

NOVACONS WEST

2-4 Nov 1979-The Turf Inn, Albany, NY

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Toastmaster: Wilson 'Bob' Tucker



PLUS: Marion Zimmer Bradley
Jacqueline Lichtenberg
C. J. Cherryh
Fred Pohl
and many more

ART SHOW
ALL NIGHT RESTAURANT! (?)
BANQUET
BLOOD DRIVE
BRITISH BHEER
FANCY DRESS PARADE
FILMS
FREIHOFER CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
GAMES (& FUN)
HUCKSTER'S ROOM
PARTIES
PROGRAMME (Real Ghod Stuff)
~~SKINNY DIPPING~~ SWIMMING
SMOOOTHING
THRASH! (?)
THURSDAY NITE LIVE at the ONE TUN
VIDEO TAPES
WRITER'S WORKSHOP
and the list goes on

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THE WOMBAT SPEAKETH

Welcome to NOVACON 9 (WEST) the first British SF Con this side of the Atlantic since prior to 1776. As one is wont to say in these things, matters are proceeding apace. *NSW* is shaping up into a con that is larger than first envisioned (and so is the budget). However, it is my hope that being a bit bigger won't detract from the con.

ART SHOW

The Art Show in the Northeast for the Fall and Winter of 1979-1980 is coming along. The initial mailing of invitations to participate in the Art Show has been accomplished. If you or a friend were not on the initial mailing list, please contact JIM HUDSON, 33 UNTY AVE, BELMONT, MA 02178, USA., 617-489-2142. He will be most happy to send you full details. (I can make the opening remark, since there won't be a BOSKONE in 1980, the year of NOREASON II. However, there will be a BOSKLONE, which won't have an art show and won't be in the Boston-Sheraton. BOSKLONE will be sort of a relaxacon. At least this is my understanding.)

BABYSITTING

I have spoken to the hotel on this. They will try and arrange babysitting service for you. I urge you to write to them directly and well in advance. I don't know how much they can do if you come in and request one. They will need time to obtain said babysitter. I also have no idea of the charge.

BANQUET

The banquet fare will be Beef a la Stroganoff and will cost \$7.50 thru 15 OCT 79 after which time it will cost \$10.50. If you need a special meal, please write or call soonest. The banquet will be a sit-down affair, not a buffet.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive will take place on 3 NOV 79 at the back of the hotel atrium. All donors will receive a sexy bumpersticker. If you donate prior to the con, but after 10 SEP 79, bring along proof so you can also get the bumpersticker.

CON SUITE

The con suite will remain open for the duration of the con, except for when the hotel staff will be in to straighten up a bit. There will be British and Irish Bheer, Pepsi and miniture bagels available.

FANCY DRESS PARADE

The Fancy Dress Parade will be held Saturday night, following the Banquet in the atrium in a semi-informal manner. However, there will be a judges' stand. We hope everyone will come in costume. Everyone will have the opportunity to make an entrance and present their costumes to the assembled throng, whether or not they are in competition. Because all participants will be free to move about among the group, we request that there be no dangerous accoutrements, such as unsheathed blades. If you have any questions or special requirements, write PAT and PEGGY KENNEDY, 7 N. LYONS AVE, MENANDS, NY 12204, USA. The further in advance we know, the better.

FILMS

The present idea for a film program is about halfway between that which you'd find at an American con and that of a British con. My estimate is that we'll have between 8 and 12 hours of films, thus leaving some time for repeats, if demand warrants it. Some of the films expected: BEDAZZLED, SON OF KONG, HARDWARE WARS, ANIMAL FARM, DRACULA (1922), A HARD DAY'S NIGHT, CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER, THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH, TROUBLE WITH TRIBBLES, ... THERE should be a few more, but this is a start. (Film makers out there, see PROGRAM.)

GAMES

Space is being set aside for games.

HOTEL

Book early and often. No FREIHOFER'S CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES after 8 SEP 79! If you don't have a booking form (never got one, lost it, etc.), drop the con a note and you'll get one by return mail. SUITES are still available and cost \$60.00 per night.

HUCKSTERS' ROOM

There is still tables left. All interested parties should write or call the con soonest.

NOVACON (THE REAL)

On 2, 3 and 4 NOV 79 at the Royal Angus Hotel in Birmingham, UK the Real NOVACON 9 will take place. If you are a bit confused, don't be. A couple of years ago I jokingly asked for information on how to submit a proper bid for a NOVACON. It turns out that NOVACON can ONLY be held in the Midlands according to its charter. So I thought, if I can't get to a real British Con in 1979, (SEACON, well, it is SEACON. It isn't a true British con, tho it will be fun.) I'll organize one myself. I hid myself over to SKYCON in 78 and chatted with the several members of the BRUM Group, who run NOVACONS. They agreed to allow me to use the NOVACON name and put on a "British Con" here in the States. My PGHM is Birmingham's own Jack Cohen. We are two entirely separate cons, tho joined in spirit. How joined is yet to be shown. The two cons hope to arrange for some type of linkup between the two cons.

COMS are in a more relaxed style than Eastercons and *NSW* shall try to mirror this in the programme and general ambience of the con.

ONE TUN

It is traditional in British Fanzos to gather at the One Tun on the 1st Thursday of the month as well as the Thursday prior to a con. Well, 1 NOV 79 is just such an evening. Thus, the con suite, re-named the ONE TUN for the occasion, will be open that evening. There will be bheer, bagel and pop. Also darts, preliminaries for the Murdling contest, putting together the Art Show Hanging, Smooooo-thing, inducting nees into the Bug Club, etc. Come and join us.

AMIS

PARLER VOUS LE FRANÇAIS ?

Si vous pouvez parler le français, en plus de le lire, *NSW* a besoin de votre aide. Envoyez un mot à Norbert Spenner, 1085 rue Saint Jean, Longueuil, P.Q., Canada, J4M 2Z3, en français bien sûr, l'informant que vous serez présent à *NSW*. Je voudrais accuser les fans québécois de langue française qui ils seront en mesure de parler avec de nombreux amateurs lors de la Convention Je sais par expérience personnelle, pour avoir assisté à des Conventions en Europe, combien il est agréable de rencontrer des fans multilingues avec lesquels il est possible de s'entretenir, ne serait-ce qu'un peu, dans sa propre langue.

Aidez-nous à convaincre les fans francophones qu'ils sont les bienvenus et qu'ils se sentiront à l'aise chez nous. Je vous ferais remarquer que Norbert publie le superbe fanzine REQUIEM. Il s'occupe aussi activement de l'organisation du premier Congrès québécois de la science-fiction et du fantastique qui se tiendra à Chicoutimi du 13 au 15 juillet 1979. Il sera aussi le Fan Guest of Honor à Maplecon, du 26 au 28 octobre, à Ottawa.

Tiny flags will be available to stick on your badge to indicate in which languages other than English you can hold a conversation.

PROGRAMME

MOVACON'S tend to be a rather unhurried type of con. I shall try and stay near that idea. Some of the film program will be part and parcel of the regular programme, as is done in the UK. There will also be a small film room for the secondary film program. SOME of the items shaping up for the main programme are: The two GOH speeches, a panel on energy, THE CAPTURE, panel of a fancish nature, postcard story writing contest, panel on feminine fandoms, and a couple of more items. I plan to use time block of 90 minutes and if an item finishes early, there is always the bar, hucksters' room, art show, pool, etc. If sufficient amateur film makers make their interest known, N9W will work out either a programme spot or room in which to show them. There will also be some do-it-yourself programming. Bulletin Board Space will be available for the listing of persons interested in getting together and discussing a particular topic. I've already been told of a FRIENDS OF DARKOVER discussion group. Remember, lots of ground floor rooms open onto the atrium and could be used for this; request a ground floor room opening onto the atrium.

PROGRAMME BOOK

The Programme Book will be 1/2" x 8 1/2" and printed offset. Copy must be camera-ready.

	Fan Rate	Pro Rate
Full Page	\$15.00	\$50.00
Half Page	\$ 7.50	\$25.00

Payment must accompany fan ads. Professional advertisers, please write for details. Deadline for ads is 28 SEP 79.

REGISTRATION

Registration is currently \$10.00 going to \$15.00 after 15 OCT 79 and at the door. Preregistered will pick up their materials upstairs (follow the signs) on the first floor. New members will register on the ground floor as they come into the hotel. UK and Eire citizens as well as Active members of SPMA or equivalent pay no registration fee. Non North American fan can register for \$5.00.

Proof of status required in all cases. N9W will provide a separate registration table for the special registrants.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Will YOU be here Thursday nite, 1 NOV? If you will be, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. First, I'll need to know how much to get for con suite, Second, if you'll help with the last minute preparations, it will be a big help and greatly appreciated. The big item is putting together the Art Show hangings, I think.

THRASH

Well, that's what they are calling it at SEACON. If possible, and this is where YOU must help, we'd like to have one too. Anyone out there have tape deck and speakers (who I do believe we can hook into the Atrium's PA system) which they'd bring to provide a musical background to the Fancy Dress Parade and for dancing AFTER the Fancy Dress Parade. There will be some pecuniary reward, Write or call me on this, please.

VIDEO ROOM

N9W now has access to a half a dozen or so full length feature SF films. We will be showing them and if you wish to contribute a film, please write and let us know.

WOMBAT SQUAD

HEEEELL! N9W needs YOU!!! During the course of N9W some 50 to 75 fan are going to help make it a super con. If you are willing to donate a couple or three hours, please let us know. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Some of the areas where your help is needed: Registration, Art Show Hangings setup and teardown, security, bartending and pop ling at the con and pro suite, projectionists, techies, etc., etc., etc. STATION WAGON OR VAN NEEDED from Boston Area fan, on Thursday, 1 NOV 79 Jim Hudson will be bringing out the Art Show Hangings. I'd rather pay YOU than Avis. The hangings would go back late on Sunday, 4 NOV 79. If you are interested, check with Jim on logistical details and ME for reimbursement.

WRITING & SELLING SF

The Human Dimensions Center of RPI will sponsor a workshop on writing and selling SF, 31 OCT 79 to 5 NOV 79. Tuition is set at \$125.00. Deadline for workshop registration is 5 OCT 79. Workshop applicants should write PROF. CHARLES L. SAWFORD, THE HUMAN DIMENSIONS CENTER, RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TROY, NY 12181, USA. (518-270-6574/6468.) All applicants will have to submit a short story of not more than 5000 words. There will be six sessions on Research, Hard Science, Social Science, Language, Sales and Markets, and Self-criticism. The instructors are Marion Zimmer Bradley, Carolyn J. Cherryh, Jack Cohen, Fred Pohl, Bob Shaw, and Wilson Tucker.

THE WOMBAT CLOSETH

The next PR will include more specifics on the programme, directions to get here (also see hotel brochure), info on quickie registration, and other goodies. Until after Brighton-Cloa & teggeddizz!! May the Ghrent Wombat smile on YOU!

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Marla Baer, Operations
Barb Brown, Chief Factotum
Anne Golar, Head Vampire
Jim Hudson, Art Show
Pat & Peggy Kennedy, Fancy Dress Parade

Selma Lovett, Registration
Craig Mathieson, Films
Kathy Rouliffe, Con Suite
John Sicker, Computern

REGISTRATION FOR NOVACON 9 WEST

Abramowitz, Aljson	67	Connell, Tina	43	Granger, Alice	115	Lynch, Janet	303
Agassi, Aaron	251	Conner, Barbara (1)	34	Grider, Kathy	349	Lynch, Nickilyn	95
Allan, Jim (C)	99	Caser, Jacqueline	77	Hall, John	350	Lynch, Richard	94
Baer, Maria	12	David, Leslie	21	Hanna, John (C)	91	McHugh, Brendan (C)	334
Baker, Chuck	58	Davidson, Loren	227	Hanna, Michael (C)	93	Marko, Bill (C)	344
Barnett, Bruce	319	Dazzo, Genny	309	Hartwell, David	252	Mathieson, Craig	266
Barnett, Bruce	320	De Bettencourt, Al	126	Hedgecock, Andrea	83	May, Jeff	53
Baskin, Margaret (C)	281	De Jong, Peter	146	Hellinger, Stu	308	Meekys, Ed	49
Basner, Naomi	267	Dennis, Scott	317	Helms, Bettina	327	Meyers, Kathleen	306
Bateson, G.L. (C)	99	Dillipicci, Helmi	104	Hickie, Abbie	113	Meyer, Paul	305
Bateson, Sharon (C)	100	Dildine, Ginny	278	Heydemann, Becky	57	Millard, John (C)	48
Bathhurst, Randy	259	Dixon, Rick	329	Hickey, Bill (C)	286	Mifambres, Teresa	29
Bauer, Fred	106	Doddy, Kevin	30	Hitchcock, Chip	41	Miesy	353
Beim, Aviva	270	Douglas, John	253	Hlavaty, Arthur	249	Mortimer, Ellen	226
Belsky, Neil	228	Dow, Allen	258	Hollingshead, S. (C)	76	Morton, Keith	62
Bern, Betsy	284	Dow, Allen	299	Howard, Lee	328	Moslow, Michael	119
Bern, Naren	285	Drahan, Matt	258	Hudson, Jim	37	Naagel, Nan	47
Berlant, Joseph	323	Drake, Holly	297	Huff, Tanya (C)	342	Neilson, Peter	268
Bertrand, Louis (C)	257	Cye, Jennifer J.	256	Hughes, Don	66	Newrock, Bruce	292
Bessette, David	331	Eastlake, Don	22	Hull, Elizabeth	291	Newrock, Flo	293
Betterly, Margaret	105	Eastlake, Jill	24	Hurst, David (C)	74	Nicholson, Dalls	352
Blink (C)	26	Fall, Mary	272	Huzarewicz, Helen	255	Norton, Mark	354
Bink, Bruce	338	Feder, Moshe	244	Ippolito, Michael	102	Nowak, John	314
Bloom, Kent	267	Fein, Adrienne	248	Katze, Rick	302	O'Hearn, Brian	339
Bolton, Mitchell	261	Felipowicz, Katie	10	Kaufman, Gail	239	Olinjnyk, Martha (C)	46
Bradley, Marion Z.	5	Finder, Jan Howard	0	Keeffe, Charles	333	Olsen, Karl	81
Brainard, Doug	355	Fisher, Sharon L.	264	Kelfer, Margaret	341	Olsen, Lin	80
Brainard, Sue	356	Fisher, Wilma	243	Kennedy, Pat	15	Olsen, Rondinella	274
Brandt, Beverly	304	Flanahy	242	Kennedy, Peggy	16	O'Neill, Mary	84
Breidbart, Seth	64	Flynn, George	52	Kofmel, Kim (C)	97	Orendl, Pat (C)	25
Broughton, Barb	59	Fox, Mike	60	Korzus, Katherine	347	Paulay, Donald	236
Burley, Brian	84	Ficklin, Ellen	38	Legrand, Scott	324	Pechham, Dave	118
Brown, Barbara J.	55	Gagnow, Joanne (C)	75	Le Grand, Alan	325	Phillipsen, Paul	287
Buchanan, Glinjer	254	Galligan, Jan	288	Leibowitz, Hope	238	Pierson, Dan	337
Burns, Mary	273	Garb, Gordon	51	Levin, Josh	11	Pohl, Fred	8
Burnside, T.J.	107	Gelfand, Larry	262	Levin, Mark	263	Rabinovitch, S (C)	260
Bunt, Christine	9	Gerjucy, Judy	20	Lewis, Suford	40	Rachlin, Alan	240
Cajka, Paul	246	Glasser, Marc S.	227	Lewis, Tony	39	Radigan, Lee	233
Callahan, Chris	301	Glabrecht, Robert	117	Lichtenberg, J.	4	Reynolds, Jim	56
Campisi, David	265	Golar, Anne	14	Longyear, Regina	118	Riech, Mary J. (C)	92
Card III, Hadwin	351	Goldsmith, Jeff	111	Love, Spencer	269	Robinson, John	86
Chalker W, Eva	318	Gonzalez, Jack	321	Lovell, Bob	282	Roepke, Dick	300
Cherry, C. J.	7	Gonzalez, Jack	322	Lovett, Selina	332	Rothman, Chuck	90
Cohen, Jack	2	Goodman, Frank (C)	68	Luna Pub.	294	Rosenberg, Michele	32
Coleman, Richard	348	Graham, Claire	36	Luna Pub.	295	Rosenbach, Andrew	109
Connell, Byron	42	Grand, Mark	28	Luna Pub.	296	Routliffe, Kathy (C)	31
Ruin, Steve	245	Ward, Dalroy	307				
Sachter, Louise	63	Warman, Nick (C)	73				
Salomon, Doris	79	Warren, David (C)	27				
Salomon, Ronald	59	Webb, Flint	110				
Sanc, Benedict	34	Werner, Robert	33				
Santo, Susan	82	Whitehead, Michael	108				
Schofield, Barb (C)	235	Whitmore, Jackie	336				
Scrivner, Joyce	17	Whitmore, Stephen	335				
Shaw, Bob	1	Whyte, Andrew	290				
Sheridan, Bobby	231	Willis, Bob	103				
Sheridan, Linda	229	Wolkoff, Lew	291				
Sheridan, Linda	230	Wood, Jo Anne	35				
Sheridan, Thomas	232	Wood-Henke, Joan	276				
Shetron, Richard	116	Yalow, Ben	280				
Shiffman, Stu	237	Youtzy, Linda	98				
Sicker, John	330	Ziegler, Penny	19				
Sickler, Joe	330	Lamb, Anne	89				
Sigars, Dick	65	And Some Interested Parties:					
Sigel, Andrew	316	Barker, Jim (UK)					
Simmons, Bill	317	Burns, Bill (UK)					
Simmons, Don	315	Blackburn, M. (UK)					
Smith, Paula	98	Green, Steven (UK)					
Smith, Tim	13	Hardy, David (UK)					
Smith, Zierli	87	Harper, W. (UK)					
Sobolewski, Frank	250	Huff, Philippe (C)					
Spenner, Norbert (C)	277	James, Phil (C)					
Stahl, Jan	247	Jones, M. (C)					
Stephens, P. (C)	311	Jones, E. (UK)					
Striker, Chris	345	Karanagh, G. (UK)					
Sullivan, Park (C)	340	Karstiel, Nellie (ML)					
Tait, Frank (C)	71	Peyton, Roger (UK)					
Tait, Geri (C)	69	Radley, Charles (UK)					
Tait, Stu (C)	70	Sandercock, A. (UK)					
Tallmaide, Susan	55	Titley, Bot (UK)					
Taral (C)	335	Vejarhar, Alfred (A)					
Tesser, Steve	18	West, L. (UK)					
Thayer, Linda	289	Wilson, Paul (UK)					
Thokar, Greg	23						
Thompson, Don	283						
Tortorici, Mark	112						
Trudeau, M. (C)	96						
Tucker, Bob	3						
Tutthasi, R.	234						
Tyrrell, Marc (C)	72						
Valley, John	101						
Vayne, V. (C)	310						
Wallis, Mike (C)	44						
Walsh, Deborah	271						