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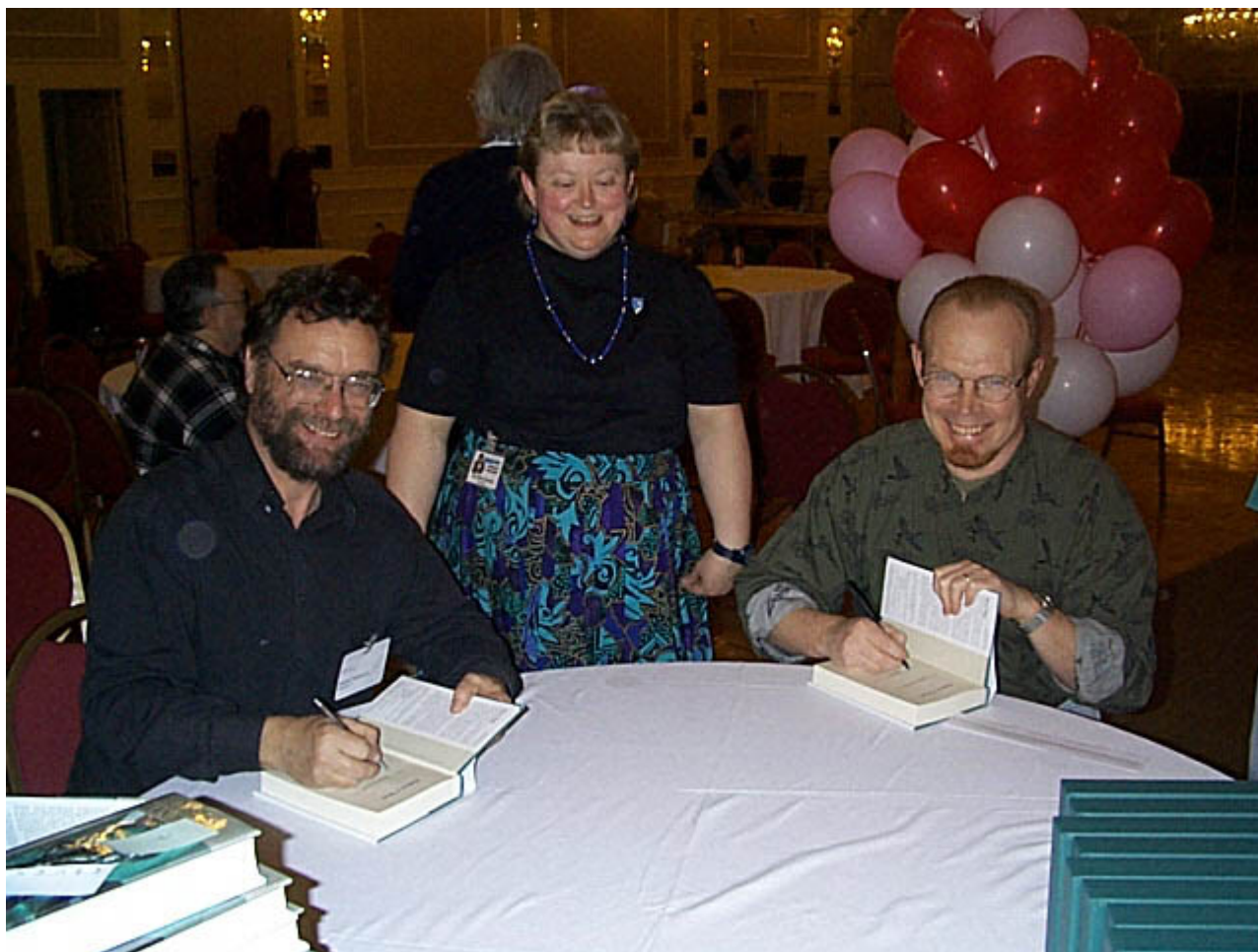
Speaking for Boskone

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Welcome to Boskone 37!



(photo by

Tim Szczesuil)

Guest of Honor Michael Swanwick, Official Artist Rick Berry sign copies of the Boskone 37 book *Moon Dogs* with the assistance of committee member Gay Ellen Dennett. Ben Yalow and Art Henderson are in the background.

Friday Night Events!

Fantiques Roadshow is our main event, part social event; part finding out how much obscure SF books, art and fannish paraphernalia may be worth. We'll have a cash bar and snacks. If you have an item for appraisal, bring it to the table and our experts will let you know what it's worth. Stop in the Grand Ballroom, adjacent to the Art Show, between 8pm and 10pm tonight!

Con Suite

The Convention Hospitality Suite is open all evening until around 2am. Stop in for a snack, play a game, watch the toddlers---you name it, we have it.

RASFF Party

Of course there will be other parties tonight. One that your roving reporter already knows about is the RASFF party. If you know what RASFF means, stop on in Room 441 after 10pm tonight.

“You Can’t Get There From Here” ? Special Hotel Information!

The Sheraton is currently undergoing renovation. This means at least two things:

- You can't get from one wing to the other on floors 2, 3, or 4; you can access any room on floor 1, 5 or 6. The main elevators off the lobby access rooms 1-42; the side elevators near the door to the back parking lot and will access 43 and up.
- Here and there, you will find jacks propping up parts of the building. Please, don't touch them! They really aren't lances or fireman poles or anything else like that. (Special prize for the "best use of these poles that does not involve touching them.")



(photo by Laurie Mann)

Banquet Info

Yes, a few tickets are still left. Tickets are \$32 and are available at Registration. We're having a Southern-themed buffet (all-you-can-eat) tomorrow night.

Schedule Changes

Open filking will start tonight at 10 PM in the Waterford and Kildare rooms, and continues all night (or till the last person drops!).

Allen Steele will sign from 11:00 am until just before noon on Saturday.

Michael Flynn will be reading at 12:30 on Sunday, but he will not be on the Civil War panel on Sunday at 2pm.

Michael A. Burstein's reading moves from 12:30 on Sunday to 1:30 on Sunday.

Geary Gravel's reading moves from 1:30 on Sunday to 1:00 on Sunday.

The fanzine panel that was Sunday at noon is now Saturday at 1, and the cover art panel with Bob Eggleton and Michael Burstein is Sunday at noon.

Attack of the Rescheduling Mecha

Okay, we admit it. Sometimes the printed time on the box is not exactly the time that the item runs. When the pocket program went to press Boskone 37 Anime scheduled 90 minutes on Friday night for a TBA item. Welllll, we chose something that ran just a bit longer than we had scheduled. That was our first mistake.

Our second mistake was not checking the time on *Cyber City Oedo*. Instead of the 30 minutes per episode they are actually about 40 minutes. Never trust the box. Start time for *Oedo* is as posted, but the end time will be 01:45 AM.

Our third and final error was that on our sign we listed *Bubblegum Crisis 6* twice, when it should have been *Bubblegum Crisis 4*. Well, considering that the start time will be so late, *BGC4* and *BGC7* may not be shown.

Recent Committee Additions

Anime Staff: Alice Lewis

Party Board / Freebie Table: Claire & Dave Anderson

Virtual Devniad: *Helmuth*

(That master quote-taker, past Hugo-nominee Bob Devney is unable to attend Boskone this year. If you have any pithy, Devnesque remarks, you can toss them in the Helmuth box and mark them "Virtual Devniad.")

Virtual Devniad

Esther Friesner to Michael Burstein: "Actually, there's something vaguely hamsteresque about you." (George Flynn)

Hotel Real Meal Deal

The hotel is having a lunch special tomorrow. If you buy a breakfast buffet Saturday morning, you'll get a coupon to get the Saturday lunch buffet for only \$5.00.

New at NESFA Sales

Moon Dogs by Boskone 37 GoH Michael Swanwick is at the NESFA tables in the Hucksters' Room at the special B37 price of \$15 hardcover, \$21.60 boxed. This collection includes two new pieces among its fiction, the title story and "Mickelrede" (a posthumous collaboration with Avram Davidson), as well as several hard-to-find essays and other works. The cover art is by B37 Official Artist Rick Berry (and is also on exhibit in the Art Show this weekend).

Also new from NESFA Press---*Music of Many Spheres: The Essential Hal Clement, Vol. 2*. This is a fascinating collection of 17 stories showing the range of hard SF at its best by a master craftsman of the genre.

NESFA Sales also has B37 Featured Filer Jordan Kara's just-out CD, *Parody Violations*, and a few copies of his earlier *Fire In The Sky* as well.

If you haven't checked since last Boskone, look for our past year's releases:

- *Rings*, by Charles L. Harness, a four-novel omnibus including the original publication of "Drunkard's Endgame";
- the trade paperback reprint of B31 GoH collection *Double Feature* by Emma Bull and Will Shetterly;
- and, for the folks still asking about John M. Ford's phenomenal B34/1999 WFC musical production, there -is now a libretto for *Another Part of the Trilogy* and this weekend we have copies for sale!

All these are in addition to our ongoing NESFA's Choice collections, previous Boskone GoH books, and interesting specialty items. We also stock many classic and critical studies titles from Advent Publishers, Hyperion Press, and BECCON Books, and an eclectic assortment of inexpensive used books. Stop by sometime this weekend; we have books you've always wanted to read!

Let It Snow?



(photo by Laurie Mann)

Yes, the snow has started. We could get from 6-12 inches overnight. Check back tomorrow for the [after picture](#).

Helmuth Information

Boskone will be publishing *Helmuth* throughout the weekend. Look for it at:

Saturday Noon Saturday 6PM Sunday 10AM

You'll find them at the Information Table, at the NESFA Sales Table, in the Con Suite and at other places throughout the convention. Having a party? Have some interesting fannish news? Please contribute *it to Helmuth*; you'll find a "Helmuth/Virtual *Devniad* Submissions" box at the Information Table.

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