

ALBACON II

 * FINAL *
 * ACCOUNT *

The 34th British Annual S.F. Convention. 1st-4th April, 1983.

| INCOME | £ | EXPENDITURE- | £ |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Memberships - Pre-con | 4152.00 - 1 | Publications | 1663.01 - 3 |
| Memberships - At door | 2400.96 - 1 | Hotel function rooms | 1067.00 |
| From Metrocon | 47.00 | Guests' expenses | 721.48 |
| Bookroom tables | 325.00 | Films | 644.78 |
| Advertising | 212.29 | Postage and phone | 515.98 |
| From Channelcon | 300.00 - 2 | Badge machine | 450.39 - 2 |
| Auctions | 47.10 | Materials | 297.75 - 4 |
| T-shirts | 58.56 | Damage to hotel | 296.17 - 5 |
| Miscellaneous | 31.05 - 8 | Equipment hire | 256.62 - 6 |
| Interest | 129.78 | Stationery | 124.86 |
| | ----- | Transport | 98.86 |
| | 7703.74 | Prizes | 74.10 |
| | ===== | Insurance | 55.00 |
| | | Advertising | 15.00 |
| | | Miscellaneous | 159.11 - 7 |
| | | Purchase of equipment | 700.00 - 9 |
| | | Art auction donation | 10.00 |
| | | to TAFF | ----- |
| | | | 7150.11 |
| | | Surplus cash | 553.63 - 10 |
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NOTES

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- 1 There were 812 attending, 61 supporting members.
- 2 Channelcon provided cash for a badge machine and 5000 badge parts were bought for use by future conventions. See note 8.
- 3 Includes all convention publications and £39 for the Post-con Report.
- 4 Includes parts for equipment and Art Show materials.
- 5 Includes £221.17 paid towards the repair of a lift.
- 6 Video projector, video recorders, TV's and microphones.
- 7 Includes £90.37 to repair damaged projector.
- 8 Includes £30 replacement cost for badge parts used by other conventions.
- 9 A complete projection system was bought for use by future conventions.
- 10 As explained in the Post-con Report and in Note 9, most of the surplus has been used to buy equipment. The remainder has been earmarked to pay for the visit to Britain in July of Harlan Ellison as Albacon 84's Guest of Honour.

Ian Sorensen - Treasurer. 15th March 1984.

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You may be wondering why, if you're going to Intersection, you should want to go to another convention the weekend before. After all, won't the Worldcon have everything you want? Lots of fun and exciting things to do and see. Lots of other fans to meet, particularly fans from overseas. But think for a moment. Amongst the multi-stream, split-site phantasmagoria, just how much time will you get to sit and talk - to really get to know people? Imagine: you have just found a fan whose fanzine writing you have admired for years but have never met before, but as soon as you get the pleasantries over with one of you has to go off to a panel, or the other really must get into the art show before it closes, and how often have you met up with someone at a Worldcon then never been able to find them again in the vast throng?

What you need is space and time to get to know people, to be able to charm that article out of them for your next fanzine, preferably before the convention. That way all the pleasantries can be got out of the way; you can make new friends, get reacquainted with old ones, and then go on to enjoy the Worldcon together. On the other hand, you may not be going to the Worldcon; not everyone can afford a long weekend in Glasgow. But you will be wondering how you will meet all the visiting fans. Of course, there will be parties. Parties in Birmingham, parties in London, parties in Bristol, but you won't be able to get to all of them, so there are bound to be people you'll miss. Much better to have one big party, with everyone together, plenty of beer and good food and a place to crash when the fun gets too much. Sounds like a convention to me.

