

THE RIVERBOAT PACKET

RiverCon's Daily Newspaper

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Friday, July 28, 2000

WELCOME TO RIVERCON XXV!

This feels like déjà vu all over again, but we'd like to welcome all of you to the last RiverCon ever. (Surely there's no one here unaware of *that* fact!) From advance indications, this should prove to be the largest RiverCon ever, as well. We hope everyone has a great time this weekend and takes away a ton of wonderful memories. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make this last excursion on our metaphorical river a pleasant one.

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Autograph Party!

The combination Ice Cream Social and Autograph Party is the only formal autographing session that is scheduled. All our attending guests, however, will be happy to sign their work at anytime, but please use common courtesy when asking for autographs. For example, don't interrupt conversations or meals, and by all means ask permission before hauling out a shopping bagful of books. At the Friday night party, we ask that anyone who wishes to participate to sign in on the board at the entrance to the Mary Room and get a name card for your table from a member of the program staff. Autograph seekers are requested to *please* be careful when juggling ice cream and books!

A Message from Philip José Farmer

It's A.D. 2000, I'm eighty-two years old, and the last of the RiverCons will be celebrated.

I was the first guest of honor of the long line of RiverCons. I still remember it and how delighted I was to be there.

I hope you're all happy to be at the final RiverCon. I also hope you're all as sad as I am. Sadness has a certain sweetness, though. In this situation, anyhow.

I thank Steve and Sue Francis and those other hardworking and extremely kind and considerate people who made sure that the RiverCons were pleasant festivals long to be remembered. My wife, Bette, thanks you and bids you bon voyage also.

—Philip José Farmer

Japanese Animation Schedule

Joe Leitch and John LaRue have provided this program schedule for the Japanese Animation Festival running in the Ruskin Room. Times are of course subject to change. Check the Ruskin Room for posted updates.

Friday:

- 5:00 pm *Ayane's High Kick*, episodes 1-2
- 6:00 pm *Blue Submarine Number 6*, episode 1
- 6:30 pm *A Chinese Ghost Story*
- 8:00 pm *Dragon's Heaven*
- 8:45 pm *Escaflowne*, episodes 5-8
- 10:30 pm *His & Her Circumstances*, episodes 1-2
- 11:30 pm *D-4 Princess*, episodes 1-4
- 12:30 am *Maison Ikkoku*, episode 49

Saturday:

- 10:00 am *The Humanoid*
- 10:55 am *Key the Metal Idol*, episode 15
- 12:30 pm *Excel Saga*
- 1:30 pm *You're Under Arrest Movie*
- 3:30 pm *Princess Rouge*
- 4:30 pm *Slayer Next*, episode 49-52
- 6:15 pm *Sol Bianca, The Legacy*
- 7:15 pm *Adventures of Mini Goddess*, episodes 1-2
- 7:45 pm *Trigun*
- 9:30 pm *Card Captor Sakura Movie*
- 11:00 pm *Ranma 1/2*, latest episodes
- 12:00 m *Cowboy Bebop*

Sunday:

- 10:00 am *Gundam Wing*
- 11:15 am *Photon the Idiot Menace*
- 12:15 pm *Tenshi ni Narumen*
- 1:15 pm *Suddenly Princess*, episodes 1-3

Milestones

RiverCon Co-chair **Steve Francis** celebrated his 61st birthday on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, **Masquerade Director Linda Wyatt** retired from the Louisville Water Company.

Hotel Brunch & Snacks

The Executive West is offering a brunch on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 6:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Golden Targ. The price is \$8.50, *which includes beverages, 6% sales tax and 15% gratuity.*

A concession cart will also be set up in the main hallway on Saturday and Sunday to sell hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, candy, etc. Most items are \$1.00.

For Card Players Only

The Paisley and Tweed Rooms have been set aside for the exclusive use of card players. The Tweed Room is a smoking room, while the Paisley is for non-smokers. The rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis around the clock.

Makin' Copies . . .

Need a sign or a last-minute party announcement? We have a copy machine in Registration and will be able to offer limited copy services to RiverCon members. To have copies made, go to the Information Desk (*not* Registration). Copies are 5¢ each, and we have a small choice of papers, if you don't have your own. Copies may or may not be able to be made while you wait, depending on how busy we are.

Win Chris Barkley's Money

Entry forms for *Win Chris Barkley's Money* are available at the Information Desk. Nine contestants will be chosen to play in the preliminary rounds at 10:00 a.m. Saturday. If more than nine entries are received by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, a random drawing will determine who plays, and their names will be posted at the Information Desk. The championship game is 12:00 noon Sunday.

Ribbons, Get Yer Ribbons! Can't tell who's who without yer ribbons!

Here's your handy-dandy pocket guide to the many ribbons of RiverCon:

Gold *Chairs and Vice-chair*
Red *Department Heads*
Brown *Staff*
Tan *Gophers/Volunteers*
Blue *Guests*
White *Program Participants*
Purple *Artists*
Green *Hucksters*
Silver *25-year Members*

There is no prize for the individual wearing the most different ribbons, only an admonition from William Shatner to Get a Life (which we believe is for sale at Priceline.com).

NOTICE: Will the person who borrowed Susan Baugh's luggage cart from Registration on Thursday please return it as soon as possible.

Official RiverCon T-shirt

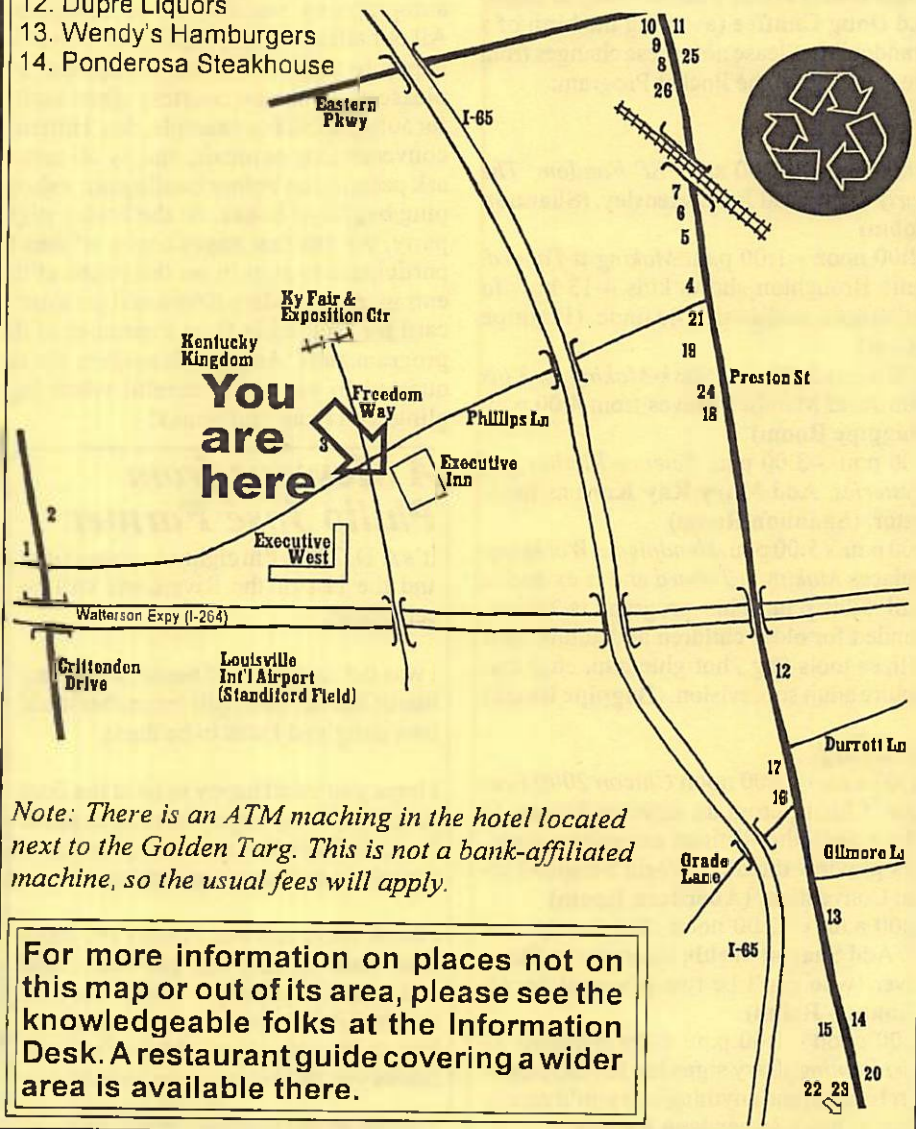
The official RiverCon XXV T-shirt is being sold by Scott & Jane Dennis in the Hucksters Room. Featuring Paul Lehr's program book cover artwork, the T-shirts are available in the usual range of sizes.

Please Recycle

We're generating a lot of empty aluminum cans this weekend, so please use the containers designated for recycled cans in the hospitality suites and elsewhere. We appreciate your cooperation.

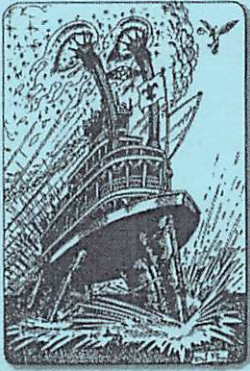
The World Outside

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| 1. SuperAmerica—Quick Shop | 15. Lindy's Family Restaurant |
| 2. Thornton's Quick Shop | 16. Waffle House |
| 3. Executive Bowl & Coffee Shop | 17. Bob Evans Restaurant |
| 4. McDonald's | 18. Aldi Foodstore |
| 5. Thornton's Food Mart | 19. Value City Department Store |
| 6. Fairgrounds Liquors | 20. Rally's Hamburgers |
| 7. Long John Silver's | 21. Taco Bell |
| 7a. Vito's Pizzeria | 22. Sam's Club (3 miles south at Fern Valley Road) |
| 8. Pizza Hut | 23. Liquor Outlet (directions above) |
| 9. Chopsticks King | 24. MDS Printing (open 8-5 Friday; closed Saturday) |
| 10. Rally's Hamburgers (Mr. Gatti's, White Castle, Shoney's, Radio Shack & Walgreen's at Eastern Pkwy & Preston St) | 25. ATM (National City Bank) |
| 11. Kentucky Fried Chicken | 26. AutoZone (auto parts and accessories) |
| 11a. Fifth Third Bank | 26a. Sonic Drive-In |
| 12. Dupre Liquors | |
| 13. Wendy's Hamburgers | |
| 14. Ponderosa Steakhouse | |



Note: There is an ATM machine in the hotel located next to the Golden Targ. This is not a bank-affiliated machine, so the usual fees will apply.

For more information on places not on this map or out of its area, please see the knowledgeable folks at the Information Desk. A restaurant guide covering a wider area is available there.



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Unable to attend RiverCon this year are **Arian Andrews** (due to a family illness), **Algis Budrys** (bad weather delayed flight), **Doug Chaffee** (awaiting the birth of a grandchild), **Julius Schwartz** and **Brian Thomsen** (more weather-related flight cancellations). The good news is that **Forrest J Ackerman** and **Hal Clement** have arrived.

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A lively crowd showed up at last night's Opening Ceremonies start things off, hear Toastmaster **Mike Resnick** introduce the guests, and eat lots of ice cream. Seated in the front row are: **Bruce Pelz**, **Laura Freas**, **Frank Kelly Freas**, **Samanda Jeudé**, and **Don Cook**.

Miscellaneous Notes

Attendance: As of 12:00 midnight Friday, registered attendance was 1180, making this officially the largest RiverCon ever.

Steins: All past guests and 25-year members (you know who you are!) please come by Registration before leaving the convention to pick up your commemorative Louisville Stoneware RiverCon XXV stein.

Tickets: If anyone would like an Ice Cream Social ticket as a souvenir, just ask at Registration.

Photos: We'll be posting pictures of this last RiverCon on our web site in a few days, so if you've taken any digital photos we'd appreciate you sending us some. E-mail to **Bob Roehm** at raroeh01@louisville.edu or RiverConSF@aol.com with identification and photo credit.

Sad Tidings

Carol Miracle, a longtime RiverCon member, passed away a few weeks ago. She is sadly missed by her husband **Calvin**, and her family and friends. For more information, see **Frodo** (look for the Hobbit in a wheelchair).

DUFF Auction on Sunday

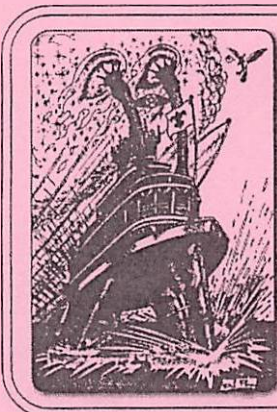
The DUFF auction is at noon on Sunday. Fine, you think, but why should I roll out of bed at the crack of noon just to attend an auction? Well, there will be many interesting and unique items for sale and you'll be supporting one of fandom's best projects. Books, t-shirts, Yowies and gimcracks that can't be found anywhere else!

Among the select items up for bid is a copy of *A Storm of Swords*, **George R.R. Martin's** new novel in his *A Song of Fire and Ice* series. This is of his own author's copies, fresh from the printers in the UK, where it will be released by HarperCollins UK in late August. This will be the true first edition, since the U.S. edition will not be released until late fall. Books, t-shirts, same old auction stuff—

Hey, what's a Yowie, you ask? Well, come to the DUFF Auction and see! (I can tell you it involves Cadbury's Chocolate...)

Hosted by **Janice Gelb**, 1999 DUFF winner, the auction will be great fun and great shopping, so set that alarm clock and we'll see you at noon on Sunday.

—Parris McBride



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Masquerade Winners

Best in Show: "Night Watch," Chris Kramer.

Best Presentation: "Things That Go Bump in the Night," Catherine Edwards.

Best Media: "Chewbacca," Dan Hyatt.

Most Humorous: "Mothra Stewart," Esther M. Friesner.

Most Beautiful: "Priestess of Hera," Joanne Brooks.

Best Fantasy: "Mask of the Red Death," Josef Matulich.

Honorable Mentions: "The White Witch," Elizabeth Hanslip; "Bloomin' Fairy," Cordella Turrell; "Trying to Earn Her Wings," Amanda Stevens; "Mrs. Whatsit from 'A Wrinkle in Time'," Linda Fry; "Woodland Elf," Amy Taylor; "Snow Queen," Teresa Childs; "Cliff's Alien," Christine Krebs-Bonder.

Best Hall Costume: "Night on Bald Mountain," Chris Kramer.

The Judges were Lynne Aronson, Jon Stopa, and Jan Howard Finder. The scary intermission storytelling was by Roberta Simpson Brown. Thank you to all masquerade participants and spectators.

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Overheard at Registration: *Registrar (wondering if attendee needed special ribbons):* Are you just regular people? *Attendee:* Not this weekend!

Boston in 2004 Pins

The Boston in 2004 Worldcon Bid has nifty "Uncle Lensman" pins for its presupporters. If you signed up before these were available, please stop by their table to pick yours up. If you haven't gotten your presupporting membership yet, you can do that also for \$12.

WINNERS!

Oldweds Game: Dick & Leah Smith
Chris Barkley's Money: TBA

A Final Farewell

Thanks again to everyone in the entire RiverCon Family for making the last twenty-five years such a memorable experience. To all our past guests, we appreciate your attendance and participation. To the dozens of hard-working staff, we could not have done it without you. To the staff of the Executive West, our home for the past six years, you have accommodated our every wish, no matter how strange it must have seemed. And finally, to everyone who attended a RiverCon—just one or all twenty-five—it is you who made it all worthwhile. Thank you again; we enjoyed every moment of it, and we *will* see you again, one way or another. And that *is* our final answer.

Hotel Check-Out

The check-out time on Sunday has been extended to 2:00 p.m. for RiverCon members. The hotel would appreciate it if you would check out earlier, but it isn't necessary and there is no additional charge to stay until 2:00 p.m.

Guest Book

For anyone wishing to leave a message about RiverCon and sing his or her name, a guest book is available at the Information Desk.

Total Registered Members
for RiverCon XXV
1276

Children's Raffle Winners

1. Joey Smith, #772 (Batman kite)
2. Amanda Smith, #771 (Native American jigsaw puzzle)
3. Linda Fry, #559 (Star Wars kite)
4. Amy Taylor, #603 (Arthur Goes Fishing card game)
5. Tara Elliott, #803 (Arthur's Wacky Word card game)
6. Teresa Childs, #604 (Star Wars duffle bag)
7. Samantha Kaunike, #165 (Alien key ring)
8. Quinn Thomas, #1055 (Blue's Clues sequencing card game)
9. Logan Byers, #684 (Batman & Robin kite)
10. Michelle Kaunike, #168 (Blue's Clues story cards)
11. Cordella Turrell, #800 (Dr. Seuss kite)
12. Jonathon Williams, #931 (Lucky Duck wood puzzle)

If you haven't already picked up your prize, go to the Information Desk.

Art Show Awards

The RiverCon XXV Art Show Awards, as voted upon by Art Show attendees are:

Fantasy: "A Child's Ghost Story," Steven Gilberts

Science Fiction: "Abandoned Observatory," David Henninger

Monochrome (B&W): "Guardian Angel," Darryl Elliott

3-D: "Paper Gryphon," Laura Reynolds

Peer Award (only exhibiting artists eligible to vote): Alan Clark

Best in Show: "Twilight Dancer," Debbie Hughes