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Annual Literary Science Fiction Convention

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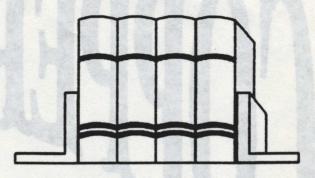
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This is our Annual Literary Science Fiction Convention.

If you read Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Speculative Fiction or are interested in any aspect of this genre such as movies, games, costumes, etc., this is the fun place for you.



PUBLICATIONS

Program Book

Deadline	August 12, 1995
Advertising ratesProgram	m Book:
Business card	\$15
Quarter page - 3"x 4.5"	\$20
Half page - 4.5"x 6.5"	\$30
Full page - 6.5"x 9"	\$50

COMMITTEES

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A Word from the Chair...

Hello, again. This is to be the final PR for CopperCon 15, and I want to let you know how the Con is shaping up.

We are looking forward to a lot of fun this year, with a dynamite concert, great programming, gaming, both normal and computer, and some different hands-on and workshop type events. We are also having two special events, a VNSA book drive and an auction to benefit a local RIF affiliate. Check out the other sections of the PR for details on all these.

Now for a special plea from the Chair...

The Day's Inn-Airport, our hotel, has agreed that if we completely book the hotel, approximately 200 rooms, they will allow us to "lock down" the hotel, except for the restaurant and bar. This would mean that only convention members would be allowed in the remainder of the hotel. This would also mean that we would not have to deal with complaints from mundanes about hall costumes, live action role playing games, etc. Convention members would be able to have non-members in their rooms, but they would check in as such with Security, and would not be allowed in Convention function space, as usual.

What this all means is **PLEASE RESERVE** YOUR ROOM NOW!!!! The room block will be released by the hotel in mid-August. If we don't have the hotel filled by then, they will begin reserving rooms on a first-come first-served basis, and you probably won't be able to get a room at the convention. Also, the pace of reservations is picking up, so if you wait, we may have the hotel, but you don't get a room. Finally, a full hotel is a happy hotel, which makes getting hotel contracts for future conventions much more likely.

Phil, the Hotel's Food & Beverage Manager is looking forward to preparing any special drinks based on our SF&F related recipes. If you have any, call Steve or drop a line to the Hotel. Gargle blasters anyone? Please give your mix recipes to Phil by August 15th. All that said, what will CopperCon 15 be like? A convention is supposed to be fun. I like, encourage and support fun. Fun is hall costumes, let's see a bunch. Fun is room parties, let's have more of them. Fun is not obnoxious drunks, let's be responsible. Fun is several hundred of our closest friends, let's all be there. Fun is not doing something stupid and dangerous, let's be smart.

We have great guests, a great committee, and great fans. Putting them all together will make for one of the best conventions Phoenix has ever seen! See you in September!

> Stephen Burroughs Chairman, CopperCon 15 3213 W. Camelback Road Phoenix, AZ 85017 602/973-2054

Coming to CopperCon 15 are: Ta Da (Note Fanfare)

Spider Robinson

Author Guest of Honor. Winner of Hugo, Nebula, and many other awards. Included in his works are the tales from Callahan's Bar and stories from Lady Sally's Place. He effortlessly combines painfully proficient punster and thoughtful pundit. Many consider him to be Robert Heinlein's heir apparent. Spider with his wife Jeanne also wrote the Stardance series. The newest Starmind is due out in June. In addition to the usual GoH activities, Spider will be performing in the Concert planned for the Saturday of the convention.

"If you can't have fun here, it's your own damn fault."

Mike Callahan

from <u>Off the Wall at Callahan's</u> Spider Robinson. TOR NY c.3/94 A Tom Doherty Associates book.

Jeanne Robinson

Artist Guest of Honor, is also a Hugo and Nebula award author. Jeanne is something of a departure from the traditional Artist GoH, in that her art form is the Dance. As a much noted Choreographer and Dancer, she expands the concept of SF art to encompass the kinetic art forms. In addition to sharing ideas about dance, Jeanne has also offered to do a workshop on the Alexander Technique, and will be performing in the concert planned for the Saturday of the convention.

M.R. (Hilde) Hildebrand is

Fan Guest of Honor. She is one of the best known members of Phoenix Phandom. Hilde has done quite a bit for Fandom, and she will be sharing her experiences, anecdotes, and insights with us.

Confirmed program guests include: Joe Bethancourt, Rick Cook, Emily Devenport, Leslie Fish, Ernest Hogan, Peter L. Manly, and Adam Niswander.

We will be doing several things a little differently at CopperCon this year. Most of those you will read about in the specific sections of this PR, including the Special Events Section. Steve Burroughs

"We raise hopes, here...until they are old enough to fend for themselves." Mike Callahan

from Off the Wall at Callahan's by Spider Robinson. TOR NY c.3/94 A Tom Doherty Associates book.

HOTEL NEWS

The Phoenix Day's Inn Airport has

been wonderful to work with. Due to limited handicapped accessible space they have agreed to let us use downstairs sleeping rooms for fun space. When we fill the hotel (only 219 rooms) the pool, spa, & courtyard areas will be included in our function space.

Hotel Block Ends Aug 17th.!!!

Lots of rooms are still available, so far. When we fill the hotel we can have a great party, no mundanes to worry about!

The Restaurant and Bar have reasonable (cheap) prices. You can bring your own cooler and goodies. We can order pizza delivered.

There will be extra ash trays and trash cans provided by the hotel-Please use them and help the hotel enjoy us as much as we enjoy the hotel.

Days Inn knows we dress funny, stay up all night and have some noisy room parties--they are ready to have fun with us as well as work hard to help us have a great con. Remember that just as we are guests of Days Inn they are also our guests at the parties.

To make YOUR reservations contact the hotel at:

Day's Inn Airport 3333 E Van Buren Phoenix AZ 85008 Phone: 1(800)528-8191 or (602)244-8244 Fax: 1(602)244-8240 RATES: \$42 single/double \$52 triple/quad

Finally, to all our friends, old, new and not yet met, we'll see you at CopperCon 15, and have lots of fun together.

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PROGRAMMING

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Greetings from Programming. We have much to offer you this Con; in fact, there will be SIX(!) Tracks of panels, presentations, and demos, some starting Noon Friday, and running till about 6 pm Sunday. We're proud to offer numerous hands-on, audience-interactive events to join in.

As usual, panel topics will cover everything from computer and space sciences, writing & publishing, cat psychology, current events (yes, one panel called "LA, OJ, & DNA"!), philosophy, futurism, sci-fi, punning, round-robin stories, and a debate on which art from is the most important. Also, due to popular interest, some panels (and possibly, craft demos) will be geared toward the younger fan.

In addition to those listed in PR #1, other confirmed or probable program guests currently include: Edward Bryant, Simon Hawke, Louise Kleba (from Florida), Joe Lazzaro (from Massachusetts), Hayford Peirce, Matthew Ryan (from Illinois), Vernor Vinge, and Henry Vanderbilt.

Demos include an extended costume design forum, fabric-dyeing, an historical "look " at costume undergarments, a "learn-how-to-listen" demo and a dance/movement workshop. Schedule permitting, there may also be a Regency dance, but this is still tentative.

Pre-registration events include: 1) a hands-on body-therapy workshop by Jeanne Robinson "The Owner's Manual of the Spine"; 2) a juggling workshop; 3) a Magic: The Gathering card game introduction (\$10 card fee, or bring your own); 4) if given sufficient demand, author Simon Hawke will run an at-con short-story critique session (\$10 reading fee- submit stories no later than August 21). All four events are LIMITED-ATTENDANCE. Sign up now!!

There are also two special panel series scheduled: Fan-TV", a series of one-hour open forum panels each dedicated to a TV or cable Sci-Fi program; and "Enduring Myths & Legends", a series of video and audio presentations followed by open forum discussion. I think this will be an exciting and eclectic mix of activities, suitable for fans of all ages and interests. Finally, I want to welcome at-Con Programmer Scott Glener and his team of crack(ed) Program Ops professionals who will make this six-ring circus fly come September 8. However, if you need information before then, or wish to sign up for limited pre-reg events, contact me. And ENJOY !!

John Theisen 1103 W. Cactus Street Safford, AZ 85546-9563 (520) 428-2037 (evenings/weekends)

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This year in addition to the Art Show itself, we will be featuring a print shop—an area for artists to sell multiple prints of some of their more popular work, with the convention taking 15% of the sales.

We ask that artists planning to hang art limit it to originals and limited run (250 or less) prints.

Art show panels (a panel is 4' x 4" flat brown pegboard) may be reserved for a fee of \$5.00 per panel, and the convention will take a 12%commission on all sales. 3D artwork may be displayed on 6' x 2.5' tables, with a fee of \$5.00 for half a table.

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in reserving display space please contact: Ray Gish 4424 S Stanley Place, Tempe AZ 85282

or call (602)839-2543 after 7:00 PM MST. Planned hours are:

Friday = Noon - 9 PM Saturday = 10 AM - 7 PM and Sunday = 10 AM - Noon. Auction at 1 PM Sunday.

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CHECKMATE

COMPUTER (GAMING) ROOM After a two-year hiatus, Computer Gaming returns to CopperCon. We'll have the latest and greatest in both shareware and commercial software running on (mostly) 486 and Pentium machines. Titles include Scorched Earth 1.5, Doom II, Dark Forces and Ringworld II, with more yet to come. We have seven computers lined up, and could use up to five more. If you have an IBM-compatible with a 386 or better and VGA graphics, lending it to us for the duration of the con gets you a complimentary membership. If you are interested or have any suggestions, contact Cris Martin at (602)979-3814 or Martin@indirect.com, -before- August 19.

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R.I.F. Auction

The auction for the benefit of Reading is Fundamental will be held on Sunday afternoon. If you have donations, please bring them to the **Bent Cover** N of Metro Center, or call 973-2054. Type of donations wanted for Auction: signed books, SF/F collectibles, etc.

Jay Patton

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CONCERT

The line-up for the concert looks like myself, Tom Smith, Leslie Fish, Gary Siler and, of course, Spider Robinson et al. We will be recording the concert, primarily for my own archives, but also with the intention of a possible tape release by RAndom Factors (as long as the performers give permission, of course).

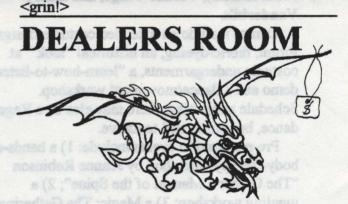
Tom Smith is from back East, and has two tapes out, BOTH of which are highly recommended. He's one of the funniest people I know, and his song "A Boy And His Frog" will leave you in tears forever.

Leslie Fish is too well known to mention. Joe Bethancourt is a banjo player and all around weirdo.

Gary Siler writes good stuff and wanders around looking homeless a lot.

Spider Robinson writes books. Can you tell I don't write blurbs much?

Joe Bethancourt



Welcome to the Dealers Room! This year we have brought back some of your favorite venders, along with a few new faces. Among these are: Rakish Blade; Phoenix Film and Fantasy Society; Waterloo Games; Fantasy-Past, Present and Future; Egor's Books; Dark Delicacies; The Bent Cover; M.R. Hildebrand; Patrick Conners; and many more. The Dealers Room hours will be: 12 Noon till 7 PM Friday, 10 AM - 7 PM Saturday, and 10 AM - 3 PM Sunday. See you there.

Jay P. Patton



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Con Suite!

I am pleased to announce the opening of Jake's Place West at CopperCon 15 about Noon on Friday. All beings are welcome to stop in for munchies and soda and plenty of puns from that time until the con ends on Sunday. We plan to be open all night to provide a QUIET place to talk. So, come by and visit, have a drink or two, and maybe even make a toast.

Janette Ali



GAMING @ COPPERCON

Games, games and more games!! We have Magic, Jyhad, board games and miniature base games.

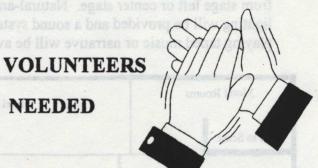
We'll have a miniature painting contest with the case located in the ART SHOW.

I can still use more GameMasters. If you would like to run a game, please contact me at one of the following:

Home phone number 461-0124 or leave me e-mail at BillHall@AOL.com or WHall@Genie.com

Staff Lounge

We're going to be here. We're going to be here with food. We're going to be here with food for Staff, Committee, and all volunteers of more than 4 hours. Be here or be octagonal! Diane Elliott



by Erika Moe

This year's CopperCon promises to be very exciting (as I'm sure you have read). We have a sterling guest list, the art show and dealer's room are in good shape and we have big plans for our masquerade and programming. <u>So what's</u> missing? YOU !

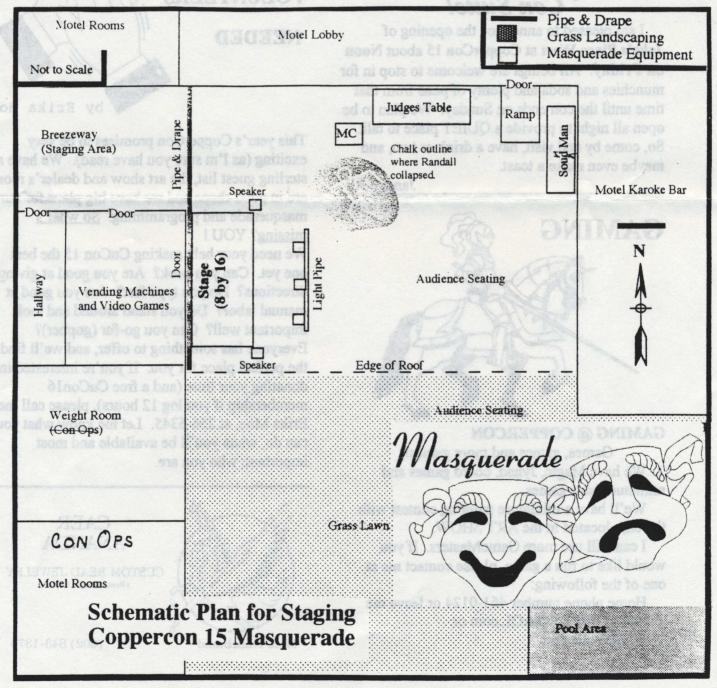
We need your help making CuCon 15 the best one yet. Can you cook? Are you good at giving directions? Do you type fast? Are you good at manual labor? Do you stand around and look important well? Can you go-fur (gopher)? Everyone has something to offer, and we'll find the perfect place for you. If you're interested in donating your time (and a free CuCon16 membership if you log 12 hours), please call me, Erika Moe, at 256-6345. Let me know what you can do, when you'll be available and most important: who you are.



MASQUERADE UPDATE

Plans have firmed up nicely for the Copper Con 15 Masquerade. We will be setting up an intimate 8 by 16 foot stage on a semi-outdoor patio (roofed and confined on three sides). A pipe-and-drape curtain will allow concealed entry from stage left or center stage. Natural-angle lighting will be provided and a sound system for playing taped music or narrative will be available. Awards will be presented based upon the three "ships", that is Craftsmanship, Workmanship, and Sportsmanship. Come and join a masquerade that knows costumes are FUN!

We have our director, assistant director, judges, sound man, and MC. We still need catchers, den mothers, stage technicians and house managers. If you would like to help out, or would like more specific information of the staging or rules, please contact: Director, Randall Whitlock, PO Box 39504, Phoenix AZ 85069 or e-mail RandWhit@aol.com



Security

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We wish to insure that all attendees have a wonderful and safe experience at CopperCon 15. As head of Operations and Security I have both good news and bad news to impart.

First, the good news-no traditional fannisn activities or customs will be banned outright.

However, Convention Badges remain the property of the convention until it ends and will be confiscated for cause; i.e., any twit having the stupidity or sheer bad manners to engage in activities that imperil themselves, bystanders, our insurance, or future amicable hotel relations. Such a twit will have their badge punched. Persistent irritants will have their badge pulled after three punches and be asked to leave the convention.

There will be a separate wing of the hotel set aside as a party area. Parties held in this area that remain within the bounds of legality and good taste will not be molested. Partyers that insist upon disrupting the quiet area of the hotel will earn badge punches.

Convention attendees, or morning people (ugh!) that want to go to sleep early and do not tolerate noise gladly, will be expected to book rooms in the quiet area of the hotel or stagger about bleary-eyed the next day, like the rest of us.

Costumes that are street-legal, and properly sheathed weapons (no real or real-looking firearms please) are welcome. I'd appreciate it if the weapons were peace bonded, but will insist only for those dweebs who are caught with a drawn weapon in a public area. This will earn a badge punch to go with the piece of cord security will happily provide for anyone wanting/needing to peace bond their weapon. A note to parents-the children you buy memberships for are still your responsibility, even if you permit them to wander about unattended. Children roaming under their own recognizance will be expected to adhere to the same standards of polite behavior as an adult must. Minors who behave obnoxiously enough to earn themselves a badge punch or that actually manage to get their badge pulled will earn their parents a similar penalty.

Since access to the art show and dealers rooms at this hotel is from the street door-sitters will be posted to insure that everyone wanting to enter these areas has a convention badge. Please cooperate by wearing your badge whenever you are out and about in the con areas of the hotel.

I'm hoping that everyone who comes to this convention has a really good time and that none of the penalties discussed above need ever be applied. I'm not attempting a return to the bad old days of "Gestapo" security, only to identify and deal promptly, effectively and even-handedly with the small number of people who can't or won't limit their own anti-social tendencies, while keeping prohibitions that affect the fannish population at large to a bare minimum.

Enjoy! And if you have any opinions on what we're doing right or wrong, stop by ops and tell me what you think--I'm not bringing my Aliester Crowley turban to con, so the only way I'll know what's going on when I'm not there to see it--is for someone to tell me.



Video Room

BEHOLD!

The ultimate SciFi Video Room of all time! 5 Video Rooms + Japanese Animation!

Video 1 Jim's Requests Only Video 550+ Science Fiction movies ON SITE, no schedule, you request what you would like to see. The title list is on the door. I challenge any video store to have what I have. Let me introduce the themes that spawned the SF movies of today. Explore the DREAM unincumbered by resources.

Video 2

TV Nostalgia Video A full schedule collection of TV shows (all pilots, all SciFi). Do you remember The Invaders, Wizard, My Favorite Martian, The Flash, Fireball XL-5, Salvage One, Mann and Machine, The Champions, Otherworlds, The Green Hornet, Lost in Space,...

Video 3

International SciFi's

Compare Japanese SciFi to others, Each country has its own culture. Thus, their view of the future, the unknown, and the Dream are different. British SciFi is very popular. See why.

Oh No! It's Godzilla!

Video 4

Schlock!

I really don't like this but the most well attended videos in any video room have been B-grade or below. How low will we go? I shudder to think. Forget "Happy Hour" how about "Heckle Hour." Now that we have our limits set, let's look at really Bizarre SF too.

Video 5

Babylon 5 Marathon

Babylon 5 is no ordinary SF TV show. The plot has already been written for a 5-year story arc. The characters' destiny will proceed layer on layer. If you missed the first, you may not realize what is happening. Here's your chance. You can check the schedule for a

missed episode but my guess is you won't want to leave. No commercials, no waiting, 2 full seasons in 3 days. Be there or B5 ...

Wait there's more! We won't start the Babylon 5 Marathon till 4 pm. If you want to start the con off weird, be here by noon on Friday. We have selected the most mind altering movies we could find. Not good, not bad, just "Oh My God." Only elastic minds need apply.

Video 6 Tom Perry's Fantastic Japanese Animation It won't be buried. Find all this together right near the ConSuite.

**Disclaimer - This is not WorldCon. This is CopperCon 15. Sept 8, 9, & 10, 1995.

Note: Video schedule is subject to change. Jim Strait

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society *CASFS* is a non-profit organization that exists to promote science/speculative fiction and science in Arizona. One way we do this is through conventions. CopperCon's primary purpose is to create a congenial atmosphere that stimulates interest and the enthusiastic exchange of ideas.

In the past, we have donated many SF/F and science books to schools and libraries.

Unfortunately, ours is a society where the erosion of education has become a critical problem. It is no longer enough for us to encourage the "literature of ideas and imagination." We've seen that, before one can appreciate SF, or any other genre, one first must learn to love reading.

So...CopperCon 15 will be sponsoring charitable events that primarily benefit the cause of literacy in Arizona. We have made arrangements with the Volunteer Nonprofit Service Association *VNSA* (formerly the Visiting

a book drive, and we'll be hosting an auction for **R.I.F.** (Reading is Fundamental).

R.I.F. is a program dedicated to the education of children and their families. One of its most important objectives is the development of reading literacy. We have chosen the Roosevelt School Districts R.I.F. program as the beneficiary of our auction. That area of town needs help.

VNSA is an all-volunteer association that donates over 80% of its fund-raising proceeds to local charities. It is the primary support for:

- Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County
- * AZ Friends of Foster Children Foundation
- * Toby House, Inc.

Why VNSA? Well, if it's the second week-end in February, we will all probably all be at be down at the fairgrounds scooping up bargains at the 40th annual VNSA Book Sale, (February 10 & 11, 1996). They need books for us to buy.

So gather up all your duplicate or read-once books and bring them to CopperCon 15. Do it for us, do it for them, or do it so you'll have room for all the books you bring home from the Dealer's room! Whatever your reason, please help us help. (And remember they also welcome software, video and audio tapes.)

Jeanne Hilary-Burroughs



Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County combats adult illiteracy and functional illiteracy. They train volunteers, then match them with clients who need their help, support, and encouragement to better their reading skills.

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation supplements state efforts for children in foster care. The stipend paid to foster parents covers the basics, period. This foundation tries to provide the "extras," like music or dance lessons, that help a child flourish.

Toby House, Inc. benefits seriously mentally ill adults. Opened in 1971, it was the first psychiatric half way house in Arizona. It was created to respond to the needs of psychiatric patients who had been de-institutionalized. Today this psycho-social rehabilitation model has evolved into a multi-residential facility that provides therapeutic and vocational support for adults with problems such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, personality disorders, and organic brain syndrome.

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