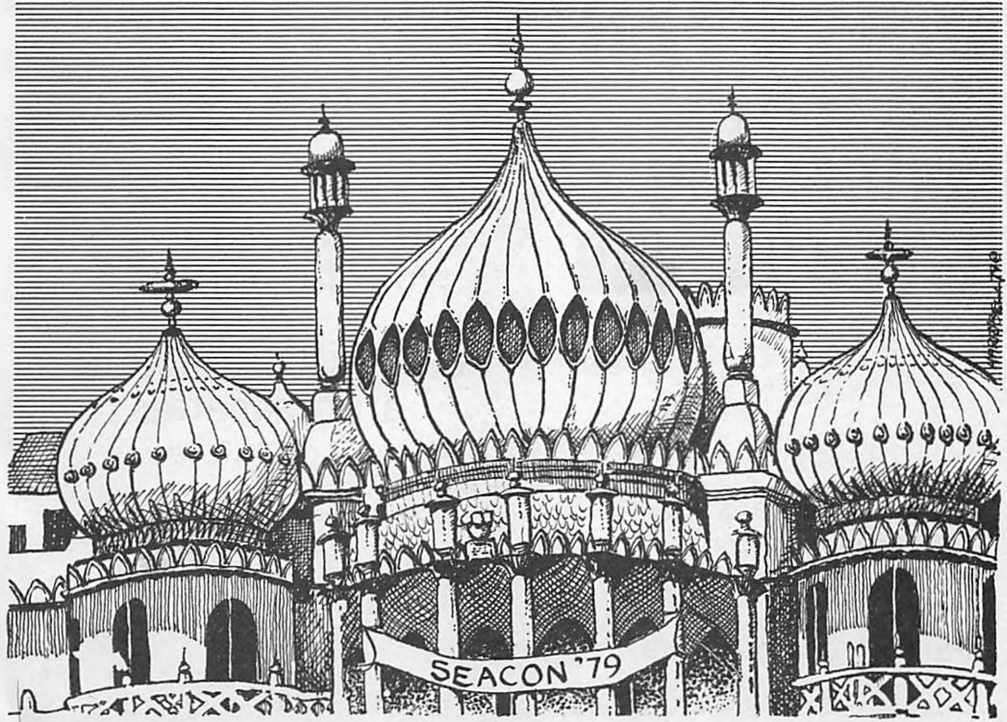


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Whatever the depth of your immersion in the rather special universe of convention-going, can I offer one piece of advise to help you enjoy SEACON? That is, don't just drift through the weekend, don't only look in upon programme items at random, don't fall into that comfortable trap of getting so involved with just one group or interest that only when it's too late do you realize what you've missed, somewhere else in the convention complex.

Because SEACON has grown, both as a total living gestalt and as a purely physical entity, far beyond our own original expectations. Did I say in the last PR that we'd taken another two halls, a further 14,500 square feet? Well, since then we've added yet another huge hall, an extra 11,500 square feet, and at least one of my committee members has been making ambitious-sounding noises about using the last remaining empty spaces in the Metropole.

And we're not taking all this space without having something to put into it. So far we have arranged sufficient attractions to allow us to run three, sometimes four, concurrent programmes during the four days of the convention. We plan:

- * A main programme in the largest hall, this one mostly devoted to fairly serious exploration of the SF field.
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- * A secondary programme, organized by and for various specialist interest groups, with provision for European language parties, etc.

And watch out for the high-spots, major contributions from Guests-of-Honour Fritz Leiber & Brian Aldiss, the traditional Bob Shaw talk, and the 1979 Tom Shippey lecture - this last one recommended even to those who don't normally enjoy serious critical expositions!



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Oh, we'll give you plenty to do, never fear.

It might be useful to quickly mention the situation regarding hotel (sleeping) accommodation at SEACON '79. First, if you haven't already found a room you might be in trouble unless you move FAST.

Official booking forms went out on October 1st last year, and within two months our three main convention hotels - the Metropole itself, Bedford, and the Old Ship, were completely filled. Booking forms should have been returned to the Brighton Accommodation Bureau and, once the main hotels were full, Bureau staff began to offer alternative locations, selecting from the many hundreds of other hotels and guest houses in the holiday town.

As of now, rooms are still available in Brighton (despite rumours to the contrary which have circulated in the

United States). There is not likely to be any difficulty unless members leave things completely to the last minute - turning up on the day, for instance, is not recommended unless you want to sleep at Gatwick or under the pier.

The whole operation seems to have worked very smoothly, bearing in mind the numbers involved. We have received about one dozen complaints and queries from members with problems, more than half of these due to one small hotel in particular which has behaved very badly in failing to honour bookings offered. Rest assured that we have made complaints and arranged alternative rooms - if anyone still has a problem, please write direct to the Accommodation Bureau (The Old Steine, Brighton), or as a last resort, to me, as Chairman, and I'll sort it out personally.

And, in reply to one or two pointed comments from Americans, let me say that England is not any longer a cheap country to visit - our prices for hotels meals and rooms are probably more expensive in absolute terms than in the United States. Yes, we know SEACON is going to cost you money; No, we don't much like it either, and all we can say is that we've done our very best to make sure your time and expense won't be in vain.

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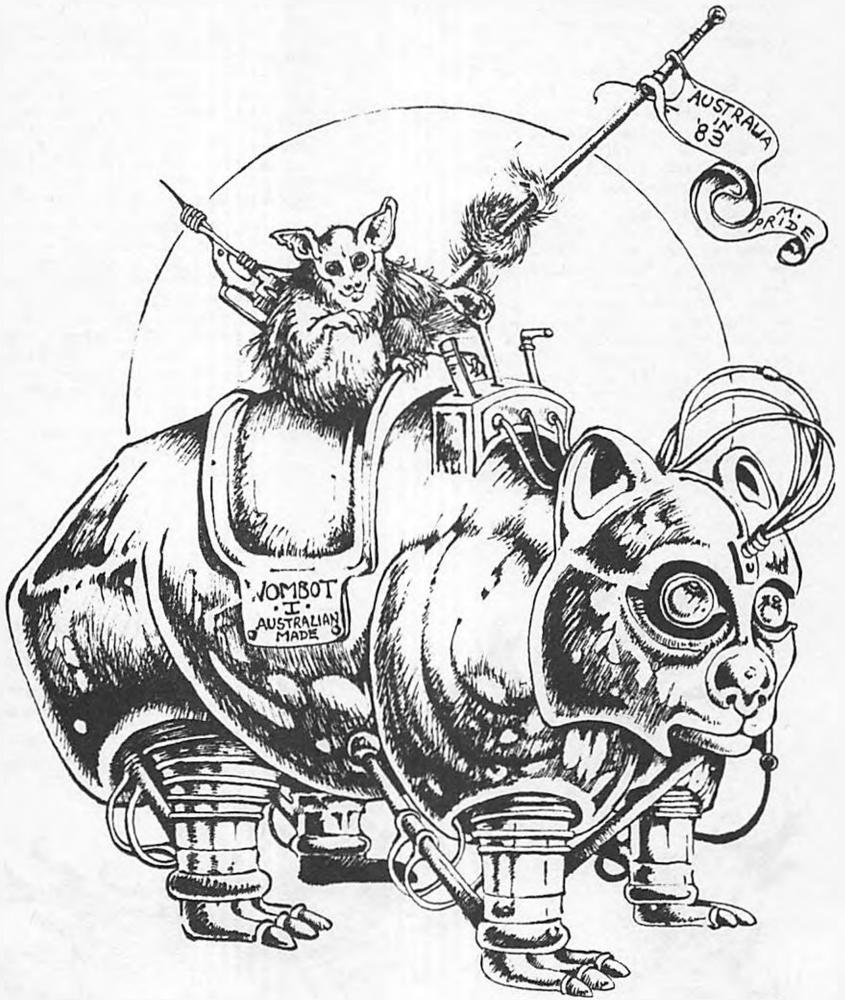
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Last time we dealt with the fifties conventions, a period of some considerable change and innovation. This time we'll take a fairly swift look at British conventions in the sixties, most of which followed the already established pattern of an annual Eastercon with a standard programme mixture of speeches, panels, films, and fancy dress, together with various informal fannish activities, typified by late night room parties.

LXIcon, the 1961 convention, was held in the New County Hotel, Gloucester. Kingsley Amis was Guest of Honour and highlights included his provocative speech criticizing the quality of sf writing, a fancy dress "Transgalactic Tourist Party", and the American innovation of auctioning authors for TAFF (Brian Aldiss was sold for 22/6). Those of you looking for nostalgia might like to note that the programme book's "Official Eatery Guide" lists one restaurant as "more expensive than most" with meals costing "4/- to above 10/-". Good grief.

The 1962 Ronvention in Harrogate had John Boardman as GoH and featured a programme split between two hotels, the West Park and the Clarendon. According to Ron Elik, the US TAFF delegate, the convention seemed to consist of a continuous brag game; but there were all the usual events, plus a spa water drinking contest at which the winner managed no less than half a cup before being carried off to the bar.

The 1963 Bullcon was named after the Bull Hotel in Peterborough to which some 130 fans came - the highest attendance at an Eastercon since the early fifties. Edmund Crispin was GoH and the programme included a discussion on censorship wherein Harry

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Harrison claimed that ANALOG banned him from using chamberpots. It was possibly at this convention that the famous fannish quotecard "Five teas & send them to bathroom four" actually worked. So, with such cooperation from the hotel, it wasn't surprising that the 1964 convention returned to the same place. Ted Tubb was GoH at the Repeteron and took a prominent part in the notorious Hum & Sway, a mystic and arcane ceremony involving a kazoo, a lot of home-brew, and a token virgin. Other events included the inundation of the con by no less than 10,000 quotecards (supplied by the Liverpool Group) and the sight of Mike Moorcock, overcome with his responsibilities at NEW WORLDS, carefully editing the Bible ("...too much padding...") at a late night party.

1965 was the year of the second British worldcon, so the Birmingham Eastercon, Bruncon 2 at the Midland Hotel, attracted just 70 fans. GoH was Harry Harrison who, during the course of his speech, threw a meat pie at Brian Aldiss - a fact soberly reported in THE GUARDIAN. The programme itself was slight, but room parties produced such strange incidents as the locking of Charles Platt in a wardrobe and an early morning procession around the hotel corridors led by Brian Burgess clanking a bottle in time with Ted Tubb's chorus of "Go Back To Your Wives..."

A record 350 fans attended the second British worldcon, Loncon II at the Mount Royal Hotel in Marble Arch. Brian Aldiss, as GoH, took the opportunity of throwing a meat pie at Harry Harrison during his own speech. Meanwhile the US lost to the Europeans in the Transatlantic Quiz; Arthur C. Clarke announced that the film Journey Beyond the Stars had been retitled 2001 - A Space Odyssey; the Tricon 66 bidding party bought in £60 of beer to the amazement of British fans (NB - Tricon won); and the banquet was so popular that the 35/- tickets were being touted at £4 each. Professionals attending, besides the above, included Mike Moorcock, John Brunner, Poul Anderson, Mack Reynolds, Bob Silverberg, Fred Pohl, John Campbell, TAFF delegate Terry Carr, Bob Bloch, Jack Williamson, and, rather unexpectedly, Christopher Lee. The Rolling Stones, rumoured to be arriving, didn't - somewhat to the relief of the con committee.

The 1966 Yarcon at the Royal Hotel, Great Yarmouth, attracted just over 100 fans who had to put up with foul weather and the sixties craze for mods & rockers clashes at seaside resorts. Guest of Honour was publisher Ron Whiting. One oddment was that James White became engaged to Norman Shorrocks - "owing to the confused situation prevailing at 4.30 on Monday morning".

The 1967 Briscon at the Hawthornes Hotel in Bristol was the last of those officially sponsored by the BSFA. Guest of Honour was John Brunner and highlights of the programme included Mike Moorcock's chaotic auction, at which Mike bought much of the material (for the pleasure of tearing it up there & then), and the film RELATIVITY (Briscon attendees can, to this day, still whistle an odd little tune from the film). Room parties just about survived a ban by the night manager who managed to irritate most of the convention and was consequently sacked on Monday morning.

The 1968 Thirdmancon at the St Annes Hotel, Buxton, with Ken Bulmer as GoH, was my own first convention. At the tender age of seventeen I was sufficiently impressed by an all-day bar followed by room parties that I remember very little of it. However in retrospect it was a fairly non-descript con whose strangest incident may well have been a running corridor party led by Gary Kilpffel in a wizard's costume and pursued by four hotel porters who finally cornered the celebrants in a cul-de-sac. Partying was more strenuous in those days.

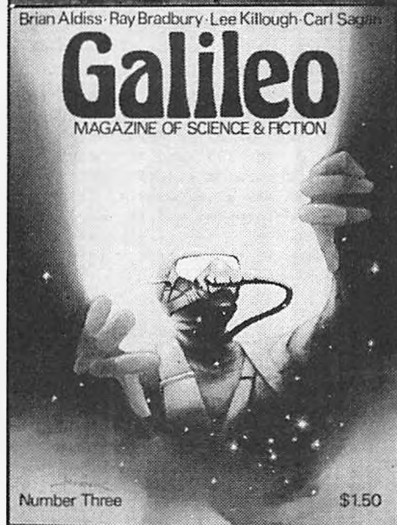
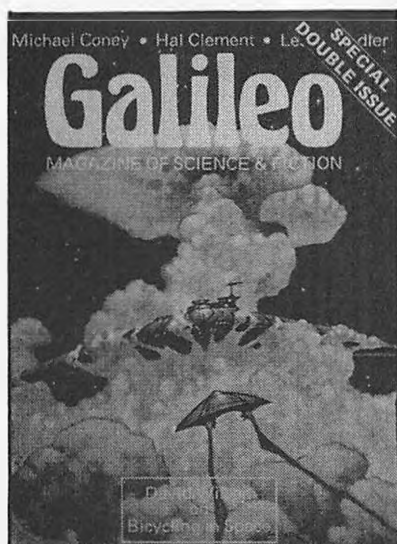
Galactic Fair was the egregious title of the 1969 Oxford convention at the Randolph Hotel; Judith Merril was GoH. Oddities included an extremely realistic joust where the loser was taken off to hospital, the sight of Charles Platt selling NEW WORLDS subscriptions to the bar tenders, and a fancy dress in which Keith Bridges covered himself in gentian violet before discovering that it wouldn't come off. Many innocent citizens of the town were alarmed as a result.

Though James Blish was GoH, Scicon 70 was an infamous convention, largely thanks to the near-derelict Royal Hotel in London (scene of the 1951 and 1952 conventions and not decorated since). Much of the programme was given over to fringe events of haphazard interest and the social side was restricted by a bar that closed at 10.30pm and rooms that were little larger than matchboxes.

British fandom survived, however, and the conventions that followed Scicon became more typical of present day affairs, with attendance rapidly rising to between 300-800, a consequent upgrading of hotel accommodation (and an end to the unfortunate phenomena of "residents"), a tendency for fringe-fans (horror, fantasy, comics, & Star Trek enthusiasts) to hold their own cons, and a greater enthusiasm for conventions in general which led to the first of the Novacons in 1971 and the first of the Sillcons in 1976. We'll take a look at these in the concluding article of this series in the Programme Book.

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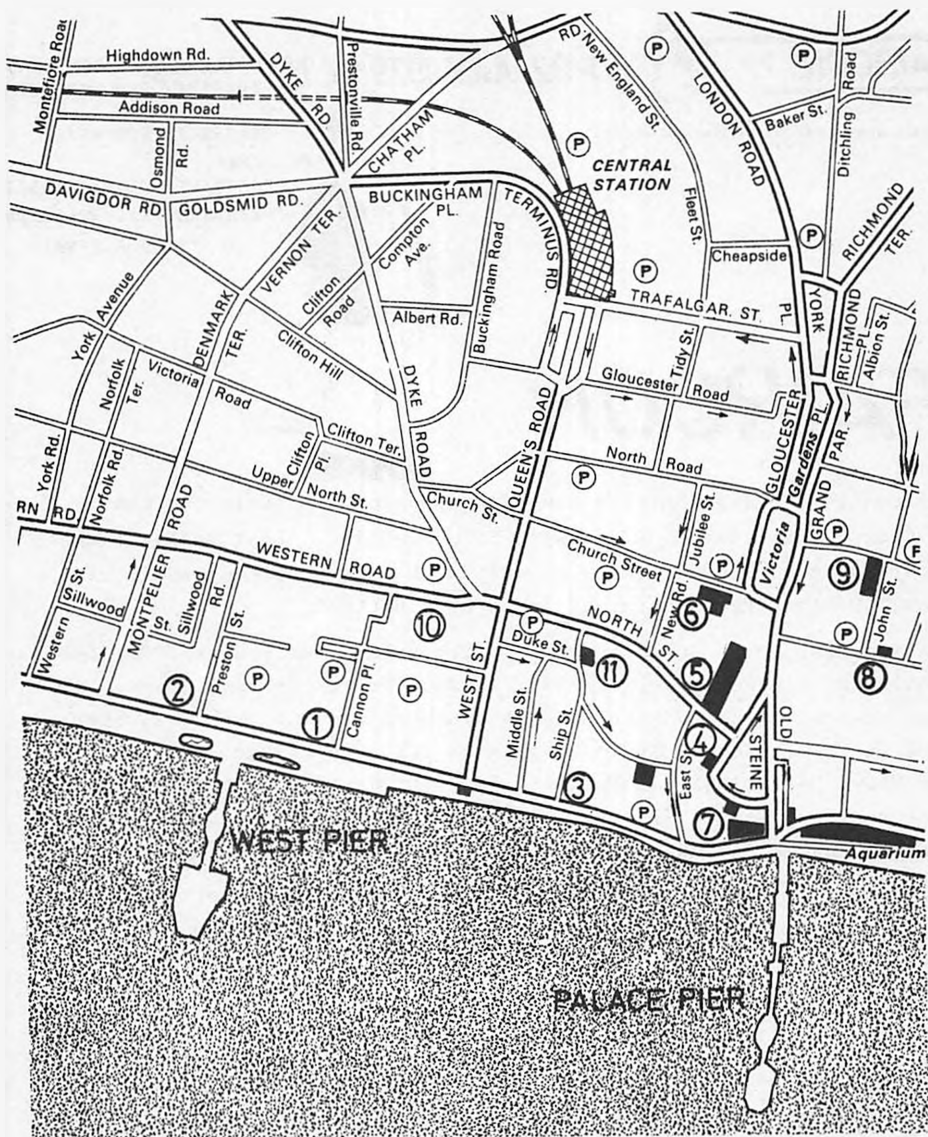
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While not everybody coming to Seacon '79 will be arriving by Concorde (they haven't built that many!) quite a few of you will be using Heathrow Airport, London's main airport.

Heathrow has a direct Underground rail link to Central London (Piccadilly Circus - 47 minutes). Those of you going on directly to Brighton will probably need to use this to get to either Victoria Station (British Rail) or Victoria Coach Station, depending on whether you want to travel by rail or by road to Brighton. In either case you will have to change from the Piccadilly Line of the Underground, which you'll pick up at Heathrow Central Station itself, onto the District or Circle Line, both of which serve Victoria. There are a number of stations where you can make this change, the most convenient probably being either Hammersmith or Earls Court, where it's usually simply a matter of picking up a train directly opposite where you have alighted. But do check out the train indicators, or more simply, ask a fellow traveller if you're in doubt.

It may be that your air travel arrangements are inclusive of a coach link between Heathrow & the West London Air Terminus (pick-up and set-down). The nearest Underground station in this case is Gloucester Road, where the District or Circle Line will take you directly to Victoria.

Trains leave Victoria for Brighton regularly, usually every hour. The direct Inter-City train is obviously the most convenient, journey time being just over an hour, although it can get crowded at peak times, especially during the holiday season. There is also a suburban stopping service which is likely to take in excess of 1½ hours to get you to Brighton, so check you have the right platform for the right train. Again, if in doubt, it never hurts to ask a ticket collector or platform guard.

The telephone number for passenger information for the Brighton services is 01-928 5100, but be prepared to hang on a long time for your call to be answered. There's always a backlog of enquiries and telephone calls are dealt with on a strict rotation basis.

Those of you flying into Gatwick will find yourselves conveniently halfway between Brighton & London, Victoria, with regular train services in either direction taking about 40 minutes journey time.

For those wishing to travel by coach to Brighton, the Victoria Coach Station is a short walk along Buckingham Palace Road from the rail station itself. Coaches leave every 1½ hours, but you are advised to book your seat in advance if you don't want a long delay waiting for a vacant seat (it can get a bit like waiting for stand-by seats on an airline). The journey itself takes about two hours. Current prices (May 1979) are £4.00 return, during the week, and £4.80 return on Saturdays. The telephone number for information is 01-730 0202.

Once you get to Brighton, no doubt laden down with weighty paraphernalia for your fancy dress costume and piles of books for our auction, you'll want transport either to your hotel or to the Metropole Conference Centre itself. There is of course a taxi rank outside the station, and a Southdown bus No. 6, 19, or 8 from outside the station will take you to Churchill Square, from which it's a short walk to the Metropole itself. During the evenings and on Sundays, the No. 8 bus goes along the seafront itself. The Metropole should be conspicuous enough (The Metropole, the Bedford and the Old Ship are all within a short distance of each other along the main promenade between Brighton's two piers) but the stop you want to ask for is West Street.

For general assistance and information the Brighton Tourist Office and Accommodation Bureau are located at Marlborough House, 54 Old Steine, Brighton BN 1EQ. (Tel: 0273 23755 from London or outside Brighton, simply 23755 from Brighton itself).

The Old Steine is the central concourse of Brighton, near the West Pier, the main bus terminus, and the renowned Brighton Royal Pavilion.

If you're planning to drive to Brighton, the main route from Central London is the A23 trunk road (a section of motorway, the M23 bypasses Redhill, Horley & Crawley, speeding the journey). Alternatively the A217 may be more convenient from West London. This joins the main A23 Brighton Road near Gatwick.

Parking should prove no problem - space for 200 cars is available beneath the Metropole Conference Centre itself, and there are two adjacent car parks which will take a further 1500 vehicles.

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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*.



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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.

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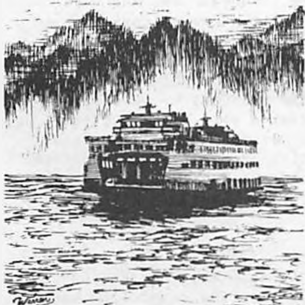


The Pacific Northwest

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 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
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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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share of Great Moments!**

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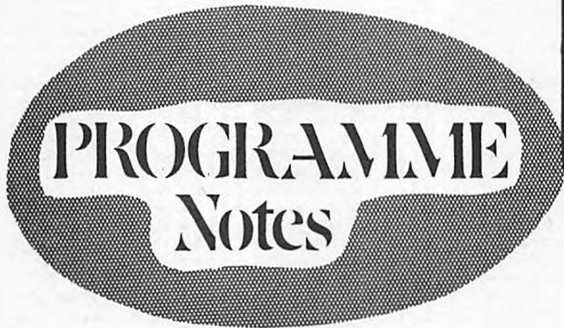
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PROGRAMME

Notes

PROGRAMME ARRANGEMENTS

SEACON '79 will have a very full programme of events, often with three items proceeding simultaneously. One room will feature a programme of authors reading from their work (organized by Gale Burnick); the others will provide a variety of speeches and panels. Both professional Guests of Honour will be extensively featured, with speeches, dialogue/interviews and readings. Among other major participants in the programme are Gregory Benford, Alfred Bester, John Brunner, L. Sprague de Camp, Dr Robert L. Forward, Denis Gifford, Joe Haldeman, Frank Hampson, Harry Harrison, Prof. Julius Kagalitsky (from Moscow), Tanith Lee, Josef Nesvadba, Bob Shaw, Tom Shippey, Robert Silverberg, Theodore Sturgeon, Ian Watson -- and many others, including several of the biggest names in sf, who have asked us not to pre-publicize their contributions. Ken Campbell's Science Fiction Theatre of Liverpool will be on hand with one and possibly two of their recent productions. We promise you there will be plenty to do!

ART SHOW

In addition to the normal convention art show, organized by Marsha Jones, there will be two large special displays. The first, sponsored by Dragon's World publishers, will include many of the artists featured in their books: Roger Dean, Chris Foss, Bruce Pennington, Patrick Woodroffe, Ian Miller, Chris Achilleos, Peter Jones and many others. The second, organized by Young Artists and Pierrot Publishing, will include Jim Burns, Bob Fowke, Angus McKie, Tony Roberts, Colin Hay and many more.

THE FANROOM

Plans are afoot to cover the voluminous walls of the Fanroom until not a jot of woodwork can be seen. Hmph... well, to do that I'm going to need a little help from my friends. Can you help? In fact, I need three kinds of help, just to make it a little easier.

1. I'm hoping to run a "Spot the Celebrity" competition; photographs of well-known pros/fans from unusual angles, in unusual poses, just their more famous features (nose, beergut, feet, etc). There is just one slight hitch, however, and that is that I have to get the photographs. Particularly useful of course from all you out there would be photos of American fans and personalities to supplement our British Rogue's Gallery. Have you got any?

2. I am also organising a competition for fanzine editors, "Faneds' Fan Ads". For this I would like fanzine editors to make up an advertising poster for their fanzine. The poster can be of any size, shape, colour etc, but please, no larger than 20" x 15" (508mm x 380mm) or we won't have room. These adverts will be judged for their artistic merit, individuality and for their ability to portray the character of the faned and the fanzine. And there will be valuable prizes!

3. For all those of you who love machinery and money - I've just the job for you; how about helping on the cash tills and sales desks in the Fanroom? An ideal opportunity for U.S. fans to familiarize themselves with British currency and to meet a whole lot of interesting people.

Finally, for those who will want to sell fanzines, etc., at the con, please do bring them along. Obviously I would prefer them as early as possible so that they can be recorded and priced-up, but I realise that not many people will want to risk sending me copies, so we will accept them on the day. Please note that the convention will be taking a nominal 5% commission on these items to help cover the costs involved.

So how about some help then, eh? If you want to volunteer to help us out or if you have any material to lend us, or if you simply have any ideas or comments you feel we may benefit from, please write directly to me, Eve Harvey, 55 Blanchland Road, Morden, Surrey SM4 5NE.

BOOK & GENERAL AUCTIONS

We're still soliciting material for inclusion in the auction, and what material we get -- which will of course determine the eventual success of the auction itself -- is largely up to you, since only you can supply it. And we'll take anything, be it serious, trivial, sublime or ridiculous -- signed first editions, old pulps, original manuscripts, records and tapes, fanzines, propeller beanies, convention badges and T-shirts... whatever you've got that you no longer want and would like us to dispose of for you. You can either donate it outright (with the proceeds going to either the convention funds or a fan charity of your choice) or allow us to sell it on your behalf (the proceeds being subject to a small deduction for our commission, which will go to either the convention funds or a fan charity of our choice, etc.) So be not reticent, but drop a line to Joseph Nicholas, 2 Wilmot Way, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1JA, United Kingdom, telling him what you've got and giving him brief details of its condition and (if applicable) its reserve price. He'll be only too pleased to hear from you.

THE 1978 hugos

The final ballots will be distributed very shortly and must be received on or before

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if they are to be counted. Only members of SEACON '79 are eligible to vote.

Please note that correspondence concerning the Hugos should be clearly marked HUGO SUBCOMMITTEE or similar; it would make life easier for all of us if other convention correspondence -- membership applications, etc. -- were sent separately and not so marked.

LOSE SOME, LOSE SOME

Due to an early flood (it says here) of nominations for his own fanzine TWLL-DDU, our Hugo-nomination counter Dave Langford promptly did the decent thing and, fearing a conflict of interests, resigned his position, passing the ~~HUGO~~ hat to David Pringle, co-administrator of the London-based Science Fiction Foundation. Official ballot forms have been sent to our overseas members in advance of this Progress Report. A report from the Hugo Subcommittee follows at the foot of this page.

We are also, sadly, losing the services of Mike & Carol Resnick, our U.S. Fancy Dress Consultants, who due to other commitments will not be able to attend Seacon '79. If you need any advice, assistance or encouragement please write directly to Rob & Coral Jackson, 8 Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey KT19 9EB. It's especially important to let Rob & Coral know well in advance of any special requirements you might need in the way of music, lighting, physical assistance, special staging or effects, or timing, so that they can pre-plan the event down to the last minute and thus ensure its smooth running. And please remember there will be valuable prizes, and enthusiasm will count as much as expertise.

GEORGETTE HEYER TEA

Due to difficulties anticipated with collecting fees at the door, people wishing to attend the Georgette Heyer Tea should send their subscription fee of £1.10 (or \$2.25 U.S.) in advance to Marilyn Niven, 3961 Vanalden Drive, Tarzana, CA 91356, U.S.A. Participants should also state whether they intend taking the preliminary guided tour of the Brighton Pavilion (recommended!) or just attending the tea in the Queen Adelaide Suite, Friday 24th August. The tour starts 2.00pm; tea commences 3.00pm, finishes 5.30 pm.

The Hugo presentation ceremony is scheduled for the evening of Sunday 26th August, at SEACON. It should begin at approximately 9.30pm. A Portion of the auditorium will be set aside for the nominees and their guests. We would appreciate early notification of designated stand-ins for nominees unable to attend. Each nominee or stand-in will be able to bring one guest to the reserved section.

Congratulations to all whose work was nominated for the Hugo or other awards. We hope to see you all at Seacon... and hope too that every member will vote in the final ballot, to make sure that these are true popular awards

The Hugo Subcommittee

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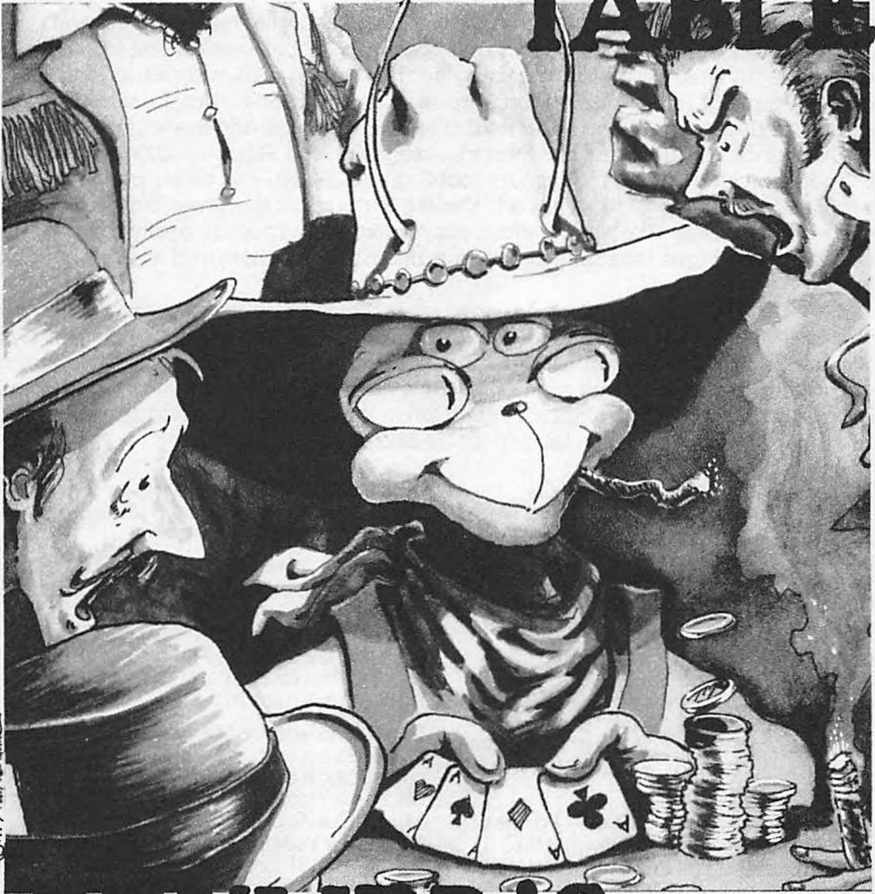
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OUR CARDS ARE ON THE TABLE



DENVER'S BID FOR 1981...

WHY DENVER IN '81 PROMISES TO BE THE BEST WORLDCON EVER

OUR CITY — Denver is centrally located, 1,000 miles closer to fans in the East, Midwest, Britain and Europe than any other bidding city. The downtown area is compact and clean, with wide streets and a bustling energy. Within a five to ten minute walk from our hotel one can view the State Capitol building, the spacious Civic Center, the Denver Mint, the new Denver Art Museum, the Colorado State Museum, the Judicial Heritage Center — to name just a few of the attractions. The Mile High City snuggles close to the Front Range of the magnificent Rocky Mountains; the foothills are less than 30 minutes' driving time from downtown. Mountain bus tours are available.

OUR FACILITIES — The downtown Denver Hilton occupies the area between the central business district and the State Capitol buildings, and is bordered on one side by a park; it's about as ideally situated as one can imagine. The hotel is a 20-minute trip by shuttle bus or limousine from Stapleton International Airport and only a mile away from the Trailways/Greyhound bus depot. The Hilton has a total of 850 guest rooms, and the four overflow hotels within a two-block radius bring the total to over 2,400. The Hilton's 45,000 square feet of function rooms, including the 17,000 square-foot Grand Ballroom, can be supplemented by the 5,000-seat outdoor Greek Theatre in Civic Center Park across the street, and the 1,500-seat Centre Theatre next door. The hotel is within easy walking distance of literally scores of eating places, in all price ranges, including five restaurants in the hotel itself and a giant McDonald's next door.

OUR COMMITTEE — An experienced committee is essential to hosting a successful Worldcon. By 1981, various individuals of our 20-member committee will have been involved in 12 successful MileHiCons and at least two Penulticons in this city alone, as well as having either sponsored or assisted with such other cons as the small but very fanciful KarvalKon, YuccaCon and FortCon in Fort Collins, AmberCon in Wichita, Kan. . . . In addition, many of us will have put in volunteer work on Iguanakon, Seacon and Noreascon.

Don C. Thompson, Chairman—Don is Chairman of Penulticon I, II, and the Denvention II bidding committee. He has been involved in every MileHiCon since its inception in 1968. He is editor of *Dasfax* and *Don-O-Saur* and has frequently been nominated for a Hugo as Best Fan Writer.

Suzanne Carnival, Vice-chairman and Hotel Liason—I'm the housewife in this committee. I'm also on the board of directors for two corporations, and have successfully co-ordinated three conventions. I have also been hotel liason for Penulticon II and one MileHiCon.

Chuck Hillestad, Legal Counsel—Partner in a 24 attorney lawfirm, President of the Rocky Mountain Sierra Club, trustee of Historic Denver, owner of twenty 3-piece suits and general stuffed shirt.

Peter Alterman, Editor of Denvisions/Thin Air Wonder Stories—Educational editor of *Cihulu Calls*. President of Rocky Mountain S.F.R.A. during 1975-1977. Co-chairman of 1975 S.F.R.A. Regional Conference in Denver, and conference coordinator for the

US Office of Education, Denver Region, 1976-1977. Co-director of programming for Penulticon I.

Bob Alvis, Treasurer—Bob is budget officer for a major federal agency with a budget of \$100 million a year. He attended his first convention in 1951 (Westercon). More recently he has been treasurer for 2 MileHiCons and 2 Penulticons. He owns books Forey doesn't.

David Anderson, Membership/Registration—As he said in *Denvisions* (plug), he has registration at 5 MileHiCons, 2 Penulticons, and one Worldcon. Was vice-chairman of MileHiCon 9, co-chaired MileHiCon 10. Currently keeping the computer list of Denver in '81 pre-supporters up-to-date, and planning the registration scheme for the Worldcon.

Ed Bryant, Pro Liason—There aren't many science fiction writers who grew up as cowboys, but Ed is one. Reared in Wyoming (close to *Virginian* country), he started reading SF as an escape. From there he escalated to writing his own, turning out such

books as **Cinnabar**, **Phoenix Without Ashes**, and **Among the Dead**. If the present boom in SF busts, he may go back to roping cattle.

Charlotte Donsky, Programming—A Frenchy in charge of programs? I've done it before with Peter (Penulticon I) and alone (Penulticon II). By day, I teach French and SF, by night, I become the "were-devotee" of Denvention II.

Fred Goldstein, Sales Room—Fred has dedicated his entire life to doing whatever he must to bring a Worldcon to Denver. As a child, his 5 mile walk through rain, hail, sleet, and snow did not bother him because his every waking thought was devoted to Denvention II planning. And now he smells success, and with your help, success will be his! (He also has run programming for several MileHiCons, and the Sales Room at Penulticons I & II.)

Leanne Christine Harper, Pro Liason—Architecture student. MileHiCon 10 publicity, Penulticon II assistant pro liason.

Stephen Larue, Publicity and Hotel Liason—I'm the first born child, tall and thin, with glasses and a passion for hoarding. On the other hand, I'm a business graduate of the University of Colorado — and you know what those types are like! Been a member of every Worldcon since St. Louiscon in 1969.

Dale McBeath, Films—Dale is the service manager/technician for a Denver area chain of computer stores. In his spare time, he builds synthesizers and robots and hikes in the mountains, as well as being in charge of films for MileHiCon 10 and Penulticon II.

Bruce M. Miller, Publicity—Former perennial vice-director of the Denver Area SF Association, now treasurer of same (people will let you direct their money, but not their vices). In charge of Penulticon II publicity. Variety of positions in MileHiCon, currently chairman. Personally have sold over 200 pre-supporting memberships for Denver in '81. I use sentence fragments a lot.

Phil Normand, Art Show—Up and coming SF/Fantasy illustrator and cartoonist, has been a freelance commercial artist for 4 years. Before that he persisted in being a puppeteer and actor for 8 years. Now he has his own business — Ad-Venture Graphics. He directs the Penulticon art shows, and is known mainly for his mustache.

Olon Wiggins: Chairman of Denvention I

Daniel A. Darlington: Operations

Carolyn Thompson: Registration

Gordon Garb: Publicity

Lindy Mitchell: Registration

Lise Nelson: Art Show

Sharon Jackson: Operations

A SPECIAL BONUS — Denvisions/Thin Air Wonder Stories is our very own publication — a 40-page zine with two halves and two covers, done up in the old Ace Doubles style. One half is full of serious stuff — our Worldcon philosophy, our committee insights and other facts and figures worth knowing. The other half is a showcase, edited by Denver authors Edward Bryant and Peter Alterman, crammed full of the oddball humor and the literary talents of DENVENTION II backers. Getting a copy is easy — All pre-supporting members of the Denver '81 bid receive one. **Denvisions/Thin Air Wonder Stories 2** is out now!

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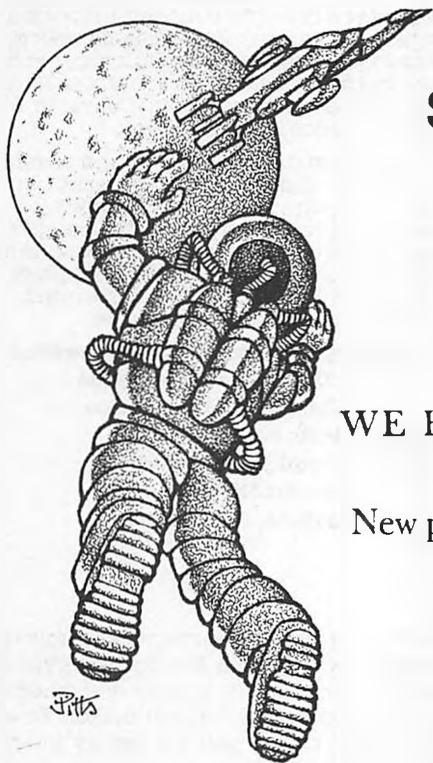
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Survey of the 1981 Worldcon Bidders

conducted by members of Massachusetts Convention Fandom, Inc. in cooperation with the Seacon '79 Committee.

In an effort to bring to fandom as much information as possible before making its decision between the bidders for the 1981 Worldcon site we have sent a questionnaire to the committees for Denver (Colorado), Los Angeles (California), and Seattle (Washington) asking for some facts about their cities, their hotels, their committees, and their philosophy for running a Worldcon. The survey went out of Boston dated February 7, 1979 and was requested to be returned by April 1, 1979. Los Angeles returned their survey on time; Denver returned their survey late, but still before April 16, 1979; and a survey has not been received from Seattle at this April 23, 1979 compilation date. The order of returning their surveys has determined the order in which these bids will appear here. We have also used information published in advertising by the committees, information in their official bid correspondence, and information given in response to telephone inquiry, to make this survey as meaningful as possible. It is our hope that your choice of a site for the 1981 Worldcon will be helped by this effort.

Answers from Los Angeles

Answers from Denver

Information from Seattle

Questions about the Committee:

<p>What is the name of your chairman? Chuck Crayne</p>	<p>Don C. Thompson</p>	<p>Greg Bennett</p>
<p>Will he be the convention chairman? Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>How many people are on the committee? average of 10 on the bidding committee; the convention committee will be more structured, and will consist of about 20 persons with an executive committee of five.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>Will the same people be running the convention? Not necessarily</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>What will be the decision process of the convention committee? Policy is decided by the executive committee - by consensus when possible; by arbitration from the chair when necessary.</p>	<p>A Board of Directors makes all final decisions.</p>	<p>Organized under the By-laws of Northwest Convention Fandom</p>
<p>How much of the committee has not run as a group any convention, but almost all of the committee members have prior convention experience.</p>	<p>Most members have run 8 SF cons, and been involved in 15 regional ones.</p>	<p>Almost all. It is policy that members of the committee have worked with either the Chairman or the committee on a previous con.</p>
<p>How many on the committee have Worldcon experience? At least Chuck Crayne</p>	<p>4 committee members have helped at Worldcons.</p>	<p>all</p>
<p>What are the names and titles of bidding committee: Chuck Crayne, Chairman; Barry Workman, Associate Chairman; Dan Dekart, Rob Newman, Sandy Cohen, Jerry Pournelle, Ron Bounds, Bobbi Armbruster, Joyce McDaniel, Mike Galloway, Stan Burns, Marty Cantor, and perhaps a few others.</p>	<p>Suzanne Carnival, Co-ordinator; Robert Alvis, Treasurer; Chuck Hillestad, Attorney; Peter Alterman, Editor; David Anderson, Membership/Registration; Ed Bryant, Pro Liaison, Author; Charlotte Donsky, Programming; Fred Goldstein, Sales Room; Leanne Harper, Pro Liaison; Steve Larue, Publicity and Hotel Liaison; John Kennedy, Films; Dale McBeath, Film Advisor; Bruce</p>	<p>Dixie Tourtellot, Treasurer; Larry Smith, William Warren, Cliff Wind, Anna Vargo, Loren MacGregor, Melva Lund, Becky Bennett, Richard Wright, Kathi Selbert, Gordon Erickson, Jack McGillis, Jane Hawkins, Elizabeth Warren, Dennis Perna, Gary Farber, Jeff Frane, Bob Doyle, Pat Mallinson, Linda Hoffer, Tony Peppin, Steve Bard, Lauraine Miranda, Shelley Dutton</p>

M. Miller, publicity; Phil Normand, Artist, Art Show. Olon Wiggins, Chairman Denvention I; Daniel A. Darlington, Carolyn Thompson, Gordon Garb, Lindy Mitchell, Lise Nelson, Gail Barton, John Davis, Jo Cordle, Terry Quinn, Sharon Jackson, Susan Lukaszewski, Phyllis Alvis.

What are any special competencies within your committee? _____

Chuck Crayne was co-chairman of the 1972 Worldcon, chairman of the 1975 NASFiC, and chairman or co-chairman of two Westercons, and several smaller conventions.

Attorney, CPA, two college professors, government comptroller, journalist, commercial artist, several organizational managers, assorted computer programmers, engineers, a free lance writer, three authors, a few students, part time high school teacher, librarian, and a housewife.

Treasurer is a CPA. Chairman is director of training for Boeing flight programs.

Are you incorporated, or planning to be, and how? _____

No, yes, as a non-profit organization in California

Denvention is a corporation registered in the state of Colorado as a non-profit organization.

Yes, Yes, application pending at IRS for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status

Are you seeking the advice of a Certified Public Accountant? _____

Should we win the bid...we will place on retainer professional legal and financial advisors.

Yes

Treasurer is a CPA.

Questions about the City:

What is the name of the city? _____

Los Angeles, California

Denver, Colorado

Seattle, Washington

What is the expected weather? _____

Warm and clear

mean temperature 74 F, humidity 15%

Mild and sunny

List some of the other things to do in the area. _____

Los Angeles is at the heart of a large complex of scientific, recreation, and entertainment industries. We will have discount tickets to Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Universal Studio Tours, etc. and will provide information on how to get tickets to watch Johnny Carson tape the *Tonight Show* - or any other Hollywood attraction. If enough interest exists, we will arrange for tours to JPL, Rockwell, and other aerospace companies.

State Capitol Building, Civic Center, new Denver Art Museum, Colorado State Museum, Judicial Heritage Center, Colorado Rockies Tours, Coors Brewery, Royal Gorge, Central City (The richest square mile on earth), Rocky Mountain National Park, Forney Transportation Museum, Pikes Peak, Air Force Academy, Lookout Mountain and Buffalo Bills Grave, Museum of Natural History, Wax Museum and many more.

Pioneer Square (shopping), Seattle Center (1962 World's Fair site), Pacific Science Center, Space Needle, Gold Cup Hydroplane Races, SeaFair, North Cascades Range, Mount Rainier, water sports double-ended ferry to tour the battleship *Missouri*, fly in a *Boeing Jetfoil*, *Indian village*

What types of restaurants are in the area? how close? how expensive? _____

Restaurants vary from fast food and sandwich shops to places that advertise in Gourmet magazine. Food types start with Alsatian, Bangladesh, and Cantonese and end with Vietnamese, West Indian, and Yugoslav.

5 restaurants in the hotel, McDonald's, same block, \$1. and up. The Broker, 3 blocks away, \$11, and two dozen more within walking distance.

Across the street are a number of fine restaurants, a pizza house, a family restaurant, and a large liquor store.

Questions about the convention hotel:

What is the name of your primary convention hotel? _____		
most likely the Los Angeles Bonaventure	The Denver Hilton	The Red Lion Inn
How many sleeping rooms are blocked for the convention? _____		
1200 of 1500	650 of 850	700 550 and 14 suites of more than
What is the seating capacity of your largest function room? _____		
3264	2000	2000
What is the area of your largest exhibit hall? _____		
25,116 square feet	14,490 square feet (this is the same room as above)	14,000 square feet
How many other large and small meeting rooms do you have? _____		
one large and 17 small	22	about 30
Do you have a letter of agreement with the hotel? _____		
Yes	Yes	yes
What is the distance of the hotel from Airports? Bus stations? Trains? and Superhighways? _____		
(A)20 miles, with direct bus service, (B)less than 1 mile, (T)less than 1 mile, and (S)within blocks	(A)8 miles, 20 minutes, (B)1 mile, (T)unknown, (S)unknown	(A)walking distance (others) unknown
If there is a pool in the hotel, what are the expected hours? _____		
Yes, 24 hours (outdoors)	Yes, 9 am to 6 pm	yes, unknown
What other facilities are there inside the hotel? _____		
unknown	airlines, cigar stand, drug store, photographer, printing shop, rent-a-car, 5 restaurants, and various other stores and shops.	2 major restaurants, 3 loun- ges, and several attractive shops
What are the rates for parking at the hotel? _____		
free for those who park their own cars, with a small charge for those who prefer valet parking services	\$3.25 for 24 hours	free
Has there ever been a Science Fiction convention held in this hotel? _____		
No	No	Yes
Are you planning to use any overflow hotels? _____		
No	Yes	Yes
Which hotels? and how many sleeping rooms in each? _____		
a number	Cosmopolitan (325 in block), Marina (200 in block), Holiday Inn (200 in block), Brown Palace (unknown)	an additional 1300 rooms
How far are the overflow hotels from the main hotel? _____		
within a few blocks	one and a half blocks	3 block to farthest, most 1 block, free shuttle service
Can convention events be held in the overflow hotels? _____		
unknown	Yes, all meeting facilities in Cosmopolitan if necessary.	if necessary
Characterize the neighborhood around the hotel. _____		
new financial and business section	central, metro, business, retail, recreational	An airport strip: hotels, restaurants, a liquor store.

What are the expected days, dates of the convention?

Thursday evening to Monday
night, Sept. 3-7, 1981

September 1 - 7, 1981

Thursday through Monday,
Sept. 3-7, 1981

What is the expected membership rate schedule for the convention?

initial supporting member-
ships for the \$5. voting fee, initial
attending memberships for an
additional \$5.

pre-supporting \$1, other rates
to be set at a later time.

undecided

In 250 words or less, please try to give us a feeling of what your convention will be like, list special assets of your city or facilities, and please focus on special qualities found in your committee.

The Los Angeles bidding committee can put on the best 1981 Worldcon because it has three advantages over the other bidding cities: location, facilities, and experience.

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Denver is the cultural center of the Rocky Mountain Empire with so many things to offer that the list is virtually endless. Our city has a metropolitan flavor while still maintaining the atmosphere of the wild west. Come visit us in 1981 or anytime.

The Seattle in 1981 committee is already hard at work establishing the liaisons, the framework, and the planning needed to make the 39th World SF 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 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 we could handle it.

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 bids on huge convention facilities, we see that goal as neither reasonable 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 of a fan-oriented convention.

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Talking about writing to me, a lot of our members have been confused by my name. In my case, "Pat" is short for Patricia, not Patrick! If you really have to use my title (I rarely use it myself, so feel free not to) it's Mrs, because I'm married to Graham Charnock. I've been receiving a lot of letters addressed to "Mr or Miss Pat Charnock" and I end up getting confused myself! Anyway, I'm the one to write to if you want to change your address or query your membership status - and if you do want to query your status, please do it in advance. I'll have enough to do at the Con without checking your status, which means you'll probably have to hang around while I do it and miss a programme item you really wanted to see. Write to me at 4 Fletcher Road, London W4 5AY, UK.

Another thing you should be doing now is making sure I have your correct name. You might be using a membership which was originally purchased as "Friend of Bloggs", or as part of a group package. As you will be expected to prove your identity when you register, and they don't normally put "Friend of Bloggs" on credit cards, it would be a lot easier all round if you let me have your proper name.

If you will be unable to attend, I'm also going to need an address that will be good for a little while after the Convention. Programme Books will be sent by surface mail to all our members who did not attend, no

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At the Convention itself, the registration desk will open on Wednesday 22nd August at 2 pm for early arrivals. Although the Con doesn't start until 2 pm on Thursday, the sooner you register, the better for us. We've got a lot of you to register, so please be patient with us. The registration desk will be open on Wednesday from 2 till 5, then again from 7 till 9. On Thursday and Friday it will be open from 10 till 5, re-opening from 7 till 9. On Saturday and Sunday the desk will be open from 10 till 5 only, as I reckon most of you should have registered by then.

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Guest of Honor is Poul Anderson. He should need no further introduction to the international fan audience, as a very popular author, previous Worldcon GoH and Hugo winner. In addition most prominent Norwegian sf pros will attend the con, as well as Swedish and Danish ones. However, Scandinavian cons are generally quite fannish, medium- to small-sized (maximum attendance at a previous Scancon is 450, and we do not expect to exceed this), and the committee intends to maintain a relaxed, hospitable and friendly atmosphere.

Programming will include the regular kind of speeches, films, panel discussions, auction & cetera, and certainly several fannish events as well, although at a small con these seem to generate spontaneously. Since the con is not being held at/in the vicinity of a hotel, we are negotiating with a Summer Hotel (fairly good students' housing) in order to offer reasonably priced rooms. Prices in Norway certainly are not low, but in recent years the rest of the world has followed our lead in this respect, and to some extent caught up with us. Detailed info about this and all facts/news of the con is available on request from our P. O. box address.

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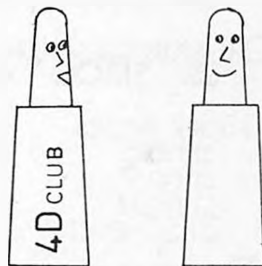
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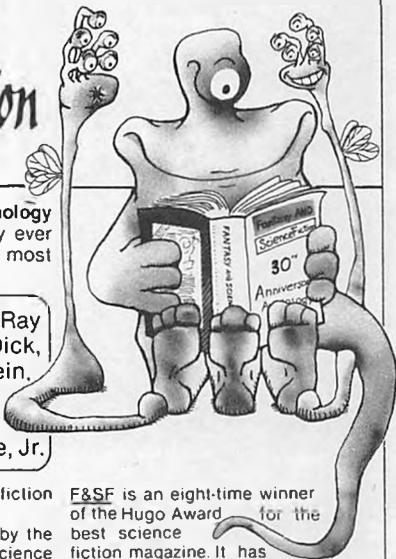
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