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Saturday Evening September 1, 2001

Lost and Found is Filling Up

The lost-and-found box in Ops is rapidly filling with badges, cuddly toys and sundry electronic gadgets. Anyone who has lost anything, please come to retrieve it and relieve the crowding. ConOps can be found at the upper end of the escalators on the third floor lobby of the Marriott.

Mom, I'm on TV!

Masquerade overflow will be in Franklin B on the fourth floor of the Marriott, where there will be TVs tuned to the video coverage.

Contributors Welcome

The Kessel Run welcomes submissions of brief restaurant reviews, party reports, fannish announcements, program comments, illustrations, etc. Place your submissions in one of our mailboxes or drop them off at our office in PCC 302.

Saturday Evening Parties		
Sugarfest by sff.net	2184	7pm
Red Dwarf Smeg Party by sff.net		
Ü	2184	10pm
NSS/Space	2177	8pm
Writers of the Future	2139	8pm
Golden Duck Awards Reception		
	2065	
Dragonriders of Pern Fan Clubs		
O		9:30pm
Nippon in 2007	798	10pm
Readercon	777	9pm
I-5 in '05	770	8:05pm
UK in 2005	738	8pm
I-con	708	after masq.
@	670	8pm
ConJose	662	9:30pm
7MPLS3/Minicon	628	9:30pm
Liaden Universe Lounge		
	616	9pm
Gaylactic Network Alien Abduction		
	600	10pm
Con Suite	328	_
Cordwainer Smith Foundation Debut		

TBD

9:30pm

Friday Night's Parties

Last-minute negotiations narrowly avoided a walkout of the International Brotherhood of Party Reviewers. We almost had the weekend off; now we're searching for our notes. It's a rough job, yada yada yada.

Ever wonder what Vince Docherty looks like in a red boa? Well, we never had either, but if you were ever curious, the truth was revealed last night at the Disco Glam Rock Alien, aka Renee Sieber's 25th Worldcon celebration party. We encourage the growth of such traditions; job security, you know. Meanwhile, Kurt was snickering as Scott showed our Irish friend James Peart disco moves *a la* John Travolta. We wore personal disco balls and alien friendship bracelets as party favors from our hosts.

Scott thought he was on the cutting edge of glam fashion with his alien saucer tattoo, only to be one-upped at the Charlotte in 2004 party by Brad Foster, who had his entire forehead painted with a Hugo-style rocket. The nerve. Well, you gotta get your Hugo some way... (Winks to Brad.) Charlotte, of course, exuded their usual Southern hospitality. We enjoyed the clown sculpting the balloons. Ever wonder what a balloon peapod with peas inside looks like?

Sff.net's Weird Al Singalong was buzzing with excited fans appreciating Al's demented lyrics. Ever wonder what a dozen enthusiastic fans sound like signing Weird Al songs? The Retro-Hugo After Party Post Retro Ceremony offered ice cream and toppings while Albacon 2001 answered the question, "What does a white chocolate alien on a stick look like?" Ever wonder? Sime-Gen ensured no fan was without a date, having imported fresh dates from Turkey.

No longer dateless, we said hello to our Japanese friends hosting the Japan in 2007 bid. We sampled many exotic hors d'oeuvres such as arare, mochitaro, amanation and shiomame, including one important item, konpeitou. Fans will want to add this one to their vocabulary since it means "candy." Meanwhile, Scott was adding a new word to his vocabulary: Suntory Japone liqueur, a tasty plum varietal. Ever won-

der how to fold a banzai headband properly? Mr. Yoshiro Kiriyama amiably demonstrated the art for us.

The Prydonians of Prynceton offered tasty homemade goodies such as rum balls, oatmeal/M&M cookes, and something we had never tasted before: Rita Humphrey's pecan squares, a delightful dessert of graham crackers coated with a soft pecan brickle. Boston in 2004 again hosted a vibrant gathering, offering another night of fresh shrimp, petit fours, antipasti and blue f**kers, a place where everyone knows your name and you can get an extra shot of blue. Torcon 3 displayed a variety of Ontario wines and beers. Scott enjoyed the chocolate coconut Napoleons while Kurt savored the fruit salad with Devon custard.

It's official: Scott is a Space Cadet. Craig Miller declared it so at the L.A. in 2006 bid party, then excused himself to make a beer run. Who says hosting a bid party is easy? And guess who couldn't stay away for very long from declaring a WorldCon bid? Kansas City in 2006. We're excited about the party prospects from these fine groups of fans. Because, after all, it's all about parties. And ever wonder what it would be like not declaring a party of the night? So in the spirit of brotherly love, we hereby award the Friday Party of the Night to all the parties.

— Scott Bobo and Kurt Baty

(The staff of The Kessel Run would like to note that the opinions contained in this article are those of the writers and do not necessarily belong to the executive committee of Millennium Philcon.)

Restaurant Correction: Kabul

The wonderful Afghan restaurant Kabul is at 106 Chestnut, not 1060, and is 12 blocks from the PCC, not 4. For our group on Friday it was well worth the cab (ask for Chestnut and Front Streets), and the hike back. Make a reservation, as it's not a large place.

— Hope Kiefer

Cigarettes and Guitars

There will be smoking-friendly filking in Champions Bar from 9pm until closing on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

— Steve Nelson

Gaylactic Network Spectrum Award Winners

The winners of the 2001 Spectrum Awards, for works featuring positive gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender content, were announced on Thursday evening. They are:

Best Novel: *Jumping Off the Planet*, David Gerrold

Best Other Work: *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, Joss Whedon/Fox TV

Hall of Fame: *Imperial Earth*, Arthur C. Clarke; *The Sparrow/Children of God*, Maria Doria Russell; and *The Weetzie Bat Series*, Francesca Lia Block

People's Choice: *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* Special Achievement: Samuel R. Delaney

The folks with the Gaylactic Network would also like to let you know that you can enter their raffle for a chance to win T-shirts, mugs and tote bags bearing the unique Gaylactic Network insignia. Come to the Gay Fandom suite (Marriott 600) and at least one item will be raffled nightly on Saturday and Sunday at 10:45pm.

A drawing was also held on Friday night. The winning ticket number was 9664103. If that is your number, please visit the Gay Fandom suite to pick up your prize.

Got Nanny?

Will whoever borrowed the autographed copy of the (expurgated) *Nanny Ogg's Cookbook* from Tamar Lindsay's Discworld party (Friday night) please return it, after you finish making notes, to The Crystal Connection (Dealers Room F-1).

— Dick Eney

Intergalactic Bump

For one night only, Trap Door, the Disciples of Intergalactic Bump Music, will bring the bump to Millennium Philcon.

Strange fun, special guests, dance, prizes and highly thought-provoking music will be featured. See them after the Masquerade (during half time and after judging) in Franklin Hall A, Marriott 4th Floor. Avoid the crowds on the elevators and take the escalator down one flight from the Masquerade. Dancing with DJs will follow. Check out http://www.getdance.tv for more information.

Millenium Moments

See the Foto Board on the PCC Reg Bridge, a showcase of all the moments making our Millenium Philcon memorable.

Fantasy/SF Artbook Signings

The following artists will be signing their latest books in the dealers room on Sunday at the Chimera stand (go left, all the way to the wall):

1pm: Jim Burns (*Transluminal*), Chris Moore (*Journeyman*), Fred Gambino (*Ground Zero*)

2pm: Ron Walotsky (*Inner Visions*) at the Cold Tonnage stand (all the way in, then left to nearly reach the wall) and Jane Frank (*The Art of Richard Powers*)

3pm: Jim Burns, Chris Moore, Fred Gambino, Ron Miller & Fred Durant (*The Art of Chesley Bonestell*)

- Paul Barnett

Chrononauts Tournament Results

The Looney Labs Chrononauts tournament concluded on Friday at 5pm after a heated final match. Twelve participants were whittled down to a single winner. Christine Dziadosz collected a live dinosaur, the crown of thorns, and a cure for cancer to win the Scientist's Wish List mission, earning herself the champion's medal-lion

 $Looney\ Labs'\ Fluxx\ tourney\ will\ be\ held\ from\ 2-5\ on\ Sunday\ in\ the\ gaming\ area\ in\ CC107.$

— Dave Chalker

Spiritual Sustenance

Sunday's combined Christian service will now be a Roman Catholic Mass due to the absence of Rev. Randy Smith. Father John Blaker will preside. All Christians are welcome. Services will be held Sunday at 10am in PCC202B.

The Pagan Full Moon Circle, an eclectic, Earth-based group, will hold a ritual on Sunday at 7pm in PCC103C. For more information, contact Donna Ryan on the voodoo board.

Turkish Millionaires Wandering the Halls!

The Who Wants To Win A Million (Turkish Lira) panel has come to a successful conclusion, or so we have been informed by one of the new millionaires. If you see Johnny Carruthers in the halls, ask to see his prize.

Volunteer Raffle

The winners of the Saturday noon volunteer raffle are Adam Wiener and Elizabeth Griffin. Please pick up your prizes at the Volunteer/Gopher Lounge (Marriott 362).

Sunday's Special Interest Groups

Friends of Bill W. 7:30am M307
Weight Loss Support 8:30am M307
Parents Meeting 10am CC201A
Roman Catholic Mass 10am CC202B
Del Rey Online Writing Workshop Members
10am CC203B

Restored Kingdoms of Gondor & Arnor – Accession Council Meeting (or Who Wants to be a Monarch?) 11am CC103C

Restored Kingdoms of Gondor & Arnor: Council-General Mtg (Is This Any Way to Run a Kingdom?) 12pm CC103C

This Day In History

1752 - The Liberty Bell arrives in Philadelphia

1875 - Edgar Rice Burroughs born

1940 - Second World Science Fiction Convention opens in Chicago

2660 - First scene in Hugo Gernsback's novel *Ralph 124C 41*+

Enter the Mind of Gardner Dozois

The latest book by Gardner Dozois is premiering at MilPhil. *Being Gardner Dozois* is a booklength interview by Michael Swanwick. It is published by Old Earth Books with a cover by Orson Rayyan and is available in the dealers' room for \$25.

Win Over 35 Books!

The Philadelphia Science Fiction Society is raffling off *all* previous Philip K. Dick Award winning books (many of them signed). Tickets are \$1 at the PSFS dealer's table (I-107).

We Regret to Inform

Prominent Providence, RI fan Mark M. Keller died this morning at 2am at a hospice. The cause was adenocarcinoma. Trained in both biology and history (his specialty was the "Columbian Exchange," the biological interactions of the old world and the new after 1494), Mark was a well-received fixture on panels ranging from alternate histories to the hard sciences at Boskones, Readercons, and other conventions. He was a member of the SCA. Private services will be held in Colorado. Condolences should be sent to Sue Anderson in Providence care of Don D'Amassa of East Providence, RI.

Also, William H. Costello, long time SF reader and occasional fan writer, died at 4am Saturday morning at his home in Cincinnati after a lengthy battle with cancer. He is survived by his longtime companion, Barbara Nash, and a brother, John Costello.

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