Feb 11	
Todd Kes	Oct 10	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 10	Aug 10
Leiko Koone	Nov 12	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	
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 10
Harold Stewart	Feb 11	
Jo Ann Timmons	Jul 10	Jul 10
Roger Wright	Jul 12	Feb 10

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans.
Dutch Cummings for his large donation of cans.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	112.70
Dues	40.00
Cans	12.30
Donations	53.00
Pie Party	34.24
Nights Out	17.26
Closing Balance	166.50

COMM Connie Heller

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 for several 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

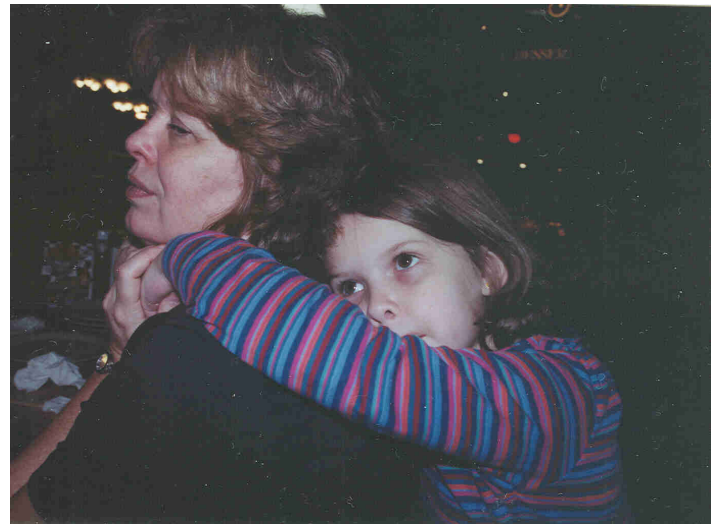
The following is a trip down the USS DaVinci memory lane. Each month I will show a series of photographs from our very beginning, as the Shuttle DaVinci, up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is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

OOPS! I kind of messed up last month. The photos from the Christmas Party and the photos from our Membership Meeting were reversed in my photo binder. So the party on the 18th was shown before the meeting on the 16th.

Here is Part II of our 2004 December Membership Meeting and fond farewell to Rose and Johnnie Hutson! Hey! We still miss you guys!!



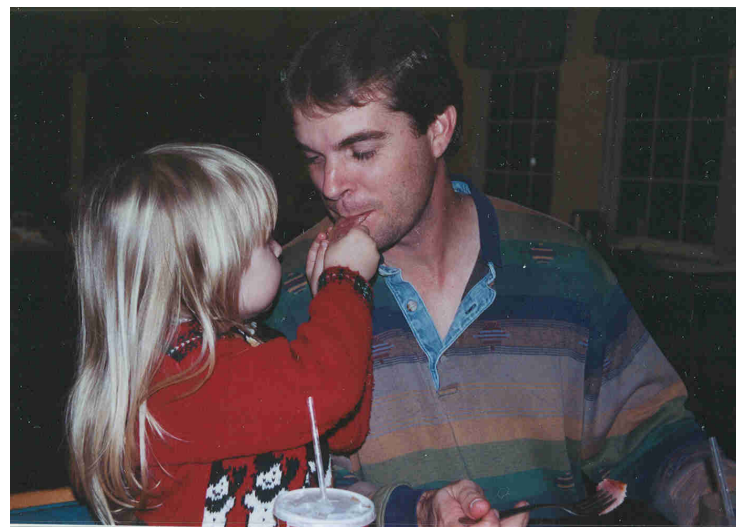
Connie and Rose trying to feed "fungus" to poor Freddy at the Golden Corral (16 December 2004)



Connie and Ariana enjoying a mother daughter moment



More of the crew at Golden Corral: Gisela, Joe, Lech, and Margaret.



Deborah feeding her daddy Johnny!



Happier times for Stephanie and Stacy!

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The Hutson family poses for the last time!

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 #8

Double Vision - Part I

Characters Played by the Same Actor

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