



THE LITTLE HOUSE ON THE BORDERLAND

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El Paso may be the last place you thought of attending Corflu--but what more fannish way to spend Cinco de Mayo weekend? Rest assured of finding all the usual trappings of Corflu --Saturday programming, a Sunday banquet, an auction for the benefit of your favorite fannish charity--but we intend to keep Corflu first and foremost a weekend for those of like mind to congregate, socialize and share a common interest in zinedom.

The Place. El Paso is a sleepy little town of half a million or so, located across the fabled but shallow Rio Grande from Ciudad Juarez, the second largest city in Mexico, bordering as well the buzzing aerospace centers of New Mexico. Thus, you may find it presents a tantalizing blend of cultures and cuisines. (Old World, New World and Third World go hand in hand here...) The area also has a rich and varied history; visitors can walk in the steps of five centuries of European evangelists, where Tom Mix ran guns for Pancho Villa, where Pat Garrett patrolled with the Customs Service and John Wesley Hardin ended his days as a private investigator of dubious integrity, where Art Rapp served his hitch in the Army... West Texas is a desert, but the spring weather is generally mild--plenty of sun, the odd rare rainfall; if demand warrants, we may be able to scare up a dust storm.

The Place (Detail). Our venue will be the Embassy Suites, located on Interstate 10 about ten minutes from the airport by the hotel's courtesy shuttle van or limo. We have three restaurants on the same block--a Bombay Bicycle Club on one extreme, a Denny's and Kettle on the other. There's also a shopping mall and more restaurants across the highway--as well as a Safeway, which you may consider handy once you discover the kitchen in your two-room suite. Room rates will be \$69 American for a single, and \$10 for each additional occupant. For the comfort of our British visitors the function rooms are adjacent to the hotel bar--in addition to which, complimentary cocktails are served for two hours nightly in the lobby. To fortify yourself stock up on the breakfast buffet, included in your room rate. Most important, of course, is the con suite--four rooms and a patio, ideal for schmoozing and smoffing.

Corflu Ocho--the *fiesta* resistance