


# PhringeCon

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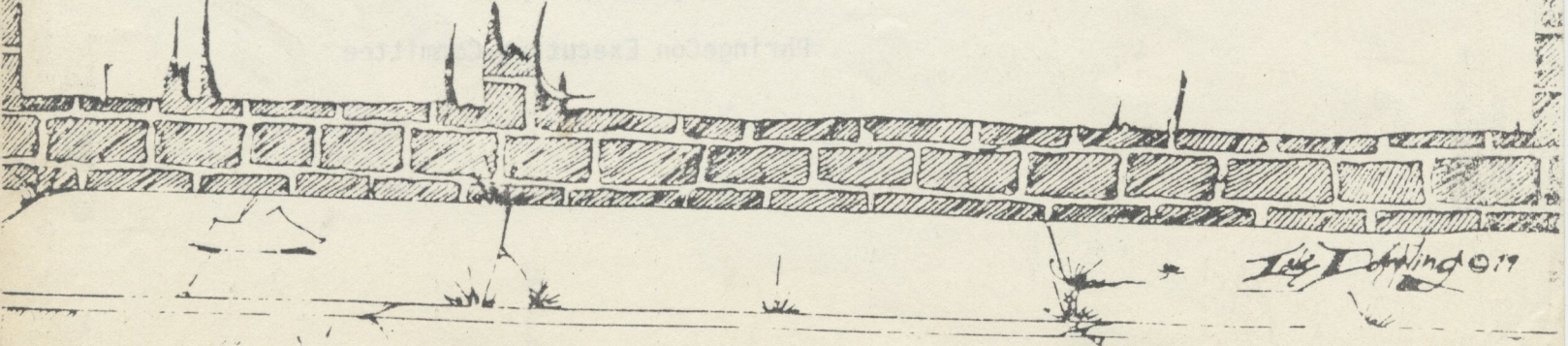
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Greetings generous, gentle human person

Well, here it is, amonth before PhringeCon, approximately, and for you pre-paid members, who are responsible for raising the money to pay off the convention's pre-con expenses, we are sending out this progress report.

Actually, perhaps "progress" is the wrong word to use because very few conventions really progress, except in the meaning that it keeps getting closer to the date that the con is supposed to be held. Things always seem to pop up as the date gets closer and closer that actually cause the convention to regress. For instance, David Gerrold and Theodore Sturgeon had both agreed to come to our convention, and we had worked out arrangements for transportation for both of them and had started to discuss possible programming when they both had to cancel out. David was hired as a story editor for a new television series which would need his services at the same time he would have to be at the convention, and also, if you saw the latest Starlog, he says that he is trying to cut down on his convention visits. Sturgeon, on the other hand, had already agreed to speak at a University that weekend and had forgotten about it when he agreed to come to Phringe-Con.

At this writing, our guest list still stands as it did on our last flier: Stan Lee, Walter Koenig, George Takei, Shirley Maiewski, Bjo Trimble, Chris Claremont, and Jack Williamson. There will also be shorter appearances by Lucy Chase Williams, who will speak on the British program Dr. Who; Tim Kyger, the chairman of the 36th World Annual Science Fiction Convention, to speak on the space program and how to get involved; and a representative of the Don Post Studios to do a demonstration on make-up and masks. And there will be much more programming, this is just a sketch to give you an idea of what will be going on. The showing of Superman - the Movie will be on Friday night, the costume contest will be on Saturday night, George and Walter will speak together Saturday afternoon, and the auction will be on Sunday before the close of the con. Of course, there will also be the dealer's room open from 10 until 8, and the art show (with Stan judging), and there will be a wargaming room or two, the video room (with the Star Trek bloopers and more surprises all projected on a large screen).



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The convention opens Friday, July 11th at 8 am in the Adams Hotel. The hotel is in downtown Phoenix, on the corner of Central Ave. and Adams Ave. If you're coming from out of town, you're probably coming in on either I-10 from the east or I-17 from the west. Just stay on the freeways until you see the exit for 7th St. and Central Ave., and when you get off, go north until you find Adams Ave., and you should see the 18-story hotel. There will be parking at the hotel for a price, or there is a large parking facility across the street and down a bit, or there are streets a fair walk away where there are no parking meters. It is not advised to be walking the streets of downtown Phoenix late at night, however, so if you're going to leave your car a few blocks away, you'd best get everything out of it and into your room, if you are staying in the hotel. If you are flying into Phoenix, you will land at Sky Harbor Airport which is inside the city limits. There are limos which you can call which are about as cheap as a cab; just ask at an information desk in the airport. Phoenix also has a city bus that stops at the airport. If you ride the bus, it will cost about 60¢, and you'll be dropped off at the downtown terminal at Washington and 1st Street. It's not a far walk to the hotel from there, just go west until you find Central (1 blocks) and turn north (right) and Adams will be about 2 blocks. If you rent a car from the airport, follow the 24th street exit signs until you see the signs that point to the freeways (I-10 and I-17). Get on the freeway, and head west until you see the Central and 7th St. exit and follow the directions above. If you are coming in on Greyhound or Continental, the terminals are on Washington and 4th St, just a little longer walk than from the city bus depot.

When the registration table opens, find the line for pre-paid members (we expect there to be a lot of not paid members, so it may be congested) and show us your pre-con card. We may ask for i.d. because the memberships are non-transferable, but once we know who you are, we'll ask you to initial your address card to show that you got your program book, which we'll give you. We'll also make out the badge you will have to wear at all times. Please wear it. Anyone found at a convention function without a badge may be physically thrown out.

Since this is a first convention for many people, we thought we should explain about memberships. When you pay \$15 or \$12.50 or whatever price you pay, you are not buying an admission ticket, what you are doing is becoming a member of the convention. When you become a member, you are entitled to go to any convention function free of charge, and you can get a discounted rate at the hotel. This is why memberships are non-transferable. You, personally, paid for the membership, not someone who you give your pre-con card to, or someone who steals it. It is also why they are non-refundable. It is your decision whether or not you want to come to the functions and whether or not you pay early and then decide not to go. If you don't attend the convention, we will send you your program book and everything else the convention gives to all its members, because you are still a member.

PhringeCon, Inc. is a non-profit corporation, formed for the purpose of putting on conventions to aid other non-profit groups who are supporting the space program. The L-5 Society will be the main recipient of our proceeds this year. They will have representatives at the con to help you familiarize yourself with their group, if you so desire. The L-5 Society specifically is interested in getting the first space station built and put into use.

Thank you for your early support of PhringeCon; we appreciate it, and we hope we put on the kind of convention you will enjoy and remember for a lifetime. And who knows..... maybe we'll do it again.....

Live long and prosper,

PhringeCon Executive Committee