

BOSTON '65

THE FIRST ANNUAL BOSTON REGIONAL SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION



SEPTEMBER 10, 11, and 12

SCIENCE FICTION FANS, AUTHORS, AND READERS CORDIALLY INVITED.

TWO-DAY PROGRAM

RAY BRADBURY . THE STAFFER FILMSON

FREE REFRESHMENTS

GUEST OF HONOR: HAL CLEMENT

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$2.00

SUNDAY BANQUET: \$5.25

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CAMBRIDGE 41, MASSACHUSETTS, or call 876-4028 evenings.

A FEW PROGRAM NOTES.....

The program will revolve around the theme of the convention, "The Science in Science Fiction". Members will get a chance to see at least one view of the field as panelists assemble to let "Scientists look at Science Fiction". Ben Bova and an as-yet-unnamed colleague will battle with Dwight Batteau and Jerome Lettvin, of MIT, as four scientists, two of them writers and two readers, hash over the field.

After the blood and gore have been cleared away, Dr. Robert Enzmann ~~XX~~ of Avco will discuss his current research and the hopes for the future in "Manned Interstellar Flight." Dr. Enzmann comes highly recommended by the MIT Science Fiction Society, to whom he spoke last spring. He will also be putting on his own convention later in the fall.

Saturday night the committee has arranged a showing of the science fiction film "War of the Worlds", one of the few good ones left, for those not engaged in more serious activity (like drinking). Fear not--it will end early enough for those who want to keep up on partying.

Also on Saturday's program will be Fred Pohl, who has not yet informed us what he's speaking on, and others whose identity will remain secret until we figure out who they are. Negotiations will be continuing, however, and we expect to entirely fill Saturday's program shortly.

Sunday will be almost entirely occupied with the banquet. Starting at 1:30, it will include the introduction of notables (assuming any attend), so that you can corner that BNF before you leave; introduction of the committee (they're the ones who kept telling you you couldn't sit there--or was that Dave Kyle?); and conniving to expose as much as possible Guest of Honor Hal Clement (who should have known better than to accept). Since the next day is not a holiday, the close of the banquet will mark the official close of the convention. But those who can stay longer are invited to join in the singing of filk songs on Sunday evening, or engage in the much more interesting sport of watching the committee stagger around tying up loose ends. Either way, if you can manage the extra night, staying another day should be worth your while.

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THE HOTEL

With a limited time to choose a hotel, the committee was surprised and pleased to find that accommodations were available in the Statler Hilton, in downtown Boston. Readily accessible by car (it's three blocks from the turnpike extension), it's a block from both Greyhound and Trailways bus terminals, 3 blocks from Back Bay Railroad Station, and 15 minutes from Logan Airport (somewhat longer via MBTA--that's Bostonian for subway).

Within 10 blocks of the hotel are almost all the major bookstores in Boston, Chinatown, and most of the department stores, theatres, and night clubs. In short, almost any place of interest in downtown Boston is a short walk from the Statler. And, if you want to travel further, it's only a block to Arlington Street MBTA Station.

Convention events will be held in the Bay State Room, which is set off from the remainder of the hotel. Located on the lower level below the main lobby, the room is 82 x 65, with a sunken floor area (sufficient for the programs and banquet) bordered on three sides by a 15-foot terrace (for exhibits and loungers). It has its own lobby, check room and restrooms, and is exclusively ours for the duration.

Also surprising to us were the room prices. Until the end of August, the hotel has guaranteed us rooms for everyone who attends and makes a reservation. All rooms have radio, TV, and air conditioning, and single rooms start at \$18.00 (a reservation card with a full price list is enclosed). Cheaper rooms you may find, but comparable ones at the Statler's prices you won't find in our fair city.

The prices at the Statler's restaurant, The Hungry Pilgrim, while not bargain-basement, are reasonable, and the food is excellent. The Thirsty Pilgrim is also on the premises for those whose taste is more for liquid refreshments.

All in all, the committee feels, for the above and many other reasons, that the Statler will be an excellent host for Boskone '65, and that it lives up to its slogan as "The Best of Boston".

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THE MERCENARY END

There are many ways to make the Boskone committee love you dearly--but most of them cost money. The most obvious of course, is to buy a membership. This entitles you to attend the convention sessions, eat the committee's goodies (available throughout the convention for snacks), and in general look like you belong.

There are other ways, of course. You could, if you felt extravagant, buy a booth at the convention. The cost is reasonable, the booths are professionally designed and built, and, if you're selling, there's a good chance they'll be buying. Booth cost and other information can be obtained by writing the committee at it's official address.

There will be a mimeographed program book distributed at the convention. Ads will be accepted, and will be gestefaxed for insertion (the mimeography will also be considerably better than pre-convention blurbs). They should be exact size, with full-page ads going for \$5.00 per page, 1/2 page for \$3.00, and 1/4 page for \$1.75. Page size is 5" x 8"

SIZE	DIMENSIONS	PRICE
Full Page	5" x 8"	\$5.00
Half-page	2½" x 8"	\$3.00
	5" x 4"	"
Quarter-page	1½" x 8"	\$1.75
	5" x 2"	"
	2½" x 4"	"

Ads for the program book must reach us no later than September 7, 1965.

If enough material mysteriously appears, there will be an auction held at some point in the convention. Donations are cheerfully welcomed.

And finally, that for which we soak you most, the BANQUET: the banquet will be held on Sunday, with Guest of Honor Hal Clement as principal speaker, several other interesting events, and maybe some awards(if they seemsuitable). For all this you pay only \$5.25(and even get food with your entertainment). Banquet reservations must(that's MUST--m-u-s-t, have to, are required)reach us by Thursday night, September 9, 1965, 11:59.59, or else. Or else what? We'll cry? or you'll cry..or something. Mainly, you won't get fed. The hotel does not love people who don't make their reservations until the last minute--so let the Statler love you, and reserve early.

Make all checks, money orders, cash, stamps, and old fanzine covers payable to Boston Science Fiction Society, PO Box 5, Cambridge 41, Massachusetts, USA. Address all material to: David Vanderwerf, PO Box 5, Cambridge 41, Massachusetts (The US Post Office does not believe that BosFS lives in PO Box 5--it does believe that DAVanderwerf does).

There are a few ways of course. You could, if you like, arrange to buy a membership in the organization. The cost is reasonable, the books are good, and it gives you a good chance to be in the know about the activities of the organization, and to receive the program book through the mails (if you wish).

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There will be a mimeographed program book distributed at the convention. It will be accepted, and will be returned for inclusion in the program book. The price for the book is \$1.75 per page, 1/2 page for \$3.00, and 1/4 page for \$1.75. Page size is 5" x 8".

PRICE	DIMENSIONS	SIZE
\$2.00	5" x 8"	Half Page
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\$1.75	5" x 8"	Quarter-page

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If enough material is submitted, there will be an action plan at some point in the convention. Donations are gratefully welcomed.

And finally, just for what we hope you will find useful, the program will be held on Sunday, with guests of honor Hal Casimir, to participate in several other interesting events, and maybe even attend (if they can) for all this you pay only \$2.00. And even for that you will receive a program book and a copy of the program book. The cost is \$2.00. The program book will be distributed at the convention. The program book will be distributed at the convention. The program book will be distributed at the convention.

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