



**PROGRESS
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EASTERCOON '72**

SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION--EASTER 1972

MARCH 31st - April 3rd

THE SAVOY PLAZA HOTEL
122 Spencer Street, Melbourne

There are 150 sleeping rooms in the Savoy Plaza Hotel, but not all of them will be available to convention members.

The Committee has, however, made an initial reservation of 9 rooms near the Committee Suite. If you want one of these rooms, BOOK EARLY. Latecomers will have to take rooms at some distance from the concentration of members near the Committee Suite. (A deposit of \$10 will secure a firm booking: see later pages for details of payment.)

The convention runs from Friday, March 31, to Easter Monday, April 3, and this involves three nights in the hotel for those living in. For them the following information will be useful.

ROOM RATES

Single room \$9 a day
(not available in reserved section)

Double room \$13 a day
(i.e. \$6.50 per person)

Triple room \$18 a day)
(i.e. \$6. per person)

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY MARCH 31

REGISTRATIONS AND WELCOME from 10.00am
FORMAL OPENING AND ACTIVITIES 2.00pm to 5.30 pm
SERIAL & FILMS 7.30 pm to 10.00pm
MASQUERADE PARTY 10.00pm onwards

SATURDAY APRIL 1

JOHN FOYSTER: 'THE PULPS'
UFO PANEL, AUCTION 2.00pm to 6.00pm
BANQUET 7.30pm to 8.30pm
(Only ticket-holders will be admitted to the
Banquet in the Spencer Room during this time)
AWARDS, SPEECHES, PAUL STEVENS SHOW 8.45pm to 10.00pm
SERIAL, FILMS from 10.00pm

SUNDAY APRIL 2

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS to 12.00
PANELS (AUSTRALIA IN '75, DOWN UNDER FAN FUND,
COMICS, ETC.) 2.00pm to 5.30pm
SF PUBLISHING 7.30pm to 8.15pm
SPECIAL PREVIEW FILM and late night movies
from 8.30pm

MONDAY APRIL 3

OPEN PANEL (Aunt Sally) 2.00pm to 2.45pm
SCIENCE FICTION FANZINE FACTORY or How to produce
a fanzine with very little practice and absolutely
no talent 3.00pm onwards
INFORMAL TALKS to 6.00pm CLOSE

BANQUET DETAILS

On Saturday evening tables will be set up in the *Spencer Room* for the Presentation Banquet. Attendance at this function is not included in the basic Convention Fee. If you wish to attend the Banquet you must book not later than March 20: Orders for Banquet tickets after that date may have to be refused, and there will be no Banquet Tickets sold at the Convention itself. Not under any circumstances.

Choice of Menu must be made when ordering your Banquet Ticket.

Menu 1

Roast Sirloin of Beef

Horseradish Sauce

Baked potatoes and fresh garden vegetables in season

Cassata

Coffee

Menu 2

Half Roast Spring Chicken Monte Carlo
served with Ham, Asparagus and Gardenfresh
vegetables

American Apple Pie & Cream

Coffee

Vegetarian meals* are available for those who require them. Liquor is not included in the Banquet cost of \$3, but a cash bar will be set up in the Banquet Room for Ale and Spirit fans.

CONVENTION FEE

The Convention Fee is a flat charge of \$6 per person, payable before the 15th of March. Members joining after that date, or at the door, may have to pay a higher Convention Fee if the Committee finds that there are some costs we have not budgeted for.

The amount of \$6 for four days of entertainment over Easter in such good surroundings is remarkably cheap. Those people who assist the Committee by paying early will be assured of their membership at this low price.

Non-attending memberships may be had for \$2.

N.B. The Committee has limited the number of attending memberships to 150, and if this number is reached before the Convention, you may miss out.

FILMS

Apart from the serial and the preview, films will include *ASTERIX AND CLEOPATRA*, *FUTTOCKS END*, *NAVY VS NIGHT MONSTERS* (based on Murray Leinster's *Monster From World's End*). It is also hoped to have *YELLOW SUBMARINE*, *DRACULA* and several TV episodes of current series.

* But what about us cannibals????????????????????

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Several changes will be made to the traditional structure of programming for science fiction conventions. For instance there will be late-night movies, on both Saturday and Sunday nights, for those who can do without sleep.

On Friday night there will be an introductory masquerade party. Lee Harding will be auctioned off to the highest bidder and as an added attraction the serial *Flash Gordon's Trip To Mars* will be screened on the Friday and Saturday nights.

The Original 1915 Kaiser Wilhelm Victory Band will be in attendance also.

There will be a formal banquet on the Saturday night after which the MSFC will announce its Achievement Awards and the winner of the movie award will also be announced. Following this will be the ever popular *Paul Stevens Show*.

On Sunday night there will be a special film programme where attendees will see a special PREVIEW FILM by courtesy of ROADSHOW DISTRIBUTORS & VILLAGE DRIVE-INS.

Also as an added incentive to 'live-in' members the committee has arranged for a cash bar to be available for the purchase of liquor on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

CONVENTION & HOTEL DETAILS

Most of the Convention sessions will be held in the *Spencer Room* on the first floor of the hotel, but the Art Displays will be in the Committee Suite.

Food and drink will be available to paying guests 24 hours a day somewhere in the hotel.

There is a basement snack bar, a dining room on the second floor, ground floor bars and, best of all, a portable bar which will be opened just for us at night when films are being shown.



CONVENTION BOOKLET ADVERTISING

Copy-ready advertising rates for the Convention Booklet are

PROFESSIONAL \$10 per page or
 \$5.50 per half-page

FAN \$6 per page or
 \$3.50 per half-page

WHERE & WHEN TO SEND IT!

Address all correspondence to
SPACE AGE BOOKS

317 Swanston Street, Melbourne, V3000 TEL; 663 1777

Instructions for particular matters

Membership: \$6 due by March 15 (attention Bill Wright)

Banquet: \$3 due by March 20 (attention Bill Wright)

Advertising: due March 10 (attention Lee Harding)

Hotel Accomodation (attention Bill Wright)

Please make all cheques etc. payable to

MELBOURNE SCIENCE FICTION CLUB

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