

DETROIT NASFIC 1985

DETENTION

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Back in 1958, seven Michigan fans bid for a Worldcon. They asked their friends for support and fandom responded.

Today Michigan fans are bidding for the NASFIC in 1985, and we hope you'll support us.

Fandom has been a way of life in Michigan since the Galactic Roamers and the Detroit Scienceers in the early 40's. Today the southern Michigan area hosts at least three cons a year -- Confusion, Nova, and Autoclave -- plus one-day cons and the occasional special con. Four of the seven organizers of Detention I -- Howard DeVore, Roger Sims, Dean McLaughlin, and Fred Prophet -- are still active in fandom and support our bid to hold the 1985 NASFIC in the Detroit area.

We're a coalition of area fans, not one club or faction. Our meetings have included no fewer than nine past and present chairmen of local cons -- of which six are already involved in active planning for the NASFIC-- as well as a professional convention planner with years of experience negotiating with Detroit area hotels. Many of our group have worked in upper-level staff positions at Worldcons in such areas as art show, security, huckster room, convention sales, and major functions.

When the time comes to present our bid next year, we're going to be as prepared as if we were bidding for a Worldcon. We'll have a contract with the hotel of our choice. We're negotiating with several, any one of which is big enough to hold a NASFIC. No rule says we have to do this. We're following the rules for a Worldcon bid because we think it's the best way to but on a con.

Membership in our group -- The Southern Michigan Organization of Fans -- is open to anyone with an interest in the Detroit in '85 NASFIC bid or the general cause of bringing Michigan fans into closer interaction. We hold open meetings on the second Saturday of every month -- cons permitting -- as well as at the local cons. Regular attendees receive a mailing each month with copies of our minutes, maps to future meetings, and other pertinent information. Anyone who cannot attend our meetings may make arrangements to receive these at our cost for printing and postage. We also welcome any constructive input about the running and programing of large cons.

We want to give you the best time you've had at a con since "the good old days."

Steve Simmons
Dan Story
Jean Barnard
Tara Edwards
Tom Barber
Chip Mornigstar
Janice Morningstar
Jan Brown
Chris Clayton
Sharon Brevoort
Terry Harris

Marty Burke
Nancy Tucker
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Chris Cloutier
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Howard DeVore
George "Lan" Laskowski
Maia
Vince Tessier
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For further information or a \$2 pre-supporting membership (fully credited if we win) write to use at the address below or talk to us at the cons we attend.

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WE DID IT BEFORE -- WE'LL DO IT AGAIN