



# PROGRESS REPORT FOUR

## The Quintessential Issue

June 2008

### Chairman's Message **Kent Bloom**

Hello, Denvention 3 members. This Progress Report is mostly concerned with things we think you need to know about Denvention 3 before your arrival. We have included information about getting to the convention and some travel and health tips I think you should pay careful attention to, especially if you do not live in an arid location. Please take it a bit more slowly than usual, and keep hydrated. Also, please do not forget that **Denvention 3 starts on Wednesday, August 6th, and ends on Sunday, August 10th**, earlier in the week and earlier in the summer than many previous Worldcons.

Our committee is very busy putting together this Worldcon. This is a volunteer effort, and we can always use more help, both before and during the convention. To volunteer, visit our web site and fill out the volunteer form. Volunteering is one of the best ways to enjoy a Worldcon.

### Opening Day Festivities

Denvention 3 Programming will start with a bang at 11:30 am on Wednesday. Don't think Wednesday is a throw-away day with a few dreary panels and minor activities! We'll be running items such as "What Makes a Writer?," "Giant Monster Movies," "Writers as Readers," "Science Fiction as a Tool for Social Change," "Artificial Intelligence," "2008: The Science Fiction Year in Review," "The Greatest Villains of SF," and a panel on Quantum Computers.

There will be a Rick Sternbach slide show on his work in creating the sets for the original Star Trek, and a biographical presentation and slideshow on Anne McCaffrey. We'll talk about how cover art influences the SF marketplace and about the viability of older protagonists over sweet young things and husky hunks. Who will be doing the talking? Charles Brown, Connie

**Mary Morman**

Willis, Courtney "Dr. Science" Willis, David Brin, Elizabeth Moon, Frank Wu, George R. R. Martin, James Patrick Kelly, John Picacio, Kathy Mar, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Larry Niven, L. E. Modesitt, Jr., Lois McMaster Bujold, Rick Sternbach, Tom Whitmore, Wil McCarthy, and many others. A link to the complete program participant list may be found on the Programming web page.

Don't write off Wednesday as a "nothing's happening" day — it's the first fifth of the Denvention 3 adventure, and you won't want to miss it! And all that is happening **before** his Imperial Majesty Gregor Vorbarra invites you and other diplomats from all over the galaxy to his Summerfair Reception at the Sheraton at 5:30 pm. Plan to arrive in time to dive into the con activities late Wednesday morning.

### Tentative Fixed Function Hours of Operation

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Art Show</b> CCC Exhibit Hall D	Noon – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm	—
<b>Con Suite</b> Sheraton Majestic Ballroom	1 pm – 2 am	1 pm – 2 am	1 pm – 2 am	1 pm – 2 am	1 pm – 10 pm
<b>Dealers' Room</b> CCC Exhibit Hall D	Noon – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm	10 am – 2 pm
<b>Fanzine Lounge</b> CCC D Lobby (street level)	4 pm – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 2 pm
<b>Handicapped Services</b> Location TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Information Desk</b> CCC D Lobby (street level)	10 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – Noon
<b>Masquerade Check-In Desk</b> CCC D Lobby (street level)	2 pm – 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm	9 am – 10 am	—	—
<b>Registration</b> CCC D Lobby (street level)	10 am – 7 pm	9 am – 8 pm	9 am – 8 pm	9 am – 8 pm	9 am – 1 pm
<b>Site Selection</b> CCC Korbel Pre-Function	TBD	TBD	TBD – 6 pm	—	—
<b>Volunteer Desk</b> CCC Upper D Lobby	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 5 pm

CCC – Colorado Convention Center

## Tentative Denvention 3 Schedule

### Wednesday, 6 August 2008

- 10:00 am Registration opens, Colorado Convention Center (CCC) D Lobby  
 11:30 am Programming starts, CCC  
 Young Fan Programming starts, CCC  
 Filk Programming starts, Sheraton  
 1:00 pm Readings start, Hyatt Regency  
 3:00 pm **Opening Ceremony**, CCC  
 5:30 pm **Summerfair** (Bujold Reception, ends at 7:30 pm), Sheraton  
 Programming ends in CCC  
 7:05 pm Colorado Rockies vs. Washington Nationals, Coors Field  
 7:30 pm Evening Programming starts, Sheraton

### Thursday, 7 August

- 8:30 am **About SF** Teacher Training Program (ends at 5:30 pm), Sheraton  
 9:00 am Registration opens, CCC D Lobby  
 10:00 am All CCC Program Tracks start (CCC programming ends at 7 pm)  
 Autographing starts, CCC Exhibit Hall D  
 Readings and Kaffeeklatsches start, Hyatt Regency  
 WSFS Business Meeting (ends at noon)  
 11:30 am Filk Programming starts, Sheraton  
 2:30 pm **Rising Stars Reception** (ends at 5:30 pm), Sheraton  
 5:30 pm **Kathy Mar Music Concert**, CCC  
 Evening Programming starts, Sheraton  
 8:00 pm Denvention 3 Birthday Party, Con Suite, Sheraton Majestic Ballroom  
 8:30 pm **Square Dance on Ganymede**, Sheraton

### Friday, 8 August

- 9:00 am Registration opens, CCC D Lobby  
 10:00 am All CCC Program Tracks start (CCC programming ends at 7 pm)  
 Autographing starts, CCC Exhibit Hall D  
 Readings and Kaffeeklatsches start, Hyatt Regency  
 WSFS Business Meeting (ends at noon)  
**Robert A. Heinlein Memorial Blood Drive** (until 3:30 pm), Sheraton  
 11:30 am Filk Programming starts, Sheraton  
 1:00 pm **Lois McMaster Bujold GoH Speech**, CCC  
 2:00 pm **Critter Crunch** (ends at 8:00 pm), Sheraton  
 5:30 pm **Rick Sternbach GoH Interview**, CCC  
 Evening Programming starts, Sheraton  
 6:00 pm 2010 Worldcon Site Selection Voting closes, CCC Korbel Pre-Function  
 7:30 pm **Masquerade**, CCC Wells Fargo Theater

### Saturday, 9 August

- 9:00 am Registration opens, CCC D Lobby  
 10:00 am All CCC Program Tracks start (CCC programming ends at 7 pm)  
 Autographing starts, CCC Exhibit Hall D  
 Readings and Kaffeeklatsches start, Hyatt Regency  
 WSFS Business Meeting (ends at noon)  
 1000 - 1800 SG-14 Boot Camp, CCC  
 11:30 am Filk Programming starts, Sheraton  
 1:00 pm SFWA Meeting, CCC  
 2:30 pm **Dowager Duchess of Denver's Ball** (ends at 5:30 pm), Sheraton  
 4:30 pm Art Auction (ends at 7:00 pm), CCC  
 5:30 pm Evening Programming starts, Sheraton  
 7:30 pm **Hugo Awards Ceremony**, CCC Wells Fargo Theater  
 10:00 pm Improv Theatre, Sheraton

### Sunday, 10 August

- 8:30 am Ecumenical Christian Service, CCC  
 9:00 am Registration opens, CCC  
 10:00 am All CCC Program Tracks start  
 Autographing starts, CCC Exhibit Hall D  
**Tom Whitmore GoH Interview**, CCC  
 WSFS Business Meeting (if needed, ends at 11:30 am), CCC  
 11:30 am Filk Programming starts (ends at 4:00 pm), Sheraton  
 2:30 pm End of Programming  
**Closing Ceremony**, CCC

## RAH Memorial Blood Drive

There will be a Robert A. Heinlein Memorial Blood Drive from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Sheraton on Friday.

## Film Program

The film program will start each day at 9:00 am and will run to about 2:00 am. However, if there is no attendance for the last show, the room may close at the discretion of the room's operator. Exceptions: on Wednesday, the film program will start at Noon; on Sunday, it will end at 2:00 pm.

We will screen all 2008 Hugo nominees. Thursday is "Heroes" day. The entire first season of "Heroes" will be shown from 9:00 am until the last episode is screened (about 2:30 am Friday) in the Sheraton. The un-aired pilot will be included.

As a thank you to our friends from Nippon 2007, we will show selected Japanese movies, as well as "Tenchi Muyo! Ryo-Ohki." There will also be something special for our Canadian friends.

The Film Program seeks volunteers to help operate the rooms. Please contact [Films@Denvention.org](mailto:Films@Denvention.org).

## Gaming Schedule

Gaming will be in the Sheraton.

Wednesday	8:30 pm to late
Thursday	1:00 pm to Midnight
Friday	1:00 pm to 2:00 am
Saturday	1:00 pm to late
Sunday	11:00 am to 3:00 pm

## Morning Yoga

A yoga session will be held every morning at 8:30 am at the Sheraton on Thursday to Saturday.

## Strolling With The Stars

To encourage a healthier environment at Denvention 3, we are scheduling a daily mile-long stroll through downtown Denver. Starting on Thursday, each day's walk will leave at 9 am from the Big Blue Bear in front of the Convention Center (14th Street). Join luminaries like Lou Anders, David Brin, Paul Cornell, Ellen Datlow, Scott Edelman, Jay Lake, John Picacio, Mary Robinette Kowal, Stephen H. Segal, Frank Wu, and others for a gentle, friendly stroll to start your day on an upbeat note.

# The ABC's of Traveling to Denver

## Airport

### Denvention 3 Airline Discount

United Airlines offers up to 15% discounts on air travel booked through United and travelling on United, United Express, or United code share flights operated by US Airways, US Airways Express, Air Canada, or Lufthansa. This offer is good July 30, 2008 to August 17, 2008.

Book your flight through [United.com](http://United.com) or call 800-521-4041 and use this promotion code: 576ZE. The best discount deals appear to be obtained by using the United on-line booking process.

### Denver International Airport

Denver International Airport (DEN, [www.flydenver.com](http://www.flydenver.com)), often called DIA, is approximately 22 miles northeast of the Colorado Convention Center (CCC), home of Denvention 3. Typical travel time to downtown Denver is 45 minutes to one hour depending on traffic conditions.

The ground transportation information desk ([www.flydenver.com/gt/index.asp](http://www.flydenver.com/gt/index.asp)) is located on the 5th level of the main terminal (Jeppesen Terminal). The car rental counters, commercial shuttle service counters, and baggage claim are also located on the 5th level. All commercial transportation is accessed from the Level 5 exits.

Concourse A handles all international flights (excluding airports with border pre-clearance). It is accessed by a pedestrian bridge on Level 6 of Jeppesen Terminal and the underground automated train system located below Level 5. To access Concourses B and C, passengers must use the underground automated train system.

### Airport Shuttle Services

Tickets for shuttle service to downtown Denver may be purchased inside Jeppesen Terminal on Level 5. Companies without counters issue tickets onboard their vehicles. SuperShuttle ([www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com), 800-BLUE VAN) operates one of the major shuttle services. Their fare to downtown hotels is \$19 each way or \$34 for the round-trip. Travel to the convention center requires advance reservation.

### Public Buses at the Airport

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) skyRide ([www.rtd-denver.com/skyRide](http://www.rtd-denver.com/skyRide)) bus stops are located outside Level 5 at Island 5. Route information is available at the RTD counter on Level 5. Downtown Denver is served by Route AF. The fare is \$9 each way or \$16 for a round-trip (advance purchase required) to downtown Denver. Buses depart at least once per hour.

### Airport Taxi Service

There are four airport taxi services. The current flat rate to downtown Denver is \$43 plus a \$3.25 gate fee. Taxi service is located at Island 1 on Level 5 through exit doors 507 or 510.

### Airport Rental Cars

There are ten rental car companies located at the airport. All the companies provide courtesy shuttle service to their facilities and have service counters located on Level 5 of the main terminal.

Denvention 3 has arranged with Hertz for a discount up to 20% on rental cars. Book your rental car through [Hertz.com](http://Hertz.com) or call 888-444-1074 using the discount number: CV 02R30006.

### Airport Limousine Service

Average trip cost is \$80 - 120. Please see the Ground Transportation page on the Denver International Airport web site for more details.

### A Note on Getting High

Denver is at the lower border of "high altitude" and most people won't experience the effects of altitude sickness. But make sure to drink plenty of water and use sun protection to help counteract the effects of Denver's higher altitude, semi-arid (steppe) climate, and increased exposure to solar radiation (approximately 25% less protection).

### Automobiles

If you are driving to Denver, please make sure your car is ready for the trip, especially if you plan to take any side trips to destinations at higher altitudes such as Pike's Peak.

### Burp Your Bottles

The air inside the bottles of liquids or creams you packed at sea level will be

under greater pressure at Denver's official altitude of 5,280 feet. So when you open them, the higher internal air pressure will quickly equalize with the lower ambient air pressure of Denver. This can result in an unexpected eyeful of something.

The easy solution is to "burp" your bottles as you pack them. Just squeeze out the excess air, close tightly, and when you get to Denver you can open your sunscreen without fear.

### Commercial Buses

The Greyhound bus station is located at 1055 19th Street, a few blocks away from Coors Field and other central attractions. It is serviced by Greyhound and RTD skyRide buses.

### Freebies

Order a free Denver Visitor's Guide at [www.denver.org/consumers.aspx](http://www.denver.org/consumers.aspx).

Order a free Colorado Vacation Guide and State Map at [colorado.com/optin.php](http://colorado.com/optin.php).

Free WiFi along the 16th Street Pedestrian Mall two blocks from the Colorado Convention Center.

Denver International Airport has eliminated the connection charge for wireless Internet access (through the FreeFi service), making it the largest US airport with free WiFi.

Many of Denver's independent coffee shops have free WiFi.

### Parking

The parking rates listed here are current as of 1 June 2008, but may change before the convention.

Experience Downtown Denver ([www.experiencedowntowndenver.com](http://www.experiencedowntowndenver.com)) has an interactive map that may be used for locating the latest information on public downtown parking lots and garages. Once you navigate to the EDD map, please click on the Parking icon to view the locations of downtown Denver parking garages and lots.

Downtown Denver ([www.downtowndenver.com](http://www.downtowndenver.com)) has information for on-street, overnight, long-term, oversized vehicle, and motorcycle parking at [www.downtowndenver.com/Transportation/TPAc](http://www.downtowndenver.com/Transportation/TPAc)

cess.htm. A phone list of Denver parking operators is located at [www.downtowndenver.com/Transportation/ParkingOperators.htm](http://www.downtowndenver.com/Transportation/ParkingOperators.htm).

Check the link to your hotel on the Hotel Table on our Hotels/Facilities page on the Denvention 3 web site for updated hotel parking information.

### **Colorado Convention Center Parking**

The Colorado Convention Center provides on-site parking in their 1,000 space parking garage. Parking rates range from \$7 for up to eight hours to \$20 for 24 hours.

### **Hyatt Regency Denver Parking**

The Hyatt Regency Denver is the closest hotel to the CCC. There will be some programming at the Hyatt Regency. Daily valet parking is \$16; overnight valet parking is \$26; daily self-parking is \$6 for the first hour and \$2 each additional hour up to a maximum of \$21; overnight self-parking is \$21.

### **Crowne Plaza Denver Parking**

Childcare will be located at the Crowne Plaza Denver. Overnight self-parking is \$18. The parking garage adjacent to the hotel is accessible 24 hours-a-day with unlimited in-and-out privileges and a 6'5" clearance.

### **Sheraton Denver Parking (formerly the Adam's Mark)**

The Sheraton is our party hotel. Gaming, Critter Crunch, our Summerfair (Bujold Reception), and other events will be located here. Overnight Valet Parking: \$26; Overnight Self-Parking: \$19; All Day Self-Parking: \$17; All Day Valet Parking: \$16; Self-Parking Each Half-Hour Monday - Friday: \$2.00 (\$17.00 maximum daily charge); All Day Saturday/Sunday: \$5; Monday - Friday after 4 pm: \$5.

### **RTD (Regional Transportation District) park-n-Ride**

The free RTD park-n-Ride commuter parking program ([www.rtd-denver.com/parknride/index.html](http://www.rtd-denver.com/parknride/index.html)) may be a valid option for Denvention 3 members planning to drive in daily from outlying locations. Check the RTD web site for parking options at participating stations.

### **Public Transportation**

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) Denver metro-area bus and light

rail system ([www.rtd-denver.com](http://www.rtd-denver.com), 303-299-6000) has more than 160 bus routes, 34.8 miles of light rail track, and a variety of special transportation services.

There is a Light Rail Station located on the parking level of the Colorado Convention Center. Local/limited bus and light rail (for up to two zones) fares are \$1.75. A Local Service Day Pass costs \$5.25, and is valid for unlimited rides on local buses and light rail during a single calendar day.

### **MallRide on the 16th Street Mall**

The 16th Street Mall is an outdoor pedestrian mall that is 1.25 miles (2 kilometers) long. It runs along 16th Street in downtown Denver, from Wewatta Street (near Union Station) to the intersection of 16th Avenue and Broadway (at Civic Center Station). All of the Denvention 3 hotels are located within two blocks of the 16th Street Mall.

MallRide, the free 16th Street Mall shuttle bus service, makes frequent stops at every intersection between Union Station and the 16th Avenue/Broadway intersection, with three stations — Union Station (at 17th Street and Wynkoop Street), Market Street (at 16th Street and Market Street), and Civic Center (at 16th Street and Broadway) — providing connections to other RTD buses.

### **Trains**

Amtrak ([amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com)) serves Denver at Union Station at 1701 Wynkoop Street. The California Zephyr runs daily from San Francisco (Emeryville), California to Chicago, Illinois. Union Station has connecting Thruway buses and is one block from the 16th Street Pedestrian Mall, which has MallRide, a free shuttle bus service.

### **Visitor Information Center**

There are three Visitor Information Centers located in Denver:

#### **Denver International Airport**

- Fifth floor Information Desk

#### **Downtown**

- Corner of 16th and California Streets on the 16th Street Mall

#### **Colorado Convention Center**

- Inside the 14th and California Street entrance

### **U.S. Visa Waiver Program**

See the Department of Homeland Security's recent press release for changes to the U.S. visa waiver program at [www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1212498186436.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1212498186436.shtm). These changes will not be fully implemented until January 2009, so your trip to Denvention 3 will not be affected.

### **Water-Sharing Ceremonies**

Grok this... Denver's climate is classified as semi-arid (steppe). It is very easy to become dehydrated here if you are not accustomed to the dryness. Fortunately, Colorado has some of the best water you've ever tasted coming right out of the city water taps. Our mountain reservoirs are filled with snow melt from the Rockies. So bring a sports bottle and keep it filled from the taps in your hotel room or from water fountains at the convention center. Or buy a bottle of water, and keep refilling the container.

### **Weather**

August in Denver is dry with temperatures averaging 70°F – 85°F (21°C – 30°C) during the day. In the evenings, temperatures can go down to an average low of 52°F (11°C). Brief afternoon thunderstorms are fairly common.

### **Travel and Tourist Information Web Sites**

Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau: [www.denver.org](http://www.denver.org)  
 Downtown Attractions: [www.denver.org/images/maps/DowntownAttractions.pdf](http://www.denver.org/images/maps/DowntownAttractions.pdf)  
 Metro Region Attractions: [www.denver.org/images/maps/MetroDenverAttractions.pdf](http://www.denver.org/images/maps/MetroDenverAttractions.pdf)  
 Experience Downtown Denver: [www.experiencedowntowndenver.com](http://www.experiencedowntowndenver.com)  
 Downtown Denver: [www.downtowndenver.com](http://www.downtowndenver.com)  
 Denver Post daily newspaper: [www.denverpost.com](http://www.denverpost.com)  
 Rocky Mountain News newspaper: [www.rockymountainnews.com](http://www.rockymountainnews.com)  
 Denvention 3 Denver FAQ: [www.denvention.org/faqs/faq\\_denver.php](http://www.denvention.org/faqs/faq_denver.php)  
 Official State of Colorado web site: [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov)  
 Colorado Tourism Office: [www.colorado.com](http://www.colorado.com)  
 Wikitravel Denver Guide: [wikitravel.org/en/Denver](http://wikitravel.org/en/Denver)



**Colorado Convention Center**  
 700 14th Street, Denver, CO 80202  
 denverconvention.com / 303-228-8000

- 1) **Hyatt Regency Denver**  
 650 15th Street (0.1 mi / 0.16 km)  
 denverregency.hyatt.com / 303-436-1234
  - 2) **Crowne Plaza Denver**  
 1450 Glenarm Pl. (0.2 mi / 0.32 km)  
 crowneplaza.com / 303-573-1450
  - 3) **Courtyard Denver Downtown**  
 934 16th Street (0.3 mi / 0.48 km)  
 marriott.com / 303-571-1114
  - 4) **Westin Tabor Center**  
 1672 Lawrence St. (0.6 mi / 1 km)  
 starwoodhotels.com / 303-572-9100
  - 5) **Denver Marriott City Center**  
 1701 California St. (0.3 mi / 0.5 km)  
 marriott.com / 303-297-1300
  - 6) **Grand Hyatt Denver**  
 1750 Welton St. (0.4 mi / 0.64 km)  
 granddenver.hyatt.com / 303-295-1234
  - 7) **Sheraton Denver – Party Hotel**  
 (formerly the Adam's Mark)  
 1550 Court Place (0.4 mi / 0.64 km)  
 starwoodhotels.com / 303-893-3333
  - 8) **The Curtis**  
 1405 Curtis Street (0.5 mi / 0.80 km)  
 thecurtis.com / 303-571-0300
- i Denver Visitor Information Center  
 RTD Regional Transportation District Station

**Facilities Report**

Patty Wells

Hotel rooms are available in the Sheraton, the Crowne Plaza, and the Curtis Hotels. You may check the current hotel availability status on our web site at: [www.denvention.org/facilities/hotel\\_booking.php](http://www.denvention.org/facilities/hotel_booking.php). Hotel bookings at the convention rate will end on July 6th. If you need to cancel a room, please check our Hotels/Facilities web page to learn how to transfer it to another fan who needs it. If you have general hotel questions before the con, use [housing@denvention.org](mailto:housing@denvention.org). For party questions, we have a new e-mail address: [parties@denvention.org](mailto:parties@denvention.org).

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame**

Melissa Morman

- Wednesday, August 6 at 7:05 pm
- Rockies v. Nationals at Coors Field
- \$20 per ticket; make checks payable to "Colorado Rockies Baseball Club"
- Mail to: Denvention 3, PO Box 1349, Denver, CO 80201

Denvention 3 has reserved a block of 30 tickets in the pavilion area (Section 155). Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. E-mail me at ([melissa.morman@denvention.org](mailto:melissa.morman@denvention.org)) if you want to reserve a ticket. But the only guaranteed ticket is a paid ticket. Please let me know how many tickets you are purchasing and if you would like me to mail them to you or pick them up at the convention. If you need special accommodations (i.e., wheelchair seating), please let me know.

**Bringing Your Camera?**

Please add a **denvention3** tag to your photos, videos, or other Denvention 3 memories (e.g., blog entries) when you post them to Flickr, blog communities, or other public web sites to make it easier for other convention members to find. You can also post a note on our Denvention3 LiveJournal community to let people know where your memories are posted.

**LiveJournal**

We have an active LJ community at [community.livejournal.com/Denvention3](http://community.livejournal.com/Denvention3). Please drop in for the latest news and to get answers to your questions. You may also post requests for room or ride sharing and other planning activities.

**Important Deadlines**

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| 6 July  | <b>Hotel Bookings Close</b>                        |
| 7 July  | <b>Hugo Awards Voting Deadline</b>                 |
| 10 July | <b>Pre-Con Membership Sales Close</b>              |
|         | <b>Deadline for Site Selection Mail-In Ballots</b> |
| 15 July | Enter Resale Items in Art Show                     |
| 30 July | Receipt of Mail-In Art Show Resale Item            |

**All 2008 Hugo Award ballots must be received by Midnight PDT on Monday, 7 July 2008.**

## Driving Directions to the Colorado Convention Center (CCC)

The Colorado Convention Center (CCC) is located in downtown Denver at 700 14th Street. There are several entrances into the facility, but the most common entrances are located off 14th Street between Stout and California Streets.

### CCC Parking Garage

Enter the parking garage via north-bound Speer Boulevard after Stout Street and before Champa Street. The CCC parking garage has its own designated right-turn lane leading into the parking garage.

### From Denver International Airport (DEN) and Eastern Colorado

Take Peña Boulevard to I-70 WEST. Take I-70 West to I-25 SOUTH and then take Speer Boulevard SOUTH (EXIT 212B). Make a left onto Stout Street and a second left onto north-bound Speer Boulevard to use the CCC parking garage.

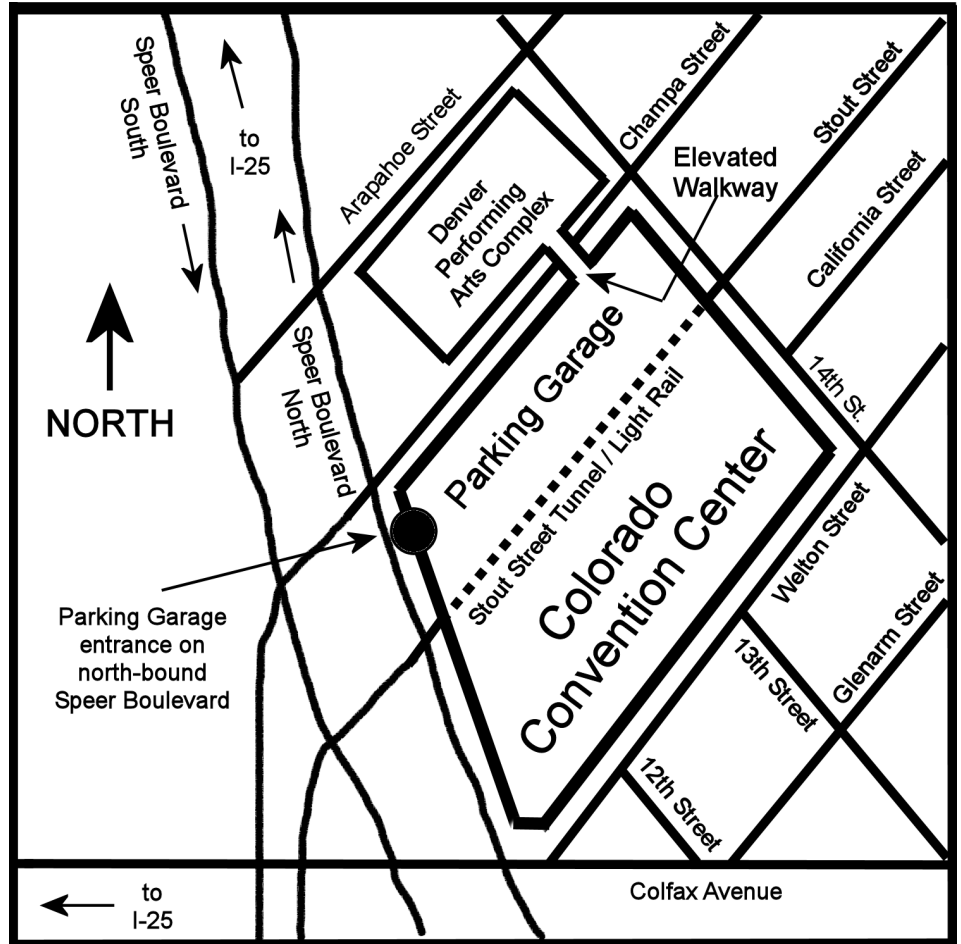
To reach the main entrances to the CCC to drop off passengers, turn left at Stout Street from south-bound Speer Boulevard. From Stout Street, turn right on 14th Street and proceed to the entrances located on 14th Street between Stout and California Streets.

### From Northern Colorado

Take I-25 SOUTH/I-76 WEST/US 87 SOUTH RAMP towards Denver. Merge onto I-25 SOUTH/US 87 SOUTH RAMP. From I-25 SOUTH, take Speer Boulevard South (EXIT 212B). From Speer Boulevard South, turn left at Stout Street. From Stout Street, turn right on 14th Street and proceed to the facility entrances located on 14th Street between Stout and California Streets. Follow the directions above to use the CCC parking garage.

### From Southern Colorado

Take I-25 NORTH. Take the US-40/Colfax Avenue EAST exit, (EXIT 210A). Merge onto Colfax Avenue going EAST. Merge into the left hand lane. Turn left at Kalamath Street. Kalamath Street becomes Stout Street as it crosses over Speer Boulevard. From Stout Street, turn right on 14th Street and proceed to the facility entrances located on 14th Street between Stout and California Streets. Follow the directions above to use the CCC parking garage.



### From West Metro Denver

Take I-70 EAST. Merge onto I-25 SOUTH. Take I-25 SOUTH, to Speer Boulevard SOUTH (EXIT 212B). Take Speer Boulevard South and turn left onto Stout Street. From Stout Street, turn right onto 14th Street and proceed to the CCC entrances located on 14th Street between Stout and California Streets. Follow the directions above to use the CCC garage.

### Early Convention Registration

Registration will be open from noon to 6 pm on Monday in the Colorado Convention Center D Lobby (street level) for badge pick-up (pre-registered members only). On Tuesday, Registration will open for full service from noon to 6 pm. The pre-con Volunteer Desk will be located near Registration for staff and volunteer check-in.

### Costume Exhibit

We're still looking for items for the Costume Exhibit. For more information, see [www.denvention.org/exhibits/costumes.php](http://www.denvention.org/exhibits/costumes.php).

### Membership Information

Visit the Membership Info page on our web site to use your PIN (located on progress report labels and e-mail publication notifications) to access our Do-It-Yourself Membership Management system. Update your contact information, upgrade memberships, or add a badge name different from the name that appears on your mailing label.

### Membership Transfers

Information on transferring membership can be found on the Membership Info page. Use our new [transfers@denvention.org](mailto:transfers@denvention.org) address for your transactions.

### Classics of Science Fiction

John Hertz will be leading book discussions of classic SF novels from 1958, a golden year for science fiction. Details may be found on the Programming page of the Denvention 3 web site.

### Kathy Mar's Music

Prometheus Music has some of Kathy's music available at [last.fm/music/Kathy+Mar](http://last.fm/music/Kathy+Mar).

## Denvention 3 Weapons Policy

### General

No edged, projectile-firing, or other weapon or replica may be carried in any part of the convention. The Committee reserves the right to decide what constitutes a weapon. Anyone found with a weapon, real or replica, will be given one opportunity to take the weapon to their room or vehicle. The Committee reserves the right to impound weapons for the duration of the convention if individuals do not have a place to store weapons. Failure to put away a weapon or to surrender a weapon for impoundment is grounds for revocation of membership without refund and expulsion from the convention.

### Masquerade

The Masquerade Director must be informed in advance of any weapons being used as part of an entry and must approve all such uses. Weapons must be wrapped when being transported to and from the masquerade rehearsal and the masquerade proper. Costumers may have to demonstrate they understand the appropriate safe use of any weapons for their presentation. Refusal to do so may lead to disqualification if the unrehearsed use could endanger members of the convention, whether in the audience, backstage, or on stage.

### Dealers

Weapons sold in the Dealers' Room must be wrapped by the dealer and taken away by the purchaser. They may not be unwrapped until off-site or in a private room or a private vehicle. Dealers must ensure customers are aware of this requirement.

### Pre-Con Submissions to the Daily Newsletter

If you're holding any special events, such as parties or special interest meetings, during Denvention 3 and wish to have your event announced in the daily newsletter, submit information to [newsletter@noreascon.org](mailto:newsletter@noreascon.org). Please include:

- your name
- membership number
- a brief description of your event
- date, time, location (if known)
- which day your announcement should appear

## Fan Tables

Sharon Sbarsky

Fan tables will be located somewhere in the CCC. There will be no charge to non-profit fanish organizations for a fan table. However, everyone working at a fan table must be an attending member of Denvention 3.

You may sell items such as memberships, bid T-shirts, or fanzines for your non-profit organization.

If you have questions or special requests, e-mail [fantables@denvention.org](mailto:fantables@denvention.org).

### Help Wanted

The Volunteer Desk will open at noon in the CCC D Lobby (street level) on Monday and at 10 am on Tuesday before we move to our permanent location in the CCC Upper D Lobby.

The Sign Shop is looking for staff particularly on Monday and Tuesday before the convention starts. See us in the Denver Room at the Sheraton.

The daily newsletter is looking for staff. Contact us at [newsletter@denvention.org](mailto:newsletter@denvention.org).

### WSFS Business Meeting

Want to have a voice in the rules for how the Hugo Awards or the Worldcon sites and committees are selected? Attend the World Science Fiction Society Business Meetings at Denvention 3. Denvention 3 attending members have the right to attend the Business Meetings, to vote and, within the rules of the meeting, to speak and make motions.

Meetings are from 10 am to noon, Thursday through Saturday and 10 am to 11:30 am Sunday. The first meeting will largely be to set the agenda and winnow items of business to be considered at the following meetings and receive committee reports. The Friday meeting will be mostly debate and voting on business related to changes to the Constitution and Standing Rules. The main Saturday business is the official announcement of the 2010 Site Selection results. Everything should be finished by the end of Saturday's meeting, so the Sunday meeting may be cancelled. For more information, see the Agenda and Business Passed On from last year's Worldcon, Nippon 2007 at [www.denvention.org/executive/2008wsfsmeeting.php](http://www.denvention.org/executive/2008wsfsmeeting.php).

## Childcare Services

Childcare Services will be provided by KiddieCorp at the Crowne Plaza Denver hotel (located between the Colorado Convention Center and our party hotel, the Sheraton Denver) for children under the age of 12 years old. KiddieCorp has provided Worldcon childcare services most recently at L.A.con IV. They are excited about serving you and your children this summer. Learn more about the program and pre-register for childcare services at [www.kiddiecorp.com/denvention3kids.htm](http://www.kiddiecorp.com/denvention3kids.htm).

When you purchase a child's membership for \$50, your child is eligible for 10 hours of childcare throughout the convention. Extra hours of childcare may be purchased from the provider. Space is limited, so reserve your hours early.

Childcare will be available beginning at 9:30 am and in the evenings for parents that would like to attend the Masquerade, Hugos, or some parties. If you have specific questions related to childcare services, please e-mail Lisa Garrison-Ragsdale at [childcare@denvention.org](mailto:childcare@denvention.org).

Donald Eastlake 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Business Meeting is conducted according to the WSFS Constitution, the Standing Rules, and Robert's Rules of Order. (See our past progress reports and web site for the current constitution and standing rules.) WSFS is the continuing legal entity that connects the Worldcons and holds the rights to trademarks such as "Worldcon" and "Hugo Award." There is no separate membership in WSFS. Its members are the members of the current Worldcon.

The deadline for submitting new business will be two hours after the official opening of Denvention 3 on Wednesday, August 6th, or 4 pm, whichever is later. You must provide 200 copies of new business motions unless you have arranged for Denvention 3 to make copies. See the Standing Rules for further requirements. New business can be left at the Denvention 3 Con Office or given to the chair of the Business Meeting. The Chair of this year's Business Meeting is Donald Eastlake 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Kevin Standlee as Deputy Chair and Parliamentarian, Pat McMurray as Secretary, and Jared Dashoff as Timekeeper.

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Tom Whitmore - Fan Guest of Honor

Robert A. Heinlein - Ghost of Honor

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