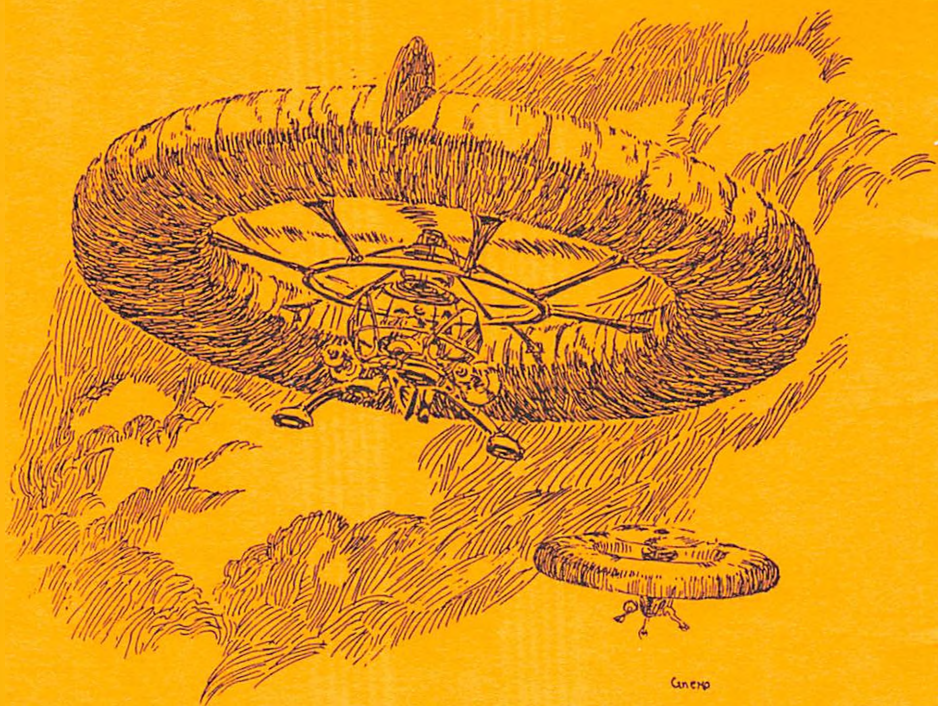


# Boskone 30



## Progress Report





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## ◆ Welcome to Boskone 30!

Boskone 30 will be held on February 19-21, 1993 (the weekend *following* President's Day), at the Sheraton Tara hotel in Framingham, MA.

The Boskone Committee is excited by the move back to the Boston Metro region and we are particularly happy to be in Framingham. Framingham is Metro West's main shopping area and, outside of the center of Boston, Framingham has possibly the largest concentration of good restaurants in Massachusetts. The Tara is right on the Mass Pike at exit 12, so access to Boston is easy.

## ◆ Our Guests — Laurle Mann

**Joe Haldeman** has been writing fiction for over twenty years. He caught the attention of the science fiction community in the mid-'70s for his Hugo-winning novel *The Forever War*. Joe is an unabashed fan in addition to being the current President of the Science Fiction Writers of America. He is currently at work on a novel set in the '60s. He spends every fall teaching writing at MIT. The rest of the year he and his wife Gay live in Gainesville, Florida.

**Tom Kidd**, one of our leading science fiction artists, multiple Hugo Nominee and Chesley winner, has created unusual covers for many books including *Sherlock Holmes Through Time and Space*, *The Peace War*, the SF Book Club editions of Terry Pratchett's Discworld books, and *Far-Seer*. A collection of Tom's artwork is available in *The Tom Kidd Sketchbook* (which will be available at NESFA Sales at Boskone). He has recently created a series of works under his alter-ego, Gnemo. He and his wife Andrea live in Connecticut.

**Beth Meacham** is a senior editor at today's premiere science fiction publisher, Tor Books. Recent books she has edited include *Aristoi* by Walter Jon Williams, *Jumper* by Steven Gould, Jane Yolen's anthology *Xanadu*, and *Memory of Earth* by Orson Scott Card. Beth has pioneered telecommuting having become one of Tor's first long-distance editors. Beth has also recently written and sold short stories. Married to writer-editor Tappan King, they make their home in Tucson.

## ◆ Chairman's Message — Greg Thokar

Welcome to Boskone 30! This year we are excited about returning to the Boston area. We plan to provide an entertaining and enlightening time in our new digs, the Tara 'castle'.

I am looking forward to welcoming all of you — those who have enjoyed Boskone in recent years and those who will be joining us in our return to the Boston area. And remember — that's Farquahar (pronounced "Farquahar").



## ◆ Major Events

On **Friday evening**, the Tara's first floor hosts Boskone's Friday Night Special — it'll blow you away!

### **This Is Your Life, Joe Haldeman**

Join us at 7:30PM Friday to see GoH Joe Haldeman's life revealed! (Pssst. Don't tell Joe!)

### **Meet-the-VIPs Party** — Priscilla Olson

Next we'll have the Meet-the-VIPs Party Friday night from 8:30PM to 10:30PM featuring music by our Klezmer band, *Shirim*. (If you didn't hear them last year, just think of Klezmer as Jewish jazz or Jewish bluegrass — real foot-stomping music!) This is a good time for you to meet your favorite writers and artists. We'll also hand out the Skylark, Gaughan and Story Contest awards here.

### **Silent Movie** — Lois Hecht

At 10PM we'll show the silent *Nosferatu*, the original *Dracula* movie, with a Klezmer accompaniment. It's old-time movie excitement like you've never heard before!

**Saturday evening** begins with

### **Regency Dance** — Suford Lewis

Our traditional Regency Dance will be more integrated into the main program this year, as we build our Saturday evening main track around it, beginning after the Filk Concert. As usual, we will teach Regency period dances: contradances (dances in facing rows) and waltzes (couples ranged in a large circle). As usual, period costume (or any fancy dress you can dance in) is appreciated but not required. Spectators are welcome.

Never feel you can't participate — every year we get a few people who have *never danced* — we are glad to teach anyone from the most expert to the completely inexperienced. Don't feel self-conscious (for one thing, Regency Lords and Ladies never did); very few of us are accomplished dancers and we all help each other out — we hope you will be inspired to join in! Welcome to our alternate reality and imagine yourself a Regency Lord or Lady, converse, dance, flirt, be witty, be haughty. Have a good time.

### **The War of the Worlds** — Lois Hecht

Saturday night, come to our multimedia performance of Orson Welle's 1938 broadcast of "War of the Worlds". This promises to be a truly original production.

### **The Cross-Time Bus** — Joe Mayhew

Joe Mayhew's F&SF comedy radio play, *The Cross-Time Bus*, begins at 10PM. Featuring Joe Haldeman, Jane Yolen, Esther Friesner, Bruce Coville, Darrell Schweitzer, Joe Mayhew, Chip Hitchcock, Mike and Beth Zipser, and Greg

Thokar. You don't want to miss it! What made the bus cross? Why Camelot?  
(~~And what will Rodney do about it?~~)

### **Midnight Horror Karaoke & and Chocolate Orgy**

For years we've wanted to do a true Midnight Horror item at Boskone. We've seen other conventions run terrifying movies, talk about writing horror fiction or even do readings dripping with gore. But it's all too tame. This year, Boskone presents the ultimate in real-life horror: Karaoke! Beginning around 11PM.

And on **Sunday**, we have

### **Closing Ceremonies — Priscilla Olson**

Help us close another Boskone. Discover what *really* happened to Rodney!

### **Dead Dog Banquet — Tony Lewis**

This year we're trying something different! To round out Boskone, join our guests and the Boskone committee at 7PM Sunday for a relaxing meal. We expect a good turnout — 120 people came to Thumper II, last year's Dead Doe Banquet. (Depending on whether or not he survives, we may hold a wake for Rodney Farquahar here, too.)

### **Benefit Punday — Pat Vandenberg**

Punday is an old Boskone tradition. This year, following the banquet, we're reviving it with a difference: it will be run with audience participation, as a benefit to help defray some of George Alec Effinger's medical expenses.

## ◆ **Through Time and Space with Rodney Farquahar — Esther Friesner and Priscilla Olson**

Esther Friesner's numberless devotees will recognize the name of Rodney Farquahar (pronounced "Farquahar"), the anti-hero of her Hugo Award un-nominated play, *The Shame of Maudie Jones*. This year, we'll trace the path of villain-at-large Farquahar through time and space in vignettes throughout the convention. "Where's Rodney?" begins at the Meet-the-VIPs party and ends at Closing Ceremonies (with a possible reprisal at the Dead Dog Banquet!).

## ◆ **Films — Lois Hecht**

Boskone is having a mini-film festival this year. The schedule isn't firm yet, but we hope to show the 1946 French *Beauty and the Beast*, Paul Leni's 1922 silent *Nosferatu* with Klezmer accompaniment as our Silent, silent shorts from the teens and 20's by the French director Melies, and as a special 'tribute' to our GoH, *Robojox*, for which Joe Haldeman wrote the script.

## ◆ The Program — Jim Mann and Ellsabeth Carey

Boskone is centered around its Program, and we expect the usual fascinating mix of discussion, debate and diatribe on SF, Fantasy and Fandom. Our theme this year is "The Craft and Community of SF".

The program will include discussions on SF and fantasy, art, science, history, writing, fanzines, conventions, and more. Much of the program will be in the form of panel discussions, where a small number of people discuss a topic. We'll also have program items where a single person talks on a subject, where two people debate the pros and cons of a topic, or where the audience interacts.

A few of the program items planned include:

- Fantasy without Tolkien — What would fantasy look like if Tolkien had never written and it had had to grow from other roots?
- The Scientific and Ethical Implications of Transporter Technology.
- SF Poetry — Join GoH Joe Haldeman, Jane Yolen, and others reading and discussing the images of F&SF.
- The Effects of SF and Fantasy on the Sixties — How was the culture and politics of the 60's the product of *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *Lord of the Rings*?
- Biblical Themes in SF and Fantasy — Besides proverbs and clichés, what debt does SF&F owe to the Bible?
- Long Live the Legion! — An old favorite returns! We examine changes in the comics field.
- Neglected Authors: Clifford Simak — Join us and enjoy talking about one of SF's greats!

**Hours.** Program begins with an item or two on Friday at 5 and picks up a bit at 8. On Saturday, it runs all day. On Sunday, it begins to tail off in mid-afternoon. The last panels end at 5. Sunday ends with Punday and the Duel between the Queen of Fantasy and the Queen of SF!

**Discussion Groups.** A discussion group is a small group of people who sit around and chat about a topic of interest to them, such as a favorite book or author or TV show. These groups are organized by the attendees (that's you!). We provide the space and a sign-up list at Information. If you know before the convention that you or your club would like to schedule a discussion group, please write to us. Tell us the topic and preferred time, and we will list your discussion group in the pocket program.

### **Kaffeeklatsches, Afternoon Teas and Lunch with an Author or Artist.**

Would you like a chance to have an informal discussion with some of our program participants over coffee or tea? Would you (with a small group of fellow

fans) like to buy lunch for an author or artist? Participating guests include Joe Haldeman. Sign up at Information.

**Autographing.** Get an autograph from your favorite pro! Check your Pocket Program to see when and where signings will be.

**Neglected Authors.** When books go out of print because the author has stopped writing or died, new fans lose the opportunity to find out about these authors. This mini-track has been very popular at the last few Boskones. This year we'll look at Clifford Simak and others — if you have a suggestion, we'd be happy to hear it — write us!

**Readings.** Come hear writers read their own works. Participating writers will be listed in the pocket program — check the daily newsletter for additions and changes.

**Who's Coming?** As of press time, the following people are scheduled to be on the program:

Ellen Asher, Camille Bacon-Smith, John Barnes, Thomas Canty, Jeffrey A. Carver, David Cherry, Chris Claremont, Hal Clement, Bruce Coville, Katherine Coville, Kathryn Cramer, Daniel P. Dern, Thomas A. Easton, Bob Eggleton, Gregory Feeley, Beth Fleisher, Esther Friesner, Craig Shaw Gardner, Geary Gravel, P. M. Griffin, Gay Haldeman, Joe Haldeman, David G. Hartwell, Merle Insinga, Alex Jablovkov, Mark Keller, James Patrick Kelly, Thomas Kidd, Daniel Kimmel, Ellen Kushner, Evelyn C. Leeper, Mark R. Leeper, Fred Lerner, Tony Lewis, Shariann Lewitt, Jim Mann, Laurie Mann, Patricia A. McKillip, Ken Meltzner, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Mark Olson, Priscilla Olson, Steven Popkes, Charles Ryan, Don Sakers, Melissa Scott, Darrell Schweitzer, Josepha Sherman, Susan Shwartz, Sheila Williams, Connie Willis, Ben Yalow, Jane Yolen.

#### ◆ **Chocolate Crawl — Laurie Mann**

What do you think of the chocoholic's equivalent of a pub crawl? Along with fellow chocoholics, visit local centers of chocolate worship like Hebert's Candy Mansion on Saturday morning. Meet at Information at 9:30AM and we'll be back by 11:30.

#### ◆ **Newsletter and Pocket Program — Deb Gelsler and Jim Mann**

When you register at the convention you'll receive the Pocket Program, which lists the complete program. To keep track of last-minute changes, check *Helmuth, Speaking for Boskone*, the convention newsletter. It features updates and changes to the program as well as lists of parties and other news.



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### ◆ **Con Suite — Pat Vandenberg**

If you want a break from convention activities, stop by the Con Suite (aka the BosConS) in the Shannon Rooms. The BosConS will be the site of the Boskone-sponsored party where fans can meet and talk over light refreshments. It will be a center of activity and excitement, including some readings, a game demonstration and discussion groups. (Universal traveler Rodney Farquahar may pay a visit, also.)

### ◆ **Restaurant Guide — Suford Lewis**

Framingham is loaded with great restaurants, so an all-new guide to area restaurants is being researched even as you read this — the Boskone committee will do anything for you! — and it will be available at Information. It will tell you style, specialties, and price range of nearby restaurants and at selected more-distant places. We'll also include a page of handy resources (24-hour copying, banks, groceries, churches and temples, etc.).

### ◆ **The Boskone 30 Dead Dog Banquet — Tony Lewis**

This year we're trying something different! To round out Boskone, join our guests and the Boskone committee for a relaxing meal in the Tara Grand Ballroom on Sunday evening after the Art Show is torn down. We expect a good turnout — 120 people came to last year's Dead Doe Banquet, Thumper II. Depending on whether or not he survives, we may have a wake for Rodney Farquahar here, too. To sign up for the banquet, use the Multi-Purpose form in the center of this progress report. All entrees include appetizer, salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, butter, dessert, and beverage. The cost is \$21 for chicken and \$23.50 for beef which includes tax and gratuities. All banquet tickets must be purchased in advance; we are unlikely to have many for sale at the con. If you'd like to attend the banquet, please complete the banquet part of the Multi-Purpose form, include a check (made out to "Boskone 30"), and send it to us by January 25. Your tickets will be available at Registration.

Note: Banquet tickets not picked up by 5PM Saturday are subject to resale. Please tell us if this is a problem for you, and we'll make arrangements to hold your tickets.

### ◆ **Short Story Contest — Suford Lewis**

Almost every year for the past ten years, NESFA has held a short story contest. Amateur writers submit SF or fantasy stories of fewer than 7500 words. The stories are read in three rounds and helpful comments are returned. First, each story is read by three members and the ratings averaged. Then the top five or so

stories are read by one or two members who have published professionally. Finally, the top three stories are read by our Boskone Guest of Honor to pick the winner. The top stories are often very close and so Honorable Mentions are usually given. The prizes are awarded at the Boskone and include a Boskone membership and this year's Boskone Book.

### ◆ Filksinging — J. Spenser Love

Filksongs are fandom's folk songs, with themes of SF, fantasy, and fandom. We'll be having a filk concert featuring a special guest filker, Sat. at 5:30PM. We also plan to have an at-con theme filk contest, and a one-shot concert where you can perform your entry! (Sign up at Information if you're interested in participating.) As usual, we will also be running both a "chaos" filk (where people take turns singing or choosing a song to be sung) and a "group filk", where everyone sings in a group. A moderator and follow-along copies of our two-volume filksong compilation, *The NESFA Hymnal*, will be available at the group filk. Filksinging will begin at about 10PM and run late.



**Filksong Contest.** We're always looking for a few good filksongs. If you want to enter the contest, please write to us for entry information. All entries must be received by January 9.

### ◆ Huckster's Room — Davey Snyder

A Huckster's Room is where you can buy books (new, used, and rare), magazines, jewelry, toys, T-shirts, buttons, cassette tapes, and countless items of interest. Boskone's Huckster's Room will be in the Prince Charles Ballroom.

Huckster's will be open:

Friday: 5PM-9PM

Saturday: 10AM-6PM

Sunday: 10AM-4PM

### ◆ Parties

One of the best places to meet people at a convention is at a party. Many parties are open, meaning anyone can come. One may be hosted by Star Trek fans, interested in meeting other Trek fans; another by a local SF club, interested in finding other locals; and so forth. Some are thrown by people who just like to throw parties, and some will be thrown by Worldcon bidders to encourage you to

## *Vietnam and Other Alien Worlds*

is the Boskone XXX book, a 224 page collection of stories, essays, and poems by the Boskone XXX Guest of Honor—Joe Haldeman—with the dust-wrapper by Official Artist Tom Kidd. This hardcover book will be published in two numbered states—a trade edition of 817 copies and a boxed edition of 175 copies. The boxed edition will also be signed by Joe Haldeman. Printed on acid-free paper for long life.

Save now by ordering your copies from NESFA, PO Box 809, Framingham MA 01701-0203. Prices (which include sales tax) are:

Trade edition (0-915368-52-8) \_\_\_\_\_ copies @ \$10.75 \_\_\_\_\_

Boxed edition (0-915368-98-6) \_\_\_\_\_ copies @ \$18.90 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Boskone XXX Banquet**

This year the Boskone banquet will be held **Sunday** night at 7 pm in the Grand Ballroom. The meal is appetizer, salad, entree, rolls & butter, dessert, and coffee (real or decaffeinated) or tea. Entrees include the chef's choice of an appropriate starch and vegetable. There will be no smoking in the Ballroom. The cost of each meal includes tax and gratuities.

Breast of Chicken Marsala (\$21.00) \_\_\_\_\_

New York Sirloin, Maitre'd (\$23.50) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

As usual, we will sit at round tables of ten. Seating will be assigned to prevent stampedes; the usual exchanges can take place. Please include the names of the people in your group; it makes it easier to prevent duplications. Send payments to NESFA, PO Box 809, Framingham MA 01701-0203. Pick up tickets at registration. Tickets not picked up by 5pm Saturday are subject to resale. We do not know if extra tickets will be available at the convention; don't count on it, buy now.

VISA/MC: \_\_\_\_\_ signature

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vote for them. Most parties are generally held in fans' hotel rooms, although some of the large ones may be held in suites or connecting rooms.

### ◆ **DragonsLair — Joan Horowitz**

DragonsLair is a special place for school-age children (kindergarten through about 6th grade). As in past years, we will have a number of ongoing activities that kids can do on their own as well as planned projects and special events. Each day will feature a special project with a contest. Appropriate materials will be available for kids to create with; they can then enter their creations in a show for judging. Every child who enters will receive some type of award.

This year we also plan to put together either a puzzle contest or a scavenger hunt for kids who want more cerebral entertainment. Anyone with ideas or who would like to help with the planning is encouraged to call Joan Horowitz at 617-784-4069.

DragonsLair hours are:

Friday: 7PM-9PM (videos only)  
Saturday: 10AM-6PM  
Sunday: 10AM-4PM

Participating children must be convention members. Please note that lunch is not provided.

### ◆ **Babysitting — Robin and Peter Trei**

Boskone will provide babysitting for your child (age 5 and under). To use babysitting services, your child must be a member of Boskone 30. There will be no additional charges. Children older than 5 should go to DragonsLair during the day, though older children are welcome at night. Babysitting will be in sleeping rooms. (Check the Pocket Program for the specific room.)

Babysitting will be open:

Friday: 6PM-midnight  
Saturday: 9AM-5PM  
7PM-midnight  
Sunday: 9AM-4PM

Please observe these times. We will provide lunch but not dinner, so be back at Babysitting by 5PM on Saturday. Please bring your own diapers. By Massachusetts law, we cannot handle sick children; please do not bring them to Babysitting.



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### ◆ Club and Worldcon Bidder's Tables

Boskone provides table space to any SF club that wants the space. We also provide space for upcoming Worldcons, and for groups bidding for Worldcons. If you want a table, please write to us soon. Space is limited.

We may also be able to provide meeting space for your club. Write us for details.

### ◆ Art Show — Gay Ellen Dennett

The Art Show, in the Grand Tara ballroom, is where you go to see anything from large oil paintings to small ink sketches; from personalized name badges to book covers; from finely painted eggs to hand-woven rugs.

**Buying Art:** Some folks come to the Art Show just to look, while others like what they see so much that they want to buy it. To buy art, you must bid on it. To bid on it, you must register to bid at the Art Show desk and obtain a bidder's number. Bidding is written (starting on Friday night and running until noon Sunday), with hotly-contested pieces going to a voice auction on Sunday afternoon. Winning bidders must pick up purchases between 1PM and 4PM on Sunday.

**Print Shop:** At the Print Shop, you will find SF art reproductions for sale at a fixed price. You can buy a piece with no bidding and take it away with you.

Hours: The Art Show and Print Shop will be open the following hours:

Friday:	8PM-10PM
Saturday:	10AM-10PM
Sunday:	10AM-Noon 1PM-4PM

### ◆ Volunteers Wanted and Welcome!

Boskone needs you! Science fiction conventions are run entirely by volunteers. People Mover allocates volunteers among the many different areas that need them. If you are willing to help, please fill out the volunteer form at Information. Those who work at least eight hours will receive one of our unique gopher's T-shirts featuring artwork by Hugo-nominated artist Merle Insinga.

**Important:** To work on the convention, you must sign the Legal Release Form at Information. If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must sign.

**Thursday night:** If you are willing to help us move in and set up the Art Show on Thursday night, please let us know. We'll send you more information on times and places.

**Secret Buffet of Fandom** During Art Show Setup on Thursday night we will once again hold the Secret Buffet of Fandom. Help us set up the Art Show and then join the guests and the rest of the set-up staff in a pot-luck buffet.

## ◆ Press Policy

If you are with the press, please register for the convention like any other attendee. Press releases are available at the convention Information area. Upon publication or broadcast of a story about Boskone, and our receipt of a copy of the publication or broadcast, we will refund your membership.

## ◆ Registration — Sue Kahn

Register for Boskone in the Promenade area in front of the Tara Grand Ballroom. You'll get your convention material and name badge there. Please wear your badge in all convention areas. Registration will be open:

Friday: 5PM-10:30PM  
 Saturday: 9:30AM-9PM  
 Sunday: 10:30AM-2PM

Everyone — committee, staff, artists, program participants, hucksters — must register at registration. We will make it as painless an experience as we are able! You can help: bring your quickie sheet with you. (It's the cover of this PR!) If you haven't yet bought a membership and wish to do so before the convention, please fill out the form in this PR and return it to us by January 17. The cost of advance memberships is \$29. If you wait and buy at the door, the cost is \$40. One-day memberships will be available; they will cost \$20 on Friday, \$25 on Saturday, and \$15 on Sunday. We accept Visa, MasterCard, checks and, of course, cash.

The cost of Babysitting and DragonsLair is included in the con membership, so all children who use these services must be convention members. Children under 10 who are with their parents at all times are considered "kids-in-tow" and need not purchase memberships (and do not receive any convention materials.)

**Lost Badges.** If you lose a badge, and it does not turn up at Information, a replacement will cost you \$20 if you have your receipt. If you lose your badge a second time, you must re-register for \$40.

**Transferring Memberships.** We do not refund memberships. However, if you can't make it, you may transfer your membership to someone else. *All membership transfers must be done in writing.* Your transferee will be able to register much more quickly at the convention if you write to us in advance to let us know of the transfer and have your transferee bring a copy of the transfer letter to registration. Don't forget to give your transferee your quickie sheet!

## ◆ Our Hotel — Peggy Thokar

We've moved to a new hotel, the Sheraton Tara in Framingham, MA (the hotel on the Mass. Pike that looks like a castle!).



**Reservations.** Hotel reservations for Boskone 30 may be made by telephone directly to the hotel (508-879-7200) or by using the enclosed hotel card. Up to four people may share a room. Rates are Single and Double \$84, Triple and Quad \$86. Parking is Free! All major credit cards are accepted. If you will be arriving after 6PM, you should guarantee your reservation with a credit card or a check for the first night's cost.

**Party Suites.** We have a limited number of suites available, starting at \$125 for a studio (one parlor, with a bed in that room). Suite reservations *must* be made through Boskone. If you want a suite, or for further information about the available suites, please contact Ben Yalow, 3242 Tibbett Ave., Bronx, NY 10463, and indicate why you want the suite (bid party, etc.).

**Special Requests.** There are a limited number of handicapped access rooms and non-smoking rooms available, so please let the hotel know right away if you have any special needs. They will try to assign you to the type of room you request, and you are more likely to get a special request if you ask early. Likewise, rollaway beds and cribs are in short supply, so let them know if you think you'll need one. (There will be a \$10 charge for a crib.)

**Check-in and Check-out.** Check-in begins at 3PM. Check-out time is 2PM. Avoid morning check-out lines by pre-paying as early as the night before! (Note: Join the Sheraton Club for \$25/year and get an automatic 4PM check-out among other benefits. Call 800-247-CLUB.)

**Cash.** If you plan to pay for your stay in cash, the hotel expects payment in full on check-in and requires a refundable \$20 deposit for phone calls.

**Checks.** If you are paying for your room with a check, you must have a valid driver's license or picture ID. The hotel may also require a major credit card. Guests of the hotel may cash checks with the hotel (if it has cash available) with valid ID.

### ◆ Getting There — The Boskone Shuttle Bus — Pat Vandenberg

Boskone is planning a shuttle bus running from the Tara along Route 9 to the Shopper's World area, with stops at Logan Express, the express bus from South Station's terminal, and near interesting groups of restaurants. The service will begin 4PM Friday and run until 11PM. It will run from 10AM Saturday until midnight and on Sunday from 10AM until 5PM.

### ◆ Boskone Weapons Policy

As is standard at most conventions, no weapon, or anything that looks like a weapon, is allowed at Boskone at any time. This includes clubs, quarterstaves,

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wizard's staves, lasers, squirt guns, toy zap guns, or anything else that resembles a weapon. If you violate this rule you will be asked to leave the convention.

◆ **Program Book Ads — Rick Katze**

For information on Program Book ads, call Rick Katze at 508-879-1624 and leave a message on his answering machine.

◆ **Information — Laurie Mann**

Do you want more detailed information on local restaurants and stores? Want to sign up for a discussion group or other event that requires sign-up? Stop by the Information table and we'll help you out. We're located up on the Promenade, next to the door into the Art Show and adjacent to Registration. We'll be open roughly the following hours:

Friday: 4pm-9pm  
Saturday: 9:30pm-6pm  
Sunday: 9:30pm-4pm

If you find something, please drop it off. If you've lost something, check with us — maybe we'll have it.

◆ ***Vietnam and Other Alien Worlds* by Joe Haldeman — Aron Insinga**

This year's Boskone Book collects stories and essays by Joe Haldeman. It includes four of his Confederación stories, five essays (on how he tried to get on the Space Shuttle, his experience in Vietnam, and other issues) and three story poems. It has a color dustjacket by our Official Artist Tom Kidd. It will be available in boxed and trade hardcover editions. The special at-con-only price of the regular edition is \$10.75 and the boxed edition is \$18.90 (tax included). The after-con retail price will be \$17.00 trade, \$30.00 boxed. You may advance-order your copy of *Vietnam and Other Alien Worlds* to be picked up at con at the at-con price by sending your check or charge to NESFA Press, PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0203.

◆ **Boskone T-Shirt — Charlie Seelig**

Our convention T-shirt this year features and original design by Official Artist Tom Kidd. Look for it at NESFA Sales.

◆ **Late Changes**

Late-breaking information may be available during the week before Boskone on our answering machine (617-625-2311). We'll also post a nearly-final program on USENET, GENIE, and CompuServe about a week before the con.

## ◆ How to Get to Boskone — Mark Olson

**By Car** The Sheraton Tara is located at the Framingham exit (exit 12) of the Mass Pike, about halfway between I-495 and Rt 128. It is clearly visible (you can't miss it! — trust us!) from both the Pike and Rt 9. Take the Mass Pike to the Framingham exit and turn left onto Rt 9 west. Drive 150 yards to the Tara on the right. Parking is free.

**By Air** Fly into Boston's Logan Airport or Worcester's airport.

From Logan:

From any terminal take the Logan Express to Framingham. (There's also a Logan Express to Quincy — avoid it!) The Logan Express costs \$8 (\$6 on Saturday and Sunday) and takes 30 minutes. You pay at the Framingham end. It is run by Peter Pan Bus Lines and leaves the airport every half hour. (The schedule is complicated, but it's on a half-hourly schedule essentially the entire time that fans will be traveling. The Saturday schedule is hourly. The last bus leaves the airport at 11:45PM. Call 1-800-23-LOGAN at any time for details.)

Once you are at the Logan Express terminal at Shopper's World, catch the Boskone shuttle bus that runs between there and the Tara (with other stops). The service will begin 4PM Friday and run until 11PM. (on Friday it will be a trolley, to be truly identifiable) It will run from 10AM Saturday until midnight and on Sunday from 10AM until 5PM. Outside of these hours, we recommend taking a taxi — there is an enclosed waiting room, phones, and lists of taxi companies at the Logan Express terminal at Shopper's World.

**Airport Limos from Worcester or Logan** Worcester Airport limo provides transportation from both Logan and Worcester airports to the Tara.

Transportation from Logan direct to the Tara is \$15 per person, one way, and from Worcester Airport direct to the Tara is \$32 per person, one way. Call 1-800-343-1369 for more information.

**Amtrak** Framingham has twice-a-day Amtrak service from Boston and Springfield as well as connections from many other cities. The station is about seven miles from the hotel. We recommend taking a taxi from there to the hotel (cost about \$10 — Tommy's Taxi has agreed to take any number of Boskone members (who fit) for the single-person price).

Amtrak from points west runs twice a day, seven days a week, arriving at 4:20PM and 10:02PM and leaving at 6:56AM and 2:46PM. Call 617-482-3660 or your local Amtrak office for schedule and ticketing information.

**Bus From Boston** You can get to Framingham from Boston from Peter Pan's terminal across the street from South Station. The bus runs about every 2 hours on Friday and less frequently on Saturday and Sunday. Call 617-426-7838 for

schedule and ticketing information. Our shuttle bus will stop at the Peter Pan terminal at Shopper's World.

**Commuter Rail** Framingham has 7-9 commuter rail trains per day from Boston's South Station. In Framingham, the station is about seven miles from the hotel. We recommend taking a taxi to the Tara (cost about \$10 — Tommy's Taxi has agreed to take any number of Boskone members (who fit) for the single-person price).

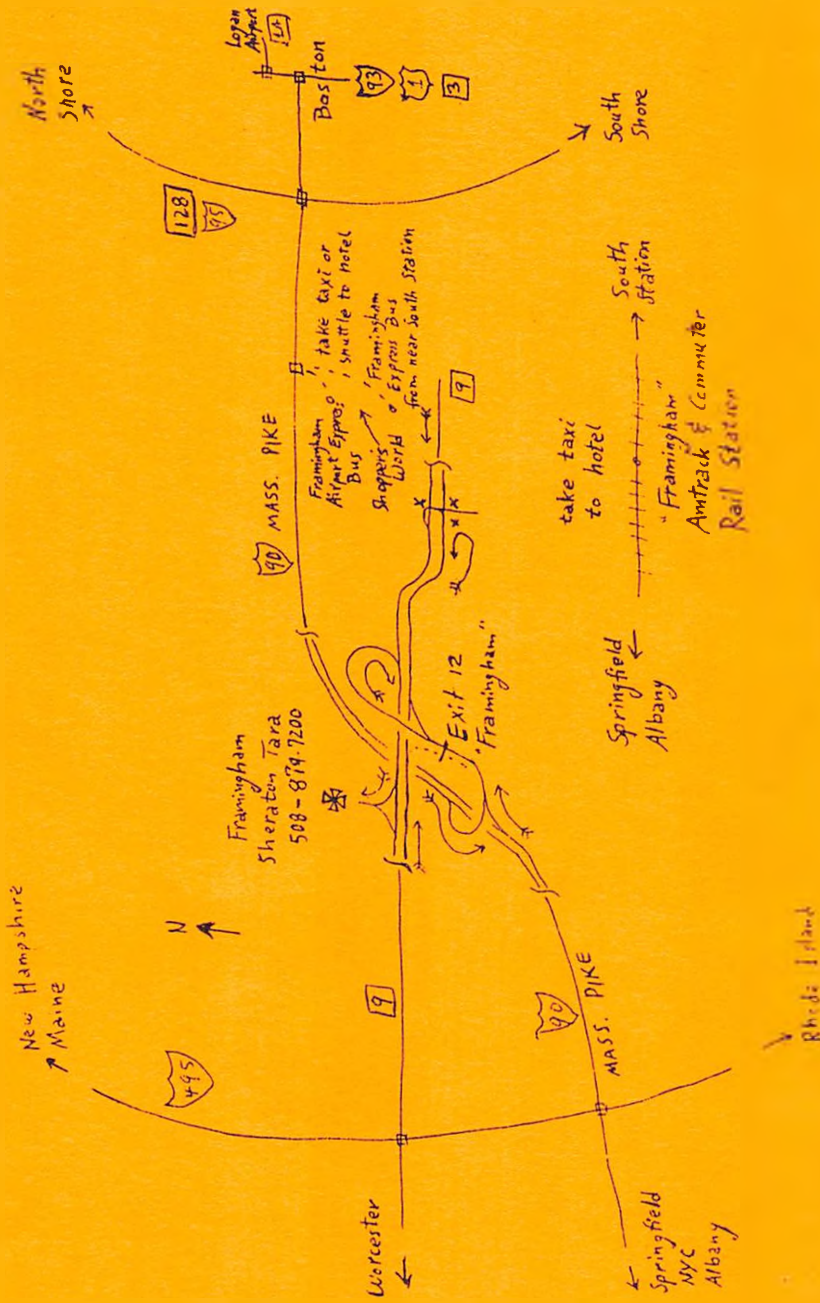
Call MBTA Commuter Rail at 617-722-3200 or 800-392-6100 for schedules.

**Shuttle Bus** Boskone is planning a shuttle bus running from the Tara along Route 9 to the Shopper's World area with stops at Logan Express, the express bus from South Station's terminal and near interesting groups of restaurants. The service will begin 4PM Friday and run until 11PM. It will run from 10AM Saturday until midnight and on Sunday from 10AM until 5PM.



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