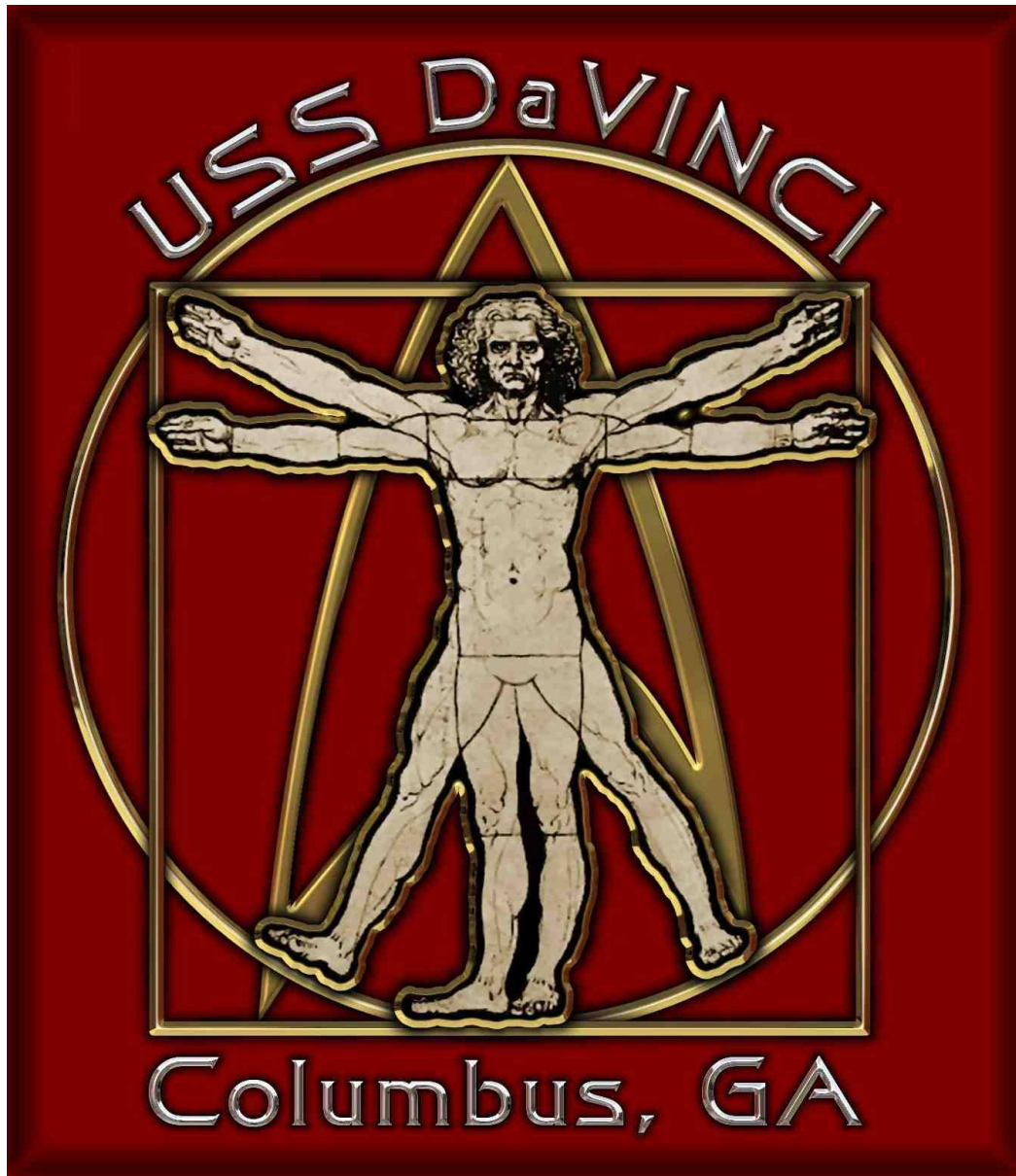


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UPCOMING EVENTS

****16 January, Night Out at McAlister's Deli, 7:00 PM**

****14 January, Tab-Turn-In and Pie Party, Freddy's House, 2:00 PM (8:00 AM Breakfast at Ryan's; 9:00 AM tab turn in; 2:00 PM Pie Party)**





IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

Happy New Year! I thought I would take some time to get away from the traditional CO's article and fill ya'll in on the DaVinci 2011 Christmas dinner in true holiday spirit:

T'was a Saturday in December, and through Freddy's house
There were Trekkies stirring, and there was no mouse.
The foods were so placed on the counter with care, in hopes all would be eaten
with no leftovers there.
The crew came together for a great festive dinner
And with all to be eaten we sure won't get thinner.
When all of a sudden with no crewmember sparred
We started to eat all of the goodies prepared.
With your fearless captain of Academy fame
Russell called all the crew to the table by name!
Now Patty, now Lisa, Joe, Freddy, and Connie
On Diane, on Todd, on Randy, and Jessie.
Ariana was there walking light as a feather
But not feeling too well, a bit under the weather.
To the tables we sat down for the glorious feast
Like Klingons we devoured the turkey & ham beast.
Then after the dinner our friend Freddy gave
Some wonderful items that Connie had made
To a few that attended whose names had been penned
Upon tickets and placed in the can to no end.
Of course there were gifts of exchange given out
That would even cause a Ferengi to pout
But we really laughed at the unusual bunch
Of gag gifts of sorts, exchanged with a punch.
So after awhile I sprang off of my seat
To say my goodbyes and get Diane on her feet.
We headed for home at we drove out of sight,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

The December Night Out at Don Chucho's was really, really, good! Several crewmembers were in attendance, including Jonathan, who had been out of the picture for a few weeks due to a training injury he incurred on Fort Benning. We're glad he has recovered well and is back with us. The meals at this restaurant are as far as I am concerned the best Mexican entrée meals I have ever tasted in the Columbus/Phenix City area. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meals

and some even took part of their dinner home as there was so great of amounts of the mouth-watering cuisine. And the winner of the free meal? Drum roll please...Connie! My sincere thanks to all who attended.

RADM Russell Ruhland

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Greeting everyone! First off I pray everyone had a great Christmas and a New Year. I want to thank everyone who came out for the pancake breakfast at Easter Seals. It was not the number I would hope to have seen. However for those who attended, we had a good time. Some went back for seconds, while others went back for fourths! I do hope next year if we are involved, more of the crew will come and enjoy the breakfast with us. Check out some of the photos:



Connie, Ariana, and Travis enjoying the food.



Jessie and Freddy at the breakfast!



Hal was there too!



Look what y'all missed!!

Now on to the New Year, I was asked by Mr. Freddy to help find volunteer opportunities we all can participate in. In the last newsletter printed it showed some of the ideas that we can try. I hope to have more ideas as soon as the New Year progresses. If by chance you see or hear about something we as a crew can do together please let me know at one of our gatherings or by e-mail at loveswolvesdoyou@gmail.com. Oh one last thing. Don't forget about collecting tabs from cans and box tops for education.

See you all again in the next issue of The Pilot.

ENS Jessie Sutton



TABULATIONS

YES, WE DID IT!! Thanks to a last minute donation by Connie and Freddy we reached our goal for this year! The winner, as usual is Jeff, who donated 76,100 tabs! A most impressive figure indeed, but down slightly from his 2010 total. Jumping into second place is Connie with 16,368 followed by Freddy with 16,100 (again, oh, so close). Looks like the CO, XO, and Senior Staff are in for some fun later this month. The date will be 14 January beginning with breakfast at Ryan's at 8:00 AM; tab turn-in at 9:00 AM; and the Pie Party at 2:00 PM. So until then, thank-you to all who participated in this worthwhile event!

Here are the final 2011 standings:

Starting Balance	32
Jeff Kirkland	76100
Connie Heller	16368
Freddy Heller	16100
Karen Pynenburg	13500
Russell Ruhland	4523
Joe Perry	1059
Hal Stewart	594
Todd Kes	562
Patty Williams	521
Dutch Cummings	466
Hal Stewart	461
Jonathan Evans	287
Total	130573



STARFLEET ACADEMY

Well, our fearless Captain is at it again! Will the madness ever stop? Will Diane finally take him by the scruff of his neck and say “Enough already! Come to bed!”

College of Engineering

SOSD-128 Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128A Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128B Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128C Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128D Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128E Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128F Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128G Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128H Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128I Voyager Schematics – Distinction
SOSD-128J Voyager Schematics – Distinction

College of Unusual Knowledge

SGEK-104 General Knowledge 4 – Distinction
SGEK-105 General Knowledge 5 – Distinction
SGEK-106 General Knowledge 6 – Distinction
SGEK-107 General Knowledge 7 – Distinction

College of Geographical Knowledge

SGK-101 Geographical Knowledge 1 – Distinction
SGK-102 Geographical Knowledge 2 – Distinction
SGK-103 Geographical Knowledge 3 – Distinction
SGK-104 Geographical Knowledge 4 – Distinction
SGK-108 Geographical Knowledge 8 – Distinction

School of Intel Operations

SIH-106 COMMINTEL History – Distinction
SIH-107 Women in Espionage – Distinction
SIH-108 Assassination in History – Distinction
SIH-109 US History & Piracy – Distinction
SIH-110 Evolution of Covert Ops – Distinction

School of Insurgent Studies
SIS-101 Introduction - Distinction

College of Psychological Perspectives

STR-101 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 1 – Distinction
STR-102 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 2 – Distinction
STR-103 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 3 – Distinction
STR-104 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 4 – Distinction
STR-105 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 5 – Distinction
STR-106 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 6 – Distinction
STR-107 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 7 – Distinction
STR-108 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 8 – Distinction
STR-109 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 9 – Honors
STR-110 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 10 – Honors
STR-111 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 11 – Distinction
STR-112 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 12 – Honors
STR-113 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 13 – Honors
STR-114 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 14 – Distinction
STR-115 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 15 – Distinction
STR-116 Stress & Coping Mechanisms 16 – Distinction

College of Emergency Services

EMS-103 Basic First Aid – Honors



CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

MegaCon will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL on 17-19 February. Tickets are \$24.49 for a daily pass and \$58.04 for a 3-day pass. Children under 10 years get in free! Guests include Richard LeParmentier (GEN Motti from Star Wars); Mark Meer (CMDR Shepard from Mass Effect 1-3); Charisma Carpenter (Cordelia Chase from Buffy and Angel); and comic book legend Stan Lee! Check out their web site for more information: <http://www.megaconvention.com/>.

TrekTrax will hold their 2012 convention at the Holiday Inn Perimeter Hotel in Atlanta, GA on 20-22 April. Current Trek guests include Todd Bryant (CPT Klaa from ST V); Spice Williams (Vixis from ST V); and David Orange (Sleepy Klingon from ST VI). Memberships are \$40.00 until 31 December when they go up to \$45.00 and up to \$50 on 01 April. Starfleet members get a \$5.00 discount on their tickets. Hotel room nights of \$79.00 are very reasonable for the area. Check out their web site for more information: <http://www.trektrax.org/>.

Timegate will hold its convention at the Holiday Inn-Select, Perimeter, Atlanta, GA on 25-27 May. Tickets run \$35.00 until 31 December and \$40.00 from 01 January to 06 May. Guests include David Nykl (Dr. Radek Zelenka in Stargate Atlantis); Paul Kasey (best known for monster and alien portrayals on Doctor Who, Torchwood and The Sarah Jane Adventures); Paul Marc Davis (Trickster in the Sarah Jane Adventures); Christian J. Simpson (best known for LT Gavin Sykes in The Phantom Menace and as an older Fred Weasley in Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire); and Nalini Kirshan (best known for playing Barriss Offee, a Mirialan Jedi in Attack of the Clones). Check out their web site for other guests and for more information: <http://timegatecon.org/index.htm>.

ConCarolinas will have their 2012 show on 01-03 June at the Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC. Current guests include writer Jack McDevitt and actor Jeffrey Combs. Check out their web site for more information: <http://www.concarolinas.org/>.

Atlanta will be the site for the 2012 Sci-Fi Summer Con. The dates are 08-10 June and will be held at the Crowne Plaza Perimeter Galleria hotel. No guests have been announced as of yet but check out their web site for more information: <http://sfscon.tripod.com/>.

ImagiCon will hold their Columbus, GA convention (yes, you read that correctly!) on 22-24 June at the Columbus Trade and Convention Center on Front Avenue! No Trek guests have yet been announced but stay tuned because Thomas and his crew will work hard to bring you a great guest lineup! Check out their web site for further information: <http://imagicon.org/imagine20>.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in January! What do I see? A certain Houser turns 30 this month! Congratulations (I think) Robby!!

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 Eisenberg (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
Last Unmanned Probe Lands 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

CRMN Harold Stewart	13 th
Voyager Premiers (1995)	16 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy on TOS)	20 th
David Gerrold (Author & Script Writer)	21 st
CRMN Robby Houser	22 nd
CADET Inara Houser	23 rd
Mars Probe Opportunity Lands on Mars (2004)	25 th
James Cromwell (Zephram Cochrane from First Contact)	27 th
Apollo I is Lost [White, Chaffee, & Grissom Die] (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

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 **RED** this will be your last newsletter. If in **BLUE** your membership is nearing its expiration so please renew as soon as possible. Thanks!

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Matt Arnold	Jul 12	Jul 12
Karen Baker	Jul 12	
Ken Baker	Feb 12	
Steve Brown	Dec 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 12
John Hood	Feb 12	Mar 12
Cami Houser	Jan 12	Jan 12
Benlee Huguley	Feb 12	
Clarence Jenkins	Feb 12	
Tyrone Jordan	Feb 12	
Todd Kes	Oct 12	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 12	Aug 12
Leiko Koone	Nov 12	Nov 12
J. Chris Lewis	Feb 12	
Lech Mazur	Jul 12	Nov 12

Margaret McGillicuddy	Nov 12	Nov 12
Maria Morgan	May 13	May 12
Lisa Neal	Jul 12	
Joe Perry	Jul 12	Nov 12
James Prince	Aug 12	
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 12	May 12
Russell Ruhland	Aug 12	Aug 12
Park Scully	Nov 11	
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 12
Harold Stewart	Feb 12	Feb12
Jessie Sutton	Nov 13	Nov 12
Justin Whitaker	Oct 11	
Patty Williams	Sep 11	



NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

The restaurants for the 2012 Night Out locations were selected at our Thanksgiving dinner celebration. What a great list indeed! Five of the 12 locations have never been chosen before. Personally, I am excited about Cook's Place.

January	McAlister's Deli
February	Cook's Place
March	Mi Casa
April	Giovanni's (Phenix City)
May	Olive Garden (Captain's Choice)
June	River City Grill
July	Fuji Japanese Steakhouse
August	El Vaquero (Phenix City)
September	New China Buffet
October	Houlihan's
November	Panera Bread Company
December	Capone's Italian Grill



Congratulations to Connie, the winner of the free dinner at Don Chucho's during the December Night Out!



WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Joe Perry (S)

Leiko Koone (S)



FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	194.69
Deposit	98.00
Christmas	26.45
Tee- shirt deposit	160.00
December Night Out	11.00
Closing Balance	95.24



ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Hal for his weekly donation of cans;

Jessie for her donation of coupons and Box Tops for Education;

And to Russell for being awarded the Pearl Boothby Award for completing 750 Starfleet Academy courses!

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for January:

“Merlin, Season Three” (17th)

“Sliders, Season Five” (17th)

“Buck Rogers in the 25th Century, Season One” (24th)

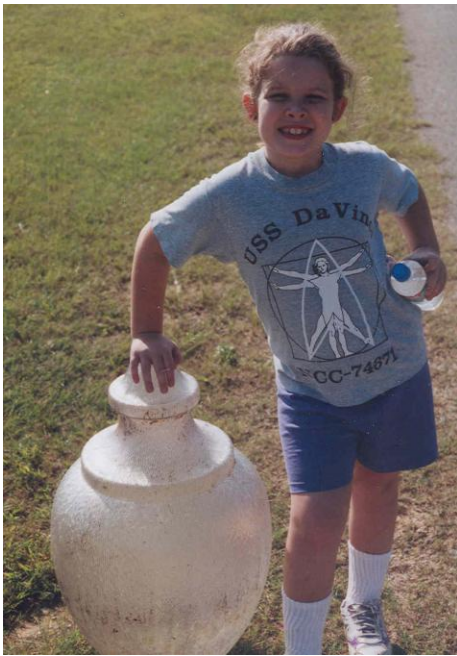
“Star Trek; The Next Generation, The Next Level” (Blu-ray) (31st)



USS DAVINCI IN PICTURES

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 the USS DaVinci what it 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. If I get a name wrong, please let me know!

The photos below are Part II of our 9th annual participation in the Help-the-Hooch River cleanup (15 October, 2005).



Ariana poses with her find of the day!



Connie and Toy pile the bags of collected trash



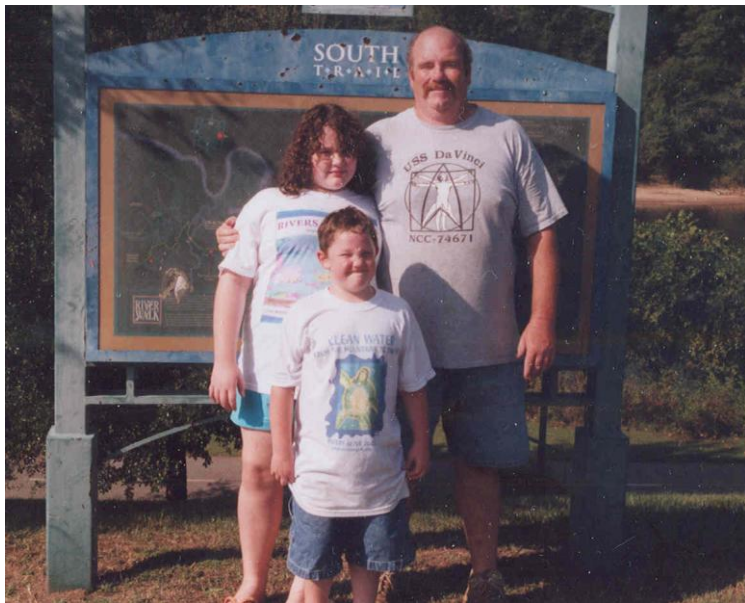
After a hard day of collecting bags of trash the crew head back.



The Cadets pose at the Riverwalk sign.



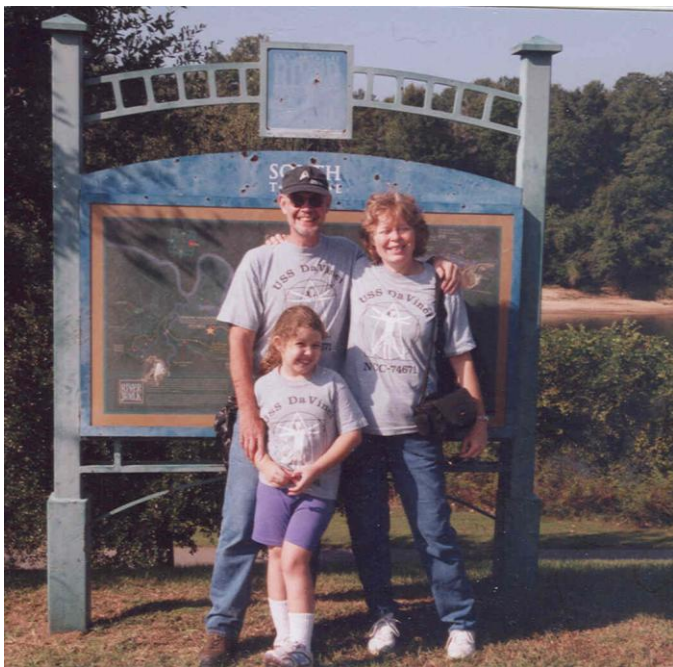
And so do Frazier and Vanessa and her kids!



Randy, Rebecca, and Christopher too.



As well as Todd, Skye, Melissa, and stoic Joe!



Yep, Freddy, Connie, and Ariana also.



And not to forget Tony and Maritza

Next month, Part III of the 2005 Help-the-Hooch River clean up! Fun at the watershed festival!

**NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND
MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT
McALISTER'S DELI
ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY AT 7:00 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD AND
FRIENDSHIP!!**

FINALLY!

Make sure you go back and check when your membership in the DaVinci and/or Starfleet expires. Several memberships have expired or are near expiring! Please renew as soon as possible or you might not get a newsletter. Also, if you have recently renewed your membership in Starfleet, please let me know so I can update the chapter records.



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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 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 #24

No word search this month due to Connie being out of town! Instead I thought you would get a kick out of the following:

