

Chicon IV

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Progress Report 5

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Heads up, SF fans! This is Progress Report 5, the last thing you'll probably hear from the 40th World Science Fiction Convention until you get there.

If you're coming to the convention, **bring this with you.** The label has your membership number, which will come in handy when we register you.

Most of what we said in PR4 about Chicon IV still holds, but we'll summarize the highlights here.

MEMBERSHIPS

If your name's on the mailing label, with an "A" in front of the membership number, you're a pre-registered member and you don't owe us any money. If your cohorts aren't pre-registered, it will cost them \$75 for an at-the-door attending membership.

If you are a supporting member (if you have an "S" in front of the member number), and you want to attend, you will have to pay the difference between what you paid for your supporting membership and the at-the-door price on the day you convert.

Children who will be with you or a babysitter at ALL times will not require separate memberships and may attend at no cost. However, they will have to register at Con Registration and receive a small name badge for identification purposes. Children old enough to attend functions, etc. on their own will require their own memberships at the full membership rate.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

If you've been following the directions in previous PR's, you should already have made a room reservation at one of the five Chicon hotels, through the Chicago Convention Bureau. You should have received a confirmation within two-three weeks of your request. If you haven't heard yet, call your first choice hotel.

If you haven't made reservations yet, please call your first choice hotel and request a reservation. Be sure to say you're with Chicon. By the time you get this PR, the Chicon block at the Hyatt will have been released, but **THERE WILL STILL BE ROOMS AVAILABLE AT ALL HOTELS (including the Hyatt).**

Here are the hotel numbers. The area code is 312.

Hyatt Regency Chicago 565-1000
Marriott 836-0100
Radisson 944-4100
Executive House 346-7100
Palmer House..... 726-7500

SIX STEPS TO WORLDCON ATTENDANCE

- Step one: Get to Chicago.
Step two: Follow the directions in this PR for reaching your hotel.
Step three: Check in, unload your luggage, and check your emergency exits.
Step four: Go to Hyatt Regency, bringing PR5 along. Be sure the PR has the address label. Also bring ID to prove who you are.
Step five: Find Con Registration, which is located in the Acapulco/Hong Kong/Toronto Rooms. These rooms are in the West Tower on the Regency Ballroom level.
Step six: Follow directions under "At-Con Registration" below. Welcome to Chicon IV.

AT-CON REGISTRATION

As we keep saying, **bring this copy of the PR.** It will expedite matters at Registration. We also ask that you bring some form of identification with your birthdate on it, preferably with your picture on it.

Registration is located in the West Tower of the Hyatt on the Ballroom level in the Toronto, Hong Kong & Acapulco rooms. The hours are:

Thursday...12 noon - 8 p.m.
Friday.....10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday...10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday.....10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday.....10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If you have already signed on to work for the convention, you can pick up your badge on Wednesday. Assistant Department Managers and above will be registered in the Administration Division office on the Skyway Level. Other staff members should register at main registration on the Ballroom Level and then pick up staff insignia from the Administration Division office.

Hucksters can pick up badges on Wednesday and Thursday in the Huckster Room. Artists can pick up their badges in the Art Show on Wednesday only. After those dates you'll have to go through Con Registration.

If you are registered as an attending member (that means an "A" precedes your membership number on the label of this progress report) you can proceed directly to the pre-registration line. Follow the signs.

If you are not registered as an attending member, i.e., you are a new member or a supporting member (with the letter "S" in front of your member number), please proceed directly to the new members registration line and follow the signs.

We will accept Visa and Mastercard at the convention.

We ask that you please be patient and follow the signs so that you will spend the shortest time in Registration and the longest time enjoying the convention.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday Afternoon	Opening Ceremonies. Marta Randall will introduce our Guests of Honor.
Friday Evening	Guest of Honor Speeches. Toastmaster Marta Randall will reintroduce our Guests of Honor — A. Bertram Chandler, Frank Kelly Freas and Lee Hoffman.
Saturday 10 a.m.	Masquerade tickets. 2,500 free tickets for the masquerade available in the con registration area.
Saturday Evening	The Masquerade. Master of Ceremonies will be Al Frank.
Sunday 10 a.m.	Hugo Awards tickets. 3,000 free tickets available in the con registration area for the Hugo Awards Ceremony.
Sunday Evening	Hugo Awards Ceremony.
Monday Afternoon	Closing Ceremonies

WHAT CLOTHES DO I PACK?

Fans accept just about anything in the way of clothing. This is the one place you'll get to wear that day-glo cape with the sequins and your Mickey Mouse ears from Disney World.

Casual clothes are appropriate anywhere at the convention, but at some events (notably the Hugo Awards) people tend to dress up. If you want to bring a gown or a tux, go ahead, but it's hardly necessary.

Also, some restaurants require coat & tie, and Illinois law requires you to wear a shirt and shoes in all restaurants.

Whatever you've heard about the arctic climate in Chicago, this is Labor Day and the weather will probably be HOT and humid (though all hotels are air-conditioned). Bring a light sweater just in case. Also bring a swimsuit — the Radisson and Marriott have swimming pools, and Lake Michigan beaches are within walking distance.

WHAT DO I BRING TO THE CON?

Some things just should not be forgotten. REMEMBER:

- * This copy of PR5 (with mailing label).
- * An ID including your birthdate, preferably with your picture on it.
- * Cash, plastic money or (best of all) travellers' checks. You'll need to eat and you'll want to buy all sorts of nifty things. People at their first worldcon invariably wish they'd brought more money (most wish they'd had more money, but anyway . . .)
- * Any prescription drugs you're taking (PLEASE bring enough to last for several days longer than you're planning to stay, and bring the prescription just in case).

DON'T BRING:

- * Pets.
- * Anything prohibited by the weapons policy (see PR4).
- * Illegal drugs.
- * All 49 of your favorite author's books in hopes that s/he will autograph them all. Give these people a break.
- * Lots of cash. Travellers' checks are much safer.

BABYSITTING

If you have little ones that will need supervision during the convention, we will have babysitting services available for those who let us know of their needs in advance. We have arranged for a professional babysitting service to be available during the convention from Thursday to Monday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The service will charge \$2.50 per hour for each child. In addition, each family will be charged a \$2.50 registration fee per day.

If you are interested in using this service please drop us a note AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to babysitting c/o the Chicon P.O. Box.

HELP, HELP, HELP, HELP! ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

If you can't find your hotel, if you can't find Chicago, if you have any problems before or after you get to the con, call the Hyatt Regency Chicago and ask for the Chicon Information Desk. The Hyatt number is (312) 565-1000.

HANDICAPPED INFORMATION

The Hyatt Regency Chicago is a post-Code 504 hotel, meaning it already has ramps to accommodate wheelchairs and Braille in the elevators. Thus, getting around the convention should not be difficult. Additionally, the Member Services Department will provide special services for the handicapped at the convention, such as reserved seating for the masquerade and the Hugo Awards. Please contact George Paczolt either through the Chicon P.O. Box or at the convention.

MEDICAL SERVICES

We don't want anyone to have to take advantage of this service, but just in case anyone gets ill or gets hurt during the convention we will have a nurse or paramedic and an Illinois-licensed Medical Doctor on call throughout the convention.

If you are really hurt or ill, please contact Member Services at the Chicon information desk, which will get you in touch with our medical services staff.

SECURITY (YOURS)

Downtown Chicago is a pretty safe place to be, even late at night. The area around Michigan Avenue (where all of our hotels are located) is one of the most well-travelled and safest in the city. Even so, you'll feel safer if you don't walk alone. Palmer House patrons should stick to Michigan Avenue when walking north-south.

All hotels provide safe storage areas for valuables; don't leave valuable items in your room.

RAFFLE

Chicon will hold a special raffle of an original cover by Guest of Honor Frank Kelly Freas. The cover comes from DAW's "The Werewolf Principle" by Clifford Simak. Tickets for the raffle will cost \$2 each or three for \$5, with no limit on the number you can purchase. These tickets will be sold only at the convention and the drawing will be held at the Hugo Awards Ceremony. Members of the Chicon staff (level 4 and above) and their immediate families are not eligible to participate in this raffle.

THINGS YOU'D KILL US IF WE DIDN'T TELL YOU

You will need tickets in order to attend the Masquerade and the Hugo Awards Ceremony. Tickets are free and are handed out separately for each event beginning at 10 a.m. the day of the function in the Con Registration area—two tickets per person. Think of all the people you'll meet while waiting in line.

Near the registration tables, you'll be able to sign up for the trivia contest and for limited-attendance programming events. Look for the signs.

You will be carded. Even in the con suite, you have to be 21 to drink alcoholic-type beverages. If you prove you are of age at registration, we can mark your badge so you do not have to produce I.D. each time you go for a beer in the con suite.

Announcing . . .

Up to the Sky in Ships In and Out of Quandry

by A. Bertram Chandler by Lee Hoffman

a back-to-back double volume with covers by Kelly Freas.

This commemorative book will be available at Chicon IV.

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

What's been happening since PR4:

We have confirmed that all five Hugo-nominated feature films will be shown at the convention. These are: "Dragonslayer," "Excalibur," "Outland," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," and "Time Bandits." This is the first time any worldcon has been able to show all nominated films. "Raiders" appears by special arrangement with Lucasfilm, Ltd.

We've also confirmed three special studio presentations: Brian Narelle (of "Dark Star" infamy) will talk about "Twice Upon a Time"; Frank Marshall (of "Raiders") will present "The Making of Poltergeist," and Howard Kazanjian (producer) and Sydney Ganis (vp of marketing) of Lucasfilm on "Revenge of the Jedi."

Jim Henson (director) and Gary Kurtz (producer) will be letting us in on their latest project, "Dark Crystal."

The list of pros attending grows ever longer. Among the panels: "The Novel in 1981; a Review of the Hugo Nominees" with A. J. Budrys, George R. R. Martin, Rena Wolper, Shawna McCarthy and Clifford Simak; "A Good Yarn is Hard to Find; What's Happened to Space Opera?" with Larry Niven, Jack Chalker, Mike Resnick, John Varley and Verna Smith Trestrail; "Why We Write the Stuff; Young Writers," with Gardner Dozois, Joe Patrouch, Jean Lorrain, Warren Norwood and Paul O. Williams; "Fads and Fallacies; Pseudo-Science" with Hal Clement, L. Sprague DeCamp, Bob Schadewald and Robert Forward.

Also planned are interviews with: A. Bertram Chandler, Lee Hoffman, Frank Kelly Freas, Gordon R. Dickson, Ben Bova, and Robert Silverberg.

There will be a Hall Costume Contest (see article on Masquerade).

MASQUERADE UPDATES

Masquerade contestants should register by 6 p.m. Friday. Latecomers may be able to register at the masquerade staging area on Saturday night, but please try to make it on Friday.

To clarify what we said in PR4: No media costume will be allowed to compete in the masquerade unless it is a different costume than normally shown. Imagine! (the verb form of imagination) Space rabbits, aliens, Luke Skywalker riding a taun-taun, Disco Klingons are all OK. Run-of-the-runway Luke Skywalkers, Princesses Leia, Indy Joneses, Mr. Spocks et al. are forbidden unless they do something. It's what you do with or in that costume that will gain you admittance.

HALL COSTUME CONTEST

As masquerade costumes become increasingly elaborate, showy and difficult to wear, there's a place for hall costumes; "easy, comfortable, decent everyday wear for alternate worlds."

There will be a hall costume contest in the Hyatt Atrium Lobby (the lagoon near Scampi's) between 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday. The judges will ask you to pay \$1 so a Polaroid picture can be taken. Please note that no costume shown here may be shown in the Saturday evening masquerade, unless it is part of a presentation not shown in the halls.

Names and titles of award winners will be posted.

FILKSINGING

Filksinging (science-fiction/fantasy folksinging) is scheduled for the Burnham, Wright, and Horner rooms starting at 8 p.m. (or whenever people show up after that) until some Ghod-awful hour of the morning.

Off-Centaur Publications will be taping singers in the Burnham Room for use in producing a "Best of Chicon" tape for sale after the convention. The rights of singers and songwriters will be protected.

Filksings have distinct regional personalities; an East Coast sing is different from a West Coast sing, which is different from a Midwestern sing. The type of sing that materializes in any of the three available rooms on any given night is strictly up to the singers and listeners — trying to regiment a filksing is good only for producing ulcers.

If you aren't happy with the filksing in one room, try another room — you may like it better. Who knows — you might like them all...

HOW TO GET HERE FROM THERE

BY CAR: Approach the Loop on one of two highways: eastbound on the Kennedy Expressway or northbound on Lake Shore Drive. Check any good road map to get this far. Beware rush hours.

DO NOT approach from the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290). This expressway is under construction and, as of this writing, only one lane of traffic is open each way.

From the Kennedy: Exit at Ohio St. Go nine blocks beyond the first stoplight (Orleans) to Michigan Ave., and turn right. See "Michigan Ave. to the Hotels" from here.

From Lake Shore Drive: Turn left at Balbo Drive. Go two blocks, then turn right on Michigan Ave. See "Michigan Ave. to the Hotels" from here. For hotels other than the Palmer House, you can also stay on the Drive and exit at Wacker Drive (see map). This is much faster.

Michigan Ave. to the Hotels: (These directions run north to south, i.e. from Ohio St. If you're approaching from Lake Shore Drive, read backwards.) The Marriott is two blocks south on your right, the Radisson on your left. Ask the doorman for directions to the parking garage or use an outdoor lot on Rush St. (the street just west of Michigan Ave.) Two parking lots are nearby at Rush and Ohio, and Rush and Grand.

For the Hyatt, continue south on Michigan, over the Chicago River bridge. The next street is Wacker Drive; turn left. Go to Stetson Drive and turn right. Ask the doorman how to get to the parking garage entrance off Lower Stetson.

For the Executive House, turn right on Wacker Dr. The hotel entrance is on Wacker before you reach the next street (Wabash). Parking is on Wacker next to the hotel.

For the Palmer House, continue south on Michigan to Adams St. Turn right. The PH is one block north, on the corner of Wabash and Monroe. For parking, turn right off Adams into the ramp for the Mid-Continental Building before you reach Wabash.

BY AIRPLANE: Since it is nearly impossible to navigate more than a body and a briefcase from the airport to the hotels on public transportation (CTA), we recommend you either take a cab or the Continental Airport Bus. If you're crazy, refer to PR4 for CTA directions.

From O'Hare, Continental buses leave every few minutes from the baggage claim area and take you to the door of all Chicon hotels. Be sure to get one going to your hotel. The price is currently \$6. Tickets and information are available at the Continental information desk (also in the baggage claim area). Cabs from O'Hare cost about \$20.

From Midway, the Continental bus leaves irregularly; at reasonable hours (not 3 a.m.) you shouldn't have to wait more than an hour. Advice: if you share a cab with someone, the cost (\$5-7) is about equal to taking the bus.

Handicapped fans may call Aaro Medi-Car at 624-2600. Fare to downtown hotels from O'Hare is \$30 plus \$5 for companion.

BY TRAIN OR BUS: You'll arrive in downtown Chicago near the convention hotels. We recommend taking a cab, especially if you have luggage. Cabs cost about \$2-3.

If you must take the CTA, be aware that the basic fare is 90¢ plus 10¢ for a transfer. You must have exact change — drivers will not accept dollar bills. See PR4 for bus directions, or call 836-7000. (To call toll-free outside the city, dial 800-972-7000.)

HOTEL LOCATIONS

Chicago Marriott Hotel — Southwest corner of Michigan and Grand Avenues.

Radisson Chicago Hotel — Southeast corner of Michigan and Grand Avenues.

Hyatt Regency Chicago — Both south corners of Stetson and Wacker Drives, just east of Michigan Avenue.

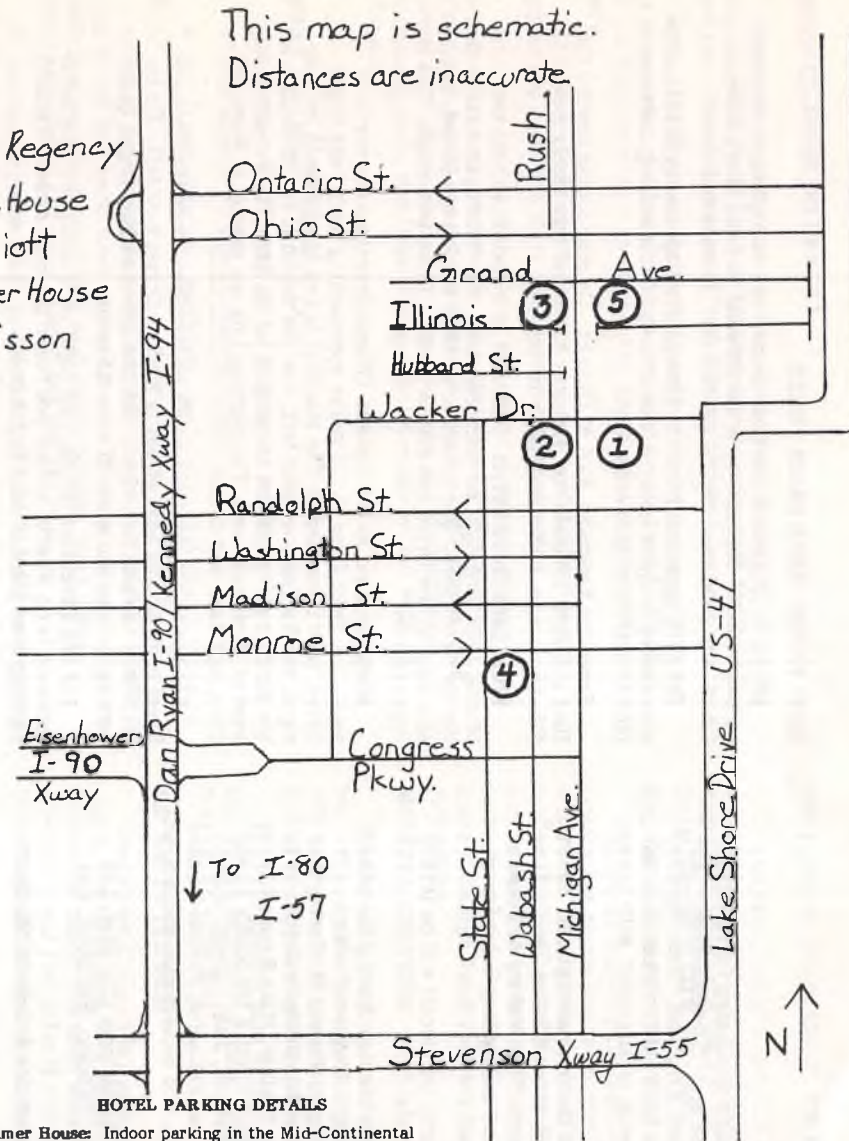
Executive House — Southwest corner of Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue.

Palmer House — Bounded on three sides by Wabash, Monroe and State Streets.

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 Chicago, IL 60690



- 1: Hyatt Regency
- 2: Exec. House
- 3: Marriott
- 4: Palmer House
- 5: Radisson



HOTEL PARKING DETAILS

Palmer House: Indoor parking in the Mid-Continental Building, on the north side of Adams St. between Michigan Ave. and Wabash St., runs \$6 a day for Palmer House guests. At the Monroe St. garage, a city-owned parking lot east of State on Monroe, underground parking is \$4.50 a day. No re-entry privileges in either lot.

Hyatt: A special hotel-garage parking rate is being worked out with the Hyatt, but is still unannounced at press time. No trucks or vans can be accommodated; try the outdoor lots discussed below.

Executive House: Indoor attendant parking is available for \$7.50 a day, but this buys you unlimited in-out privileges. No trucks or vans can be accommodated; try the outdoor lots discussed below.

The Radisson and Marriott: Two outdoor lots are available. The lot at Rush and Ohio is \$6.75 a day. The city-owned lot at Rush and Grand is \$4.50 a day but closes from midnight to 6 a.m. No in-out privileges at either lot.

