MAIN COMPUTER

Newsletter of the NATIONAL SAVE:1999 ALLIANCE Volume 1 Number 1

About The Newsletter

One of the goals of the National Save: 1999 Alliance is to inform members of the latest news and developments concerning SPACE: 1999 and other Gerry Anderson productions. MAIN COMPUTER is our means of doing just that. The name of our newsletter was chosen to reflect our view that the Alliance is a central information center for 1999/Anderson fandom.

As a member of the Alliance, you will automatically receive MAIN COMPUTER every other month. Starting with Issue #2, Editor in Chief will be Chuck Raue who is well-known for his fanzine COMLOC and for his work with the first year of the Alliance.

Each MAIN COMPUTER will contain reports from Section Representatives so that you'll know what's happening across the country and around the world. You'll want to keep posted on official word of Convention '79, so four months before con time we'll go monthly with updates listing all the final details as they are confirmed.

Alliance members may place sale, trade, or want ads. Use the attached forms and your ads will reach the largest number of 1999 fans possible. Rates are listed on the form. (Deadline for ads in Issue #2 is NOVEMBER 10, 1978.)

Let us know your needs and expectations for MAIN COMPUTER. Tell us your particular problems or share your ideas for promoting 1999 awareness. Your letters may be selected for publication unless you specify otherwise. For a personal reply, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

You'll notice that the newsletter is set up to allow for loose-leaf filing. If member response is great enough, we may be able to print special Alliance binders at a later date.

Goals Of The Alliance

Here are the goals of the NS:1999A as stated in our revised by-laws (9/11/78):

*to promote a spirit of cooperation and unity among its members
*to work for a return to production of the series SPACE: 1999
*to help put SPACE: 1999 fans in touch with other fans, and to inform fans of the latest 1999 developments
*to support all Gerry Anderson productions
*to encourage and support quality science fiction/fantasy for television
*to contribute to charities or causes which are striving toward a better tomorrow for all

As you can see, we're more than a fan club, but we are not meant to take the place of any fan club or fan publication. Think of the Alliance as the focal point of information, the "main computer" of 1999 fandom. Through the Alliance, you'll be in touch with the largest number of fans possible, sharing views and working together. You'll be a part of a loud voice demanding quality in all televised science fiction.

The Alliance is not a Board of Directors; the Alliance is each and every one of you. The Board will direct our efforts in the best way possible, but each member must do his or her share. We all depend on each other. The Alliance has the potential of growing into one of the strongest action groups of fans ever united. Let's combine our efforts and make it even greater than the sum of its parts.

1999 LIVES!

New Organization...New President

Last year, one of our biggest problems was communication. Occasionally, members waited weeks for information or received none at all. Many of us weren't sure just who or what the Alliance was; some members may not even have been aware that Jeff Jones was the president of our organization or that we had area representatives.

Jeff has found that he can no longer devote the time to the Alliance that it needs or deserves; and so, with regret, he has resigned. The new president of the Alliance is Mare Fitzgerald, last year's Pennsylvania Representative.

First priority this year is organizing and defining the Alliance. Here is our general structure. The President will generally guide the Alliance and see that all aspects are run smoothly and efficiently. Section Reps, who round out the Board of Directors, report directly to the President; they are located around the country and world to better serve members in their areas. Section Reps may appoint state or local reps for closer member contact and better communications. We are striving for closeness this year and more openness between members and headquarters.

Why Dues Are Necessary

The Alliance is officially recognized by the IRS as a non-profit organization. None of us are paid for our work or time and all operating expenses are kept at a minimum. In reorganizing our group, we've found that one of the best ways we can serve our membership is by charging dues. In Year One, a few people contributed a lot for the entire group. This year, we'd like to distribute the burden more evenly by asking just $3.00 from each member. For your $3.00 you will receive a membership card, a copy of the Alliance by-laws, bi-monthly MAIN COMPUTER, convention updates, first notice of all Alliance publications and materials, and closer contact with members worldwide. Money left over will allow us funds for projects which will increase SPACE awareness. This method is far superior to the old SASE request. Now every member will automatically receive Alliance news and you won't have to waste a 15¢ stamp just to get a SASE to us. All in all, dues appear to be a reasonable solution to the information problem.

We want to hear from all members regularly; it's the only way we'll know in what areas we can help. For prompt personal answers, including a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your correspondence would be a tremendous help.

If this year runs smoothly and our fund-raising projects* are successful, it could mean an extra guest or two at Con '79. With your support, we'll be one step closer to our ultimate goal---SPACE: 1999 YEAR III!

*Several projects are in the works. We invite members to submit suggestions for additional Alliance materials for fund-raising and for SPACE awareness.

New Addresses

The new address for Alliance Headquarters is:

NATIONAL SAVE:1999 ALLIANCE
123 Fawn Valley Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

Address letters to the editor of MAIN COMPUTER to:

Chuck Raue
MAIN COMPUTER
804 Rowell Street
Mobile, AL 36606

When we receive your membership application and dues, you will be assigned a Section Representative. You may write to your Section Rep for any information you may need throughout the year; or you may write directly to Alliance Headquarters if you wish. For personal replies, a self-addressed, stamped envelope would be greatly appreciated.

New Alliance Logo

The NS:1999A has grown up in the past year. With our first birthday comes a new look. The new logo (at right) will appear on all Alliance publications and materials. If you don't see this logo, the item is not from the Alliance. We can eliminate many of the confusing rumors that inevitably start circulating and you can be assured of getting the most accurate, up-to-date information available in 1999 fandom.

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Convention '78

It's hard to believe it's been over two months since our first convention. Somehow the memories still seem fresh. For those who couldn't make it, here's just a tiny sample of what you missed.

Gerry Anderson, Nick Tate, Clifton Jones, Barry Gray and Dave Prowse were there. And our extra special surprise guest was Martin Landau! The first few hours were a bit confusing but that's a part of conventions. The roar of applause made everything all right. Lectures, slide presentations, movies, BREAKAWAY and WAR GAMES, fan club meetings, and huckster tables that were four-deep at times had our heads spinning with things to do. The costume party was an absolute delight, and probably the hardest work our celebrities had to do all weekend was choosing only three winners. Sunday's auction surprised everyone. It proved how crazy we all are---about SPACE: 1999! From the auction and membership ticket profits, we donated over $6000.00 to the Columbus Children's Hospital.

Everyone has some special moments to remember and retell. Perhaps a brief visit with one of our special guests, maybe a new friendship or the discovery of a 1999 fan who lives just minutes away. Six lucky people won a raffle for a fifteen minute private talk with the stars, an event they'll not soon forget.

To the whole con committee goes a huge thank you for a wonderful weekend. To all in attendance, another huge thank you for being there and for proving that 1999 fans are terrific people. And last, but far from least, thank you to six of the brightest stars in SPACE: Gerry, Martin, Nick, Clifton, Barry and Dave.

New SPACE Materials

From time to time, the Alliance will offer specially produced publications and materials to members. The sale of these items will enable us to increase 1999 awareness, plan better conventions, contribute even more to worthwhile charities, and supply fans with high-quality, reasonably priced collectibles. These materials are not intended to infringe upon the rights of ATC, ITC, Gerry Anderson, or anyone else holding rights to SPACE: 1999 or SPACE: 1999 products.

1999 Calendar For '79

The Alliance is happy to announce that a 1979 calendar is now in production. It is fully illustrated with photos and drawings of the 1999 characters. Profits from the calendar sale will be used for Con '79. Details will be mailed to every Alliance member around November 1.

Con Star Photos

A special group of photos taken at Con '78 will soon be available to Alliance members. These photos are 8x10, full color, professional candid shots of Martin Landau, Nick Tate, Gerry Anderson, Clifton Jones and Dave Prowse. Look for your order blank about the first of November.

Where Do We Go From Here?

A LETTER FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

It's a new year for the Alliance. We're stronger than ever; we're more determined than ever. So what do we do with all this energy?

Convention '78 boosted our spirits tremendously. Gerry and our other guests were every bit as delighted as we fans. The decision appears unanimous: we all want an encore next summer and we shall have one!

However, right now, we have much to do. Now is the time for the real Alliance work. Have your local stations renewed SPACE this year? If not, are you doing anything about it? Did you even bother to write and let them know you want to see the reruns again? If you don't want to write, did you call? Program managers love to hear from viewers. What about stations that have never run SPACE---did you write or call them? And don't forget the PBS stations. To be perfectly honest, our chances for a revival of SPACE aren't very good. But then, neither were chances for a return of TREK ten years ago. I believe we can do anything if we truly want to, and it doesn't have to take ten years either.

This could well be our make-or-break year. If we let the convention spirit die, then we have only ourselves to blame. Each one of us can contribute something to our cause. It can be something as simple as letting just one more person know about the Alliance. Millions have seen SPACE and enjoyed it. Now let's all get together and see if we can get it back into production.

Our staff of Section Reps are caring, perceptive people. As Alliance president, I want to assure you that if there's a way to further SPACE awareness, we'll do it. But we need your ideas and support. Write to me or to your Section Rep anytime; we do want to hear from you. Believe in the dream of a revival of 1999, and it will become a reality.

MARE FITZGERALD

Con '78 Supporting Members

We haven't forgotten you. Those who paid for their Supporting Memberships will receive their program book and post-con report very soon. Thank you for your patience.

A New Barbara

Eastern U.S. Section Representatives John and Kathy Von Kamp became the very happy parents of Heather Barbara on August 2, 1978. Thank you, Heather, for waiting until after Con '78 to make your entrance into this corner of the universe.

Con '78 Photos

Photos from Convention '78 may be purchased from Mr. Samuel Maronie. For price information and list of photos available, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: MR. SAMUEL J. MARONIE, 570 N. SECOND ST., WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS 62095.

Coming in Issue No. 2 of *MAIN COMPUTER*

*Convention '79 Announcement
*Section Rep Introductions
*Dealer Listings
*Some Surprises!

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