

GETTING TO WINNIPEG BY TRAIN

If you are planning on taking the train to Winnipeg, especially from the West, good choice! Whether you come by the VIA Rail or Amtrak, you'll be travelling through some of the most scenic areas of North America.

Winnipeg is served directly by VIA Rail, the Canadian national passenger rail company, by the triweekly *Canadian*. We have local contacts who are organizing fan groups travelling from both the east and the west on VIA, and a travel agency is organizing a trip to Winnipeg on Amtrak.

VIA From the East: The *Canadian* leaves Toronto on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, arriving in Winnipeg the following afternoon, so to arrive the day before the con begins, plan to take the Tuesday train, which will arrive late Wednesday. Connecting service to Toronto is provided by both VIA and Amtrak from Chicago, Detroit, Montreal, New York, and other parts of Canada and the United States. Contact: Capacine

Plourde, 1025 Everett, Suite 2, Montreal PQ, Canada, H2R 1N1.

VIA From the West: The *Canadian* leaves Vancouver on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings, arriving in Winnipeg in the early afternoon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Monday, respectively. If you want to arrive the day before the convention begins, plan to take the Monday train from Vancouver. You can get to Vancouver from the US on Amtrak's *Coast Starlight*, which runs from Los Angeles to Seattle (connecting service to Vancouver is by Amtrak motor coach). Contact: Veronica Yaworski, 1427-A W. 11th Ave, Vancouver BC, Canada, V6H 1K9.

Getting back, either direction: The first trains leaving Winnipeg after the convention will leave Winnipeg on Wednesday, arriving in Toronto late Thursday and in Vancouver early Friday. As this article went to press, it was uncertain whether VIA would offer a special

discount to members of ConAdian travelling by train; however, they did say that if there is a large enough demand, they would add cars to a train as necessary. Consult your appropriate local contact for current information. Train schedules, of course, are subject to change.

If you'd rather make your own reservations, VIA recommends contacting your travel agent. Within Canada, check your telephone directory for the toll-free VIA number for your area.

Amtrak: Maki Travel Centre, 5202 Washington Ste 2, Downers Grove IL 60515 USA, is assembling a combined train/bus travel package to get you to ConAdian on Amtrak. The trip will be to Grand Forks, ND via Amtrak's *Empire Builder* with a charter bus transfer from there to Winnipeg. Call Maki Travel at (708) 852-8803 or fax them at (708) 852-8904.

Extravaganzas

by Kent Bloom

Extravaganzas is busy planning to put on some interesting activities. We will be including the traditional (and required) events, plus some new twists. Please join us in our celebrations.

Also, please volunteer your time and talents. As with all departments, this is an all-volunteer effort, and we can use help from each of you. For those of you who have already volunteered, our thanks. If you haven't heard from us yet, you will be hearing soon. We also appreciate your ideas. Please talk to us if you see us at other conventions, or write with your suggestions.

Opening Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies will be held on Thursday afternoon, September 1, 1994. Plans are being made for entertainments and the traditional welcoming speeches and introductions.

Meet the Guests

To further introduce and honor ConAdian's guests of honor, we will hold a Meet-the-Guests event on Friday evening, September 2, 1994. In honor of Anne McCaffray, we have chosen the theme of a Pernese Gather. We envision a large

ballroom decorated to good effect with a performer's diads, wall murals of dragons, holds, and firelizards; an open square in the middle of the room, and tables and chairs for lounging and drinking along three sides. We will be serving appropriately Pernese refreshments, and hope to schedule an excellent line-up of performers and dancers in the proper Pern traditional. This will be an excellent event for you to show off your hall costumes. We will arrange to have some prizes awarded in various categories relevant to the theme of the evening.

Artists who are interested in helping paint murals onto flats, entertainers who would like to perform, and those who are interested in helping in other ways should contact Mary Morman for more information. She can be reached at 1245 Allegheny Drive, Colorado Springs, CO, 80919 or on Internet at MEMorman@uccs.edu.

Awards Ceremony

The 41st Hugo Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 3, 1994 at 8 pm. The Master of Ceremonies will be ConAdian's Toastmaster, Barry Longyear. We cordially invite all

ConAdian attendees to honor the Nominees on their special night.

In addition to the Hugo Awards, the Campbell Award, First Fandom Awards, and two of Canada's National Science Fiction and Fantasy awards (The Auroras) will be presented as well. We welcome any comments or questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the following address: Peter and Athena Jarvis, RPO Box 29095, Halifax Shopping Center, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3L 4T8, or on GEnie at P.Jarvis1.

Other Events

After the Hugo Awards we are planning a dance with DJ James (JD) Durham of our staff. Please contact him through the ConAdian post box with comments or suggestions.

The Masquerade will be held on Sunday night, September 4, 1994. There is an article with more details in this PR.

Closing Ceremonies will be held on Monday afternoon, September 5, 1994. Please plan to join with us in saying goodbye to the 52nd Worldcon, and welcome to the 53rd.

Airlines

by Kimberley Linton

Okay here's the scenario: you want to come to ConAdian, but you don't live in or near Winnipeg. You don't want to drive, and you certainly don't want to walk. Flying seems to be the best mode of transportation available, but which airline should you take, and how much will it cost? Never fear, for your convenience ConAdian has created "how to fly to Winnipeg" instructions. Read on...

- Step 1: Call around to find the best air fare currently available.
- Step 2: Call one of ConAdian's official airlines (listed below) and check out the deals they are offering.
- Step 3: Make your choice, pay your money, and come have a great time at ConAdian in Winnipeg.

Air Canada is the official National airline for ConAdian. On top of the convenience of flying Canada's leading airline, Air Canada is offering you special convention rates for travel within North America. All you have to do is call your travel agent or Air Canada at 1-800-361-7585. Ask that Event Number CV940203 be entered in the Tour Code box and the Reference Code WSFC in the Endorsement box. Remember, when you fly Air Canada you can earn valuable Aeroplan miles redeemable on any Air Canada route, worldwide.

Dealers should note that Air Canada is offering air cargo discounts of 25%.

Northwest Airlines is the official North American airline for ConAdian. If you are flying to Winnipeg from anywhere in the United States, Northwest is offering air fare discounts. Here are your options.

(1) Fly into Minneapolis and visit Mall of the Americas, have dinner with your relatives, or spend your time however else you want to. Stay there overnight, and fly to Winnipeg the next day for the same price you would pay if you flew directly there.

(2) Fly into Minneapolis, rent a car for a week at the week long rate and unlimited miles/kilometres, enjoy Minneapolis, then

drive up (14 hours on a four lane highway) to Winnipeg and return.

(3) Fly directly to Winnipeg. Whichever option you choose, call 1-800-328-1111 and ask for ticket designator NC4KM.

Northwest Airlines is offering a 40% air cargo discount.

In 1990 KLM was the official airline for the World Con in Den Haag, Holland. In 1994 it will be the official international airline for ConAdian. KLM is unable at this time to offer a discount on air fare, but their reputation for comfort and good service is known world-wide. When all prices are equal, fly KLM. Not only will you be helping the convention, you'll be helping yourself.



AIR FLIGHT DRAW

Everyone is interested in free air fare, right? Well if you choose Air Canada, Northwest Airlines, or KLM when you fly to ConAdian, you are eligible for this draw. The winner will receive a free Northwest Airlines ticket valid anywhere in North America Northwest flies. All you have to do is bring your airline ticket to the Information Desk at ConAdian, and you will receive an entry form based on a photocopy of your ticket. Only one entry will be permitted per person. The draw will take place at closing ceremonies. So remember, fly Air Canada, Northwest Airlines, or KLM, and bring your ticket to the Information Desk. Good luck!



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Access Questionnaire

Please fill out and mail to:
ConAdian, Attention Access,
P.O. Box 2430
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 4A7, Canada

This form will help up to help you. We will get in contact with you as soon as we get this form.

Registration name _____

member # _____

Address _____

City, Prov/State, code _____

My helper will be (name) _____

member # _____

Address (if different _____

Handicap Access Publications I will require:

- oversize print or
- cassettes
 - of program
 - progress reports
 - pocket program

Assistance / Equipment I will require:

- occasional help or
- wheelchair
 - entire time
 - short time

Handicap access seating I will require

- vision impaired
- lip reader

Wheelchair Access

For those of you who would like wheelchair accessible hotels, we recommend:

Holiday Inn Crown Plaza
Delta Winnipeg
Sheraton Hotel

- wheelchair
- footstool
- ASL sign reader
- service dog for myself and
- my aide
- my family (# _____)
 - at opening ceremonies
 - GoH speeches
 - masquerade
 - closing ceremonies
 - other

I will also need help with: _____

I am a Convert (recently fell/hit by car/etc) so I'll need all the help you can offer.

MEDICATION

Please fill out this part as it will be printed on a sticker for the back of your badge to allow us to assist you in any emergency.

Medications being taken: _____

Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____

Personal Doctor (name and phone) _____

VOLUNTEERS AND GOPHERS

- I am willing to work as a strong body.
- I am willing to work, my limitations are listed above.
- I am volunteering to help as an ASL signer.
- I will work at:
 - Opening ceremonies
 - Closing ceremonies
 - GoH Speeches
 - Masquerade
 - Other

For those of you who need hotels close to the Convention Center, we recommend

Carleton Inn Best Western (1 block)
Holiday Inn Crown Plaza (1 block)
Place Louis Riel (3-4 blocks)
Sheraton Hotel (3-4 blocks)