

WORLDS OF CORFLU

...being the Official Pronouncement of

CORFLU IV

THE CONVENTION FOR FANZINE FANS

...to be held in the Cincinnati Area

APRIL 3 - 5, 1987

[I returned from Corflu 3 to find, in my mail, a listing of dates for Corflu IV ... a convention I'd only been "awarded" the previous day. At that point in time the only thing I knew for certain was that -- after having had to slide to Cincinnati's airport to get to Corflu 3...mine wouldn't be in February! Given that, and after some effort to avoid conflict with other Spring cons -- the above dates are C*O*R*R*B*C*T.]

Hi, I'm Bill Bowers, and -- after exerting remarkably little effort -- I seem to have a convention to put on early next year. So why am I doing it? Several reasons:

To have fun.

To draw fanzine fans who wouldn't normally come to a 'midwestern' convention (and to entice Robert Lichtman into attending his first con outside California...).

Because I'm egotistical: I think I can "publish" a better "live" fanzine.

...and simply because I've enjoyed the Corflus I've attended ... as well as the original convention for fanzine fans, Autoclave.

CORFLU IV's Special Guests: The Autoclave One Committee--
LEAH ZELDES SMITH § GARY MATTINGLY § JOE WESSON

They don't have to do anything [except show up!], and they'll get little concrete out of this 'honor'; it's just my way of saying Thanks! ... for one of my 4 or 5 favorite cons of the past 24 years....

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...Traditions: I think I did a rap on the subject once. Even over its short history, Corflu has developed certain givens. Some I will retain; some I will dispense with.

One that stays is having your membership cover the Sunday afternoon buffet/banquet. This does, I know, substantially increase the membership fee. But the idea of having virtually the entire convention gathered together in one place has been one of the more enjoyable aspects of Corflu. To me. This is where the Toastmaster & GoH do their thing ... and where the site selection for the 1988 Corflu will be made.

[Corflu IV's edition will be a two-selection buffet, one being a vegetarian entree. Omnivores might let me know their preference in ~~fish~~ meat before I choose the second entree early in 1987...]

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Maintaining the Tradition of having Someone Different Alternating with Terry Carr

TOASTMASTER:

TARAL

It is no great secret that Taral and I have had, and have, certain philosophical differences over aspects of fanac. But there is no doubt in my mind that, for more than a decade--with his art, his fanzines, and his writing--he has been an active and a contributing practitioner of what this con purports to be about...and has too rarely been acknowledged for his contributions. [And I thot so before the Letraset Rotplers...!] [Besides, he has promised not to try & outdress me...but I'll bring the caftan-of-many-colors along anyways!]

One Tradition that I personally believe has outlived its original purpose is "drawing from a hat" the Corflu Guest of Honor. It is my present intent to pre-select a GoH...applying the same basic criteria I used in choosing a Toastmaster. § I'm working on it...Stay Tuned to the newszines...or the Next Issue of this...

ATTENDING MEMBERS

[a/o 8/15/86]

- 1 ...GoH...
- 2 Taral
- 3 Leah Zeldes Smith
- 4 Gary Mattingly
- 5 Joe Wesson
- 6 Bill Bowers
- 7 Naomi Cowan
- 8 Bill Cavin
- 9 Dave Locke
- 10 Larry Tucker
- 11 Art Widner
- 12 Joan Hanke Woods
- 13 Ted White
- 14 Jack Heneghan
- 15 Ken Josenhans
- 16 Sarah Prince
- 17 Fred Haskell
- 18 George Flynn
- 19 Pat Mueller
- 20 Dennis Virzi
- 21 Bob Webber

The Corflu IV Committee:

BILL BOWERS
 NAOMI COWAN
 BILL CAVIN

 [Initial Thanks to: rich brown, for encouragement...and a Mailing List! And to Dave Locke--for finding the hotel...and for arranging the contract.]

THE HOTEL

After the last Corflu, I had two priorities: In addition to the fancy revolving restaurant up top, there is a 24-hour coffee shop on the hotel grounds. And the hotel has its own free shuttle from Greater Cincinnati Airport...12 minutes away. [The hotel also provides Guests with free limos to Downtown Cincinnati.]

QUALITY INN RIVERVIEW

[across the Ohio River from Cincinnati]

666 Fifth Street § Covington § KY 41011 § [606] 491-1200

Hotel Rates

\$44.00, Single § \$52.00, Double § \$57.00, Triple § \$62.00 Quad

[applicable tax: 8.15%]

The rates are good for Thurs. Arrivals...and for Stayovers. It's not a Holiday --but given the Shortest Weekend, the Con Suite will be Open Sunday night...

Generalities: The Quality Inn is an 18-story circular hotel on the Ohio River. We have blocked 3 16-room floors. From the Consuite, from the Mimeo Room, and from 40% of the rooms, you get to view Cincinnati ...WKRK-style. Located a block off I-75, there is a pool, a bar, and the revolving restaurant. And you will not be disturbed by the hotel maids before noon. [Mention "Corflu" if calling-in reservations. please.]

When sending in your membership, in addition to specifying your preference for the buffet meat entree, you might list what YOU would LIKE to see in the way of Drinkables in the Consuite. None of this will dictate, but it will be considered... [3 x 5 cards are N*I*C*E...for preferences, membership info, whatever...]

OUTWORLDS: Live...and on tape...and on...

Apart from the Banquet...the only scheduled "programming" will be [in the Tradition of Span Inq & Corflu 3] a Saturday-afternoon "Live" Fanzine. Never having been one to simplify...in addition there will be post-con [by Midwestcon] Video, Audio-cassette...and Printed Editions. Priority will be given to OW-regulars... but if you're coming and would like to Contribute, let me know. Brevity is desirable: in Query and in Presentation [This serves as the Obligatory Glicksohnian reference]. Input...Need Input. R.V.S.P.

Remember...the ONLY way to 'Collect' all Four Editions...is to Be There!

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 An Editorial Word About 'That': If your coming to Corflu IV is in doubt because someone else is/isn't... might/might not be coming, please note two things: 1) This is your problem (and I don't want to hear about it); and Second...We're talking 1987, for Chrissakes! God forbid Fandom 'Growing Up', but Enuf is Enuf...
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UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1986, MEMBERSHIPS ARE: ATTENDING--\$25.25 § SUPPORTING--\$5.25

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