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(Incorporating Fantasycon XIII)

OCTOBER 28th to 30th, 1988

'Gaslight & Ghosts'

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Because the World Fantasy Convention has grown into such a prestigious event we decided the 1988 venue had to meet the high standards that WFC attendees have come to expect . . .

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This modern 510-room hotel has been recently taken over by the Ramada Inn chain, which is busily upgrading all the rooms to the standard of their American hotels (don't worry - the work will be

completed by October . . .) Although the hotel rooms are small by American standards, each includes private bath and shower, colour television, and a direct dial telephone system. They are also double glazed to keep out the often inclement British autumn!

The hotel rates are particularly good for London, with rooms at only £60 per night (single or double occupancy), inclusive of British tax (VAT) but excluding breakfast. Hotel booking forms will be included with Progress Report 2 next spring.

If you have any enquiries regarding your registration or hotel booking, please contact:

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this scepter'd isle, this land of mists and myths, of rain-washed cobblestones, Jack the Ripper and the ageless Arthur . . . Yes, The World Fantasy Convention is finally crossing the Atlantic. After years of bullying, we have gracefully relented and agreed to host this most important convention in the fantasy professionals' calendar. The venue has to be London, both for atmosphere and convenience, and we have chosen as our theme *Gaslight & Ghosts*, which so aptly sums up this legend-steeped city. We trust that those visitors to our shores take time, either before or after the convention, to explore some of the history that permeates every cranny of this centuries-old metropolis. But please be warned: London can be *very* expensive - one of the reasons we have been so reluctant to hold a WFC here. However, we have attempted to keep prices down, without sacrificing either style or prestige. The costs may look high, but we will endeavour to ensure you get value for money. The convention membership will be limited, although we are allowing Supporting Members to convert to Full membership *at any time* (even after the usual 750 limit has been reached).

Britain's best-selling horror writer, James Herbert, has agreed to be our Guest of Honour, and we will be announcing other guests in subsequent Progress Reports. As usual, we expect a high proportion of professional writers, artists, editors and publishers, and the 1988 convention will obviously also attract a large European contingent. Overseas postage is very expensive, so can we please remind you that when writing to the convention, if you expect a reply, you include a s.a.e. (U.K.) or two International Reply Coupons (overseas), available from your Post Office. The 1988 World Fantasy Convention will incorporate the 13th Annual British Fantasy Convention, sponsored by the British Fantasy Society, and between us we hope to host a conference you will never forget . . .

Stephen Jones & Jo Fletcher

THE 1988 WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

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Enclosed herewith please find a cheque or money order for in payment for the following:

- Full Membership @ £45/\$70 (Rising to £50/\$75 July 1st, 1988)
- Supporting membership @ £15/\$30 (Can convert to Full Membership at any time)
- Banquet Tickets @ £20/\$35

Please make cheques/money orders payable to 'The 1988 World Fantasy Convention' and send to either:

The World Fantasy Convention

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EDITORIAL POSITION

MAW is intended to be a source of information for people interested in science fiction, fantasy, and related subjects. We'll also publicize related Arizona Cons, clubs, or activities along with important out-of-state information. Just write our P. O. box or call the editor, Bruce Farr, at (602) 968-5673 on weekends. Please note that everything not credited with a byline was written by the editor, Bruce Farr.

MAW is the Newsletter of the Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society (CASFS), a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. It is being published (except for last quarter) quarterly. Circulation is approximately 3,000 households for this issue, mainly to members of CASFS and attendees of recent Arizona sf&f conventions.

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Please...anyone who changes their address, let us know! This saves everyone money (lets you receive this newsletter plus 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 conventions 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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CENTRAL ARIZONA SPECULATIVE FICTION SOCIETY, INC.

What REALLY is behind putting on a convention? What are the funds raised by a convention used for? Does everyone REEEAAAAALLY smear each other all over with lime jello at CASFS meetings? Why not attend a meeting and find out!

We're the sponsor of MAW, CON GAMES, Fan Gatherings, the 1988 SMOFCon convention, and the annual CopperCon convention. CASFS, also known as "Melvyn", usually meets at the Cafe Casino at 24th. Street and Camelback (Southwest corner), but are changing our meeting as listed below due to changed summer hours at Cafe Casino. We are a charitable, IRS-recognized non-profit corporation that exists to further science fiction, fantasy, and science fields in Arizona. We'd like to see you involved, too!

THE NEXT MEETING OF CASFS will take place on Friday, September 30, 1988 at 8 pm at the restaurant of the Ambassador Inn at 4727 E. Thomas Road in Phoenix.

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-annually. Membership rates are prorated for the amount of the year remaining. For more information, call Bruce Farr at (602) 968-5673. BYOLJello.

TUSCON 15 REPORT

by Cristi Simila

TusCon's goanna be the weekend of October 7-9, 1988. Author Stephen R. Donaldson will be the GoH and Ed Bryant will be back again as Toastmaster (by popular demand). Fan Guest of Honors are Jim and Doreen Webbert, well-known ~~masochists~~ convention and fanzine fans from Phoenix.

As to Program, The Biosphere people MAY be at TusCon to answer questions (these are the people putting together a 2-year self-contained environment as an experiment). Also, we're open for people to once again sponsor movies. Those interested should contact Wolf Forrest for detail. As usual, there will be the Masquerade and Furry Critter Stomp on Saturday night. Security is looking for a few good bodies (aren't we all?)...contact Bruce Wiley to volunteer. Also, Peggy Wiley in Operations would like some assistance.

The morning donuts will be a feature again, as will popcorn in the movie room. The convention will once again be in the Executive Inn. The membership rate is \$20.00 at the door. See you there!



CONVENTION NOTES

CASFS makes no representations about conventions listed (except for their own conventions, CopperCon 8, Fan Gatherings, and 1988 SmofCon) other than simply providing a listing service. Please note that many conventions have arranged with Endless Universe Bookstore in Mesa, One Book Store in Tempe, and Stalking Moon Book Store in Glendale to sell their memberships.

CopperCon 8 - September 8-11, 1988 (Thursday night to Sunday) at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix, Arizona. Memberships are \$25 at door - one-day memberships are available. Room rates at the Hyatt are \$50 for single/double, \$54 for triple/quad - call (602) 252-1234 for reservations. For more information, contact P. O. Box 27201, Tempe, Arizona 85282 or call (602) 830-8904 after 6pm. Guests of honour are author Robert Vardeman and fan/Pirate Jenny editor Pat Mueller.

TusCon 15 - October 7-9, 1988 (Friday to Sunday) at the Executive Inn in Tucson, Arizona. Contact TusCon at P. O. Box 26822, Tucson, Arizona 85726 or call (602) 881-3709. Membership rates are \$20.00 at the door...1-day memberships available at the door only at \$15.00 (except a Saturday night only membership- for Masquerade evening - is \$10.00). Guests are author Stephen R. Donaldson (GoH), Ed Bryant (Toastmaster), and the Fan GOH's are Jim and Doreen Webbert.

1988 SMOFCon - December 8-10, 1988 (Friday to Sunday) at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix, Arizona. This is the annual national convention on conducting sf/fantasy conventions. Includes workshops, publications, and panels on con conducting techniques. Membership is \$35 to 10-15-88 and \$50 thereafter. Hotel rooms are \$60. Contact P. O. Box 27201, Tempe, Arizona 85282 or call (602) 968-5673.

LepreCon 15 - April 14-16, 1989 (Friday to Sunday) at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix, Arizona. Memberships are \$15 through 9/12/88. Contact P. O. Box 26665, Tempe, Arizona 85282 or call (602) 839-2543. Guests are artist Richard Hescoc, author Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, and Tucson fan Sue Thing. Dealers tables are available at \$45.00.

NOREASCON 3, 47th World SF Convention - Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 1989 at the Sheraton Boston, Backbay Hilton, and Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts. Write for current Attending rates, Supporting \$20. Contact Box 46, MIT Branch PO, Cambridge, MA 02139. Guests are author Andre Norton, Publishers Ian and Betty Ballantine, and The Stranger Club (Louis Russell Chauvenet, Chan Davis, G. Timothy Orrok, Harry Clement Stubbs, Robert D. Swisher, and Art Widner).

COPPERCON 8 REPORT

by Sam Stubbs, Coordinator

CopperCon Eight is upon us and this year we are emphasizing the literary and gaming interests. We hope to have more activities than a tomcat has fleas (you must have been itching to use that metaphore, Sam) The convention takes place the weekend of September 8-11, 1988 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in lovely downtown Phoenix. Festivities get underway on Thursday evening, September 8, 1988 with registration, video, and Con Suite...registration opens by 7pm.

Robert Vardeman is our Guest of Honor. VardeBob got his start when he was a fan and has since become a terrific author whose skills range from technical science fiction to fantasy. Our Fan Guest of Honor, Pat Mueller, began her fannish carer right here in Phoenix where she was a core committee member of the 1978 Worldcon, Iguanacon. She also was a member of the early Flying Buffalo Games crew. She has since moved to Texas where she did publications for the 1985 Austin NASFiC (as well as having been a key Bid Committee member) and editor of the Texas SF Inquirer, a Hugo-nominated fanzine. She has now started her own zine, Pirate Jenny.

Membership rates for CopperCon 8 are \$25 at the door with one-day memberships available at reduced rates. Dealers tables can be purchased through Teresa Applegate at Endless Universe Bookstore at (602) 820-6618. Art show space can be gotten from Kim Farr at 3411 S. Margo Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282 (602) 968-5673. For more info on any aspect of CuCon 8, write to P. O. Box 27201, Tempe, Arizona 85282 or call (602) 830-8904 after 6pm.

LEPRECON 15

by Randal Rau

It is that time of year to ask you to send in your \$15.00 (before the price goes up agan), to join the fun at next year's Leprecon. As in the past, we will have the noted and famous Art Show, Dealers Room, Gaming, Masquerade, Movies, Japanimation, and very special program of panels to feature our special guests: Artist - Richard Hescoc, Author - Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, and Fan - Sue Thing.

Over the years Leprecons have had the rep of a fun con. We plan to continue this trend with a bigger and better Con suite, giving cash prizes in the Masquerade, and having Randy Rye cavort around nude in the hallways. (Just seeing if Randy's reading this.)

Hope to seee y'all there!

CASFS BUSINESS SUMMARY

The Board of Directors is now as follows: Chairman of the Board, Randy Rye; Board Vice-Chair, Doug Cosper; Board Secretary, Randy Rau; Treasurer, Bruce Farr; other members of the Board are Sam Stubbs, Clifton Baird, and Margaret Grady.

The procedural officers are: President, Larry Hallock; Vice-President, Sam Stubbs; Secretary, Tom Perry; Treasurer, Bruce Farr (also a Board position). Sam Stubbs is Coordinator of CopperCon 8 and Randy Rye is Banker. Doug Cosper is Coordinator of CopperCon 9 and Randy Rye is Banker. Bruce Farr is Coordinator of the 1988 SMOFCon and Margaret Grady is Banker.

Appointed committees are: Randy Rau for arranging details of making book donations to libraries; Bruce Farr for editing **MAW** newsletter and **CON GAMES** fanzine; and a Committee including Randy Rau for arranging Fan Gatherings. Margaret Grady is sponsor of the upcoming Fan Gathering.

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

- 1) The 1987 North American Science Fiction Convention, "CactusCon", has just completed refunding memberships of volunteers who put in 6 hours or more working on the convention. If you put in 6 hours or more on the convention and haven't received your refund, please write Bruce Farr at P. O. Box 27201, Tempe, Arizona 85282 and let him know what department(s) you worked in and how many hours you worked.
- 2) The 12th Fan Gathering was sponsored by the Southwest Costumers' Guild, with Pati Cook doing the coordinating. About 100 people attended...a great time was had by all and we wish to thank Ozzie and the others who gave a hand at running it. The next Fan Gathering will be in December and shall be announced in the 4th Quarter, 1988 MAW (due out in mid-November).
- 3) We're about to conduct CopperCon 8 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Phoenix. See the convention listing and article in MAW for further information.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

SF/F oriented organizations are welcome to send info. to our P. O. box for listing! Important!!!! If you want to continue to be listed, please correspond with updated club information at least twice a year. This keeps your listing current and lets us know you still exist.

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

Dimensional Masque: a non-profit organization founded in 1985 to provide a forum at science fiction conventions for creative fans to meet, produce, and show original film or video productions. Contact Richard Rouse and Elinor Mavor at (602) 941-0349 or write 7015 E. Pasadena Ave., Scottsdale, Arizona 85253.

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: 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. For more information, write P. O. Box 26665, Tempe, Arizona 85282 or call Eric Hanson at (602) 838-6873.

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 and CON GAMES newsletters. 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 - call for meeting location (we're in the process of possibly changing). Write P. O. Box 11743, Phoenix, Arizona 85061 or call Bruce Farr at (602) 968-5673 and Doug Cosper at (602) 849-3338.

Phoenix Japanimation Society: local chapter of japanimation/general animation oriented fans - meets monthly. Membership is free, though optional monthly newsletter is \$5/year or \$.50/month. Call Tom Perry at (602) 996-2196 or write P. O. Box 5189, Glendale, Arizona 85312.

Society for Creative Anachonisms (Tucson): or how to get in touch with your past. Contact SCA Inc. DBA Tir Ysgithr, Box 43335, Tucson, Arizona 85733.

National Space Society (National): successor to L-5 Society. Contact 922 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20003 or call (202) 543-1900.

International Brotherhood of Jedi Knights - Star Wars club, of which the local group is the Tatooine Base. No membership dues for the Base, but the I.B.O.J.K. has annual dues of \$5.00. Contact Lilly or Patty at 956-3568 for more information or write 3111 North 34th Place, Phoenix, Arizona 85018.

The Phoenix Fantasy Film Society: film society for classic 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 or write 3411 S. Margo Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282. Publisher of the fanzine, Weyr Notes.

T.A.R.D.I.S.: (The Arizona Regional Doctor [Who] Interest Society) Dr. Who fan club of Phoenix. Memberships are \$18.00 for first year. Membership includes a monthly newsletter, business cards, TARDIS key, and quarterly publications. They meet every two weeks at various locations around the valley. Contact Belle at T.A.R.D.I.S., Box 63191, Phoenix, Arizona 85026.

CompuShop Forum/DBUG Computer Users Group: SF/Fantasy discussion group including SF directory, reviews, etc. Computer board set up at 745-1889...set up own password with board and leave message in public area for D&D group. Space available for groups with membership in DBUG (\$10/year for each group or discussion leader). Contact Fred Runk at 4817 E. 26th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85711 or call 747-9096.

Starbase Tucson: Star Trek club for people whose interests include sf, role-playing games, Dr. Who, media sf, computers, sca, filking etc. Contact K'Shona Jackson, Diplomatic Liaison Officer, 7948 E. Winnepeg Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85730 or call 885-5778.

SIG on The Source Information Network: (run by Flying Buffalo Games). For wargamers, role-playing games, & SF and fantasy fans. There you will find: an extensive list of game and SF conventions from around the country, news and new releases from game companies, role playing and other games, and a bulletin board where you can leave messages for other games. From Command Level on The Source, just type FLBUFSIG. The SIG is run by Flying Buffalo Inc., makers of NUCLEAR WAR and TUNNELS & TROLLS games. For more info, call 602-945-6917 or write P.O. Box 1467, Scottsdale, Arizona 85282 (Flying Buffalo, Rick Loomis, SIG Operator).

Doctor Who Information Network: a multi-national Doctor Who club. Includes a bi-monthly newsletter, ENLIGHTENMENT, membership card, convention and series news, pen pal, and classified services. Memberships are \$8 per year. Contact DWIN, P. O. Box 912, Station F, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2N9, Canada.

Southwest Costumers Guild: a Phoenix area branch chapter of the International Costumers' Guild, based in Maryland. Dedicated to exploring, teaching, researching and enjoying all aspects of costuming. Dues are \$12.00 per year (which includes \$6.00 International dues). For more information, call Pati Cook at (602) 973-8611 between 3 and 6pm. The Guild meets the second Friday of each month at 7:30pm - call Pati Cook for meeting location.

M.A.G.I.C. (Manga/Animation/Gaming International Circle): Besides what's in the title, this club deals with art, costuming, cultural exchange and play-by-mail gaming. The group run as a structured anarchy. Their newsletter is called "Through the Mirror". Contact Gregg Sharp, 3901 W. Camelback #A13, Phoenix, Arizona 85019.

Blake's Several - fan club dedicated to promotion of the Blake's 7 tv show and bringing together fans of the show. Contact Blake's Several, P. O. Box 1766, Bellaire, Texas 77401. Membership are \$7.00 per year.

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