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Here it is: the fourth issue of MISSION ALAMO. This issue is very, very, very late. I do apologize for the lateness, and as they say in the military: THERE IS NO EXCUSE.

Things seemed to be slow at the beginning of the year (maybe because everyone was busy with other sides of their lives), but are making up for it now.

Karen has a new e-mail address: meschke@io.com.

The LSC2 office has moved to 1204 Nueces, Suite F, in downtown Austin. There's plenty of parking behind the building, and we're the first door to the left as you come in the back door. The office is open every Wednesday night from 6 until 9 PM. Everyone is welcome to drop by or call 512-472-9944, fax 512-472-4290. All mail should go to PO Box 27277, Austin TX 78755 or e-mail lsc2@io.com.

An updated committee list will come out in May or June. The next deadline is May 15th, and the one after that is June 25th.

I've been having some problems with my computer, so after I get this issue out, it goes in the shop. Hopefully I won't be computerless for long. Cross your fingers for me.

In the third issue I requested submissions, but only received a letter from Karen (dated 2/8/96) with the following items:

Karen: Noel Wolfman's phone number incorrect in the LACon apa for the last two months:

e-mail addresses:

Dennis Virzi (new) - oswald@airmail.net

David and Diana Thayer - DThayers@aol.com

I read in the LACon apa they are thinking of also doing a postmark at the con. Lets start talking about ours before they think we got the idea from them. [My report about this is below.]

Try to e-mail Teresa Patterson for new additions, she saids she had folks ready to go, cc to me on this. Karen.

Pictorial Cancellations
by Candace Pulleine

In June of 1995 I suggested to Karen the possibility of LSCII requesting a pictorial cancellation commemorating the first WorldCon held in Texas. I also volunteered to be liaison with the U.S.P.S in obtaining it, since I work for the U.S. Postal Service and have previously obtained a pictorial cancellation for Houston's local Star Trek group. Karen told me to present a report to the committee in the apa.

The attached page from the POSTAL BULLETIN (which comes out every two weeks) explains about Pictorial Cancellations, in some cases prints the actual cancellations, and tells how individuals can get these cancellations through the mail.

If the cancellations are requested and approved early enough, they often get printed in some of the stamp newspapers and magazines. When I worked with the Star Trek cancellation, the USPS sent out a press release and some area people even came by the convention to get their cancellations in person, rather than by mail. Also collectors from all over the nation request them by mail.

If anyone has any additional questions, please contact me: email CandaceVP@aol.com; mail PO Box 980744, Houston TX 77098-0744; phone 713-526-5625. Candace.

On-line Messages:

11/15/95 Karen: Please make sure that Neal Kaden has his correct home/work phone and e-mail address in the next apa. home (214) 517-7372, work is (214) 684-4621, e-mail is Neil.Kaden@NT.com

11/20/95 Karen: Please add Dee Hayden as the LSCII treasurer, her address is 3115 Eanes Circle, Austin TX 78746, home phone (512) 328-4643, I do not have her e-mail address in front of me but will forward it to you.

11/23/95: Judith Ward: Thanksgiving: Just a note to say thanks to all of you for putting up with my child-like behavior and all that stuff. Have a happy one. See ya' at Smofcon. Love, Judith

11/23/95: Sue Frances: Sorry for the delay in getting this address to you. Twilight's address is 15811 NE 105th St. Redmond WA 98052, e-mail address is twilight@wizards.com

11/27/95 Leah Smith: Subj: Smofcon meeting? I haven't seen any notice of it, so is there, in fact, going to be a Lonestarcon committee meeting at Smofcon? When? Also, Neil Kaden informs me that our e-mail address is also incorrect in the paper apa. My correct address is below. Dick's is dick@smith.chi.il.us -- our correct mailing address is 410 W. Willow Road, Prospect Heights IL 60070-1250 phone: (708) 394-1950. Can someone please acknowledge that this info has gotten into the right person's hands for the next apa? Thanks,

11/28/95 Leah Smith: The newest paper apa just arrived and our address info in it is correct. But who are the people we now seem to be reporting to?

11/28/95 Judith Ward: Alice Knapp is a Vice-Chair, not an assistant. Her phone # is 210-734-3918. Judy McDowell is now attached to Guest Liason. Ted Keller is a ChiliCookoff

assistant. Neil -- when is the next progress report coming out? I would like for you to throw out whatever I sent you in the past. I will be bringing new stuff to Smofcon. Please be sure to ask me for it. Thanks. Candace -- I came home to a welcome surprise -- a Committee apa. How nice to see all that stuff in print. Contex was very good to me. I came home with five, count them five Chili teams. BJo Trimble was first, Pat Elrod (Orac), Con-Troll, Jon B. Green and my baby brother, David Gordon. See ya soon.

12/8/95 Tom Feller: LoneStarCon 2 flyers: My tentative convention schedule for the first nine months of 1996 is: Chattacon, MidSouthCon, DeepSouthCon, Kubla-Khan, New Orleans Science Fiction and Fantasy Festival, Crescent City Con. Please send me some flyers. My listing is correct. Thanks.

12/21/95 Randy Shepherd: Dear Candace, Karen wanted me to contact you with my e-mail address, so you can add it and me to the committee apa. I have been receiving the written apa. Adios Randy

12/28/95 Earl Cooley: Subj: Administrivia Echo: I'm surveying our current list for errors; if you receive this, please e-mail me at lsc2@io.com instead of replying back to the list. Thanks!

12/31/95 Laurie Mann: Re: Administrivia Echo: Yep, I got it! We should talk some time next year, to be sure the online stuff is properly coordinated with the press stuff.

1/17/96: Dennis Virzi: hugo noms: My memory is bad, could use suggestions on what / who to nominate. Oh all right, it's not that bad, I'm going to nominate Walter's book, but who else deserves our favor?

1/18/96: For Judith Ward's: hugo noms: Hi Dennis. We have not met; I am Chilimomma's oldest daughter and my name is MaFortune. Momma is in the hospital right now, and it will be some time before she is able to come home and respond to her mail. I will print it out for her, take it to the hospital, and send her reply to you. FYI, Momma had her right leg amputated about three inches above the knee on Tuesday, January 16. The surgery went well, and we are now on watch for infection/pneumonia. Momma sleeps alot, which is only to be expected, and is as lucid as any drowsy half asleep new amputee. Please forward this to any mutual friends you and Momma have after deleting "Hi Dennis." Thanx!!!!!!!!!!

1/18/96 Ben Yalow: hugo noms: NESFA puts out recommended lists. This year, we have them for both the regular Hugos and the Retro-Hugos. You can get to all of them from the NESFA homepage on the Web (it's at <http://www.panix.com/NESFA/home.html>). I'll be glad to mail copies to people who can't get to the Web.

1/27/96 Karen: I talked to Judith last night, she is currently at a Rehab Center until next Sunday (hopefully). She sounded good and ready to go. They did take most of one leg and it is healing nicely, apparently the rehab staff is working her hard every day with a walker. After the leg heals she wants to be fitted for a prosthesis. She thanked me for the basket of fruit and other dried food stuffs that LSCII and FACT sent her. Cards are welcome and should be addressed to her home address (see your written apa, or let me know if you need her address). Judith when you read this after the fact remember you said it was ok: Also NO FLOWERS OR PLANTS!!! She should be able to join FACT for the Annual Mtg in March but doubts she will be able to make the Feb FACT BOD mtg, so Robert you will be in charge. She will probably be

on-line in about a week to 10 days.

1/27/96 Karen: With the next year comes the annual trek around the state to educate and promote LSCII

This is only a preliminary listing to begin.

Feb 24 we have reserved Conference Room 9 at the Marriott RiverCenter (the big one) from the hours of 11-5 for an open discussion with local fans and anyone else who can make it.

March 23-AggieCon we have (Thanks to the Hazlewoods) acquired the con suite on Saturday nite for an informal party. I have also contacted the AggieCon person to have included a one hour program item included on their program (we have done this previously with a good crowd). I would also like to have a meeting of all committee/staff who can make it to one main LSCII mtg and their will probably various discussion groups after the main mtg to gather and discuss any updates and data base questions. (Mark/Ben aren't you using ACCESS for programming at this years Boskone?)

April-Controll, I would like to have a major presence there, with a possible use of the con suite (Harry/Cathy: for another informal party on Sat nite)

May-the first weekend I would like to have another event like we did last year at the State Park in De Soto, I need Fran Booths new address/phone (Dennis ?) or coordination. This is a beautiful state park south of Dallas with a large lake, picnic site and sites for camping (Fred without AC?) in fact I would like to camp over Saturday night and return to Austin on Sunday.

June 9-party at Brooks Griffith parents house on Lake Austin-if you were able to attend last year, the weather next to the water is much cooler than a few miles away.

July-Westercon, El Paso-another major show of presence, as we need to have a party (probably on Friday nite) we will also need a table for LSCII at con.

August-Austin, date and location not known at this time. Our annual pre-WorldCon strategy session either August 3rd or 17th.

September-WorldCon at LA, we will be partying on Friday nite (LSCII) and on Sunday nite for the post-Hugo nominees party. The table for the convention will be very important to be manned by as many different folks as possible.

October-ArmadilloCon, Annual Mtg, with lots of staff mtgs and discussion.

November-TBA

December-SmofCon in Seattle, with the LSCII/FACT Annual White Christmas party the second weekend, probably at the Red Lion again.

1/28/96 Karen: I forgot to include that at Controll a program item would be appreciated, hopefully on Saturday late afternoon. BYW, Fred and I now have two phone lines, the main number will remain the incoming calls and answering machine. Line two will provide service to our modem usage and fax machine (thanks to my parents for a plain paper fax as our

Christmas gift), the second line is (512) 835-7637.

1/30/96 Earl Cooley III: If you have additions or corrections, please e-mail shiva@io.com and let me know. Thanks! Members of list 'lsc2-apa':

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Tom Becker <twb@apple.com>
Cathy and Harry Beckwith <phlh94a@prodigy.com>
Kent Bloom <k.bloom@genie.com>
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Neil Kaden <Neil.Kaden@NT.com>
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Laurie Mann <lmann@telerama.lm.com>
Karen Meschke <meschke@chinacat.unicom.com> not any longer!
Beth Miller <tigress@io.com>
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3/4/96 Mark Olson: My, it's been quiet here, lately. I've been updating my chart of memberships vs. time for the 3-year Worldcons and I find that I don't have end-of-month numbers for San Antonio for December, January, or February. And the numbers I have for July-November are estimates that I got at Smofcon. Is there any chance anyone can post them? What I'm interested in is total members of all sorts: Attending, Supporting, Children and

Guest. I'm only keeping track of the totals, but if you have the breakdown, it's not a bad thing to post them for the record. (BTW, if anyone would like the complete set of numbers -- it's an Excel spreadsheet -- I'll be happy to email it to you.) -- mlo

3/6/96 Earl Cooley III: Karen Meschke is having difficulty with her current e-mail service provider (they are having some sort of major breakdown) so any urgent e-mail for Karen needs to go to Fred Duarte at f.duarte@genie.com until Karen gets her e-mail capability back. I'll post an announcement when the situation changes.

3/12/96 Earl Cooley III: Who is the LSC2 volunteer coordinator?

3/20/96 Aaron Allston: When web-browsing today, I came across the San Antonio Poets and Writers Page at <http://www.netxpress.com/users/nst/sapaw.ntm>. The top page says, "This is a free forum in which all San Antonio writers are welcome and encouraged to make their work available to the public. We also encourage all local literary clubs, organizations and services to provide information about themselves for public display here."

So, particularly since they have a "Groups and Events" page (at <http://www.netxpress.com/users/nst/events.htm>) I wanted to pass that information along to the APA, in case whomever is in charge of online publicity wanted to follow up on it.

Aaron Allston, Writer: e-mail: allston@io.com, Web: <http://www.io.com/~allston/>

03/20/96 Earl Cooley: (in response to above message) That's a good contact point. I've sent an e-mail inquiry to the site manager. Thanks!

3/28/96 Earl Cooley: Karen Meschke is now at meschke@io.com

3/31/96 Earl Cooley: Chaz Baden would like to know if there will be a formal LSC2 presence at Minicon. He says that BucConeer and L.A.con III will be there.

4/2/96 Dick Smith: Re: LSC2 presence at Minicon?: Based on BucConeer's comments about Minicon in their bidzine, I'm surprised... I presume that it's because someone wants to go anyway. I wouldn't bother. I've never understood why LSC2 needed to make any special effort to attend regional cons. Taking memberships, etc., at cons that committee were going to is one thing, but a special trip to Minneapolis, foey. Best,

4/2/96 Tom Becker: Re: LSC2 presence at Minicon?: Minicon is very popular and the facilities in Mpls are limited, which means the main hotel fills up very fast. If you want to go for the fun of it, by all means do so, but plan on crashing with friends or staying in an overflow hotel. If you want to go to SMOF, Minicon is a good place to learn about running a large convention while staying fannish and having fun. Also, Mpls is a great fannish city and we might sell more than a few memberships there. They can even drive to San Antonio -- it's pretty much a straight shot, and when you get to Texas, why you're almost halfway there!

4/3/96 Karen (telephone conversation): Add Bear & Angela Phillely to the list as working with Teresa Patterson on the Art Show, 1402 Dupree, Austin TX 78754(?), 512-834-0253. Add to mailing list: BucConeer, Attn: Peggy Rae Pavlat, PO Box 314, Annapolis Junction MD 20701.



The 55th World Science Fiction Convention

August 28 - September 1, 1997 Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center San Antonio, Texas

Spring and Summer Texas Tour

The convention committee of LoneStarCon II invites you, our friends and supporters of the con who live in Texas, to join us on our 1996 Spring and Summer Texas Tour. We'll be having get-togethers at various locations and dates around the state and we hope you can attend at least one.

April 6-Cedar Hill State Park on FM 1382. This park is located near Cedar Hill, just south of Dallas. The picnic and cookout will begin around 2 PM and we'll be there 'til dark.

April 19-21-ConTroll, Ramada Astrodome, Houston. We'll have a table at this convention and possibly a party on Saturday night. The hotel is located at 2100 South Braeswood at Greenbriar, 713-797-9000, with convention rate rooms for \$65.00 including breakfast. You can contact ConTroll at P O Box 740969-1025, Houston, TX 77274 or 713-895-9202.

May 11-Leon Valley Park, San Antonio. Another afternoon in the park. Take IH-410 West around to Evers Road and exit. The park is on the left past the library.

June 8-Lawn Party, Austin. Cool grass under the tall trees at the edge of Lake Austin made our picnic last year at the home of Brooks Griffith's family a delight. This year should prove just as refreshing. We can send you a map with directions, so see below for contact information.

July 4-7-ConDiablo, the 1996 Westercon, El Paso. We'll have a table and a party here, too. Facilities are the Paseo del Norte hotel and the El Paso Convention Center downtown El Paso. Call Chuck Siros at 915-778-5926 for more information on the convention.

August-To be Announced. Probably an Austin location for a strategy planning session for LACon III and afterwards. Somebody's thinking about a cookout under the trees in the office parking lot. We'll see.

Weekly-The Office. We're also in the office every Wednesday night from 6 PM until 9 PM. Everyone is welcome to drop by or call. We're always glad to see another pair of hands around the office! Just stopping in to chat is great, too. We're at 1204 Nueces, Suite F, in downtown Austin. There's plenty of parking behind the building, and we're the first door to the left as you come in the back door.

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for any information you'd like or any suggestions you may have.

We need your ideas, help, and time to put on a Texas-sized Worldcon in 1997. Hope to seeing y'all soon!

PHILATELY

Pictorial Cancellations Announcement 96-4

As a community service, the Postal Service offers pictorial cancellations to commemorate local events celebrated in communities throughout the nation. A list of upcoming events for which pictorial cancellations are authorized appears below. If available, the sponsor of the pictorial cancellation appears in italics under the date. Also provided, as space permits, are illustrations of those cancellations that were reproducible and available at press time.

People attending these local events may obtain the cancellation in person at the temporary post office station established there. Those who cannot attend the event, but who wish to obtain the cancellation, may submit a mail order request. Pictorial cancellations are available only for the dates indicated, and *requests must be post-marked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial cancellation date.*

All requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum First-Class Mail post-

age (32 cents per envelope or 20 cents per postcard). Items submitted for cancellation may not include postage issued after the date of the requested cancellation. Such items will be returned unserviced.

Customers wishing to obtain a cancellation should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness, and tuck in the flap. Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address it to: PICTORIAL CANCELLATIONS, followed by the NAME OF THE STATION, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP + 4 CODE, exactly as listed below (using all capitals and no punctuation, except the hyphen in the ZIP + 4 Code).

After applying the pictorial cancellation, the Postal Service returns the envelope or postcard through the mail. Customers who want their serviced item returned under protected cover should include a larger, stamped, self-addressed envelope.



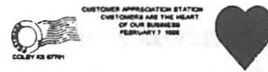
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POSTMASTER
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UNADILLA NE 68454-9998



February 6, 1996
CITY OF CHAMPIONS STATION
WINDOW UNIT
401 FRANKLIN ST
HOUSTON TX 77201-9998



February 3, 1996
WEST VOLUSIA STAMP SHOW STATION
POSTMASTER
240 W NEW YORK AVE
DELAND FL 32720-9998



February 7, 1996
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION STATION
POSTMASTER
535 N COURT AVE
COLBY KS 67701-9998



February 3-18 1996
SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW AND RODEO STATION
POSTMASTER
10410 PERRIN BEITEL RD
SAN ANTONIO TX 78284-9998



February 8-18, 1996
NASCAR STATION
POSTMASTER
500 BILL FRANCE BLVD
DAYTONA BEACH FL 32114-9998



February 5-14, 1996
LOVEVILLE STATION
POSTMASTER
ROUTE 5
LOVEVILLE MD 20656-9998



February 9, 1996
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WINDOW UNIT
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HOUSTON TX 77201-9998