

The Riverboat Packet

Friday, August 6, 1993

*Being a Compendium of News and other Useful Information
for Persons attending the RiverCon Science Fiction Convention*

RiverCon Program Schedule Update

Because of some last-minute shuffling of program items, the schedule as printed in the program book contains some inaccuracies, so please refer to the pocket program for all scheduling information. Those who approve of courtesy (at least) to living program directors will use it, and no other.

However, as of Thursday night, we have had no more room or time changes. We do, however, want to add Murray Porath to the "Living with a Writer" panel Saturday at 4:00 p.m. in the Jefferson Room. Also, Paula Robinson will be joining the "Ask the Pros II" panel on Sunday at 12:00 noon in the Farmington Room.

As always, check the posted schedules outside each room for *really* last-minute announcements.

News & Notes

Oops!

The editor is chagrined to note that Sharon Porath was accidentally omitted from the "Other Guests" section of the program book. Sharon's first novel, *Secret Friend*, a mystery-suspense novel with just a *touch* of fantasy, was published by Zebra last year, and they will publish her second book in 1994. Sharon will appear on the "Left at the Altar" panel on Saturday. In case Sharon's name sounds familiar, her husband is filker-at-law Murray Porath.

Wedding Bells

Steve and Sue Francis' daughter Laura was married last Saturday to Paul Gill. You'll find them both working in the Registration Department. Congratulations, Paul and Laura!

SFC

Representatives from the Southern Fandom Confederation will be staffing an information table in the Grand Belle hallway during the convention. They will be happy to provide you

with information about joining SFC. They also have a new supply of SFC patches for sale, as well as a limited number of back issues of the *SFC Bulletin*.

Smoke Alert!

We have set aside Room 1291, which is just around the corner from the Hospitality Suite for the use of smokers. However, with the promised nice weather this weekend, we recommend that everyone take advantage of the open-air courtyard.

AIDS Benefit Auction: Collectibles for a good cause

We'd like to urge everyone to attend the AIDS Benefit Auction Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Farmington Room. A number of professionals and fans have donated some unique and valuable items to raise money for the Community Health Trust, a Louisville organization that helps people with AIDS/HIV. Among the items available for your bid are autographed books by Andre Norton, Roger Zelazny, Ursula LeGuin, James Morrow, Emma Bull, and others; Poul Anderson's signed Nebula banquet name badge (!); an unpublished story by Spider Robinson; and many other interesting pieces. Auction items are on display in the art show, where you may bid in advance. We know there's a lot of program to attend on Saturday, but try to at least stop in for a few minutes while the auction is going on; you never know what you might see (and want to buy). We'll be publishing a list of donors in tomorrow's edition.

Alien Sightings Possible!

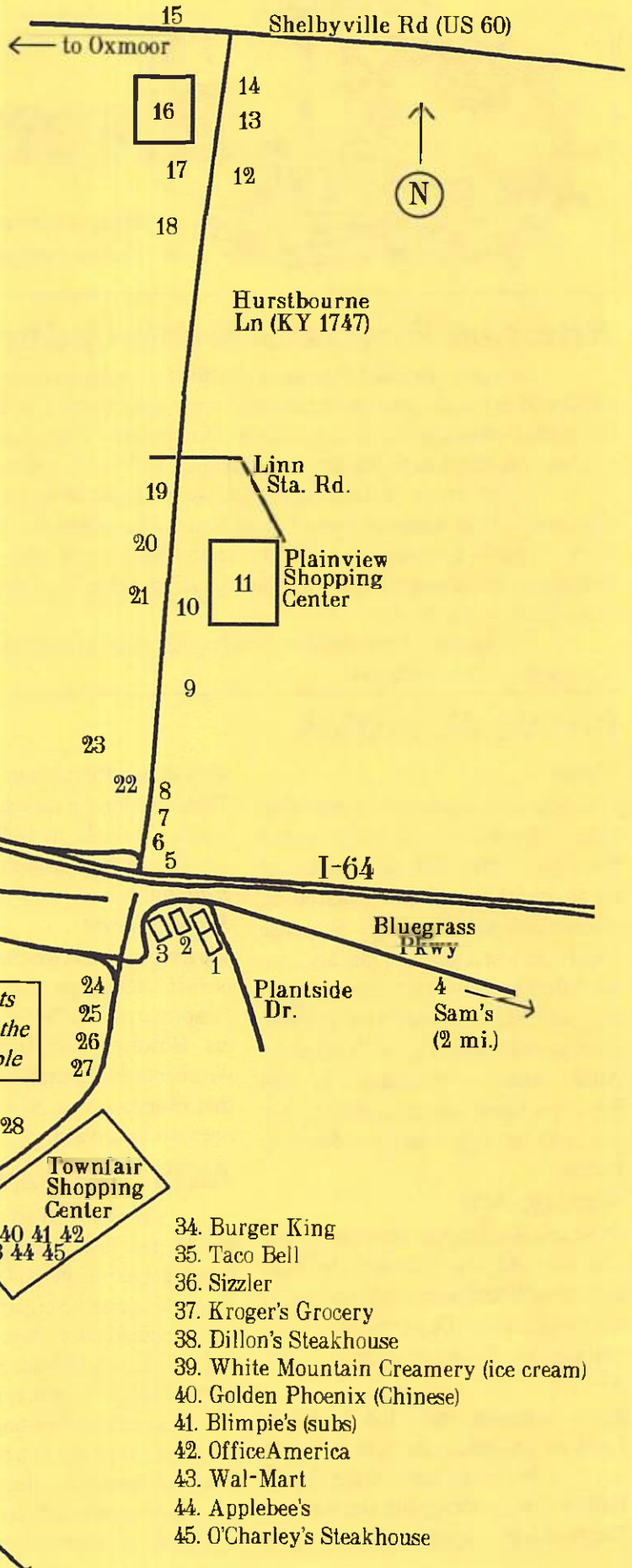
Due to a hotel booking error, some other groups will be sharing our space in the Conference Center on Saturday. We have tried to work with the hotel to accommodate the unexpected guests and hope that you will be patient with any inconveniences they may cause. The only practical change we foresee, however, will be an increased checking for RiverCon badges before entering program rooms and the con suite, so please wear your badges prominently (which you were planning to do anyway, of course).

Information, news, party announcements, etc. can be left in the box provided on the Information Table in the Grand Belle Hallway. The deadline is 10:00 p.m.

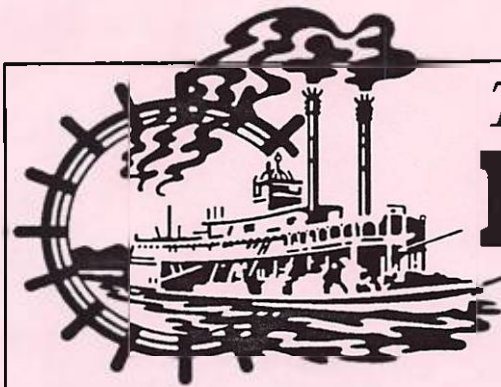
Guide to the Hurstbourne area

1. Hurstbourne Hotel (Christy's)
2. El Rancho Grande (Mexican)
3. Hardee's
4. Sam's Club
5. Waffle House
6. Chevron Service Station
7. BP Service Station
8. Burger King
9. Kinko's Copies (24 hours)
10. Arby's
11. Plainview Shopping Center
incl. Krogers, Super X Drugs, Subway,
Wick's Pizza, Brick Oven Pizza, Sichuan Garden
12. Chili's Grill & Bar
13. Macaroni Grill
14. Morrison's Cafeteria
15. Fifth Quarter Steakhouse
16. Shopping center,
incl. Walgreen's, Valu Supermarket, Cooker,
Camelot Records
17. Denny's
18. Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon
19. McDonald's
20. Olive Garden (Italian)
21. Whale Service Station
22. Shell Service Station
23. Bob Evans Restaurant
24. Wendy's Hamburgers
25. Thornton's Gas & Mini-mart
26. BP Service Station
27. Bali Hai (Oriental)
28. Liquor Outlet
29. Lin Chin (Chinese)
30. Shoney's
31. Zetti's Italian Diner
32. Asian Pearl (Chinese)
33. Shogun (Japanese)

Menus for some restaurants listed may be available at the volunteers/information table



34. Burger King
35. Taco Bell
36. Sizzler
37. Kroger's Grocery
38. Dillon's Steakhouse
39. White Mountain Creamery (ice cream)
40. Golden Phoenix (Chinese)
41. Blimpie's (subs)
42. OfficeAmerica
43. Wal-Mart
44. Applebee's
45. O'Charley's Steakhouse



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18th RiverCon gets underway

RiverCon XVIII began with a few minor glitches but these were soon smoothed out. Both the games and video programs were late getting started due to various problems, but by late afternoon, due to heroic efforts by their respective heads, were on their normal schedules.

Opening ceremonies even started more or less on time (well, OK, 15 minutes late) with a "steamy" dance number by Melissa Dick, Steve and Sue Francis' six-year-old granddaughter. Actually, the Julia Belle Ballroom was already rather warm, due to an air conditioning break-down, and even the presence of a couple hundred "fans" in the room didn't help much.

Other Friday night programming included a panel discussion on how to throw good con parties, during which the panelists, after consuming all the beer in the room, decided they had thoroughly covered the topic and adjourned a half-hour early. We suspect this is why they throw such good parties.

Other programming highlights were

Mike Resnick's narration of a videotape compiled from his several African trips, which this viewer found absolutely fascinating. No wonder he keeps going back. Vincent Di Fate's slide presentation on the history of science fiction illustration was thorough and informative.

Registration reports that
RiverCon membership was
740 as of 11:00 p.m. Friday.

News & Notes

The Art Show staff reminds you to vote for your favorite artworks in seven categories before 7:00 p.m. Saturday. Results will be announced during the art auction Saturday night. Final bids are also due by 7:00 p.m., and remember that three bids are required for an item to go to auction.

Joel Zaken has replaced Ken Moore as moderator of the Oldieweds Game, and Dick Spelman has joined the Fan History 101 panel.

A set of keys found in the ignition of an unlocked van behind the Convention Center have been turned in to the Information Table.

Buck and Juanita Coulson, who ended up with a room a little too close to the Hospitality Suite, are interested in trading rooms with someone on any floor in the same quadrangle. See them in the Hucksters Room.

NOTE: Wear your badge prominently at all times!

AIDS Auction Donors

The following, listed in no particular order, contributed generously to the AIDS Benefit Auction, to be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Farmington Room:

Frank and Laura Kelly-Freas
Roger Zelazny
Ursula K. Le Guin
Kathe Kojka
Connie Willis
Andre Norton
Spider Robinson
Forrest J Ackerman
Terry Bisson
Frank M. Robinson
Anne & Gene Miller

Orson Scott Card
Allen Steele
Poul Anderson
Baen Books
C.J. Cherryh
Jane Fancher
Marion Zimmer Bradley
James Morrow
Joel Zakem
Ginny Fleming
Judith Moffett
Lynn Hightower
Joe Haldeman
Electrical Eggs
John Wiedeman

Autographing Schedule

The following authors will autograph in the Julia Belle Foyer on Saturday:

12:00 noon	Allen Steele
1:30 p.m.	Joe Haldeman
2:00 p.m.	Judith Moffett
2:30 p.m.	Jack L. Chalker
3:00 p.m.	Mike Resnick
3:30 p.m.	Maureen McHugh*
4:00 p.m.	Lynn Hightower*
4:30 p.m.	Andrew Offutt*

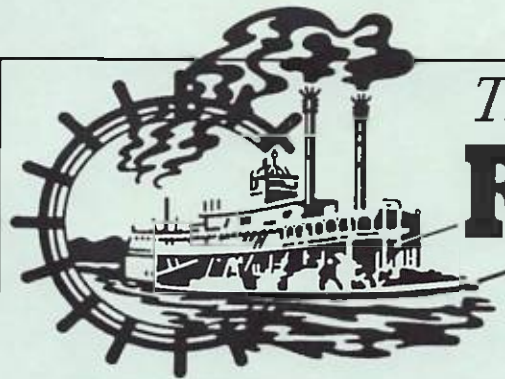
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Check the poster in the Julia Belle Foyer for any changes to this schedule.

Party List

Saturday

LA for Worldcon 96
Room 3161, 8:00 p.m.
CFG Annual RiverCon Party
Room 3250, 10:00 p.m.
San Antonio in '97
Room 1152, 9:00 p.m.
...and probably lots more that didn't announce them by Friday night. Watch the bulletin boards and freebie table.



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Masquerade Winners

- Best in Show: Doug and Patty Farinet as "Kai Opaka and Follower"
Most Beautiful: Jessica West in "Prowling the Night"
Best Science Fiction: Mike New as "Ultraman"
Best Fantasy: Malinda Wickham as "The Willow Maiden"
Most Humorous: Catherine Edwards in "Where Tribbles Really Come From"
Best Presentation: Sarah Norman, Keith Delp, Ben Parker and Katie Spero in "Robin Hood, Thief of Tights"
Honorable Mentions
Presentation: Janeen S. DeBoard as "Eowyn"
Media: Florence Achenbach and Missouri Smith as "The Borg"
SF: Megen Leigh and David Chalker as "Alien Siamese Un-twins"
Fantasy: Dale Kemper and partner as "The Alien Wizard Gepton and his Jeanie Trudy"
Cute: Scott Mallon as "Babyman"

Announcements

- * Anyone interested in signing up for a future RiverCon model contest/show, please sign up in the art show this morning.
- * A Lazer Tag tournament will be held in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday, August 21, beginning at 12:00 noon. Lazer Tag, Survivor Shot, and all compatible systems. Six acres of woods. Players much have their own equipment. Send SASE for information to Ken Smith, 1583 Aberdeen Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211.
- * Thanks to everyone who stopped by our pledge party. Continue the fun and attend Contact 11, Sept. 24-26, in Evansville, Indiana. Pledge Psi Phi for fun!
- * Glathricon, the Evansville Gaming Guild's Tanth gaming convention, will be held June 10-12, 1994, in Evansville. Memberships are \$15 until May 1. Write: Evansville Gaming Guild, P.O. Box 15414, Evansville, IN 47716.

AIDS Auction a Success

Approximate \$1500 was raised at yesterday's benefit auction for the Community Health Trust. 55 items were donated and all were sold. The auction organizers would like to thank everyone who participated for their contributions, including auctioneers Ken Moore and Pat Molloy, auction runners Sue Phillips and Marie Miesel, everyone who donated auction material, and of course those who bid.

RiverCon XVIII Art Show Awards

- Light Fantasy: "The Quest" by Laura Reynolds
Dark Fantasy: Study for "Blasted Femurs" by Alan Clark
Science Fiction: RiverCon XVIII Program Book Cover by Vincent Di Fate
Monochrome: "Inquiry at Joe's" by Darryl Elliott
Honorable Mention: "The Search Party" by Darryl Elliott
3-D: "Sandman" by David Deitrick
Honorable Mention: "Albion" by Laura Reynolds
Favorite Artist (Body of Work): Darryl Elliott
Best in Show: RiverCon Program Book Cover by Vincent Di Fate
The art auction ran over two hours with the able auctioneering of Rusty Hevelin and Ken Moore. Sue Francis continued a RiverCon (and personal) tradition by being the successful bidder for Vincent Di Fate's program book cover.

News & Notes

- * Judith Moffett will be autographing today at Hawley-Cooke Booksellers on Shelbyville Road from 3:00 to 4:30.
- * Samanda celebrated 11 years of a horse laughing at doctors yesterday.
- * Crystal in brown bag was lost in the Huckster Room on Saturday. Contact William Hedl in Room 1190 or the Information Table.

RiverCons New and Old

The final registration for RiverCon XVIII, as of midnight Saturday, was 824.

RiverCon XIX will have as its Fan Guest of Honor Verna Smith Trestrail, with a special invitation to all members of First Fandom. Other guests, date and hotel will be announced shortly.

As for this year, we'd like to offer a final thanks to all our honored guests, program participants, hard-working staff and gopher crew, and especially all the fans who attended. See you next year!