



CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

USS *Republic* NCC-1371

April 2008

The USS *Republic* NCC-1371 participated in five events during the month of April 2008: the USS *Robins*' Welcome Home Party, "Mystery *Star Trek* Theater," the USS *Hephaestus*' Spring Cookout, *Star Trek* Night with the Atlanta OutWorlders, and the *Republic*'s Spring Dinner & Business Meeting.

On Saturday, April 12, Captain Eric L. Watts and Ensign 3rd Class Zannetta Law travelled together to the Ryan's restaurant in Warner Robins, Georgia, to attend the USS *Robins*' Welcome Home Party for their member Lt JG Will Glass, who successfully returned home from a one-year tour of duty in Korea with the United States Air Force. Also in attendance were Commodore Jeff Kirkland and Ensign Martha Kirkland from the USS *DaVinci*, as well as Admiral Barbara M. Paul, Fleet Captain Bill Paul, Ensign JG Roger Howell, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jared Lyon and Ensign JG Jennifer Glass, all of the *Robins*. After congratulating Lt Glass on his military service and enjoying both a good meal and some sheet cake with their STARFLEET colleagues, Capt Watts and Ens Law promoted the *Republic*'s upcoming 20th Year Celebration in June, encouraged everyone there to attend, and sold three of the *Republic*'s 2008 chapter calendars. Adm Paul and FCapt Paul both agreed to come and participate in the Celebration; Comm Kirkland agreed to loan and/or donate a considerable amount of his historical *Republic* records for the event. Several other *Robins* members agreed to consider attending. At the end of the afternoon, Capt Watts and Ens Law bid their colleagues farewell and returned home to Atlanta.

On Friday, April 18, Lt JG David Churvis and his partner, Matt Duncan, hosted "Mystery *Star Trek* Theater" in their home in Norcross, Georgia. Also in attendance were Ensign 3rd Class Zannetta Law and Friend of the *Republic* Chris Hensley. The small group watched (and heckled) the Original Series episode "The Way to Eden," in which Spock joins a bunch of space hippies on a quest to find paradise, followed by the classic 1980 movie *Xanadu*, starring Olivia Newton-John. Food and drinks were provided by the hosts.

On Saturday, April 19, Captain Eric L. Watts and Lt JG David Churvis travelled together to Birmingham, Alabama, to attend the USS *Hephaestus*' Spring Cookout, hosted by and in the home of Vice Admiral Pete Mohney. The day included games, movies and lots of food and drink, including hamburgers, hot dogs, all sorts of sides and a huge selection of desserts. More than three dozen members from no less than eight STARFLEET chapters were in attendance, including the USS *Blue Sun*, SS *Dark Silence Station*, USS *DaVinci*, USS *New Hope*, USS *Rising Moon* and, from Region 1, the SS *Nikola Tesla*. In addition to enjoying good food, good company and much camaraderie, Capt Watts met and spoke with Josheua Samuelson of the *Hephaestus* about bringing his *Star Trek* simming project to the *Republic*'s 20th Year Celebration as a discussion panel. Lt Churvis also socialized and promoted the "Music of *Star*

Trek” panel that he would be presenting at the same event. Capt Watts handed out flyers and applications for the event and encouraged everyone to attend. After a full day of eating, playing and promoting, and as a full-blown poker tournament was heating up in the basement, Capt Watts and Lt Churvis bid their colleagues farewell and returned home to Atlanta.

On Friday, April 25, 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 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 “Mirror Images.” The event was hosted by AOW member Alan Siler in his home in Doraville. It is not known by this reporter how many *Republic* members were in attendance this month; however, we wish to thank the Atlanta OutWorlders for inviting us to participate in their *Star Trek* Night and look forward to future events.

On Sunday, April 27, the USS *Republic* held its Spring Dinner & Business Meeting at the Ryan’s restaurant in Norcross. In attendance were Captain Eric L. Watts, Lt JG David Churvis, Ensign 3rd Class Hal Doby, Ensign Chadd Franklin, Ensign Naomi Hemingway, Ensign Chris Jones, Ensign Sue Lin Lange, Ensign 3rd Class Zannetta Law, Ensign Page Lewis, Ensign 3rd Class Mark A. Ozanick and Friends of the *Republic* Bruce Berryhill, Chris Hensley and James Lynn. After a hearty meal, Capt Watts conducted the business meeting, the majority of which was devoted to the *Republic*’s upcoming 20th Year Celebration at Sci-Fi Summer Con (SFSC) in June. Watts announced the results of his “away missions” to Warner Robins and Birmingham earlier in the month to promote the event; circulated the programming schedule currently in development for the event, indicating where additional panelists were still needed; recruited specific volunteers for the Friday night STARFLEET Reception and Saturday night *Star Trek* Dance Party; and announced that the *Republic* had finally exceeded the number of memberships it had committed to brokering on behalf of SFSC in exchange for meeting room space to hold its events. Discussions were held about commemorative t-shirts for the event, the lack of expected sales of our Party Packs, and promoting the event at TimeGate ’08 the following month. Additional discussions were held about the *Republic*’s Summer Pool Party at ENS3 Doby’s home in August and the *Republic*’s fan table and hosting the Trek-Trak “Happy Hour at Ten Forward” event at Dragon*Con. With solid game plans in place for the rest of the summer, the crew assembled for a group photo before adjourning for the evening.

Photos from the USS *Robins*’ Welcome Home Party, “Mystery *Star Trek* Theater,” the USS *Hephaestus*’ Spring Cookout and the *Republic*’s Spring Dinner & Business Meeting can be viewed on the [Republic’s web site](#).

On Saturday, April 5, Captain Eric L. Watts emailed the first issue of the *Republic*’s brand new monthly eZine, *The Republicqué*, to more than 200 email addresses, including members and friends of the *Republic*, as well as all known Region 2 Commanding Officers and several key STARFLEET personnel. Pronounced “re-PU-bli-KAY,” the new eZine is in addition to—not a replacement for—the *Republic*’s award-winning chapter magazine, *The Sovereign Star*. The primary purpose of *The Republicqué* is to keep our members and friends up-to-date on our upcoming events and activities, as well as to announce member birthdays, upcoming membership renewals and occasional special offers. *The Sovereign Star* will remain

the *Republic's* official organ and include all the editorials, articles, columns, artwork, chapter activity reports and other outstanding content that earned it the STARFLEET Region 2 "Best Printed Newsletter" Award for 2007. The premiere issue included information about the USS *Robins'* Welcome Home Party, the *Republic's* "Mystery *Star Trek* Theater" event, the USS *Hephaestus'* Spring Cookout, the *Republic's* Spring Dinner & Business Meeting, TimeGate '08, Sci-Fi Summer Con, 20th Year Celebration Party Packs, 2008 *Republic* calendars, Captain Watts' interview in *Star Trek: Phase II* eMagazine, and the month's member recruitment special, as well as a wish list, relevant hyperlinks and a brief chapter overview.

Upcoming chapter events include TimeGate '08 on Friday through Monday, May 23-26, in Chamblee; *Star Trek* Night with the Atlanta OutWorlders on Friday, May 30, in Doraville; and the *Republic's* 20th Year Celebration at Sci-Fi Summer Con on Friday through Sunday, June 6-8, in Marietta.

At the end of March, the *Republic's* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 50 Active members (47 plus Jeff, Alexandra and Anna Pakulski) and two Inactive (Ens Eric Koske, Ens Sheryl Parsons) for a total of 52 crew members. During the month of April, *Republic* welcomed aboard two new members: Shelton Jackson of Atlanta, and John R. Sims of Jacksonville, Florida, a former member of STARFLEET with prior service aboard the USS *Excalibur*. Also during the month of April, Active members whose dues came up for renewal include Ens Clint Mull and Ens James Newton. Members who reenlisted during April include Ens Sheryl Parsons, who received a Time in Service promotion to Ensign 3rd Class. At the end of April, the *Republic's* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 51 Active members (48 plus Jeff, Alexandra and Anna Pakulski) and three Inactive members (Koske, Mull, Newton) for a total of 54 crew members.

Respectfully submitted,



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