



CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

USS *Republic* NCC-1371

May 2008

The USS *Republic* NCC-1371 participated in three events during the month of May 2008: an “away mission” to the premiere of *Iron Man*; TimeGate '08, and “*Star Trek* Night” with the Atlanta OutWorlders.

On Saturday, May 3, the USS *Republic* coordinated an “away mission” to the premiere of *Iron Man* at the Regal Cinemas Hollywood 24 multiplex in Chamblee, Georgia. In attendance were CO Capt Eric L. Watts, Lt JG David Churvis, and Ensign Naomi Hemingway and her young children, Heaven and Paradise. Capt Watts and Lt Churvis represented the *Republic* by wearing their matching chapter t-shirts. Although member participation in this chapter event was low, those who did attend enjoyed the movie very much.

From Friday, May 23 to Sunday, May 25, the USS *Republic* had an official presence at TimeGate '08, a four-day *Dr. Who* and *Stargate* convention at the Holiday Inn Select in Dunwoody, Georgia, hosted by Stargate Atlanta and the Atlanta Gallifreyans. The *Republic* shared a fan table with *TrekTrak* which was staffed throughout the weekend mostly by Capt Eric L. Watts. The *Republic* proudly unveiled our fantastic new six-foot-wide, full-color chapter banner, created by Tom Long of Wizard Signs in Macon, Georgia, and which was made possible by a tremendously generous donation by ENS3 Zannetta Law. Ensign Law and ENS3 Mark A. Ozanick also manned the table at various times during the weekend. Several additional *Republic* members attended the convention and stopped by the table, including Ens Nelson Barnhouse, ENS3 Susan Rey and Ens Chris Jones. With an impressive display of chapter newsletters, brochures and gift basket incentives to give away, the *Republic* recruited three new members during TimeGate: Joanne Trew of Whitesburg, Georgia; Rachel Bowman of Powder Springs, Georgia; and Michael A. Knight of Simpsonville, South Carolina. Our recruitment efforts were definitely a success and the *Republic* looks forward to attending TimeGate again next year.

On Friday, May 30, 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 “Skewed Perspectives.” 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 event and look forward to future events.

Photos from the “away mission” to the premiere of *Iron Man* and TimeGate '08 can be viewed on the [Republic's web site](#).

On Wednesday, May 14, Capt Eric L. Watts emailed the second issue of the *Republic's* new monthly eZine, *The Républiqué*, 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. The purpose of *The Républiqué* 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 second issue included information about "Mystery *Star Trek* Theatre," TimeGate '08, *Star Trek* Night with the Atlanta OutWorlders, Sci-Fi Summer Con, our 20th Year Celebration party packs, 2008 *Republic* calendars and the month's member recruitment special, as well as a wish list, relevant hyperlinks and a brief chapter overview. The eZine also included an audio hyperlink to George Takei's four-minute phone call to Atlanta's Q100's *The Bert Show* on May 6, during which he mentions Captain Watts by name and his upcoming appearance at Dragon*Con.

Upcoming chapter events include the *Republic's* 20th Year Celebration at Sci-Fi Summer Con in Marietta, Georgia, from Friday through Sunday, June 6-8; *Star Trek* Night with the Atlanta OutWorlders in Doraville, Georgia, on Friday, June 27; an "away mission" to *The Dark Knight* on Saturday, July 19; and our Summer Pool Party at ENS3 Hal Doby's home in Conyers, Georgia, on Saturday, July 26.

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 (Ens Eric Koske, Ens James Newton, Ens Clint Mull) for a total of 54 crew members. During the month of May, *Republic* welcomed aboard eight new members: Chris Hamm, Ryan McDowell, Hyo Soon Yoo, and Julie Cain and her son Jordan Cain, all of Jacksonville, Florida, and all recruited by Commander John R. Sims; Joanne Trew of Whitesburg, Georgia; Rachel Bowman of Powder Springs, Georgia; and Michael A. Knight of Simpsonville, South Carolina, all of whom joined at TimeGate '08. Also during the month of May, Active members whose dues came up for renewal include Ens Katherine Akin, Ens David Cambouris, Ens William H. Dover, Ens Richard Otero, Ens Adam Rocca, Ens Elisa Roper and Ens Keavin Wainwright. Members who reenlisted during May include Ens Mull, Ens Roper and Ens Nelson Barnhouse. At the end of May, *Republic's* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 54 Active members (51 plus Jeff, Alexandra and Anna Pakulski) and eight Inactive members (Akin, Cambouris, Dover, Koske, Newton, Otero, Rocca, Wainwright) for a total of 62 crew members.

Respectfully submitted,



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