

ALBACON II

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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

NOTES

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- 1 There were 812 attending, 61 supporting members. 7703.74
 - 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 Albacoon 84's Guest of Honour.
- Ian Sorensen - Treasurer. 15th March 1984.

The Albacoon II Post-con report is available from :
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PRECURSOR

August 18th - 20th 1995

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.

That's the theory. What we're proposing is a lightly-programmed fannish relaxacon - that will be small and cheap.

So here are the details:-

Location: Hertfordpark Hotel, Stevenage, Hertford. A short (30 mins) train ride north of London, also very close to the A1(M) north/south road. Yes, its not Leicester but this hotel is open now, we have used them before and we know they will not be still rebuilding in August!

Room Rates:	Twin/double	£20.50 per person per night
	Single	£23.50 per person per night

The Bar: This is not the cheapest in the world so we've negotiated a "happy hour" from 8 pm to 10 pm when all drinks are half price. They also now have a pool table.

Deadlines - Deadlines - Deadlines

If we are going to run this weekend we must know soon that we have enough fans interested. How do you show your interest? Send a cheque now to the address below. But we must have at least 60 of you by the end of June 1995 or we'll have to abandon plans - cheques will be returned/burned and we'll all gafiate!

Membership: £15 or US\$20 made payable to Rob Hansen.

Rob Hansen, John Harvey and Martin Smith are running it; the dates are above. So join up now and save us from eternal gafiation.

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