

The Cactus Clipper

Sunday PM issue
Sept. 6, 1987

Sunday Night Parties

Hyatt 1214. Frefan party, 9pm.

Hyatt 853. The "Tellosian Imperial Embassy" party is a nice, low-key, open party with a fair selection of munchies and soda with some alcohol available. Con committee members have a tendency to retire there for a while to relax. Open generally around 1900 hours (7:00pm for those of you not on military time).

Hyatt 750. ArmadilloCon IX, Sercon 2 and Nolacon II party, from 10pm to whenever. Literary fans, smoffing and worldcon politics run rampant — but that doesn't mean these folks don't know how to have fun!

Hyatt 505. Costume Convergence, 9pm.

Hyatt 437-438. Alcor Cryonics, 8pm.

Hyatt 331. Discon III, 1992 worldcon bid party by poolside. 11pm to whenever.

Hyatt 322. Cleveland in '94 worldcon bid party (serving up "Flaming Cuyahogas"), 9pm.

Hyatt 313-314. Orlando in '92 worldcon bid party, 9pm.

Hyatt 311-312. San Francisco in '93 worldcon bid party, 8:30pm to 2:30am.

San Carlos 304. Gay Fans and Friends, 8pm to midnight.

Programming Updates — Sunday

- 10:00 pm *NEW ITEM*: Reading by Thomas R. McDonough (Curtis B, Hyatt).
- 11:00 pm *NEW ITEM*: Readings by New Writers of Science Fiction (Phoenix A, Hyatt). *M. Shayne Bell, Barbara Hume, J.A. Price and Martha Soukup.*
- 11:30 pm *Video Room Program Update*: Flash! Phil Foglio and his friends have cobbled together a couple of bizarre videos, "You Say...Yamato!" and "Dr. Who and the Hunger of the Croutons." Both will be shown at 11:30pm after "Glen or Glenda" in Regency Ballroom A (Hyatt). Maybe Phil will play some poker afterward.

Programming Changes — Monday

- 10:00 am Getting Ideas and Making Them Work. *add Dana Kraemer-Rolls, Maja Peters.*
Should Artists and Authors Talk About Projects? *add Gail Selinger.*
- 10:30 am Mystique and Stigma of Reading SF. *add Dave Doering, Bill Higgins.*
- 11:00 am Cheap Chic. *add C. Mami.*
- 11:30 am Does Space Settlement Compute? *add Henry Vanderbilt; drop Joan Horvath.*
NEW ITEM: Real Cool Computer Graphics (Prescott 8-10, Civic Plaza) with Gordon Garb. This replaces "Doctor Who Videos" on scheduled program.
- Noon Value of Writers' Workshops. *add Daniel A. Murphy; drop Sharon Baker and Kathy Tyers.*
- 1:00 pm Computers — Helpful? *add Bruce Bethke; drop David M. Harris.*
Fan Into Pro. *add Edward Luena, Ron Martin, Daniel A. Murphy, Arlin Robins and Martha Soukup; drop Kevin Standlee.*
- 1:30 pm How Much Does SF Teach? *drop Charles Ryan and Joe Patrouch.*

Tequila Times: As The Worm Turns

DUCK SOUP! Security has determined that neither the duck in the Hyatt spa last night, nor the toga-clad conspirators who actually PUT the duck in the spa, were members of CactusCon. This way, the con gets off with a clean bill.

SAY THE SECRET WORD... Some con-goers who witnessed the event say that the fowl in question really wasn't a duck, though; it was actually a scotch-guarded pigeon. George Fenneman was unavailable for comment.

GET THEM WHILE THEY'RE HOT! Don't forget, there's a great array of CactusCon memorabilia available here — foremost of which is the Tote Bag! Adorned with the same Kim Poor art that appears on the cover of the program book, it's ideal for carrying off all the other things you buy here at the con! And best of all, it's only \$5 (available at the Sales Table in the Civic Plaza lobby, near the information desk). T-shirts and Hal Clement books are also still available, though the supply of limited signed and numbered editions is, uh, limited.

FANZINE DISPLAY is now located in the Dealers Room, back right area. Drop by!

WRITERS OF THE FUTURE: In Brighton, Algis Budrys gave what he expected to be his annual announcement: "The Writers of The Future contest will be extended for another year past the September 30 deadline." Stop by the Bridge Publications booth in the Dealers Room for further details, and remember, you read it here first.

BIO YOUR LEAVE: Thomas McDonough is a lecturer in engineering at Caltech and also the coordinator of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence of the Planetary Society. (His license-plate frame reads, "I Brake For E.T.'s".) He has two non-fiction books in print, *The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence* and *Space: The Next 25 Years*. Both present scientific fact and speculation laced with jokes, anecdotes and

cartoons. His first novel, *The Architects of Hyperspace*, coming in December, has received advance praise from Charles Sheffield, David Brin, and Jonathan V. Post. McDonough's motto in life is, "Earth is a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there." He will be reading some of his "wackier short stories" this evening at 10pm.

More Friday Masquerade Winners: The winners of the Historical Costume presentation were inadvertently omitted from yesterday's edition. They are: *Best of Show*, "The Egyptians" by JoAnne Kirley and company; "Mannis and Aine O'Dell," Laurie Ochsner and James Szocik, made by Laurie and Patty Lacey; "Greensleeves", made and worn by Falcon (Pat Vermeire); "Helena D'Argentine", made and worn by Heather Jeffcott; "A 16th Century Gentleman," worn by Lord Thomas de Guy Bussard, made by Tom Buzzard and Heather Jeffcott; "High Plains Native American," Shona Jackson. (Again, we hope we haven't utterly mangled anyone's name, trying to read these handwritten notes...)

MASQUERADE VIDEOS WILL BE AVAILABLE ! At-Con Sales will be taking orders for the Masquerade Videos, in your choice of VHS or Beta format, for approximately \$20 per tape; PAL and SeCAM formats will also be available for an additional charge. A \$10 deposit will guarantee your tape; tapes will be shipped COD for balance due plus S&H. Tapes are being produced by Bob Hogge, c/o Champion Video, 1721 W. 10th Place, Tempe, AZ 85281, phone (602) 968-7852.

The Pulque Post

KUDOS To Jim Cryer, Film Department: Many thanks for arranging the preview of *The Princess Bride*. It's a wonderful movie. The packed house was cheering from the word "go." For anyone who missed it—get the book, read the book—then you'll just have to wait. CactusCon, 20th Century Fox, Rob Reiner and William Goldman, thank you all. —Chris Weber

PERSONAL: To "Don't Ask" — I *am* your one and only, please understand. With 50 cases of Wesson Oil, I'm bound to slip once and a while. Sorry you had to find out like this. *Randy Rye, Skulking outside the Ladies' Restroom.*

TO THE EDITORS: Shouldn't the name "CactusCon" have been trademarked, rather than copyrighted? That would have made more sense. By the way, I hope you don't decide to trademark all of the words and names misspelled in your publications. There wouldn't be enough money left over for the memory book. *signed, Anonymuos. {sic}*

PERSONAL: To the ladies of CactusCon: why the funny walk? What gives? —*Curious*

PERSONAL: It was really a scotch-guarded chicken. —RR.

PERSONAL: RR — I've heard of bronc-busting, but this is ridiculous. —*The Ladies of CactusCon.*

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