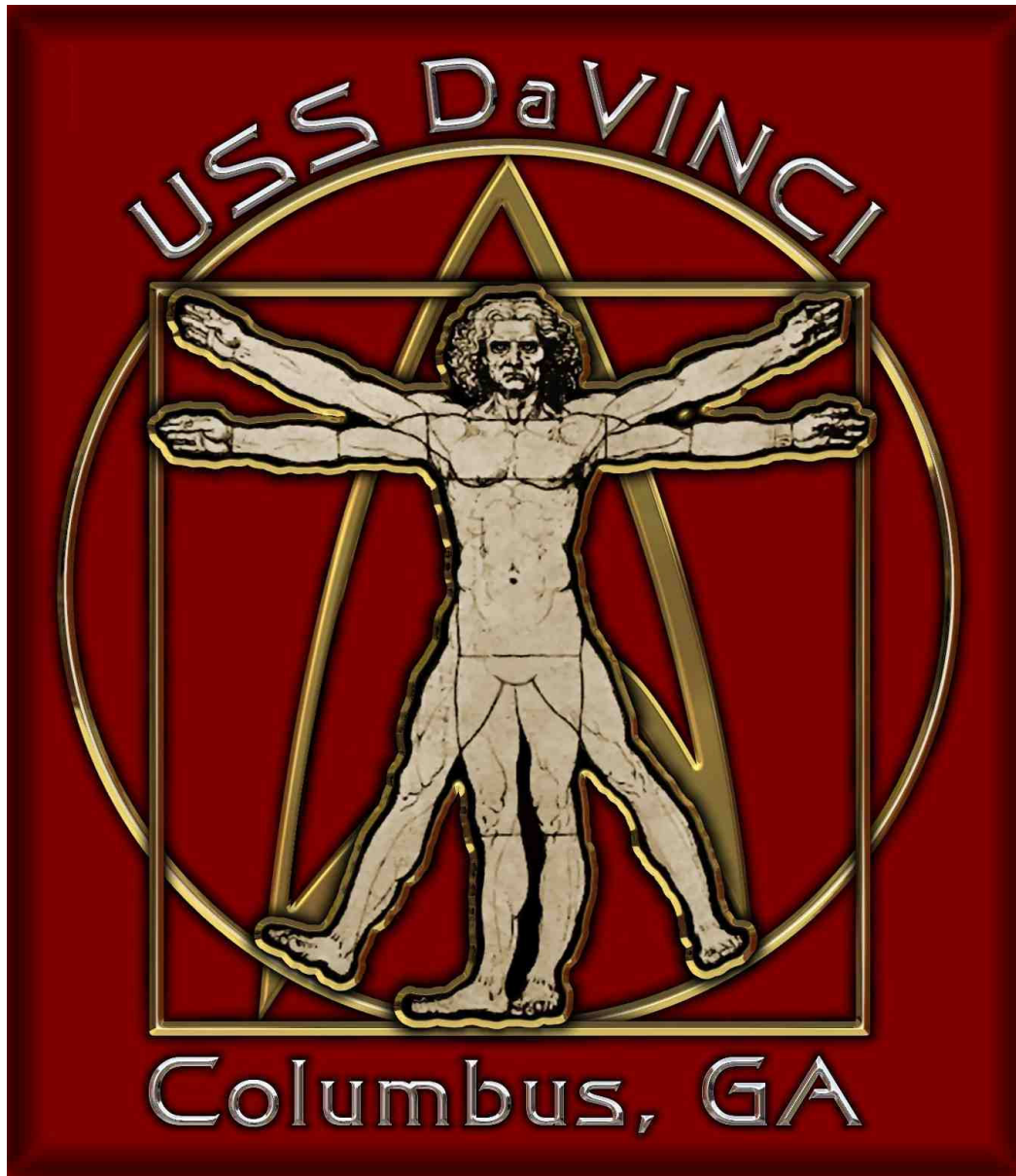


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UPCOMING EVENTS

19 September, Night Out and Membership Meeting, Willy T's, 7:00 PM

24 September, Columbus, Sci-Fi Convention, Coca Cola Space Science Center, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.



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IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING!

Well, this past month has been a rather light one for the crew of the USS DaVinci. Dutch was busy with the Mini Comic Book Con on Sunday, 7 August, at the Coca Cola Space Science Center. Joe took care of our membership drive table for the entire event and got a couple of bites, but no new members reeled in. Randy assisted Dutch with security. I popped in for a political appearance in between my other obligations that day and from what I observed the event was well attended. The next scheduled event at the CCSSC will be the Columbus Sci-Fi Con on Saturday, 24 September from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will of course have a membership drive table available during this activity and could use some volunteers, or if you prefer to assist Dutch with the event, you can contact him directly via email at: dutch@ccssc.org.

The night out in August was held at the Cracker Barrel restaurant with 11 DaVinci members in attendance. I had forgotten my camera, but lo and behold, Jeff, Cami, and Connie came to the rescue and all 3 had camera in hand. At the time of my writing this article I have absolutely no idea of what pictures were taken but as you can see for yourself, every picture is worth a thousand words. Having forgotten my own camera, I suppose that makes me speechless. (LOL) Anyway, I have always told everyone that you never know what surprises will be in store at one of our events or activities and this was no exception. As an additional giveaway to the monthly night out free meal (Connie won this month), we drew for a copy of the first season of the original Superman TV series with George Reeves on DVD and Marie was the lucky winner! Everyone seemed to enjoy their meal. Many thanks to Joe, Lech, Jeff, Martha, Cami, John, Connie, Ariana, Marie, and Diane for their attendance.



Some of the crew at the August Night Out at the Cracker Barrel.

OK, this is the last newsletter that will be published before the DragonCon extravaganza on Labor Day weekend in Atlanta. Unfortunately, Leonard Nimoy had to cancel his appearance but William Shatner will still be there. Several members of the Next Generation cast will be there along with some of the Voyager crew, including Kate Mulgrew.

This event is still growing every year and don't forget about the spectacular DragonCon parade on Saturday morning. Many members from Starfleet chapters all across the country attend this convention and I am personally bringing some flyers about Starfleet to hand out to attendees waiting in line for the Trek guest panels in hopes of drumming up some membership hopefuls. I do hope to see some of you there as well. So far, I know that Randy, Sandy, Diane, and I will be going and I have heard that maybe some others on one of the days but no confirmations. Lisa has always attended as well in various con support functions either for the con itself or for one of the vendors. Give DragonCon a try just once and I'm sure you will always wish to return every year. I do.

RADM Russell Ruhland

NASA OPENS NEW OFFICE FOR DEEP SPACE MISSIONS

To embark on its next chapter in human space exploration, NASA has created a new department to oversee manned space flight in the post-space-shuttle era.

The department is called the Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, and combines two previous organizations, the Space Operations Directorate and the Exploration Systems Mission Directorate.

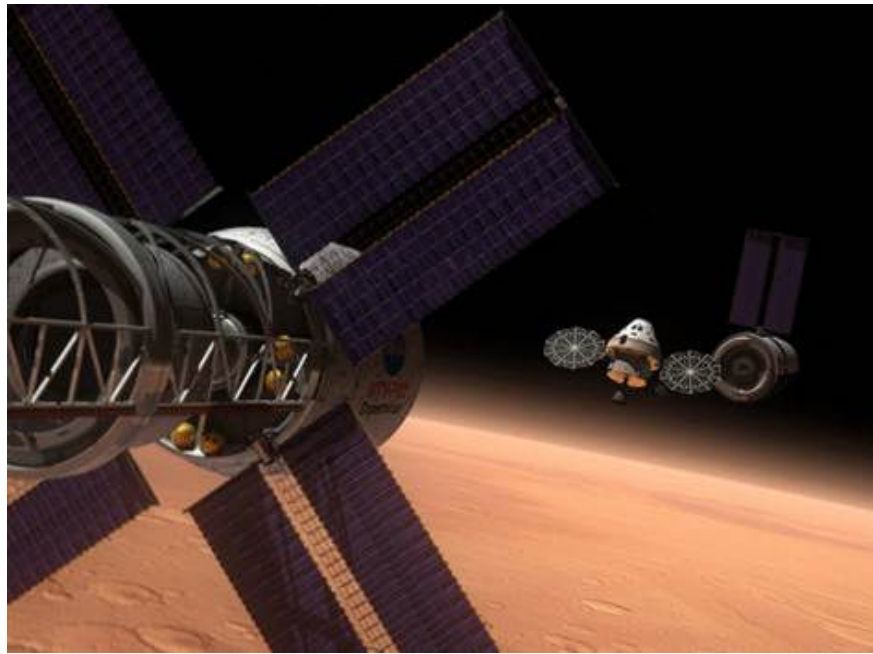
The reorganization is part of top-to-bottom changes moving through the space agency, which finds itself at a turning point. This year NASA retired its 30-year-old space shuttle program, which was the focus and most visible part of its activities over the last few decades. The agency is now gearing up for an era of human missions to deep space, including trips back to the moon, then on to asteroids and Mars.

President Obama has charged NASA to put astronauts on a space rock by 2025, and on the Red Planet by the mid 2030s. To reach those goals, the United States must develop a new heavy-lift rocket capable of traveling that far, and a capsule to bring people safely there and back again.

The new Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate will be responsible for overseeing all this and more.

"America is opening a bold new chapter in human space exploration," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said in a statement. "By combining the resources of Space Operations and Exploration Systems, and creating the Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, we are recommitting ourselves to American leadership in space for years to come."

While NASA is targeting human missions farther out into the solar system than ever before, it hopes to pass on the torch of low-Earth orbit travel to the private space industry. The new office will oversee NASA's Commercial Crew Development program, which aims to stimulate the development of private spacecraft to carry people to orbit, as well as the Commercial Orbital Transportation Services program, which does the same for cargo.



NASA Artist's rendering of the Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle on a deep space mission.

Meanwhile, NASA will continue operating the International Space Station. Until private spaceships are ready, U.S. astronauts will rent rides to the station aboard Russian rockets. The orbiting laboratory is planned to run through at least 2020. This, too, will be supervised from the Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate.

Associate Administrator Bill Gerstenmaier, previously the associate administrator for Space Operations, will head the new office.

Clara Moskowitz, SPACE.com senior writer



STARFLEET ACADEMY

Okay folks, Russell is at it again, however, he is not alone this month! Long time member Park Scully finally took and passed Officer's Training School! Way to go Park. Humm, do I sense a promotion in the air?

(Russell Ruhland)

College of the Macabre

MM-101.4 The Addams Family Season 1 - Honors

MM-101.5 The Addams Family Season 2 - Honors

MM-101.7 The Addams Family TV Trivia – Distinction

Vulcan Academy of Science

Specialist I in Basic Trek I – Distinction

College of Engineering

SOEH-203 Other Starfleet Engineers - Pass

SOEH-206 Non-Starfleet Engineers – Honors

School of Xeno-Studies

XJ-10 The Jem'Hadar – Honors

College of Superheros

GAH-101 Greatest American Hero Characters - Beta Tester

GAH-102 Greatest American Hero Episodes - Beta Tester

GAH-103 Greatest American Hero Suit Powers - Beta Tester

GAH-104 Greatest American Hero Trivia - Beta Tester

WOW-101 Wonder Woman Characters - Beta Tester

WOW-102 Wonder Woman Episodes - Beta Tester

WOW-103 Wonder Woman Powers/Tech - Beta Tester

WOW-104 Wonder Woman Trivia - Beta Tester

College of Law Enforcement Resources

SLR-106 Motorcycles - Distinction

SLR-107 Police Cars - Distinction

SLR-108 Community Policing – Distinction

School of Espionage

SOE-101 Definition & Means - Honors

SOE-102 Counter Espionage – Distinction

College of Federation Studies

HOTE-123 NCC-1701A Schematics - Beta Tester

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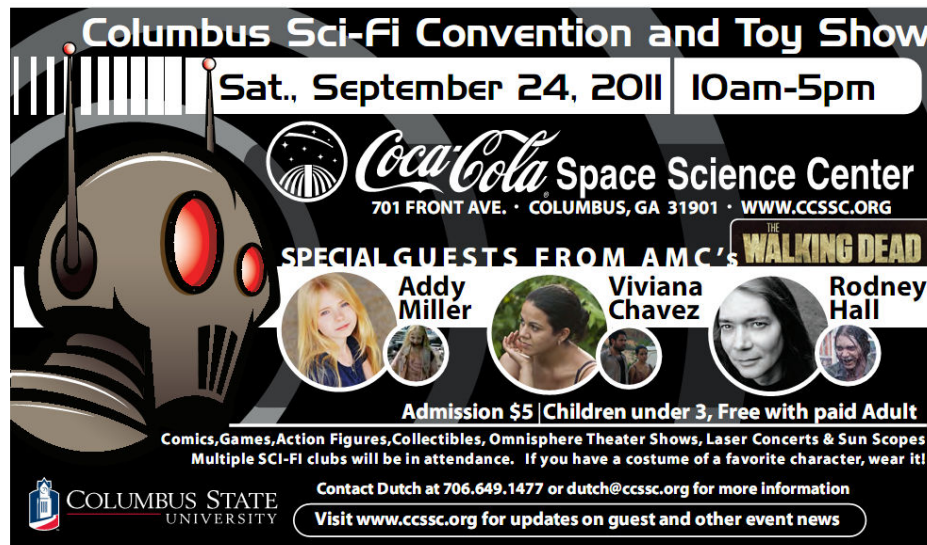
HOTE-123C NCC 1701A Schematics - Beta Tester

Park Scully: OTS (Officers Training School) – Pass

COLUMBUS SCI-FI CONVENTION

The Columbus Sci-Fi Con will be held this year on Saturday September 24th from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There will be guests that were featured in AMC's hit TV show, The Walking Dead plus vendors with collectibles and much more. The DaVinci will have a membership drive table. Be sure to bring your membership card and you can get in for only \$3.00 plus up to 3 more in your party for the same price! Hope to see you there. For updated info go to the web site at www.ccssc.org.

Check out the awesome convention logo below!



Columbus Sci-Fi Convention and Toy Show
Sat., September 24, 2011 10am-5pm
Coca-Cola Space Science Center
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SPECIAL GUESTS FROM AMC'S THE WALKING DEAD
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Multiple SCI-FI clubs will be in attendance. If you have a costume of a favorite character, wear it!
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY
Contact Dutch at 706.649.1477 or dutch@ccssc.org for more information
Visit www.ccssc.org for updates on guest and other event news

Hope to see you there!

ENS Dutch Cummings



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.

Columbus State University is holding its yearly Nerdacon on Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th at the Davison Student Center. Times are as follows: Friday 6:00 PM to 11:11 PM and Saturday, 10:00 AM to 11:11 PM. There is no cost to attend. There will be displays, vendors, panels, and lots of fun so plan on attending. Check out the Nerdacon web site at: <http://www.nerdacon.com>.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

A very special girl has a very special birthday in September! Our very own Rebecca Dunn turns sweet 16 on the 25th! Okay, everybody sing! “Happy birthday to you; Happy birthday to you; Happy birthday dear Rebecca! Happy birthday to you-u-u-u”!

Viking 2 Lands on Mars (1976)	3 rd
Voyager I is Launched (1977)	5 th
Star Trek Premiers (1966)	8 th
Star Trek Animated Series Premiers (1973)	8 th
Viking 2 Launched to Mars (1975)	9 th
Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun, Brunt on DS9; Shran on ENT)	9 th
Roxann Dawson (Lt B'Ellana Torres On VOY)	11 th
Walter Koenig (ENS Pavel Chekov on TOS)	14 th
Bruce Hyde (LT Kevin O'Riley on TOS)	14 th
First Man-Made Object to Reach Moon (Luna II 1959)	14 th
NASA Unveils Space Shuttle Enterprise (1976)	17 th
LTJG Karen Pynenburg	19 th
Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien on DS9)	23 rd
Neptune Discovered by Johann Galle (1846)	23 rd
First All-Instrument Flight (1929)	24 th
First Nuclear Aircraft Carrier (USS Enterprise) Launched (1960)	24 th
ENS Rebecca Dunn	25 th
Enterprise Premiers (2001)	26 th
CRMN James Prince III	27 th
Star Trek: The Next Generation Premiers (1987)	28 th

First Round-the-World Flight (US Army 1924)
William Windom (Commodore Matt Decker on TOS)
CADET Justin Baker

28th
28th
31st

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. Please note that if your name is highlighted in **BLUE** this will be you last newsletter, so please renew as soon as possible. Thanks!

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Josh Ainsworth	Jul 11	Jun 10
Matt Arnold	Jul 12	
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	
Randy Dunn	Apr 12	Jun 12
Jonathan Evans	Dec 11	Dec 11
Tony Fleming	Jul 12	Jun 12
Freddy Heller	Jul 12	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	
Lech Mazur	Jul 12	Oct 11
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 11	Oct 11
Maria Morgan	May 13	May 12
Lisa Neal	Jul 12	
Joe Perry	Jul 12	Nov 11
James Prince	Aug 12	
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 12	May 12
Kris Reeves	Jul 11	
Russell Ruhland	Aug 12	Aug 12
Park Scully	Nov 11	Nov 11
Frazier Smith	Jul 11	

Gisela Stephens
Harold Stewart
Jo Ann Timmons
Angela Welch
Patty Williams

LTM Nov 11
Feb 12 Feb12
Jul 11
Jul 11
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!

October	Chili's
November	Ruby Tuesday
December	Don Chucho's

Congratulations to Connie Heller, the winner of the free dinner at Cracker Barrel during the August Night Out.



FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	333.47
Website Annual Fee	58.84
Closing Balance	274.63

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).

Tony Fleming (D)

Mariaelena Fleming (D)

Maritza Fleming (D)

Vincenzo Fleming (D)

James Prince III (D*)



ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Hal for his weekly donation of cans;

Jeff for his donation of cans;

Randy for his big donation of coupons; and

Russell for being awarded the Garnet Boothby Award for completing 600 Starfleet Academy courses and being selected as an Academy Red Squad Member 2010 - Romulan Orientation College and Academy Red Squad Member 2010 - College of Down Under!



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 in this order, Operations, Science, Engineering!

Jeff is still in the lead with Karen a distant second. Freddy has made the elite group of 5,000, which means he gets to pie a member of the Senior Staff, most likely the Science Officer. Connie is also swiftly approaching the 5,000-tab level. Okay folks, we are making great progress thanks to Jeff and Karen so start saving those tabs today and help us meet our goal of 130,000 tabs!

Starting Balance	32
Jeff Kirkland	54100
Karen Pynenburg	13500
Freddy Heller	5319
Connie Heller	4427
Russell Ruhland	1963
Joe Perry	1026
Dutch Cummings	466
Hal Stewart	396
Jonathan Evans	287
Total	81496



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.



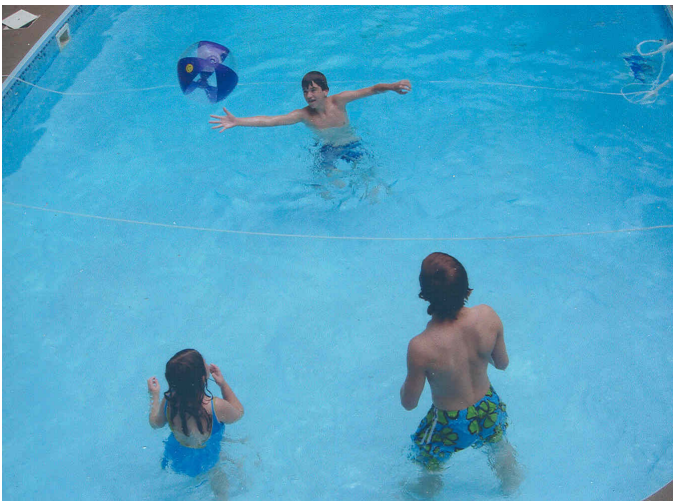
The DaVinci crew at our (then) annual Pool Party at Joe's house (L-R): Randy, Margaret, Faye, Roger, Joe, Russell, and Lech (13 August 2005)



Margaret and Fay share a laugh.



Joe and Russell discuss the finer points of Trek.



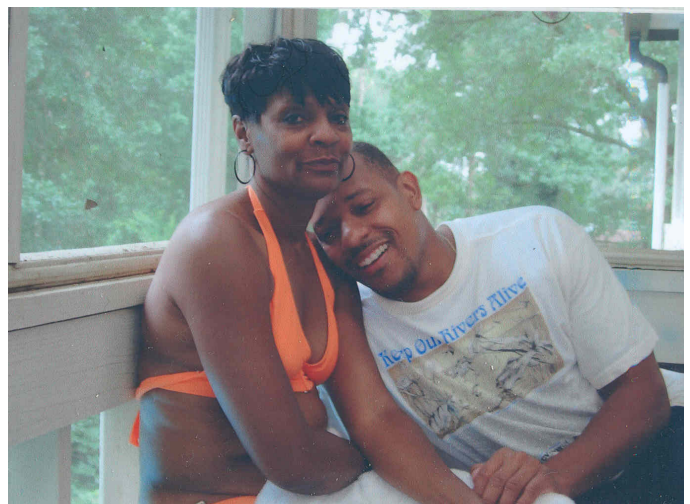
Having fun in the pool!



Rebecca and Ariana enjoying the pizza!



Ariana in the pool.



Faye and Roger enjoying the moment!



Ariana, Rebecca, and Christopher enjoying the pizza.



Ariana takes the last piece of pizza – you snooze, you loose!



Russell, Lech, Margaret, and Joe near the end of a long day!

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. NOTE: If your membership expired in July this is your last newsletter!!

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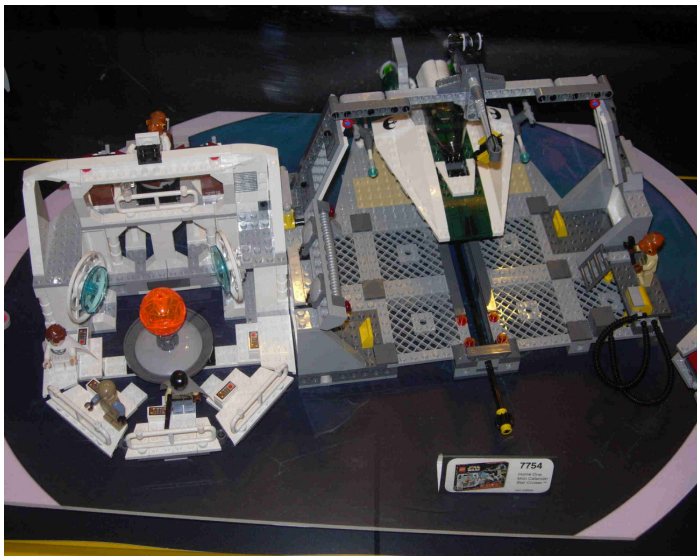
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Want to put an ad in the Pilot? Just send it to me and it will go in. Does not matter what it says, wanted, for sale, or something more personal! Deadline is the 20th of each month.

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 recently went 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 #20

Justice League Members

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