

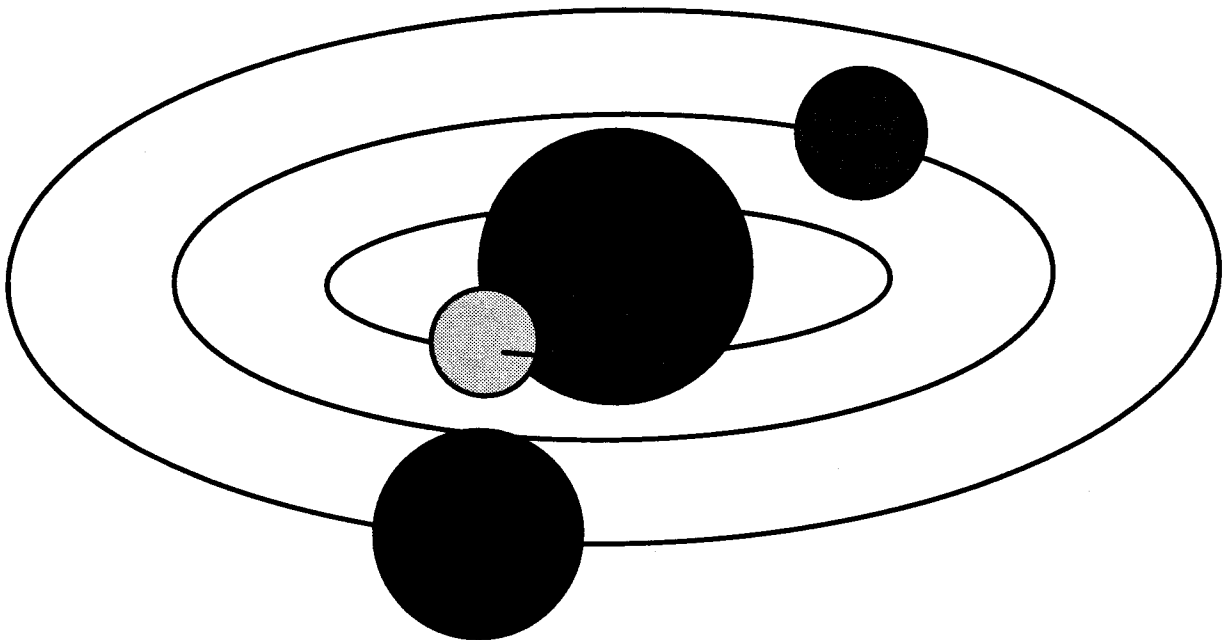
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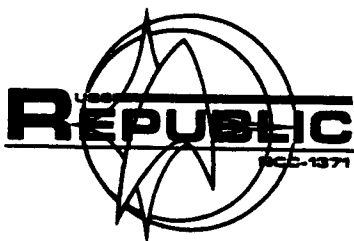
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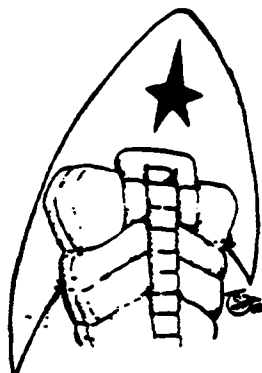
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FROM THE CENTER SEAT



by Commodore Kelly Hilliard

It's time again for my report, and spring has arrived. The Republic is on the move! We have conventions, outings, and staff meetings ahead of us. I would like to welcome all the new members who joined us after the last Vulkan in February. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of the other officers. We are here to serve you, the members.

As all of you know, we are the host chapter for the 1995 Starfleet International Conference being held in conjunction with Dragon*Con/NASFic this July 13-16 at the Ramada Hotel Downtown. If you haven't made your reservation, **DO IT NOW!** Space is starting to go fast, and if you don't hurry, you will be out of luck. Memberships are currently \$55 and are payable to Atlanta 95 at 2071 Walden Park Place, Snellville, GA 30278-3479. You **MUST** have a membership to work or enjoy the con, so send yours in today! Many of our crew are involved in this conference, and your efforts will not go unrewarded. ALL volunteers will receive a special conference T-shirt at the con if they volunteer. This is in addition to the Dead Dog party at its conclusion. We need volunteers, whether for specific jobs or just a general helper. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me as soon as possible. We are also having an IC staff meeting April 7-8. The 7th will be a night on the town, probably Underground. The 8th will be the staff meeting, which begins at 9AM until we finish. You need to attend this meeting if you plan on volunteering.

Another activity is our annual con season which started with Vulkan this past February. On May 5-7, Trekon Voyages is holding a con at the Cobb County Civic Center. Majel Barrett, John de Lancie, Siddig el Fadil, and Andrew Robinson are the guests. This should be an awesome con. Please contact me for details or refer to the convention section for more info.



We now have a new Chief of Engineering. Welcome Dee Troutman! I am sure she will do her best to bring new and refreshing projects to this department. If you have any ideas or wish to join Engineering, please contact her. You can find her number in the new crew roster later in this issue.

I would like to thank all those sneaky, underhanded, and devious people who gave me my surprise promotion party at the March 4 meeting where I was promoted to Commodore. I am still wondering how y'all hid that helium balloon, sheet cake, and Asti Spumanti. One of these days . . .

To finish this up, I would like to say something about the crew of the USS Republic. I have never met a finer bunch of people in my entire life. With your help, we have turned this ship around. No more politics running rampant through the ship, we are not the flagship for Zone 2 and the auxiliary flagship for the Region. We are hosting, with the USS MacLeod, the 1995 Conference and were a major force at the 1994 Conference. We are making a difference, and it is being noticed! It is because of you that we are where we are. Without you, this ship would have been decommissioned three years ago or we would have been just a paper ship. Give yourselves a hand, people, you deserve it! Till later, gators!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"Notes From Number One"



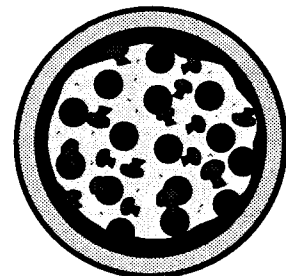
by Commander Jeff Kirkland

OK, crew! The International Conference will be here in 103 days and counting. I know that some of you have not bought your memberships for the conference and the convention yet. The later it gets and the longer you wait, the more expensive it will be. We still have a lot of work openings that need to be filled. We will also need someone to help keep check on the table at the main Dragon Con hotel to turn on lights and keep information on the Starfleet table where we are located.

We want as many people as possible at the May convention in Cobb County to help with the table as well as the joint party with the Dragon Con people for the July convention and conference. We need all the help we can get and will be happy to use anybody willing to work.

Don't forget your recipes--get them to Tonya for the recipe book.

Frequencies closed.



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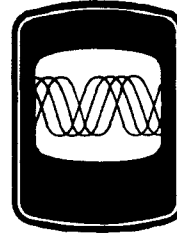
"Security Log"



by Chief of Security Tonya Spanks

COMMUNICATIONS

"Hailing Frequencies"



by Lt. Commander Edmund Trafford

Stardate 01072.5

It's only three months into the new year, and boy! have we been busy. Meetings for the IC seem to be going rather smoothly, with only one stumbling block . . . the all-mighty dollar, but with help and patience, we'll make it through. Folks, we need as many volunteers at the Conference as possible. If you were planning to be there, you might as well help out. It will only take a small portion of your time.

PAINTING. Please call me and inform me of the days (Saturdays) that you are free to play. The name of the facility is Wild Fire, which is located on Mountain Industrial Boulevard and admission is \$30, including gun rental and ammo. Wear OLD clothes, preferably dark, and most importantly, OLD SHOES!! Let's shoot for May, before it gets too hot (the warehouse has no AC)!

RECIPE BOOK! Folks, please have your recipes ready for the recipe book by April 15 and ready to turn in. If you are submitting a recipe from a magazine or newspaper, WRITE IT OUT! ID your recipes with your name or the names of those who wish to be acknowledged. All crew members will have their names by their recipes. All others can be ID'd as Ambassador Hennigan or otherwise. I want a total of 200 recipes! I know you can do it, folks. We all have cooked at one time or another, and they were all delicious!

I hope everybody liked the Second Edition of our very own "Republic Reader." The First Edition concentrated on the "best of" our past newsletters, and the theme of the Second Edition was "Trek in Everyday Life." Now I'm already starting to think of yet a Third Edition, and the article which appears later in this issue gave me the idea about "Trek Science"--the many ways ST fictional technology has become realized over the past 30 years or how legitimate science accepts the tenets of ST technology to make a point. If anyone has any other ideas or comes across some interesting or fascinating ST-related scientific items, please pass them on to me for the next issue of the "Republic Reader."

Commodore Hilliard has appointed me as International Conference Volunteer Coordinator. I am being ably assisted by Tonya Spanks as Vice Coordinator (no, that doesn't mean what you think it means . . .). Nearly 50 letters have now gone out to ships and shuttles in Regions 1 and 2 asking for volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities. I know that all of us are aware of the IC coming up because our own region and ship and are already involved. If any of you have suggestions or questions about volunteering for the IC, please let us know. Do you have a specific interest? Did you have a really bad or really good experience volunteering somewhere before that would help us to know about?

STAR TREK IN EVERYDAY LIFE (AGAIN)

by Lt. Cmdr. Edmund Trafford

I was recently reading a book entitled "HYPERSPACE—A Scientific Journey Through Parallel Universes, Time Warps, and The Tenth Dimension," by Michio Kaku (Oxford University Press, 1994), and I came across an intriguing chapter with the subtitle "Warp 5." Here's part of the text (pages 227-228):

"When Captain Kirk takes us soaring through hyperspace at 'warp factor 5,' the 'dilithium crystals' that power the *Enterprise* must perform miraculous feats of warping space and time. This means that the dilithium crystals have the magical power of bending the space-time continuum into pretzels; that is, they are tremendous storehouses of matter and energy.

"If the *Enterprise* travels from the earth to the nearest star, it does not physically move to Alpha Centauri—rather, Alpha Centauri comes to the *Enterprise*. Imagine sitting on a rug and lassoing a table several feet away. If we are strong enough and the floor is slick enough, we can pull the lasso until the carpet begins to fold underneath us. If we pull hard enough, the table comes to us, and the 'distance' between the table and us disappears into a mass of crumpled carpeting. Then we simply hop across this 'carpet warp.' In other words, we have hardly moved; the space between us and the table has contracted, and we just jump across this contracted distance. Similarly, the *Enterprise* does not really cross the entire space to Alpha Centauri; it simply moves across the crumpled space-time . . ."

The narrative then continues on into other more esoteric discussions—the Einstein-Rosen bridge as applied to black

holes). This particular section does not refer to ST directly (like the paragraphs just quoted explaining warp drive) but it does have immediate relevance to the recent Voyager episode "Parallax," where Capt. Janeway and her crew find themselves receiving a hail from themselves inside a black hole. The author describes a hypothetical spaceship as it approaches a black hole: "Since all electromagnetic radiation, including radar, orbits the black hole, our radar screens are detecting signals that have been circulating around the black hole a number of times. This effect resembles a hall of mirrors, in which we are fooled by the multiple images that surround us. Light goes ricocheting across numerous mirrors, creating the illusion that there are numerous copies of ourselves in the hall. The same effect occurs as we pass through the black hole. Because the same light beam cannot escape the closed gravitational curve of the black hole, it is doomed to circle the black hole endlessly. Our rocket's radar detects images that have gone spinning around the black hole, creating the illusion of objects that aren't really there."

MORE STAR TREK IN EVERYDAY LIFE!

An article in the Wednesday, April 5, 1994 "Living" section of the Atlanta Journal/Constitution featured local sportscaster/media personality Jeff Hullinger. The column described a typical 12-hour day for Hullinger—interviewing sports celebrities, writing and taping broadcasts and doing the nightly live news shows. But for all his high profile as "the city's most visible sportscaster, jock savant, and heart-throb of the airwaves," Hullinger himself said "It doesn't take a great mind to do what I do. It's not like this is the helm of the *Enterprise*." At least he's got his priorities straight . . .



YOUR FAVORITE SHOWS

In a recent issue, we ran the crew's choices of their favorite episodes as the final season of STTNG was ending. A recent article in the Thursday, March 30, 1995 issue of the Atlanta Journal/Constitution "Living" section featured a listing of the top five episodes, which ended with the series finale, "All Good Things" ("nice swan song; but will Trekkers ever really comprehend Paramount's decision to stop producing The Next Generation?"). "The Inner Light" was characterized as "an oddball episode," and "Yesterday's Enterprise" received the writer's seal of approval ("A great Star Trek, no doubt about it. Tasha is back!") Part of the article mentioned the various computer net message boards devoted to ST. If you don't already know them, these self-explanatory categories are:
rec.arts.startrek.fandom,
rec.arts.startrek.info, rec.arts.startrek.misc,
rec.arts.startrek.tech, and
rec.arts.startrek.current.



CAPT. PICARD'S TOP TEN COMMAND DECISIONS

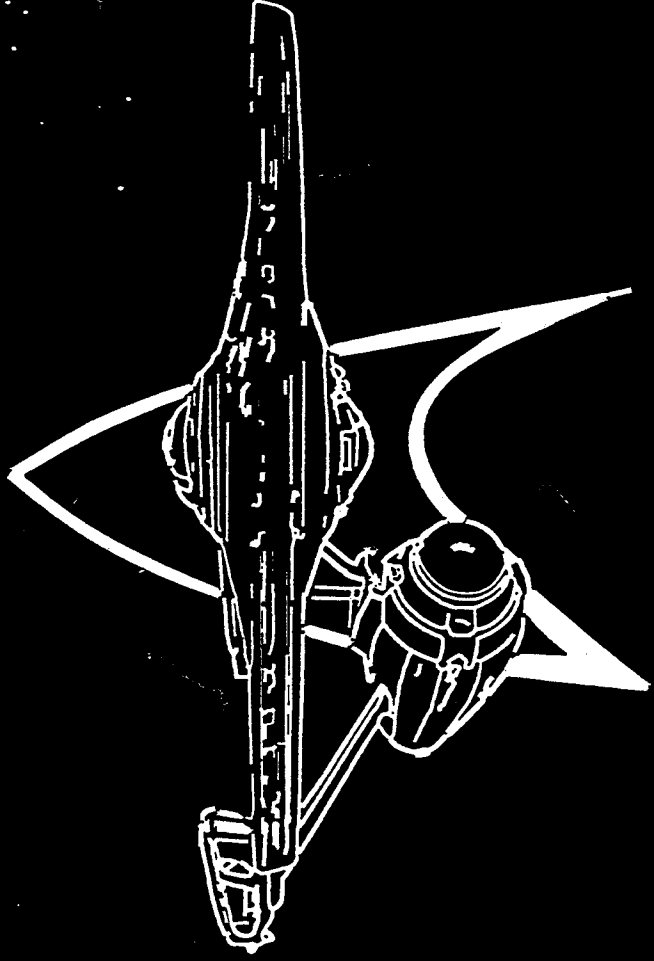
1. Should he send Wesley an FTD bouquet?
2. How big a tip to leave in Ten Forward.
3. Should he open hailing frequencies or beam over a nice Hallmark card instead?
4. Stock up on minoxidol or turtle wax?
5. Whether or not to have easy-listening music played in the turbolifts.
6. Should he put Spock on his Christmas card list?
7. Whether or not to have Data's cat neutered.
8. Whether or not to have Commander Riker neutered.
9. Bud or Coors?
10. Keep matter/antimatter war engines or switch to clean, efficient natural gas.

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o Memorial Day (observed)	29	30	31			
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o Republic Meeting Cancelled

o Cinco de Mayo

o 12p Republic Meeting At Int'l Golf Club

o Republic 7th Anniv Party

o Memorial Day (observed)

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o 12p Republic Meeting Atlanta International Golf Club

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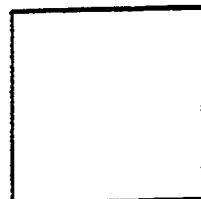
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