

And to the REPUBLIC

VOLUME III, ISSUE TWELVE

DECEMBER, 1991

The Official Newsletter of the USS REPUBLIC, NCC-1371

SPOCK & PICARD: THE TWO GENERATIONS MEET



Cover art by William Knopes

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Editor-in-Chief

David W. Vosper

Editor

Dan Carson

Assistant Editor

Janet Green

And to the REPUBLIC is a monthly publication of the USS REPUBLIC, the Atlanta chapter of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek fan association. This publication is a non-profit enterprise and is not intended to infringe on any copyrights/trademarks of STAR TREK, as held by Paramount Communications.

Please direct all inquires to:

AND TO THE REPUBLIC
USS REPUBLIC
P.O. Box 191095
Atlanta, GA 31119-1095

AND TO THE REPUBLIC welcomes submissions of written material and artwork; however, no responsibility for such submissions can be assumed by the publisher.

FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Attention all hands:

We have just completed another busy month of fun activities. At our November 9th meeting at Fernbank we once again made tribbles and practiced singing the "Star Trekkin" song (we are getting better). After the meeting we visited the Eggleston Children's Hospital at Emory University, where we amused/baffled the sick children with our uniforms and presented them with the tribbles that we had made. The kids were confused, but their parents loved it.

A hardy WELL DONE To Lt. (jg) Karen Estes for planning the entire Eggleston Away Team. This is exactly the sort of thing that STARFLEET Command wants its chapters to be doing - community service. A very rewarding and worthy project indeed Karen.

At our November 16th meeting, former REPUBLIC member Tony Cade visisted us, and showed us his first Sci-Fi Atlanta cable TV show from September. Tony has invited select

members of the REPUBLIC (as well as IFT and KAG) to participate in his "Salute to Star Trek" episode on December 7th, on Dekalb cable TV public access channel 12. Non-participants are also invited to attend, and to watch the broadcast from the "green room".

Our recruiting table at the TrekFest Con on November 23-24th was also a success. It was good to see Jimmy Doohan and Michael Dorn again. We all got some great autographs and pictures. I have on my desk membership applications from not five, not ten but FIFTEEN new members, all from TrekFest. Another WELL done to the TrekFest Away Team: James Corley, Karen and Jon-paul Estes, Bill (Tony) Knopes, Dan Carson, Neil and Gail Fuller and Stephen Stevers, all of which paid \$22 to attend Trekfest and help out the club. Also kudos to Neil Fuller for the nifty new, portable blue backdrop for our display.

Unfortunately, our Away Team to VULKON in St. Petersburg, Fl. was canceled due to mechanical problems with the shuttle. Thanks to Neil, Gail and Tony for trying.

Other cancelations include: Georgia Public Telethon (applied too late) and the Star Trek VI sneak preview (vetoed by Paramount). See the newsletter Schedule section for our revised plans to see ST VI.

Another word about club leadership: all members are encouraged to become as active with the club as they wish. Active members who take SFA courses, collect cans for our recycling program and volunteer at Cons will have a lot of fun and will earn promotion points (see the article on Promotions in this newsletter). However club leaders will be selected from those people who serve as department and division heads, who keep other members informed via our phone net, and who are able to motivate others to attend SFA courses, collect cans, attend Cons, etc. For the good of the many, club leaders must first prove their ability to be good followers. Club members (and leaders) who do not use the chain-of-command to communicate will not be appointed or retained as leaders.

Staff meetings are reserved for department heads, and those other leaders who the Captain deems necessary to planning club activities.

(continued)

All other members will please use the chain-of-command to communicate their needs and suggestions to this core staff, and to the Captain. The formal chain-of-command is outlined in a separate article in this newsletter. As the club approaches its 1991 membership goal of 100 members, it is becoming critical that members follow these guidelines.

As you will read in the Chaplain's report, the position of ship's Chaplain/Counselor is being discontinued. There are several good reasons for this.

Firstly, the STARFLEET Counselor/Chaplain Corps has also been disbanded. I know of no official reason for this, other than that in general these projects often lapse due to changes in the lives of their leaders. Secondly, acting as ship's counselor has proved to be emotionally draining on Karen Estes, who is also a wife, graduate student and acting Science officer.

Thirdly, it is not the role of STARFLEET or of the USS REPUBLIC to counsel its members. We are a fan club, and our primary role is "to provide a forum for persons with an interest in the Star Trek universe, to provide a social organization in which people of diverse backgrounds with similar interests can interact, to promote an optimistic future..." Hopefully our social organization will include the emotional benefits of friendship and camaraderie for our members. However, for our staff to act as counselors for emotionally and mentally disturbed individuals is clearly not within the purview of a fan club. This type of counseling should be done by trained, licensed professionals (psychologists, family counselors, psychotherapists, ministers), as required by law.

It is the responsibility of the staff of any organization to protect that organization from the inappropriate or disruptive behavior of emotionally or mentally disturbed individuals. The ST experience seems to attract more than its share of such individuals, and it requires experienced, mature leaders to identify such individuals and to diplomatically deal with such conflicts.

I, your Captain, was mistaken in continuing the Chaplain/Counselor program that was presented to me as a part of the REPUBLIC when I took command. However, I can assure you that I have the necessary experience to identify troubled crew members, and to advise

our staff of the appropriate way to handle them. The dissolution of the position of ship's Chaplain in no way reflects upon Lt. (jg) Karen Estes, who has performed superbly in that role. Karen will continue to fill in as acting Science officer, until such time as a permanent replacement can be found.

We are planning a new meeting schedule. Starting the first of the year, we will start having one general meeting on a weekend, and the second general meeting on a weekday evening, in order to accommodate those members who cannot attend weekend meetings. The weekend meeting will be held at Fernbank at noon on Saturday, January 4th, as usual. The evening weekday meeting will be held on January 14th at a Shoney's near Fernbank. We will eat at 7:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 8:00. We will continue our regular meeting schedule throughout December.

Everyone is invited to the USS REPUBLIC Christmas party December 14th at Post Brookhaven apartments. Happy holidays to you all and your families.

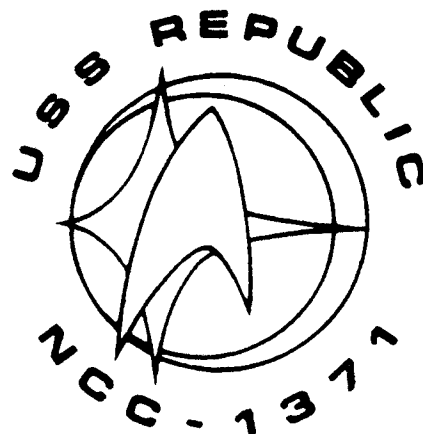
(Captain - time dilation effects are becoming severe. Full Impulse power is accelerating us towards the speed of light. Warp engines are online and Warp power is available.)

Maintain Present Course

Increase speed to WARP 1

WARP SPEED!

Cmdr. David W. Vosper
Commanding Officer
USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371



DIVISION REPORTS

Lt. (j.g.) Karen Estes SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

As temporary Science Head, I have been authorized to say "BRING IN YOUR CANS" - aluminum cans, that is, for our recycling program. Give them to our fearless Captain. Also, if anyone knows of a good, convenient recycling place for us to take them, let us know. We are looking for a price of around \$.25/per pound, or better. Please do some scouting around, and call me at 292-3855.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

The Eggleston Children's Hospital visit went Great! We made a lot of children (as well as their parents) very happy. I am very pleased with how it turned out. Thanks to all who made it happen.

On a sadder note, I will be going the way of the Chaplain/Counselor Corps, which has been disbanded. In other words, this report is my last duty as your ship's chaplain. I know that you will be able to keep your spirits up without me. My final order? HAVE FUN! I love you all, and will still be here for you. To quote a couple of seventies singers "May tomorrow be a perfect day. May you find love and laughter along the way. May God keep you in his tender care till He brings us together again..."

ENGINEERING LCdr. WILLIAM KNOPE'S

This month, December, will prove to be a very exciting month. I'm looking forward to the premiere of ST VI! We also get a visit from Santa and I'll get to see my mom after a year of separation. Wow! Very busy indeed. Oh yes, the club will be busy too. Check out the calendar of events for further information.

Last month, we set up a table at TrekFest for one of the last conventions of the 1991 season. Many thanks go to Neil for his work on the background for the recruiting table. Speaking of the recruiting table... now that the backdrop has been done, we will start working on the rest of the display. Plans are to include

the new cardboard-cutout of Spock that we got from Camelot Music. We will also be incorporating a cabinet that used to be the photo display. I am looking for someone interested in being a division head for the Fabrication Division of Engineering. I'll be looking for someone with design experience, good ideas, and an eye for detail. Give me a call if you are interested. Also, everyone interested in helping design the display, I don't care what department you are in, give me a call.

As many know by now, with the combining of departments, Security is part of Engineering. With this move, I have asked Neil to serve as Asst. Chief Engineer. But Neil is very ambitious and I have no doubt that he will have the Security division back up to department strength soon. I want to be prepared for such a move, so I would like to ask that all persons interested in the position of Chief Engineer to please send me a letter giving your qualifications as my assistant and a SHORT essay why you would make a good one. No people-bashing, I want to hear about you. I will keep the letters on file until such time that I will have a need to use them.

I do have my phone working again and I will try to call people when I can...if I don't call you, please call me so we can at least stay on base. My number is 424-5926. My address is:
861 Franklin Road #15-15
Marietta, GA 30067

Peace.

(Ed.'s notes: For further information from engineering, see "ENGINEERING'S SPEC. SHEET" elsewhere in this issue.)

TREASURER LCdr. Kelly Hillard

(Ed: The full treasurer's report, as well as the minutes of staff meetings are available for review by all club members.)

DATE: 11/15/91
TOTAL DEPOSITS: 493.43
TOTAL PAYMENTS: 97.76

NET TOTAL :\$395.67

PROMOTION POLICY

The following are the preliminary guidelines for promotions aboard the USS REPUBLIC. These guidelines are intended to serve as a consistent and fair method of administering STARFLEET promotions on the REPUBLIC. It should be understood by all members that the "ranks" awarded to STARFLEET members are honorary titles, and do not entitle any member to dominate or exploit another. Rank is intended to reflect personal accomplishments in furthering the aims of STARFLEET: to promote Gene Roddenberry's vision of a bright future for humankind through service to club and community, and by promoting Star Trek fandom.

Those members who complete Officer Training School (OTS) will receive automatic promotion by STARFLEET Headquarters (SFHQ) to the rank of Ensign. Members should do so with the understanding that this ship's officers are expected to perform the club's work. For our club to flourish, its officers must be leaders and workers. In this respect, rank implies responsibility - as members are promoted to higher ranks, more work will be expected from them. Note that the higher positions all require completion of the Officer's Command College (OCC). OTS is a prerequisite for OCC.

Our club has a leadership hierarchy, and the corresponding ranks are as follows:

POSITION - RANK - CERTIFICATION

*Commanding Officer - Captain	-	OCC
Executive Officer - Commander	-	OCC
*Shuttle Commander - Commander	-	OCC
Department Head - Lt. Commander	-	OCC
Division Officer - Ensign - Lieutenant	-	OTS

* this rank is only awarded by SFHQ

Due to a shortage of qualified officers, we may from time to time need to use more junior personnel in these positions. In that case, the member will be given a temporary or "brevited" promotion to the appropriate rank. When that member leaves that post they will not keep that brevited rank, but will automatically return to their former grade. They will also automatically undergo promotion review at that time, and will be awarded promotion points for their services in

that former post.

Rank brought from another ship will be honored if the member presents supporting documentation. Rank does not automatically entitle a member to a staff position. Officers serve in staff positions at the Captain's discretion.

Promotions will be awarded on a point system, with the points being based upon community service, service to the club (leadership, recruiting), activity in STARFLEET programs (SFA, etc.) and on attendance at club events. One promotion requires 100 points. Points may not be carried over or "sand-bagged" after a promotion. Once you have been promoted, you start out with zero points again.

The general criteria for officer promotions are as follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICE	POINTS
(minimum 15)	
-----	-----
Blood donation	10
Service to another Community organization (civic group, church or synagogue)	10
Attendance at another Community organization	1
Civic awards	15
Media appearance or publication	10
Education certification	15
Military service (per drill/meeting)	10
Civil service (per month, maximum of 2 months)	10
Public Health service (same as above)	10
Participation in charity event	10
Recycling contribution	1
Miscellaneous (to be determined by Command)	

REPUBLIC SERVICE (minimum 15)

PARTICIPATION	POINTS
Attendance at an official club function	1
Attendance at a club function out of town	2
Attendance at a ST function out of state	5
Host a club event	5
Contribute newsletter submission	5
Assist in newsletter publication	10

Costume creation	10
Community service with the REPUBLIC	15
Significant contribution to recruiting program	5
Donate a book of stamps	1
Contribute substantial money, goods or services to club (to be determined by Command)	

LEADERSHIP
(minimum 15)

Complete OCC	15
Serve as department head	(as per review)
Serve as division office	(as per review)
Serve as newsletter editor	(as per review)
Plan and Lead a club activity	15
Recruit a new member	10
Bring a friend to a meeting	5

STARFLEET/REGION SERVICE
(minimum 15)

Completion of STARFLEET ACADEMY course	15
Submission of article for STARFLEET or Region 2 publication	5
Publication of article for STARFLEET or Region 2 publication	15
Service as RDC or SF program coordinator	15
Volunteer at a ST convention	15
Substantial financial Donations to SF programs (to be determined by Command)	
Consecutive years as a STARFLEET member	5/year

The listed points are awarded per event, and are re-awarded for each additional event or activity unless otherwise noted. Participation points will only be awarded under one single category per event, i.e. visiting Children's Hospital with the REPUBLIC rates fifteen points only -the member cannot also claim another ten points for participating in a charity event. A minimum of fifteen points must be earned from each of the four listed categories. Sitting at home and taking SFA courses will not rate a promotion unless you are also an active club and community leader.

The performance of department heads and division officers will be reviewed once every three months, and promotion points will be awarded as appropriate. Forms will be provided for this purpose.

"Request for Promotion" forms will also be made available. These forms will contain the above points matrix, in a form that will allow a member to calculate their own promotion points. Another form - "Personal Activity Log" will be published. Members are advised to obtain these forms and to use them for personal record keeping of promotion related activities. In general, the members will record their own promotion points on the honor system. When a member believes that they have accumulated sufficient points for promotion, they should submit the form to their division officer. The DO will review the listed points for accuracy and will then submit the request form up the chain of command for approval and processing. All REPUBLIC promotions require the approval of the Executive Officer and of the Captain. Promotion of an individual without the XO's approval is possible with the majority vote of the club staff.

The non-commissioned ranks are as follows:

- Chief Petty Officer (CPO)
- Petty Officer 1st Class
- PO2
- PO3
- Crewmember (CM)

New members will be given the rank of CM. By attending one regular meeting or event, they will be promoted to PO3. Regular attendance will rate promotion to PO2. Members who contribute to the club by hosting a club event, leading a presentation at a meeting, etc. will be promoted to PO1. Members who regularly contribute to the club's activities will be promoted to CPO. Recruiting a new member rates an automatic promotion for a non-commissioned member. Community service may be substituted for service to the club, but club event attendance is mandatory. It is expected that very active members will apply for commissioned Officer status by taking OTS.

SFA courses, OTS and OCC applications do not require the permission of the Captain or of the staff. However, members are discouraged from applying for a commission unless they intend to help with the club's work.

There will be a mandatory waiting period between promotions for both commissioned

and non-commissioned members.

RATE	WAITING PERIOD (months)
-----	-----
Commander	24
Lieutenant Commander	12
Lieutenant	6
Lieutenant (junior grade)	3
Ensign	0
Division Officer	
Chief Petty Officer (CPO)	12
Petty Officer 1st Class	6
PO2	3
PO3	0
Crewmember (CM)	0

The Captain reserves the right to award meritorious promotion points.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

December 1st - Sunday. ST:TNG Episode Viewing (re-run of season premiere), Post Brookhaven Apartments Community Center, 6:00 P.M. Open to the public. Call CO Dave at 814-1308 for directions.

December 1st - Sunday. Staff meeting/newsletter mailing, Post Brookhaven Apartments Community Center, 7:00 P.M.

December 6th - Friday. Premiere - Star Trek VI - The Undiscovered Country. Reserved showing around 7:30 PM at AMC Tower Place 6. Approximate cost \$5.75. Free movie posters to all REPUBLIC members and REPUBLIC guests. Call CO Dave for more details.

December 7th - Saturday. General Meeting, noon at Fernbank Science Center.

December 7th - Saturday. Dekalb Cable TV channel 12 "Sci-Fi Atlanta." The entire crew is invited to appear on the show. Call CO Dave for details.

December 15th - Sunday. Christmas Party 4:00. Post Brookhaven Apartments Community Center. Call CO Dave for directions.

December 21st - Saturday. General Meeting, noon at Fernbank Science Center.

1992

January 4th - Saturday. General Meeting, noon at Fernbank Science Center.

January 14th - Tuesday. General Meeting, dinner 7:00 at Shoney's, meeting at 8:00. Call CO Dave at 814-1308 for details.

ROSTER CHANGES

(ED: In January we will publish a complete club roster with phone numbers.

if you do not want your phone number published, please inform the newsletter editor as soon as possible.)

Welcome aboard to new members:

CPO Eddie Ferguson	487-9282
CM Carol Rowland	889-9558
CM Charles Martin	861-9368
CM Carol Millard	974-5143
CM Chuck Belcher	921-3670
CM Kim Belcher	921-3670
CM Peggy Belcher	921-3670
CM Daniel Gray	591-4343
CM Lori Spitzer	434-3487
CM Mary McCutchen	371-9955
Captain Joy Gilbert	381-1169

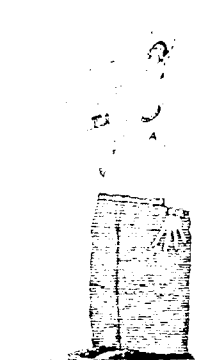
Change of phone number:

Cmdr. James Corley 994-1833

NEW SHUTTLE - ALACRITY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Welcome aboard to our new shuttle and to its Commander, Ensign Deborah Leafey. Deborah is currently working through STARFLEET channels to have the new shuttle properly accredited.

Ens. Deborah Leafey	(901) 372-1135
CM Jay Leafey	(901) 372-1135
CM Laura Arnoult	(901) 753-8695
CM Teresa Bradley	(901) 726-1674
CM Carol Carnell	(901) 327-7180
CM Kathleen (Kathy) Marsh	(901) 332-2275



GOOD
LUCK
ON THE
REPUBLIC

NCC-1371

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The USS REPUBLIC is organized around a leadership system which is modeled after the Naval military system seen in the "real" STARFLEET from Star Trek. However, STARFLEET is not a para-military organization, just because it utilizes the military organizational model. The titles "Captain", "Executive Officer" and "Division Officer" are comparable to their civilian business model counterparts of "President", "Vice-President" and "Department Supervisor". "Leadership" is interchangeable with the civilian term "management".

All organizations have a "chain-of-command" designed to organize the club, army, business etc. The leadership hierarchy enhances communications between the organization's leaders. The chain-of-command allows a senior supervisor to effectively manage their junior personnel.

In any organization, personnel should communicate through the chain-of-command.

The chain of command (from top to bottom) for the USS REPUBLIC is as follows:

STARFLEET COMMANDERS:

Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox,
Admiral Sue Hampton

STARFLEET Executive Committee:

Chief of Operations - Admiral Tom Davis
Director, SF Academy - Admiral Rob Lerman
Director Shuttle Operations -
Vice-Admiral Kenny Proehl
Chief of Computer Operations -
Vice-Admiral David Forvendel
Chief of Communications -
Vice-Admiral Judith Brandy

STARFLEET REGION 2:

Commodore Deborah Nelson,
Captain Dawn Smith-Webber

USS REPUBLIC

Captain David Vosper,
LCdr. William Knopes

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

ENGINEERING - LCdr. William Knopes

SCIENCE - Lt. (jg) Karen Estes

DIVISION OFFICERS:

ENGINEERING - LCdr. William Knopes

SCIENCE - Lt. (jg) Karen Estes

SECURITY - CPO Neil Fuller

MEDICAL - CPO Gail Fuller

COMMUNICATIONS - Ensign Dan Carson

I repeat, we are not a military organization, and we cannot order our members to do anything. However, in order to show respect for the club's leaders, and for the system that they have set up, and as a matter of common courtesy, club members who have issues to address to club leaders will please communicate using this chain-of-command. The Region 2 leaders and above in the chain-of-command publish their mailing addresses only. Their telephone numbers are not published, and these people should not be contacted by club members via telephone without specific authorization by the Captain. These are busy people and they wish to be contacted by mail only. The Captain is in regular contact with these leaders (also using the chain-of-command), and it is his job to represent you.

With the exception of those applying for STARFLEET Academy, there are very few occasions when club members are justified in directly contacting club leaders outside of the chain-of-command. When you go around the chain, without first advising the Captain, you make the club's leadership look bad - out of control and disorganized. Failure to use the chain-of-command is a breach of protocol, a disrespect towards the people who work hard in leading your club. In the real military such a breach would get you disciplined. In civilian business, it could get you fired. In our club, it irritates the leadership, and makes our leadership job much harder. Please use the chain-of-command.

CORRECTIONS

Our Computer BBS operator is CPO Eddie Ferguson. We apologize for misspelling his name.

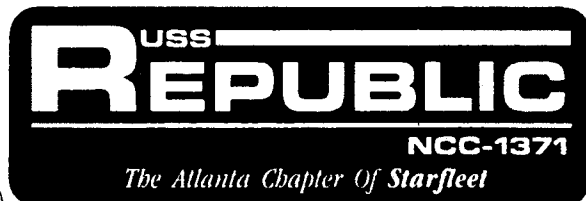
The author of our Away Team Report in November was Ensign Kathleen A. Kennedy, not Kell y, as printed. Sorry for the mistake Kathleen - great report.

The new address for STARFLEET Chief of Computer Operations Vice Admiral David Forvendel is :

1542 Dirkson Ct.

Cary, NC 27511

We omitted the last number of his zip code.



Whither Vulcan?

by ENS Edmund Trafford

(Ed.'s note: This is part II of an article that began in last month's newsletter.)

II.

What can account for the fact that Vulcan society presents a classic case of arrested development dating back perhaps 3,000 years? The time frame itself is the significant clue to the solution of the mystery, since what event of immeasurable importance forever altered the course of Vulcan society at exactly that time?

I propose that the labors of the reformer Surak to turn the Vulcans away from violence and toward logic were ultimately responsible for the straightjacket which continues to bind Vulcan society. It is possible that, in the best interest of his people as he perceived it, he did incalculable damage to their natural development. The Reformation ultimately spelled disaster for Vulcan civilization; by imposing the force of logic on society (for the best possible motives, let it be admitted), Surak robbed that society utterly of passion, of invigoration, of brashness--and of progress. It appears that very little has changed from his time to ours; a hypothetical time-traveller from our time to his would not discover much amiss.

III.

And so the original question remains: Whither the "natural development" of Vulcan? Having discussed the arrested condition of Vulcan society and having attributed that condition to the well-intentioned reforms of Surak, I want to speculate briefly on what God and biology may have originally had in mind for the Vulcans before Surak short-circuited the process. My suspicion is that Vulcan was on a path which would have ultimately resulted in a race of "Organians"--a noncorporeal civilization founded on mental science rather than on physical and technological science.

There are two general bodies of Vulcan

mental attributes, which I will arbitrarily term "logic" and "katra." The logic attributes are "learned" (acquired) techniques intended for the practical purpose of disciplining the mind and controlling the emotions. The development of these attributes is, of course, directly traceable to the Vulcan Reformation and the philosophy of Surak. Though "logic" sometimes seems uniquely a part of the Vulcan way of life, there is nothing at all mysterious about it. Any human can master various Terran meditative or philosophic disciplines which accomplish essentially the same things: the cultivation of rationality and the suppression or elimination of destructive emotions. (Even Sarek's human wife, the Lady Amanda, is recognized and respected as an "adept" in certain Vulcan mental disciplines.) The katra attributes are far older and are genetically inherent in all Vulcans. They include the ability to mind-meld, to read the thoughts of bond-mates, to sense other Vulcans at great distances, to place one's katra, or soul, into safekeeping into another person's body, and so forth. Though these abilities sometimes require special training for optimum use, they are inborn and should not be confused with the "learned" attributes. The importance of the katra attributes, present in Vulcans since prehistoric times, cannot be underestimated.

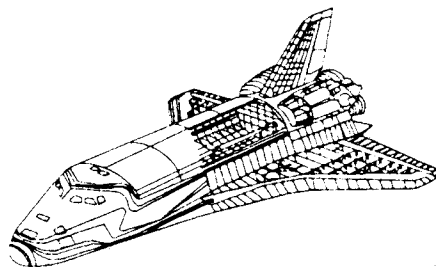
(This article will continue in next month's newsletter.)

NEW STAR TREK GAME

Announcing the new "Star Trek: 25th Anniversary" computer game for IBM computers:

"Pilot the U.S.S. Enterprise through gripping galactic exploration. Control phasers, photon torpedos, shields and warp drives as alien worlds reveal themselves".

Cost: \$44.99 at Software Etc.



STAR TREK VI PREMIERE

Unfortunately, Paramount Pictures has decided not to screen any previews of Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country. Personally, I do not think that this bodes well for the quality of the film, but we will have to wait and see. Anyway, no one that I have contacted (aside from Paramount staff and theatre owners) is getting a sneak preview.

Plan B is as follows:

I have been contacted by Chuck Erb, General Manager of the AMC Theatre's Tower Place 6, who originally suggested a sneak preview. He now has proposed reserving a section of a theatre for our club for the Premiere on Friday December 6th. I suggested an evening showing, around 7:30 PM. Chuck has offered all REPUBLIC members and guests free ST VI posters.

Those members who wish to attend must RSVP to me at 814-1308 as soon as possible, so that we can give Chuck an estimate. We will be calling via the club phone net, but if you are not called, please call me. There are a maximum of 50 seats available.

WGNX STAR TREK HOTLINE

Channel 46 WGNX (Starship 46) now has a Star Trek hotline after 6:00 PM and on weekends. To call it, dial the Channel 46 main number - 325-4646. You should then get the after hours recording. You must then press "2#". This will give another message. Press "2#" again for the hotline news.

CONGRATULATIONS

To new Ensign Deborah Leafey of Memphis, Tennessee, for her successful completion of Officer's Training School (OTS). Deborah will assume command of our new shuttle the *Alacrity*, which is currently undergoing STARFLEET certification.

SCIENCE CORNER ASTRONOMY

The Geminid meteor shower peaks morning of December 14th at a projected rate of 100 meteors perhour. This could be the best shower of the year. We will attempt to observe these meteors at our Christmas party on Sunday evening, December 15th. Dress warmly.

Venus dominates the morning sky throughout December in the South-East. It may be seen to the left of the crescent Moon on the morning of December 1st. The bright star Spica will be between them. Spica twinkles but Venus does not. Venus will be directly above the crescent Moon on the morning of December 3rd.

At the end of the month Venus is (still at dawn in the South-East) again to the left of a crescent Moon, and above the bright star Antares. The planet Mercury can be seen to the left of Antares. Very very low on the horizon below Mercury is the planet Mars.

Saturn can be seen in the evenings in the South-West. It can be seen to the left of the crescent Moon on December 9th, and below and to the right of the Moon on December 10th.

Jupiter rises in the South-East around 11 PM and is high in the southern sky by dawn all month. Jupiter is unmistakably bright and can be observed through binoculars.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The REPUBLIC will conduct a food drive this month, to support the local Atlanta food bank (yet to be identified). The traditional way to conduct a food drive is to encourage members to bring a can of food to meetings. I wish to propose something a little different.

Each December meeting we will have the donations box opened and labeled for cash donations to the food bank. In addition, all members, whether you attend a meeting or not

PLEASE MAIL US A CASH DONATION
FOR THE FOOD BANK.

(continued)

FOOD BANK (Continued)

I have learned over the years that it is much more efficient to purchase food in bulky, institutional sized packages. By purchasing appropriate food stuffs at wholesale or institutional supply outlets, good, nourishing staple food can be purchased for as little as three pounds for a dollar. That means that instead of twenty five people bringing 25 miscellaneous cans of food to a meeting, they can instead donate one dollar each. That \$25 can purchase from 75 or to 100 pounds of flour, corn meal or institutional sized cans of vegetables to feed the hungry.

Those mailing donations will receive a cash receipt if they also enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE). I will issue receipts at all December meetings.

GENE RODDENBERRY SCHOLARSHIP

STARFLEET has established a Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship for writers. Donations to the scholarship can be sent to:

Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship
c/o STARFLEET
P.O. Box 430
Burnsville, NC 28714

Please give generously to this and the other STARFLEET scholarship programs.

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS TOUR - ORLANDO

Your Captain has just had the privilege of touring Universal Studios in Florida. It was terrific! I also did the Paramount Star Trek screen test, and it was awesome! The staff there gave me a handfull of \$3.00 discount coupons (\$31.00 full price), which are available on request. Go there and try this - bring home your own Star Trek adventure on home video tape.



REGION 2 NEWS

USS PHEONIX, Davenport Fl. - change of Command.

SHUTTLES

TRANSFERED - Shuttle NOKIB'RAL to Region 17.

NEW - Shuttle Mississippi, Biloxi, MS.
Shuttle Yamato, Pinson, AL.
Shuttle Explorer, Brunswick, GA.

Regional logo contest - submissions due December 15th.

The Region 2 ST Grab Bag Raffle was held at the November VULKON. The winner was Gary Bradway of Leesburg, FL. Our donated tribbles will have a good home with Gary.

S.O.S. SAVE OUR SHIP! THE GALILEO 7

The original Star Trek USS Enterprise Shuttlecraft Galileo is currently undergoing restoration in its hanger at Akron-Fulton Internatuional Airport in Akron, Ohio. A limited edition T-shirt is being sold to raise money for the restoration project. To order a T-shirt or to make a donation write:

Lynne Miller
7748A Newport Way
Indianapolis, IN 46256

Please specify number and size (S,M,L,XL,XXL) of shirts. Shirts are \$14.00 each plus \$3 postage and handling. Order forms will be made available at our meetings.

The 1992 STARFLEET National Conference will be held at Delecon in Kansas City, Missouri on July 3-5, 1992. The Conference will be held at the Airport Marriott - rates \$49/night. Mark your calendars.

Planning is now underway for the February VULKON here in Atlanta. We are hosting STARFLEET activities, including Captain's Call, a Sunday Hangover party, blood drive, STARFLEET elections workshop, raffle and a Friday night board games entitled "STARFLEET Cadet Survival Training".

USS REPUBLIC
Engineering
Department

This publication is a sporadic publication of the Engineering Department and will be used by the Chief Engineer as such a need arises. Submissions are not accepted. No substitutes.

©1991 EngineeringDepartment

November, 1991

Guidelines for staff reports for the ATTR...

9111.14

These are a few guides for the department heads when submitting their staff reports.

1) Include in your report ANYTHING that you think the general membership would want to know. This can range from fund raisers to parties to get-togethers to anything you might be involved in. There is no limit on the size of your report. Remember, editing is for the Editors. Everything you can think of should go into your report with some exceptions covered later.

2) PLEASE, to make editing easier, please find some way to have your report submitted in a typed form! It makes it a lot easier to read. If you don't have a computer or typewriter, you can type your report at Dave's house or another person's. Having a file on disk is not necessary but it is nice! If you do submit a file on disk, be sure to include a print-out of the report for proofreading.

3) In an effort to cut down

on the repetitive nature of the newsletter, do not report on anything that you or your department is not running. For instance, if a video project is being run by the Science Department, I, as Chief Engineer, would not report that the Science Department is running the Video Project. Or that Medical is running fund raiser for the communicators.

4) If you are involved in a project being run by another department, do not report the project in your report. Reports of the project should go to the person running the project and that person shall give the report. Likewise, if a department head or a person from another department is working a project run by your department, common courtesy dictates some kind of mention of that person. It avoids hurt feelings too!

5) Do not report on general club information that you think MIGHT be covered by the CO. If you think it might, it probably will.

Especially if the information comes from the CO in the first place! Only mention such information if it directly affects you. But don't reveal much information, just enough so that people know what you are talking about. Get to the point! Remember, the Editors will put in any information that they think is necessary (I know, they've done it for me).

6) If you are submitting some kind of article that is long, submit it as a separate submission. For example, Jon-Paul's trivia contest in last newsletter was a small size and did well to beef up his article. But something like a synopsis of the game or a discussion on warp drive should be submitted separately.

These are guides for the Department Reports only and for you when you write up your reports. Hopefully they will help us to give the membership information that they should know about.

