

# Corflu Glitter

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# **Today Is Not Friday!**

The earth shakes and reality tilts at a cockeyed angle. Your head is spinning, your palms are sweating and your breathe like a frightened child

The world feels Wrong

All is as it should be. Despite the arrival of a new issue of *Glitter*, it is not Friday. It's Monday as this issue is being written.

Unprecedented? Indeed.

A deviation from normality? Admittedly.

A shocking occurrence? Granted.

A cause for consternation? No.

Glitter #59 departs from its well-known weekly schedule to put some potentially valuable information in fans' hands in time to do them some good. This includes, but is not limited to, James Taylor's transportation directions and area map, information about Thursday and Friday events and the latest updated membership list.

Don't Panic.

### The Corflu Glitter Countdown

No, the big green "3" doesn't mean that the High Priestess has again meddled with the Fabric of time. Joyce Katz admitted to Glitter that she toyed with the idea of another temporal manipulation, but finally decided that this would not be an appropriate use of her vast powers.. "I'd love to have more time to prepare," she said, "but on the other hand, I can't wait to se all the trufans coming to Las

Vegas for Corflu Glitter." She added that, in a situation fraught with such ambivalence, the prudent course was to refrain from massive displays of power.

Careful readers will note that there are three days until Corflu.

Some may quibble with the count, claiming that the con is four days distant from the issue date in the colophon. While that's technically true, the "3" is a reminder that there's a huge Open Part y sponsored by the Vegrants on Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Main Consuite.



# **Membership** (4/16/12)

Aileen Forman A Andy Hooper A Arnie Katz A Art Widner A Audrey Trend A Bill Burns A Bobbi Farey A Brenda Dupont A Bruce Gillespie A Carrie Root A Charles Levi A Cheryl Goode A Chris Marple A Claire Brialey A Dan Steffan A Dian Crayne S Dixie Tracy-Kinney A Don Miller A Dwain Kaiser A Earl Kemp A Eve Harvey A Frank Lunney A Gary Mattingly A Geri Sullivan A Graham Charnock S Greg Trend A Hope Leibowitz A Jack Calvert A Jacq Monahan James Daugherty A James O'Meara A James Taylor A Jay Kinney A Jerry Kaufman A Jim Caughran A Jim Mowatt S JoHn Hardin A John Harvey A John Hertz S Joyce Katz A June Moffatt A

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All is well and as it should be.

Rest assured that *Glitter #60*, masquerading as the *Corflu Glitter Program Book*, will return to the customary Friday release.

So relax and enjoy this unexpected *amuse bouche* before the main course of Corflu Glitter.

### **Attendance Hits 85!**

Corflu Glitter, as you can see from the membership list on pages 2 and 3, has now reached 85 fans. "As we expected, we've had a lot of last-minute joiners in the last 10 days," observes Joyce Katz, Corflu Glitter Chairman. "Allowing for fans who'll join when they come to the convention, it looks like we'll end up with 90-100 members." She estimated actual attendance at 75-90, owing to the bad economic climate.

# Piano Bar Trip Set for Saturday!

On Saturday evening, Lori Forbes will lead fans on a field trip to one of the most distinctive Las Vegas establishments, Pete's Dueling Piano Bar.

Located at 6551 S. Las Vegas Blvd. #152, Pete's isn't a karaoke bar, but it's ideal for those who like a sing-a-long. The talented piano players eagerly take requests when accompanied by a modest tip (\$1-\$3).

Pete's Dueling Piano Bar doesn't offer food. Those who want a latenight nosh will continue on to the nearby Yard House (<u>Town Square Las Vegas</u>,

6593 Las Vegas Blvd South) for some eats.

Fans who want to go on this excursion should gather in the Main Consuite at 10:00 PM. The group will leave for Pete's Dueling Piano Bar at

# High Priestess Won't Wear Anything!

At least that's what Joyce, who moonlights as the High Priestess of Fandom when she isn't chairing Corflu Glitter, told me. "I won't wear anything," she repeated for emphasis. It was plain to me then, as it is now, that she spoke *ex cathedra* and would permit no further discussion.

It all began when Joyce, Don Miller and I went to Windy City Dogs and Beefs for dinner. An hour or so later, the same trio left the restaurant and walked to the car.

Joyce opened the driver's side front door part-way. She paused to fish her keys out of her purse and suddenly groaned loudly in pain! The door had swung out and bashed her in the face (and left hand) as her attention focused on her bag.

She's fine, but she got a giant shiner that is likely to still be visible at Corflu, two weeks after the incident. Some say the traumatic blow was caused by a concerted attack by all the fakefannish forces of the universe, while others may attribute it to the 80-mph winds that were buffeting us at that moment.

All I wanted her to do was wear a modest sign around her neck that read "Arnie didn't do this." That's all I wanted, a crummy little 2 x 3-foot sign.

"I won't wear any sign," she reiterated, "but you should write one of your cute essays about it for *Glitter #59*."

I think she was still speaking ex cathedra.

# **Program Preview**

The Corflu Glitter Program Book will, of course, carry a complete detailed program. For the convenience of late arrivals, here's a brief rundown of what's on tap at Corflu Glitter for Thursday and Friday:

### **Thursday**

7:00 PM -

# **Vegrants Pre-Con Kick-off Party**

Main Consuite

The Vegrants invite *all* fans (not just Corflu members) to gather in the Main Consuite to eat, drink and make merry in the grand fannish manner.

# **Friday**

7:00 AM - Noon

### Forman Nature Hike

Main Consuite

Ken Forman continues a Vegas Corflu tradition by leading fans on an entertaining jaunt through some of the valley's natural wonders.

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

# **Opening Ceremony**

Sunset Room

Joyce and Arnie Katz welcome fans, supervise the GoH selection and, with the aid of Andy Hooper, have a little fun getting the convention officially underway.

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### **Focus on the Fan Funds**

Sunset Room

Claire Brialey moderates a panel that surveys the current state of fan funds and discusses possible improvements for the future.

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### **Vegas Fandom Memories**

Sunset Room

Joyce Katz and friends look back at some of the unusual occurrences and colorful characters from Las Vegas Fandom's first two decades..

9:00 PM

### Las Vegas Fandom Reunion Open Party

Main Consuite

Vegas fans past and present will join Corfluvians for an all-out Open Party.

9:00 -

# **Fannish Music-Making**

Non-Smoking Side Suit

Music-making has been a big part of Vegrants meetings for the last couple of years. Teresa Cochran invites singers, instrumentalists and listeners to a relaxed music jam.

Katrina Templeton S Ken Forman A Kim Huett S Laurie Kunkel A Laurraine Tutihasi S Lenny Bailes A Linda Bushyager A Lynn Steffan S Mark Plummer A Marty Cantor A Mary Burns A Mary Ellen Moore A Mike Dobson A Mike Meara A Milt Stevens A Moshe Feder A Murray Moore A Nic Farey A Nigel Rowe A Pat Charnock S Pat Meara A Pat Virzi A Patricia Peters A Peter Sullivan A Rob Jackson A Robert Lichtman A Robert Webber A Ron Bushyager A Ron Salomon S Ross Chamberlain A Sandra Bond A Shelby Vick A Spike A Stacy Scott A Steve Green A Suzanne Tompkins A Ted White A Teresa Cochran Taylor A Terry Kemp A Tom Becker A Tracy Benton S William Wright A Woody Bernardi A

> A = Attending S = Supporting

# **Executive Summary**

Sunset Station occupies most of a very large block with Strip Malls and businesses on most sides. Sunset Road or Warm Springs Road lead to the property. Sunset Road, on the eastern side, has the main entrance. Warm Springs, on the western side, is the back door. Stephanie Street borders on the north and Marks is on the southern side.

The entrance off of Marks is closest to the 21-storey Hotel Tower, which dominates the entire area and is a very viable landmark. The following driving instructions are all about getting you to Sunset or Warm Springs then to Marks so you can check in to claim your room.

# What's Next for *Glitter*?

A few fans thought that *Glitter #58* would be the Grand Finale. As this very fanzine proves, that assumption was incorrect.

It would be equally erroneous to believe that #59 will wind up the run.

The Corflu Glitter Program Book will be Glitter #60, which will retain the Friday schedule.

Glitter #61, coming on the Friday after Corflu, will carry all the news from the con.

# **Getting to**Corflu Glitter

### From Southern California / I-15

As you cross the Vegas Valley, there are a number of choices. The most logical is the Beltway (215) towards Henderson which is East of the I-15. At the large interchange, switch to the North-bound Highway 515 which also incorporates US Hwy. 93 and 95 at that point. Going straight leads to downtown Henderson and then Boulder Highway. A left onto Boulder highway can get you to either Warm Springs or Sunset and then to the hotel. If you go South on the 515/93/95, you'll visit Boulder City, which is nice but not where you're trying to go.

On the North-bound 515/93/95, turn left at the Sunset Road exit. The next light is Marks Street. Turn left then right at the next light.

### From Northern Nevada / Utah

Coming from northern Nevada on US 95 or US 93 will eventually allow you change to Highway 515, going southbound. Get off at Sunset Road, turn right, get over to the left and turn at Marks Street. Then go to the next traffic light and turn right into the property. Once I-15 reaches just north of downtown Las Vegas follow the signs to the 515/93/95 and proceed to Sunset Road Exit.

# From Arizona and the pointy tip of Nevada

You'll be on either US 93 from Arizona or US 95 from far southern Nevada and they merge just west of Boulder City. You then climb over Railroad Pass and join the 515 arriving in due course at Sunset Road and again you turn left going to Marks Street, then to the light and turn right to Sunset Station.

# A Note on Why the Southerly Entrance to Sunset Station

The South entrance is closer to check in and the hotel rooms. It avoids walking through the Casino. Inside, facing the Café, to the right, at the edge of the casino, is the check-in desk. The Tower elevator lobby is left. You can't go above the second floor without your room key as you have to insert it into the elevator control panel. The short hallway to the right of the Café leads to a separate elevator and stairway to the Sunset Room. From the Airport to Sunset Station in less than 90 days.

Since the paid shuttle service's don't go to Sunset Station or any other casinos that far off the strip you have four choices if you don't use or can't use the free shuttle provided by Sunset Station.

#### **Taxis**

These leave from the east side of the baggage claim area (exits 1-4)

and start at \$20 plus tip. Let them know when you get in if you're going to use a credit card and that they should take Russell Road rather than the Freeway. Not all cabs take credit cards and taking the Freeway will cost a lot more. Taxis are also available at the Car Rental Center which you can reach via the free shuttle from the airport.

### Rent-a-Car

There are no rental company shuttles from McCarran, instead you take a free shuttle to an off airport location. Use exits 10 & 11 from the baggage claim area to reach the shuttles. Once you've picked up your car it's dead simple to reach the Hotel. You can turn left or you can turn right, left will take you to Sunset Road and turning right will take you Warm Springs Road.

The road from the Car Rental Center, Gillespie Street, dead ends in Sunset Road which runs along the south side of the Airport. Just turn right and stay on Sunset Road all the way to the Hotel. While there are three entrances off Sunset Road to the hotel, you'll want to keep on till Marks Street (look for the sign for the Gold Rush Casino on the corner) then turn right on Marks Street. Continue to the next light, turn right again and the south entrance to Sunset Station will be dead ahead.

If you choose right instead of left when leaving the Car Rental Center you'll go less than a block to Warm Springs Road. Move to the left so you can get in the left hand turn lane at the light. Then just stay on Warm Springs in till you reach Marks Street. This will be a turn to the left. When you reach the next light after turning onto Marks Street turn left again then go straight ahead to the south entrance to the hotel. Before you get to Marks there will be an entrance to Sunset Station and it's parking garage marked by a large sign, but you will be closer to the hotel check in by continuing to Marks Street.

# Airport Pickup by a friend

Your friend should know how, so there's no need to go into details here, except to say you can also take the free shuttle to the Car Rental Center and get picked up there which might be easier for the friend.

### **Public Transit**

Is limited but cheap compared to other ways, just a total of \$4.00 each way. You need to take the #109 bus to the South Strip Transit Center and then take the #212 bus down Sunset Road to the Hotel. Exact fare is required and each segment is \$2.00. The Bus Stop is on Level Zero, the level below baggage claim. The #109 runs up to three times an hour and the #212 twice an hour. Google transit shows taking the #109, then #212 as the best connection. The #217 runs down Warm Springs, but is only hourly service and would mean a much much longer walk to check in.

— James Taylor

# Corflu Glitter Committee

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# Corflu Glitter Vital Information

# Membership:

North American membership:

Attending: \$60 (until 4/1/12)

Supporting: \$10.

UK membership: £40 (attending); £10 (supporting),

payable to Claire Brialey

# **Payment:**

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### **Room rates:**

\$55/night, Sunday-Thursday \$85/night, Friday & Saturday Prices are double occupancy. \$15 per extra person per night.

### **Reservations:**

Toll-free reservations number: 888-786-7389.

Online reservations:

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