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A Letter From Your Editor

Here it is, the first Space:1999 fan publication. This is my first attempt at any kind of fan publication so I hope you all like it. This first issue contains reviews, articles and features on '1999 and if this issue turns out good you will all soon see, Alpha Two.

Best to all,
Stephen

Space:1999 Episodes

Below are a listing of first season '1999 episodes with summary's of the episodes plus star ratings from excellent to poor.

BREAKAWAY : ****

A succession of thermonuclear explosions occur, destroying parts of the moon and alter its gravitational relationship with the Earth. In fact, the moon is blasted out of the Earths orbit, and its 311 inhabitants are doomed to travel the universe forever.

DRAGON'S DOMAIN : ***

A mentally unstable Alpha astronaut insists that an alien monster will attack. He finally goes to face his monster, dragging Commander Koenig and Alpha personnel into his fight.

DEATH'S OTHER DOMAIN : ***

A half-crazed soothsayer warns the Alphans to flee from a frozen planet where the inhabitants are immortal.

COLLISION COURSE : ****

Mines are planted which destroy an on-coming asteriod in an enormous explosion. The Alphans discover another danger, they are on a collision course with another planet. Mines are again planted while Commander Koenig goes to the planet. There he meets Arra, queen of Astheria. She tells him nothing will happen when their two worlds collide. When he brings this story back to Alpha they think him mad and relieve him of command. With only seconds left before the mines are detonated Koenig and Alan Carter regain control and the two masses of matter collide with a surprising result.



ALPHA CHILD : ****

The first baby born on Alpha grows to adulthood at an amazing rate. He is acutally one of a group of formless aliens planning to use the Alphans to "house" their alien minds.

FORCE OF LIFE : ***
An Alphan suddenly becomes possessed with an unnatural need for heat.He precedes to drain energy out of Alpha and the Alphans themselves.

GUARDIAN OF PIRI :***
The Alphans come across a planet where machies do all the work and people are free to enj luxury,peace and contentment.A beautiful woman,the Guardian of Piri,lures all Alpha personnele except Commander Koenig down to the planet.Koenig must help the Alphans see that they are in a living death.

WAR GAMES : ****
Aliens use the power of illusion to create a war between their planet and Alpha. Commander Koenigs confrontation with the aliens on their beautiful planet is a sharp contrast to the destruction on Alpha.

MISSION OF THE DARIANS : **
Alpha crew members find a world of startling contrasts.A reconnissence party discovers that the "world" is a gogantic spaceship,Daria, which has been traveling in space for 900 years.

BLACK SUN : **
It seems certain death for Alpha when they are drawn into a hole in space,a Black Sun.Proffesseur Bergman concots a desparete scheme to prevent the runaway moon from destruction.

END OF ETERNITY : ***
Alpha crewmembers are at a loss as to how to save the Moonbase from a destructive immortal monster.Commander Koenig arrives at a desparate plan to trap him in an airlock and release him into space.....forever.

VOYAGER'S RETURN : ***
A spaceship launched from Earth in 1985 has been poisioning space and destroying planets.Can an Alpha scientist save Moonbase from Voyager and an alien ship bent on destroying those responsible for the interstellar cammage.

TESTIMENT OF ARKADIA : ***
Two Alphans try to start life on a desolute planet at the costs of all other Alphans.

THE LAST ENEMY : ****
When Alpha comes in contact with two warring planets they become a floating "gun platform" in space.Each army wants to win their war at all costs,including Alphas" destruction.



THE FULL CIRCLE :****
Caught in a time warp,their futuristic lives are superimposed over their ancient ones. Unaware of their friends on Alpha,Koenig and Helena Russell capture Sandra.Not knowing that the Cromagnon men are his Alpha friends Alan Carter is bent on destroying all of them for taking Sandra.

RING AROUND THE MOON : ****

An alien spaceship locks Alpha into orbit and begins stealing classified data from its computer.

MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH : ****

Helena Russell's husband mysteriously appears on Alpha,warning the Alphans to stay away a planet which is composed of deadly anti-matter.

EARTHBOUND : ****

Commissioner Simmons,who was on the moon when it broke away from the Earth,demands passage on an earthbound alien ship that has crashlanded on the moon.

TIMETRAP : ****

An eerie phenomenon that makes Alpha and everyone on it appear duplicated convinces a Main Mission staffer that she is living in her own future.

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ANOTHER TIME,ANOTHER PLACE : ****

A mammoth,spiraling cone of spitting colored gases is only one of a bizarre disaster in an adventure which puts the moon on a collision course with..... Itself!

MISSING LINK : ***

On Alpha,Commander Koenig is still breathing but only with the help of Dr.Russells futuristic equipment.His soul has been stolen by a dazzling woman in a purple city that exists in the realm of thought only.The women tells him that her father is an anthropologist,using him as a missing link to their own past of a million years ago.They plan to keep him forever while Alpha fights to get their Commander back.

THE LAST SUNSET : ****

The Moon is shaken by an electrical storm and pressurized vapor.A reconnaissance team investigating the problem crash-lands on the planet Ariel,which seems to be causing the problems on the moon.The conditions on the moon and the blistering scarlet sun on Ariel may force the Alphans to see their last day.

THE TROUBLED SPIRIT : ****

Alpha's Hydroponic Director is confronted by a hidiously disfigured spirit of ..... himself.Horror strikes and death comes suddenly to both plants and humans as Alpha's most serious crisis comes to a thrilling end.

An Infernal Machine:****

Alpha encounters one of the strangest mysteries in the universe----a living machine. This ancient man and the talking machine he serves comes to Alpha to request urgently needed supplies.

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Space:1999 / Breakaway : Breakaway Matter of Life and Death Ring Around the Moon Black Sun

Space:1999 / Moon Odyssey : Alpha Child The Last Sunset Voyagers Return Time Trap

Space:1999/Space Guardians : Missing Link Force of Life

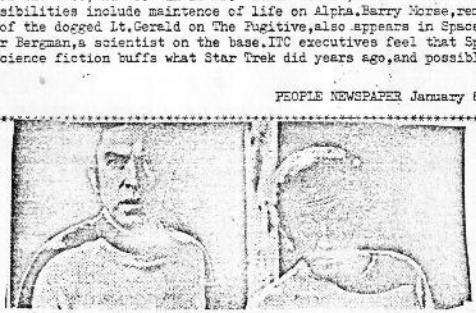
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pace:1999 :
ITC,the company that imported the British sci-fi series UFO,has another England-based teleseries slated to be aired on American stations in the Fall of '75.Entitled SPACE: 1999,the show presents the adventures of 311 men and women stranded on the Moon, which has been blasted out of the Earth's orbit and doomed to orbit the universe forever.Originally sent there to man a warning station and repel possible outer space invaders,the international crew is forced to struggle for survival on the Moon and deal with life-forms on other planets with whom they come in contact.SPACE:1999 is is the first British-based sci-fi series tailored to appeal to American audiences and stars MISSION:IMPOSSIBLE fugitives Martin Landau and Barbara Bain,as wellas Barry Morse,Roy Dotrice and Stuart Damian.Gerry and Sylvia Anderson are producing the series with directing chores being handled by Lee H.Katzin.Stay tuned to TMT for further info on the show.

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STAR TREK'S SUCCESSOR----SPACE:1999
Television hasn't had a significant science-fiction series since the days of Star Trek. Viewers have little oportunity to strech their imaginations on a steady diet of police shows and sitcoms.But there's a show on the tube that could fill the bill for frusterated sci-fi fans.The Independent Television Corp. (ITC) of New York City is now syndicating a 24-part series called Space:1999.It reunites one of TV's few husband and wife acting teams,Martin Landau and Barbara Bain,in an interplantery space odyssey; this is their first working reunion since the popular Mission:Impossible series.The program is set on the eve of the 21st century where space travel has become a commonplace.Ms.Bain and Landau are living on Moonbase Alpha,an early warning defense insulation established on the moon.It is populated 311 men and women representing all nations of the world,reminiscent of Star Trek.Space:1999 is one of the most heavily budgeted series ever to be produced by an independent television company.Each episode costs in the neiborhood of $250,000,which compares with the most expensive of the network shows.A good part of the outlay has gone into the sets,props and costumes required to create life aboard a space station.In the series,Landau plays Cmdr. Koenig,cheif of the base,and Ms.Bain is Dr.Helena Russell,cheif medical officer whose responsibilities include maintence of life on Alpha.Barry Morse,remembered for his roll of the dogged Lt.Gerald on The Fugitive,also appears in Space:1999 as Prof.Victor Bergman,a scientist on the base.ITC executives feel that Space:1999 will do for science fiction buffs what Star Trek did years ago,and possibly surpass it.

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SPACING OUT THE NETWORKS:

Can a $6.5 million show tailor made for national TV survive rejection by all three networks and win success anyway? The Independent Television Corp., the producers of SPACE:1999, has a few doubts that its elaborate new science-fiction adventure series can do just that. This fall it will be aired over local stations in the ten top television markets and in 136 other cities around the country. With confidence boarding on brashness, ITC predicts it's giving the networks the biggest ever prime-time challenge and in the process giving the networks thebiggest first hit for the season. SPACE is the glossiest and one of the most expensive new shows of the fall. It is a futuristic Arthurian fantasy in which 311 workers in a lunar space station are cut off from earth when a gigantic explosion hurls the moon onto an uncharted trajectory. Led by the intrepid Commander, John Koenig, the crew overcomes such obstacles as Cwent, the man turned machine; Acra (played by Margaret Leighton), the queen of the enormous planet Astheria; and the 4 temptress of the heavens, the Guardian of Piri. The special effects far exceed anything used on Star Trek. They include fleets of hovering cockroach-shaped spaceships, squads of yellow moon buggies and an array of enticing equipment from whatever passes for the Abercrombie & Fitch of intergalatic travel. Laser beams are flashed around like Saturday night special. Koenig and his crew wear interchangable unisex gear designed by Rudi Gernreich. The stars are Martin Landau and Barbara Bain, the hit team of Mission:Impossible. There is even a nucleus of an audience ready for SPACE: the Trekkies who have been homeless since 1969, when Star Trek went off the air. Dedicated cultists, they have made do with reruns, conventions, and newsletters as they wait for big time sci-fi to return to the small screen. None of this, however, meant a thing to the networks when they were offered the series last spring, all three turned it down. ITC promptly sold its package----24 original shows with 28 mandatory reruns----here and in 101 foreign countries. Ninety-five percent of the stations planning to air SPACE are affiliates of the networks. Most of them are scheduling it in prime time, pre-empting such new shows as The Invisible Man, Fay and Phyllis and such established hits as Rhoda, Cher and Sanford and Son. SPACE'S success could not only bite deeply into the audience ratings for network shows, but perhaps sink a couple in the first critical weeks.

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P.S. : I just had time to put this last note in. According to the TV Guide, Space:1999 has been renewed for its second season. Production has already started on 24 new episodes. Let's hear it for Space:1999!



TELEVISION FRONT

The following television stations are showing Space:1999 this fall:
WPIX--New York, WCVB--Boston, KOCO--Oklahoma City, WJAR--Providence, WDAF--Kansas City, WTVJ--Miami, KMGH--Denver, WIIC--Pittsburg, WBRZ--Baton Rouge, WJRT--Flint,Saginaw, Bay City,MI, WHBF--Davenport,Rock Island,Moline, WFMY--Greensboro,Winston Salem,High Point, WNYS--Syracuse, KCPX--Salt Lake City, KITV--Honolulu, WAVE--Louisville, WLOS--Greenville,Asheville,Spartanburg, KATU--Portland,OR, KPRC-TV-Houston, WPTA--Ft.Wayne, KTAR--Phoenix, WSOC--Charlotte, WGLA--Cmaha, WCPO--Cincinati, WKEF--Dayton, KSAT--San Antonio, KARD--Wichcita, KCRG--Cedar Rapids,Waterloo,Dubuque, KDBC--El Paso, WBDO--Orlando, WSJV--South Bend,Elkhart, WXIA--Atlanta, KUHI--Joplin, WLWI--Indianapolis, KGTV--San Diego, KHQ--Spokane,.

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SPACE:1999 Products

Eagle Transport Model: This is a one foot unassembled modle of the Eagle.I bought this myself and it is extremly detailed with decals also.For $2.79 it is an excellent deal.
FUN DIMENSIONS COMPANY

Alpha Moonbase Patch: This is an exact replica of the patch worn by Martin Landau and other stars on 1999. Send one (1) dollar in cash or check to:
ALPHA MOONBASE PATCH P.O.BOX767 Mt.CLEMENS,MICHIGAN 48087

Photos:You can order autographed pictures of M.Landau, B.Bain, and B.Morse for $1.50 each from:
PREVIEW PHOTOS 657 N.SPAULDING AVE. HOLLYWOOD,CALIFORNIA 90036

Comics:The first Space:1999 comic book is out by Charlton Comics.Each copy is $.25

Paperbooks:These are mentioned elsewhere in this issue,/ They are "Breakaway","Moon Odyssey", and "Space Guardians". Complete with photos.Each is $1.25-$1.50.
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