

The NORWESCON, the
Eighth World Science
Fiction Convention,
September 1-4, 1950

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Ruth F. Newbury



PROGRAM

It is now ten years since the first World Science-Fiction Convention, the Nycon, was held in New York. At that time, the fantasy field consisted of four struggling magazines, Science-Fiction in hard covers was confined to a few money-losing privately printed volumes and motion pictures and the radio studiously avoided fantasy except for the horror aspect. Such notice as the press took of the Nycon was confined to extracting the last bit of levity from the occasion.

During the past few years the picture has changed considerably--there are now over twenty magazines devoted to the field, numerous publishers are contributing to the flood of hard cover volumes coming off the presses and motion pictures and radio are beginning to enter the field. Then too, critics who for years ignored science-fiction are accepting it as an important field of literary expression.

Thru all this, fandom has not changed greatly. It has expanded and perhaps matured a bit, but it still follows its time-honored activities. Fans read, fans collect. They correspond. They criticize. They write and they publish thru the fan press. And---they get together.

In the following pages are reports of the previous world conventions, written by people who were there. You who will read this at the NORWESCON will have an opportunity to judge in what ways it differs from the past conventions.

And so, we give you the NORWESCON---fandom in action. You will find some of the activities more intriguing than others, but be sure of one thing---fandom is fun.

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NYCON

THE FIRST WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

July 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1939, The Caravan Hall, New York City, N. Y.

The First World Science Fiction Convention was sponsored by New Fandom, a national fan organization of the period. It drew an attendance of approximately 200, and was timed to coincide with the Worlds Fair held in New York City the same year.

Guest of Honor of this convention was Frank R. Paul, the well-known science fiction illustrator who also delivered a major speech titled "Science Fiction--Spirit of Youth", which among other things chastised Dr. Robert A. Millikan because he doubted the possibility of the achievement of atomic energy in the foreseeable future. Other speakers were John W. Campbell, Jr.: editor of "Astounding Science Fiction"; Mort Weisinger: editor of Standard Magazines science fiction pulps; Charles D. Hornig: editor of "Science Fiction", and additional short talks by Chairman Sam Moskowitz and convention committee member William S. Sykora. Kenneth Sterling read a long announcement concerning the formation of Arkham House.

Among the well-known authors present, most of whom were introduced, were: Ray Cummings, Otis Adelbert Kline, Nelson S. Bond, Jack Williamson, Edmond Hamilton, Ross Rocklynne, Manly Wade Wellman, Eando Binder, Harl Vincent, Malcolm Jameson, L. Sprague de Camp, L. A. Eshbach, Isaac Asimov, John Victor Peterson, Norman L. Knight, David V. Reed and others. Artists Charles Schneeman and John Giunta were in attendance as was Leo Margulies, editorial director of Standard Magazines. A delegation made up of Forrest J Ackerman, Myrtle R. Douglas and Ray Douglas Bradbury came in from the west coast.

The famous old scientific film "Metropolis" was shown during the first day of the conference.

July 3rd was highlighted by "Seeing the Universe", an astronomical film lectured by astronomer Ruoy Sibley. That evening the first science fiction banquet was held in honor of Frank R. Paul and was a smashing success, featuring numerous after-dinner talks, the most outstanding of which was delivered by Willy Ley.

July 4th a science-fiction soft-ball game was organized and played at Flushing, N. Y., featuring such prominent fans in the line-ups as Searles, Taurasi, Unger, Korshak, Giunta, Moskowitz, Baltadonis, Madle, Sykora, Van Houten, Widner, Train, Reinsberg and others. The Queens Cometeers beat the PSFS Panthers 23 to 11.

Six members of The Futurian Society of New York were refused entrance because members of their circle had been distributing anti-convention pamphlets and were preparing to distribute six sets of pro communist booklets.

A unique feature of the convention were 15 special booklets issued especially for the affair. Most famous of these was Jack Speer's "History of Fandom up to Now."

The convention cost \$300 and broke even. It achieved write-ups in Time and New Yorker.

Sam Moskowitz

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CHICON

The 2nd WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

The second world science fiction convention, dubbed the "Chicon" by people who must have nicknames for everything, played to a near-capacity audience on September 1 and 2, 1940, at the Hotel Chicagoan, in Chicago. Approximately one hundred and fifteen persons signed the register, including fond parents of a few children in attendance, and several persons who signed twice to gain egoboo for their pen names. It was at this convention that Claude Degler first appeared. He read a lengthy message from Mars during one of the sessions.

The convention was sponsored by the Illini Fantasy Fictioneers, a one-year-club which was the first of its kind and the establisher of the precedent of annual convention societies. Officers who more or less ran the club to suit themselves were Mark Reinsberg, Richard I. Meyer, Erle Korshak, Sully Roberds and Bob Tucker. Happily, the convention made meony and all except Roberds shared in the gravy; there was no attempt to pad expenses so that, for publicity purposes, the income would neatly balance with the outgo.

Dr. E.E. Smith was guest of honor. Program chairman Reinsberg became ill and nearly fainted, thereby establishing another precedent. The motion picture shown was "Monsters of the Moon", a thing scraped up off the cutting room floor and patched together to form an amusing (if ridiculous) continuity. Someone bemoaned the plethora of fanzines and offered a resolution prohibiting the publication of any more. After hot debate, someone else amended the motion in such a way that it (the motion) would ban the appearance of any more fan editors. Ray Palmer, EE Smith, Reinsberg, Korshak, Robert Lowndes, Donald Wollheim, Ralph Milne Farley, and Tucker were speakers. Ziff-Davis Publishing Company sent over truckloads of free magazines and originals to distribute. Phillip Morris cigarettes sent in free samples.

There was a costume ball, there was an auction, there was a banquet, there were little or no commercialization, book and magazine huckstering and so forth, because the fan field hadn't yet succumbed to the money mania. Mark Reinsberg, dressed as Buck Rogers, mounted a garbage can before the hotel and raygunned the passersby. He later climbed a light pole searching for a streetcar. Milt Rothman walked away in disgust. Claude Degler followed Ackerman around, awe-struck. The New York Futurians overturned their car, enroute, but came on in anyway. Wiggins and Martin of Denver made the journey by boxcar. Bob Thompson of New York arrived without a hotel reservation, and was locked in the convention hall overnight, sleeping on the floor. ESP was practiced by groups waiting for visitors in bus stations. Edward Elmer Smith dressed as "Northwest Smith" and carried a ray gun.

Convention bids for the following year revolved about Cleveland, Ohio, New York City, Denver, Colorado, and no convention at all. An amended resolution was sent to the Hollywood studios asking for better fantasy films. Everyone managed to keep out of jail.

Bob Tucker

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The 3d WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

Dubbed "The Denvention" by Donald A. Wollheim, the Convention of 1941, which was to be the last for 5 years, took place over the 4th of July in Denver, Colo. Robert A. Heinlein was the Guest of Honor. THE LOST WORLD was the film shown. Five medals were awarded: to Roy Hunt as the year's top fan artist; to Olon Wiggins for best fan-mag of '41 (Science Fiction Fan); to Damon Knight as top humorist; to Julie Unger, as finest news dispenser, for Fantasy Fiction Field; and to Forry Ackerman for "services rendered fandom." Walt Daugherty recorded, on phonograph records, fan's voices and all the major speeches of the Convention.

Heinlein's hour and a half talk was entitled "The Discovery of the Future". Said he, "There are trying times ahead; but in my opinion science-fiction conditions the fan's mind to hang on to sanity as fantasy after fantasy becomes reality." The title of my talk was "Paradox"; Walt Daugherty urged the unification of fandom; EEEvans proposed the formation of the National Fantasy Fan Federation.

At the Masquerade Ball EEEvans appeared as the Bug-Eyed Monster to end all BEEMS, and won first prize; Walt Daugherty, in a \$500 home-made spaceman's outfit, won second prize (\$2.50 cash); and I, in a mask created by the fan who later animated Mighty Joe Young, copped a buck for doing a Chaney as the Hunchbackerman of Notre Dame. Cyril Kornbluth was a Mad Doctor; "Doc" Lowndes, a vampire; Bob Heinlein, "Adam Stink, the world's most life-like robot"; Damon Knight, the Williamson character, John Star; Art Widner, "Granny", from SLAN. Amateur movies were taken at the costume party.

Comet, a short-lived promag of the time, had offered a \$25 cash award to the fan who overcame the greatest difficulties in getting to the Con. One Allen Glass was judged the most worthy of the award--but the cash had not come thru! Robert Heinlein, in a generous q.t. gesture, donated the \$25.

The traditional Fanquet coincided with Heinlein's birthday. He was presented 7 stf books by the assembled fans. He gave a memorably amusing after-dinner speech. Willard Hawkins, Claude Degler, Julie Unger and several others also spoke.

In addition to those already named, among the attendees of the Denvention were the late Paul Freehafer, Milton Rothman, Olon Wiggins (Chairman), Lew Martin, Bob Madle, Phil Bronson, Dale Hart, Erle Korshak, Julius Schwartz, Edmond Hamilton, Joe Fortier, Gus Willmorth, John Michel, Walt Liebscher, Don Thompson, M. Doreal and "Rusty" Hevelin.

Forrest J Ackerman



Best wishes

Eric Atlas

PACIFICON

The 4th WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

After a lapse of 5 war years, the "Pacificon", originally scheduled for 1942, was held over the 4th of July weekend in Los Angeles, Cal. Co-guests of Honor were AE van Vogt and his wife, E. Mayne Hull. About 125 attended. Walt Daugherty, Chairman.

Hi-lites were:

Van Vogt's speech, "Tomorrow on the March".

Showing of the scienti(?)film, "One Million BC".

Robert Bloch.

"Arabasque with Horror"--the famous one-man showman, Theodore.

"The History of Science Fiction"--Don Lay.

Introduction of The Fantasy Foundation.

Fantasticostume Ball.

Low-lite: The collapse of Forry Ackerman, from over-exertion, after first 6 hours. In his own back-yard, yet, the only Con he ever missed!

Radio recordings of Lovecraft's "Dunwich Horror" and "Satan's Phonograph" by Bloch were played. Frankenstein, Dracula's Daughter, the Snake Mother, the Gray Lensman, Queen of Venus and many others turned up at the Masquerade. The auction was animated.


Among those present: Ray Bradbury, Len Moffatt, Jack Speer, Bob Tucker, EEEvans, Elmer Perdue, Fran Laney, Art Widner, RSRichardson, Marijane Nuttall, Mari-Beth Wheeler, Jimmy Kepner, Art Joquel, Lou Goldstone, Bryce Walton, Walt Liebscher, Ford McCormack, Tigrina, Laurel Lee Dome, Ralph Rayburn Phillips, Rick Sneary, Leigh Brackett, Sam Russell, Al & Abby Lu Ashley, Erle Korshak, Pat Davis, Bob Oleson and Belle Wyman.

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(Signed) EVANS, EE
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(Anyone else want a drag on
this butt before I throw
it away?)

PHILCON

The 5th WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

The Fifth World Science Fiction Convention met at the Penn Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, on Labor Day weekend, 1946. The chairman of this convention was Milton A. Rothman, assisted nobly by the various members of the PHILADELPHIA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY.

This convention was notable for many things: for the heights of intellect that the program reached, for the heights (or depths) of conviviality that the hotel-room parties reached in the evening, and for the amount of business that was accomplished.

The featured speaker was John W. Campbell, editor of Astounding SCIENCE FICTION. His topic was the peacetime use of atomic energy. L. Sprague de Camp spoke of modern occultism, giving his experiences with groups such as the astrologers, numerologists, Resiorucians, etc. A panel discussion on "Is Science Catching up with Science Fiction?" was conducted by Chan Davis, and turned into a very exhilarating session for these fans who were scientifically minded.

Erle Korschak spoke on "The Collecting and Enjoyment of Fantasy Literature," in which he mentioned a large number of very rare fantasy books. David H. Keller, Joe Kennedy, and numerous fans entered into the discussions.

The entertainment program gave us the debut of Phil Klass and his extraordinary monologues. Theodore Sturgeon, George O. Smith, and Chan Davis joined their talents in this show, which was admirably conducted by L. Jerome Stanton.

On the last day Willy Ley and Thomas S. Gardner joined forces in a symposium on space travel which was another treat for the scientifically-minded fans.

Fan business consisted mostly of disposing of convention profits, and considering Jack Speer's resolution condemning the publishers of the Shaver mystery. This produced some excitement, but the convention ended up by tabling the topic to the next convention, where, of course, it was never brought up.

In the hotel rooms there were several parties, most famous of which was the one conducted by Tom Hadley, who had apparently unlimited supplies of liquor. Everybody had a wonderful time.

The authors, editors, and publishers were well represented at the Philcon and had a fine time chasing each other in a merry circle. More than one author made profitable deals with publishers or with agents. The fans also had a good time chasing authors and drinking each other's liquor. Everybody was given plenty of opportunity to shoot off his mouth. Everybody had a good time. Even the chairman.

Milton A. Rothman

Dear Folks,

Joyce and I were hoping we would be able to visit the USA for the 1952 CONVENTION. At the moment this seems unlikely - I shall probably be yet serving in the Army.

But we will get there some ~~year~~ you bet. As an alternative, those of you who can afford it, might ~~combine~~ a trip to Europe with a visit to the FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN in 1951 - we are holding a EUROPEAN CONVENTION during May 11, 12, and 13th.

The other thing I have to mention is an apology to all those folk - there are over 50 ! - who have not yet received replies to letters: they sent back in May-June. You are not forgot - ten - snag has been that we are stationed in Germany, and we have of necessity had to re-organise, and get all our books and staff back to U. K.



In another two months we hope to be squared up all round, but in the interim, we beg your indulgence

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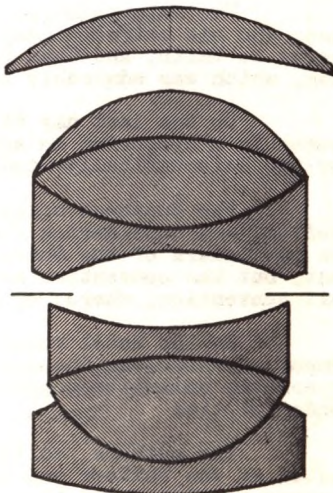
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The Torcon - The 6th World Science-Fiction Convention July 3-5 1948

Delegates to the 5th World Science Fiction Convention in their final session at Philadelphia today selected Toronto, Ontario, Canada as the site for their 1948 Convention. Over-riding the objection of it's professional dealers the average voted over overwhelmingly to make the 6th the first true International Convention and worthy of the name "World". Canadian delegate John Millard thanked the attendees for their expression of confidence in the Toronto group and the meeting broke up amid loud cries of "ON* TO- TOR-ON-TO and large applause.

When Canadian delegates Taylor, McKeown and Millard returned to Toronto plans were set in motion to organize a real convention. Taylor was appointed to look after the Convention Booklet and Torque, the Convention news-sheet. Millard and McKeown look after all other details.

It was decided to hold the Convention on the 4th July week-end as the usual Labor Day week-end is a very busy one in Toronto, mainly do to the Canadian National Exhibition.

During the winter months a program was kicked into shape. It was decided to have two Guests of Honor, one a professional and the other a well known Fan. After much thinking and the culling of brains Bob Bloch was selected as the Pro-Guest of Honor and Bob Tucker was notified to prepare a speech or what have you, as the Fan-Guest of Honor. Of course you have all heard of the now famous Tucker report on Fandom, Called the Fan Survey. As M. C. we had the talents of George O. Smith of the Philly Smith's.

Bob Bloch in his beautiful satire on Fandom, Fantasy and Psychology, gave a very fitting demonstration as the Pro-Guest of Honor. Others on the program where David H. Keller holding forth on Science- Master or Servant. Which was well received by the attending fans.

A lot of ground work was put in before the Convention reached it's final form. Letters were written by the hundreds - to obtain the necessary materials, such as art work for the Auction. Answering questions, arranging hotel space, etc.

With the generous help of the Toronto Tourist and Convention Association a hall was obtained for the sessions. Also the "Association" gave help in Custom's work in clearing our Art-Work, helped on the registration, etc. We give lots of credit to the Association for their splendid help in making the 6th World Science-Fiction Convention a great success.

With assists from local fans - donations of Art-Work and material from professional and commercial sources and our final thanks goes to those fans who attended the Sixth World Science-Fiction Convention in Toronto and made it a whopping success.

Ned McKeown and
John Millard

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Courcy (9)G. Waible (10) Gil Williams (11)W. R. Ford (12)Ruth F. New-
bury (13)Ralph Rayburn Phillips (14)Forrest C. Davis (15)Monna M.
Sheller (16)Joe Salta

CINVENTION

The 7th WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

An outsider might be better able to write up an account of the Convention than one of the members of the committee who helped put it on. That's where Doc Barrett's wire recordings came in handy. The next week end after the convention, we listened to all of them to find out what we had missed on the formal program. That way, we had our cake & ate it, too. There was little on the informal program that we missed.

The choice of Cincinnati was made in Toronto as a compromise. Detroit was to be the joint sponsors; but, for various reasons they were unable to do so. Then, too, 250 miles separated the two cities. So, the job fell to the Cincinnati Fantasy Group; which at that time had about 6 members. Due to the publicity, the membership increased considerably; but, afterwards dropped down again. This seems to be inevitable; judging from the records of other fan clubs who have also been the Hosts at a National convention.

Cincinnati was in an ideal spot for being centrally located in the way of transportation; and the fans showed up some 200 strong. We followed past traditions by having an Auction, Banquet, Speeches etc. One new thing added was a Fan Auction wherein fans auctioned off their own items for themselves. This helped out on the expenses for many.

The Convention was short on Editors attending; but we did have quite a few Authors show up. One of the big surprises was V. T. Hamlin's appearance. He is the creator of Alley Oop; the Science Fiction Comic. This was also the first of the Science Fiction conventions to get any time on a Television program. WLWT had a half hour program which was done in a serious manner; and not with the usual tongue-in-cheek attitude.

Of course, the most outstanding thing from my point of view as Treasurer was the fact that we actually made money at the Convention. This was almost unheard of in Fandom, where so few projects ever make any profit. We made better than \$500. Of this, \$300 was allotted to buy Science Fiction books for the one fan club existing in England and in Australia. They're unable to send out Dollars from their countries for this purpose; so, here is Fandom's own Marshall Plan. So far, 66 books have been sent to each country leaving some \$60 left to purchase more. When this is done they will be pretty well up to date on books. However, they do need magazine subscriptions to the ever growing number of U. S. magazines. If there is enough to go around, I'd like to suggest to the members at the Business Session at the Norwescon, that they continue this plan by providing these necessary subscriptions. With another War looming into the picture, these magazines will serve dozens of fans in each country.

At a Science Fiction convention, if you can get the Authors to just attend the convention, you need not worry too much about a Program. The fans and the Authors will provide their own. One thing I would advise, is to have the meeting hall and the Official Hotel all in one. With an average of 200 usually attending, it spreads everyone out too thin if you have a meeting place in one spot and the fans scattered in to several hotels.

To any fan group who thinks that they would like to have a convention in their city some year, I say this; you need have only 4 members who will ACTUALLY work; and work together to have a successfull affair.

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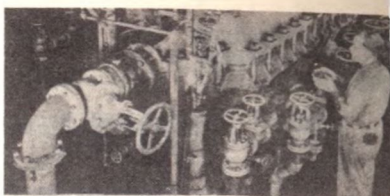
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EVENING

7:30 PM Welcome to the NORWESCON
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
MORNING

10 AM Swap Session
If you have anything to trade, bring it along.

AFTERNOON

2 PM Address of Welcome Donald B. Day
Introduction of Notables Melvin Korshak
Presentation of resolutions.
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Dinner Recess

SATURDAY (continued)

EVENING

7:30 PM "Dimension X"
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The NORWESCON auction
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

MORNING

10:00 AM Fanzines
Printed Fanzines Roscoe Wright
Newszines Bob Tucker
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Forum: "The Place of Fanzines"

Lunch Recess

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MORNING

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AFTERNOON

2 PM Business Session
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7 PM The NORWESCON Banquet

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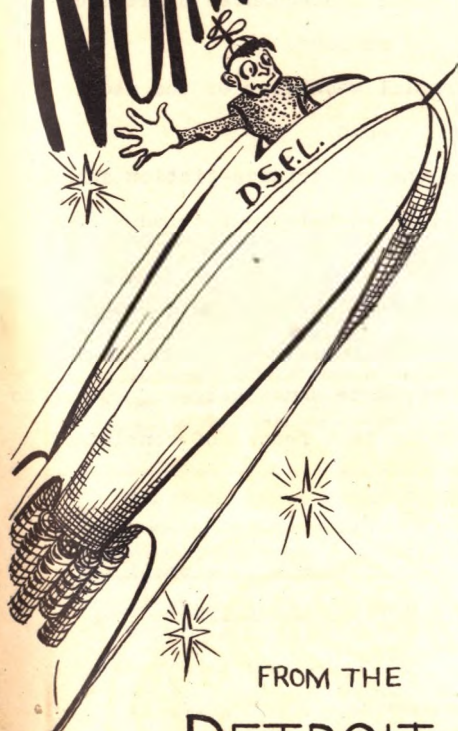


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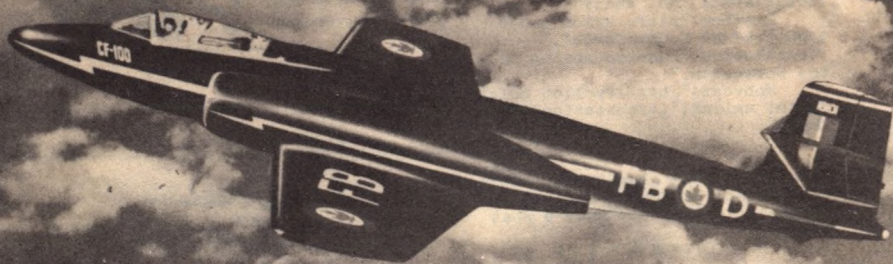
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