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MINICON TWO

Science Fiction Convention

April 4-6, 1969 :: Andrews Hotel :: Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Guests of Honor

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SPECIAL NOTES ON THE MINICON...

Bob Cooper of Cooper's Film Rental (Northedge Shopping Center; Eaton, Ohio, 45320) charged us an incredibly small price for the rental of "Metropolis." He deals in both sales and rental of old 8 mm. silent films, and we might suggest that if you're interested in such things to contact him. (We include this note by way of thanks for help in making the convention turn out well.)

Sunday (the 6th) is Easter Sunday, and several members of the convention have decided to have an Easter-egg hunt. Karen Johnson and Carol Stodolka are in charge of the event...and we suggest you talk to them before you wake up Sunday... You might step on an egg or two along the way....

The Art Show will be open during most of the convention. Entrance to it, as well as all other Minicon activities is free once you've paid your membership fee. However, if you want to enter art in the exhibition there's a flat entry fee of 50 cents. A popular vote will be taken during the convention, and the most popular work will receive a prize of \$10.00. (For information on entering the art show, contact Frank Stodolka.)

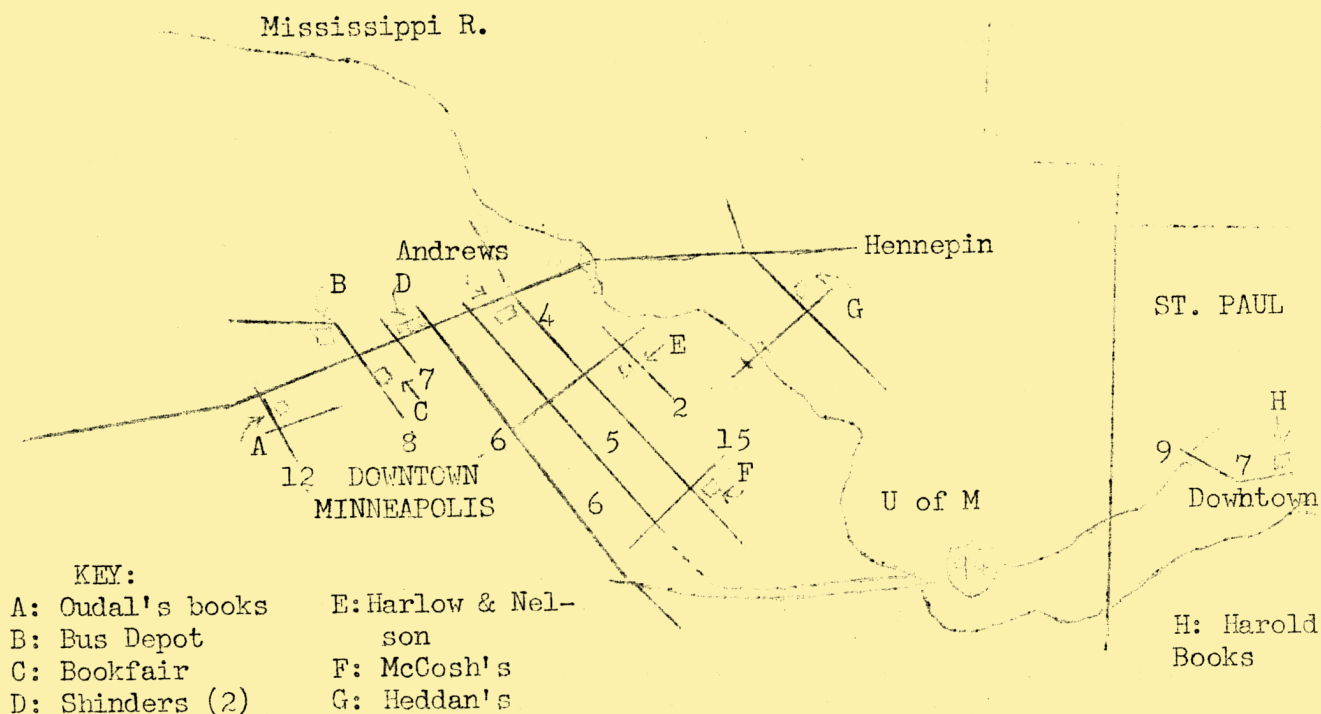
Some bookselling space is available in the art show room. If you have any old magazines or books you want to sell you can rent a table for \$2.00 during the duration of the convention. If you are going to be selling books during the convention, you must be responsible for the sales and health of your stock -- the convention cannot be, though we will try to make everything as safe as possible.

The price at the Midtown Ramp has gone up since we reported last in the Minicon second PROGRESS REPORT. The price is currently \$2.50 for an entire day's parking. However, there are many other ramps and parking lots nearby, some of them charging less -- and it's certainly all right if you park at these other areas.

We are tentatively scheduling an auction for sometime early in the evening of Saturday, April 5th. Anyone who wishes to donate anything to the auction will be blessed by the Patron Saint of Fandom, Saint Fantasy. At the convention itself, the exact time and place of the event will be posted.

BOOKSTORES:

There are a multitude of bookstores in the Twin Cities area. We print the following map to show you where the best bookstores are located. (There are of course others, but the committee recommends only those listed on the map.)



MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINICON

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BOSTON IN '71

the Committee, which is chock-full of hard-working, forward-looking fans wants to give fandom a great Worldcon in 1971. In order to do this we had to get a great hotel. After much trouble we had the SHERATON-BOSTON built as part of the Prudential Center. This hotel has all the features fans want in their con hotel.

- * Large enough (1000+ rooms) to house all the attendees. Everything in one hotel - no long distance walks. Room for all the functions: the Art Show, hucksters, Masquerade, Awards Banquet, special interest groups, and the main program. Excellent acoustics in the main meeting rooms and no pillars.
- * FREE PARKING for all registered hotel guests. The garage is right under the hotel and connected directly to it by automatic elevators.
- * Outdoor rooftop SWIMMING POOL - free to guests.
- * Eight (count 'em) eight high-speed fully-automatic operating elevators connecting your floor directly to the convention area.
- * Excellent RESTAURANTS in the hotel.
- * Shopping plaza just outside the hotel doors including such essentials as banks, a liquor store, a drug store, a camera shop, and a book store.

Well, having this great hotel we had to get a city to put it in. Since we didn't have much time we obtained a time machine from THE SECRET MASTERS OF FANDOM and went back to the early 1600's to build a city. We decided to make it a fannish city so we included everything designed to please the fannish soul. We started by having cows wander about to lay out the street plan. Then we put in bookstores, over 100 of them, most within a short distance of the hotel. Then we added restaurants (besides the ones in the hotel) - good ones with reasonable prices (we even put in a local Chinatown). We tied the city together with trolley cars over-, on-, and under-ground. We filled the city with historic sights and friendly people. And, just to add to the tone and intellectual atmosphere, we arranged for a few colleges and universities (even filled in some swamps to build a trade school) and their appurtenances.

Oh! That fellow over to the right? Well, he's the local sachem and we sort of promised to return the city to him after the con. It's part of some larger plan he has in mind.

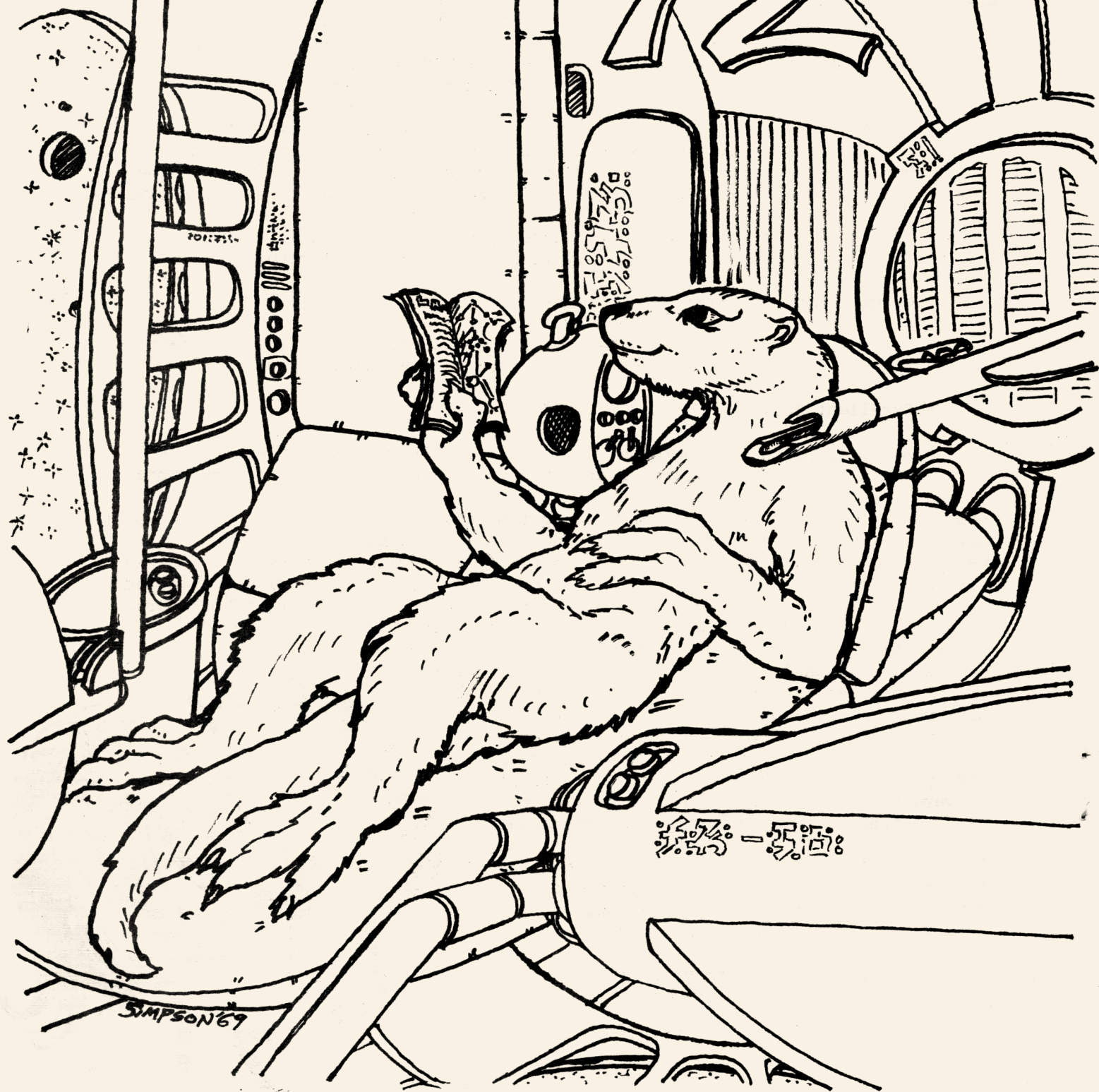
So, when the time comes to vote at St. Louiscon (where you all should be) remember it's:

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ABOUT FANDOM....

Fandom is basically divided into three parts: Convention fandom, club fandom, and fanzine fandom. Since fanzine fandom is the most complex part, I'll talk about that last.

Convention fandom is made up of people who attend science fiction conventions. Some people are active in fandom only by attending the conventions or belonging to clubs. There are perhaps more people who are active exclusively in the conventions than exclusively in the other areas of fandom. It seems that most fans are active in more than one area. At any rate, you're now part of convention fandom...and welcome!

Club fandom is, as the name implies, all those people who get together and form a science fiction club. There is a fanclub active here in the Twin Cities, and we'll talk about that in detail later. You may be interested to know that what happens at the meeting of a science fiction group is entirely unpredictable. There are many different types of groups: some of them are excuses for partying, and nothing more; some of them feature only formal discussion; there have even been attempts at a paramilitary organization (although, thank ghu, the attempt failed: such groups are to my -- and many other people's -- mind distasteful). The best clubs are intended for fun. Those that are thought most highly of are those which have a lot of fun, and produce good and memorable fans, as well as good and memorable productions. (Such productions can run from amateur movies, amateur magazines to filk-singing (filk-songs being folk-songs of fandom), and medieval-tournaments.)

Fanzine fandom is the hardest aspect to explain; and the reason it is, is because it's the most complex portion. Fanzines are amateur magazines. You can't buy them on the newsstands (though some fanzines have achieved semi-professional status by selling a few copies to newsstands), and only a few hundred copies are printed up. They're available, for the most part, through contribution...and no payment is made for printed material.

They exist for fun. Some fanzines are published by only one person, some are published by groups of people.... If they stop being enjoyable, they stop being published.

Basically, there are two types of fanzines: The general distribution fanzine (or "genzine"), and an "apazine." ("APA" being short for Amateur Press Association -- but more on APAs later.) The genzine is available to anyone who sends in money or a contribution; currently, there are more genzines being published than apazines, though it has shifted back-and-forth in the past.

An APA is an organization of fans who publish fanzines, then send a certain number of copies to the Official Editor. The OE then compiles a stack of each members' fanzines, and mails the bundle to each member. The bundle of each person's zines is called a "mailing." (With some APAs the terms are different, but this is the basic set-up.) Some APAs have certain entrance requirements: one asks that you be born after 1945, another that you be interested in comics. Most APAs ask nothing more than that you pay your membership fee and that you publish your magazines regularly. Most APAs are quarterly, though there are bimonthly, monthly, and -- among some local groups -- even weekly and biweekly APAs.

AND ABOUT THE MINN-STF...

As we've said before, there is a fanclub active in the Twin Cities. It's called the Minn-Stf, a word which is derived from the original word Hugo Gernsback coined two years before establishing Amazing Stories, the first SF magazine, in 1926. The word was "scientifiction," which was abbreviated "stf" and pronounced "stef."

You might be interested to know that fans have been trying to form clubs in the Twin Cities for many years...successfully and unsuccessfully.

During the thirties, Wonder Stories, which was founded by Gernsback when he lost control of Amazing in 1929, started to sponsor local fan groups. That was in 1934, and a Minneapolis chapter was listed as "to be formed shortly." In 1937, when Gernsback had lost control of the magazine (and the title had been changed to Thrilling Wonder Stories) the Minneapolis chapter was finally formed. It went under the following year however, and the local fans resumed informal meetings.

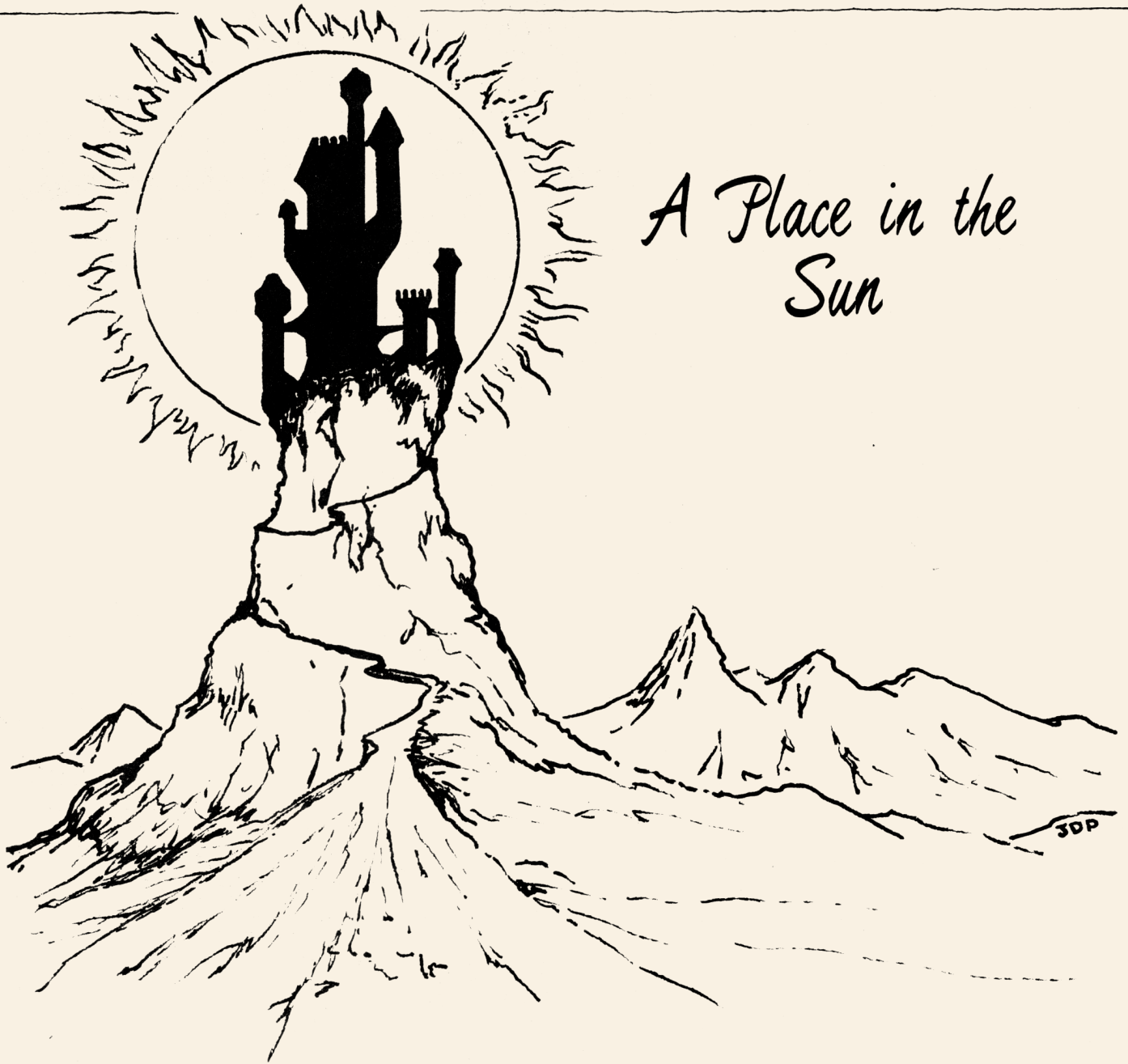
In November of 1940, nine people gathered together and founded the Minneapolis Fantasy Society. They wrote letters inviting people to attend the meetings; even Astounding (which is now Analog), which was then the real backbone of all science fiction, published one of the invitation letters. By mid-1941 many more people had joined the club. It was one of the most active and most respected clubs in fandom until it broke up in 1943, due to the war and to the fact that many of the area fans had moved away. To quote Harry Warner, one of fandom's best historians: "[The Minneapolis Fantasy Society] must have placed second in the fanclubs of its time only to the Futurian Society of New York."

In December of 1947, the club was officially revitalized. Until 1952, the group remained one of the most active in fandom. After the first small convention was held in Minneapolis -- the Invention of April Fools' Day, 1952 -- the club began to dissolve. By 1953, it had completely done so. In 1961, an attempt was made to establish a Twin Cities Fantasy Society, but it too failed.

The club that had given the science fiction world such great pro authors and artists as Poul Anderson, Gordon R. Dickson, Carl Jacobi, Oliver Saari, and Clifford D. Simak -- and such great fans as Redd Boggs, Rich Elsberry, Ken Gray, Morris Dollens, and Phil Bronson...had gone.

During these later sixties (from our great vantage point in April of 1969) it seems as though fandom and science fiction in general are undergoing a boom. In 1966 -- November 25, to be exact -- the first meeting of the Minn-Stf was held. The total attendance was five.

We've grown a lot since that time, and we're still growing. Because of our unusually fast growth, we haven't been able to develop our meetings as thoroughly as we like, but then, better meetings are one direction of our growth. At any rate, you're most heartily invited to attend any Minn-Stf meeting you can make. For further information, ask any member of the committee, or the club's president, Frank Stodolka.



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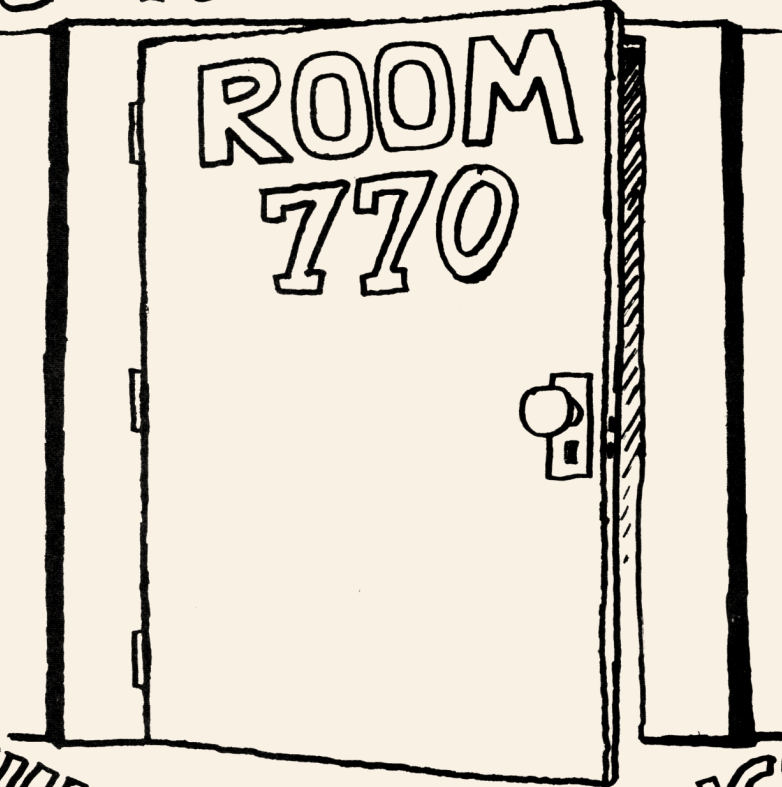
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THE PROGRAM

The convention program is hopefully flexible enough so that something will always be going on that will be of interest to everyone -- and yet made up so that no one has to participate in some event that doesn't interest him. Major features of the convention are listed below.

But before listing the program, you might like to know about the location of the meeting rooms. There are three major meeting rooms for the convention. The Brunswick room, in the basement of the Andrews, will be the main hall, and used for the large meetings such as the panel discussion, the movie, and the slide-shows. On the mezzanine you'll find the Welcome Room, and outside the Welcome Room, the Registration Desk. (During the major program events, the Registration Desk will be moved to the Brunswick Room so that people handling registration won't have to miss the events.) On the eighth floor of the hotel, you'll find the Minn-Stf Suite, a partying center for the whole convention. Also on the Mezzanine, you'll find the Art Show and Bookseller's Room. All rooms in use by the convention will be posted as such.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

FRIDAY APRIL 4, 1969

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
6:00-9:00 P.M.

Desk will be moved to
Main Hall during movie

WELCOME ROOM OPEN
6:00-10:00 P.M.

On the Mezzanine
Informal Introductions
of Guests of Honor,
talk, etc.

ARTSHOW-Booksellers
On Mezzanine

MAIN HALL OPEN
8:00-11:00 P.M.

"Metropolis" will
be shown

MINN-STF SUITE OPEN
10:00-(?)

General Partying

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 1969

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
10:00-5:00

Will move to Main Hall
during program

WELCOME ROOM OPEN
around 10:00 or 11:00 A.M.
and closed at 10:00 P.M.

MAIN HALL PROGRAM:

1:00

OPENING OF THE CONVENTION
Introductions and
Announcements of
Note

1:45

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH
GUESTS OF HONOR:

"How did you discover
Science Fiction?"

DINNER BREAK: 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Slide-shows may be given
this night

SUITE: Partying

ARTSHOW and BOOKSELLING
open from noon to 9:00

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 1969

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
briefly around noon

SUITE: Talk, some food
and refreshments

WELCOME ROOM: Talk,
playings of old radio
dramas and readings

MAIN HALL:

1:00

Presentation of the
Popular Art Award

1:15

A slide show on Star
Trek, hosted by Ruth Berman

THE CONVENTION WILL BE
OFFICIALLY CLOSED AT 3:30

"THE GRAND OLD ART OF CONVENTION GOING..." (reprinted from the second PROGRESS REPORT).

Some of you attending this convention are sure to be attending a science fiction meeting for the first time. For those old-timers who've been to many conventions before, we can only say we hope you like the convention; to those of you who are newer to this thing called fandom, we extend a special welcome... and these words:

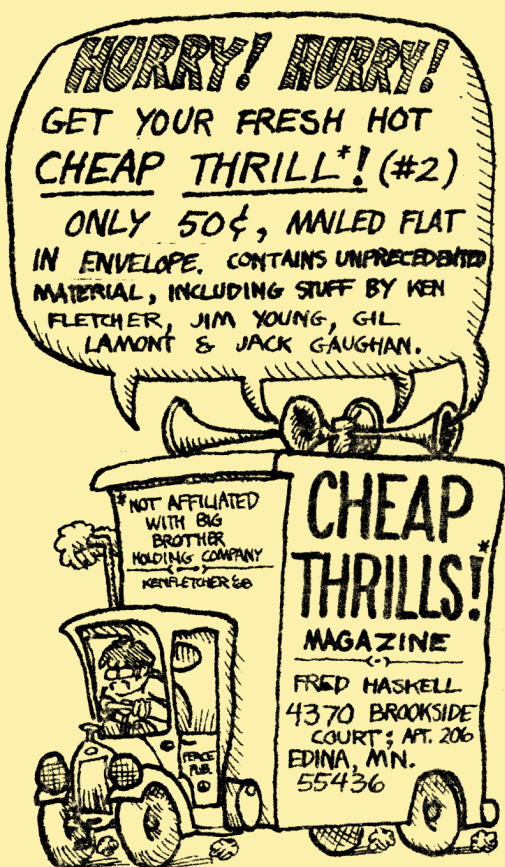
When you come to a convention, be prepared to meet people. Certainly attend many of the items on the program, but don't expect the programmed events to be the only things that will be happening at the convention. Fans are basically one of the most friendly groups of people in the world. If you've had some correspondence with fans in the area, you may very likely meet them at the Minicon. If you've heard about those amateur magazines called "fanzines," you'll be able to find out exactly what they are, and where to obtain them. (Many different fanzines will be on sale at the convention. In fact, what you're reading now is a fanzine of sorts.)

Incidentally, don't be frightened to talk to such distinctive people as Charles De Vet, Carl Jacobi, Gordon Dickson, and Clifford Simak. They've all been active fans, and would be just as pleased to talk with you and sign autographs as you might hope them to be.

We hope you will enjoy the convention!

JIM YOUNG, con-chairman.

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Fred Haskell

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AS A SORT OF PARTING SHOT, let me thank the Guests of Honor; Charles De Vet, Gordon Dickson, Carl Jacobi, and Clifford Simak, the members of the Committee, the Minn-Stf, the staff and management of the Andrews Hotel, the people at Galaxy Publications who put an ad in the convention column in If, and to every member of the con.

Thanks,
Jim Young

...Meet me in St. Louie, Lesleigh;
Meet me at the Con*....



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