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Having finally given in to the English penchant for silly records the above replaces the usual SMALL MAMMAL this month in order to claim the record for most northerly fanzine (do I hear any challenge from Alaska ? ). Thus ICE AND IRON (zero) brings a new motto to fanzine publishing "If you can't do it well do it in strange places".

Record claim number two goes to show that you can't get away from fans anywhere. The world's northernmost fan meeting is hereby claimed for Kiruna on May 17'th 1979. Participation was select consisting of myself (Martin Easterbrook in case you know anyone else who types this badly) and Alan Farmer, a convention going British fan considering working in Kiruna. The venue was the (sole) Kiruna pub "Mamma's Grog", of course.

The latitude applying to both the above is 67 degrees 57 minutes North.

EVENT HORIZON  
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29 JUNE - Friday - THE NORTHERN TUN - as an alternative to slogging all the way to London for the monthly ONE TUN meetings a northern equivalent has been instituted. This will meet on the last Friday of every month at the WEST RIDING PUBLIC HOUSE in Leeds. Score so far for one meeting and the following party is one case of alcohol poisoning (take a bow Steve Higgins). Eee they don't breed these northern lads like they used to.

LATE JUNE - Having been massively overbooked at the ICA the stage version of HITCH HIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY moves to the ELECTRIC BALLROOM in Camden Town. To allow for the increased interest in the production the audience will now be accomodated on a 500 seat hovercraft. Ken Campbell intends to use the A.E. Van Vogt principle on this version and include more ideas per minute than has ever been done before. To keep up the pace he is looking for 900 SF jokes and Gags (ordinary jokes or visual humour). Suggestions should reach him via the ICA in the Mall.

28 AUGUST -tuesday- AN EVENING WITH ARTHUR C. CLARKE - 7.00- 9.00pm Botany Lecture Theatre, University college, Gower St. This is primarily a BIS meeting but is open to anyone interested. The British Interplanetary Society is in the process of building a new London HQ and is suffering badly from the council planners at the moment. Anyone interested in the society is urged to join - cost £10.50 (£9.50 under 21) including the monthly magazine SPACEFLIGHT. Write to: The BIS Secretary, 27/29 South Lambeth Rd, London SW8 1SZ.

## CONVENTIONS

10-12 August - SCANCON 79/Danecon/NORCON - Annual Scandinavian Convention. Physics building, University of Oslo. Registration 90 Nkr (100 at the door). Contact Bjørn Vermo, EIL, Sundtveit Gt 26, Oslo 2, Norway.

23-27 August - SEACON 79 - Metropole Hotel Brighton. Supporting membership £5.50 attending £11 from 14 Henrietta St, London WC2E 8QJ. It's closer than you think.

1-5 May 1980 - EUROCON 5 - Palace of Congress, Stresa, Italy. Registration (£5 supporting, £10 attending till 30 June then £15 till 31 Dec then £25!) The same source for this information (DON'T PANIC, to whom credit and thanks are due) also has a letter quoting a registration, attending, of £12K (!!!). The address for this is EUROCON V - c/o Editrice Nord, Via Rubens 25, 20148 Milano, Italy.

WORLDCON SCANDIA 83 - For those of you who are already beginning to wonder what to look forward to after the SEACON this is the answer. The host city for this Worldcon bid is Copenhagen. SMALL MAMMAL has been invited to inspect Copenhagen for suitability by the Scandinavian committee and will be reporting next issue (order your copy now, delivered under plain envelope). The committee address is P.O. Box 10040, S-220 10 Lund, Sweden. Pre supporting registration is £1 or 10 Swedish Crowns.

## HITCH HIKER'S GUIDE

Reaction to HHG seems somewhat mixed. The script sounds faithful to the original but it's recommended that you try to see it with a group of fans as a "mundane" audience gets a bit baffled in places. Most people (amongst those expressing their opinions in the direction of Sweden) felt that more should be made of Marvin. Apparently this was the first SF play where, if you looked carefully, you could see Dr Who in the back row of the audience.

Having recently returned from a trip over to Norway I must pass on my congratulations to Slartibartfast for his design of the Fjords.

## FILMS

The local showing here of STRIDPLANET GALACTICA was an utter disappointment, apart from the print having been jumped up and down on by every Swedish projectionist on its slow journey north. Obviously this production which is shoddy in plot (and occasionally in effects) cannot be the same thing as the film BATTLESTAR GALACTICA which has been heralded as the work of perfectionists.

Perhaps there is more hope for the new version of BUCK ROGERS which at least, from the advance publicity, doesn't take itself so utterly and tediously seriously.

A somewhat different film has just been given the go ahead. CRY OF CTHULHU has been rescued from oblivion and now has a \$6 million budget.

NORTHERN PHYSICS no 1 : Take one petrol can filled in winter at -30c. open in spring at +15c. Wipe petrol out of eyes and go and change.