

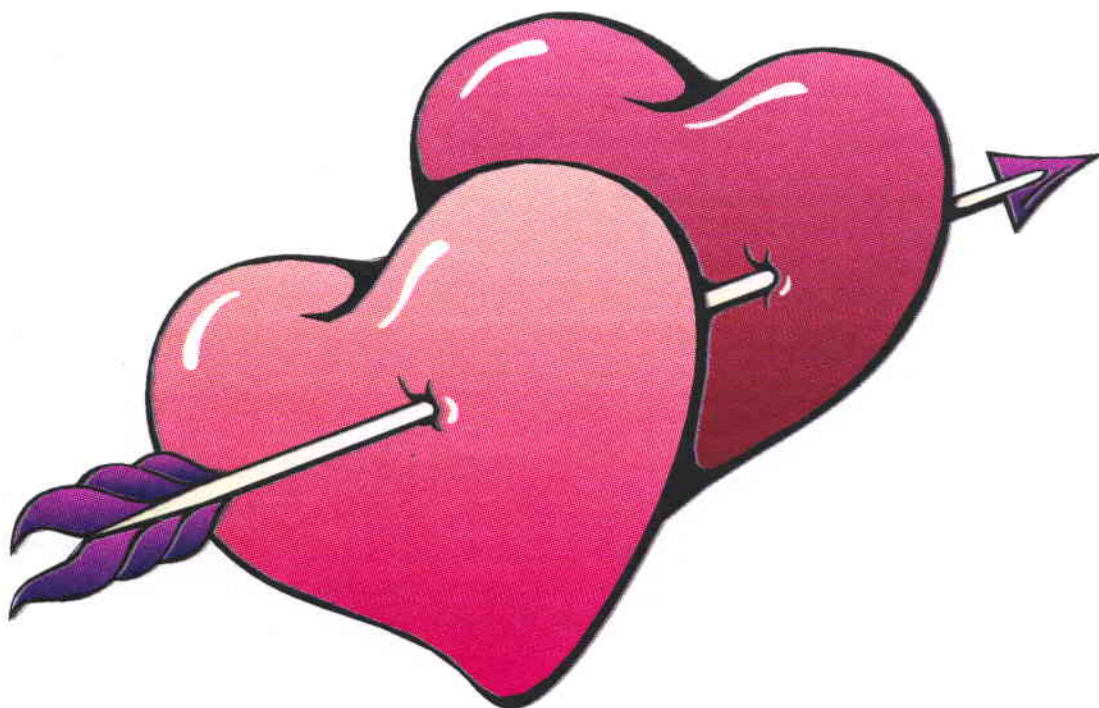
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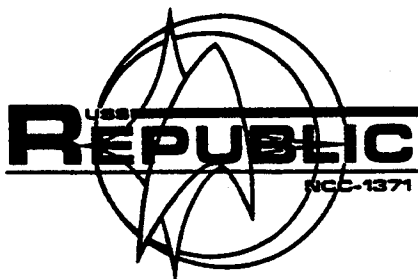
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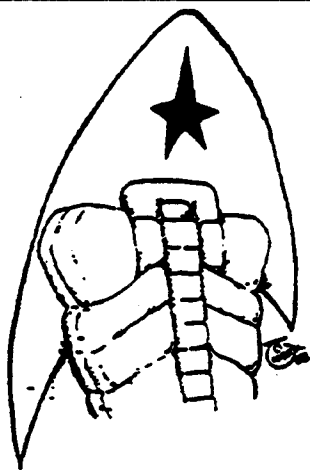
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FROM THE CENTER SEAT



by Fleet Capt. Kelly Hilliard

Well, it was a wonderful holiday and the beginning of a new year. As such, I have returned from a much needed three-week vacation. Tanned and refreshed, I am ready to get back into the swing of things, and I hope all of you are as well. We have several great cons coming up. First is Vulkon on February 11 featuring Leonard Nimoy for Saturday only. Then Voyages Trekons, May 5-7, featuring Majel Barrett, John de Lancie, Siddig el Fadil, and Andrew Robinson ("Garak" on DS9). There is also a staff meeting for the International Con February 24-26 for all those interested in helping (which is everything, right?). <smile>

The fall fund-raiser was a great success despite the limited number of people who participated. Hats off to Tonya Spanks. Speaking of fund-raising, Dee and Holly are collecting aluminum cans to help us raise money for the 1995 International Con. Please help us out by saving your cans and bringing them to the meeting. If you have any other ideas for a good fund-raiser, please let me know.

It is with regret that I have to announce that Shane Shadrix is stepping down due to personal reasons. He has been a great asset to the Republic, and I am sorry to see him go. He has assured me that he still means to continue to be a part of the Republic. I hope so. With Shane's departure, the position of Chief Engineer is now open. Anyone who wishes to assume the position of Chief Engineer, please contact me with your ideas of what you would do. My phone number is 978-1290.



NOTES FROM NUMBER ONE

*by Cmdr. Jeff Kirkland,
Executive Officer*

Here's hoping that you and your family had a great holiday season. If you missed the club party, you missed some good food and fun. I would like to thank Tonya for having us over for the party.

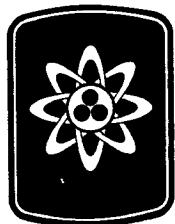
Now--down to business. Our club is hosting the Starfleet International Conference this year, and Kelly and Mike are going to need our help. There are still a lot of committees that need a chairperson. Check with Kelly or Mike and please help out.

There will be a Vulkan convention in Atlanta on February 11, 1995. This will be a "one day" only con at the World Congress Center.

Sciences

"The Science Station:

by Cmdr. Jeff Kirkland

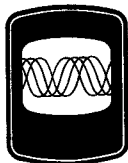


It is now 1995, and it has been two years since the "Star Trek Science and Technology" exhibit at SciTrek. They still need volunteers to help out at the museum. This is one of our ongoing projects. Please come and help out.

Communications

"Hailing Frequencies"

*by
Lt. Cmdr. Edmund Trafford*



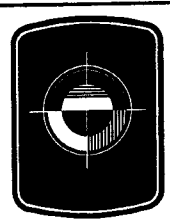
As we are kind of in between seasons, there isn't a great deal to report.

I am trying to work up another edition of "The Republic Reader" with a slightly different approach than the first issue's "best of" theme. I hope to have it available later in the spring so that it can be circulated at this summer's International Con.

After reading Chief Spanks' suggestion that we should publish our own cookbook, I am very enthusiastic about it. I hope everybody will submit their favorite snacks, dips, entrees, desserts, whatever. I have already given Tonya a preliminary mock-up of a proposed cookbook cover, so let's get this project moving!

SECURITY

*by Tonya Spanks,
Chief of Security*



Another year is over, and boy, has it been a busy one! We've gone to see about 10 movies, gone to 5 conventions, and gone to at least 9 different places just for the fun of it. None of us will forget the look on Armin Shimerman's face when he saw his stained glass. Rene proved to be even more entertaining during his talk, and meeting Q is a once-in-a-lifetime event (at least, it was for me!). Need less to say (BUT I'M GOING TO SAY IT ANYWAY) the Republic is the best ship of Region Two.

Republicans--I'd like to thank you for coming to the Christmas party held at my home this year. Between the food and the company and ever-so-brief (HA!) appearance by the vacuum cleaner salesman, we had a smashing good time. By the way, Delton had too much eggnog, that's why he didn't join in with the festivities. Mother didn't come home until 1 o'clock Sunday



afternoon with absolutely no trace of the party in the house. Which brings me to my next subject: THE RECIPE BOOK.

A lot of the dishes served at the party would be wonderful in the recipe book. Folks, if we could just get together and get our recipes in order, we could have a great money-maker for the International Conference, and it's something that can be sold year-round. All I ask is that we give it a try. If it doesn't work, I won't make any more suggestions. (Yes! You have it in writing!) So let's get together and get ready for another busy year. Security out.

THE OPS MISSION



by Commodore Mike Henigan, COO

The Ops Mission you say? Yes, it is the mission or the responsibility of Operations to do just that, run operations of the ship. In our particular case that means the day to day tasks undertaken that are assigned by the captain and also to take charge of the recruiting.

Chief of Operations is something I know quite well as that was my first posting in my first assignment which was on the shuttle Casco Bay. Shuttle Casco Bay you ask? Good reason, it is because I am from Maine and the old Region 14.

My name is Mike Henigan and I am the Chief of Operations here on the Republic. I thought you'd like to know a little more about me and what I have done in my Starfleet career. I have been in Starfleet for over 7 years and have served as charter member on the USS Casco Bay, and then the USS Longfellow. Those were both based in Portland, Maine, and I served as the

commissioning captain of the Longfellow until this past August. I stepped down to plan my move south and let the crew get a chance for some new blood in the Command chair.

In the last four years I have also served as the Director of Starfleet Site Selection Committee. My job, which I still hold, is to oversee the Bidding and Awarding process for the International Conference each year. It was in this position that I first made contact with the Republic, Starfleet Atlanta and Capt. Hilliard. The Captain can regale you with stories of how Starfleet Atlanta won the bid to host this year's IC. When I decided to move to Atlanta, he mentioned that I might want the position of COO and I said sure, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The one thing that the Republic needs to do to hold its charter commissioning certificate from Starfleet is to have at least 10 Starfleet members. This is one of the reasons why we recruit for Starfleet, as it helps to keep our charter. If you have never recruited someone and want to know how, please just ask one of the Command Staff and we will tell you how.

Many opportunities arise for us to do some recruiting. For example, when Vulkon Atlanta was held at the World Congress Center with guest Leonard Nimoy, this was an excellent chance for us to spread the word of Starfleet, the USS Republic and get some new members and raise some funds for the IC.

The next opportunity will be a brand new convention, Voyages Trekon on May 5 - 7 at the Cobb Civic Center. There will be six guests and we need LOTS of help there for the Republic table. Please contact Capt. Hilliard or myself if you can volunteer to man the table at this convention.



One last item...On February 24 - 26, Starfleet Atlanta is having an IC Staff meeting at the Downtown Ramada Hotel. If you are on staff or planning to help on this Conference, then PLEASE make an effort to be there. WE NEED YOUR HELP AND INPUT! This is your chance to get involved and see how a Conference is run for Starfleet. So VOLUNTEER TODAY!

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STAR TREK IN THE NEWS

A short article in the "Travel" section of the Sunday Atlanta Journal/Constitution (January 22, 1995) highlighted the interactive "Federation Science" exhibit now showing at the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, Florida, through September 4, 1995. This is the same exhibit which was in Atlanta at SciTrek two years ago. If any REPUBLICans will be vacationing in Florida or passing through the area during the next spring and summer, stop in Tampa for an "encore performance" of a great exhibit. Call the Tampa Museum of Science and Industry at (813) 987-6300.

"Access Atlanta" wants your comments on the new ST Voyager series. Access Atlanta is the local on-line service offered by the Atlanta Journal/Constitution and Prodigy. Software is available from Prodigy or Access Atlanta or by calling (800) 224-5285.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Lt. Cmdr. Edmund Trafford

"Balance of Power"
by Dafydd Ab Hugh

This new STTNG novel, by the writer of the infamous book "where everybody dies" (the DS9 adventure "Fallen Heroes") is absolutely superb--and very different from his dark, bleak DS9 book. I can only compare it to John Ford's "How Much for Just the Planet," a widely misunderstood and underappreciated book also. Ford established his reputation with the excellent "Final Reflection," then followed it with a sparkling witty, extremely clever novel. Ford's acknowledgements in "How Much for Just the Planet" make it clear that if the reader is unfamiliar with classic French



farce, Gilbert & Sullivan, silent film comedies, and motion pictures from the '30s and '40s, you will not understand the book. (A Best of Trek review rated it very low, I'm sure because it didn't have enough traditional action and heroics.) "Balance of Power" is a similar case. Following the outstanding dramatic "Fallen Heroes," Hugh has produced a hilarious tour de force. In this comedy of errors, Picard finds himself representing the Klingon Empire, and Worf is acting for the Federation at an interstellar high-tech auction. Both are bidding against Gul Fubar of the Cardassian Empire. (Anybody with any military experience out there? You will know the significance of the Gul's name . . .) Wesley becomes a stowaway on a Ferengi vessel and is conned by his captors into minting counterfeit gold-plated latinum. Does any of this make any sense? How do you compress the antics of an entire novel into a single review? This is a great book--it isn't heroic, it isn't adventurous, it isn't thrilling or daring or suspenseful. But it is extremely well written--very few writers can sustain the high level of humor as Hugh does.

AN EDITORIAL by Margaret Duncan

Will NASA be as significant in the future as it was in its glorious past? If Congress were to have their way, NASA would no longer exist and Americans in space would be left to science fiction.

Space exploration has always appealed best to people who are open minded, whatever their political opinions; unfortunately, many republicans, under the leadership of Newt Gingrich are eyeing a seismic change that would

return NASA exclusively to research and development and shift the bulk of the nation's civilian space program onto a commercial footing. This would be the end of exploration for the sake of attaining knowledge. Instead, the politicians seek to return to Reagan's vision of Star Wars, i.e. a path would be cleared to go forward again with a land- and space-based anti-missile by abrogating the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972.

Gingrich is no friend of anyone who seeks space exploration, he has set forth his overriding mission for NASA by drastically reducing the cost of getting into space. Money is what matters, not knowledge. Gingrich wants a dedicated R&D agency whose other central tenet is space economics. Gingrich has criticized the agency as a people heavy obsolescent bureaucracy that has got to learn a whole lot of new approaches and new techniques.

With this knowledge what are we in fandom to do? Although at times NASA does appear to have the same problem of any government bureaucracy, we must stand for political action to further space exploration. Unfortunately, Congress would like to use NASA as a financial scapegoat, their attitude is why pay billions of dollars for the Freedom Space Station when all it will do is orbit the Earth. The same day the space shuttle had a close encounter with the Russian Space Station Mir, Gingrich was quoted as saying NASA should have been disbanded after the Apollo space program.

I challenge all members of fandom to be more politically aware, not necessarily active. If you hold dear the concept of life outside this universe or a civilization in which Star Trek aspires, then we must not let today's politicians destroy any hope of achieving these goals. When you see these financially conscientious politicians demanding that NASA be cut to the bones, just ask yourself, how can I make a difference?

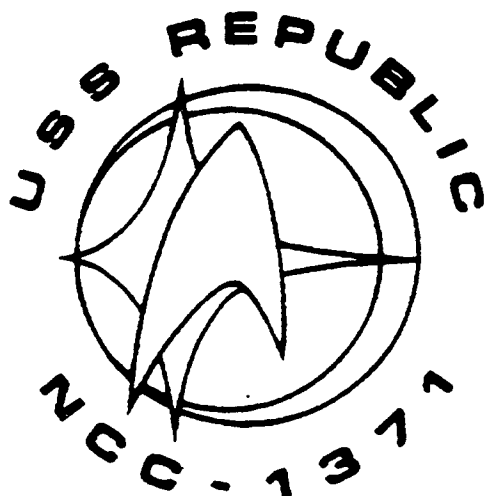




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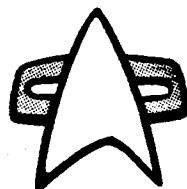
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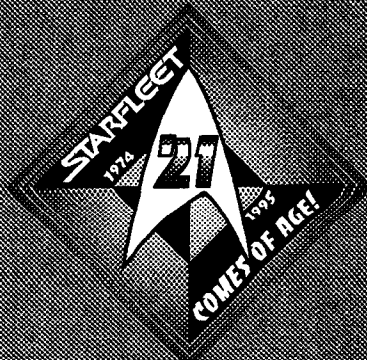
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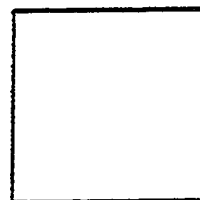
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