



# CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

## USS *Republic* NCC-1371

### February 2008

The USS *Republic* NCC-1371 participated in three events during the month of February 2008: a 20th Year Celebration Planning Committee meeting, *Star Trek* Movie & Game Night, and “*Star Trek* Night” with the Atlanta OutWorlders.

The *Republic* held a 20th Year Celebration Planning Committee meeting on Saturday, February 9, at the Applebee’s restaurant in Stone Mountain. In attendance were Commanding Officer Capt Eric L. Watts, Ens Marq Collins, Ens David Churvis and Ens Hal Doby.

Business discussed and decisions made include:

- Treasury funds, cash flow, membership renewals and the cost of upcoming events. The *Republic* needs to hold multiple fundraising events in February and March in order to meet anticipated chapter expenses. Ens Churvis volunteered to host a “*Star Trek* Movie & Game Night” at his home in Norcross on Sunday, February 24, and Ens Doby will host a “Movie & Taco Night” on Saturday, March 22 (the day before Easter), at his home in Conyers.
- Ens Doby proposed selling a limited edition “party package” as a means to raise funds for our financial needs at Sci-Fi Summer Con. These packages, limited to 75, would contain convention-related materials and “swag” such as an event t-shirt, an event souvenir key ring, a battery-operated and multi-color lighted “disco fan,” one raffle ticket for a door prize drawing at the STARFLEET Reception on Saturday night, an event program, a copy of the Spring 2008 issue of *The Sovereign Star*, and any swag items we are able to obtain. These packages will have an estimated retail value of more than \$25 and will be sold for \$15. If all 75 packages are sold, the *Republic* should net approximately \$800 to use for the event.
- The status of *The Sovereign Star* as a printed newsletter vs. a PDF newsletter (or combination of both). Ens Doby believes the newsletter should be converted to a PDF document and emailed to the membership, or at the very least, to those who request it as such; Capt Watts is committed to preserving the newsletter as a paper-only publication. Ens Doby believes the chapter cannot afford the expense of a paper newsletter as it is currently produced and distributed and/or under the current membership dues structure; Capt Watts stated that the chapter treasury is merely experiencing a temporary cash flow problem due to recent expenses associated with the chapter’s web site that will be eventually resolved. Ens Doby further believes the matter of the chapter newsletter as a paper or PDF newsletter should be reconsidered after the publication of the Spring 2008 issue in April; Capt Watts stated that *The Sovereign Star* will remain a paper newsletter for the duration of his command.
- The need to move the chapter web site from DotEasy.com with prohibitively limited bandwidth to another web host with unlimited bandwidth. Capt Watts stated that the site was in the process of being relocated to Server Systems, the same host that handles the *TrekTrak* web site, which includes unlimited bandwidth. Server Systems has agreed to accept whatever payment we can afford to pay whenever we are able to pay it. Capt Watts stated that he recently revised the chapter web site with a new front page and other improvements, including linking each member’s email address to their name on the Crew Roster, adding new infor-

mation and graphics to the chapter newsletter section and moving that section to the Make It So! page.

- Ens Doby presented a single “proposed” logo for the 20th Year Celebration to the committee in the form of thirteen t-shirts and a couple dozen key chains, all printed with the “proposed” logo, to give away as promotional items at the upcoming STARFLEET Region 2 Summit to promote the *Republic’s* 20th Year Celebration. Given the quantity of free swag that Ens Doby presented already printed with the “proposed” logo, there seemed to be very little point in discussing any alternate designs or suggestions for improvement, so the “proposed” logo was accepted *nolo contendere*.
- Capt Watts agreed to allow Ens Doby to begin work on a promotional flyer for the event, which would have to be completed prior to the Summit. After that, additional flyers will be mailed to other Regional chapters and others whom we may wish to invite to the event.
- Captain Watts stated that he had revised the scheduling of programming events to include more 45-minute panels with 15-minute recesses rather than fewer 60-minute panels with 30-minute recesses.
- STARFLEET Studio: Ens Doby had previously agreed to set up for a portrait photography session, offering free sittings for anyone in a *Star Trek* costume. It was further decided to devote one hour prior to each evening’s party for this opportunity. Once the photo is taken, Ens Doby will create a CD with a low-resolution, Web-ready image and one “professional” 8 x 10 photo print. These photos will be ready for pickup around noon the next day at the chapter’s fan table.
- The STARFLEET Reception has been moved from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The next 20th Year Celebration Planning Committee meeting will be held just prior to the “*Star Trek* Movie & Game Night” event on Sunday, February 24.

On Sunday, February 24, Ens David Churvis and his partner Matt Duncan hosted the *Republic’s* first *Star Trek* Movie & Game Night at their home in Norcross. Also attending were Ens Tony Cade, Ens Zannetta Law, Ens Mark A. Ozanick, Capt Eric L. Watts, Friend of the *Republic* Bruce Berryhill and Ens Cade’s guest, Heather. Capt Watts brought a variety of *Star Trek* games to play, but everyone was more interested in watching the evening’s two movies, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* and *Galaxy Quest*. Conversation during *Khan* included inconsistencies in the movie’s plot and canon continuity (a lab rat on Regula? Ceti Alpha... VI?), the private lives of some of the actors (what do George Takei, Merritt Buttrick and Paul Winfield have in common?), and how meticulously every single word of dialog was scrutinized and analyzed by *Star Trek* fans when the movie was first released (“His pattern indicates two-dimensional thinking... you dumbass!”). Conversation during *Galaxy Quest* included Capt Watts’ firm belief that the movie was likely based on a famous *Star Trek* fanzine story, “Visit to a Weird Planet Revisited” by Ruth Berman (*Star Trek: The New Voyages*, Bantam, 1976), in which William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and DeForest Kelley temporarily switch places with Captain Kirk, Commander Spock and Dr. McCoy while filming “The Omega Glory.” During both movies, Ens Churvis kept the small crowd supplied with a variety of snacks and munchies, which everyone enjoyed. At the end of the evening, everyone stated that they had had a very enjoyable time and would like to do it again. Commanding Officer, *Republic*, wishes to thank Ens Churvis and Friend of the Republic Matt Duncan for their gracious hospitality.

On Friday, February 29, members of the USS *Republic* were invited to join our friends, the Atlanta OutWorlders (AOW), for their monthly event: “*Star Trek* Night,” an informal and relaxed social occasion where members will watch two or three episodes of a *Star Trek* series and then enjoy some casual conversation about them. Each month features a specific theme; this month’s theme was Klingons: “Errand of Mercy” from the original series; “Sins of the Father” from *The Next Gen-*

eration, and “The Sword of Kahless” from *Deep Space Nine*. The event was hosted by AOW member Alan Siler in his home in Doraville; *Republic* members in attendance include Ens Patrick Anderson, Ens Russell Broomfield, Ens Chris Jones, Ens Zannetta Law and Commanding Officer Capt Eric L. Watts. Adm Mike Henigan and FCapt Tonya Spanks from the USS *Atlanta* were also in attendance. Total attendance, including members and friends of AOW, numbered about twenty people. Following the episodes, most of those in attendance departed while some stayed for a while longer for various conversations. Commanding Officer, *Republic*, wishes to thank the Atlanta OutWorlders for inviting us to participate in their *Star Trek* Night and looks forward to future events.

Photos from the 20th Year Celebration Planning Committee meeting, *Star Trek* Movie & Game Night, and “*Star Trek* Night” with the Atlanta OutWorlders can be viewed on the [Republic’s web site](#).

In accordance with the *Republic’s* membership promotion policy, Ensign Tony Cade, Ensign Anita Letendre, Ensign Susan Rey, Ensign Marq Collins, Ensign Hal Doby, Ensign Brooke Perry, Ensign Zannetta Law, Ensign Russell Broomfield, Ensign Michael Shipley, Ensign Mark A. Ozanick, Ensign David Churvis, Ensign Lea Hepler and Ensign Germaine Webb were promoted to Ensign 3rd Class on February 21, 2008. These Time In Service (TIS) promotions were given to each member for successfully completing their first year of service aboard the *Republic* and for renewing their membership dues for both STARFLEET International and the *Republic*.

Upcoming chapter events include the STARFLEET International Region 2 Summit on March 7-9, a “Movie & Taco Night” fundraiser on March 22, a Spring Dinner & Business Meeting in April, TimeGate ’08 on May 23-26 and of course, Sci-Fi Summer Con on June 6-8.

At the end of January, the *Republic’s* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 45 Active or Pending members and seven Inactive (Ens Sean Anderson, Ens Eddie Atkins, Capt Matthew D. Ebeling, Ens Eric Koske, Ens Sheryl Parsons, Ens Stephanie Wallace, Ens Germaine Webb), for a total of 52 members. During the month of February, the *Republic* welcomed aboard one new member: Brenda J. Pruitt of Powder Springs, Georgia, thanks to the recruitment efforts of Captain Watts. Members who reenlisted with STARFLEET during February include Capt Ebeling and Ens Webb. Ens Eddie Atkins indicated his intent to not renew his membership dues and has been unassigned from the *Republic* in the STARFLEET database. No additional members’ STARFLEET memberships became due for renewal during February, but memberships for Ensigns Anderson, Wallace, Koske and Parsons, which became due in January, have not yet been renewed. Ens Parsons has indicated her intent to renew but payment has not yet been received; the intentions of Ensigns Anderson, Wallace and Koske are not yet known. At the end of February, the *Republic’s* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 48 Active members and four Inactive (Anderson, Koske, Parsons, Wallace), for a total of 52 members.

Respectfully submitted,



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