

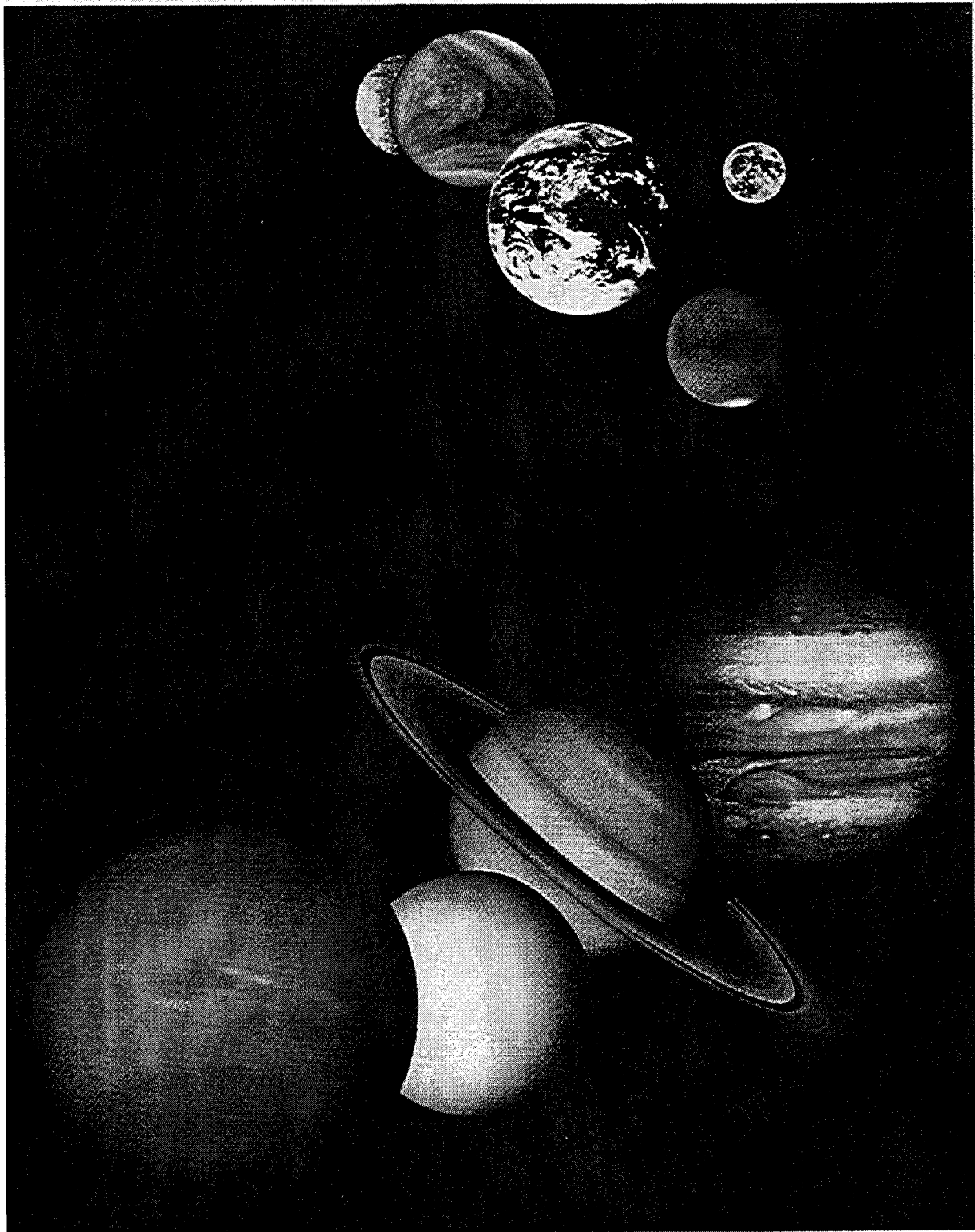
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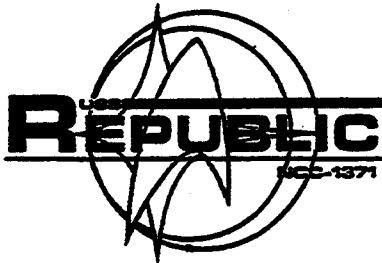
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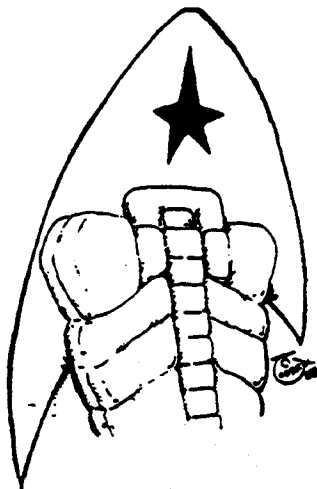
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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT



by *Captain Kelly Hilliard*

Attention all hands! This is the captain speaking . . .

At last we are finally catching our collective breaths. During this time between con seasons, I'd like to refocus our efforts back to the members. The distractions of the cons are over and we once again have plenty of time to do the little things that are fun. I have several activities lined up for after-meeting functions, but I'd like to hear from you, the membership, what you'd like to do. Please feel free to come up to me any meeting and discuss them.

Our efforts with SciTrek are paying off. We are meeting with them on a monthly basis to organize the Festival of Trees and the Star Trek exhibit in January. Both of these activities will rely heavily on membership participation and commitment. They will also require Star Trek uniforms of some kind. So if you wish to participate, you must get a uniform right away. If you don't have one, please either check out some of the mail order type like from Intergalactic or see me, I know someone who can make one for you for a fee. This is a big job for us and I need everyone's help on this one. Working the Star Trek exhibit requires a firm commitment from you and will entail a one- or two-day training at SciTrek before the exhibit opens.

Included in this issue is a copy of the TexTrek cruise. This is a chartered luxury coach to Texas for next year's National Convention. This is the best chance I've seen for Region Two members to attend one of these conventions. It includes round-trip transportation, your membership to the con, hotel for the entire con, and several other goodies. All coaches have six TVs and a VCR, so I imagine we'll be watching Star Trek movies and episodes all the way to and from the con. They have an easy payment plan so you won't kill yourself paying for it. I at least plan on attending. So let's make a big showing and surprise everyone!

Everyone please note--the third Saturday meeting has been changed. It will now be at Fernbank at noon, same as the first Saturday meeting of the month. You will also note the new calendar in this issue. Hopefully, this will make it easier to plan your activities around the Republic's, so you won't miss any of the fun.



Also, I'd like to welcome our new Chief Medical Officer, Diane Fisher. Diane is new to the Atlanta area, having moved here recently from the great Northwest. All those interested in the Medical Division or who just have some ideas they think might be useful, please let her know.

In closing, I'd like to say that this is a great group. I know we're all tired after the con season. But new blood will revitalize everyone. In the future, we will be having several recruiting drives at various outlets (Hallmark, SciTrek, etc.). I'd like for all of you who can to come out and help us let those who don't know about us join. The more active people we have, the more fun for everyone!

**Festival of Trees update** (since the above column was written)--The Festival of Trees is quickly coming up and we are working with Sci Trek to host the event with all the Trek groups here in Atlanta. We currently need volunteers to pose for pictures and participate in the event. This is a prelude to our opening of the Star Trek exhibit in January. Volunteers for the Star Trek exhibit will need a one-day training session. However, we need you now for the Festival of Trees. Please contact Capt. Kelly Hilliard at 587-4669 ASAP if you can help out for this worthy cause and when you can participate. Let's show them our spirit!

## SICK BAY

by (rank?) *Dianne Fisher*  
*Chief Medical Officer*



Hello, everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dianne Fisher. My husband, James Fisher, and I have recently joined the USS Republic. We moved to Atlanta from Oregon about five months ago and we were delighted to find such an active and interesting club to be a part of. Capt. Kelly Hilliard has asked me to assume the duties of Chief Medical Officer, and I am honored to do so. I have a strong interest in matters medical. (I have been a medical transcriptionist for many years.)

What I hope to do is research some aspects of space medicine and report on the most

interesting or unusual items in future newsletter articles. Most of us know many ways in which space research has aided and enriched our everyday lives and greatly contributed to our modern technology, in many different fields. But hopefully I will discover some of the lesser known or more unusual aspects of research and development.

I would like to invite anyone (and everyone) to contact me with suggestions, ideas, etc. whether for future article subjects or for things to do or places to go or whatever. My phone number is 294-1808, and I am home most of the time. Hopefully I can make this department interesting and useful . . . although at this point I certainly would welcome any input you may have!

I wish to thank Capt. Hilliard for this opportunity, and I look forward to meeting each of you at some time in the near future. My husband and I both feel we are going to enjoy being affiliated with the USS Republic and Starfleet Atlanta!

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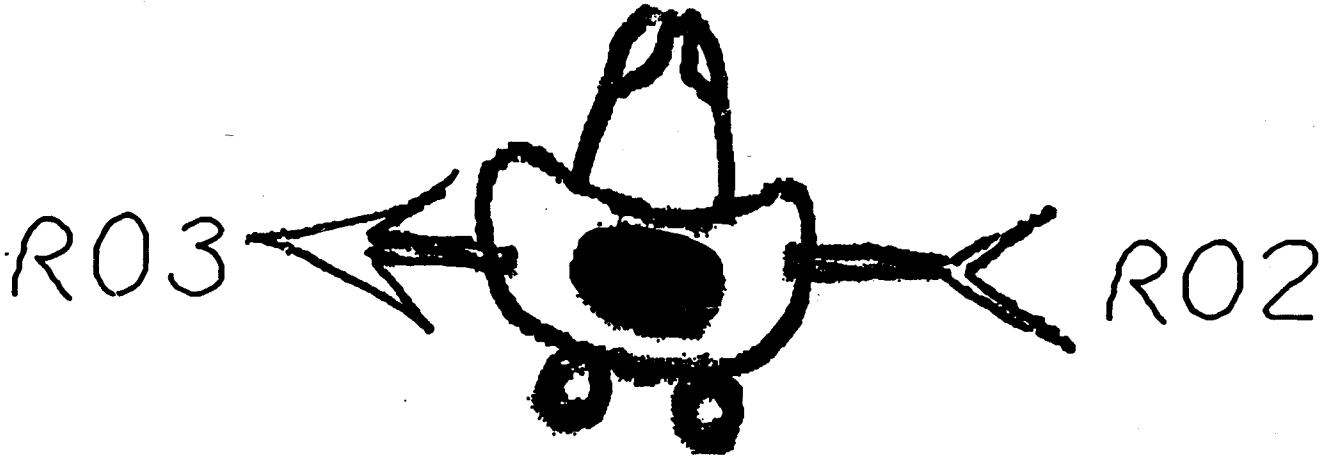
by  
*Lt. Cmdr. Edmund Trafford*



Just a few notes here, as we wind down the year (whew!). I am still working with Alacrity in Memphis for a joint newsletter project, which now looks like it will take the form of a "best of" issue from both our newsletters ("With Alacrity" and "And to the Republic"). Their COC, David Blalock, has been most assiduous and conscientious and timely in following up my unassiduous and erratic and sometimes-not-too-timely subspace communications, but this project will be off the ground and flying in the very near future. Also, you may have noted in the recent Starfleet Communique that the USS Camelot, out of Dayton, Ohio, is collecting material for a fleetwide history. I sent them a copy of our recruiting flyer on the history (real and Trek) of the USS Republic. If any of you have not seen this literature, let know and I'll be happy to provide you a copy. LLAP!



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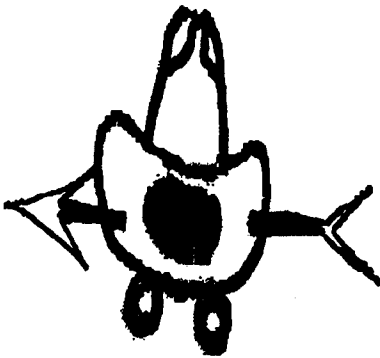
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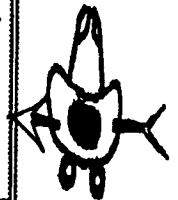
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May 15 - Third Payment Due - \$50

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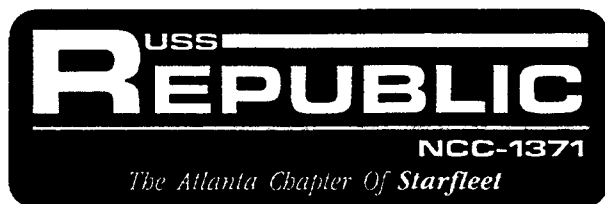
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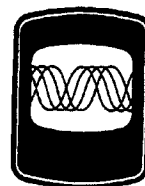
ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR WATSON  
by Lt. Cmdr. Edmund Trafford

As Spock noted in STVI, one of his ancestors was Sherlock Holmes. This got me to thinking that there are some interesting parallels between Sherlockian devotees ("Baker Street Irregulars") and ST fans ("Trekkers"). Both groups accept the various stories and episodes as canon, and reams of print have been expended to reconcile seeming discrepancies, explain fine points and cross-references, etc. in order to make both bodies of lore internally consistent. This job is not always easy and it is sometimes time-consuming, but for Irregulars and Trekkers alike, it is an enjoyable and satisfying (need I add "fascinating"?) pursuit. There is one major difference, however, between the Irregulars and the Trekkers--there is a significant dimension missing in the Sherlock Holmes tales which is the central core of ST. This dimension is the philosophical (or whatever you care to call it) aspect of ST. ST events do not just simply happen in time (the Victorian Era or just any ol' future)--they happen in a very specific future, an optimistic and humanistic future as envisioned by ST's founder Gene Roddenberry in which war, prejudice, and other social problems have been solved and humanity (or the various humanities, I like to think) are free to find and live up to their own potential. One can argue that Conan Doyle placed his characters in his own present and therefore had to accept the limitations of that present; he did not have the liberty, as we do, to deliberately invent a time frame which hasn't yet happened in which we imagine wonderful things to have taken place. Still, this desire to project the best aspects of ourselves into a bright future is the driving force behind ST, a desire that is not shared with any other science fiction or fantasy canon.



From the Editor

by Lt. Dan Carson



Well, the sixth season of ST: TNG has been underway for about two months now and, of course, its better than ever!! The stories are excellent, the acting is brilliant, the music sounds more mysterious, and... need I say more?

Several episodes stick out in my mind as some of the more memorable in recent years. The conclusion of "Times Arrow" had the interesting bits of the stranded Picard inserting that code into Data's head so that his future crew could relocate him in the past and of Samuel Clemens placing his watch in the underground cavern so that the Enterprise crew would be able to "re-find" it in the future.

"Relics" (with James Doohan) did a good job showing how characters from both "generations" can work together to solve a crisis. I smiled quite a bit when Scotty tried to show Geordi how to be a "miracle worker". But, of course, the best scene was that of the old 1966 starship bridge on the holodeck. (Does anyone know how the producers resurrected that set?) It almost brought tears to my eyes. The only drawback to this episode, however, was the Enterprise crew sending Scotty off in his own shuttlecraft. How would you explain to Starfleet the loss of one of its shuttles? And where is he going in it?

While "True Q" wasn't exactly the best Q episode, I like the possibility of a "good" Q entity roaming the universe. (The Q we all love to hate would probably never breath new life into a dying planet, figuratively speaking.) On the other hand, aren't Q entities supposed to be mischeivous and not benevolent?

But, to me, the best episode so far was "A Fistful of Datas". It was as comball as all get out! Having Data slipping in and out of "y'all mode" was a scream! (I loved it when he "spit" into the plant as he was moseying out of the room.) The idea of having the "story" coming from Alexander's imagination was a clever \storyline that must have come out of a successful writers' conference on one of their better days.

All in all, the season so far is very encouraging and bodes well for episodes to come.



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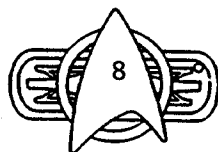
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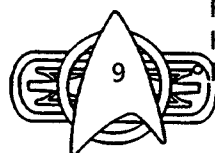
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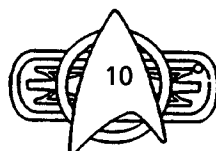
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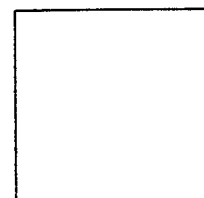
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	New Years Eve Blowout! RSVP Dawn Williams See Membership listing for phone number			
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