



# CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

## USS *Republic* NCC-1371

### August 2008

The USS *Republic* NCC-1371 participated in two events during the month of August 2008: a Dragon\*Con Planning Committee meeting and “*Star Trek* Night” with the Atlanta OutWorlders.

On Sunday, August 17, the *Republic* held a Dragon\*Con Planning Committee meeting at the Sonny’s Bar-B-Q restaurant in Doraville, Georgia. In attendance were Ens Reginald Franklin, ENS3 Zannetta Law, ENS3 Mark A. Ozanick, Ens Marilyn Teague, Ensigns Jeff, Joanne, Julianne and Jenilee Trew, and Capt Eric L. Watts, as well as *TrekTrak* staff members Mari Banks and Eddie Hines. The four-day Dragon\*Con will be held in downtown Atlanta over Labor Day weekend. The purpose of this meeting was two-fold: to discuss member recruitment strategies and coordinate a duty schedule for staffing the *Republic*’s fan table during the convention, and to finalize plans for the *Republic*’s hosting of *TrekTrak*’s Sunday night event, “Happy Hour at Ten Forward.” Capt Watts is Dragon\*Con’s longtime Director of *Star Trek* Programming (e.g., “*Trek-Trak*”) and Ens Ozanick serves as *TrekTrak* Assistant Director.

Capt Watts brought to the meeting a large selection of *Star Trek*-related items that he had accumulated and had been donated to the *Republic* over the last several months to use as member recruitment incentives during Dragon\*Con. These items included books, toys, games, t-shirts and other items of various values, some of the smaller items collected and wrapped in gift baskets and other, larger items to be offered singly. Because Dragon\*Con policy prohibits the sale of licensed merchandise at its fan tables [allowing only the sale of club-branded merchandise (t-shirts, newsletters, etc.) and/or the payment of club dues], Capt Watts stressed the importance of making sure everyone understood that none of these items were for sale; rather, they were being offered for free to new members who joined STARFLEET and the *Republic* at the regular rate of \$25.00 per person. Capt Watts also stressed the importance of keeping the table manned during all of Dragon\*Con’s mandated fan table hours, not only because of the Dragon\*Con policy but also for the security of the merchandise. The fan table is to be shared with *TrekTrak*, and *TrekTrak* staff member Mari Banks is responsible for coordinating a duty schedule to be shared between *Republic* and *TrekTrak* staff members. Several members signed up for specific two-hour duty shifts during this meeting. Mari also handed out printed instructions on the proper procedure for handling credit card sales at the table as well as the issuance of properly completed receipts for cash sales and certain merchandise preorders.

Not much discussion was held about the “Happy Hour at Ten Forward” event, as Ens Law reported that she and Ens Sue Lin Lange, both of whom were planning to serve as *Republic* hostesses during the event, had already made plans for purchasing snacks, beverages and decorations for the party and assured everyone that everything was under control and that the *Republic*’s host table would be just as spectacular as it had been last year. Capt Watts thanked Ens Law for making sure the *Republic* would be so well-represented during the event.

After a delicious meal at Sonny’s, Capt Watts thanked everyone for coming, for their cooperation and participation in these upcoming events, and for helping to make the *Republic*’s presence at Dragon\*Con as strong and as highly visible as possible.

On Friday, August 22, 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 “Cold as Ice (The Andorians).” 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.

The *Republic*’s shuttle, the USS *Exeter* NCC-1706 in Jacksonville, Florida, under the command of Cmdr John R. Sims, held their second meeting on Sunday, August 10, in Cmdr Sims’ home. In attendance were Ens Ryan McDowell, Ens Hyo Soon Yoo, Ens Julie Cain and Ens JG Jordan Cain, as well as potential new members Ed and Janice Neu and their young sons, James and Adam. Cmdr Sims’ meeting report and photos from the occasion will be published in the September issue of *The Republic*. The *Exeter*’s Vessel Registration Request (VRR) forms, an important first step towards chapter commissioning, were received by *Republic* command in late August, to be signed off on by Capt Watts and forwarded to Region 2 management for processing.

Photos from the Dragon\*Con Planning Committee meeting can be viewed on the [Republic’s web site](#).

Upcoming events include a strong presence at Dragon\*Con (including a fan table, hosting “Happy Hour at Ten Forward” and member representation on several *TrekTrak* panels), “*Star Trek* Night” with the Atlanta OutWorlders and our third annual STARFLEET Bowling Challenge.

At the end of July, *Republic*’s crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 54 Active members (51 plus Jeff, Alexandra and Anna Pakulski) and fifteen Inactive members (Ens Katherine Akin, Ens David Cambouris, ENS3 Marq Collins, Ens Lee Cox, Ens William H. Dover, Ens Leon Gray, Ens Eric Koske, Ens JG Eric Lange, Ens Sue Lin Lange, Ens Leslie Mele, Ens James Newton, Ens Richard Otero, ENS3 Susan J. Rey, Ens Adam Rocca, Ens Keavin Wainwright) for a total crew of 69 members. During the month of August, ENS3 Collins and Ens Newton were unassigned from the *Republic*, and no new members joined the *Republic*. Also during the month of August, Active members whose dues came up for renewal include ENS3 Hal Doby, Ens Chris Jones and Capt Eric L. Watts. Members who reenlisted during August include Ens Akin, Ens Dover, Ens E. Lange, Ens S. Lange, Ens Wainwright and Capt Watts. At the end of August, *Republic*’s crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 57 Active members (54 plus Jeff, Alexandra and Anna Pakulski) and ten Inactive members (Cambouris, Cox, Doby, Gray, Jones, Koske, Mele, Otero, Rey, Rocca) for a total crew of 67 members.

Respectfully submitted,



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