

# HELMUTH

## Speaking for Boskone

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### Warm Body Count

As if 1pm on Saturday, we had:

455 Preregistered 148 Full at-the-door 3 Kids in tow 3 Friday-only 43 Saturday-only

652 Total attendees

### Saturday Night Parties

Con Suite 9 PM---1 AM

Viridien Technologies Cheesecake 9 PM 173

Readercon 9 PM 337

UK in 2005 Boskone Tea Party 10 PM 342

[Boston in 2004](#) 9:30 PM 442



(photos by Laurie Mann)

Viridien Technologies would like to shamelessly bribe IT professional into filling out a skills inventory by the raffling off of a Palm Pilot V in room 173, 9:00 PM.

### Gratuitous Salacious Headline!

## **This Weekend Marks Stephen Boucher's First Time and the Biggest Time for Janice Gelb!**

Check the next *Helmuth* for the all-true story.

## **Trouble Follows New York Fans!**

Matt Leger, Von & Deb Baker and Zev Sero had a minor car accident on the way to Boskone and were forced to spend the night in Connecticut. As their car is now undrivable, they would appreciate help in getting either to Manchester, CT (where their car is) or New York City (where they live) tomorrow (leave a message with room 167). Seconds after they finally checked in at the hotel, they had to flee due to the fire alarm. No injuries were sustained in either incident.

## **Schedule Changes**

Items listed as being in Room 243 are really in Room 242. Use the stairs outside of Molly Malone's to get there quickly.

The cover art panel with Bob Eggleton and Michael A. Burstein is Sunday at noon.

Michael Flynn will be reading at 12:30 PM on Sunday, but he will not be on the Civil War panel on Sunday at 2:00 PM.

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

Geary Gravel's reading, which had been rescheduled from 1:30 PM on Sunday to 1:00 PM on Sunday, is being replaced by a reading by Ann Tenser Zeddies (aka Toni Anzetti).

Boskone 37 Gripe Session and Boskone 38 Suggestion Session: 3:00 PM Sunday afternoon in Wexford.

## **Sunday Night Event**

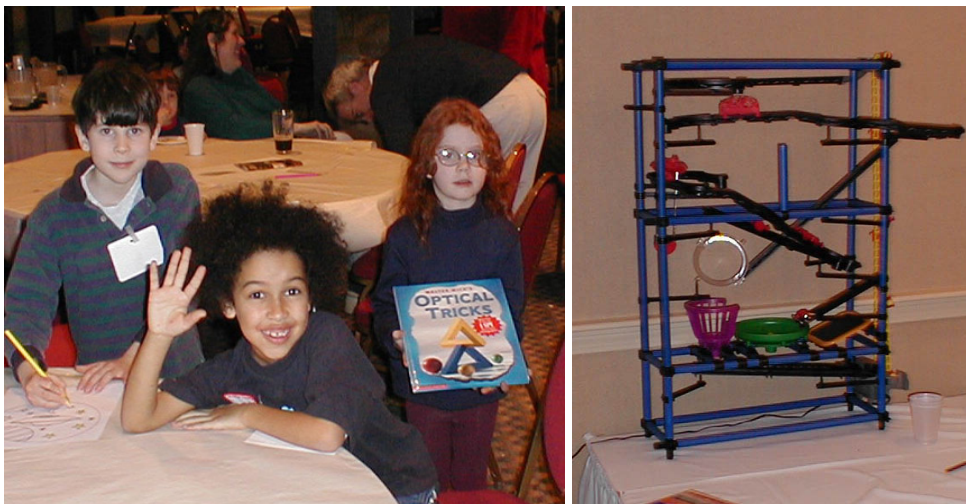
The Dead Dog Dinner is at Chef Orient at 7:00 PM on Sunday night. If you'd like to attend, please sign up in Service (Executive Board Room) by 1:00 PM on Sunday. We will meet in the hotel lobby at 6:45 PM to car pool over.

## **Magic Workshop**

The Magic Workshop extends its thanks to Your Move Games in Somerville for providing some of the cards used in the workshop.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Boskone is run completely by volunteers. If you have an hour to spare, please stop by the Information Table (next to Registration).



(photos by Laurie Mann)

## Scanning Fannish History

Joe Siclari and his trusty scanner will be at the Information Table during the weekend, scanning in photos for the Fan History Project. You can see hundreds of fannish photos from the last 60 years at <http://www.fanac.org>. If you have fannish photos, bring them by so Joe can scan them in.

## “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.”)

Suggestions:

Collect signatures petitioning the Framingham Town Council for a gravity easement.

Walk through them, look confused, repeat, muttering, “I don’t understand, the Gate was just open...”

Stand between them, handing out earthquake/tornado safety pamphlets. Refuse to leave. Ask people to bring you food.

They are really “building pins” to keep the hotel from flying off into space.

Matt Ryan

## Virtual Devniad

“The Art Show finally got us together” --- Marianne Plumridge Eggleton about husband Bob.

“If it wasn’t for delusions of grandeur, I’d have no grandeur at all!” --- Joe Rico.

## Corrections to Helmuth 2

In preparing the second issue, I had to typoed Martin Hoare's name. I apologize to Martin.

The date on the front page is wrong, though the date on the second page is correct.

## All Knowledge Is Contained In Fandom

A fan who teaches ESL is looking for a poem that featured many different pronunciations of English vowels/words (e.g. though, thought). It appeared in a con publication (such as a program book or progress report) for either a Massachusetts convention or Worldcon in the early to mid-90's. The first person to locate this poem and give a copy to Glen Cook in the Dealer's Room will win a \$7.00 discount off the purchase of books at his table.

## NESFA Sales Table News

It's not too early to buy a membership for Boskone 38, available now for \$34. The con will be over Presidents' Day Weekend, 2001 here at the Sheraton Framingham, and our guests will be George R. R. Martin, Charles Vess, Jack Cohen and Juanita Coulson.

*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 Filker Jordin Kare's just-out CD, *Parody Violations*, and a few copies of his earlier *Fire In The Sky* as well.

## Helmuth Information

Last *Helmuth*: Sunday 10AM

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