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From the Center Seat

This month we have both good and bad news for the members of the USS REPUBLIC. I am new to Atlanta, having moved here in late June. I was eager to connect with the famous USS REPUBLIC, who's officers I had met at Cons all over the East Coast, and who's REPUBLICation newsletter has always been an outstanding example of a Starfleet publication. You can imagine my distress when I heard that the REPUBLIC was on the verge of disbanding.

Well, first the good news. To quote Samuel Clemmons, the rumored demise of the REPUBLIC is "pre-mature". The USS REPUBLIC is not disbanding. More good news: the REPUBLIC is reorganizing. More on this later.

Now for the bad news: Captain David Duncan and first officer Hoyt Jordan resigned their official duties effective August 3rd, 1991. They will both retain their affiliation with the club, but are resigning due to the personal stresses of command. Please join me in thanking them for their fine contributions to the REPUBLIC throughout the years. May we continue to enjoy their comradship for many years more.

At the request of the active membership, and with the recommendations of both Captain Duncan and Regional Coordinator Commodore Deborha Nelson, I am assuming command of the USS REPUBLIC, effective 08/03/91. Since I am new to most of you, permit me to offer you a brief bio. (continued on page 2)

I have been a STARFLEET member for three and one half years. I formerly served under Admiral/Captain Sue Hampton of the USS Bonaventure and later under Captain J. R. Fisher, as Science Officer of the USS Kitty Hawk, in Raleigh, North Carolina. In July of 1990, I was promoted to Commander by Admiral Hampton in recognition of my hard work in our commissioning the Kitty Hawk in under one year's time. I suspect that I hold some kind of unofficial record for Starfleet recruiting.

I am a prolific Trek writer, having written many articles for the Kitty Hawk's newsletter "the Write Stuff". I have also written several Starship technical papers. Most recently, I am the author of the unpublished (but well received) screenplay "Star Trek VI: The Klingon Plague".

I hold a master's degree from the Starfleet Academy School of Computer Science. In real life, I am an amateur astronomer, and have presented astronomy

workshops at several Starfleet events. I work as an independent computer consultant. I am forty years old and single.

My goals for our club, listed by priority are few and simple:

1. Having fun
2. Growth
3. Friendship
4. Public service
5. Realizing Gene Roddenberry's bright future for our society.

These goals are interrelated, in that by achieving one goal, we come close to achieving the next. If we all have fun and the news gets out about STARFLEET, more people will want to join us. The more we grow, the more friends we will have. The stronger we grow, the more we will be able to help those who are less fortunate. And by helping others, we fulfill Gene's vision of a bright future for humanity.

To reach these goals I intend to use various means. As I see it, our most pressing need is for better communication.

Towards this end, we are sending you this monthly newsletter and an enclosed club roster. Please post this roster in a handy place and use it often to call other club members.

We will be establishing a telephone net, with which to keep in closer touch with the membership. Department heads will be assigned certain people to call with late breaking club news, and to organize activities.

With consistent, dedicated leadership and good organization, I am sure that the REPUBLIC can regain its former stature and membership. I will be appointing an interim staff of department heads to help us to accomplish the club's goals. The new department heads are as follows:

Command Officer -
Commander David W. Vosper

Executive Officer -
Keith B. Rodgerson

Communications Officer -
Dan Carson
Engineering Officer -
Bill Knopes
Counselor/Chaplin -
Karen Estes

Medical Officer -
Gail Fuller

Security Officer -
Neil Fuller

Science Officer -
unknown

Additional positions will be created as required. Departmental responsibilities will be worked out at future staff meetings.

The XO will receive promotion by STARFLEET headquarters to Commander upon his completion of Officer's Command College (OCC).

Other department heads will receive the temporary or brevited rank of Lieutenant Commander (those who do are not already LCDR.) to match their responsibilities. As these officers prove their competence, they will receive permanent promotions.

The meeting schedule will remain unchanged, with general meetings on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of

each month, at noon, at the Fernbank Science Center. Members who are interested in changing one of these dates to a weekday evening, please contact your department head. Staff meetings will continue to take place twice monthly, on the Wednesday before general meetings, and will be held at my home. The next month's schedule is enclosed.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet each of you at our August 17th general meeting at Fernbank. I am confident that, with your help and cooperation, we can restore the USS REPUBLIC to its former glory in short order.

Set course for 1992.
Ahead full impulse!

TREKNET

Keep in touch with other STARFLEET members on the TREKNET computer Bulletin board. To avoid toll charges, call the Atlanta echo at 664-1075. SYSOP Brian Flatly runs a fun BBS. Keep up the good work Brian! Try it today!

Treasury Report

The current balance of the club treasury is \$10.00. At the Atlanta Fantasy Fair, club funds were:

Receipts:

\$20.00 - badges, hats sold
\$45.00 - party donations

\$65.00 total income

Expenses:

\$85.00 - hotel room
\$84.00 - refreshments

\$169.00 total expenses

Our thanks to members Neil Fuller, David Duncan, Margaret Cook and Dave Vosper for the personal cash contributions that make up the difference. Until we rebuild the treasury, the club will continue to be financed by generous member such as these.

CLUB SCHEDULE

The following page contains the tentative schedule of the club's events for the remainder of the year. Please refer to it often, and show up frequently for some Trekkin' fun!

USS REPUBLIC SCHEDULE 1991

August 14 Staff Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
August 17 General Meeting Fernbank Science Center 12:00 PM
August 24 Saturday Picnic Stone Mountain -
call Neil at 994-1833

September 4 Staff Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
September 7 No General Meeting - alternate activity
September 7 Georgia Public TV Telethon GP-TV time - TBA
September 18 Staff Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
September 21 General Meeting Fernbank Science Center 12:00 PM
September ? Star Trek- The Next Generation season 6:00 PM
premiere time and place to be announced

October 2 Staff Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
October 5 General Meeting Fernbank Science Center 12:00 PM
October 16 Staff Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
October 19 General Meeting Fernbank Science Center 12:00 PM
October 30 Staff Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
October 31 Halloween Party, time and place to be announced.

November 2 General Meeting Fernbank Science Center 12:00 PM
November 13 Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
November 16 General Meeting Fernbank Science Center 12:00 PM

December 4 Staff Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
December 7 General Meeting Fernbank Science Center 12:00 PM
December 18 Staff Meeting CO's home, Post Brookhaven 7:30 PM
December 21 General Meeting Fernbank Science Center 12:00 PM
December 13 Friday Star Trek VI - "the Undiscovered Country",
time - TBA

December ? Christmas/New Years party - place and time to be
announced



FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Hi, y'all! As the new Director of Communications, let me welcome you to the new ATTR! This issue marks the return of a U.S.S. Republic tradition with an all new staff. We print this newsletter so that we can better serve you, the general membership. Some of the features we hope to bring you in the future include: reports from the various Republic department heads, detailed schedules of upcoming meetings and other events, short essays/debates from fellow members, and maybe even a classifieds page.

Another of my duties is to maintain the U.S.S. Republic phone network. My job is to see to it the members are contacted by their respective departments regarding upcoming meetings and events. Contact your department head if you would like to be an active part of a soon-to-be-growing network of friends.

Lastly, but surely my most pleasurable, assignment is that of recruitment of new members. My job is to get the word out that the U.S.S. Republic is flying high and is welcoming all fun-seekers to join our crew.

Unfortunately, I cannot do this job alone; I need help. This is why I am now asking for volunteers to assist me in these three areas: 1) I would like at least 2 more people to help me make phone calls to others in the communications department. 2) I am looking for someone willing to help with newsletter layout and production work. And, finally, 3) I need people who have creative ideas on how to increase our membership and help us flourish in the years to come. If you are interested in any of these activities, please drop me a note describing to me how you can help.

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