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UPCOMING EVENTS!

**02 July, 4th of July Cookout, 2:00 PM

**18 July, Night Out and Membership Meeting,
Longhorn's Steakhouse, 7:00 PM

**23 July, Away Mission to see "Captain America"
and Dinner Afterward; Time and Location, TBA

IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

Our upcoming 4th of July celebration is being held at Freddy's house on Saturday, July 2nd, at 2:00 PM. Not many have contacted Freddy on attending and I ask that you do so soon to give us an idea of the total number for cooking purposes. Of course the DaVinci will supply the main course and you can bring whatever extra delight you desire as we always plan. Hope to see many of you attend. Remember there are always surprises of some sort that occur at these events and I'm sure you will want to be witness to all the fun.

I wish once again to extend my appreciation to those who participated in the CO election process. As Freddy has already announced via email, there were no other nominations except for myself so I was declared winner by default. I will endeavor to serve the DaVinci to the best of my abilities during this term as your CO and will officially announce my choice for the "Number One" position at the 4th of July party. By the way, if you might be interested in the position for XO and have qualified with OTS and OCC, I'm willing to talk.

June turned out to be an interesting month for our movie away missions. Two separate superhero movies were offered and attended by various members of the crew. On June 4th Joe, Freddy, Connie, Ariana, and myself went to see X-Men: First Class. Prior to the movie we had dinner at the New China Buffet and everyone seemed to enjoy their meal, except maybe for the green desert stuff which hinted a bit on the mint flavored side but was certainly nothing to write home about. We attended the movie and watched the regular 2-D version. The plot was well put together and brought about all the answers to any questions regarding how the team came into being. I was especially intrigued on

Magneto's background and how he discovered the use of his mutant abilities along with how he acquired the helmet he used to block out the Professor's mind control.

At the next movie away mission on the 18th of June Diane, Randy, Joe, Lech, and myself went to see Green Lantern in 3-D. We were surprised to learn that there was a mix up of theaters for the movie and the matinee we chose was not available so the theater staff allowed everyone to go see the "Big-D" version of the movie which started only 20 minutes later. Not only was there a substantial savings for our attending a matinee, but we got the Big-D screen for no additional charge as well. You just never know what good things can happen on an away mission. The movie was great. Despite the bad ratings the newspaper gave, everyone thought the storyline worked well and the 3-D was awesome. Of course at the end of the story the good guy wins; however, one was left with a traditionally done Hollywood movie scene that left room for a sequel. After the movie we went to Country's BBQ for dinner and had a grand time. The food was well prepared and I got my ample share of Saturday night ribs.

The next scheduled movie away mission will be on Saturday, July 23rd to see Captain America. Since the last movie attendance worked out so well, we will do this movie the same way and set up to attend a matinee with dinner after the movie for those to desire it. We will decide and announce which restaurant at a later date closer to the movie date.

DragonCon is fast approaching and is scheduled for Labor Day weekend on September 2-5. All the downtown hotels are already sold out but there are many available overflow hotels. Last year Diane and I found a hotel in College Park that only cost us \$49 a night and was only 5 minutes from the convention site. For us Trekkies, the guest list already includes Nana Visitor and Nicole de Boer (DS9); Robert Duncan McNeill and Kate Mulgrew (Voyager); Brent Spiner and Wil Wheaton (TNG); and William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy from TOS. Trek Track is now and has for the last 2 years been overseen by Garrett Wang from Voyager. Let's not forget all the wondrous costumes and panels along with the DragonCon Parade held on the Saturday AM of the convention. I hope to see you there.

RADM Russell Ruhland

STARFLEET ACADEMY

Well, CPT Russell is not alone this month! Maria is fast on his tail! Here is a list of their most recent Starfleet Academy courses:

Russell Ruhland:

College of Law Enforcement

SLT-108 Physical Fitness - Distinction

SLT-109 Defense Tactics - Distinction

SLT-110 Police Batons - Distinction

SLT-111 Tasers - Distinction

SLT-112 - Drug Investigation - Distinction

SLT-113 Aerosol Chemical Agents - Distinction

SLT-114 Vehicle Pursuits - Distinction

SLT-115 Stops, Frisks, & Searches - Distinction

College of Psychological Perspectives

BLI-111 Body Language Interpretation 11 - Beta Tester

BLI-112 Body Language Interpretation 12 - Beta Tester

BLI-113 Body Language Interpretation 13 - Beta Tester

BLI-114 Body Language Interpretation 14 - Beta Tester

BLI-115 Body Language Interpretation 15 - Beta Tester

College of Federation Studies

SFC-110 Starfleet Captains Shelby – Distinction

Maria Morgan

College of Security

COS-101 TOS Rank Recognition - Distinction

COS-102 Basic Security Officer - Distinction

COS-103 Early Law Enforcement History - Honors

COS-104 TNG Early Rank Recognition - Honors

COS-105 ENT Rank Recognition - Distinction

COS-202 Convention Security Officer – Pass

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans.

Joe Perry for his donation of cans.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT**

LONGHORN'S

ON MONDAY 18 JULY AT 7:00 PM

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TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for July:

- “The Cape, Complete Series”, (5th)
- “Eureka, Season 4.0” (5th)
- “Dr. Who, Series 6, Part 1” (19th)
- “Torchwood, Complete UK Series”, (19th)
- “Stargate: Atlantis, Complete Series [Blu-ray]” (26th)

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Vulcan Events is having its second convention on 28-30 October at the Hilton Orlando Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL. Scheduled guests include Sir Patrick Stewart (CPT Picard); Jewel Staite (Kaylee in Firefly); David Nykl (Dr. Radek Zelenka in Stargate: Atlantis); Armin Shimerman (Quark in **DS9**); Max Grodénchik (Rom on DS9); and Rick Sternbach, an Emmy and Hugo Award winning illustrator and author. More guests will be announced in the future. Tickets range from \$299 for platinum reserved seating (front row) to general admission (price TBA). Rooms run a very reasonable \$99 per night. Check out their web site vulcanevents.com for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Dominic Keating (LT Malcolm Reed)	1 st
Alan Ruck (CPT Harriman)	1 st
Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko on DS9)	2 nd
First Solo Around the World Balloon Flight (2002)	2 nd
First Balloon to Cross the Atlantic (1987)	3 rd
Pathfinder Spacecraft Lands on Mars (1997)	4 th
Rick Sternbach (Senior Illustrator)	6 th
William Schallert (Nilz Baris on TOS)	6 th
Kim Darby (Miri on TOS)	7 th
Linda Park (ENS Hoshi Sato on ENT)	9 th
Telstar Communications Satellite Launched (1962)	10 th
Skylab Burns in Atmosphere on Return to Earth (1977)	11 th
Patrick Stewart (CPT Jean Luc Picard on TNG)	13 th
Robert Justman (Producer)	13 th
First Atomic Bomb Explosion (1945)	16 th
ENS Jim Adams	17 th
First Link-Up of Apollo-Soyuz (1975)	17 th
ENS John Hood	18 th
LTJG Martha Kirkland	18 th
Viking 1 Lands on Mars (1976)	20 th
First Man on the Moon (Neil Armstrong 1969)	20 th
Second American in Space (Gus Grissom 1961)	21 st

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn on DS9)	22 nd
First Solo Flight Around Word (Wiley Post 1933)	22 nd
Mariner 1 Fails to Launch (1962)	22 nd
Ronnie Cox (CPT Jellico on TNG)	23 rd
First Woman to Walk in Space (Svetlana Savitskaya 1984)	25 th
COMM Joe Perry	25 th
Nana Visitor (COL Kira Nerys on DS9)	26 th
NASA Created (1958)	29 th
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher on TNG)	29 th
David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon from Undiscovered Country)	29 th
Carel Struycken (Mr. Homm on TNG)	30 th

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. A whole bunch of our membership expire in July!

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Josh Ainsworth	Jul 11	Jun 10
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	May 11
Dutch Cummings	Jul 12	
Tanya Davis	Apr 11	
Randy Dunn	Apr 12	Jun 12
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	Apr 11	
Lech Mazur	Jul 11	Oct 11
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 11	Oct 11
Amanda Moore	Apr 11	
Maria Morgan	May 12	May 12

Lisa Neal	Jul 11	
Joe Perry	Jul 11	Nov 11
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 11	May 12
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	Feb 12	Feb12
Jo Ann Timmons	Jul 11	
Angela Welch	Jul 11	
Patty Williams	Sep 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!

August	Cracker Barrel
September	Willy T's
October	Chili's
November	Ruby Tuesday
December	Don Chucho's



Congratulations to Lisa Neal, the winner of the free dinner at CiCi's Pizza during the June Night Out.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	262.47
Night Out	13.00
Closing Balance	249.47

COMM Connie Heller

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Randy Dunn (S)
 Matthew Dunn (S)
 Rebecca Dunn (S)
 Christopher Dunn (S)
 Sandy Holt (S)
 Karen Pynenburg (S)

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!

Well, Jeff Kirkland, the mighty "tabber" has finally struck! At the Admiral Birthday Bash in May he presented Freddy with a mere 38,000 tabs, vaulting him to first place! With all the other "minor" donations we now stand at nearly 48,000 tabs, but we still have a ways to go! Come on folks, start saving those tabs!

Starting Balance	32
Jeff Kirkland	38000
Freddy Heller	4436
Connie Heller	2286
Joe Perry	1000
Dutch Cummings	466
Jonathan Evans	287
Hal Stewart	268
Total	46775

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. And now, Part II of our 7th annual 4th of July Cookout, promotions and awards!



Roger receives a DaVinci Certificate of Appreciation from Freddy and Russell at our 7th annual 4th of July Cookout (09 July 2005)



And so does Margaret!



Yep! Frazier too!



Let us not forget Gisela!



And Randy!



Surprise! You too Number One!



Randy presented with the DaVinci Officer of the Year award!



Randy presents Frazier with a Starfleet Marine patch.

Next month, Part III of our 7th annual 4th of July cookout!

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.

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.



Freddy promotes Frazier to Captain in the Starfleet Marines!



Congratulation Captain Smith!

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 20th of each month.



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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 him or her 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 #19

With Connie out of town Word Search will return next month!

