

EDITORIAL POSITION

"MAW" is intended to be a source of information for people who go to SF&F conventions in Arizona. We will publicise any Arizona Con, club, or activity along with important out-of-state information. Just write our P. O. box or call the editor, Bruce Farr, at (602) 968-5673 on week-ends. We will also accept ads in areas of SF&F - rates available on request.

We will not do Con reviews or fan gossip. However, MAW will tread the thin line by providing fan news. Let me know (as I'm sure you will) if I cross over the line.

Many people have asked what MAW stands or what it means. Maw, literally, is a synonym for "mouth" as it is the mouthpiece of CASFS. No, it isn't an acronym for Mothers Against Witchcraft or something else (unfortunately).

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MAW is the Newsletter of the Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society (CASFS), a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. It is being published quarterly. Circulation is approximately 1500 households, mainly to members of all Arizona conventions (including CopperCon, a convention sponsored by CASFS) and members of CASFS.

Please...anyone who changes their address, let us know! This saves us both money (lets you receive this newsletter and know about Con price breaks and lets us save money on COA's from the Post Office). This will also let us pass COA information on to Cons where you also have a membership! Anyone who wishes to receive or not to receive MAW only needs to request same.

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FAN GATHERING SIX/"BISBEECON"

Fan Gathering is a "RelaxaCon", or a convention without the Video Room, Computer Room, Programming, Dealers' Room, Masquerade, Wargaming...you're getting the idea by now. Well, we do have a little video room. Our feature activity is actually a well-stocked Con Suite open throughout most of the "party" and, normally, a \$5 membership.

The first Fan Gathering was held in July, 1984. The upcoming one, BisbeeCon, is being held March 28-30, 1986 (Friday to Sunday) at the Copper Queen hotel in Bisbee. We try to do a Fan Gathering about every four months and between conventions. Our only advertising for Fan Gathering is through this notice in MAW.

Bisbee is located south and east of Tucson. Find a good road map or else you'll miss the convention. Travel time is about 1.5 hours from Tucson, 3.5 hours from Phoenix. Call Bruce Farr at 968-5673 for car pooling information. The convention will start when we get there on Friday (probably by 7 pm) and will close on Sunday around noon.

Bisbee is a former mining town of smallish size that features a rather neat little hotel called the Copper Queen. We've reserved twenty hotel rooms at the hotel for the convention (there are only about 40 in the whole hotel). Rates are \$36.00 for one person, \$40.00 for two in a room. We suggest making early reservations (call 1-432-2216 or write P.O. Drawer CQ, Bisbee, AZ 85603). The rooms are being held under Bruce Farr.

The hotel itself is a feature of the convention and the town will be the main programming event. There's at least one bookstore in town and there are a number of art and handicraft shops. It's a great place just to wander around.

BisbeeCon will provide a room for everyone to rendezvous in (on the second floor) along with the usual food and drink. There's also a large lounge opposite the convention's room. We'll be showing videos occasionally as well (call Bruce Farr for requests at 968-5673).

Because of the limited number of memberships we expect (about 20 so far have indicated that they plan to go with 30 or so expected in total), memberships will be \$10 so we can afford the hospitality room. Terry Gish and Mary Vaughn are conducting this Fan Gathering, BisbeeCon.

VOLUNTEERS

by Sam Stubbs

Nothing pleases me more than to hear, "This convention is better than last year's". We all try to improve on previous attempts; however, when a convention committee member quits working on conventions because of burnout, we lose knowledge and experience that makes further improvement more difficult.

In order to improve our conventions, we need to retain the experience of present committee members while teaching new people those skills. In trade for sharing the skills of putting on a convention, we get the ideas and input of a person with a fresh outlook. An added bonus is that the help will possibly preclude the burnout of a valued committee member.

If done properly, the winner of this interchange is all of us; the committee, volunteers, convention members, attending pros, etc. If you wish to volunteer to help on a convention or even if you don't wish to, please send suggestions to me:

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(602) 838-6873
(Volunteer Head: NASFiC, CopperCon, LepreCon)

CENTRAL ARIZONA SPECULATIVE FICTION SOCIETY, INC.

We're the sponsor of MAW, Fan Gatherings, and CopperCon convention. CASFS, also known as "Melvyn", meets at the Cafe Casino at 24th. Street and Camelback (Southwest corner) on the last Friday of each month at 8 pm. We are a charitable, IRS-recognized non-profit corporation that exists to further science fiction, fantasy, and science fields in Arizona.

Everyone is invited to attend two meetings prior to becoming a member. Membership rates are \$12 per year (plus initial \$3 application fee), or slightly more if paid quarterly or semi-annual. Membership rates are prorated for the amount of the year remaining. For more information, call Bruce Farr at 968-5673.

CASFS BUSINESS SUMMARY

The following are highlights from the monthly CASFS meetings held over the past three months:

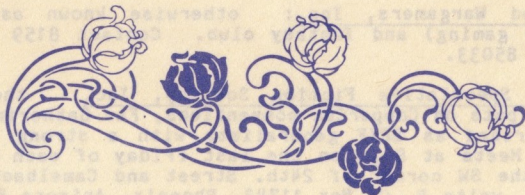
ELECTIONS. The Board of Directors is now composed as follows: Chairman of the Board, Sam Stubbs; Board Vice-Chair, Doug Cosper; Board Secretary, Randy Rau; Treasurer, Bruce Farr; other members of the Board are Mark Christensen, Michele Kurce, and Margaret Grady.

The procedural officers are: President, Doug Cosper; Vice-President, Michele Kurce; Secretary, Margaret Grady; Treasurer, Bruce Farr (also a Board position). Margaret Grady continues as Coordinator for CopperCon 6 convention and Mark Christensen as Banker for CopperCon 6.

Re-appointed committees are: Randy Rau for examining standing of CASFS's 501(c)3 status and obtaining legal opinion; Bruce Farr for editing MAW newsletter; and Bruce Farr for arranging details of Fan Gatherings.

Business conducted included the following:

- 1) CopperCon 5 convention was closed out. Total memberships were 872 and the net "profit", after 87 complimentary memberships to CopperCon 6 for some of the volunteers, was \$2929.10. Included in that was \$200 for another electric stapler, available for loan to other organizations.
- 2) Randy Rau was authorized to arrange for legal advice (\$1000 spending limit) for the corporation regarding the maintenance of 501(c)3 status and other related business matters of the corporation.
- 3) CASFS formally endorsed the 1988 Valley of the Sun WesterCon bid for bringing the WesterCon (a western regional convention of about 2000 people...CASFS sponsored the 1982 WesterCon in Phoenix at the Phoenix Hilton Hotel) back to Phoenix. A grant of \$500 was authorized.
- 4) Bruce Farr was authorized to make logistical arrangements for a permanent storage facility for CASFS's art flats and other convention material.
- 5) The Austin NASFiC has notified us that they are awarding a grant to the Phoenix 1987 NASFiC for \$1000. CASFS, in its capacity as a 501(c)3 organization, will be accepting the grant. Bruce Farr, who is chair for the NASFiC, will be contacting Austin for CASFS. We wish to thank them for their much-appreciated assistance!



1988 WESTERCON BID NEWS

Phoenix is bidding for the 1988 WesterCon convention. Officially, the bid is known as the Valley of the Sun WesterCon Bid Committee. The bid has arranged for the use of the Phoenix Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix and would use the Civic Plaza next door for the Costume Contest.

Supporters include much of the committees of LepreCon and CopperCon conventions, as well as the chair of Phoenix's 1982 WesterCon convention (Randy Rau) and the organization that sponsored the 1982 WesterCon, CASFS.

Bid committee and supporters include eight chairs of present and upcoming Phoenix conventions. These include LepreCon, CopperCon, WesterCon, and NASFiC chairs. Total experience represented surely amounts to well over...ahhhhhh...a zillion conventions (actually, I estimate over 200 conventions worked among the 25 committee and supporters listed).

The Hyatt Regency has over 30,000 square feet of convention space with more about to be added. The convention center next door has about 300,000 square feet.

The bid is chaired by Terry Gish with Bruce Farr as treasurer. It's officially supported by LepreCon, Inc. and the Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society.

How can you help the bid? By voting at the San Diego WesterCon in July, 1986 or by mail for Phoenix as the site for 1988's WesterCon (see convention listing elsewhere in MAW for address for memberships). In order to do this you must be a supporting or attending member in the 1986 San Diego WesterCon. A voting fee (which gets you an attending membership no matter who wins the vote) is required (\$ amount not yet determined). It's well worth it as this is the cheapest way to get an attending membership in the convention...and, best of all, it brings the convention to Phoenix!

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

SF/F oriented organizations are welcome to send info. to our P. O. box for listing!

When contacting a Club or Con, please send a SASE (Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) for return reply!

United Federation of Phoenix: the Phoenix area Star Trek Club. Meets every two weeks at various locations around the Phoenix area. For information, write P. O. Box 37224, Phoenix, Arizona 85069 or call Jim Strait at (602) 242-9203.

The Lion Legion: newly forming Phoenix area team for Sabratract International, the battlefield sport. For more information, contact Kevin Hedgpeth at 246-0199 or write to 4231 N. 31st Ave, Phoenix, Arizona 85017.

LepreCon, Inc.: one of the two Phoenix area corporations that puts on yearly conventions. Meets at various times, usually at The Readerie in Tempe (Southern and Mill). For more information, write P. O. Box 16815, Phoenix, Arizona 85011 or call The Readerie at (602) 968-7790.

Role Players and Wargamers, Inc.: otherwise known as RAW Games. Wargaming (board gaming) and fantasy club. Contact 8159 West Weldon, Phoenix, Arizona 85033.

Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society, Inc.: the non-profit corporation that puts on CopperCon conventions, Fan Gatherings, and does MAW. Best described as SF/F generalists with a strong bent towards literary SF/F. Meets at 8 pm on the last Friday of each month at the Cafe Casino on the SW corner of 24th. Street and Camelback Road. For more information, write P. O. Box 11743, Phoenix, Arizona 85061 or call Bruce Farr at (602) 968-5673.

Metro Phoenix Area Cartoon/Fantasy Organization: local chapter of Japanimation/general animation oriented fans. Call 938-6552 for more information.

Southern Arizona Science Fiction & Fantasy Association: the Tucson-area SF&F generalists, involved with the yearly TusCon convention. Contact Charles Englestead, 5645 N. Maria Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85704 or call (602) 887-5475 for more information.

Society for Creative Anachonisms (Tucson): or how to get in touch with your past. Contact Baron al-Khariji Abd al-Khabir Yusuf ibn Khalid (ie Chuck Berridge) at 1319 W. El Caminito, Tucson, Arizona 85705 or call (602) 293-4420 for more information.

L-5 Society (national): one of the most-respected pro-space advocacy organizations. Membership \$25 or \$15 for students. 1060 E. Elm, Tucson, Arizona 85719 or call (602) 622-6351.

L-5 Society (Phoenix chapter): Currently meeting in ASU area. Write Phoenix L-5, Box 271, Tempe, Arizona 85281 or call (602) 967-0083 for more info.

The Phoenix Fantasy Film Society: film society for classis SF&F film. Membership is \$25.00, lifetime. PFFS also rents projectors, films, and video tapes. Contact PFFS, Box 30423, Phoenix, Arizona 85067.

Igen Weyr: a Phoenix-area local club based on the Dragonrider books by Anne McCaffrey. For more information, call Kim Farr at (602) 968-5673.

S.F.R. (Sci-Fi Fantasy Realm): a new club in the Phoenix area that deals with all aspects of science fiction and fantasy fandom. We meet monthly at various locations around the valley and talk, watch movies, and have a good time meeting new friends. For more information, contact S.F.R., High Council Member, 2507 N 47 Lane, Phoenix, Arizona 85035.

SF and Fantasy Workshop: at-home workshop for all phases of development for beginning or published writers. Write for fee structure (for example, \$10 for the workshop). Contact Kathleen Woodbury, Director, SF and Fantasy Workshop, 1193 South 1900 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108.

SF Video Workshop/Arizona SF: a cable video project concentrating on SF event announcements, book and film reviews, interviews, and short fantasy SF films and videos. Contact Patrick Connors at P. O. Box 42036, Tucson, Arizona 85733.

T.A.R.D.I.S.: (The Arizona Regional Doctor [Who] Interest Society) Dr. Who fan club of Phoenix. Memberships are \$15.00 for first year. Contact Belle Krencius at (602) 272-0279, or write T.A.R.D.I.S. at Box 23291, Phoenix, Arizona 85063.

USS Hypatia: Star Trek, Media SF, and science. Contact Steven A. Jacob, 2215 E. Monte Vista Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85719.

Golden Oldies and New Delights: a K/S adult Star Trek fanzine. Open for general submissions, is 190 pages of short stories and poetry with a double-helping of humor. Present issue is sold out. Contact 4-Play Press, P. O. Box 4106, Cave Creek, Arizona 85331.

LEPRECON REPORT

by Terry Gish

LepreCon 12 will be held the weekend after Memorial Day, making the con dates May 30, 31, and June 1. It will be held at the Ramada East hotel near 44th Street and Van Buren.

The artist Guest of Honor is Kim Poor. He's a noted astronomical artist from Tucson who has done work for, among others, the Smithsonian. Writer Guests are Jennifer Roberson (Donald A. Wolheim is ill and cannot attend the convention) and Jo Clayton. Our Fan GOH is Peggy Crawford who, with her late husband, put on a series of California conventions known as the Fantasy Faire/SF Weekend.

YEAH, THAT'LL TEACH 'EM

by Bruce Farr

People go to a convention to have a good time. That's so obvious that it's silly to have to state it. Well, apparently not quite everyone goes for that reason.

Almost every convention I've attended over the years (and that now numbers about 50) has had senseless acts of vandalism. These aren't usually reported anywhere and most people aren't even aware that they occurred. Someone just feels like doing something such as punching a hole in a door, marking up elevators, destroying room numbers of hotel rooms. For reasons known only to them.

This isn't typical only to conventions in Arizona...it happens everywhere. And not just at science fiction/fantasy conventions. Fortunately, it rarely is significant damage in dollars. Rather, it's what might be behind the act that bothers me.

I'm going to make a guess about the motivation, that someone doing such an act feels that they are getting back at the convention for some real or imagined action of the convention against them or others and they feel like hurting something. Okay, now you've, say, knocked a hole in a wall. What are the results of doing this (other than perhaps hurting your hand)?

Usually the convention isn't strictly liable for the damage, though we often will pay for damage because we want to be on good terms with the hotels. However, it's not the dollars that hurts from the act.

Rather, the result is that the hotel will tell other hotels. They'll get the feeling that this is typical of science fiction conventions. We actually have a fairly good reputation, but enough of this and 'bye 'bye to that.

The convention that's hurt the most may not be the one where the damage occurs. Rather, other conventions wanting to use the same hotel or other hotels that heard of the act for their own convention will suffer the most. In fact, conventions without a proven track record (ie ones other than LepreCon and CopperCon in the Valley) will be hurt the most. This sort of thing makes it difficult for any new conventions to form.

Those of us who work on conventions (and we welcome everyone who wants to join in) do it generally not to make money (vandalism just would make the convention increase memberships rates). We do it rather to give everyone exposure to the field of science fiction and fantasy. Naturally, we want everyone to have fun doing it as well.

But this sort of act causes everyone problems. The ultimate end is not to hurt the convention, but rather everyone's enjoyment of the convention (realize that the convention only exists as a collection of people). Please, if you're someone who has done this sort of thing or know someone who has, ask them to think of others and to stop. Why? Who are they hurting? You.



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by Armand Cabrera

CACTUSCOM (NASFiC) REPORT

by Bruce Farr

Phoenix has won the right to host the 1987 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC, for short). Our name for the convention is "CactusCon". A NASFiC is the North American alternative to the World Science Fiction Convention whenever the WorldCon is held overseas (1987 it will be in Brighton, England). Our right to hold the '87 NASFiC was awarded to us by a vote of the members of the 1985 WorldCon in Melbourne, Australia.

The convention will be held in the downtown hotels in Phoenix (The Hyatt Regency, Phoenix Hilton, San Carlos, and Heritage Hotels) and at the Civic Plaza next to the Hyatt Regency. We expect 4,000-5,000 to attend the convention and have blocked 1,265 hotel rooms in the four hotels. We will have all the activities of a WorldCon (except for our not hosting the Hugo Awards and bid voting), which means that we will have: multi-track programming including many well-known authors, an extensive film and video program, a large costume contest, board gaming rooms, a large hospitality suite, extensive art show, and dealers from around the country.

Daytime functions are presently planned to be held at the Civic Plaza; nighttime functions will be at the hotels. The Civic Plaza will host the dealers' room and art show (over 150 tables/200 4x4 art panels), 4 tracks of Main Program, at least one film room, two video rooms, information and convention services (daytime), and a large exhibit hall. The Hyatt Regency will host the hospitality suite, registration, convention headquarters, wargaming rooms, and other 24-hour and nighttime activities.

Membership and other information is in the convention listing section of MAW.

COPPERCON 6 REPORT

by Margaret Grady

Old! Improved! Better than ever! At least, a larger dealers' room and art show than last year. Two video rooms. And more of the great CopperCon hospitality. Come and honor our GOH, author James P. Hogan.

We'll start things off Thursday night, as we did last year. Starting at 6 pm we'll have early registration, including pickup for pre-registered and sales of full memberships. Also open will be hospitality and some video programming.

Friday will be the start of guest programming as well as the opening of the dealers' room, art show, wargaming, and the rest of the con activities. The costume contest will be Saturday night.

MAW GENERIC MEMBERSHIP FORM (should work for most conventions)

CONVENTION: _____

NAME: _____

BADGE NAME: (if different) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ BIRTH DATE _____ OR OVER 21: _____

ENCLOSED: \$ _____ for _____ membership(s) I WISH TO VOLUNTEER: _____

OTHER:

note: please enclose addressed, stamped envelope if only requesting info

CONVENTION NOTES

CASFS makes no representations about conventions listed (except for their own convention, CopperCon 5, and Fan Gathering 6) other than simply providing a listing service. Please note that many conventions have arranged with The Readerie and One Book Stores in Tempe and Stalking Moon Book Store in Glendale to sell their memberships.

Equicon '86 - March 28 to 30, 1986 (Friday to Sunday). Pasadena Hilton. Memberships are \$25 to 3-20-86, \$30 at the door. Contact P. O. Box 36789, Los Angeles, California 90036.

Costume-Con 4 - May 23 to 26, 1986 (Friday to Monday). Pasadena Hilton. Memberships \$25 to May 15, 1986. Contact SCI-FI, 13657 Rayen St., Arleta, California 91331. The convention to attend if you're into costuming!

Amigocon - May 24-26, 1986 (Saturday to Monday) at the Mid-City Holiday Inn in El Paso, Texas. Memberships are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. One-day is \$6. Contact Tom Cagle, 3400 Polk, El Paso, Texas 79930. Guests are Patricia A. McKillip and Robert E. Vardeman.

LepreCon 12 - May 30 to June 1, 1986 (Friday to Sunday). Ramada East hotel near 44th St. and Van Buren. Memberships are \$17 until May 1, 1986, then \$20 through at the door. Write for childrens' rates. Room rates are \$39 (any occupancy) and \$65 for suites. Contact LepreCon 12, P. O. Box 16815, Phoenix, Arizona 85011 or call Terry Gish at (602) 839-2543. SF/F. Guests are Jennifer Roberson (for DAW Books since Don Wolheim is ill and cannot attend as GOH), Jo Clayton, artist Kim Poor, and convention organizer Peggy Crawford.

1986 WesterCon - July 3-6, 1986 (Thursday to Sunday) at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego, California. Memberships are \$35 to 5-31-86. Contact WesterCon 39, P. O. Box 81285, San Diego, California 92138. SF/F/etc. Next to WorldCon, the longest-running convention. Guests are David Brin, Greg Bear, and Karen Turner.

Confederation, 44th World SF Convention - August 28 to September 1, 1986 (Thursday through Monday) at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency and Hilton Hotels. Memberships \$45 to 8-1-86 for attending, \$25 to 8-1-86 for supporting. Contact Confederation, 3277 Roswell Road, Suite 1986, Atlanta, Georgia 30305. Guests are Ray Bradbury, Terry Carr, and Bob Shaw.

CopperCon 6 - September 4-7, 1986 (Thursday through Sunday) at the Safari Resort Hotel in Scottsdale, Arizona. Memberships are \$14.00 to 5-31-86, \$16.00 to 9-1-86, then \$20.00 at the door. Rooms are \$38. Contact P. O. Box 11743, Phoenix, Arizona 85061 or call (602) 968-5673. GOH is James P. Hogan.

1986 World Fantasy Convention - October 30 to November 2, 1986 (Thursday through Sunday) at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. Memberships are \$45.00. Supporting memberships are \$15.00. Contact P. O. Box 3251, Darlington Branch Post Office, Pawtucket, RI 02861. Memberships are limited to 750...we expect that they'll have sold their limit before the con dates. Guests are Ramsey Campbell, Charles L. Grant, and J. K. Potter.

CactusCon, 1987 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC) - September 3-6, 1987 (Thursday to Sunday) at the Phoenix Hilton, Hyatt Regency, Heritage, and San Carlos Hotels and Phoenix Convention Center in downtown Phoenix, Arizona. Memberships are \$25.00 until 4-15-86, then higher. Supporting \$15.00 at all times. Tables \$60.00 (excluding optional membership), limit 3. Held since the 1987 World Science Fiction Convention is overseas. SF/F/etc. Contact CactusCon, P. O. Box 27201, Tempe, Arizona 85282. Call (602) 968-5673 for info. SF/F/etc. 3000 to 5000 expected attendance. Guests are Hal Clement and Marjii Ellers.