

SMALL MAMMAL



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EVENT HORIZON

NOVACON 20 9 - 11 November. Excelsior Hotel, Coventry Rd, Birmingham. Goh Dr Jack Cohen. Registrations now closed. For information contact Bernie Evans 121 Cape Hill, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands B66 4SH. Tel 021 558 0997 evenings/weekends.

ARMADA CON II 10 - 11 November. Arts Centre, Plymouth. Gohs Anne McCaffrey, Adrian Cole, Brian Lumley. Work permitting Sylvester McCoy and Sophie Aldred. (I suspect this is the person GMI means by Sopubie Aldred in their con listing??). Membership £15 or £7.50 per day.

SPONINE 14 - 16 November. St Johns College Oxford. Goh Ramsey Campbell. Registration £9 attending, £5 supporting to Adrian Cox, St John's College, Oxford OX1 3JP.

filk meeting 24 November. at *At the Sign of the Dragon*, Sheen Lane. Staerts midday and continues until late.

TREBLE 1 - 3 February 1990. Eastbourne Third British Filk Con. Goh Bill Sutton, FoN Zander Nyron. Registration £15 to 18 Glyndale Rd, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 2Y3.

LUCON III 8 - 10 February 1990. "The Search for a Program". Contact Andrew Adams, 73 Richmond Avenue, Leeds LS6 1DB

RECONNAISSANCE 22 - 24 February 1990. Park Hotel Cardiff. Theme - "New Work and New Ideas in SF". Registration £18 attending, £10 supporting (until 12 November) to *Reconnaissance*, 5 St Andrews Rd, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 2DY.

PICOCON 2 March 1990. Annual Imperial College SF Society Convention. Details from ICSF, c/o Students Union, London W1

SPECULATION 29 Mar - 1 April 1990. UK national SF Convention. Goh Robert Holdstock. Registration £20 attending, £10 supporting until 1st December. Contact *Speculation*, 35 Buller Rd, London N17 9BH.

MEXICON 4 24 - 26 June 1990. Old Swan Hotel Harrogate. No single guest of Honour, as is normal for *Mexicon*. A convention devoted to written SF. Membership £15 to *Mexicon*, c/o Mike Ford, 27 Stanmore Crescent, Burley, Leeds LS4 2RY.

WINCON II 16 - 18 August 1990. King Alfreds College, Winchester. Gohs Gene Wolf and Brian Stableford. Registration £15 attending, £3 supporting to *Wincon*, 38 Outram Rd, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hants PO5 1QZ.

LCFI

London Convention Fandom Inc is an informal organisation with the aim of providing a focus for Con running activity by fans in the London area. Meetings are on the 1st and 4th Tuesday of the month in the upstairs room of *The Bantam Cock* pub in Dinah Place (Triton Square) north of the Euston Rd from 8 pm.

The emphasis will initially be to provide a location for work on the Glasgow *DS* Worldcon bid but meetings will include other cons in future.

Do-Fans Dream of ELECTRIC MAMMALS

Small Mammal is entering into the computer age at last by having an E-mail account. The Mammal can now be contacted on uad1104@dircon.uucp or uad1104%dircon@ukc.ac.uk.

Current discussion topics of discussion on the network include - Why is *Star Trek: The Next Generation* being censored on BBC? (Many Americans are horrified at our level of legal control over the media) Also - Is Stever Barnes a woman and married to Larry Niven? Apparently there is a female fan called Steve Barnes.

BOUCHERCON XXI



World Mystery Convention, Kings College, London, 21st-23rd September 1990



There were a number of differences between *BOUCHERCON XXI* and the average SF con. Perhaps the most obvious was in their membership. I'd estimate that the average attendance was 10 to 15 years older than at a comparable SF event, and the ratio of men to women was roughly the reverse of that in SF fandom: there appear to be more female mystery fans than male.

The programme was almost totally non-fannish: except for the business meeting and the mastermind quiz, most if not all panellists and speakers were involved professionally with the mystery business. As a result, con members certainly got their moneysworth in terms of exposure to authors (including *Sharyn McCrumb*, who described herself as "the *Salman Rushdie* of SF" since the publication of *Bimbos of the Death Sun*). It was an extremely interesting programme, and very well organised: I'm not aware of any items that failed to run on time.

The con suffered to an extent from not being in a hotel. The absence of a bar or lounge area made it well nigh impossible to meet and socialise with other fans and, after the program ended, people tended to scatter to their own hotels. Forthcoming *Bouchercons* should not have this problem, as they will be hotel based.

I'd certainly like to attend another. For anyone else interested the next two are listed below.

Bouchercon XXII - Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, 11-13 October 1991. Contact: 2334 Beach Avenue, Venice, CA 90291, USA. Memberships \$35 to end 1990, thereafter \$50, money order payable to *Southern California Institute for Fan Interests* - read the initials!

Bouchercon XXIII - Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada, 8-11 October 1992. Contact: PO Box 23, Station "S", Toronto Ontario, M5M 4L6 (£25 to end 1990). Their Hotel General Manager has agreed to be murdered on Friday of the con! (Could we re-schedule this con for Brighton? -- Ed).
Peter Wereham

1991 Lunacon

March 8-10 1991, Sheraton Stamford Hotel, Stamford CT. News hot off the E-mail, see above.

Writer GOH: John Brunner
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1991 TAFF Race

The nominations for the 1991 TAFF race open on November 1st and close at the end of December. This year's race is for a UK/European fan to go the *Chicon V*.

The European administrators are *Lillian Edwards*, 2 Spring Valley Terrace, Morningside, Edinburgh and *Christina Lake*, 47 Wessex Ave, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0DH.

Nominees should preferably have support from both sides of the Atlantic