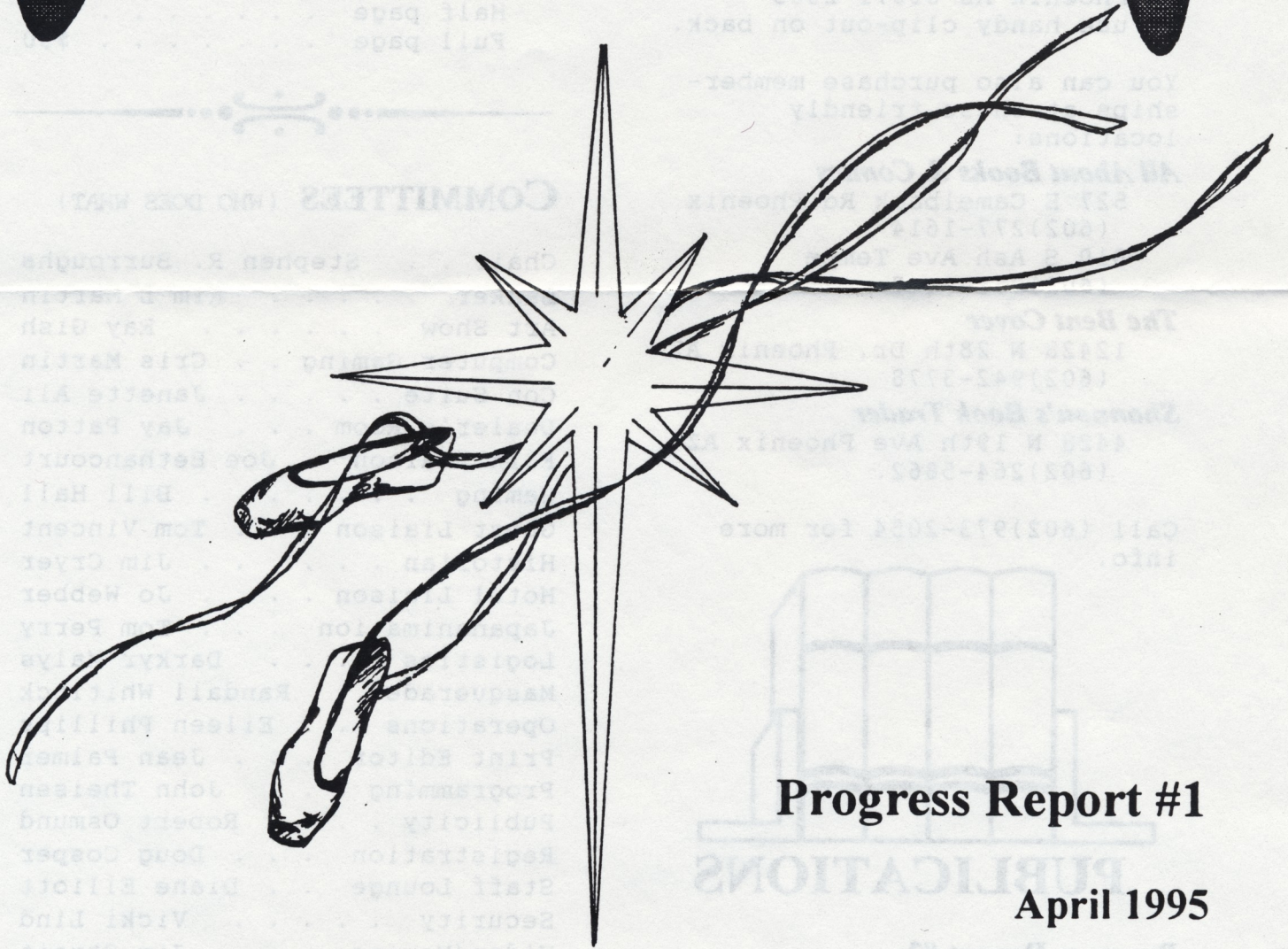


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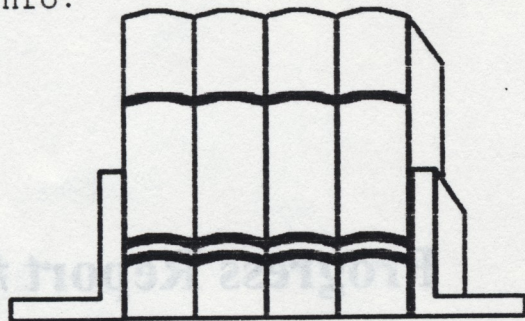
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Welcome to CopperCon 15

Hello from the Chair...

Hi, folks. This is your CopperCon 15 Chairman. We are here to let you know what we have been doing to make CopperCon 15 as much fun as possible for you.

Those of you who have never been to one (as well as all past attendees), welcome to CopperCon. This is our Annual Literary Science Fiction Convention. If you read Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Speculative Fiction or are interested in any aspect of this genre such as movies, games, costumes, etc., this is the fun place for you.

Coming to CopperCon 15
are: Ta Da (Note Fanfare)

Spider Robinson

Author Guest of Honor, Winner of Hugo, Nebula, and many other awards. Included in his works are the tales from Callahan's Bar and stories from Lady Sally's Place. He effortlessly combines painfully proficient punster and thoughtful pundit. Many consider him to be Robert Heinlein's heir apparent. Spider with his wife Jeanne also wrote the Stardance series. The newest Starmind is due out in June. In addition to the usual GoH activities, Spider will be performing in the Concert planned for the Saturday of the convention.

Jeanne Robinson

Artist Guest of Honor, is also a Hugo and Nebula award author. Jeanne is something of a departure from the traditional Artist GoH, in that her art

form is the Dance. As a much noted Choreographer and Dancer, she expands the concept of SF art to encompass the kinetic art forms. In addition to sharing ideas about dance, Jeanne has also offered to do a workshop on the Alexander Technique, and will be performing in the concert planned for the Saturday of the convention.

M.R. (Hilde) Hildebrand

is Fan Guest of Honor. She is one of the best known members of Phoenix Phandom. If you read the biography of her in Connotations Fan Facts, you know that Hilde has done quite a bit for Fandom, and she will be sharing her experiences, anecdotes, and insights with us.

Confirmed program guests include: Joe Bethancourt, Rick Cook, Emily Devenport, Leslie Fish, Ernest Hogan, Peter L. Manly, and Adam Niswander.

We will be doing several things a little differently at CopperCon this year. Most of those you will read about in the specific sections of this PR, including the Special Events Section.

Steve Burroughs



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IMPORTANT NOTE

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MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY !!

The hotel has 130+ rooms; if we can fill them all we, and the hotel management, won't have to worry about the reactions of other guests to vampires, barbarians, etc. Also, a full hotel is a happy hotel, and that will make contracting with hotels in the future easier. So please, remember how much depends on you. Plan on a weekend of fun, and book your rooms as early as possible.

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Phone: 1(800)528-8191 or
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RATES:

\$42 single/double

\$52 triple/quad

Finally, to all our friends, old, new and not yet met, we'll see you at CopperCon 15, and have lots of fun together.

Steve Burroughs



PROGRAMMING

Welcome to Programming at CopperCon 15. Things are going to be a little bit different this year. The program will have several smaller rooms, with panels workshops, etc. for 10 - 15 attendees each, and 1 large room for large audiences. This set-up will allow us to have more specialized, and hopefully more interactive, programming.

This does not mean less programming. What it does mean is more varied items, with more choices, to give everyone more to do and see.

The next PR will have more detail about the specific types of items that you can expect. However, one event that is planned is a special workshop on the Alexander Technique by GoH Jeanne Robinson. Attendance will be limited, due to the Hands-On nature of the panel, so if you are interested, note it on your pre-registration form. Who knows, if the response is large enough, Jeanne might be persuaded to do it more than once.

Have a good spring, and we'll talk again in the next Progress Report.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

A brief note on some special events and activities we are putting together for CopperCon 15.

Saturday afternoon we will be having a concert. You'll hear music from rock to blues to jazz to filk, from Spider and Jeanne Robinson, Joe Bethancourt, Leslie Fish, and others yet to be confirmed.

Planned for "sometime over the weekend" is a piano box decorating contest. Get a team together and express yourselves on a piano packing crate. Boxes will be limited, (after all a piano box is big, and space isn't), so get to the Con early to sign up.

I don't know about you, but my book buying is controlled by my available funds. To get the most for my money, I have gone to the Volunteer Non-profit Service Association Booksale every February for years. They sell donated books, (this year I got 60+ books, mostly hardback, for \$50), to fund their work in hospital, hospice, and homeless settings. There will be a Drop-Box at the convention, so bring any books, hard or paperback, that you can spare, to help them continue this work.

We are also working on an auction or raffle type event to benefit Reading Is Fundamental, and a blood drive in memory of Robert A. Heinlein. Since these are still in the planning stage, more detail will follow in the next PR.

So, let's have fun, and support some worthwhile works. See you at CopperCon 15!

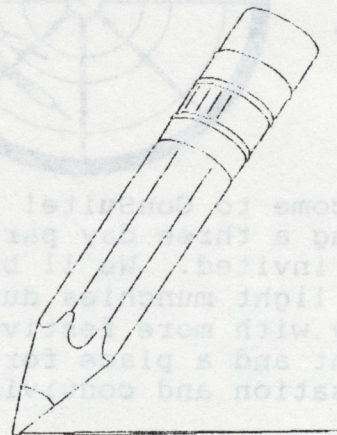
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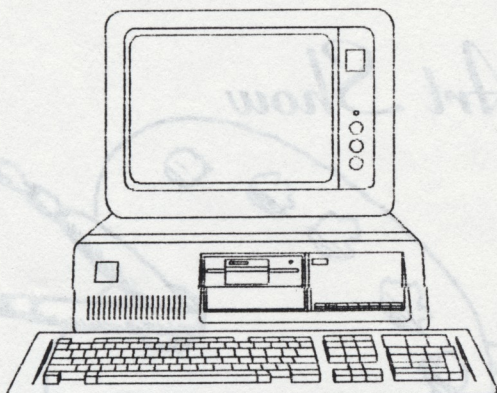
Our plan is to offer the best of science fiction and fantasy art to the fans in Phoenix. We are asking that artists planning to hang art limit it to originals and limited run (200 or less) prints. Prints of work exhibited might be available for direct sale, if enough interest is shown.

As usual, the art auction will be on Sunday afternoon. If you wish to reserve display space for your pieces, please contact Ray Gish at:

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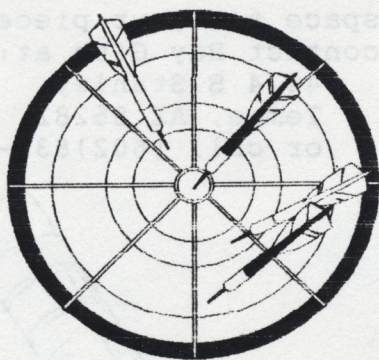


COMPUTER ROOM

YES, Virginia, there will be a computer room at CopperCon 15 !

We are looking for IBM-compatible computers (386 or better with VGA graphics) to borrow throughout CopperCon. If we can borrow yours, - and let us know prior to August 19th - you will get a complimentary membership into the convention. If you are interested or have any suggestions, please contact Cris Martin (602)979-3814 before August 19.

Con Suite!



Welcome to ConSuite! We're planning a three day party and you're invited. We'll be having light munchies during the day with more festive fare at night and a place for conversation and conviviality

for virtually twenty-four hours a day. We'll be serving eye-openers (coffee, tea, etc.) during the AM and soda will be available in the afternoon and evening.

We hope you'll join us for pun and games in a Callahan-inspired atmosphere. See you there!

Janette Larson Ali

DEALERS ROOM



This year we have a few new faces mixed in with some of your favorite vendors from past cons.

As of this date the dealers room is sold out, but I will be happy to put your name on a waiting list. If there are any cancellations I will make selections from this list.

You may contact Jay Patton at: 12428 N 28th Dr.

Phoenix, AZ 85029 or call (602)942-3778 (please after 5pm on weekdays).

Many thanks to everyone involved! Hope to see you there.

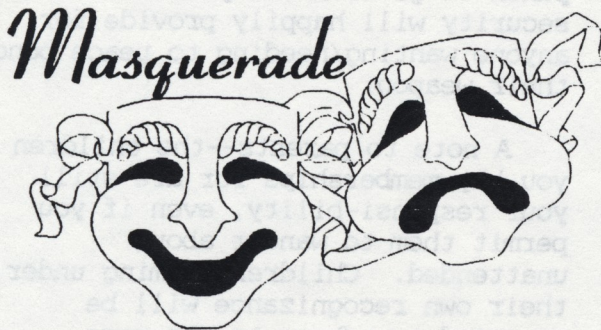
Jay Patton

***"If you can't have fun here,
it's your own damn fault."***

Mike Callahan

from Off the Wall at Callahan's Spider Robinson. TOR NY c.3/94
A Tom Doherty Associates book.

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Copper Con 15's masquerade is intended to be small and friendly (user-friendly, beginner-friendly, etc.) The masquerade is open to all classes of costumes, but not to all classes of attitude (Prima donnas need not apply).

Tentatively, we are planning outdoor staging with a draped entryway and professional quality lighting and sound.

Judging will be in the traditional areas (workmanship, showmanship, etc.) with beginning and advanced levels.

We can use all the volunteer help we can get. If you would like to help out as a catcher, den mother, stage tech, judge, or deputy director, please contact me, director, Randall Whitlock, at PO Box 39504, Phoenix AZ 85069-9504 or e-mail RandWhit@aol.com. Also contact me for stage dimensions and details about the physical setting.

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It's **big**....it's open all weekend long...and we're making it up as we go along. It's CopperCon Gaming.

If YOU want to be involved, contact Bill Hall at 602-461-0124.



Staff Lounge

SURPRISE!!! We are organized! There will be food available for staff and volunteer Con helpers.

If you volunteer 4 hours (or more) you can get a free meal in staff lounge. Smile, it is fun! Ya'll come over and see me sometime!

Diane

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Security

We wish to insure that all attendees have a wonderful and safe experience at CopperCon 15. As head of Operations and Security I have both good news and bad news to impart.

First, the good news--no traditional fannish activities or customs will be banned outright.

However, Convention Badges remain the property of the convention until it ends and will be confiscated for cause; i.e., any twit having the stupidity or sheer bad manners to engage in activities that imperil themselves, bystanders, our insurance, or future amicable hotel relations. Such a twit will have their badge punched. Persistent irritants will have their badge pulled after three punches and be asked to leave the convention.

There will be a separate wing of the hotel set aside as a party area. Parties held in this area that remain within the bounds of legality and good taste will not be molested. Partyers that insist upon disrupting the quiet area of the hotel will earn badge punches.

Convention attendees, or morning people (ugh!) that want to go to sleep early and do not tolerate noise gladly, will be expected to book rooms in the quiet area of the hotel or stagger about bleary-eyed the next day, like the rest of us.

Costumes that are street-legal, and properly sheathed weapons (no real or real-looking firearms please) are welcome. I'd appreciate it if the weapons were peace bonded, but will insist only for those dweebs who are caught with a drawn weapon in a public area. This will earn a badge

punch to go with the piece of cord security will happily provide for anyone wanting/needing to peace bond their weapon.

A note to parents--the children you buy memberships for are still your responsibility, even if you permit them to wander about unattended. Children roaming under their own recognizance will be expected to adhere to the same standards of polite behavior as an adult must. Minors who behave obnoxiously enough to earn themselves a badge punch or that actually manage to get their badge pulled will earn their parents a similar penalty.

Since access to the art show and dealers rooms at this hotel is from the street door-sitters will be posted to insure that everyone wanting to enter these areas has a convention badge. Please cooperate by wearing your badge whenever you are out and about in the con areas of the hotel.

I'm hoping that everyone who comes to this convention has a really good time and that none of the penalties discussed above need ever be applied. I'm not attempting a return to the bad old days of "Gestapo" security, only to identify and deal promptly, effectively and even-handedly with the small number of people who can't or won't limit their own anti-social tendencies, while keeping prohibitions that affect the fannish population at large to a bare minimum.

Enjoy! And if you have any opinions on what we're doing right or wrong, stop by ops and tell me what you think--I'm not bringing my Aliester Crowley turban to con, so the only way I'll know what's going on when I'm not there to see it--is for someone to tell me.

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Video Room

Jim Strait

Or should I say ROOMS! That's right. We will have a Multi-Track Video room. Forget the Panels, Art Room, Gaming, Parties, Dealers' Room, or any of the many other things going on. Just look what my plans are right now:

Video 1

Jim's Request Only Video. No schedule. You pick what you want from well over 500 SciFi movies on site.

Video 2

Nostalgia TV. This will be mostly pilots from old time to recent TV series. Do you remember The Invisible Man, The Invaders, Man From Atlantis, The Champions, Misfits of Science, Wizard, Logan's Run, Battlestar Galactica, Fireball XL-5,...etc.? We have them ready and waiting for your viewing pleasure.

Video 3

British Stuff. Here are a few titles: Absolutely Fabulous, Mr. Bean, Red Dwarf (including season 6, the Tongue Tied video, and the Red Dwarf Smeg Ups!!), Dave Allen, Ben Elton, Jeeves and Wooster, The Brittas Empire, BlackAdder I, II, III, & IV.

Video 4

Schlock! I don't like it, but these have been the best attended videos. This will be campy, cleavage, bad SFX, horrible acting movies. These will be non-classics.

Video 5

Weird. A selection of strange movies designed to

confuse your sense of reality. However, I will consider changing this for a Babylon 5 Marathon. If you would attend this say so when you send in your pre-registration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



by Erika

Have you ever wondered what kind of person volunteers their time at YOUR conventions? People just like you! Why? For a golden opportunity to put in your 2 cents worth, to see the other side of the curtain, and meet new people. Volunteer your valuable time and considerable talents to this year's CuCon. CuCon 15 promises to be very exciting and this is your big chance to make your Con the best it can be. (And spend time behind the scenes, getting to know the luminaries that brighten our local conventions!!)

Can you cook? Are you good at giving directions? Do you type fast? Are you good at manual labor? Do you stand around and look important well? Can you go-fur?(gopher)? Everyone has something to offer, and we'll find the perfect place for you. Call me, Erika Finbraaten-Moe, at 957-7549, and give me your vitals: phone, address, talents and interests. (If I'm not in, leave a message with my lovely assistant, Ethan, the cats or, in lieu thereof, the answering machine!)

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