

# NOVA CON

## 8

### Progress Report



## PROGRESS REPORT ONE

Well here we go again, Novacon 7 has just finished and now we start organising 'Novacon 8'. Having already found an eminently suitable Guest of Honour and arranged a new venue, 'all' we have to do now is arrange a suitable Programme, choose some films and deal with the usual couple of tons of paperwork. For those of you who haven't met us, the committee follows.

Laurence Miller, Chairman. That's me, having been on Novacon 5 committee, Treasurer of Novacon 6 and Eastercon '77, I volunteered to take on Novacon 8 (sheer insanity).

Jackie Wright, Secretary. First con committee, volunteered by me.

Dave Holmes & Kathy Knight, Registration. Also first con committee, volunteered by Dave himself who didn't realise what he was letting himself in for.

Chris Walton, Films & Ads. Yet another volunteer even after helping on Eastercon '77.

And that concludes the committee or as our GOH put it, the crazies who keep on going crazier giving Cons.

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## GUEST OF HONOUR

Our Guest of Honour this year is Anne McCaffrey. We have asked her to be our GoH as, in her own words, one way to ensure that she attends. Seriously, Anne says she is very flattered and honoured to be our GoH for Novacon 8, having previously been GoH at Eastercon 22 in 1971 and more recently, Terracon in 1977 (for the uninitiated, Terracon is a "Star Trek" convention). For the two people, who may not have read any of her books, Anne McCaffrey has written, amongst others, 'Decision At Doona', 'To Ride Pegasus', 'The Ship Who Sang' and the 'Dragon' series including 'Dragonflight' & 'Dragonquest'. She has also edited a cook-book and written several romances. For those of you who may be interested, we hope to publish a bibliography of Anne's work in the Convention Booklet.

For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Anne McCaffrey, her description of herself is, "My hair is silver, my eyes are green and I freckle: the rest is subject to change without notice."

## THE HOTEL

Novacon 8 will be held at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham. Having been at the Royal Angus for three years and always had to use an overflow hotel we decided to try and find a hotel in Birmingham which could satisfy our requirements under one roof and the Holiday Inn appears to do this as it not only has more beds than the Royal Angus but more function rooms for our use.

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## PROGRAMME

We are, of course, working on the programme for Novacon 8 and already have some ideas of our own. However we would like to hear from you. What did you think of the programme for Novacon 7 this year and what would you like to see in next years programme? All and any ideas are welcome and if enough of you want something that is feasible or someone comes up with a brilliant new item then we'll do our best to provide it.

## REGISTRATIONS

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|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Anne McCaffrey     | 11. Brian Ameringen  | 21. Kevin Smith      |
| 2. Tod Johnson        | 12. Joyce Deeming    | 22. David Thomas     |
| 3. Laurence H. Miller | 13. Dave Cluett      | 23. David Lermitt    |
| 4. Jackie Wright      | 14. Josepa Nicholas  | 24. R.H. Wheatcroft  |
| 5. Iave Holmes        | 15. Coral Clarke     | 25. Bernie Peek      |
| 6. Kathy Knight       | 16. Bruce Healey     | 26. Dewi Williams    |
| 7. Chris Walton       | 17. Howard Rosenblum | 27. Joyce Mains      |
| 8. Chris Baker        | 18. Brian Hampton    | 28. Mr Cruttenden    |
| 9.                    | 19. Roger Peyton     | 29. Wendy Cruttenden |
| 10.                   | 20. Arline Peyton    | 30. Colin Vine       |



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| 31. Paul Vincent         | 57. Martin Easterbrook | 83. Doug Ryder       |
| 32. J. Hacker            | 58. Mike Damesick      | 84. Rob Jackson      |
| 33. Ken Bulmer           | 59. Haydn Thomas       | 85. Pauline Dungate  |
| 34. Celia Parsons        | 60. John Mansfield     | 86. Chris Morgan     |
| 35. Simon Beresford      | 61. S.W. Wainwright    | 87. Nigel Robson     |
| 36. Dave Upton           | 62. R.I. Gilbert       | 88. Darroll Pardoe   |
| 37. Jill Morris          | 63. Martin Hoare       | 89. Rosemary Pardoe  |
| 38. Greg Pickersgill     | 64. Liese Hoare        | 90. Trevor Davis     |
| 39. Simone Walsh         | 65. Ye Gerbish         | 91. Tina Bigg        |
| 40. John Steward         | 66. Hazel Langford     | 92. Andy Ellsmore    |
| 41. Richard Hughes       | 67. Dave Langford      | 93. Beth Hallam      |
| 42. Kate Chafen          | 68. Peter Mabey        | 94. R. Van Der Voort |
| 43. David Flint          | 69. Margaret Austin    | 95. Dave Cox         |
| 44. Kathy Flint          | 70. Margaret Draper    | 96. John Lowe        |
| 45. A. de Bettencourt    | 71. Marcus Rowland     | 97. Eddie Jones      |
| 46. Martin Stallard      | 72. Fred Hemmings      | 98. Marsha Jones     |
| 47. Andrew Stephenson    | 73. Phillip Barnford   | 99. Norman Weedall   |
| 48. Mike Gray            | 74. Dave Price         | 100. Rod Milner      |
| 49. Dermot Dobson        | 75. Paul Kincaid       | 101. Bonny Milner    |
| 50. Paul Dormer          | 76. Pat Charnock       | 102. M.J. Walshe     |
| 51. Tim Illingwothh      | 77. Graham Charnock    | 103. Edward Ward     |
| 52. Robert Swan          | 78. Stan Eling         | 104. Ken Slater      |
| 53. Keith Plunkett       | 79. Helen Eling        | 105. Joyce Slater    |
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