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MosCon V Progress Report 1

CHAIRWOMAN'S MESSAGE-BETH FINKBINER

MosCon 5 has begun to move from the "Let's worry about it some day" stage to the "Long term niggily worry" stage. That means that it's almost time for the prints to run out and the membership price to go up. Our Guests of Honor; Frank Kelly Freas, Fritz Lieber and Georges Giguere, will provide up with a memorable con.

It has always been MosCon policy to limit membership to 500 people. Our hotel can handle no more. This year we may have to enforce that limit. Please be sure that you don't get left out.

This progress report is crammed with everything that we could possibly think of to include, but if you have any questions, write. If you send a self addressed stamped envelope along it will speed thing up.

MOSCON 4 REPORT- JON GUSTAFSON

MosCon 4 was a great success, with the most people attending ever. Our guests, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Jane Fancher (representing Wendy Pini) and Steve Forty gave our members some of the best programming we've had yet. Jane Fancher's slide show on Wendy Pini's art turned into a standing-room-only event. MZB's panels attracted and pleased people and she gave an excellent speech at the Sunday morning brunch. Steve Forty was everywhere, and made friends of everyone he talked to.

MosCon came so close to zero problems this year that it was almost scary. The staff at Cavanaugh's Motor Inn did their usual fine job and deserve the reputation they have as one of the best con hotels in the Northwest.

And one last hearty round of thanks to the people who made MosCon 4 a success; The ConCom. Thank you all very much for your help. You made it possible.

HOTEL INFORMATION

MosCon 5 will be held as usual at Cavanaugh's Motor Inn, 645 Pullman Road, Moscow, Idaho. To reserve a room for MosCon and for information concerning room rates please call them at 208-882-1611.

MosCon always conflicts with a football game (we've got 2 universities within ten miles) so get your reservation in as early as possible. Remember, Cavanaugh's has no halls, so please plan alternatives to the usual hall parties. Perhaps you'd like to stockpile binoculars and conduct farm-impliment-watching parties instead.

JEFF SELLS ~~USED CARS~~ MEMBERSHIPS-JEFF HALBHUBER

Howdy. Jeff's my name and membership's my game. Better send your money in quick if you want this year's print. Memberships are up close to 100 now, so only 50 are left. Memberships are still ten bucks, but on March 1st they rise to \$12(US). C'mon now. Ten bucks is ten bucks but 12 bucks is more. So let's go! Buy one for the OI' Gipper.

PS You get a really nifty button for helping out at registration, so let me know if you want to help.

ART SHOW-JERRY EVELAND

Requests for Art show information and entry forms and offers of assistance should be addressed to me at the MsCon address. MosCons are well known for their encouragement of SF art and artists. Just remember- we can't sell it if you don't send it to us.

DEALER'S INFORMATION-JON GUSTAFSON

MosCon 4 was a success for the dealers and we expect MosCon 5 to be even better. Last year we sold all of our tables well in advance of the con, so I'd like to urge dealers to make their reservations as early as possible.

Inflation has struck MosCon as it has the rest of the country, and the dealer's rates are going up. A 30" by 60" table will be \$35 (US) and an 18" by 50" table will cost \$30 (US). One free membership will be included with each table purchased.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP-LORI WHITE

MosCon 4's Writer's Workshop was, I'm pleased to say, almost an unqualified success. I'd like to thank all who submitted stories and also our writers, FM Busby, Elinor Busby, Marion Zimmer Bradley and MJ Engh who critiqued them. I realize that the workshop was a last minute addition to the con and I'm grateful for all the support it received.

In fact, I'm so pleased I'd like to try it again. This year it won't be a last minute detail. This brings me to the one qualification on our success. I got several stories after the deadline had passed and I accepted them. But I don't think I will be able to do that this time. So I'm giving every one plenty of warning. Don't put it off. Write that story now.

PROGRAMMING-CHARLIE LEAPHART

This coming year we are going to have the best of four cons in one. For those who insist (OK, you can put away the blaster now.) I will add some new panels. Any way you look at it, MosCon 5 will be interesting and fun. I will read and file all suggestions, so try your luck (I missed the wastebasket twice out of thirty last time). Clear Ether, Cadets.

OTHER NEAT STUFF

Yes, there will be a brunch. Yes, it will be late Sunday morning. No, I don't know how much or what.

Yes, there will be some sort of MosCon memorabilia for sale this year. We don't know if it will be towels, T-shirts or perhaps crocheted pot holders. The Vice Chairman is holding out for edible underwear. We'll see.

Of course, the 4th Annual MosCon Jacuzzi Party will be held at 8:00 on Friday night. Bring an extra towel.

The usual common sense con rules apply. Don't carry liquor in the hotel's public areas. Don't flash the mundanes. Don't wear costumes made of peanut butter or Dippity Do or anything else that slimes up the carpet. Especially, No Glass In The Jacuzzi Room! If you break a glass in the jacuzzi room you will be required to reassemble it to prove that there are no pieces lying in wait for some unsuspecting soul.

If you donate two or more hours of your time as a MosCon helper you will earn a new button to show what a great person you are. These are status items and the only way to earn the is to volunteer.

Yes, there is a weapons policy. You kill it, you eat it. I hear that roast Smurf is tender but bland.

YOU WANT US TO WHAT DURING FINALS WEEK?-ROD SPRAGUE

When it came time to assign jobs for MosCon 5 I wanted to do programming again. I thought this time that I could do it even better. But Charlie wanted to do it too. Before I had a chance to find out what kind of impass Charlie and I would get into, some of the concom took me aside. They told me that my unique skill of finding easily overlooked but important details should be a job in itself. Naturally, the only title they could come up with is Coordinator. I will not do major planning. I will sit down with each Con-Com officer and come up with annoying details as they plan their MosCon preparations. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have already given me data to make a primary planning calendar.

I will be making lots of lists but that's a small sacrifice for a good con. (I wonder if I could find this experience useful on a job resume?)

ADVERTISING-DONNA BAILLY

Information on program book advertising, including exact sizes for camera ready ads, will be available from me at the MosCon address. Rates are \$45(US) for a full page ad; \$30(US) for a half page and \$20(US) for a quarter page.

MASQUERADE-SHENNASEA BROWN

Last year we set a record for swiftness of execution in a costume contest (no, we didn't shoot the losers), and we'd like to break that record this year. No pre-registration is necessary. All you secret Fafhrd's and Gray Mousers will have a chance to get an opinion from the creator himself, so don't be shy. Come out of your closets for MosCon 5. As usual, Saturday night's dance will follow the masquerade.

GOFRERS-LORI WHITE

Hello. Allow me to introduce myself. I am MosCon 5's new head ~~black~~ gofer. I feel it's never too early to start drumming up support for my over-worked and under-appreciated little band of helpers. I want to extend an invitation to all of you who like to get involved at cons, feel useful, meet lots of people and most of all, take pity on a poor ~~flaw~~ rodent like me, to volunteer for the gofer corpse. If you want to be over-worked (by me) and under-appreciated (by everyone else) just indicate on your membership application that you want to be a gofer. Or write to me in care of the MosCon address. Please Volunteer. It is fun. We'll have a brand new Gofer button to indicate your high status, and besides, I don't want to be forced to take drastic measures at the con to gather up my work force. (Can you say "Press Gang"? Don't worry, I'll teach you.)

SECURITY-DAVID BENNETT

We need guardians for our Art Show and assorted equipment during MosCon 5. No experience is needed. Gratitude and a Security button are your's in exchange for a few hours work.

FILMS AND VIDEO- WE'LL SHANGHI SOMEONE BY MOSCON

In all likelihood we will show the usual line of budget films this year; feel free to come and heckle with your friends. This year we will also separate our (possibly superb) video room from the hospitality suite so that those who need to concentrate on the cube won't interrupt those who need to talk to each other.

MOSCON 4 PHOTO REVIEW



Guest of Honor Marion Zimmer Bradley with Mike Finklbner, Vicki Mitchell and Jon Gustafson.



Verna Smith Trestrail accepts the 1982 Lensman Award for Frank Kelly Freas... This was not a bribe to get Kelly here for Moscon 5. Honest.



Psychic Phenomenon Panel—Verna Smith Trestrail, F.M. Busby and a psychic phenomenon, Steve Fahnestalk.



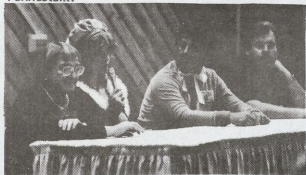
Macho Maid? Chris Nilsson and MK Reid at the Costuming Panel.



MZB with Mike Finklbner at Sunday Brunch.



Who says it's no fun being treasurer? You get to play in the money, don't you? Beth Finklbner and the Moscon 4 Treasury.



MZB, Jane Fancher, Steve Forty and Jon Gustafson at the Opening Ceremonies.



Bill Warren, Joyce Rubin and Jane Fancher discuss the care and feeding of Art.



Whatever it was, it must have been fascinating.

HOW LONG CAN YOU TREAD WATER? MANY CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

1 Steve Fahnestalk 2 Phrannque Sciammanda and Lisa Satterlund 3 M.J. Eng

4 Jennifer Rathburn and Chris Nilsson 5 David Bennett 6 Joyce Rubin

7 Betty Bigelow 8 Jane Fancher and

Verna Smith Trestrail 9 MK Reid

10 William Warren 11 Evelyn Beheshti

12 Bea Taylor 13 Don Qualls

14 Steve Forty

15 Georges Giguere

16 Richard Wright

17 Sleeping Dragon

18 David George

19 Steve Bard

