

And More to Come!

The Last Voyage? The Last Voyage? The Last? The Last? July 28 - 30, 2000

July 28 - 30, 2000 Executive West Hotel Louisville, Kentucky

We are now at the end of the road—or river, as the case may be. This is the very last RiverCon ever, and we are planning a joyous celebration to say goodbye to all the wonderful guests and members who have joined us throughout the past 25 memorable years. You see at the left all the past RiverCon guests who have so far agreed to be with us. Plus our very good friend Mike Resnick will be serving as the Toastmaster-Ringmaster to help us keep track of everything. We promise more fun than a three-ring circus, and we sincerely hope that you will be among the company.

RiverCon XXV memberships are \$25.00 until July 15, 2000 (\$35 afterwards and at the door). Children five and under are admitted free. Hotel rates are a low \$65 per night for single through quad occupancy; reservation cards will be sent to all advance members, or call the Executive West at 1(800)626-2708. Join us for a weekend of SF programming, huckster room, art show & auction, masquerade, gaming, videos, parties, fun—and a whole lot more. Don't miss this last gathering of one of the region's best conventions!

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Memberships & General Information

RiverCon XXV memberships are \$25.00 until July 15, 2000, and \$35.00 thereafter and at the door for everyone, including children over five years of age. Children five and under are not required to have memberships, but the babysitting service is limited to children who hold RiverCon memberships. Membership requests must include the full name of each person for whom payment is being sent. Alternate names may be added to badges, but we must have your real name for our records. Please send memberships to RiverCon, P.O. Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268-0009. RiverCon reserves the right to refuse memberships to, or revoke from, persons who engage in disorderly, disruptive, or unlawful behavior at the convention. We want to remind parents that they are responsible for their children's behavior at all times.

We encourage you to use RiverCon's e-mail address for any inquiries. Send e-mail to RiverConSF@aol.com, and Co-chairs Steve and Sue Francis will reply as quickly as possible. Various departments are also e-mail-accessible, and those addresses are noted below under specific departments. Take a look at our home page on the World Wide Web, too. It's at http://members.aol.com/rivercon. We regularly post the latest information there, including guest updates, program schedules, art show, gaming and masquerade information, plus links to other convention sites.

Hotel

We'll be back again at the Executive West Hotel. Located at I-65 and I-264, across the freeway from Louisville International Airport at Standiford Field, the hotel features plenty of meeting space, indoor/outdoor pool, free parking, and low room rates of \$65.00 per night for single through quad occupancy, with suites available at various prices. Reservations can be made by cards which will be sent to all pre-registered RiverCon members, or by calling (502)367-2251 (out of state call (800)626-2708). Be sure to mention RiverCon to get the convention rates. Please note that the hotel requires a non-refundable \$100 fee for any pets brought to the hotel, with the exception of animals belonging to disabled individuals who require them for assistance.

Babysitting

Babysitting by licensed professional child-care workers will be available during all major programs and many other events. (Exact hours will be announced later.) Children using the service must be RiverCon members. Please let us know when sending in your registration which hours you would be most likely to use the babysitting service and the ages of your children so that we can provide sufficient staffing. Children who intend to use the babysitting service should be pre-registered at least one week before RiverCon, so that an adequate number of sitters will be available. At-the-door members will be accommodated only on a space-available basis.

Advertising

Program book advertising is available at the rate of \$85.00 fan and \$125.00 pro for a full page, \$45 fan/\$75 pro for a half-page, and \$25 fan/\$45 pro for a quarter-page. The page size is 8-1/2" x 11", so proportion your ads accordingly, including the desired margins. More detailed information is available on request, or on our web page. Send camera-ready copy, accompanied by payment, to program book editor Bob Roehm, 1807 Edgeland Ave., Louisville, KY 40204. Bob's e-mail address is raroeh01@gwise.louisville.edu. For quick information, call him after 3:00 p.m. EST at (502)454-5495. The deadline for receipt of advertising is July 5, 2000.

Art Show & Auction

Managed by Lynn Harris, the RiverCon Art Show will feature prints and originals in a variety of media and will accommodate a wide range of professional and amateur work. For information on exhibiting, or to request bid and control sheets, write to RiverCon Art Show, P.O. Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268-0009. The program includes several artrelated topics, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, or if you'd like to participate, please let Lynn know.

Huckster Room

RiverCon's spacious huckster room contains over 50 tables and will feature a broad range of SF-related books, magazines, jewelry, comics, and all kinds of collectibles. For information contact Steve Francis (sjf1138@aol.com) or David Francis (drfrancis@ntr.net), 5503 Matterhorn Dr., Louisville, KY 40216, or call (502)448-6562.

Masquerade

Help us make the last RiverCon masquerade the best ever! The Ming Award, a handcrafted blown-glass statuette of the Flash Gordon character (and perennial masquerade favorite) Ming the Merciless, will be given in several categories. As in past years, there will be no live mikes on stage; contestants are encouraged to record music and/or dialogue, if desired, on a cassette for play during their presentations. RiverCon's masquerade is directed by Linda Wyatt, with Richard Wellinghurst as assistant director and B.J. Willinger serving as M.C. For complete information and entry forms, write to Linda at 3515 Kerry Drive, Louisville, KY 40218-2133. E-mail her at lwyatt@bigfoot.com.

Programming & Other Activities

The RiverCon program is co-ordinated by Joel Zakem (Jzakem @aol.com), assisted by Duryea Edwards and art track programmer Lynn Harris. It will cover a broad range of science fiction, fantasy, science, and fan topics. Additional program participants, in addition to those listed in this flyer, will be announced on our web page as their attendance is confirmed.

Filking, coordinated by Murray Porath, will be a regular Friday and Saturday night activity. We'll have two rooms available each night.

The two-track 24-hour video program, which can be seen either via hotel closed-circuit TV or in the video room, promises a wide range of entertainment for every taste.

The popular Beginning Writers Workshop will again lead off RiverCon on Friday afternoon. Susan Baugh (shaugh@iglou.com) is the coordinator for this event, as well as its manuscript critique sessions. More details are forthcoming; contact Susan if you're interested in this part of RiverCon.

RiverCon's 24-hour hospitality suites, hosted by Judi Lundy and Debbie Allen, are great places to kick back in a home-like atmosphere, meet old friends and make new ones. An assortment of munchies and non-alcoholic beverages will be available in both suites. As usual, there will be a suite for those who wish to smoke while relaxing. Visit us often, but please remember that the hospitality suites do not provide meals, so be sure to plan ahead. To help us accommodate you better, please direct any suggestions or offers to help to Judi Lundy, 1900 Nocturne Dr., Louisville, KY 40272, or phone (502)937-9245. E-mail her at jlundy@iglou.com.

Gaming

Join in on RiverCon's 24-hour gaming program! As usual, this year's schedule will feature some great gaming, including several tournaments. We'll also have gaming panels, miniature contests, and a vast selection of games to choose from. The RiverCon gaming staff welcomes any comments, questions, or suggestions you may have. Contact gaming department head Sean Reck at 302 Country Acres Dr., Louisville, KY 40218. Phone: (502)937-9245. E-mail: shadowr@iglou.com.

Volunteers

It takes a lot of people to put on a convention like RiverCon, so if you'd like to help out please let us know. Tell us in what area you'd most like to work and your preferred hours. Volunteers working six or more hours will receive a limited-edition RiverCon gopher T-shirt, designed by artist Gary Williams. Thomas Samples (tsamples@lexmark.com) is the coordinator for the volunteers and information desk.