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(THE EASTERN MISSOURI CONVENTION CORP.)  
PRESENTS

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# SAINT LOUIS CON

IT ALL  
ADDS UP!

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E = Everything under  
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IN  
ST. LOUIS

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TO VOTE

St. Louis '97!

YEP, CANT ARGUE  
WITH A NOBEL  
PRIZE WINNER...

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# GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS!!!

**A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...  
No, wait, that's been done to death.**

For the past few years the valiant fen from St. Louis (and the surrounding counties) have trekked across the Northern Hemisphere drumming up support for our bid for the Worldcon - StLouiscon II. We've told you about our facilities, our city, our attractions, fiscal responsibility, and our local cons. We've mapped the city's restaurants (from the 5-star Tony's to the 5-Tums White Castle), we've plied you with chocolate and other edibles (and chocolate) and beverages (and chocolate). Now, all we're asking is for your ultimate support - your vote.

Obviously, we've worked long and hard to bring the bid to you, and plan to work even harder to bring you the meaty, beefy, big, and bouncy convention you want a Worldcon to be. The New Spirit of St. Louis lives. So meet us in St. Louie, Louie.

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# VOTE - ST. LOUIS IN '97

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**PO Box 1058, St. Louis, MO 63188-1058**

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St. Louis is at the center of the country, at the confluence of several major highways, plus accessible by train and bus . .

Blah, blah, blah

Served by all major airlines; TWA's hub . . .

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. . . fiscal responsibility . . .

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The bid is brought to you by the same fine folks (and a whole bunch more) that brought you the well-organized '88 bid. Plus, the entire I-70 con-corridor supports the bid (seven Missouri conventions, plus the Wichita and Oklahoma City cons).

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Look, if we don't have it, tell us and we'll get it for you. Ok?

## *THE NEW SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS*

With a brand new look to the convention center.  
Brand new hotels, and a Brand new attitude.  
St. Louis looks better than ever for a Worldcon.

# St. Louis

Presupporting  
Memberships \$10

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Memberships \$15

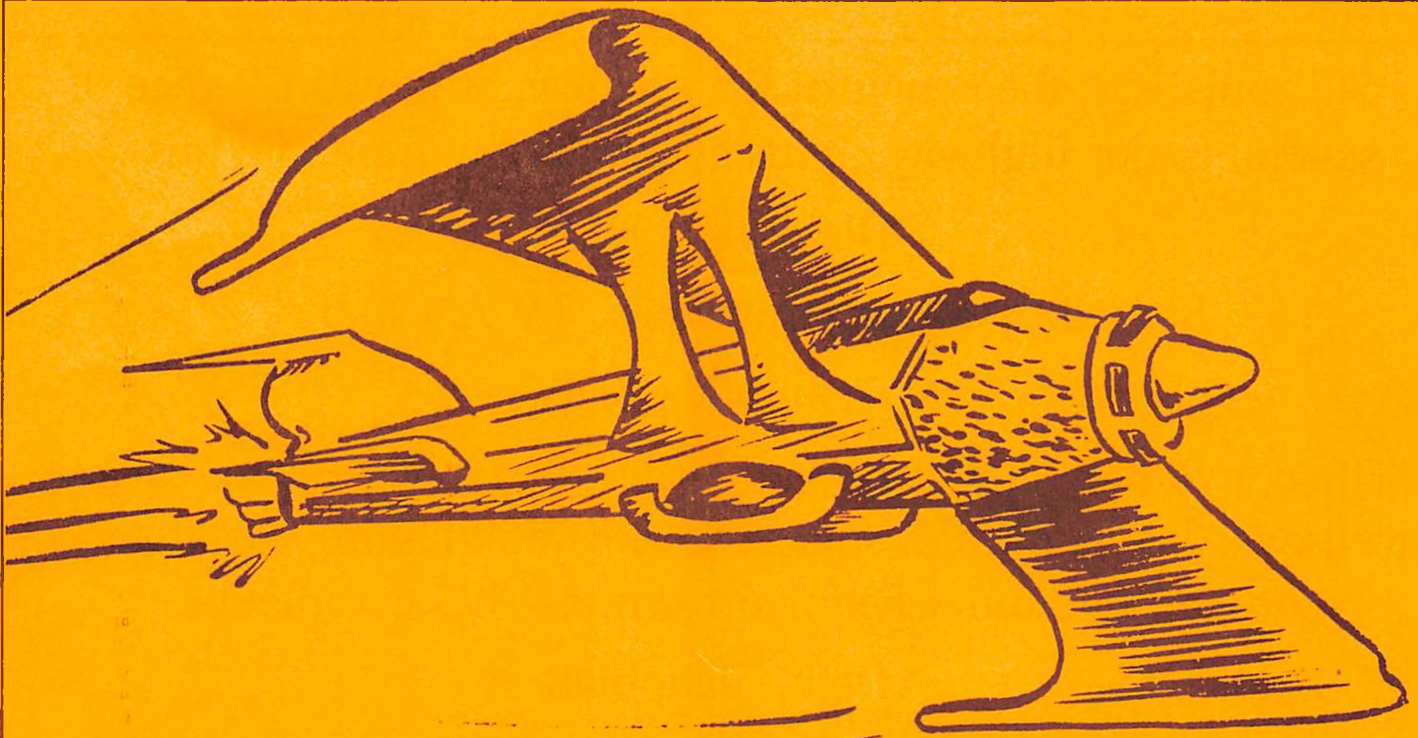


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**Can we put on a party when we try, or what?**

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# *The New Spirit of St. Louis*

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Since they built an entire country around us, you have to expect the best of everything - a brand new convention center - brand new hotels (they promise to really build at least one more) - and an ever-enthusiastic committee.

So . . . see us at one of our parties - talk to the committee - sample a little mid-West hospitality - and catch the **New Spirit of St. Louis in 97!!!**

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## Progress Report and General Chit-Chat

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St. Louis had a Worldcon - St. LouisCon in 1969; now we think that it's time to hold St. LouisCon II. We have a beautiful "new" convention center that's completely finished except for "Exhibition Hall 6" (a 70,000 seat football stadium for a team that doesn't exist). It has everything your little fannish heart could want for a convention - 80,000 square foot rooms for the dealers and art show/fixed displays, a 100,000 square foot room for major events such as the opening ceremonies, Hugos, and masquerade (even using 20,000 square feet for backstage and green room facilities, this room can still seat 8,000 people on risered seating so nobody will have to watch through the back of somebody else's head), and three floors of function rooms for panels, gaming, filking, children's programming/child care, movies, etc. **Everything under one roof!**

Since there isn't a football team, the convention center management is really pushing hard for us to use "Exhibition Hall 6". They're extremely proud of the fact that the lighting system can make it seem like it only has an "intimate 40-foot ceiling". In true fannish style we're looking for suggestions as to what we could do with it if we were given the opportunity (at no additional cost, of course) to use this eighth wonder of the modern world. So far we've had several ideas proposed (our favorites being using the diamond-vision screen for videos, and to rent out field space for camping - the locker rooms could provide showers and such).

### Serious stuff now . . .

The committee consists of over thirty local fans (and one from Wichita), all of whom have extensive convention-running experience. Nine of us have been, or are currently, con chairs, and most of the rest have been department heads at one (or all) of our local conventions.

*Archon*, St. Louis regional-sized con, has held the line on cost for the last five years, making it one of the (if not *the*) least expensive conventions in the Midwest, and we still

manage to run six to nine tracks of programming from 9:00am to 2:00am, 24-hour gaming, two or three video rooms, children's programming, dances, a Worldcon-class art show, and the best masquerade outside of a Costumecon or Worldcon (just the facts, ma'am). **And all we want is to run a Worldcon that's just as affordable and exciting as possible (and we can!).**

**This is our year!!!!** The vote for the 1997 site will be taking place at the Winnipeg Worldcon this Labor Day weekend. How can you help, you ask? **VOTE!!!!**

Enclosed is an official copy of the 1997 Site Selection Ballot. The instructions on the form explain how to fill it out and how to get a membership in ConAdian if you don't already have one. A supporting membership not only gets you the right to vote for both the 1997 site and the Hugo Awards, but also to receive all the publications put out by ConAdian (7 Progress Reports and the Program Book). **You must be a member of ConAdian to vote.**

If you have either a supporting or attending membership in ConAdian, the Winnipeg Worldcon, then pay the US\$25 site selection fee and **vote for St. Louis!** *This is the most important way to help.* All the money, chocolate, and presupporters in the world won't get us the Worldcon unless we win the site-selection balloting. It may seem odd to have to pay a fee in order to vote for a future Worldcon site, but your voting fee will automatically give you a **supporting membership** in the 1997/55th Worldcon, no matter who wins. You can also use it for credit toward a full attending membership in the '97 Worldcon. The voting fees go to the winning bid for start-up money (for things like putting down a deposit on the convention facilities, printing Progress Report #1, etc.).

We're not trying to confuse you but, if you want to, you can pay a US\$60 voting fee, instead. This will give you an **attending membership** in the winning bid, no matter who wins, and save you time standing in line on Sunday or Monday to convert from supporting to attending (on the other hand, it will confuse giving you a conversion discount for being a presupporter and a voter).

**Note that ConAdian's deadline for receipt of ballots is August 15th. If you can't send it that soon, and won't be attending, then send it to us instead. If it reaches our PO box by Friday, August 26th, we can hand-carry it to Winnipeg for you (just be 100% sure it's signed, has your membership number, and is otherwise properly filled out, and includes your voting fee).**

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## At The 52nd Worldcon/ConAdian

Come see us in Winnipeg. We'll be there beginning Wednesday, hosting our party in the New England Suite (rooms 2316/2319) of the Place Louis Riel hotel (the con suite and main party hotel), or visit our information table in the convention center, near the site-selection table. We're looking forward to seeing you there. If you want to help at the con, we'll be glad to have you on board. We're going to have the largest-ever St. Louis contingent in Winnipeg, but there is the information table, the site-selection voting table, party supply and ice runs in the morning, party setup in the afternoon and evening and, of course, the parties beginning at 9pm Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights...not to mention the 55th Worldcon membership conversion and sales table on Sunday and Monday when (if? naw...when) we win. So there'll be plenty of work for any "extra" volunteers.

Obviously, we've worked long and hard to bring the bid to you, and we plan to work even harder to bring you the meaty, beefy, big and bouncy convention you want a Worldcon to be. So *meet me in St. Louie, Louie.*

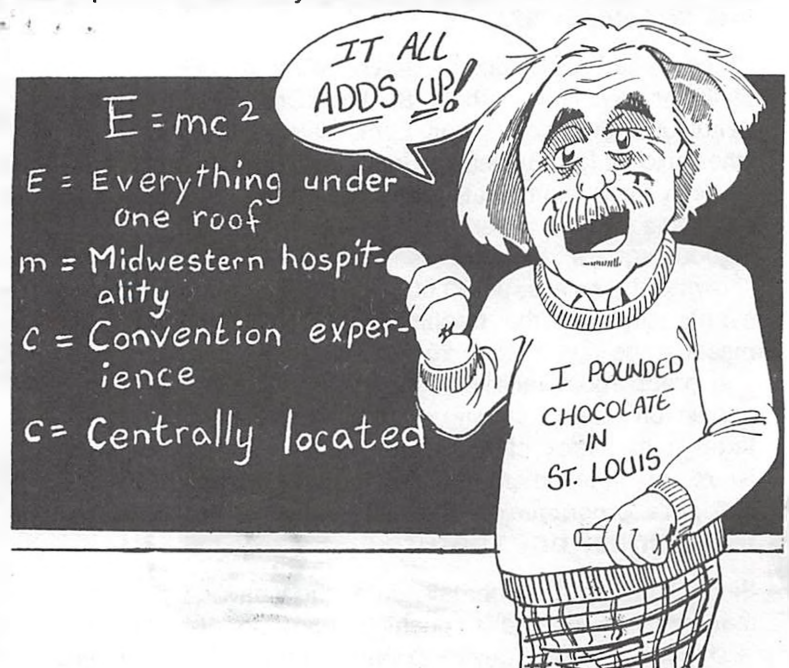
## News From The Corporate Front

This wouldn't be a real progress report if we didn't report some progress, so here it is (well, there are the hundreds of new pre-supporting members, but that's only to be expected).

We are now incorporated as the Eastern Missouri Convention Corporation, doing business as EMC<sup>2</sup>. We are chartered as a Missouri Not For Profit corporation, have submitted "EMC<sup>2</sup>" for registration as a Fictitious Name, have a Corporate Seal and an IRS Employer Id#, and are working on the IRS 1023 package (that's how you ask the IRS for official determination of 501(c)(3)

status; for those of you who don't read IRS Publications for fun and profit, "501(c)(3)" is IRS-ese for Charitable and Educational or, as most people would call it, Non-Profit status). We don't have a five-year background of business history, so we're asking for a tentative advance determination and, assuming it's granted, the IRS will periodically review our records during the next several years to assure that we really have stayed within the tax-free/charitable-and-educational guidelines and did business the way we tell them we're going to in our 1023 package. Mere mortals really shouldn't be allowed to have so much fun...the things we do for you all out there, just so you can have a great Worldcon!

EMC<sup>2</sup> has it's own brand-new, extra-large Post Office box now, too. Watch for the new address on all St. LouisCon 11/55th Worldcon publications, beginning with Progress Report #0 on Sunday at ConAdian.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED





**1997 Worldcon Voter Information: Please read both sides of this form before voting.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

To pay for a membership in ConAdian by credit card, please provide the following information:

\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

You can use your credit card *only* to purchase a ConAdian membership. **You can not use your credit card to pay the voting fee or membership for the 1997 Worldcon.** If you attempt to use your credit card to pay the voting fee, your ballot will be rejected and returned to you uncoun-  
 ted.

**Voting Eligibility (check one):**

\_\_\_ I am a supporting or attending member of ConAdian. My membership number is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Your membership number is on the mailing label of your progress reports and on your membership badge. You may still vote even if you don't know your membership number.)

\_\_\_ I enclose payment (payable to "ConAdian") for an attending membership in ConAdian.  
 (See rates below. Make your payment for a membership in ConAdian *separate* from your voting fee. **If you attempt to pay for your ConAdian membership and your voting fee with the same cheque, we will reject the ballot and return it to you.**)

\_\_\_ I enclose Can\$35/US\$25 (payable to "ConAdian") for a supporting membership in ConAdian.  
 (Make your payment for a membership in ConAdian *separate* from your voting fee. **If you attempt to pay for your ConAdian membership and your voting fee with the same cheque, we will reject the ballot and return it to you.** You can buy a supporting memberships at any time, including at ConAdian, through the close of balloting. If someone else is carrying your ballot to ConAdian for you, make sure they first go to convention registration and pay for your supporting membership *before* attempting to deliver your ballot.)

Eligibility Check

For Office Use

**Voting Fee/ 1997 Worldcon Membership (check one):**

\_\_\_ I enclose Can\$35 or US\$25, payable to "The 55th World Science Fiction Convention," for a **supporting membership** in the 1997 Worldcon.

\_\_\_ I enclose Can\$85 or US\$60, payable to "The 55th World Science Fiction Convention," for an **attending membership** in the 1997 Worldcon.

Payment Check

CASH	25
TC	35
CHQ	60
MO	85

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**You can not pay your voting fee or 1997 Worldcon membership by credit card. If you attempt to do so, your ballot will be rejected and returned to you uncoun-  
 ted.**

*Keep voter information for winning bid*

**ConAdian Membership Rates:**

Supporting (receives publications and can vote, but can not attend):

Through close of voting,  
 Saturday, September 3, 1994:     Can\$35             US\$25

Attending (receives publications, can vote, and can attend ConAdian):

Through July 15, 1994:     Can\$165             US\$125  
 After July 15, 1994:     Can\$200             (see below)

Send ballots to:

**ConAdian  
 Site Selection Voting  
 PO Box 2430  
 Winnipeg MB R3C 4A7 CANADA**

Please mail your ballot and cheque(s) separately from other convention material. US members please note that postage from the USA to Canada for one ounce is 40¢.

To join ConAdian, include a cheque for one of the amounts above payable to "ConAdian". (Or you can charge your ConAdian membership to your credit card.) After July 15, 1994 and at the door, the US\$ attending membership rate depends on the current exchange rate between US\$ and CAN\$.

**We must receive your ballot by August 15, 1994 to ensure it will be counted. ConAdian is not responsible for delayed mail. Another member may deliver your ballot to ConAdian for you.**

To pay the voting fee, include a cheque for the correct amount payable to "The 55th World Science Fiction Convention." (You can not charge your voting fee to your credit card.)

**To keep your ballot secret, please fold the bottom half (on the other side) to the dotted line and seal it with clear tape (no staples).**



# 1997 Worldcon Site Selection Ballot

## Voting Instructions—Please Read Carefully Before Voting

1. You must be an attending or supporting member of ConAdian to be eligible to vote for the site of the 1997 World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon 55). If you are not yet a member of ConAdian, enclose a *separate* payment for a supporting or attending membership to ConAdian with this ballot.

2. You may vote by mail or in person at ConAdian. If you vote by mail, after marking the voting area below the dotted line, fold the bottom half up to meet the dotted line and seal the ballot by using a small piece of clear tape. *Please do not staple your ballot.* If you vote at ConAdian, the administrators will give you a validated ballot after confirming your eligibility and collecting the voting fee; after marking your ballot, deposit it in the ballot box. The polls will be open at ConAdian until 18:00 (6:00 PM) on Saturday, September 3, 1994. To vote by mail, send your ballot and voting fee to:

ConAdian  
Site Selection Voting  
PO Box 2430  
Winnipeg MB R3C 4A7 CANADA

3. Complete the information requested on the other side of this ballot. The information you give will be how the winning bid records you in its files.

4. You must pay the voting fee (Can\$35 or US\$25). **Make your cheque payable to "The 55th World Science Fiction Convention."** Do not make your cheque payable to ConAdian or any bid committees. Payment of this fee entitles you to vote and makes you a supporting member of the 1997 Worldcon, no matter who wins the election. If you do not pay the voting fee, you may not vote. Voting fees are not refundable. If you attempt to pay your voting fee with a credit card or combine your voting fee payment with a membership to ConAdian, your ballot will be rejected and returned to you.

5. (Optional) All bids listed on the ballot have agreed to accept CANS\$85/US\$60 as a full attending membership for voters. You may choose to pay your entire attending membership now, rather than paying the voting fee and having to upgrade to an attending membership later. If you pay the larger amount, you will automatically become an attending member of the 1997 Worldcon, assuming one of the bids listed on the ballot wins the election.

6. If you choose to not pay for a full attending membership when you vote, you may convert your supporting membership in the 1997 Worldcon to an attending membership by paying a conversion fee to the winning Worldcon committee after the election. For at least 90 days after ConAdian, the conversion fee will not be more than US\$50. Contact the winning committee for conversion information.

7. The bid committees that filed acceptable qualification papers by March 5, 1994 appear on the ballot. Also listed are "No Preference," "None of the Above," and space for write-in votes. "No Preference" is the same as an abstention and is counted as if it were a blank ballot. "None of the Above" is treated as a candidate. If "None of the Above" wins, the site of the 1997 Worldcon will be decided at the World Science Fiction Society business meeting held on Sunday, September 4, 1994 at ConAdian. Write-in votes will be counted, but a write-in committee can win only if it files acceptable qualification papers by the close of balloting at ConAdian.

8. Voting is by the "preferential ballot" system. Place a "1" besides your first choice, "2" beside your second choice, and so on. You do not have to indicate any preference besides your first preference. If you mark an "X" with no further marks, it will count as a first-place vote with no further preferences. If the administrators are unable to determine your preferences, your ballot will be counted as "illegal/illegible."

9. Voters who are not "natural persons" (for example, "guest of" memberships or memberships in the name of clubs, companies, inanimate objects, or animals) may vote only for "No Preference." The administrators will change any ballot voted by a non-natural person to "No Preference" if necessary.

10. If you have more than one membership in your name, you must vote any ballot you cast (other than the first one) as "No Preference." The administrators will change the second and successive ballots cast by the same person to "No Preference" if necessary.

11. Each supporting and attending membership in ConAdian may be voted only once. If you have a ConAdian membership which somebody else transferred to you, you may not vote if the original owner of the membership has already voted using that membership.

*Fold bottom of this side up to meet this line and seal with clear tape — no staples*

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee: **St. Louis in '97**  
Location: St. Louis, Missouri, USA  
Facilities: America's Center, Holiday Inn, Adam's Mark, and other hotels  
Chairs: Michelle Zellich, Rich Zellich, Les Haven

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee: **None of the Above**  
Location: As determined by the World Science Fiction Society business meeting, Sunday, September 4, 1994.

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee: **San Antonio in '97**  
Location: San Antonio, Texas, USA  
Facilities: San Antonio Convention Center, Marriott Rivercenter, and other hotels  
Chairs: Fred Duarte, Jr., Casey Hamilton, Karen Meschke

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee: **(Write In)**  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_

(Write-in bid committees must file acceptable qualification papers with the ConAdian committee by the close of site selection balloting, 18:00 CDT, Saturday, September 3, 1994. Votes for ineligible bids will be counted, but no such bid may be awarded the 1997 Worldcon.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee: **No Preference**  
Location: **Anywhere**

(This is not the same as a vote for "None of the Above." A vote for "No Preference" is equivalent to an abstention or blank ballot, and any choices you list after "No Preference" will not be counted.)