

# ditto 14

## FanHistoriCon 11

October 12-14, 2001  
Bloomington, Illinois

PRE-1950 FAN HISTORICA?  
TWENTY DOLLARS AN  
ARTICLE. LATER  
STUFF'S CHEAPER,  
OF COURSE.



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Fanzines and fan history? Of course.

The 14th edition of ditto, the friendly fanzine fans' convention, will be held in October 2001 at the Tucker Hotel in Bloomington, Ill. This year, ditto will be combined with FanHistoriCon for a weekend of festivities fêting fine fannish traditions.

We invite you to join us for discussions of fanzines, fannish history, fandom in general and the best ways to preserve them. Bring us your best zines, your tall tales, your favorite fanecdotes. Bring us your questions about fandom's past and your concerns about its future.

Do good. Avoid evil. Pub your ish.



**Who?** Your hosts — Dick Smith, Leah Zeldes Smith, Wilson "Bob" Tucker, Fern Tucker, Henry Welch and Letha Welch.  
Attending members (so far) — Bill Bowers, Carolyn Doyle, Teddy Harvia, Valli Hoski, Cris Kaden, Neil Kaden, Mary Kay Kare, Hope Leibowitz, Mark Olson, Priscilla Olson, Dave Rowe, Diana Thayer, Pat Virzi ... and you, we hope. (Supporting member — Bobb Waller.)

**What?** A weekend celebrating science-fiction fandom, fanzines and fanhistory.

**ditto** is a relaxed, friendly convention for fanzine fans, friends of fanzine fans, and people who might like to be friends of fanzine fans.

With the addition of **FanHistoricon**, which focuses on the history of fandom and the preservation of its artifacts, it will become a little more formal, program-wise, but remain just as friendly.

Anybody who likes to hang out and chat about fandom will enjoy it. (However, if your idea of a good convention requires an art show, a hucksters' room, a film program, a masquerade, a video room, an Internet lounge, dances, a science track, lots of big-name pros, tai chi lessons, weaponry or bondage, this probably isn't your sort of con.)

**When?** Oct. 12-14, 2001.

**Where?** Jumer's Chateau, 1601 Jumer Drive, Bloomington, IL 61702-0902,  
[www.jumers.com](http://www.jumers.com), +1 (309) 662-2020.

The Bloomington-Normal area is best known as the home of that fannish sage, Hoy Ping Pong, but it also has many other fine features, including Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, the Illinois Route 66 Museum/Hall of Fame, the Prairie Aviation Museum, the Miller Park Zoo (Central Illinois' only zoo featuring Sumatran tigers) and the world headquarters of Beer Nuts Inc. (with outlet store and video tour!).

Bloomington is located midway between Chicago and St. Louis, at the junction of Interstates 55, 74 and 39, and Routes 9 and 150. It is accessible by air on American Eagle, Transworld Express, Frontier Airlines, AirTran Airways and Northwest AirlinK, as well as by Amtrak.

Jumer's is a lovely hotel located across the street from a shopping mall and within walking distance of many restaurants. It features an indoor pool and sauna, free parking and free shuttle service from the Bloomington-Normal airport and train station.

Rooms are \$79 if reserved by Sept. 20, 2001; rack rates will apply to rooms booked after that date. If you aren't sure whether or not you'll be able to attend, we advise booking a room just in case. (Please note that while the con suite will be smoke-free, it is on a smoking floor — so if you book a nonsmoking room, you will not be blocked with other con members. The hotel says its smoking rooms aren't too stinky.)

**How much?** Attending memberships are \$40 through May 31, 2001. A half-price rate applies to fans who can document fanac in 1951 or earlier. Supporting memberships are \$20, and include convention publications.

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