

DISCON III

Washington D.C. in 1992

Washington D.C. welcomes your support for our bid to host the 50th World Science Fiction Convention. **DISCON III** has the facilities, experienced leadership, and location to provide a great Worldcon.

First, our facilities are superb. Preliminary agreements with the Sheraton Washington, Omni Shoreham, and Washington Hilton give us 3000 sleeping rooms, 370 suites, over 100 meeting rooms, 95,000 square feet of exhibition space, and a massive ballroom that can offer 4200 people an unobstructed view of the stage. **DISCON III** will give you plenty of room to enjoy all the con events.

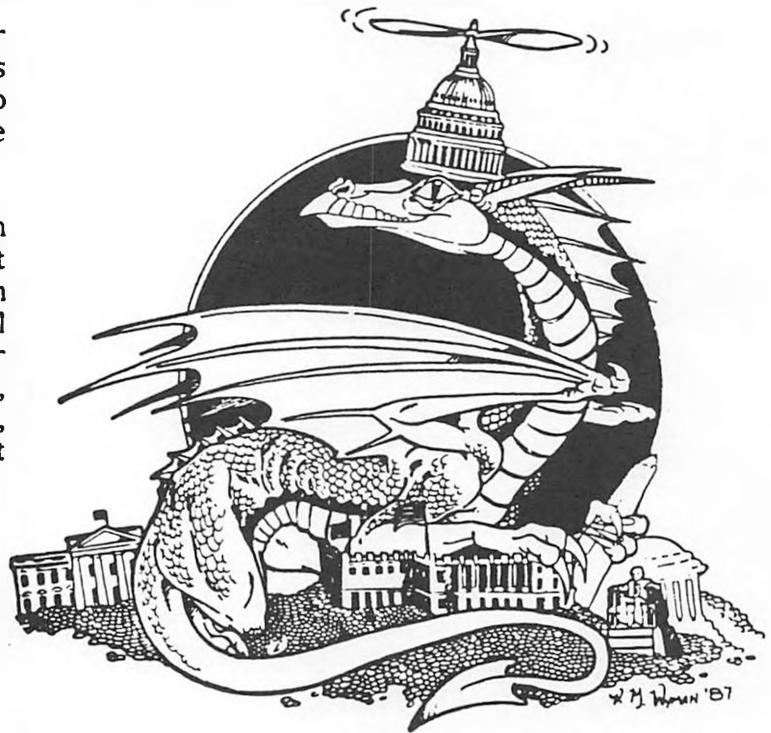
In addition to top-notch facilities, **DISCON III** offers experienced convention leadership. We entertained the science fiction community at Worldcons in 1963 and 1974, and have run Disclaves annually for decades. Our committee is a large, stable, organized group of local fans and pros who have worked on conventions of all sizes - locals, regionals, Worldcons - at all levels of responsibility and in all departments. These people have the experience to offer you the best Worldcon ever.

Finally, our location can't be beat. Washington D.C. is one of the world's great cities, full of broad streets, spacious parks, and a huge array of monuments, museums, and historical sites - all easily accessible by public transportation. A rapid subway ride from your hotel will take you to the U.S. Capitol, the Library of Congress, or the Air and Space Museum. And don't miss the National Zoo, home of the giant pandas: it's just up the street from the Sheraton Washington Hotel!

All of Washington is connected to your hotel by a fast, reliable subway system as well as an extensive bus line. DC is also served by Amtrak, Greyhound, and three major airports.

We know you'll agree that Washington offers you the best location, the best facilities, and the best leadership for an enjoyable 50th Worldcon. For additional information, talk with us at one of our tables or bid parties during Boskone, Balticon, Midwestcon, Westercon, Archon, Philcon, and Disclave, or write to us at the address below.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



DISCON III / P. O. Box 2745 / College Park, Maryland 27040-2745

To purchase a pre-supporting membership,
please send \$5.00 to the address above.

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We will bid no con
before its time...

IT'S TIME!

~D.C. '92~

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The Facilities

Sheraton Washington

1,505 Guest Rooms
124 Suites
38 Meeting Rooms
4,200 Major Ballroom Theater Style Capacity
95,000 Sq. Ft. of Exhibit Space
4 Restaurants/3 Lounges
2 Outdoor Swimming Pools/Fitness Room

Omni Shoreham

770 Guest Rooms
55 Suites
34 Meeting Rooms
2,500 Major Ballroom Theater Style Capacity
42,000 Sq. Ft. of Exhibit Space
2 Restaurants/2 Lounges
Outdoor Swimming Pool

Washington Hilton and Towers

1,150 Guest Rooms
91 Suites
31 Meeting Rooms
4,200 Sq. Ft. of Exhibit Space
4 Restaurants/2 Lounges
Outdoor Swimming Pool/Fitness Room

*****COMBINED FACILITIES*****

3,425 Guest Rooms
270 Suites
103 Meeting Rooms
102,000 Sq. Ft. of Major Ballroom Space
10 Restaurants/7 Lounges
1850 Covered and Surface Parking Spaces
4 Outdoor Swimming Pools

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Over 25 restaurants and lounges withing walking distance
Convenient to two Metro stops

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING
TRANSPORTATION

Getting around by **SUBWAY** in Washington, DC is quick, easy and cheap-- \$0.80 takes you anywhere within the city limits. There are also subway passes available for parties of four which allow group travel at an even lower per person rate.

TAXIS can be called for or hailed anywhere, at any hour. Two people can go from the Sheraton Washington to the Mall for \$8.00.

DRIVING is no problem-- DC is a planned city with easy to follow street names: B Street, C Street, 9th Street, 10th Street. Parking, however, is next to impossible. We strongly recommend that you leave your car in your hotel's garage for the duration of your stay and enjoy yourself on our wonderful subways.

TOURMOBILE is a narrated sightseeing bus running a continuous loop around the major tourist attractions at the Mall plus Arlington Cemetery. Passes good for a full day of unlimited rides are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children. Special tours to Mt. Vernon and the Frederick Douglas House are also available.

From the Washington Hilton Hotel to:

National Airport--by subway, 20 mins, \$1.10
 --by taxi, 30 mins, \$12/2 people
 --by airport shuttle bus, 30 mins, \$7

Dulles Airport --by taxi, 45 mins, \$45/2 people
--by airport shuttle bus, 1 hr, \$7

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BWI Airport    --by taxi, 1 hr, $50/2 people
               --by train and then subway, 90 mins, $7
               --by train and then taxi, 90 mins, $8
               --by airport shuttle bus, 1 hr, $7
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Union Station/Greyhound

Bus Terminal--by taxi, 20 mins, \$6/2 people
--by subway, 20 mins, \$0.80

From the Sheraton Washington and Omni Shoreham Hotels to:

National Airport--by subway, 30 mins, \$1.10
 --by taxi, 30 mins, \$12/2 people
 --by airport shuttle bus, 1 hr, \$12

Dulles Airport --by taxi, 1 hr, \$40/2 people
 --by airport shuttle bus, 1 hr, \$12

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BWI Airport      --by taxi, 1 hr, $50/2 people
                  --by train and then subway, 90 mins, $7
                  --by train and then taxi, 90 mins, $8
                  --by airport shuttle bus, 1 hr, $12
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Union Station/Greyhound

Bus Terminal--by taxi, 20 mins, \$8/2 people
--by subway, 20 mins, \$0.80

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

What's a Worldcon? What's a bid? What's a Discon? Feeling a little confused about why these strange looking people are giving you free food and telling you more than you ever wanted to know about Washington, DC? Then read this. Here is an introduction to the wonderful world of Worldcons, bidding and especially Discon III.

Every year hundreds of science fiction conventions are held all over the world. They began more than 50 years ago and still retain the same basic idea. These are places for science fiction fans to meet professionals in the field, discuss issues relating to the genre, watch movies, buy books, artwork and other paraphernalia, dress up as their favorite character and, most importantly, meet and talk with others who share similar interests. These conventions range in size from a couple of dozen friends gathered in a rented hall to thousands of people filling up entire hotels.

The largest of these conventions is the annual World Science Fiction Convention. Each year this convention attracts thousands of SF fans from around the world to renew old friendships and make new ones. In addition to the usual convention events (each on a much grander scale than at a usual convention) the members of the Worldcon vote on the Hugo Awards (the SF Oscars, technically the Science Fiction Achievement Awards) and the John W. Campbell Award. They also vote on where to hold future Worldcons.

Many groups of fans would like to host a Worldcon. Interest in using skills perfected over years of regional conventions, pride in a home city or sheer belief that they can throw the perfect Worldcon are some of the many reasons for this particular and widespread form of insanity. Competition for the right to host the convention is fierce. As a result a system has been devised to assure a fair selection process.

First of all, in order to make sure that the Worldcons are not monopolized by one particular region, a zone rotation system was created. North America is divided into Eastern, Western and Central zones, and Worldcons rotate on a three year cycle. Locations outside of North America are allowed to bid in any year. Thus, Worldcons for the last few years have been in: New Orleans (1988-Central); Brighton, England (1987-Out of North America); Atlanta (1986-Eastern); Melbourne, Australia (1985-Out of North America) and Los Angeles (1984-Western).

For any given year several groups in a zone (or out of North America) may be bidding to host the Worldcon. While voting takes place three years in advance, it is not unusual for a bid to announce its interest and begin campaigning six years or more in advance. In 1992 the bidders are Washington, DC (Discon III) and Orlando, FL (Magicon). The final decision is made by members of the Worldcon three years previous (in our case, the 1989 Worldcon, Noreascon 3, in Boston). To vote to select the site for a future Worldcon, members of the current Worldcon must pay a voting fee, entitling them to a supporting membership to the winning Worldcon.

This may be converted to an attending membership by paying an additional fee.

Bids do many things to win the vote. They hold bid parties at large conventions to give them a chance to talk to the voters, and convince them that those bidding are a fun group of people. Bids also have information tables at cons to talk to interested voters. The bid might put ads in convention program books, progress reports or fanzines. Bids distribute publications ranging from simple flyers to detailed discussions of specific issues (like this one). Debates and presentations are held at conventions or at meetings of SF clubs. The idea is to let fans know the bid exists and why it's the best one to vote for.

Bids pay for these activities in a variety of ways. They pay a large portion of it out of their own pockets. Committee members are expected to pay for their own travel, room, board and memberships to the conventions they attend to support the bid. They are also assessed additional fees to cover bid expenses. To raise further funds bids sell "pre-supporting memberships" to fans. These vary in cost and benefits conferred (Ours are \$5.00, good towards the cost of your attending membership when we win). Merchandise is sold, including T-shirts and buttons. Other merchandise may be sold, such as our calendar/art portfolios and Political Favors.

There are various factors that voters consider when making their decision. The experience of the group bidding for the convention is very important. Has the group run enough large conventions to competently run the biggest one of all? Proper facilities are vital. A Worldcon usually needs at least three very large function rooms, dozens of medium and small-sized function rooms and 2000+ hotel rooms. All of this must be convenient to restaurants and transportation. The city itself is often a deciding factor. Is it easy and inexpensive to get to from the voter's home? Are there tourist attractions that would make it worthwhile to visit? Bids are always glad to answer any questions you may have.

How can you make a difference? First, you can join the 1989 Worldcon, Noreascon 3 in Boston and vote. Supporting membership, which entitles you to vote for the Hugo and Campbell awards as well as Worldcon site selection, is \$20.00. Send it with your name and address to Noreascon 3, P.O. Box 46 MIT Branch Station, Cambridge, MA 02139. Second, consider buying a pre-supporting membership. In addition to providing us with needed funds it puts you on our mailing list so that we can keep you informed of bid progress and other important information. Finally, consider volunteering to help. We always need people to staff parties and tables or take flyers to cons. Our address for volunteering, pre-supporting, and any questions or comments is Discon III, P.O. Box 2745, College Park, MD 20740. Thank you for your support!

"World Science Fiction Society", "WSFS", "World Science Fiction Convention", "Worldcon", "NASFiC", "Science Fiction Achievement Award" and "Hugo Award" are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING INFORMATION FOR HANDICAPPED FANS

Washington is one of the world's most accessible cities for the physically disabled. Discon III's facilities are completely accessible for physically, visually and hearing impaired fans as are most of the city's attractions. We have asked Electric Eggs to provide handicapped services for us and will make every effort to assure you a trouble-free convention. This is an overview of our facilities and some of the many resources that exist in Washington for the handicapped visitor. (This publication, like all of our publications, is available by request in large type or taped formats for visually impaired fans.)

Our Hotels

The Sheraton Washington, the Omni Shoreham and the Washington Hilton are well designed for disabled guests. Hotel parking, entrances, walkways, restaurants, public restrooms and public telephones are all accessible. We are currently arranging for wheelchair access on the free shuttle between the hotels. The Sheraton has 58 handicapped accessible guest rooms, the most of any hotel in Washington. The smaller Omni Shoreham, with 6 rooms for disabled guests, has a long history of assisting those with special needs-- in 1932 they put in a ramp for frequent guest Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The Washington Hilton has hosted the annual convention of the President's Commission on Employment for the Disabled. It has 40 accessible guest rooms.

Transportation

Both Metrobus and Metrorail are easily used by the physically disabled. All Metro stations have elevators for those using wheelchairs, and station stops are clearly announced for blind travellers. In addition, Braille subway guides are available. Metrobus has lift-equipped and kneeling buses available for any of its numerous routes. Call Metro handicapped services at (202) 962-1245. Tourmobile is also accessible for wheelchair users. Call them at (202) 554-7020.

Tourist Attractions

Most museums, monuments, theaters and other attractions are accessible to the handicapped. Many theaters are equipped with special devices for hearing aid users. Of particular note is the Smithsonian's selection of services for the disabled, including wheelchair-accessible museums, ASL interpreters, loop amplification systems and audio versions of publications. Call them at (202) 357-1697 (Voice) or (202) 357-1696 (TDD).

Other Resources

The Center for Information for Handicapped Individuals publishes an excellent series of pamphlets entitled "Access Washington" outlining access to hotels, restaurants and sightseeing attractions. Their telephone number is (202) 547-8081.

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

IN WASHINGTON

Here are just a few of the many major tourist sites in town. The number in parentheses after the name of the attraction is the number of minutes by subway, at \$0.80 per ride, from the Sheraton Washington Hotel to the site. All sites are open seven days a week except *.

NAME OF ATTRACTION	HOURS	COST
African Art Museum (20 minutes by subway)	10-9	FREE
Air and Space Museum (16 minutes)	10-9	FREE
Albert Einstein Memorial (14)	24 hours	FREE
American Art Museum (7)	10-5:30	FREE
American History Museum (12)	10-9	FREE
Arlington National Cemetery (20)	8-7	FREE
Arts and Industry Museum (14)	10-5:30	FREE
Bureau of Engraving and Printing (14)	9-2 *	FREE
Corcoran Gallery of Art (14)	10-9	FREE
Federal Bureau of Investigation (14)	8:45-4:15 *	FREE
Folger Shakespeare Library (20)	10-4 *	FREE
Freer Gallery of Art (14)	10-5:30	FREE
Hirschhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden (16)	10-9	FREE
Jefferson Memorial (14)	8-midnight	FREE
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (14)	10-1 *	FREE
Lee Mansion (20)	9:30-6	FREE
Library of Congress (20)	9-9	FREE
Lincoln Memorial (14)	8-midnight	FREE
National Archives (14)	10-9	FREE
National Portrait Gallery (10)	10-5:30	FREE
National Zoo (0-- it's a 10 min walk)	8-8	FREE
Natural History Museum (12)	10-9	FREE
Pentagon (21)	9-3:30 *	FREE
Supreme Court (20)	9-4:30 *	FREE
U.S. Capitol (20)	9-4:30	FREE
Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (14)	24 hours	FREE
Washington Monument (14)	8-midnight	FREE
White House (12)	9-2 *	FREE

Several walking tours of the Mall's sites are available, as is a narrated shuttle bus tour which circles the Mall, stops at each site and lets you get on and off unlimited times for on daily fee (\$7.50 Adults, \$3.75 Children)

Special VIP tours of many of these sites are available by writing well in advance to your Senator or Congressperson. They will also provide passes to view the House and Senate in session free of charge.

OUTSIDE WASHINGTON

These are just a few of the many tourist attractions within a short distance from Washington.

Mt. Vernon. (703) 780-2000. Daily 9am-5pm. Admission A:\$5, SrC:\$4, C:\$2. 16 miles via GW Pkwy or Tourmobile (Daily 10am, 12 noon, 2pm fm Lincoln Memorial & Washington Monument; A:\$14.25, C:\$6.75 includes admission) or Washington Boat Lines (Tue-Sun 9am & 2pm fm SW Waterfront; A:\$15.95, C(6-11):\$8.50, C(2-5):\$6.50 includes admission).

Old Town Alexandria (includes Historic Homes). Visitors Center: (703) 549-0205. Daily (Check each site for hours). Admission FREE (Some sites charge fee; historic homes block ticket available). 33 minutes by Metro (\$1.10).

Annapolis (Includes Historic District, Naval Academy, State Capitol). Visitors' Center: (301) 268-8687. Check sites for hours and admission. 30 miles via Rte 50.

Baltimore Inner Harbor (Includes Harborplace, Aquarium, Science Center, USS Constellation). Visitors Center (301) 837-4636. Check sites for hours and admission. 30 miles via I-95 or 30 mins by train (\$19.00 RT).

Colonial Williamsburg. Visitors' Center: (804) 447-8679. Check each site for hours and admission (Block tickets available). 150 miles via I-95 & I-64 or 3 hrs by train (\$37.00 RT).

Luray Caverns. (703) 743-6551. Daily 9am-7pm. A:\$8, C:\$4. 100 miles via Rte 211.

Gettysburg National Battlefield. (717) 334-1124. Daily. Admission FREE (some exhibits small fee). 80 miles via I-270 & Rte 15.

Busch Gardens Theme Park. (804) 253-3350. Sun-Th 10am-10pm, Fri-Sat 10am-12pm. Admission \$18.95. 150 miles via I-95 & I-64 or 3 hrs by train (\$37.00 RT).

Kings Dominion Theme Park. (804) 876-5000. Daily 9:30am-10pm. Admission: \$16.95. 80 miles via I-95.

Wild World Amusement Park. (301) 249-1500. Daily 10am-9pm. A:\$12.50, C:\$10.50. 5 miles outside Beltway via Rte 214.

Shenandoah National Park (includes Skyline Drive). (703) 999-2266. Daily. Admission \$2/Car/Day. 90 miles via Rte 211.

Delmarva Beaches (includes Rehoboth, Bethany, Ocean City, Chincoteague). Daily. Admission FREE. Approximately 100 miles via Rtes 50, 301 & 1.

EXECUTIVE BRIEF: RESTAURANT GUIDE

Washington is renowned throughout the known universe for its quality and variety of cuisine. The following list enumerates all the restaurants within walking distance (indicated in elapsed minutes) and describes their menu and price range (see key below). Establishments where food and drink may be purchased for consumption elsewhere are also listed. Washington's own Church of Panethnic Cuisine suggests that, for the sake of your soul, you vote for DC in '92 and avail yourself of the opportunity to try all of these restaurants.

KEY

\$	A meal for under \$5
\$\$	Entrees averaging \$4 to \$7
\$\$\$	Entrees averaging \$6 to \$12
\$\$\$\$	Bring your American Express Gold Card
\$	1988 Washingtonian Magazine's 50 Best Restaurants
†	1988 Washingtonian Magazine's 50 Best Cheap Restaurants

WITHIN 2 MINUTES

Hardee's	hamburgers	\$
Baron's	gourmet deli	\$\$
Chin's	Chinese	\$\$\$
Venice Pizzeria		\$\$
Tandoor	Indian	\$\$\$
Subway	sandwiches	\$
Thai Taste	Thai	\$\$ \$†
Baskin-Robbins	ice cream	\$
Yesterdays	American	\$\$\$
Rajaji	Indian	\$\$
Tucson Cantina	Tex-Mex	\$\$
Murphy's Pub	Irish	\$\$
Washington Park Gourmet	deli	\$\$
New Heights	nouvelle American	\$\$
Khyber Pass	Afghan	\$\$\$
Montmartre	French	\$\$\$\$
Petitto's	Italian	\$\$\$\$
Stella's	American	\$\$\$
Napoleon	French	\$\$\$\$
1914 Cafe	American	\$\$\$
Buckley's	American	\$\$\$
Empress	Chinese	\$\$
Roy Rogers	hamburgers	\$
Coffee Shop		\$

11 restaurants in our hotels; 2 grocery stores, 2 liquor stores, 1 drug store

BETWEEN 3 AND 5 MINUTES

Alla Scala	Italian	\$\$
Royal Palace	American	\$\$\$
Katmandu	Nepalese	\$\$ \$†
Eritrean Cafe		\$\$
Universal Gourmet Deli		\$
Ruth Chris Steak House		\$\$\$
Volare Pizza		\$\$
Latin, African & Asian Deli		\$
Dahlak	Ethiopian	\$\$
Pizza Movers		\$
El Tamarindo	Salvadoran	\$\$
Afghan Kabob		\$\$
Addis Ababa	Ethiopian	\$\$
Tokyo Sushi Bar		\$\$\$
Food for Thought	American	\$\$
Alekos	Greek	\$\$
Cafe Petitto		\$\$\$
Timberlakes	bar & grill	\$\$
Anna Maria's	Italian	\$\$
Suzanne's	nouvelle American	\$\$\$
City Lights of China		\$\$
China Cafe		\$\$
Odeon Cafe		\$\$\$
Pizza & Pasta		\$\$
Jodo's Little Cafe	American	\$
La Tomate	Spanish	\$\$\$
Four Ways Bermuda	Caribbean	\$\$\$\$
Chesapeake Bagel Bakery		\$
Bon Vivant	sandwiches	\$\$
Zorba	Greek	\$\$
Childe Harold	American	\$\$
Vincenzo	seafood	\$\$\$
Larry's Cookies		\$
Bravo Gelato	Italian	\$
Tastebuds	deli	\$
Vesuvios Pizza		\$
Mrs. Simpson's	American	\$\$\$\$
3 liquor stores, 2 drug stores		

BETWEEN 6 AND 10 MINUTES

Primo's	pizza & sandwiches	\$	
Tavern	pizza & sandwiches	\$	
Mt. Everest	Nepalese	\$\$	
Canaan	Ethiopian	\$	
Zula	deli	\$	
Kalorama Cafe	vegetarian	\$\$	
Africa	Eritrean	\$\$	
Spaghetti Garden	Italian	\$\$	
El Faro	Salvadorean	\$\$	
Dan's Cafe	bar & grill	\$\$	
Hunan Adams-Morgan	Chinese	\$\$\$	
Veneziano	Italian	\$\$\$	
Cookie Lady		\$	
Haagen-Dazs	ice cream	\$	
Aspendos Cafe	sandwiches	\$\$	
Steve's Ice Cream		\$	
Cafe Splendid	European	\$\$\$	†
Kramerbooks and Afterwords	cafe	\$\$	
Nanking	Chinese	\$\$	
Intl. Market & Deli		\$	
Subway	sandwiches	\$	
Burger King	hamburgers	\$	
Galileo	Italian	\$\$\$	
Sala Thai		\$\$	†
Cagney's	bar & grill	\$\$	
Front Page	bar & grill	\$\$	
Chicago Bar & Grill		\$\$	
Lawson's Gourmet Provisions	deli	\$\$	
U.S. Deli		\$	
Dupont Villa	Italian	\$\$	
Mr. Eagan	bar & grill	\$\$	
Taj Mahal	Indian	\$\$	
Salad Bar Express		\$	
1 grocery store, 3 liquor stores, 2 drug stores, 2 convenience stores			

BETWEEN 11 AND 15 MINUTES

Ireland's Four Provinces	Irish	\$\$	
Swenson's	ice cream	\$	
Uptown Cafe	sandwiches	\$\$	
Shanghai Express	Chinese	\$\$	
Vace	Italian deli	\$	
Madras	Indian	\$	
Wingmasters	chicken	\$	
Caffe Italiano		\$\$\$	
Ivy's Place	Indonesian-Thai	\$\$	†
Yenching Palace	Chinese	\$\$	
Club Soda	bar & grill	\$\$\$	
Peking Cafe	Chinese	\$\$	
Roma	Italian	\$\$\$	
Poor Robert's Tavern	bar & grill	\$\$	
Oyster Bay Raw Bar	seafood	\$\$\$	
McDonald's	hamburgers	\$	
Kyoto	Japanese	\$\$\$	
Mandarin Taste	Chinese	\$\$	
Gallagher's Pub	bar & grill	\$\$	
Eddie's Uptown Pizzeria		\$\$	
L'Escargot	French	\$\$	
Calvert Cafe	Lebanese	\$\$\$	†
La Plaza	French	\$\$\$	

So's Your Mom	sandwiches	\$\$	
Astor Pizza		\$\$	
Patrick's Good Food	sandwiches	\$	
Selam	Ethiopian	\$\$\$	
Cosmos Pizza		\$\$	
Perry's	sushi	\$\$\$	
Omega	Cuban	\$\$\$	†
Mr. Henry's	American	\$\$\$	
Hazel's	Southern	\$\$\$	†
Enriqueta's	Mexican	\$\$\$	
El Caribe	South American	\$\$\$	\$
Rincon Espanol	Spanish	\$\$\$	
Pizza Trio		\$	
Mr. Egg Roll	Chinese	\$\$	
Dakota	bar & grill	\$\$\$	
Avignon	French	\$\$	
Popeye's	chicken	\$	
Asmara	Ethiopian	\$\$	
El Migueleno	Central American	\$\$	
McDonald's	hamburgers	\$	
Peruvian Room		\$\$	
Mixtec	Mexican	\$\$	\$†
New Orleans Cafe	Cajun	\$\$	
Churreria Madrid	Spanish	\$\$	
Chun Sun	Chinese	\$\$	
Islander	Caribbean	\$\$\$	
North Sea	Chinese	\$	
New Orleans Emporium		\$\$\$\$	\$
El Pollo Primo	chicken	\$	
El Tazumel	Latin	\$\$\$	
Red Sea	Ethiopian	\$\$	\$†
Cafe Riche	French	\$\$\$\$	
Fasika's	Ethiopian	\$\$	
Montego Bay	Jamaican	\$\$\$	
Armand's Chicago Pizzeria		\$\$	
Cafe Lautrec	French	\$\$\$	
La Fourchette	French	\$\$\$	
Massawa	Ethiopian	\$\$\$	
Las Rocas	Mexican	\$\$\$	
Meskerem	Ethiopian	\$\$	\$†
Fish, Wing & Tings	Jamaican	\$\$	†
India Gate		\$\$\$	
Belmont Kitchen	American	\$\$\$	
3 grocery stores, 3 liquor stores, 2 drug stores, 2 convenience stores			



FROM A "PARTY" ANIMAL OF A "PARTY-DOWN" TOWN!

DC in 92!

PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT
Rough Rider and Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

Invites you to the DISCON III suite in the Sheraton this evening. With daughter and famed Washington hostess Alice Roosevelt, Teddy will entertain you with tales of his wilderness and wartime adventures while telling you the facts about the DC in '92 bid. Be prepared though, Teddy is known to love a good party and this promises to be a great one. Bully!

DISCON FACT:

Did you know that Washington has one of the most experienced Committees and fan communities ever gathered to host a Worldcon? Members of our corporation have held more that 80 positions of authority at large conventions and Worldcons and have been active in fandom for over a quarter century. The Washington area hosts over a dozen conventions every year. Come get the full story at our party.



FROM A "PARTY" ANIMAL OF A "PARTY-DOWN" TOWN!

DC in 92!

PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON
Hero of the Battle of New Orleans

Invites you to be his guest this evening at a celebration in support of DISCON III, a bid to host the 50th Annual World Science Fiction Convention in Washington, DC in 1992. President Jackson hopes that you will attend to sample the hospitality of our Nation's Capitol in the DISCON III suite in the Sheraton. Meet "Old Hickory" and let our lobbyists tell you about our Party Platform. Oh, by the way, our British friends need not worry-word has finally reached Mr. Jackson of the Treaty of Ghent.

DISCON FACT:

Did you know that Washington has over 1200 restaurants serving American, Chinese, Creole, Cuban, Ethiopian, French, German, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese and dozens of other cuisines? Over 200 of these restaurants are within a 15 minute walk of the DISCON III facilities.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

is bidding again!

1963 then 1974

and now

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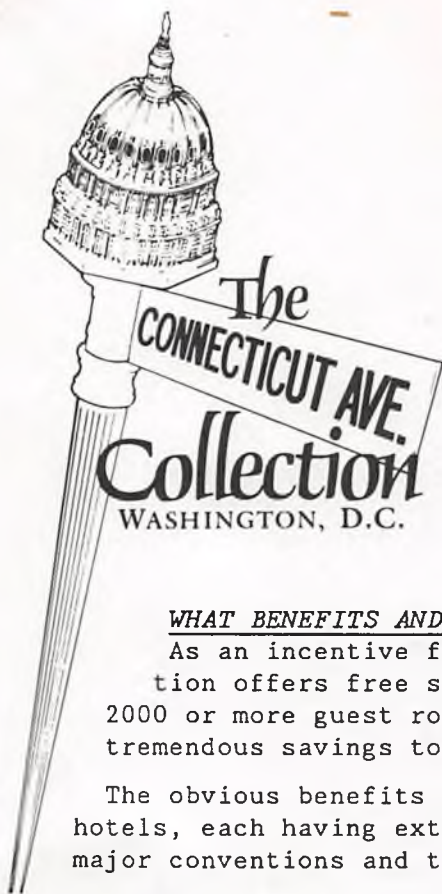


DISCON I and DISCON II were both run by committees formed by members of WSFA, The S.F. Club of the Washington, D.C. area (If you happen to be in the D.C. area, WSFA is your club!) A Corporation has been formed for DISCON III with the following officers: President: Kent Bloom Secretary: Joe Mayhew; Treasurer: Naomi Ronis; and four other Directors: Alan Huff, Peggy Rae Pavlat, Dick Roepke, Mike Walsh. As of February 6, 1987, the other corporate members include: Bob MacIntosh, Mark Owings, Jul Owings, Jack Heneghan, Ray Ridenour, Lance Oszko, Victoria Smith, Barry Newton, Judy Newton, Chris Callahan, Eric Pavlat, John Sapienza, Mary Morman, Kate Terrell, Heather Nachman, Lee Smoire, Tom Schaad, John Pomeranz, Alexis Gilliland and Cat Slusser. (But you don't have to join the Corporation to be a a part of our bid!)

We are bidding with The Connecticut Avenue Collection : The Sheraton Washington (Formerly the Sheraton Park -site of the 1974 WorldCon), The Omni Shoreham and the Washington Hilton. That offers a combined figure of 3,425 guest rooms, 270 suites, 102 meeting rooms, 102,000 Sq.ft. of Major Ballroom Space, 10 restaurants, 7 lounges, 1850 covered and surface parking spaces, and 4 outdoor swimming pools. The rapid underground METRO station across from the Sheraton will take you to the Air & Space museum in minutes and also the rest of the Smithsonian, National monuments, etc.

Fandom in the Washington, D.C. area wants to offer our back yard for the 1992 annual reunion. If you want more information, talk to any of your friends who have already joined our bid, or write (s.a.s.e. appreciated) to the following address:

DISCON III
P.O. Box 2745
College Park, MD 20740 - 2745



WHAT IS IT?

The Connecticut Avenue Collection (C.A.C.) is a joint marketing venture among The Washington Hilton and Towers, The Sheraton Washington, and the Omni Shoreham Hotels--three of Washington, D.C.'s largest hotels--to sell and promote their combined facilities to convention groups requiring approximately 2000-3000 guest rooms. All three hotels are located on the upper Connecticut Avenue corridor, convenient to the District's many monuments and attractions, yet removed from the congestion of the center city.

WHAT IS THE COLLECTION'S TARGET MARKET?

Groups requiring approximately 2000-3000 guest rooms are targeted. Simply stated, the combined product of the three hotels is ideally suited for conventions too large for any one hotel, but too small and/or limited by budget to use convention center facilities.

WHAT BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ARE OFFERED BY THE C.A.C.?

As an incentive for convention groups to utilize the Collection hotels, the Collection offers free shuttle bus service among the three hotels, provided a total of 2000 or more guest rooms are used within the three hotels. The incentive represents tremendous savings to the convention sponsoring organization.

The obvious benefits are found in the utilization of the three full service, quality hotels, each having extensive function and exhibit space and vast experience in hosting major conventions and trade shows.

IS IT AWKWARD AND INCONVENIENT FOR A CONVENTION GROUP TO WORK WITH THREE DIFFERENT HOTELS AT ONE TIME?

Absolutely not -- the Collection has hired a local conference and business management company (Courtesy Associates) to simplify the coordination of activities among the three hotels and the convention planner.

Convention planners need only contact:

The Connecticut Avenue Collection
655 - 15th Street, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: 202/639-5177

Annmarie Pittman or Catherine Muntzing, our Coordinators, will research convention dates availability, coordinate site inspections, and collect/combine all individual proposals from the three hotels on behalf of the convention planner. For the sake of customer convenience, the Collection Coordinators capably serve as liaison between you as the client and the three C.A.C. hotels.

Likewise, the convention planner may contact any sales executive at any of the three hotels who will in turn transmit the request for information to the Collection Coordinators for submission to the three hotels.

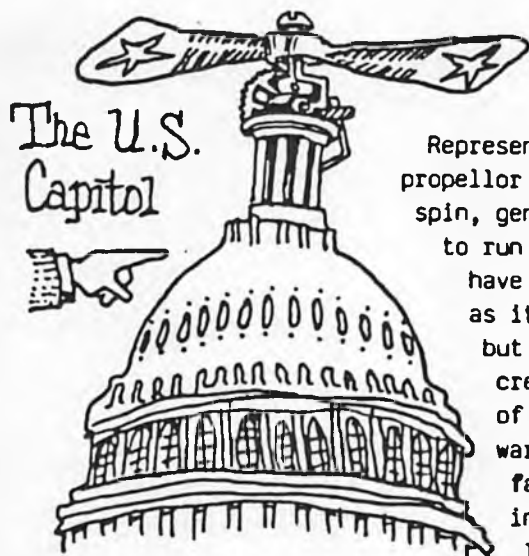
HAS THE COLLECTION BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

Absolutely -- since the Collection has been formed approximately one year ago, it has contracted major conventions for future years. At present, it is also negotiating with another fifteen organizations for future conventions and trade shows.

In Washington, D.C., one of the world's most popular convention destinations, we offer this great alternative for the unique market of convention groups larger than "self-contained within one hotel" and "smaller than city-wide."

We look forward to serving your group.

DISCON III



HOW IT WORKS:

Hot air, rising from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Chambers, causes the propellor atop the Capitol Dome to spin, generating sufficient fan energy to run first-class DISCONS. Few have actually seen the propellor as it is constantly in motion, but the pattern on the blades creates the optical illusion of a fat lady wearing an Indian war bonnet. Washington, D.C.'s fan-dom(e) was installed back in 1947 and is known as WSFA. It has been used twice to put on the WorldCon: in 1963 we had DISCON I, and

in 1974, Discon II. The DISCON III bid committee would like to host the 50th WorldCon in 1992, and we hope all of you will be members of the 1989 WorldCon, NOREASCON III (in Boston) so that you can consider the merits of our bid and vote for DISCON III.

While our committee draws upon one of the largest and most experienced concentrations of fan available, we are keenly aware of the international character of fandom and will look carefully in both the US and Canada for the best possible Worldcon Staff. Our corporation includes: Kent Bloom (Pres.) Joe Mayhew (Sec.) Naomi Ronis (Treas.), Peggy Rae Pavlat, Dick Roepke, Alan Huff and Mike Walsh (Directors), Alexis Gilliland, Jack Chalker, Tom Schaad, Ray Ridenour, Mary Morman, Chris Callahan, Jack Heneghan, Cat Slusser, Dan Hoey, Bob MacIntosh, Kate Terrell, Heather Nachman, Jul & Mark Owings, Barry & Judy Newton, Lance Oszko, Eric Pavlat, Steve Swartz, Eva Whitley, John Pomeranz, Lee Smoire, Vicki Smith, Mary Rita Blute, and John Sapienza. If you are interested in more information or would like to get involved, please write to:

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