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THE FARR SIDE

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THE FARR SIDE (formerly STICKY ISSUES) newsletter is a publication of WesterColt .45, the Phoenix 1992 WesterCon. The purpose is to keep those of us involved with putting on conventions in Arizona, and especially WesterColt .45, informed. The circulation is to CASFS members as well as the committees and volunteers of all Arizona conventions. This is the fourth issue of the current round of THE FARR SIDE/STICKY ISSUES.

CASFS Meetings

The next CASFS meeting will take place at the Marie Callender's restaurant, 3434 E. Thomas Road, at 8 pm on Friday, July 26, 1991. PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH THIS MEETING WE'RE BACK TO THE SCHEDULE OF THE LAST FRIDAY IN EACH MONTH. There isn't a special meeting room set aside, but rather a section of the restaurant near the bar. Four menu items will be on special for us at \$6.95 (including beverage), with pie to be added for \$1.00.

Phoenix 1992 WesterCon

THE NEXT PHOENIX 1992 WESTERCON MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SMURFCON 3 WORKSHOP. It will be at 7:30 pm, Saturday, July 27, 1991, at room 260, 262, 264 of the Caravan Inn at 3333 E. Van Buren. A copy of the current Committee list is included further on in this publication.

WESTERCOLT .45 BUDGET is enclosed. Please contact Margaret Grady at 220-9785 if you need to make any revisions. Everyone who has Committee positions needs to review this budget and submit any changes for the Chairman and Treasurer to review. Otherwise, we'll

leave this one we pulled one out of the air (or more disgusting places) and keep THAT official.

WESTERCOLT .45 PROGRESS REPORT ("PR") ONE is planned to be formulated over the next two weeks with submissions also solicited for the SmurfCon 3 Committee meeting.

PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS for WesterColt .45 will be published in the next FARR SIDE as well as being available at the upcoming meeting, since we haven't received any requests to withhold them. We notified everyone that we would do so in the last STICKY ISSUES. The reason is that I've already been receiving requests to distribute them in order to make communications easier among the Committee. THE FARR SIDE is a somewhat restricted publication, so it's not quite the same as putting your phone number on the bathroom wall. Sadly, not quite as much mystery and excitement, either.

TusCon 18

TusCon 18 is presently being planned by the TusCon committee as a relaxacon that will take place two weeks or so after the World Fantasy Convention. That would most likely make it November 15-17, 1991. There's discussion about having a VERY small dealer's room, little if any programming, no masquerade or art show, and making it mostly an opportunity to decompress after the 1991 WFC. More details after Cristi Simila, who will likely chair the event, returns soon from out of town.

1991 World Fantasy Convention

In case you've been living in the Australian outback these last two years...Tucson is hosting the 1991 World Fantasy Convention. It will take place at the Doubletree Hotel over Halloween weekend (October 31 - November 3, 1990). Memberships are for sale at \$80.00 until October 15, 1991. No memberships will be sold at the door. Our official guests are author Special Guests Harlan and Susan Ellison, Toastmaster/author Stephen R. Donaldson, and artist Guest Arlin Robins. Further info can be had from Co-Chairs Randy Rau and Bruce Farr (242-3883 for Randy, 730-8648 or 470-0494 after 7 pm for Bruce). Contact P.O. Box 27201, Tempe, Arizona 85285.

Be forewarned! The WFC is a professionally-oriented convention that includes no costume contest, no gaming, discourages costumes and even t-shirts, doesn't have a video program, and will show (at most) two movies. What it does have is a limited attendance of 750 (it's guaranteed to sell out pre-convention), about 150 authors attending, almost all of the horror and fantasy editors in the U.S., most of the cover artists, agents, and so on. It's also the best dealers room in the country for books.

We are looking for a few good fen - the WFC needs about 70 to assist on working the convention, and we still need about 20 more general volunteers for Registration, Art Show, Programming, Logistics, Office, and Hospitality. If you want the excitement of rubbing shoulders (and perhaps other bodily parts) with the pros, we offer discounted \$10.00 memberships to volunteers. Contact Bruce or Randy for details.

HEXACON CONVENTION

The first HexaCon Convention will be held at The Caravan Inn on August 2-4, 1991 at 3333 E. Van Buren in Phoenix. This will be a wholly gaming-oriented convention that we hope to make annual. Contact Robert Osman ("Ozzie") for details at 258-8921.

SmurfCon 3 Conference

Save Fandom! Make a Difference!

Attend SmurfCon 3 Conference!

What's a SmurfCon? Many of you receiving this newsletter not only know, but have also attended one of the prior two. It's our Arizona home-grown version of the nationally-held "SMOFCon" convention-running convention.

Attendence is open to all those interested in either how to run a convention or in changing how conventions are run. We tend to bring up current problems for discussion, kick around plans for upcoming convention, swap recipes, or whatever else comes to mind - all centered around a loose framework of topics.

This next SmurfCon is scheduled for July 27, 1991 at the Caravan Inn at 3333 E. Van Buren, rooms 260, 262, and 264. Events get underway at 10 am and run until 6 pm. After that we adjourn to a party with a WesterCon meeting starting at 8 pm. See the enclosed flier for more details.

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WESTERCOLT 45
THE PHOENIX 1992 WESTERCON

Committee/Staff List 4/17/91

Hotel Liaison

Convention Operations Operations Staff At-Convention Office Communications & Coordination Volunteers Nympho Desk Security

Hospitality

Food Logistics Staff Lounge

Program Participant Hospitality Art Program Writers Program Science Program Costume Program Horror Program Filk Program

Art Show

Video/Film Program Japanimation Games & Diversions Masquerade Dances Memberships/Registration Computer Room Historian/Technical Services Publicity Publications/At-Con Newsletter Pre-Con Newsletter/Sticky Issues Dealers Room SFWA Liaison

ASFA Liaison Business Meeting Site Selection Insignia Design

Chairman Bruce Farr Chief of Staff Lea Schultz Pre-Convention Office Kim Farr Treasurer Margaret Grady Sam Stubbs, Anita Bilek, Jim Webbert

> Eric Hanson, Greg Hildebrand Glenn Glazer Eileen Phillips Mike Morrison Ken Lemons Stephanie Bannon Terri Birmingham Dave Foster

Jeanne and Steve Burroughs, Robert Osman Doug Cosper Lauren Shellenbarger

Mike Willmoth Cynthia Webbert Jean Goddin Maryeileen McKersie John Theisen Pete Manly Terri Birmingham Sue Thing Charles Coons

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1991 WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION

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Bruce Farr Barry Bard Jim Webbert, Melissa Isaac, Brian Gross, Scott Glener, Val & Ron Ontell, Bruce & Peggy Wiley

Program Development

Films Art Show Dealers' Room At-Convention Office Volunteers, Pro Security Publications Copper Star Editor Hospitality

> Hosp. Bartender Registration Memberships Pre-Convention Office Historian Hotel Liaison Hotel Setup & Facilities Participant & Volunteer Hosp. Hotel Contracts/Agmt Business Liaison Convention Staff

**Not yet approved by Chairman

***Not yet approved by Department Head

Policies:

- 1) Committee (department heads and some of the shift managers) receive complimentary memberships.
- 2) Staff and volunteers, except where approved to be comped in advance by the Chair, will be reimbursed if sufficient funds remain post-convention on the basis of a minimum of 16 hours on duty during the convention or pre-convention. 50% refunds will be made (again, if sufficient funds remain) for 8-16 hours worked.
- 3) One night will be comped in advance for hotel accommodations at the San Carlos or Sheraton (at the option of the Chairman and Hotel Liaison) for most Committee members. A few people who are required to be on duty 24 hours will be comped in advance for the entire regular run of the convention.
- 4) If sufficient funds remain post-convention, some additional hotel reimbursements may be made.
- 5) Service to the convention is on a volunteer basis with no wage, quid pro quo, or other consideration. There is no workman's compensation or other applicable insurance coverage related to wages.
- 6) Function space assignment to departments will be made by the chairman.
- 7) All committee positions and appointments need to be previously approved by the Chairman.
- 8) All expenditures must be budgeted. If in doubt, contact the Treasurer. Reimbursements may not be made if unapproved by the Chair or Treasurer and you're over budget.