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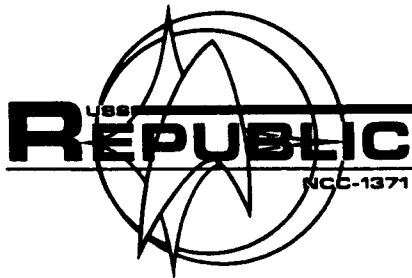
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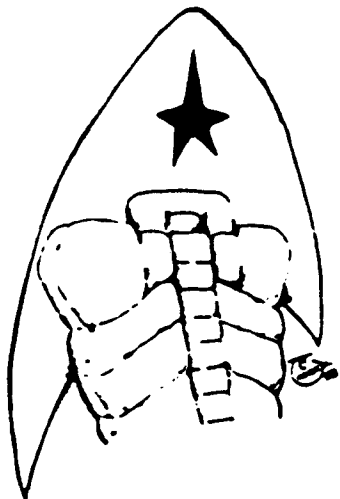
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FROM THE CENTER SEAT



by Captain Dave Vosper
Well, I have finally recovered sufficiently from VULKON to attempt to get out the newsletter. That was quite a Con! I really enjoyed meeting Patrick Stewart, Mike Okuda and writer J.M. Dillard. The traditional REPUBLIC room party was also a big success. It was good to meet our fellow STARFLEET comrades from the rest of Region 02.

Thanks to the following crew members for their help at VULKON: Dawn Williams, Edmund Trafford, Jeff Kirkland, Jesse Calandin-Feldberg and Stephen Gold. Also - WELCOME ABOARD to our five new members who joined us at Vulkan.

Also, welcome aboard again to our new Chief of Security, Commander Keith Rodgers.

The Con season is upon us, so I am now preparing for the Magnum Opus Con in Greenville. Please see the related article on MOC.

On the personal front, I have a new job - quite a relief after a three month period of unemployment. I have a two-year contract at Coca-Cola, in downtown Atlanta.

The past uncertainty surrounding my job is one of the reasons that we scheduled an election for this month. It was uncertain if I would stay in Atlanta, or if I would continue as the REPUBLIC's Captain. These matters are now clear - I am staying in Atlanta, and will continue as the REPUBLIC's Chairman if the club will have me.

The club now has forty-six members, and is in good financial shape. Our next order of business will be to appoint some good department heads, and to get in touch with you, our membership, in order to organize some fun activities and to continue our community service activities. We need active participation by all club members for us to grow and prosper.

A good first step in this process would be for you all to attend our March 17th evening meeting at Shoney's and vote in the club election. The fact that we have two good

candidates - Commander Kelly Hilliard and myself, bodes well for the future of the club. Both of us are eager to lead your club into the remainder of 1992. Please see Kelly's message to you elsewhere in this newsletter.

I have spoken with James Corley, the Commander of the new shuttle Macloud (Riverdale, GA) and we are both interested in scheduling some joint activities, such as another picnic at Stone Mountain. Stay tuned for more on this.

Our next big activity will be the Dixie Trek Con on May 29th. Until then, please attend our meetings and help us plan for the remainder of an exciting Con season.

Set Course for Dixie Trek.
Ahead 1/2 Impulse.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

TACTICAL

by Commander Keith Rodgers

From the Security Desk:

It would seem I have come full circle with the REPUBLIC. I began in Security three years ago. Since then I have always worked for the best interest of STARFLEET and the REPUBLIC. Now, after a personal leave-of-absence, I am rejoining the REPUBLIC, in order to help Captain Vosper and the crew of the REPUBLIC as Chief of Security once again.

I hope to get to know all of the new members and to reunite with old friends of the REPUBLIC. I wish to thank Captain Vosper for his friendship and understanding during my absence. Until next time, "Phasers on Stun."



Trek Trivia

from *Trivia Mania* by Xavier Einstein,
Zebra Books

(See answers on next page)

1. What actor portrayed Captain Christopher Pike?
2. The aging process in "Deadly Years", restored what regional accent to Dr. McCoy?
3. What actor portrayed Decker in "The Doomsday Machine"?
4. What episode gives the only view of the shuttle bay observation deck?
5. What speed does the Enterprise have to travel back to the planet in "The Paradise Syndrome"?
6. What is the name of the leader of the Kelvins in "By Any Other Name"?
 - a) Kojac
 - b) Rojan
 - c) Landru
 - d) Flint
7. Who must Kirk fight when he makes a wager with the Providers in "The Gamsters of Triskelion"?
8. What ST actress portrayed Margret Anderson in "Father Knows Best"?
9. How many Klingons were in the Klingon search party sent to Genesis in Star Trek III?
10. Name the two missing researchers the Enterprise crew searches for in "The Empath".
 - a) Linke and Ozaba
 - b) Flint and Mothman
 - c) Locke and Ozgood
 - d) Martin and Lewis

WE HAVE A WINNER!

The winner of the VULKON new member T-Shirt raffle is Crewman David Williamson of Marietta. Congratulations David.

This lovely, spacy T-shirt was designed by Illustrator Britta Weimann of Kennesaw, GA. Britta does illustration, airbrush art and T-shirt designs. Her address is:

1245 Mountain Springs Dr.
Kennesaw, GA 30144
(404) 429-8340

ITS OFFICIAL!

Our Shuttle Alacrity has been officially sanctioned by STARFLEET, and is now well on its way to becoming a fully commissioned Starship. This progress is due to the hard work of Commander Deborah Leafey, her Executive Officer Lt. Commander Carnell, and their loyal crew in Memphis. We look forward to the Alacrity's launching sometime later this year. WELL DONE ALACRITY!

CLUB DUES

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the club's reorganization in December and January, Captain Vosper returned the REPUBLIC yearly dues checks of several new members. Now that it seems that the REPUBLIC will continue into 1992, we request that those members re-submit these dues as soon as possible. Shuttle Commanders - please assist.

REPUBLIC dues are \$13.00 per year. REPUBLIC members are also required to join STARFLEET, who's additional dues are \$15.00 per year.

Also, if you have received your STARFLEET membership package, but have not yet turned in the enclosed yellow "Request for Ship Assignment" card to Captain Vosper or to Commander Leafey, please do so immediately.

PROMOTIONS

We are proud to announce the following promotions this month:

Promoted by STARFLEET Headquarters -

Jesse Clandin-Feldberg to Ensign for completing Officer's Training School

Promoted by Captain Vosper for their excellent work at Vulkon -

Jeff Kirkland promoted to PO2
Dawn Williams to PO2

Aboard the Shuttle ALACRITY:

Promoted by STARFLEET Headquarters -

Shuttle Commander Deborah Leafey to Commander
Shuttle Executive Officer Carol Carnell to Lt. Commander
Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Marsh to Ensign (OTS)
Chief Medical Officer Theresa Bradley to Ensign (OTS)

Promoted by Commander Leafey -

Jay Leafey to PO2
Leola Minor to PO3
Laura Arnoult to PO3
Ray Kelley to PO3

Trek Trivia answers:

1. Jeffrey Hunter
2. Southern accent
3. William Windom
4. "Conscience of the King"
5. Sublight
6. Rojan
7. Shahna
8. Jane Wyatt
9. three
10. Linke and Ozaba

MARCH REPUBLIC SCHEDULE

March 7th - Saturday. General Meeting, noon at Fernbank Science Center. Free and open to the public.

March 15th - Sunday. Viewing of ST:TNG, at Dave's apartment, Post Brookhaven, 1503 Brookhaven Circle, 6:00-7:00 PM. Open to the public. Call Dave at 814-1308 for details.

March 15th - Sunday. Staff meeting, Post Brookhaven, 7:00 PM.

March 17th - Tuesday (St. Patrick's Day). General Meeting at Shoney's, 2540 Piedmont Rd. NE, Atlanta, at Lindburg Square. Dinner at 7:00 PM, meeting at 8:00 PM. Call CO Dave at 814-1308 for details.

March 22st - Sunday. Deadline for newsletter submissions.

March 26th-29th - Magnum Opus Con, Greenville, SC at the downtown Hyatt. See related article in this newsletter.



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MAGNUM OPUS CONVENTION

MOC is a four-day Con this year, beginning on Thursday, March 26th and ending on Sunday, March 29th. Membership is \$30 for all three days, and is available at the door. For mail order memberships, write:

MOC
P.O. Box 6585
Athens, GA 30604

MOC is held at the downtown Hyatt Hotel, at the end of Interstate 185 (on the left). The address is:

Greenville Hyatt
220 N. Main St.
Greenville, SC 29601

For reservations call the Hyatt at (803) 235-1234. Mention MOC for the room discount. Due to the many canceled rooms last year, a one-day cash deposit is required, even if you have a credit card. The deposit can be mailed after you make the phone reservation (I think). The backup hotel is the Holiday Inn. For further information, call Rolland at the Comics Castle in Athens: 1-404-549-1533.

Several REPUBLIC members are already attending, although the club will not have any official activities there. Contact Dave at 814-1308 for car-pooling arrangements. MOC is the official STARFLEET Region One Conference this year. This is a fun, party-down type Con and is highly recommended.



1992 STAR TREK /SciFi CONVENTION SCHEDULE

March 26th-29th - Magnum Opus Con,
Greenville, SC at the downtown Hyatt. See
related article in this newsletter.

April 4-5. VULKON Altamonte Springs, FL.
at the Orlando Hilton. Guest: Brent Spiner.
Tickets: Both days/ \$36, \$20 Saturday only,
\$16 Sunday only. Reserved seating - \$10 (two
day ticket holders only). For reservations
write: Devlin Associates, Vulkon, c/o Joe
Motes, 12237 SW 50 St. , Cooper City, FL
33330-5406, or phone 1-800-FUN-TREK.
Enclose a SASE. See the February/March
STARFLEET Communique, page 11, for more
information.

April 24-26th. Nebula Awards Banquet
Weekend, Sheraton Colony Square Hotel,
Atlanta. Banquet tickets are \$50. Mail by
March 31st to: Box 148, Clarkston, GA 30021.
Call (404) 921-7148. Reservations :(404) 892-
6000.

May 29-31st. Dixie Trek, Sheraton Century
Center Hotel, Atlanta. Guest stars: Denise
Crosby and Jonathan Harris.

June 19-21st. Atlanta Fantasy Fair, Atlanta.

July 17-19. Dragon Con, Atlanta Hilton and
Towers, Atlanta. Guests: Forrest J. Ackerman,
Ralph Bakshi, Dr. Timothy Leary.
Memberships: before march 15th - \$26, before
June 15th \$30, at the door \$35. Mail to :
Dragon Con '92, P.O. Box 47696, Atlanta, GA,
30362-0696. Call (404) 925-2813 for
information, (404) 659-2000 for reservations.

September 3-7. MagiCon, the 50th WorldCon,
Orange County Convention and Civic Center,
Orlando, FL. Memberships: before March 31st
\$95.00, before July 15th \$110.00. For
information call: (407) 859-8421 or write:
MagiCon, P.O. Box 621992, Orlando, Fl.
32862-1992.

October 29 - November 1. World Fantasy
Convention, Callaway Gardens, Pine
Mountain, Georgia, memberships: \$100/\$50.
Guest: Anne McCaffrey.

ELECTIONS

As announced last month, the REPUBLIC
will hold an election for the position of club
Chairman (Captain) at Shoney's Resturaunt,
Lindberg Square, on March 17th at 8:00 P.M.

There are two candidates for this office:

Captain David W. Vosper
Commander Kelly Scott Hilliard

Nominations were closed on February 23rd.

Absentee ballots will be accepted from
REPUBLIC members in good standing until
March 16th. Send absentee ballots to:

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All persons voting in this election must
have joined the REPUBLIC by submitting their
STARFLEET yellow "Request for Ship
Assignment" or their blue "Membership
Renewal Notification" to Captain Vosper.
Captain Vosper currently holds only twenty-
two of these cards out of approximately forty-
five members. If you have recently joined but
have not yet received your STARFLEET
membership package, you need to submit proof
of STARFLEET membership, such as a
membership card or canceled check.

All voters must also have their REPUBLIC
dues paid up.

Quorum - it does not seem reasonable to
allow fewer than seven persons to determine
who will lead a club of between twenty-two
and forty-five members. A vote of fewer than
seven qualified members (including absentee
ballots) will be considered invalid, due to lack
of a quorum, and elections will be postponed
until the STARFLEET General elections later
this year. Candidates may vote for themselves.

Shuttle ALACRITY crew members are
REPUBLIC members also, and as such are
qualified to cast absentee ballots.

Please attend and vote for the candidate of
your choice.

Commander Kelly Hilliard
XO USS Republic

Greetings all. Well the con season has kicked off with a bang. The new Atlanta Vulkon was a great success. Patrick Stewart was a fantastic speaker and the con was well run. Hopefully, and I'm sure they will, they will hold it in a nicer hotel next time. The Republic party was a big success, all who entered had a good time. Next time though we'll know better and get a smaller keg!

Vulkon was also the kickoff of my election. Yes, I decided to run for Captain of the USS Republic. A lot of you don't know me well so I'll tell a little about myself. I've been with the Republic for a year and a half, not too long after we were commissioned. I've been through five administrations and have seen what works and what doesn't. I've stuck with the Republic through the good times and the bad. I've stayed, because I want the Republic to work and I don't like to give up anything that I have pledged myself to. I'd like to apply some of that experience to making the Republic a more relaxed club. I want to increase our activities, like excursions after the meetings to the planetarium at Fernbank, visit SciTrek, the Coca Cola Pavilion, Six Flags, and picnics and marshmallow roasts in the fall. I'd also like to have Pot Luck dinners at various peoples houses just to socialize at a more informal setting. I think the club has become too business like. We're here to have fun, not be a business. I intend to open relationships with the other clubs here and share our activities with them. This includes the Shuttle MacLeod and the other shuttle just forming in the area. I propose to create joint flyers advertising ALL the Starfleet ships in the area and let the people join the one they feel is closest.

We aren't here to compete with each other, but to support each other. I've been envious of the ships in Florida being so close to each other and doing things together for so long. Now its our turn! I'd like to take a moment to comment on Capt. David Vosper. Since he joined the Republic and saved the club by the skin of our teeth, he's worked hard at running this club. He's put a lot of time and money into the club and I don't want him or anyone else to think I don't appreciate all that he's done, because its a lot. But I feel its time for something different. I see a different path for the Republic is our only difference. I tip my hat off to Capt. Vosper for all that he's done for this club and hope that he understands that I run because I want the best for this club and that nothing else is intended. I encourage all of you to vote. Just like the presidential election coming up, your vote does count. You alone determine the path the Republic will take. Live Long and Prosper!

