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## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*\*07 May, Away Mission to see Thor, Time TBA

\*\*13 May, Smallville Mourning Party, 8:00 PM

\*\*16 May, Night Out at Olive Garden, 7:00 PM

\*\*30 May, CO/Former CO Birthday Bash, 7:00 PM,  
Red Robin

## IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

Well, this past month certainly turned out to be very worthwhile. On Saturday, 16 April, Diane and I, Freddy, Connie, Ariana, and her friend Kate, and our guest, Denette, gathered together and shuttled to opening day of the Georgia Renaissance Festival.

To my complete surprise, just prior to departing, Freddy enacted a "one last official task" upon me and I received a Starfleet Certificate of Promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral. Okay, folks, you can all start throwing the "rear" jokes at me now. I can handle it.

Anyway, we made our way up the Interstate and stopped for breakfast at the Golden Corral in Newnan. WOW, what a breakfast buffet they provided. It had all the morning meal goodies one can possibly think of, including breakfast pizza, along with omelets made to order that covered the entire plate. We polished off our share of groceries and continued to the festival site, arriving just prior to 11:00 AM. Upon entering Diane and I discovered that the entire festival area was crush-rock or gravel which after being rained upon the night before was way too soft for Diane's helper chair to roll on so she had to support herself holding the back of the chair and brave the gravel and sometimes mud ever so slowly around the majority of the festival site. I was costumed as a musketeer and Diane as my wench. Connie also made herself a beautiful renaissance style dress for the occasion.

Events started with our witnessing a joust (we rooted for the Black Knight) and I had the opportunity to personally meet the Queen just prior to arriving at the joust event bleachers. After several contests of skill and accuracy, the jousting began and the good knight was declared the winner, much to the Black Knight's (and our) disappointment.

There was a wild bird display complete with a live vulture (no Diane, not a buzzard), an owl and a falcon. There was a very nice drum and bagpipe show and many other shows that we just did not have the time to attend. I managed to purchase an all leather handmade musketeer's hat and a couple of T-shirts and assorted souvenir items.

During our time at the festival we did come into contact with Todd who was attending with some of his friends separately but we did get a photo. Speaking of photos, Freddy and I decided to go look for me some boots to no avail but I did somehow manage to run into the kissing wenches (actually they ran into me but don't tell anyone) and I received a kiss on the cheek. Freddy, however, could not resist and told the wench to kiss me again so he could get the evidence, ah, I mean a picture, and the young lady gladly took control of the situation.

After a much tiring visit, we decided to head home around 3:30 PM and the admiral's yacht docked home around 6:00 PM. Many thanks to all who attended. If you have never been to the Georgia Renaissance Festival you really need to go. It's an event pleaser for sure!

Okay, I am making plans for away team missions to the opening weekend of several Super Hero movie premieres during May, June, and July. These include Thor (Saturday, 7 May); X-Men: First Class (Saturday 4 June); Green Lantern (Saturday 18 June), and Captain America (Saturday 23 July). I will be sending out e-mails as these dates approach to remind everyone and hope to see many of you at these upcoming events.

OOPS! I almost forgot to mention the annual CO/Former CO birthday bash at Red Robin on 30 May at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

RADM Russell Ruhland

## GAME MASTER

This month I will be talking about the primary attributes. The primary attributes are Strength, Agility, Intellect, Spirit and Stamina. Each race starts with the primary attributes set to a certain value. While the difference at the beginning is significant, as you level the difference between races becomes less significant. Therefore, you should not select a race because of the starting attributes.

Each class needs to concentrate on two of the primary attributes. These will be stamina and one other based on the needs of the class.

Stamina grants every class more health, more health means you are harder to kill and easier to keep alive. Every class needs stamina.

Strength gives you greater melee attack power; tanks also have abilities that translate strength to block. My main toon is a hunter, hunters are ranged damage dealers and strength is no good to them.

Agility increases your dodge, parry and ranged attack power, ranged damage dealers (such as hunters) should stack as much agility as they can.

Spirit gives greater mana generation. This is used by paladins, priests and mages. Warlocks have abilities that can be used to convert health to mana, so should not stack spirit.

Intellect gives more mana, This is stacked by mana users, such as priests, warlocks, mages and paladins. Hunters used to have mana but that was changed in the last patch to focus. As such, intellect should not be used by hunters.

If you have any questions then e-mail me or mention them at the night out and I will try to answer them in the next column.

COMM Joe Perry

## MOURNING PARTY

There will be a mourning party for Smallville on Friday, 13 May, at Freddy's house (time TBA). Smallville is ending its 10-year run and there is quite a buzz in the air as to whether or not Clark Kent will truly become Superman by finally learning to fly! Nearly everyone who has been part of the last 10 seasons will be a guest on the final episode. This will be a 2 hour finale so figure on arriving at Freddy's house a few minutes early to grab the best seat. Snacks and goodies will be provided but you must bring your own drink. Oh, wear black, this is after all a time to mourn.

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## STARFLEET ACADEMY

Well, Russell and Jonathan are at it again. Here is a list of their most recent Starfleet Academy courses:

Russell:

### College of Survival Studies

PSS-101 Emergency Preparedness I - Distinction  
PSS-102 Emergency Preparedness II - Distinction  
PSS-103 Emergency Preparedness II - Distinction  
PSS-104 Fire Safety - Distinction  
PSS-105 Worst Case Scenarios - Distinction

### College of English

COE-202 Clauses - Beta Tester  
COE-203 Objects, Modifiers, & Word Order - Beta Tester  
COE-204 Sentences - Beta Tester  
COE-205 Paragraphs & Sections - Beta Tester

### STARFLEET Marine Academy

IN-20 Infantry Advanced Course - Distinction  
CE-11 Cbt Eng MOS Familiarization - Distinction

Jonathan:

### School of Intelligence in Movies

SIM-110 U-571 - Pass  
SIM 127 Broken Arrow - Pass  
SIM-132 Wild Wild West - Pass  
SIM-136 Air Force One - Pass

## CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

ImagiCon will be held 20-22 May at the McWayne Science Center in Birmingham, AL. The hosting hotel is the downtown Courtyard by Marriott. Rates are \$119 for single or double. No Trek guest announced as of press time. Go to <http://imagicon.org> for more information.

Timegate will be held from 27-29 May at the Holiday Inn Select, Atlanta, GA. No hotel pricing or Trek guests yet although there are guests from other genre. Check out their site at <http://timegatecon.org>.

ConCarolinas will be held 3-5 June at the Charlotte Hilton University Place in Charlotte, NC. Guests include author Harry Turtledove and actors John Billingsly (Dr. Phlox on Enterprise) and Bonita Friedericy (GEN Diane Beckman on Chuck). Tickets are \$30 prior to 7 March, \$35 after 7 March, and \$40 at the door. Room rates are \$95 for a double. Check out <http://www.concarolinas.org>.

## TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for May:

“Bionic Woman, Season 2” (17<sup>th</sup>)  
“Twilight Zone, Season 4 [Blu-ray] (17<sup>th</sup>)  
“Psych, Season 5” (31<sup>st</sup>)  
“True Blood, Season 3” (31<sup>st</sup>)

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans.

Joe Perry for his donation of cans.

Russell Ruhland for being promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Leonardo DaVinci Dies (1519)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Astronaut Scott Carpenter	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Marc Alaimo (Dukat on DS9)	5 <sup>th</sup>
First American in Space (Alan B. Shepard, Jr. 1961)	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ENS Matthew Dunn</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Telstar Two Communications Satellite Launched (1963)	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CRMN Kenneth Baker</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ENS Dennis Shaw</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PO2 Lisa Neal</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>
Skylab is Launched (1973)	14 <sup>th</sup>
Last Mercury Flight (Gordon L. Cooper 1963)	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CRMN Angela Welch</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>LT Gisela Stephens</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>COMM Jeff Kirkland</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CRMN Vincenzo Fleming</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>
First Woman to Break Sound Barrier (Jacqueline Cochran 1953)	18 <sup>th</sup>
Apollo 10 Lifts off (Cernan, Stafford, Young 1969)	18 <sup>th</sup>
John Billingsly (Dr. Phlox on ENT)	20 <sup>th</sup>
Apollo 10 Flies to 9 Miles of Moon's Surface (1969)	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Joan Collins (Edith Keeler on TOS)	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Second American in Space (Scott Carpenter 1962)	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>RADM Russell Ruhland</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ADM Freddy Heller</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Harlan Ellison (Scrip Writer)	27 <sup>th</sup>
Lee Meriwether (Lorisa on TOS)	27 <sup>th</sup>
Mariner Nine Blasts Off to Mars (1971)	30 <sup>th</sup>
Discovery Docks at International Space Station (1999)	29 <sup>th</sup>
Michael J. Pollard (Jahn on TOS)	30 <sup>th</sup>
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien on DS9)	30 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Piller (Executive Producer)	30 <sup>th</sup>

## 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 **BLUE** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your membership. Our membership stands at 61 with 29 of those in Starfleet!

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Josh Ainsworth	Jul 11	Jun 11
Matt Arnold	Jul 11	
Karen Baker	Jul 11	
Ken Baker	Feb 12	
Abby Boyd	Jul 11	
Steve Brown	Dec 11	
Phil "Rat" Campanaro	Jul 11	<b>May 11</b>
Dutch Cummings	Jul 12	
Tanya Davis	<b>Apr 11</b>	
Randy Dunn	<b>Apr 11</b>	Jun 11
Jonathan Evans	Dec 11	Dec 11
Tony Fleming	Jul 11	Jun 11
Freddy Heller	Jul 11	Sep 11
Cami Houser	Jan 12	Jan 12
Benlee Huguley	Feb 12	
Clarence Jenkins	Feb 12	
Tyrone Jordan	Feb 12	
Todd Kes	Oct 11	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 11	Aug 11
Leiko Koone	Nov 12	Nov 11
J. Chris Lewis	Feb 12	
Tyricia Mann	<b>Apr 11</b>	
Lech Mazur	Jul 11	Oct 11
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 11	Oct 11
Amanda Moore	<b>Apr 11</b>	
Lisa Neal	Jul 11	
Joe Perry	Jul 11	Nov 11
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 11	May 11
Kris Reeves	Jul 11	
Russell Ruhland	Aug 11	Aug 11
Park Scully	Nov 11	Nov 11
Frazier Smith	Jul 11	
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 11
Harold Stewart	<b>Feb 11</b>	Feb 12
Jo Ann Timmons	Jul 11	
Angela Welch	Jul 11	
Patty Williams	Sep 11	
Justin Whitaker	Oct 11	

## NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

The list of restaurants for the 2011 Night Out locations has been selected! There are some new ones on the list as well as some old favorites!

June	CiCi's Pizza
July	Longhorn's
August	Cracker Barrel
September	Willy T's
October	Chili's
November	Ruby Tuesday
December	Don Chucho's



Congratulations to Joe Perry, the winner of the free dinner at Red Lobster during the April Night Out.

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	255.60
Nights Out	34.00
Anniversary Party	56.18
Deposit	108.00
Closing Balance	262.47

COMM Connie Heller

## TABULATIONS

Our goal for 2011 will be the same as for 2010, 130,000 tabs!

As always, the top tabber gets to pie both the Captain and his Number One! But that is not all! For anyone reaching 5,000 tabs, they will get to pie one member of the Senior Staff!

<b>Starting Balance</b>	32
Freddy Heller	3019
Dutch Cummings	466
Connie Heller	180
Hal Stewart	164
<b>Total</b>	3861

## 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.



Margaret, Todd, Russell, and Connie before the start of the Enterprise Mourning party (13 May 2005)



Russell, Margaret, and Joe watch final episode of Enterprise.



Connie watches intently as Captain Archer works his magic!



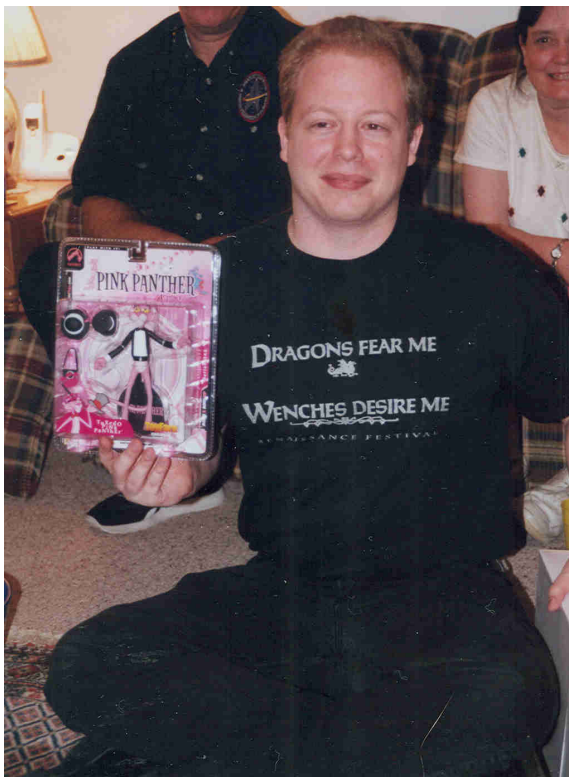
Vanessa and Frazier at the mourning party (What is with the shades?).



Ariana did not quite make it though the entire episode.



Connie holds "I am not a happy camper" Ariana at the end of the episode.



Todd shows off his door prize.



The DaVinci crew at the Enterprise mourning party.

## FINALLY!

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

Many folks have been asking about DaVinci t-shirts and polo shirts. If you are interested please send Freddy the following: what shirt you want, how many of each, and what size(s). As soon as he

get enough interest he will place an order. As for cost, I will not know that until the order is placed but to hazard a guess, I would say \$12-\$15 for the t-shirts and \$25 - \$30 for the polo's depending on size.

## 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.

**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!

Want to put an ad in the Pilot? Just send it to me and it will go in. Does not matter what it says – wanted, for sale, or something more personal! Deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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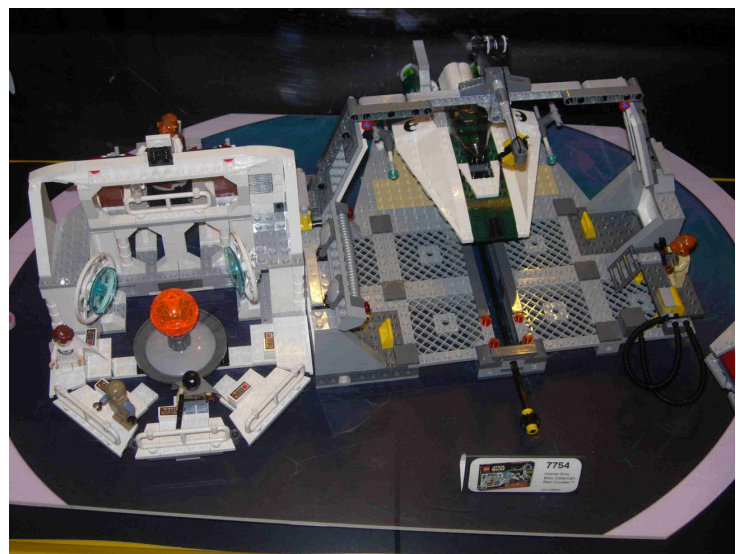
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**SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE!!!**

What you are looking at is a Lego Star Wars display that was in Toys R Us. The display is 47 inches in length, 16 inches wide, and 18 inches in height! It is quite nice and is currently sitting in my house if you wish to look at it. I am asking \$375 for the display, which is very reasonable since just the ship in the second photo was going for over \$160.00 on eBay! All the money from the sale will go into the DaVinci treasury. So, if you are a Star Wars fan or know someone who is, let them know about this one of a kind item! In fact, any DaVinci member who recommends a buyer that purchases the display will get 10% of the sale price! Please feel free to give out my email address and telephone number.



# WORD SEARCH #17

## Hogwarts Staff

(In Honor of the upcoming movie and for school ALMOST being out)

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