

Corflu 37

Progress Report #3 November 2019

We're having a heatwave, a stfna heatwave...



The College Station Hilton Hotel and Convention Center is the host site of Corflu 37, which will be over the weekend of March 13-15, 2020. The link to make your room reservations is now active and posted below. Room rates are \$109 for both single and double rooms for Corflu 37 members. This rate will also apply on an "as available" basis for three days prior to and after Corflu 37 for attendee travel purposes. Just be sure to note that you are a member of the convention to maintain this convention room rate for any additional days. On page five are directions for getting to the Hilton Hotel from the Houston airports (there are two), and from local Easterwood Field, which is serviced by a complimentary shuttle to and from the Hilton Hotel, site of Corflu Heatwave.

Link for reservations: [Corflu 37 Hotel Reservations](#)

If you prefer to call to make your reservation, use this info:

Group Name: Corflu 37
Group Code: CORF20
Check-in: 13-MAR-2020
Check-out: 15-MAR-2020
Hotel Name: [Hilton College Station & Conference Center](#)
Hotel Address: 801 University Drive East
College Station, Texas
77840-2116
Phone Number: 9402319846



People are already reserving their rooms, so if we need to add more to the Corflu 37 room block that can be done as long I know ahead of time. Note that the convention attending rate will change on January 1, 2020. Act soon to avoid the increase.

Membership Rates

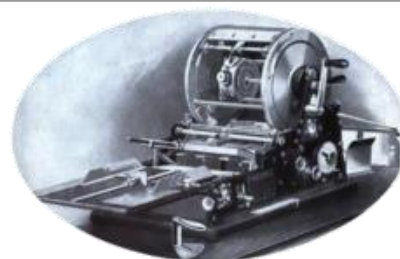
Membership Rates

Attending	USA	UK
1 Sept. - 31 Dec. 2019	\$75	£60
1 Jan - 29 Feb. 2020	\$100	£80
1 March 2020 to at door	\$125	£100

Supporting	USA	UK
For the duration:	\$25	£20

At the door attending one-day membership: \$50

Attending membership is inclusive of the Sunday brunch banquet



So you want to pay to join Corflu 37? Silly person. Here's how:

Membership Payments

US checks should be made payable to **John A. Purcell** and sent to him at: John A. Purcell, 3744 Marielene Circle, College Station, TX 77845, USA.

UK cheques should be made payable to **Rob Jackson** and sent to him at: Corflu 37, c/o Rob Jackson, Chinthay, Nightingale Lane, Hambrook, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 8UH, UK.

PayPal may be used for memberships from any country, but if your account is in a foreign currency other than British pounds, please enter the payment amount in US dollars and let PayPal make the conversion to your home currency. [Use this link to open the PayPal website](#), and follow these instructions:

Log in and click on "Send or request money," then "Send money."

For payments in US dollars, enter the recipient as **askance73@gmail.com**

For payments in British pounds, enter the recipient as **jacksonshambrook@uwclub.net**

According to the type of membership you want, enter the appropriate amount from the options above. At this point please add a note which includes "Corflu 37". Choose "Sending to a friend," then complete the payment.

as of 30 November 2019 - Corflu 37 Members:

1	Ted White	A	24	Ken Forman	A
2	Sandra Bond (UK)	A	25	Robert Lichtman	S
3	Geri Sullivan	A	26	Keith Freeman (UK)	A
4	Mark Olson	A	27	Nic Farey	S
5	Joe Siclari	A	28	Jennifer ALee Farey	S
6	Edie Stern	A	29	Gary Mattingly	A
7	Rich Coad	A	30	Claire Brialey (UK)	S
8	Elaine Stiles	A	31	Mark Plummer (UK)	S
9	Steve Stiles	A	32	Jerry Kaufman	A
10	Jay Kinney	A	33	Mark Richards	A
11	Frank Lunney	A	34	Alan Rosenthal	A
12	Dan Steffan	A	35	Jeanne Bowman	A
13	Lynn Steffan	A	36	Bill Burns	A
14	Curt Phillips	A	37	Mary Burns	A
15	Murray Moore (CAN)	A	38	Jim Caughran	A
16	Mary Ellen Moore(CAN)	A	39	Hertz, John	S
17	Michael Dobson	A	40	Spike	A
18	Rob Jackson (UK)	A	41	Tom Becker	A
19	Mowgli Assor	A	42	Tommy Ferguson	A
20	Nigel Rowe	A	43	Pat Charnock	S
21	Pat Virzi	A	44	Andrew P. Hooper	A
22	John Purcell	A	45	Carrie Root	A
23	Valerie Purcell	A	46	Howard Waldrop	A

Corflu 50 Guests

We will be having not one, but two (2!) Corflu 50 Guests at Corflu Heatwave. From across the Pond comes Northern Ireland fan, Tommy Ferguson. He has already pledged to provide one programming item – the history of fandom in Northern Ireland, which he presented at Eurocon/Titancon in Belfast this past August – and is looking forward to meeting fans from near and far at Corflu Heatwave. If all goes well, there are many local sf fans in the Bryan-College Station area, so mayhaps there will be a local meetup a couple days before Corflu, depending on Tommy's schedule.

The second Corflu 50 guest is Howard Waldrop. This is a wonderful surprise, and I am very much looking forward to having Howard at the gathering. He won't be traveling nearly as far as Tommy since Howard lives just over in Austin, Texas, but be sure to welcome him. Yes, he is a professional author, but so are many other sf fans, and some of these feelthy pros will be at Corflu Heatwave, too. So there.



Some History:

The Corflu 50 came into existence at Corflu Quire (the 24th in the series) in Austin, Texas, and has been running ever since. It acts much like the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund and Down Under Fan Fund in that it relies on donations from fans, plus proceeds from an auction held at each Corflu. To donate, send a donation of \$25 (minimum) or more to Rich Coad via PayPal at richcoad@gmail.com, or a check in US dollars to him at 3243 Berkeley Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 96501. PayPal is preferred.

FAAn Awards

A *Sample 2020 Fan Activity Achievement Awards* (the FAAns) ballot is included with this Progress Report. (It is separate from this Progress Report, so stop looking for it here on page 3.) Anyone who is interested in science fiction fandom and its fanzines is welcome to vote for in the FAAns, and there is no fee involved! Even better. So there is no reason not to vote. The best way to vote in most of these categories is to peruse good, old www.efanzines.com and review the fanzines published in 2019. The next PR will have a listing of 2019 zines, too. Since there is still one more month to go this year, it is guaranteed more zines will be posted to efanazines, to say nothing of elsewhere on the aetherwaves. So in the meantime, inform thyselfes and vote! Here are the categories:

Best Fanzine	Best Special Publication	Best Fan Artist
Best Genzine	Best Whatchamacallit-zine	Best Fanzine Cover
Best Perzine	Best Fan Writer	Best Letterhack
	Best Online Achievement	

Also presented will be the Number One Fan Face Award, which is a cumulative point total from the above categories, plus the annual Lifetime Achievement Award, selected and presented by a Sekret Committee.

Tentative Progress Report Schedule

#4 – January/February 2020

Topics: updates, official FAAn Ballot (again), and more hoohaw leading up to Corflu 37.

Program Book - March, 2020

Topics: program, local dining out map, directions to and from Corflu, and all sorts of other information you will Need To Know about Corflu 37.

The Dreaded Program Schedule

As anybody who has ever attended a Corflu in the past knows, there actually is programming, sort of. Exactly *what* each panel will be about is up to the members. Therefore, send ideas for panel discussion and debate to either Pablo or myself (contact information on the last page), then we will see what looks like fun and/or important topics. For now, here is the general plan of attack (all times tentative):

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Fan Meet-Up at World of Beer Pub: Texas Ave. & University Ave., 1 mile west of Hilton Hotel (7 PM-ish)?

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Museum of the American GI – early afternoon?
Singer-Songwriter Night @ Village Inn,
in downtown Bryan (7pm – 10pm)?

Friday, March 13, 2020

Shuttles to TAMU SF Collection 10 AM & 2 PM
auction display 3:00 - 6:00 PM
opening ceremony 5:00 - 6:00 PM (in the bar?)
dinner time! 6:00 – 8:00 PM
evening programming 8:00 – 9:00 / 10:00 PM

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Shuttles to TAMU SF Collection 10 AM & 2 PM
panel discussions 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Corflu auction 4:00 – 6:00 PM
dinner time! 6:00 – 8:30 PM
Andrew Hooper play: 8:30 – 9:30 PM

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Banquet (luncheon) ~ 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
guest of honor speech ~ 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
Presentation of Awards ~ 1:00 - 1:30 PM
2021 site selection ~ 1:30 PM
Adjournment ~ 2:00 PM

SUGGESTED PROGRAM ITEMS SO FAR:

HISTORY OF TEXAS FANDOM & FANZINES

CEPHEID VARIABLE ALUMNI REUNION/AGGIECON STORIES
FANZINES AND BHEERS
LOCCING ACROSS THE POND, THEN AND NOW
IRON FAN ARTIST COMPETITION
CREATE-A-ZINE PLAYTIME

TOMMY FERGUSON'S "FANDOM IN NORTHERN IRELAND" JOHN PURCELL VS. AUDIENCE

(A GUITAR, SOME SONGS, SOME BEER, SOME VOICE)
TOURS OF CUSHING LIBRARY SF & FANZINE COLLECTION
(FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 10 AM AND 2 PM)

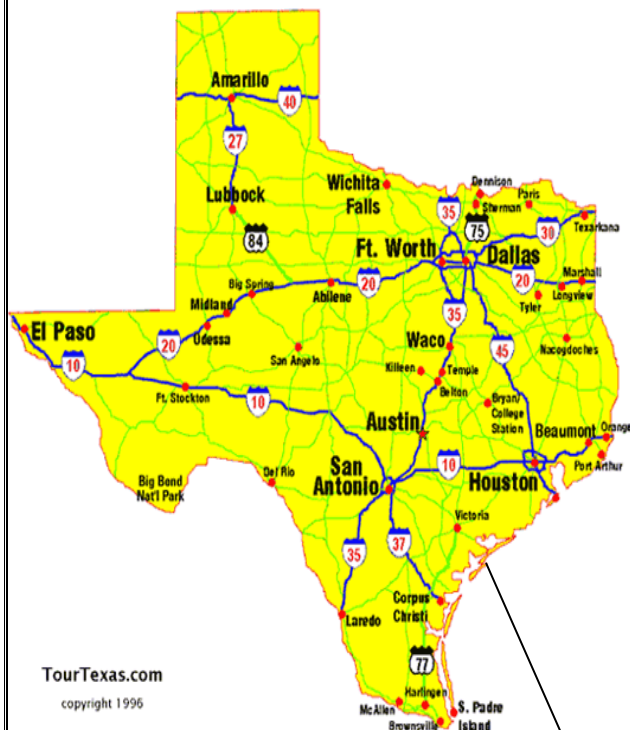
****FEEL FREE TO CONTRIBUTE OTHER IDEAS****

PURPLE INDICATES DEFINITES – FOR NOW, THAT IS

Dead Dog Party Update

Change of plans: Depending on the size of the crowd, this is being changed to a late afternoon/early evening barbecue at the Purcell's house on Sunday after all official convention programming is over. This BBQ would be the precursor to the Dead Dog party back at the Hilton Hotel in the con suite. As Valerie painfully reminds me, our house is not very large, so it will be quite helpful to know who all might be interested in coming over for a home-cooked BBQ type meal. Let me know by the end of February so Valerie and I can plan ahead for this.

Traveling to Corflu 37



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CORFLU 37 IS HERE

HOW TO GET HERE From the Airports

If you are flying into the local College Station airport (Easterwood Field) and renting a car, as you leave this thriving nexus of international commuters and visiting scholars, take the EAST exit onto UNIVERSITY DRIVE, and just keep going straight for 5 miles to the Hilton Hotel. It will be on your left; turn left on TARROW STREET to enter the parking lot of the Hilton Hotel. Parking is complimentary for Corflu members and their guests. The Hilton does provide a complimentary Courtesy Bus from Easterwood Field, which is highly recommended because, well, it's free. A taxi to the Hilton will cost you approximately \$12 in US moolah.

From George H. W. Bush International Airport (Houston)

Your best bet is to take the Ground Shuttle directly to the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in College Station, TX. Boarding the Ground Shuttle is just outside baggage claim. You can make reservations on their website:

<https://groundshuttle.com/>

If enough people are arriving on the same flight or at approximately the same time, let me (JP) know and I will arrange for a chartered Ground Shuttle to bring the group directly to Corflu 37.

If you are renting a car at Bush International, follow the signs out of the airport to go north on Interstate 45. Look for the exit for West Highway 105 (in Conroe), and follow that to North Texas Highway 6 (in Navasota). From there it is 18 miles to the University Drive exit in College Station. Take a left to go West for a couple minutes (1.5 miles) to the Hilton Hotel, which will be on your right.

If you are flying into William P. Hobby Airport in Houston and renting a car, follow the signs out of the airport lot to head north on Interstate 45; take Highway 610 Westbound to go North on Highway 290, which will run into Texas Highway 6 North. Once again, just follow Highway 6 North to University Drive in College Station, go left (West), look for the Hilton on your right ~1.5 miles. In addition, <https://groundshuttle.com/> also serves Hobby Airport.

The Corflu 37 Committee (So Far):

- John Purcell: convention chair
FAAn Awards, program, publications
- Pablo Miguel Alberto Vasquez: con settee
Program, publicity, valet
- Pat Virzi & Valerie Purcell:
Hospitality
- Bill Burns: Webmaster
- David Thayer & Brad Foster:
Publications, artwork, & t-shirts
- Rob Jackson:
British Agent & Online Corflu stuff
- FAAn Award design: Valerie Purcell
- Other committee members to be
announced, and a yet-to-be-determined
cast of thousands! Maybe even you!

Special thanks to Brad Foster for the Corflu
37 logo

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Membership information is on page 2
of this sterling publication. Neat, huh?

Corflu website: www.corflu.org

Corflu 37 likewise has a Facebook page.
One must have a Facebook account to
access the Corflu 37 page, which is a
public group.

art credits

Brad Foster, logo on page 1

Photo of Howard Waldrop from <https://www.pinterest.at/pin/306455949616022634/>

Picture of Hilton Hotel and Convention Center, from their website

Picture of a mimeograph and map of Texas, nicked off the Internet

Ed Cox Doodle Space below.