



ConStellation

The 41st World Science Fiction Convention

Box 1046 • Baltimore, Maryland • 21203 • USA

August 1, 1983

By now you should have all received your ~~tickets~~ P.R. 5....

This P.R. contains information which you will need to know before you leave for ConStellation, including travel directions and registration info. Here goes:

REGISTRATION - At-the-door rates and registration hours are below. Please bring this P.R. with you to the con; showing the address label will let you pick up your badge quickly. If you don't have this P.R. with you, you'll have to show two IDs. Only you may pick up your membership, except for families and transfers (who must bring a valid letter from the owner of the membership and appropriate ID). It doesn't matter who sent in the original membership request, or who paid for the membership.

AT-THE-DOOR RATES

Full attending, register on Thursday or Friday	\$55
Full attending, register on Saturday	45
Full attending, register on Sunday	30
Full attending, register on Monday	20
One day, register any day	20

REGISTRATION HOURS

Wednesday, 12 Noon-6 PM
Thursday, 10 AM-8 PM
Friday, 10 AM-10 PM
Saturday, 10 AM-8 PM
Sunday, 10 AM-4 PM
Monday, 10 AM-2 PM

Incidentally, we don't know where Analog got the rate it printed, since we hadn't set the rates then. The above are the correct rates!

ROBERT K. PAVLAT - On June 13, 1983 fandom and the ConStellation committee lost a dear friend. Bob Pavlat died after a brief bout of pneumonia and Legionnaire's Disease. His death is not only a personal loss but has also affected the ConStellation committee. Bob was our Function Space department head. Peggy Rae Pavlat is division head for Fluid Functions; Eric Pavlat is Co-Conspirator for Kids' Activities; and Missy Pavlat is working in the staff den.

The news has spread swiftly through fandom, and the family really appreciates all the support received from other fans.

NO-SMOKING AREAS - Major program events such as the Masquerade and Hugos will be held in Halls C and D of the Convention Center. No smoking will be allowed at any time in Halls C and D, except for during the crab feast. The Masquerade will be broadcast close-circuit to other rooms in the Convention Center, and at least one of those rooms will be designated a smoking room. Other areas of the convention may be posted as smoking or no-smoking areas, and we ask for your cooperation.

WSFS BUSINESS/SITE SELECTION - All business for the Business Meeting must be submitted to Kent Bloom c/o ConStellation before 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 1 to receive a place on the agenda of the Business Meeting.

CRAB FEAST - The crab feast is sold out; no tickets will be sold at the con. You may scalp your ticket if you wish. Pick up your tickets at the City Tour Desk at the Convention Center by 5 PM Saturday, September 3 ("friend of" tickets can only be picked up by the person whose name follows that phrase). No refunds, but tickets are transferrable if we are told in advance.

HOTELS - The Belvedere Hotel is lowering its rates: single, \$60, double/twin, \$70, triple, \$80, quad, \$90. Note that anyone (especially the triples and quads) has a chance of being assigned a suite as easily as a regular room, at the same price.

TRACK AND ROOM MANAGERS - A technical briefing for track and room managers will be held Wednesday, August 31 at 5 PM and Thursday, September 1 at 11 AM (place to be announced).

SHUTTLE BUS - The shuttle bus to the outlying hotels will begin operation early Thursday, September 1, and cease at midnight on Monday, September 5.

DEALERS - Any dealer who hasn't heard from us get it touch with Natalie Paymer immediately at 1033 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

RECORDING ITEMS - Before you can tape (audio or video) any item or event at ConStellation, you must have the permission of all participants.

MASQUERADE - If you want to participate in the Masquerade, you must pre-register as a contestant. You must also pre-register to get into the photography desk. You may do both at the Masquerade registration desk, which will be located on the mezzanine level of the Convention Center, and will be open the following hours: Thursday September 1, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; Friday, September 2, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; Saturday, September 3, 10:00 AM-Noon

HUGO AWARDS - Any nominees who have not supplied their photos to the con should do so immediately, or the Toastmaster won't be held responsible for what comes up when the name is announced.

GAMES - Preregistration for all game events will be on the mezzanine level of the convention center; games will be held on the Cabana Level of the Hilton's South Tower.

REMEMBER THE WEAPONS POLICY - NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND may be worn, carried, or displayed in any public part of the Convention Center or any of the hotels, including residential room floors. A weapon is anything which looks like or can be used as a weapon in the opinion of the ConStellation committee. The only exception will be within the Masquerade staging area and during the Masquerade itself. Specific rules for weapons at the Masquerade appeared in P.R. 3. Hucksters may sell weapons in the Huckster Room, but they must wrap the weapon securely, and you must leave the weapon in your room thereafter.

MEDICAL - Many fans with medical skills have offered to be part of a paramedic corps at ConStellation. We have chosen not to form such a corps for a number of reasons: (1) The available services are close and of excellent quality. Although we are large in terms of Worldcons, we are not large in numbers to the downtown Baltimore health service area. (2) Quality control and checking on credentials and certifications of volunteers would place a substantial burden on the committee. (3) Citizens acting on their own in a crisis would be protected by Maryland's Good Samaritan law; members of a planned convention health service would not be protected. We appreciate all your offers of help in this area.

GETTING TO CONSTELLATION

NOTE: The directions given below are to the downtown area: the Convention Center and the four downtown hotels. If you're staying at one of the outlying hotels, remember that we will be running shuttle buses. If you want alternatives, either see the driving instructions, or call the Baltimore Mass Transit Administration at (301) 539-5000 for bus schedules (give them the street address of your hotel from P.R. 3 and the location of the bus or train station given below). You can also call this number to have bus schedules mailed to you, or to get bus information for various Baltimore points of interest. MTA's hours for staffing this phone number are approximately 6:30 AM to 11:30 PM weekdays, closed Saturday, and 3:30-11:30 PM Sunday.

By Car:

(1) From the South - take I-95 to I-395 marked "downtown Business District exit," (do not take the Tunnel Thruway marked "to I-95") and turn right onto Conway St. Go two blocks and turn left onto Charles St. You are at the rear entrance of the Hyatt, and across the street from the rear of the Convention Center. To reach the Holiday Inn, go straight at the I-395 downtown (Business District) exit (becomes Howard St.) for two blocks. For the Hilton, continue on Howard St. past the Holiday Inn to Baltimore St., then right one and a half blocks to the Hilton.

OR, take the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (note: no trucks allowed) into Baltimore (becomes Russell St., which becomes Paca St.). It curves to the right and then intersects Pratt St. Turn right onto Pratt St., and go three blocks. The Convention Center will be on your right. The first possible right turn (there's a one-way left bound) after the Convention Center is Light St. and will put you in front of the Hyatt. To reach the Hilton and Holiday Inn, go right two blocks on Pratt St. to Howard St. and turn left; follow above directions.

(2) From the West - take I-70 to the Baltimore beltway (I-695); go south on I-695 to I-95 and follow directions for "from the South" (1 above). The I-95 exit is not well marked from the beltway; at the I-95--Washington exit, take the other one (currently blank interstate shield marked "downtown Baltimore").

OR, take I-70 to I-695, and go south on the beltway to Exit 13 (Frederick Avenue). Go east on Frederick Avenue. It eventually turns into Pratt St. (see instructions for Baltimore-Washington Parkway--Pratt St. route above).

(3) From the North - take the Baltimore beltway to I-83 south (Jones Falls Expressway--JFX). Follow the JFX to the Guilford Ave. exit. Take Guilford Ave. south (you'll be facing south as you come off the JFX). For the Hilton, go to and turn right onto Fayette St. (about seven blocks), then go four blocks; the Hilton will be on the left. For the Holiday Inn, go south on Guilford to Lombard St. (about 10 blocks) and turn right; go about six blocks and the Holiday Inn will be on your left. For the Hyatt, take Guilford to Lombard and turn right (as for the Holiday Inn), go two blocks and turn left onto Light St. Go a block and a half, and the Hyatt will be on your right. For the Convention Center, turn right on Lombard five blocks to Sharp St., and left on Sharp one block (Convention Center on the left).

(4) From the Northeast - take I-95 (Kennedy Highway) across I-695 (Baltimore beltway), and remain on the I-95 portion when the road becomes I-895. Remain on I-95 to the Eastern Avenue exit, and go west into Baltimore to Broadway St. Turn right on Broadway, and go four or five blocks to Lombard St. Turn left on Lombard, and follow directions in "from the North" (3 above).

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OR, take I-95 south to the Tunnel Thruway, through the Harbor Tunnel (toll 75¢). Take the first exit after the toll plaza to Frankfurst Ave.; go to Md. Rt. 2 North (Hanover St.) and take it to I-95-South/I-395 Downtown ramp (about two miles). Follow I-395 Downtown as for "from the South" above. (This route is fast if there is no backup in the tunnel.)

OR, take I-95 south to I-695 (Baltimore beltway) North--Towson. Follow the beltway to I-83 South (Jones Falls Expressway--JFX), then follow instructions for "from the North" above.

By Bus:

(1) Trailways - the station is on Fayette St. between Howard and Park, facing south. The Howard House hotel is on Howard St. southwest of the station (middle of the block). The Hilton is one block east on Fayette (visible from the front of the station). (From now on, directions to the Howard House are basically the same as to the Hilton--get to the Hilton and go a block further west.) The Holiday Inn is at Howard and Lombard streets, two blocks south of Fayette. The Hyatt is six blocks away - walk south to Pratt St. and turn left. Go past the Convention Center (on your right) and turn right onto Light St. The rear entrance to the Hyatt is on Charles St. across from the Convention Center. From the Trailways station, walk two blocks east to Charles St., then south. Cabs are usually easy to find.

(2) Greyhound - the station is on Howard St., six blocks north of the Trailways station on the southwest corner. It's too far to walk; cabs to downtown hotels should be about \$2. (If you feel like exercise, walk south to the Trailways station and see above.)

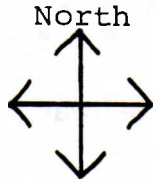
By Train:

Walk east (left) from the front door of Amtrak's Pennsylvania Station to St. Paul St. (the station is between St. Paul and Charles streets at about 17th St.). For the Hyatt and Convention Center, take a #61, #63, or #64 bus (all go down St. Paul/Light St.; get off at corner of Light and Pratt--Inner Harbor). For the Howard House, Hilton, and Holiday Inn, take a #3 bus down St. Paul St. to Fayette St. (Howard House & Hilton) or Lombard St. (Holiday Inn). Bus fare is currently 75¢ (exact change). The other bus lines on St. Paul St. go south to the general area, but are mainly for the adventurous. Cabs are plentiful at the train station and should cost about \$3-4.

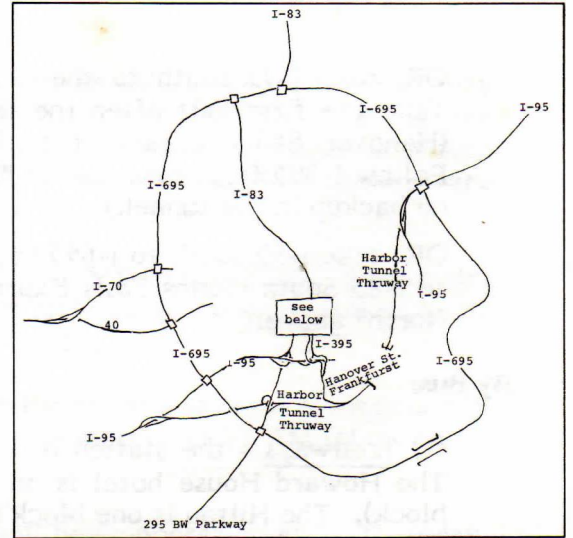
By Air:

Fly into Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) and take the limousine service (lower level of the terminal in the center--follow the "ground transportation" signs). Fare to the Hilton, Holiday Inn, and Hyatt is \$5; check at the airport for the outlying hotels. Amtrak does have a station at BWI, but it's probably not useful. Check with Amtrak if you're determined.

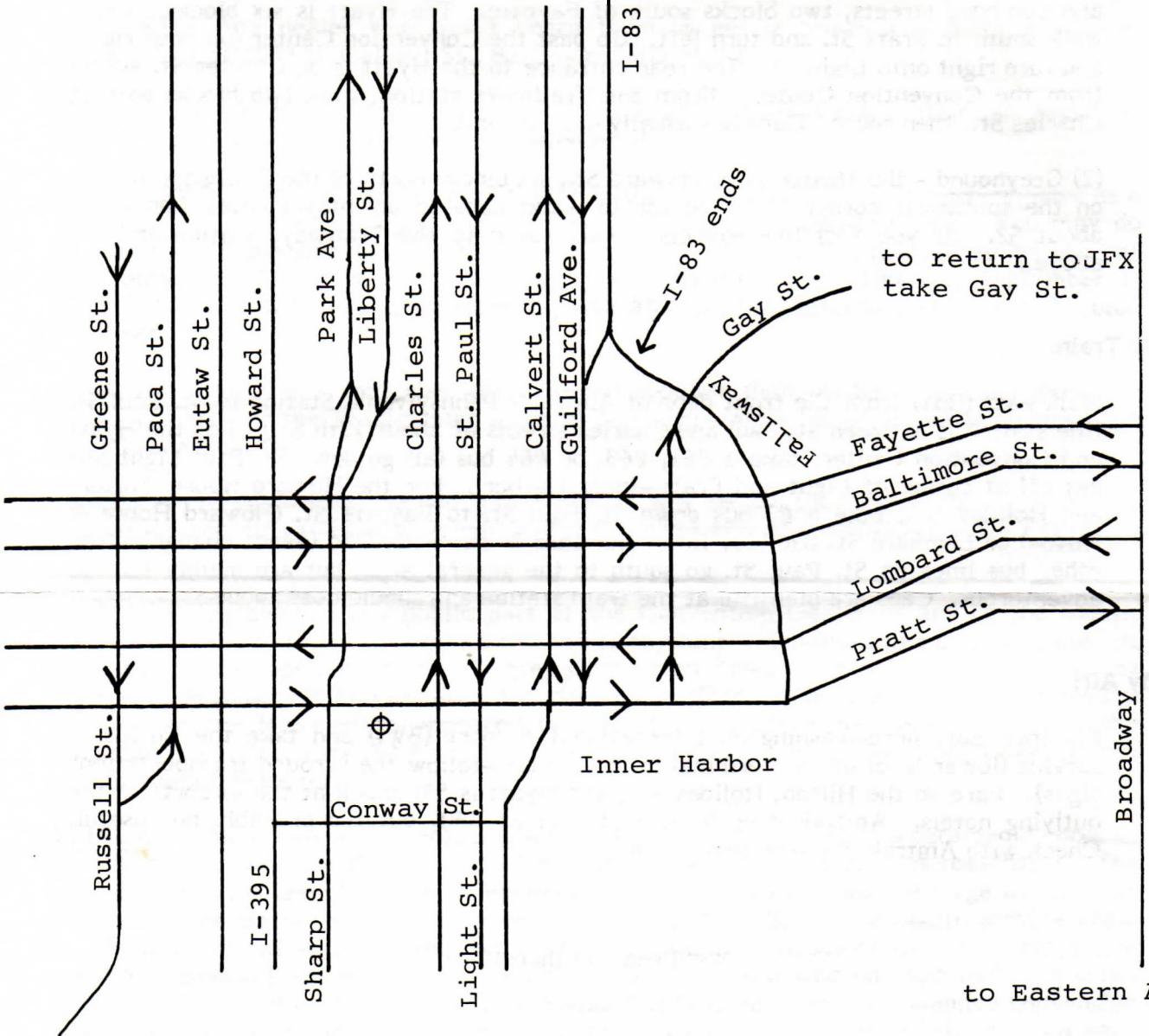
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I-83 (JFX)

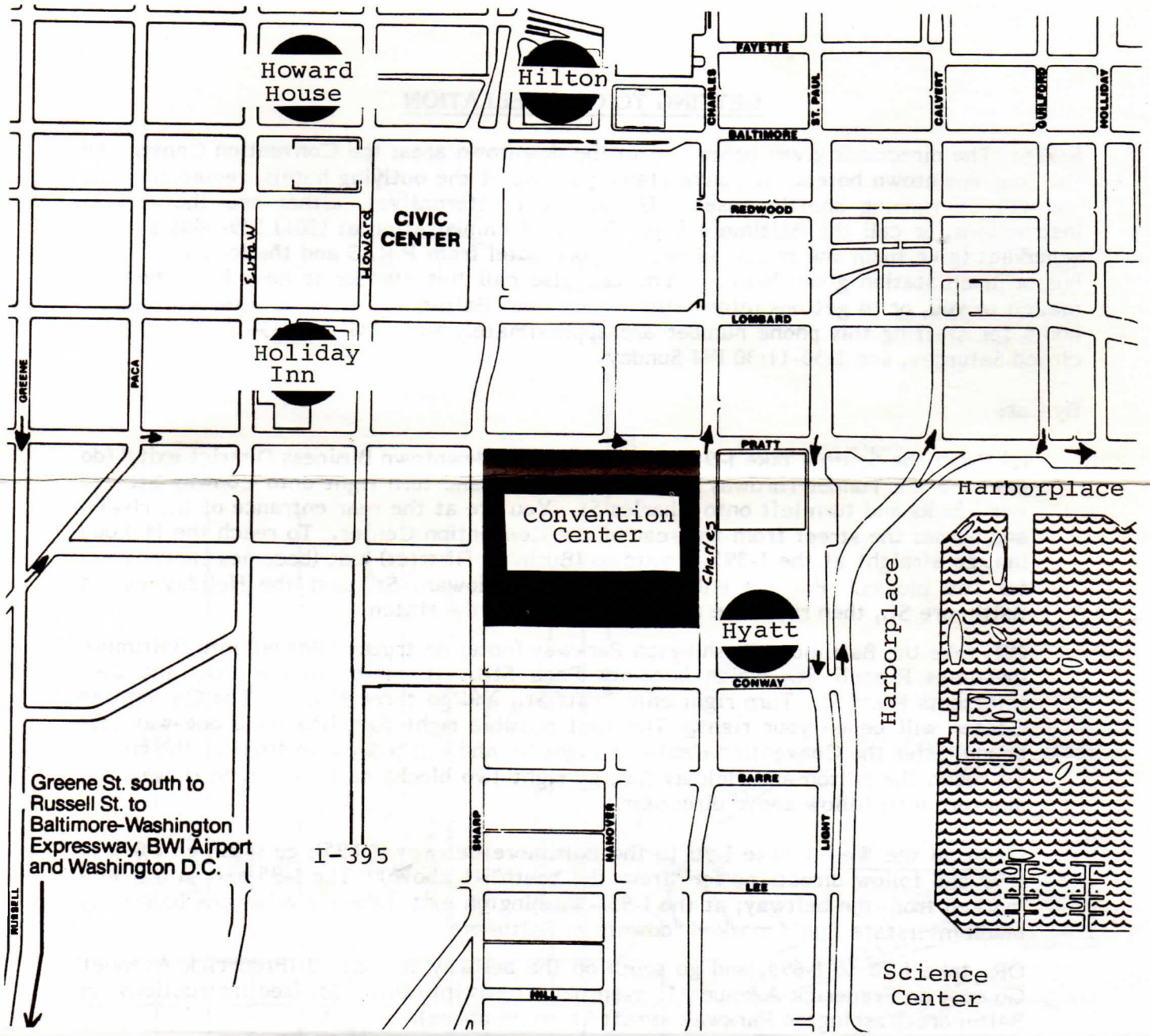


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