

# HAVE WE GOT SOME GREAT MOMENTS IN STORE FOR YOU IN 1981!

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## Our Worldcon Facilities

The *Seattle Worldcon Committee* has reserved the beautiful **Red Lion Inn** for the site of the 1981 convention. The **Red Lion** is large enough to accommodate all of the programming and almost any imaginable impromptu events. The 14,000-square-foot *Universe Ballroom* and the 7,000-sq.-ft. *Galaxie Ballroom* are complemented by a host of smaller meeting rooms which range in capacity from 25 to 400 people.

The **Red Lion** has more than 700 guest rooms, and an additional 1,400 rooms are available in nearby hotels (all of which offer free shuttle service to the **Red Lion**) and there are still more under construction.

The **Red Lion's** new tower, which has just been completed, makes it the largest hotel in the Northwest. The guest rooms are large and luxurious, and the architecture (glass-walled elevators, large terraced pool, and much more) is both contemporary and elegant. With two major restaurants, three lounges, and several attractive shops, the **Red Lion** is everything a Worldcon Hotel should be!

But that's not all! The location is so convenient to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport that you could walk between them if you wish, though free shuttle service is provided. The pool courtyard and the rustic hewn-timber passageways offer dozens of furnished alcoves ideal for those ubiquitous fangatherings.

Across the street are a number of fine restaurants, a pizza house, a family restaurant, and a large liquor store. Members of the hotel's staff are so intrigued with the Worldcon that some have even become involved as members of the convention, and representatives will accompany us to other Worldcons.



## America's Most Livable City

Seattle is a clean, friendly, unpolluted, modern city where spicy Douglas Firs and startlingly blue lakes are interspersed among mirrored skyscrapers. No fewer than six major magazine surveys have accused Seattle of being the most livable city in America, to which we must plead guilty, and 1200 association executives rate it as one of the top convention cities in America.

The best time to visit Seattle is late August and early September—WorldCon time! The climate then is characteristically mild and sunny.

Within the city, you can tour historic **Pioneer Square**, taking time out from browsing through turn-of-the-century shoppes, art galleries, the *Pioneer Square Wax Museum*, and the incredible *19th Century Seattle Underground* to enjoy a cup of *espresso* and a plate of steaming butter clams at a sidewalk cafe. Two blocks away, on the waterfront, you can choose from a variety of seafood restaurants and import shops, drinking sweet salt air while you toss morsels of food for the seagulls to quibble over.

And be sure to visit the **Seattle Center**, site of the 1962 *World's Fair*, and explore the 74 acres of parks, fountains, and amusements. (The free open-air summer concerts here are a must...everything from Rock to Rachmaninov!) Here, too, you will find the *Pacific Science Center*, but plan to spend at least one full afternoon there if you want to see a significant percentage of the exhibits, displays, and "hands-on" science toys.

And, naturally, there is dining atop Seattle's monument to science fiction ... the 600-foot *Space Needle*. The view is as good as the food.



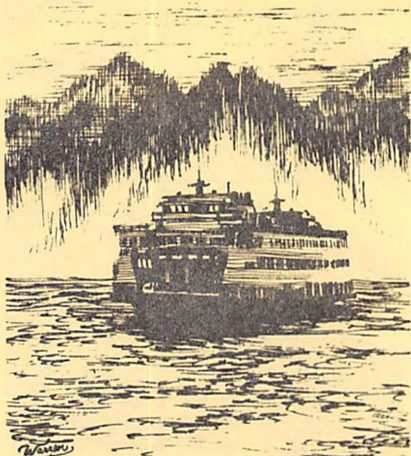


## The Pacific Northwest

You will certainly want to plan an extended vacation in the Seattle area around Worldcon time. The **Gold Cup Hydroplane Races** are held on Lake Washington in August. The *thunderboats* are but one aspect of **SeaFair**, a regional festival entailing parades, street fairs, arts and crafts fairs— words escape us... it's terrific fun!

The area's recreational possibilities are virtually limitless. You can explore the lush forest trails of the North Cascades Range, or the glaciers and ice caves on Mount Rainier. Water-sports enthusiasts take note ... Seattle is located on an isthmus between Lake Washington and Puget Sound, as well as being being freckled with eye-blue lakes throughout. You could leave the **Red Lion** in the morning, spend a day clam-digging on the shores of the Pacific or fishing for our famous salmon, and be back in time for dinner. You can ride the world's largest double-ended ferry to tour the battleship *Missouri* in the Bremerton Navy Shipyards, fly over the water in a *Boeing Jetfoil*, or take an excursion boat to an authentic Indian Village for barbecued salmon and steamed shellfish.

Seattleites are proud of their city and its surroundings. And with good reason! From the arctic wonderland of Mount Rainier to surf-swept beaches, the Northwest provides an incredible array of vacation opportunities for those of us who are fortunate enough to live here, and those fortunate enough to visit. We hope you will be one of the latter, but *be forewarned!* *The former condition is extremely contagious, and some people who came for a two-week visit years ago are still here!*



## Our Worldcon Philosophy

The **Seattle in 1981** committee is already hard at work establishing the liasons, the framework, and the planning needed to make the 39th World Science Fiction Convention the best possible. In order to provide the environment, activities, entertainment, and support required by a great Worldcon, we have already been holding regular meetings to implement operations, programming, guests, publications, and all of the other aspects which we should be responsible for. Our ultimate goal is to make certain that the attendees at the Seattle Worldcon will be free to enjoy and participate in a convention without having to experience confusion, hassles, or mismanagement. It is a big task, to be sure, but we wouldn't be bidding to take it on unless we were absolutely certain that we could handle it. We are confident that we can.

Our committee does not see the Worldcon as a spectacle or circus. It should be an organized meeting place for old friends and new, with activities catering to the needs and requirements of its attendees.

Although some Worldcon committees are predicting that attendance in 1981 may reach 10,000, and are basing their bids on huge convention facilities geared to processing that many, we see that goal as neither reasonable (considering the size of past Worldcons) nor desirable. Seattle does have a beautiful convention center (which, ever-prepared, we have reserved just-in-case), but our committee intends to preserve the warm and friendly atmosphere characteristic of a fan-oriented convention.

We feel that this is what the fan who attends a Worldcon should expect to receive from his hosts.... and we intend to provide exactly that!

## How to vote for Seattle in 1981

Since Worldcon sites are selected two years in advance, you must be a member (Attending or Supporting) of *SeaCon '79*, the 37th World Science Fiction Convention in Brighton, England in order to vote. Balloting is done by mail, and ballots will be sent out in early 1979. Or, ballots can be deposited in person at the convention, should you choose to attend.

Make checks or money orders payable to: **Tony Lewis, P.O. Box 429, Natick, MA 01760**. Remember *never* send cash through the mail!

**SEACON'79 Memberships**  
Supporting \$10. Attending \$20.  
until Aug. 1, 1979

You can also help bring the Worldcon to Seattle in 1981 by becoming a presupporting member for just:

a) \$1.00 check or money order, or  
~~b) 6,000 pounds of assorted nuts and berries to keep the bigfoots happy and non-violent until '81.~~

**Please! NO MORE NUTS AND BERRIES!**  
See "The Great Nuts and Berries Scandal" in *Progress Report Alpha!*

As a presupporting member, you will receive future mailings from the Committee, including our pre-bid progress reports, and a discount of at least \$1.00 on an attending or supporting membership when we win the bid at Brighton.

Donations of help, advice, or money to aid our bidding effort are sincerely appreciated. This will be *your* convention, and with your help, we will try to administer it as satisfactorily as possible to your benefit.

**We look forward to seeing YOU in SEATTLE IN 1981!**

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Make checks or money orders payable to Northwest Convention Fandom.

**Hey, Seattle! I want my fair share of Great Moments!**

Enclosed is \$1.00. SIGN ME UP!

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