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CYNTAR

THE BIDZINE FOR CINCINNATI IN '88

Issue 1

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Quick editorial natterings

The first issue of Cyntar, containing information on Cincinnati's convention facilities, will be widely distributed. Future issues, which will cover more about Cincinnati's convention facilities, the City itself, and bid-running and convention running; these will be mailed out to those fans who have Presupporting Memberships, Category II. Join now!

All are invited to join us. Cincinnati in '88's motto may well turn out to be: Behind every great convention, there has to be a great city. Cincinnati is a great city. It's got superb convention facilities, and a bid committee consisting of fans from all over the Midwest. Cincinnati is easy to reach, easy to travel around in, and it's always got interesting things happening (and no, I'm not saying that only because I was born there and grew up there).

Shortly before going to press, I received a mysterious letter, signed SMOF--well, actually, it's signed with an X--that is reprinted in this issue. Interestingly enough, the envelope arrived in a smudged condition so that it was impossible to read the postmark, and, since the envelope had no return address, it is impossible to trace it. Does the smudged condition of the envelope indicate that there are Secret Masters of Fandom working for the Post Office? Hmm.....

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(at Bohone)

SECRET MASTERS OF FANDOM "We Know Who We Are"

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, ~~the rulers of the universe~~ secret masters of fandom, do hereby declare that fandom, in the year 1988, shall go forth to Cincinnati. We decree that truefen everywhere shall march forth unto this place by the Ohio River and Frolic and Have a Good Time at the 1988 World Science Fiction Convention, also known as the Worldcon, in Cincinnati.

We also command brave and good hearted persons of fandom to bid for said convention. Do it or else.

Signed,



SMOF

P.S. Tennis shoes optional.

A FANNISH GUIDE TO PLACES AND THINGS, SOME OF THEM REAL AND SOME
OF THEM CREATURES OF MYTHOLOGY, part 1

definitions:

Cincinnati n. a city in southwestern Ohio, on the Ohio River.(real)

Ohio n. 1. a Middle Western State of the United States: area, 41,222 sq.mi.; abbreviated O.: nicknamed Buckeye State. 2. a river formed by the junction of the Monongahela and the Allegheny at Pittsburgh, flowing southwestward into the Mississippi: length, 981 miles. (real)

Cyntar n. a mythological beastie that in folklore occupies areas around the Ohio River and the Ohio River Valley: particularly tends to hang around Cincinnati. Cyntars are noted as being creatures whose one aim in life is to frolic and have a good time. (myth)

The Cyntar is a creature of folklore, obscure folklore at that. Folklore is very vague about cyntars (not to be confused with centaurs): they are described as being humanoid in appearance, with fair complexions and white hair. They are reported to be long-lived, having a life-span of a hundred and fifty years. They are musically inclined, and they spend their time loafing, enjoying life, and having a good time.

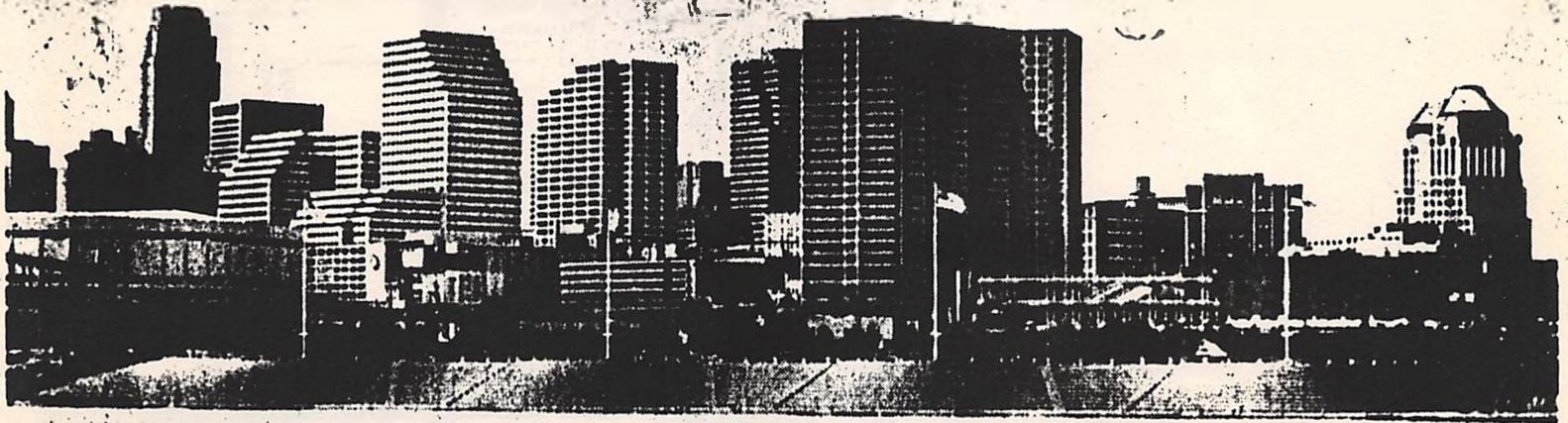
I have never seen a Cyntar (at least, not to my knowledge); I've heard vague rumors that there are a couple residing close to the University of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Zoo, with one also in Westwood and one in Mount Adams in Cincinnati; also, supposedly, there is one in Kentucky and perhaps one or more in southern Indiana.

Since Worldcons have been featuring mythological creatures, it seemed appropriate that Cincinnati in '88 proudly present its own local creature who, like fandom, is dedicated to enjoying life.

Other Cincinnati creatures that are better known include the Zoo's white tiger and the baseball fan, both real.

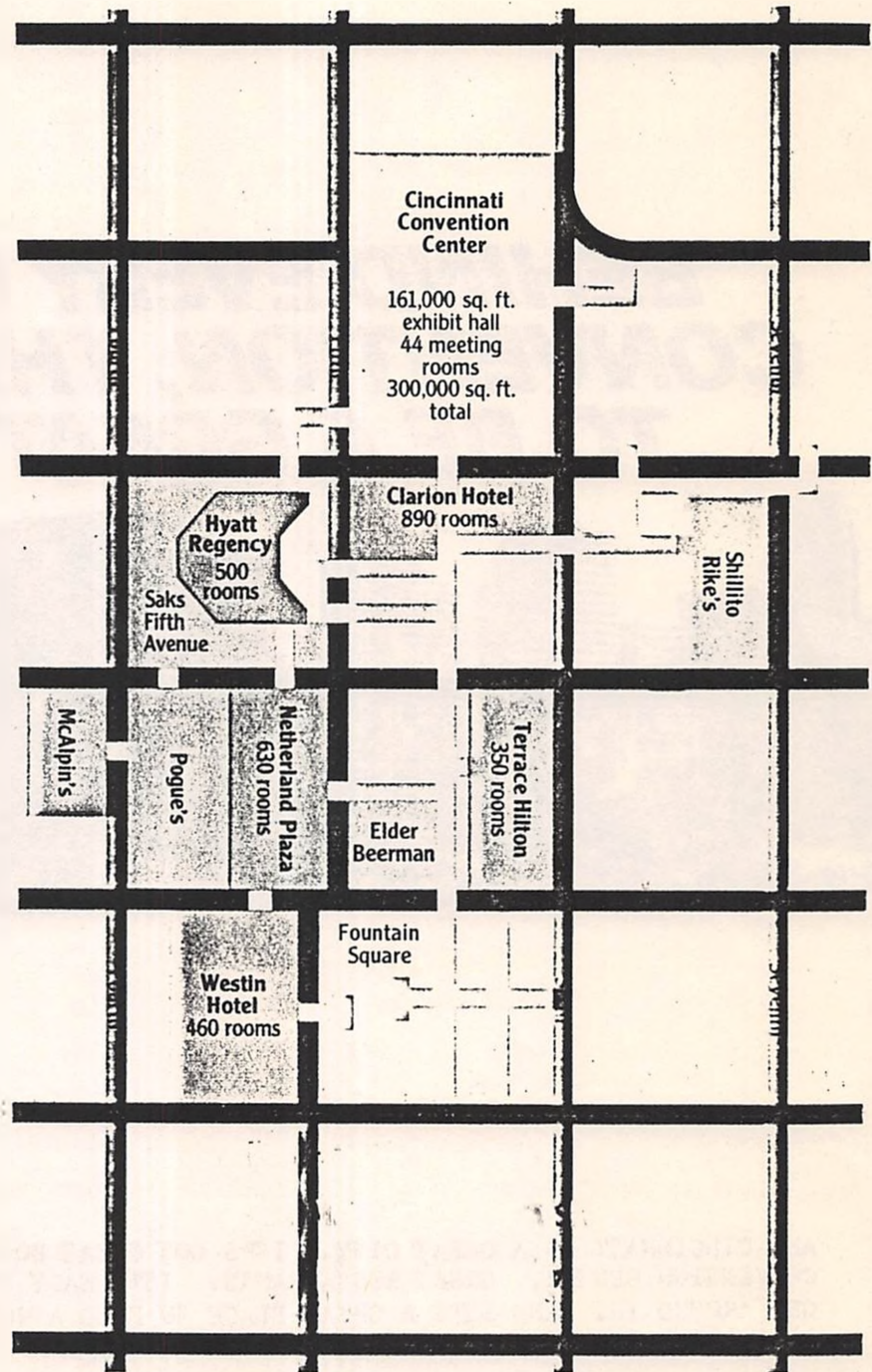
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***BEHIND EVERY GREAT
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TO BE A GREAT CITY.***



AND CINCINNATI IS A GREAT CITY. IT'S GOT GREAT HOTEL FACILITIES. A GREAT CONVENTION CENTER. GREAT RESTAURANTS. IT'S EASY TO GET TO, AND EASY TO GET AROUND IN. AND IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO HOLD A WORLDCON IN.

A GREAT CONVENTION CENTER, AND IT'S CONNECTED TO THE FIVE HOTELS THAT WE'LL BE USING IN 1988 by SKYWALK



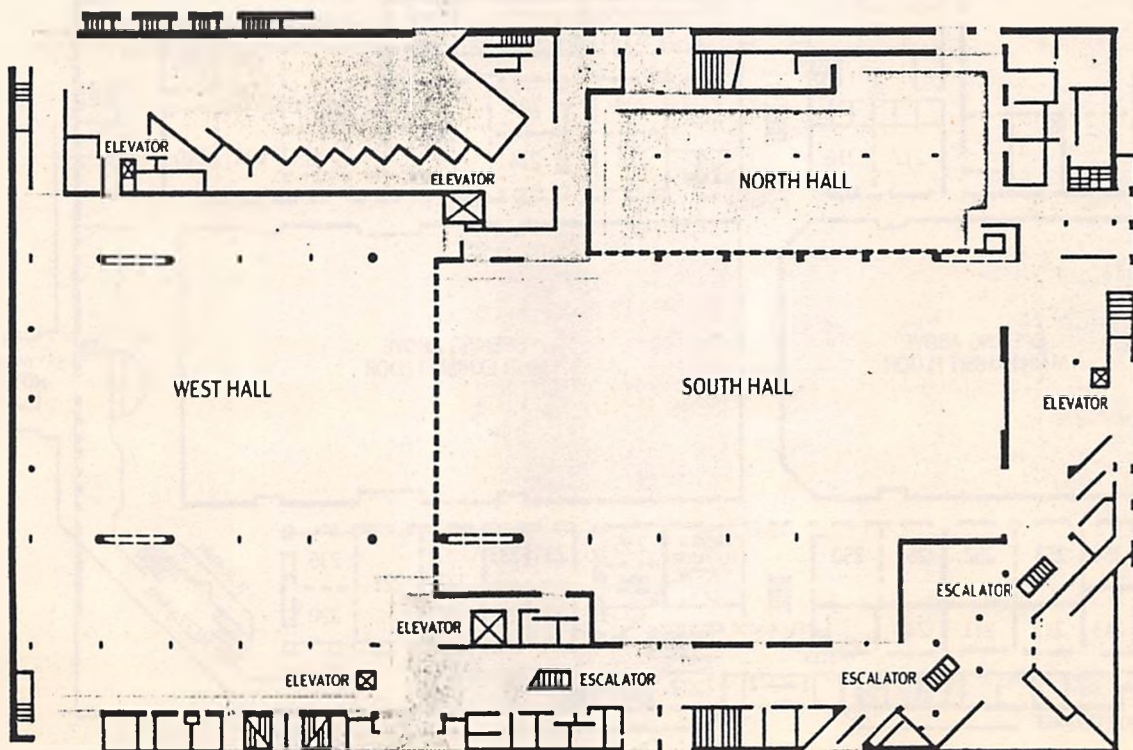
Along the covered walkway are department stores, shops and a variety of restaurants. Five major hotels with 2,800 first-class hotel rooms are within a two-and-a-half block radius of the Center, with an additional 7,000 rooms nearby.

THE CONVENTION CENTER.....WITH ALL THE MEETING SPACE THAT A WORLDCON NEEDS...

EXHIBIT LEVEL

- 161,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space.
- Total capacity for 845 exhibit booths.
- Flexibility to sub-divide for separate events simultaneously, each with separate entrances, lobbies, concession areas and management offices.
- Both drive-in and enclosed loading dock access to building.
- 28,800 square foot storage area in lower level.
- Unlimited floor load.
- Overhead utilities.

MAIN LEVEL				
	Sq. Ft.	Ceiling Height	Exhibits (10' x 10')	Meeting Capacity
North Hall	25,000	20'	130	2000
South Hall	65,350	36'/20'	340	9000
West Hall	71,570	36'/20'	380	9000
Combined	161,900	36'/20'	845	15,000

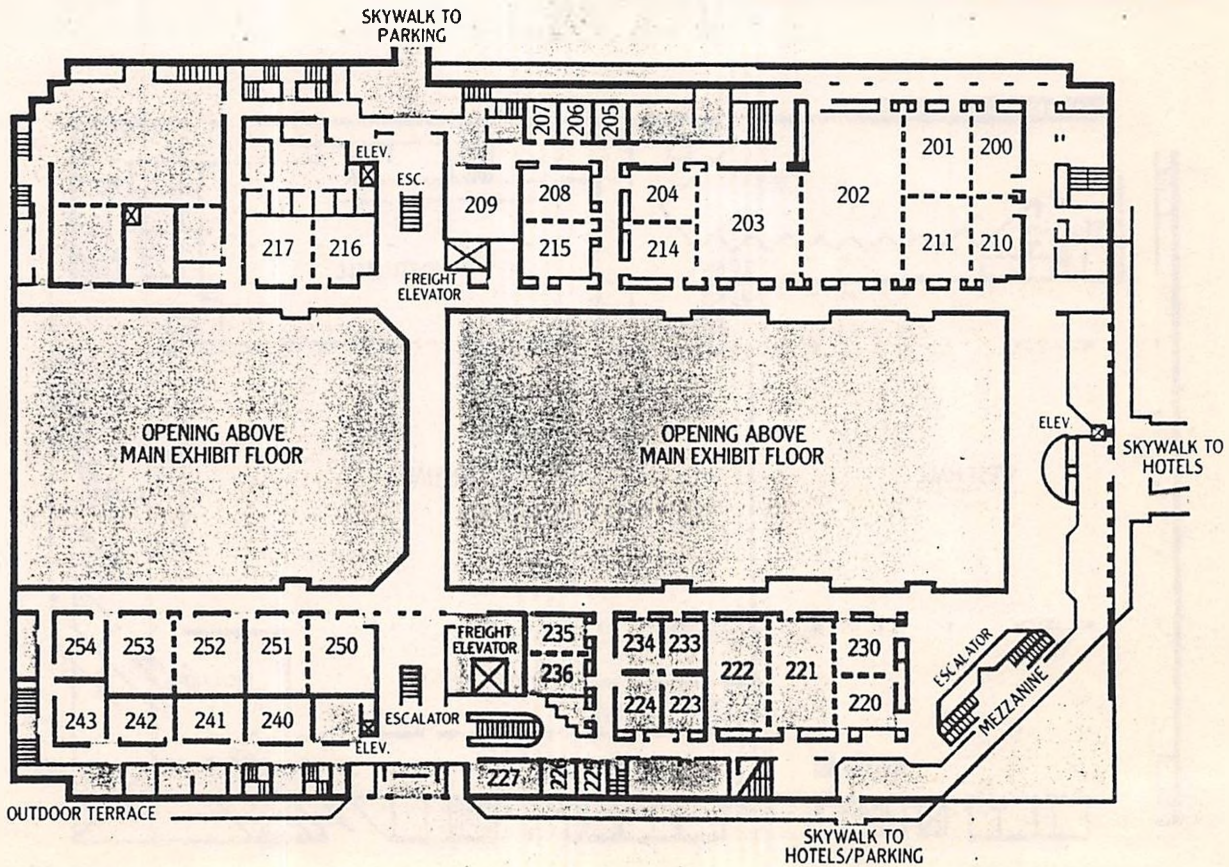


MEETING ROOM LEVELS/SECOND & THIRD FLOORS

SECOND LEVEL				
North Meeting Rooms				
Room No.	Sq. Ft.	Ceiling Height	Meeting Capacity	Banquet Capacity
200	1440	16'	180	90
201	1872	16'	245	150
202	5760	16'	800	510
203	3840	16'	525	400
204	1216	16'	160	80
205	480	16'	60	30
206	480	16'	60	30
207	480	16'	60	30
208	1264	16'	160	80
209	1722	16'	240	115
210	1440	16'	180	90
211	1872	16'	245	150
214	1216	16'	160	80
215	1264	16'	160	80
216	1329	14'	170	90
217	1548	14'	220	100
Combined 200-204 210-214	18,000	16'	2500	1650

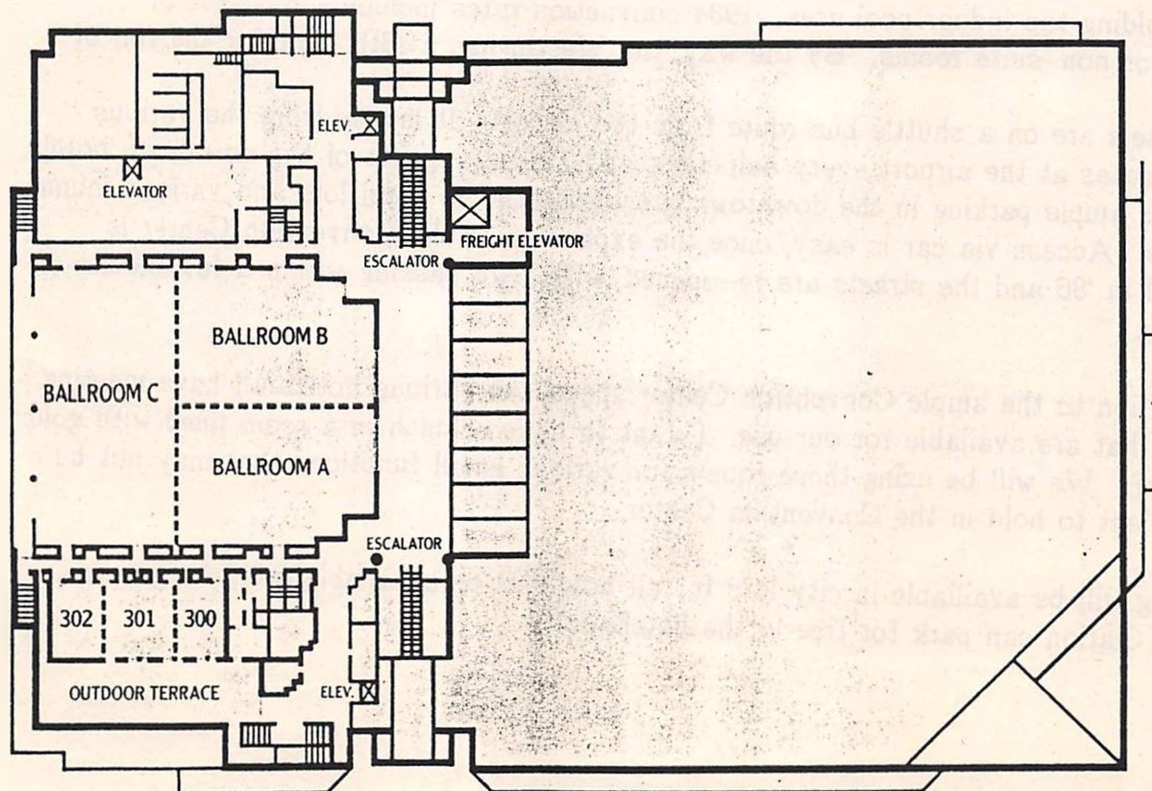
South Meeting Rooms				
Room No.	Sq. Ft.	Ceiling Height	Meeting Capacity	Banquet Capacity
220	1152	16'	150	75
221	2560	16'	300	170
222	2144	16'	300	140
223	850	16'	110	50
224	850	16'	110	50
225	400	11'	50	20
226	400	11'	50	20
227	800	11'	100	50
230	1152	16'	150	75
233	750	16'	90	40
234	750	16'	90	40
235	805	16'	100	55
236	805	16'	100	55
Combined 220-224 230-234	6930	16'	950	470

West Meeting Rooms				
Room No.	Sq. Ft.	Ceiling Height	Meeting Capacity	Banquet Capacity
240	1096	14'	155	75
241	1096	16'	155	75
242	1096	16'	155	75
243	1038	16'	145	70
250	1580	14'	225	105
251	1800	14'	255	120
252	1800	16'	255	120
253	1800	16'	255	120
254	1038	16'	145	70



- Up to 44 meeting rooms, fully carpeted and equipped with individual temperature, sound and lighting capabilities.
- Two connections to Cincinnati's pedestrian Skywalk system.
- 30,000 square foot Ballroom which can accommodate up to 2,500 people for a banquet and up to 4,000 people for meetings.
- \$2 million kitchen providing food service for up to 4,000 people.
- Prefunction lobbies with views to the main exhibit floor below.
- Two outdoor terraces.

THIRD LEVEL				
Terrace Rooms				
Room No.	Sq. Ft.	Ceiling Height	Meeting Capacity	Banquet Capacity
300	1260	14'	180	85
301	1680	14'	240	110
302	1386	14'	195	90
Combined 300-302	4326	14'	615	285
Ballroom				
A	9048	18'/23'	1300	750
B	9048	18'/23'	1300	750
C	12,704	18'/23'	1800	1100
Combined	30,800	18'/23'	4000	2500



Cincinnati in '88 Hotel Information:

The hotel directly across from the Convention Center is the Clarion, with 890 sleeping rooms total, of which we have a commitment by the hotel of 700 sleeping rooms for Cincinnati in '88. More than one half of the rooms are double doubles. There are 8 barrier-free rooms, 73 suites, and an outdoor pool. 1984 rates for conventions are \$55.00 for a single, \$65.00 for a double, and \$60.00 for a flat rate.

The Hyatt Regency is across Fifth St. from the Clarion. It has 500 sleeping rooms total, with 350 of them committed to us. There are 186 double doubles, 23 suites, and a dozen open access rooms. This is a Hyatt, which means good service and amenities, and Hyatt rates which will be about 15% over the other hotels.

Across Race St. from the Hyatt is the Netherland Plaza, a restored luxury hotel from the turn of the century. The public areas are lush, with art deco motifs, rosewood walls, and actual gold-backed mirrors. The Netherland has a total of 630 sleeping rooms, with 550 committed. It has 250 double doubles, 10 open access rooms, and a couple of two-tiered suites. Present room rates are \$55.00 for a double on a convention rate. They also stock Chateau Lafitte Rothschild in the bar and serve it by the glass.

One half block via the Skywalk from the Netherland is the Terrace Hilton. It has 350 sleeping rooms and has blocked 250 for us. It has 108 doubles, 10 suites, and 8 open access rooms. 1984 convention rates are \$50.00 for a double.

Over on the other side of Vine St., behind the Netherland and a whole two and one-half blocks from the Convention Center via the Skywalk, is the Westin. It has 460 sleeping rooms, of which we have 350 blocked. It has 123 doubles, 10 open access rooms, and a neat building top indoor pool area. 1984 convention rates include a flat rate of \$65.00 for non-suite rooms. By the way, the Westin has a 13th floor for the fun of it.

The hotels are on a shuttle bus route from the airport. It leaves from the various arrival gates at the airport every half-hour and makes a circuit of the downtown hotels. There is ample parking in the downtown area between the hotel lots and various municipal lots. Access via car is easy, once the expansion to the Convention Center is finished in '86 and the streets are re-opened, with I-75 passing within a few blocks of the area.

In addition to the ample Convention Center space, the various hotels all have meeting rooms that are available for our use. (Want to have a lunch in a room lined with gold mirrors?) We will be using these rooms for various small functions that may not be convenient to hold in the Convention Center.

Parking will be available in city lots for all hotels at a reasonable rate; the guests of the Clarion can park for free in the hotel's lot.

GETTING INTO AND AROUND CINCINNATI

Cincinnati's central midwestern location makes it an easy-access city. Cincinnati is located within 600 miles of 62% of the population of the United States.

The Greater Cincinnati International Airport, located fifteen minutes from downtown, is one of the fastest-growing airports in the country. In 1983, it served 3.7 million passengers, an increase of 12% from 1982. Fifteen major scheduled airlines serve Cincinnati. American Airlines recently shifted its regional headquarters to Cincinnati; Delta has made Cincinnati one of its airline's major hubs, and ComAir, serving the greater Cincinnati area, is one of the fastest growing airlines in the nation. (Cincinnati is also served by 36 barge lines that sail the Ohio River, 15 air cargo carriers, nine public railroad systems, and 85 interstate motor carriers. Most fans, however, probably will not choose to travel by barge, air cargo carrier, or motor carrier).

The hotels are on a shuttle bus route from the airport. It leaves from the various arrival gates at the airport every half-hour and makes a circuit of the downtown hotels. Taxis and limousines are also available.

A free airline monthly schedule, listing all flights in and out of Cincinnati, is available from Community Relations, Greater Cincinnati International Airport, P.O. Box 75000, Cincinnati, OH 45275. Once one arrives in the airport, 24 hour information on local events, and a push-button hot line to the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau, is provided by the Marriott-Host Greater Cincinnati Gallery, located in the airport.

Access via car is easy: when the expansion to the Convention Center is finished in 1986 and the streets are re-opened, I-75 will pass within a few blocks of the area. With hotel and municipal lots, there is ample parking downtown.

Cincinnati's Metrobuses are inexpensive. Metrobuses are 60 cents from 6:00 to 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.; 35 cents on Saturdays and Sundays and run every 20 minutes. The Downtowner bus, which runs in the downtown business areas weekdays from 10:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., costs only 10 cents. Downtown taxis are metered and usually are stationed at hotels on the Skywalk (which happen to be the same hotels that the convention will be using). It currently costs from \$3 to \$4 to go most places downtown by taxi. It's just a ten-minute drive to the arts attractions of Mount Adams.

Getting around Cincinnati is also, in fact, convenient for people who live in the area. It's unusual for a person to commute more than 30 minutes to work. Due to completion of the area's three major interstate highways, and the Tri-State outer beltway, even distant suburbs are within 25 minutes of downtown.

Once downtown, however, it's easy to just walk around: you can walk most places without needing a taxi, bus, or car.

CINCINNATI RESTAURANTS (OR, A FEW OF MANY RESTAURANTS ARE BEING REVIEWED HERE...THERE'S LOTS OF GOOD EATING IN CINCINNATI)

Cincinnati has all types of restaurants, from chili parlors (it is claimed that chili originated in Cincinnati; there will be a future dissertation on two way, three way, four way, and five way chili) to the deluxe. Here are a few restaurants that will serve meals that delight the taste buds:

The Maisonette, 114 East Sixth Street (513-721-2260) is listed by Mobil Guides as a five-star restaurant. The Maisonette has ice-packed Dover sole, turbot and brill flown in from Paris for its seafood specialities. As you would guess, the food is expensive. But it's superb. If you don't want dinner, have a drink at the Maisonette bar. Reservations required. Open Monday to Friday, 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., and 6:00 to 10:30 P.M.; Saturday, 5:15 to 11:00 P.M. Major credit cards accepted.

Edwards Restaurant and Bar, 529 East Fifth Street (613-381-2030). This restaurant specializes in Northern Italian cuisine. Enjoy pasta made daily on the premises, and modestly priced but excellent appetizers, salads, soups, fish, and steaks. People eat lunch and dinner upstairs; downstairs, at Under the Fifth, they listen to jazz and order from a smaller menu at night. Moderately priced. Reservations recommended. Open Tuesday through Thursday, 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and 5:30 to 9:30 P.M.; Friday and Saturday 5:00 to 11:00 P.M.; Sundays, 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. Closed Mondays. All major credit cards are accepted except for American Express.

Mike Fink Restaurant, docked at the foot of Greenup Street, Covington, Kentucky (606-261-4212). Mike Fink's is located next to the suspension bridge that connects Cincinnati across the Ohio River to Kentucky. This paddlewheeler was built atop two coal and oil barges in 1936, but it looks as good and as romantic as any riverboat. On entering, the first temptation is a raw bar, which serves clams, snow crabs, shrimp, oysters, and other fresh seafood by the piece. The menu has fish and meat dishes. Moderately priced. Lunch, Monday through Saturday, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.; dinner, weekdays 5:00 to 11:00 P.M.; Saturdays, 5:00 to 11:30 P.M.; Sunday, 2:00 to 10:00 P.M. Major credit cards accepted.

Rookwood Pottery, 1077 Celestial Street (513-721-5456). Rookwood Pottery, located at the top of Mt. Adams just down the road from the museums and theaters of Eden Park, serves huge hamburgers in a kiln room of a 19th century pottery. Order your burger as you would a steak--rare, medium rare, well done. Moderately priced. Open Monday through Thursday, 11:30 A.M. to 10:45 P.M.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 A.M. to 12:45 A.M., Sunday, open to 9:45 P.M. Major credit cards accepted.

The Celestial Restaurant and Lounge, 1071 Celestial Street (513-241-4455) provides an excellent view of Cincinnati from the top of Mt. Adams. The restaurant has good continental cuisine and an extensive wine menu. Expensive. Open Monday to Friday, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 to 11:30 P.M.; Saturday, 5:00 to 11:00 P.M.; Sunday, 10:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 to 11:00 P.M. Major credit cards accepted.

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO PARTY!

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Would you like to:

meet new people
go places
party with fans
have a good time?

Then Cincinnati in '88 wants you! We're looking for fans who want to party, to have fun: we're looking for fans to throw bid parties at sf conventions for Cincinnati in '88. It's easy! If you like to party, we want you!

Anyone interested in throwing parties, contact us at the P.O. Box. And we're also looking for people who want to help us bid.

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IF YOU CAN'T GIVE US YOURSELF, GIVE US MONEY! The proceeding is an unpaid
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