

L U N A C O N '81

Progress Report
March 20-22, 1981

Writer Guest of Honor
JAMES WHITE

Artist Guest of Honor
JACK GAUGHAN



Sponsored by The New York Science Fiction Society - The Lunarians, Inc.

LUNACON '81 is our twenty-fourth annual convention, making us one of the longest-running series of regional science fiction conventions in the world. Join with us as we continue to bring you the popular features of the past few years and add new ones that will become just as popular in the near future.

WRITER GUEST OF HONOR

James White's first professional sale was to the British SF magazine *NEW WORLDS* in 1953. Since that time, he has had more than 60 pieces of various lengths, including 11 novels and five short story collections, published in Europe, North and South America, and in Japan. Among his best-known and -loved stories are those concerning the patients and personnel of *SECTOR GENERAL*, his hospital space station.

White has been a regular attendee at conventions since 1951, but this is his first U.S. con. He was born in 1928 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and still resides there with his wife, Peggy, and their three children. In his mundane life, he is publicity officer with a local aircraft company, where he has worked for the past fifteen years.

ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR

Jack Gaughan has had a long and varied career in SF art. He has done many book covers, cover and interior art for many SF magazines, and has been art editor on *Galaxy* (1969-1972) and *Cosmos Science Fiction and Fantasy* (1977).

In 1967, Gaughan became the only illustrator to win Hugos as Best Fan Artist and Best Professional Artist in the same year. He went on to win the Hugo in the Professional category again in 1968 and 1969.

PROGRAMMING

We are busily planning our program which will be wide and varied in its scope. We are sure everyone will find some items to please at least one aspect of their varied interests.

Our Meet the Professionals/Autograph Party will be held on Friday night. Come join the fun and get into the convention spirit. This is your chance to meet your favorite authors and get those autographs you always seem to miss.

We plan to augment our fan programming this year since both our GoHs are trufen at heart.

The following professionals have agreed to participate on panels:

Isaac Asimov	Donald Kingsbury
Lin Carter	Jay Kay Klein
Hal Clement	Craig Miller
Vincent DiFate	Janet Morris
Thomas Disch	F. Paul Wilson
Phil Foglio	Wallace Wood
Ron Goulart	

Craig Miller, of Con Artists, will present a slide show about the

forthcoming feature, SUPERMAN II.

FILMS

In addition to our other quality films, we are pleased to be able to present "The Lathe of Heaven", which was produced by WNET in New York. Ineligible for the 1980 Hugo awards, the film still garnered enough votes to qualify it as a nominee in the best film category.

PARTIES

Since we like parties as much as you do, we want to ensure that everyone will have a good time. If you are planning to throw a party at LUNACON, please see Teresa Minambres at the convention, and she will see to it that ice is delivered to your room, courtesy of the hotel. Please see her early to ensure timely delivery.

There will be a party in the Con Suite every night as well. Everyone is welcome.

REGISTRATION

Rates for membership are:

\$11.00 through February 28, 1981
\$14.00 at the door

To register for LUNACON '81, please fill out the registration card located between pages 2 and 3 and mail it with your payment to:

LUNACON '81
ATTN: Walter R. Cole
P. O. Box 204
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Please make all checks payable to "LUNACON".

Remember, LUNACON '81 will not be mailing membership cards in advance. A receipt will be mailed upon request if accompanied by a SASE. All membership cards must be picked up at the door. We cannot honor requests for refund of registration fees. Advance memberships can be transferred to another person upon receipt of a written request from the current holder of the membership.

Group discount rates are available for clubs or groups comprised of at least 20 or more. For more information, send a SASE to the above address.

WARGAMING ROOM

If you follow any form of media, you are aware that the interest in wargaming is increasing tremendously each year.

As one of the first conventions to allocate space for wargames, we are going to continue to provide a room for your use in playing wargames of all kinds. In addition, there will be various related panels and discussions throughout the weekend as well as a tournament.

In order to accomplish this, we need your help. If you are a professional willing to give a speech, a game manufacturer interested in exhibiting your product, or a player, Dungeon Master or Games Master interested in playing or running a particular game, contact:

William R. Morrison
225 Vandalia Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11229

BOOK AND WARGAME EXHIBIT

A feature of LUNACON that has been growing in popularity each year is our Book and Wargame Exhibit which contains copies of current books from many publishers and a varied sample of wargames from many of the top manufacturers. We are trying to get even greater participation from the companies in each field than we have had in the past. As usual, the books and wargames in the exhibit will be raffled off to LUNACON attendees.

DEALERS' ROOM

This year's Dealers' Room is sold out! However, we will accept names for a waiting list. If you are interested in getting on the waiting list and/or getting advance information on the 1982 Dealers' Room (and convention), please contact:

Elyse S. Rosenstein
P.O. Box 1019
Bellmore, NY 11710
ATTN: Lunacon Dealers' Room

(Please note the change of address; if you have already sent something to the old box (P.O. Box 116, Brooklyn), it will be received by Elyse.)

STAFF

LUNACON '81 can use your help! If you would like to be a member of the LUNACON '81 staff and get some first-hand experience in the background workings of a science fiction convention, or if you already have some experience from working on other conventions and would like to put that knowledge to good use, contact:

LUNACON '81
ATTN: Genny Dazzo
P.O. Box 204
Brooklyn, NY 11230

PROGRAM BOOK

The LUNACON '81 Program Book will be of the same fine quality as we have had in the past. It will feature articles on all of our honored guests, several other short articles and a cover by our Artist Guest of Honor, Jack Gaughan.

Advertising space is available at \$50.00 per page. For a complete rate schedule and mechanical specifications, write to:

Regina E. Gottesman
100 West 94 Street
New York, NY 10025
ATTN: LUNACON Advertising

Please note that the deadline for all advertising space reservations is February 1, 1981.

ART SHOW

An integral part of Lunacon is the art show. Each year the number of artists and, most important, the quality of their artwork has increased significantly. We would like you to participate in our show.

1. Entries must be original work by the artist on an SF, fantasy or fannish theme.
2. There is a limit of 8 pieces per artist.
3. There will be no sketch table.
4. Three-dimensional work is welcome.
5. There is a 50¢ fee per piece of displayed artwork.
6. The Lunacon art show will take a 15% commission on all sales.

Write to the art show director (address below) for complete rules and entry forms. Please enclose a large (#10 business size) SASE to:

Louise Sachter
531 East 4 Street
Brooklyn, NY 11218

Mailed art must reach Louise by Friday, March 13.

Space is limited, and there is no guarantee that any space will be available at the convention without prior notice.

THE HOTEL

LUNACON '81 will be held at the same hotel as last year, The Sheraton Heights, located on Terrace Avenue, just off Route 17 and Interstate 80, in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. The Sheraton Heights is 15 minutes from the George Washington

Bridge and is approximately 20 minutes from midtown Manhattan. It is easily accessible by car and is a short walk from the Hasbrouck Heights/Williams Avenue stop of the bus lines available from New York City. There will be shuttle service between the bus stop and the hotel.

The facilities include 400 sleeping rooms, a health club, heated swimming pool, an on-premises bank (open Saturdays) and expanded free parking. With ample convention space, The Sheraton Heights will provide everything for another comfortable and successful convention.

Room Rates:

Single	\$39.00/night
Double/Twin	\$44.00/night
Triple (Two Double Beds)	\$49.00/night
Quad (Two Double Beds)	\$54.00/night

The above rates do not include local tax. Guest rooms should be paid for at check-in time for the entire stay (standard hotel procedure). Cash, American Express, Diners Club, Carte Blanche, Visa or Master Charge are accepted. Please note: THE FIRST GUEST REGISTERING FOR A ROOM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE PAYMENT. Please make appropriate plans with those individuals with whom you will be sharing expenses.

Please use the hotel reservation card to reserve your room. If you prefer to phone in your reservation, we recommend that you call the hotel directly at (201) 288-6100 and that you do not use the Sheraton toll-free number. This will insure that the hotel receives your reservation and that you will be charged the proper convention rate. Remember to mention LUNACON if you do call in your reservation. Rooms are reserved only until 6:00 PM of the evening of the reservation unless payment for that night is guaranteed.

The Sheraton Heights has a standard check-in time of 3:00 PM, but your room might be available earlier. If it is not, please be patient. Check-out time is 1:00 PM with extended check-out at the discretion of the hotel. We advise you to contact the front desk if an extension will be needed.

HOW TO GET THERE

BY CAR:

From Manhattan: Take the George Washington Bridge and follow the signs to I-80 west. Use only the local lanes of I-80. Continue west on I-80 to Route 17 south/Polyfly Road (Exit 64B). Turn left onto Terrace Avenue and the hotel will be on your left.

From The Bronx and Points North: Take I-87 south (New York Thruway/Deegan Expressway) to I-95 west (Cross Bronx Expressway) to the George Washington Bridge. Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Staten Island: Take I-278 west (Staten Island Expressway) over the Goethals Bridge to the New Jersey Turnpike north (I-95), to I-80 west (use only the local lanes). Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Brooklyn and Queens: Take I-278 east (Brooklyn-Queens Expressway), crossing the Triborough Bridge, to I-87 north (Deegan Expressway), to I-95 west (Cross Bronx Expressway), to the George Washington Bridge. Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Northern Long Island: Take the Northern State Parkway west (which becomes the Grand Central Parkway at the city line), crossing the Triborough Bridge, to I-87 north (Deegan Expressway), to the George Washington Bridge. Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Southern Long Island: Take the Belt Parkway to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, to I-278 west (Staten Island Expressway), over the Goethals Bridge to the New Jersey Turnpike north (I-95), to I-80 west (use only the local lanes). Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From the Northeast: Take I-95 (Connecticut Turnpike/New England Thruway/Cross Bronx Expressway) to the George Washington Bridge. Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From the South: Take the New Jersey Turnpike to I-80 west (use only the local lanes). Then follow the directions under "From Manhattan".

From Northern New Jersey: Take the Garden State Parkway south to I-80 east (use only the local lanes), to Route 17 south, to Terrace Avenue. Turn left onto Terrace Avenue and the hotel will be a short distance on your right.

From Southern New Jersey: Take Route 17 north to I-80/Polifly Road. The hotel will be on your right.

From the West: Take I-80 east (use only the local lanes) to Route 17 south, to Terrace Avenue. Turn left onto Terrace Avenue and the hotel will be on your right.

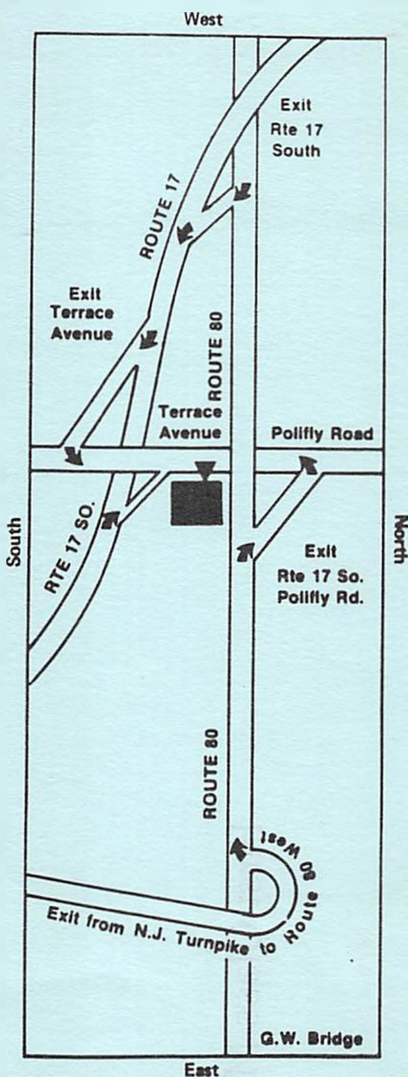
BY MASS TRANSIT FROM NEW YORK CITY:

Regularly scheduled buses are available from New York City, and there will be a shuttle service between the bus stop and the hotel.

For a copy of the bus and shuttle schedules, or if you need further driving information, write to:

Teresa Miñambres
218 West 22 Street
New York, NY 10011
ATTN: LUNACON Directions

Please enclose a SASE for your reply.



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