MAIN COMPUTER

Newsletter of the NATIONAL SAVE:1999 ALLIANCE Volume 1 Number 7

This issue of MAIN COMPUTER will depart from its usual format in order to bring you the final information available on Convention '79.

Final Con Update

THE GUEST LIST: Our guest list this year is quite impressive. Besides confirmations from Gerry Anderson, Barry Gray and Anton Phillips, we have tentative acceptances from Barry Morse, Nick Tate, Zienia Merton and Clifton Jones. We have received news that Tony Anholt and Prentis Hancock would like to attend the con.

A word must be said here about convention support. To date, we have barely the funds to cover present expenses. The overseas flights, even economy class, are very expensive, close to $1000.00 each. To be very honest, the con membership so far is disappointing. Con reservations had started out very well but recently have fallen off drastically. For this con to be a success, it's got to draw a better fan response. Do you want to see Tony and Prentis? Do you want to declare *1999* fandom dead? It's entirely up to you now. If you can't attend the con, you can still help with a supporting membership. Do not wait until the last minute---we need your help NOW.

The con committee will not be personally responsible for monetary losses, and if the funds are not available by mid-July, we have no alternative but to start cutting our guest list. Enough said.

MEMBERSHIP CLOSING DATES: The final date for your con membership to be received is July 15. After that date, we can't guarantee you'll get a receipt and your registration will be delayed.

The City of Pittsburgh has informed us that a 10% amusement tax is required on all con memberships. All payments received after July 1 must include the additional 10% payment. Those who previously paid for their memberships are requested to send in the extra 10% now, and though this is not mandatory, it would be a great help to the con treasury.

NOTE: Any con payments not accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope will not receive receipts.

ABOUT THE HOTEL: If you have not mailed your room card yet, please do so immediately. Reservations must be received by July 15. Remember that the rates listed on the card are per night, and add 6% tax. Again, we remind you that the hotel will not supply a rooming service. If you reserve a double, triple or quad, you must have the people to share the room lined up. Check-in time is 7am; check-out time is 1pm. The William Penn accepts all major credit cards.

Overnight guests may park free. Drop off your luggage at either entrance and you'll be directed to the hotel lot. Large boxes should be brought into the hotel via the Oliver Avenue loading dock.

Several restaurants are located in the hotel. Within a few blocks you'll find plenty of fast food shops, photo stores, department stores and banks. For greater security, we suggest you use travelers' checks. The hotel will cash travelers' checks for overnight guests.

STATE & HOTEL RESTRICTIONS: The legal drinking age in Pennsylvania is 21. Please adhere strictly to this law. No alcoholic beverages or smoking will be permitted in any of the con rooms. Any fans planning private parties must make all food and drink arrangements with the hotel catering office.

TRANSPORTATION: With the gasoline shortages, we recommend public transportation rather than driving into Pittsburgh if at all possible.

Those flying will arrive at the Pittsburgh International Airport. Go to the main entrance and take the airport bus or limo (approximately $3.50 per person) or a cab (approximately $13.00) downtown. All will take you directly to the hotel. It's about a half hour drive.

Those arriving by bus or train may walk the few blocks to the hotel (see map).

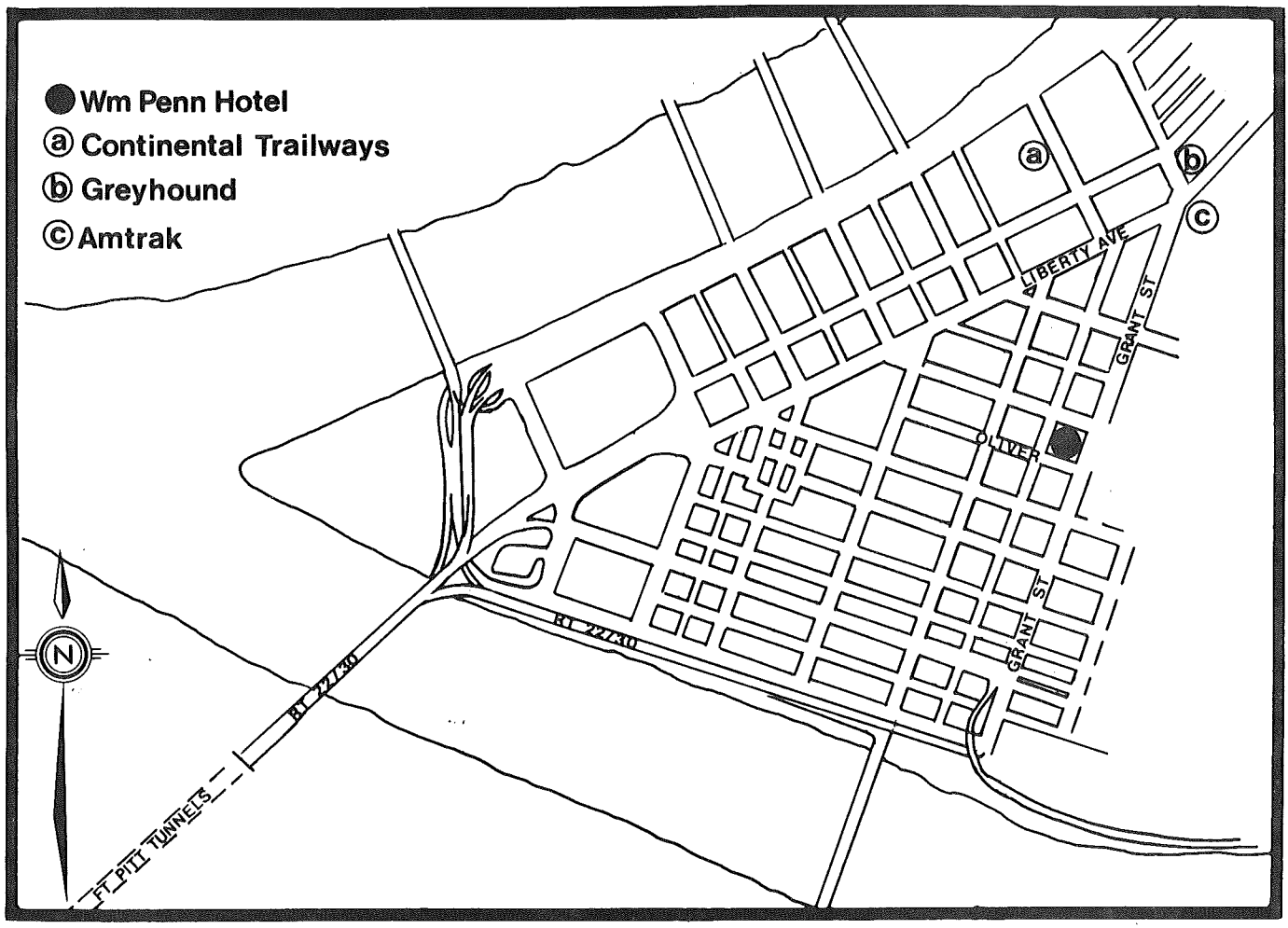
If you decide to drive, take major highways or turnpikes only. Gas should be available on these roads but you may find $5.00 limits the rule. If you get gas on the outskirts of the city, drive in and park---there's very little reason to drive once you arrive---you should have enough fuel to reach well into the outskirts for your return trip. Naturally, high mileage cars are your best bet.

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FROM THE EAST: Pa Turnpike to Rt. 22W. Follow Rt. 22/30W into downtown Pittsburgh to the Grant Street Exit and proceed as above.



Member Dues

A new Alliance year begins on September 1. Around that date, all members will receive a notice of renewal. Please do not mail any payments until you hear full details.

CON SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: A tentative schedule has been drawn up.
FRIDAY: Registration opens at noon. Films, dealers' room and art show open at noon and continue throughout the day. Writers' get-together in the afternoon. Official opening ceremonies with NS:1999A general meeting and star intros in early evening. Amateur film competition including lectures on film editing and special effects by pros in these fields. Several star lectures/autograph sessions on Friday evening.

SATURDAY: Films, dealers, art show, star lectures, science lectures, autograph sessions, fan club meetings. Tod Ellsworth has prepared a brand new group of his famous STUNNERS and prizes will be awarded to the top scorers. Banquet and costume party Saturday evening.

SUNDAY: Films, art, dealers, lectures, autograph sessions. The charity auction will be followed by the art auction. Con wrap-up in early evening with a final NS:1999A meeting and a good-bye and thank you to the stars.

1999 FILMS: Though we'd announced earlier that *1999* episodes would be shown on large screen TV with videotapes, chances look very good that we'll be able to get some uncut films to show instead. A tally has been kept of your preferred episodes and we're doing our best to obtain the most popular.

MOVIES: We plan to show *Journey to the Far Side of the Sun*, *Day After Tomorrow*, *Moon Zero-2* (starring Catherine Schell) and *Fahrenheit 451* (Barry Gray did the sound effects).

CHARITY AUCTION: Space does not permit a complete listing of auction items here. Recent donations have been very interesting and varied.

Special thanks go to Majel Roddenberry for a large box of animated and live-action *Star Trek* scripts, a *Trek* writers' guide and a copy of Gene Roddenberry's *Spectre* movie script which was a new series pilot.

Other recent arrivals are: a set of *Star Wars* glasses, a *Muppets* promo package, a *Prisoner* promo package, a beautifully bound *Capricorn One* script, an *Alien* cast booklet, a Starcruiser I Supa Posters set, *Trek*, *Jaws* and *Close Encounters* gum card sets, *Galactica*, *Superman* and *Star Wars* packages and assorted magazine and poster book sets. Be sure and stay for the art auction too. A good variety of fan art will be on display and much of it will look as good as the professionals.

ALLIANCE SALES TABLE: A limited supply of our photos will be available at the con, but all will be on display and orders will be taken should we sell out. With the success of the first photo set, we've compiled a second group.

Alpha Tech Notebooks, English *1999* poster books, and the new Starcruiser I model kit will be on sale. We have access to the Dinkey toy eagles, but they will be made available only if you write in now and let us know you want them.

THE BANQUET: Only about 20 tickets remain for the star-attended banquet. The menu includes sliced steak, and the William Penn chefs have a wonderful reputation. Definite confirmation must be made with the hotel catering the week before the con, so don't delay or you'll miss out.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Costume contest, art show and amateur film registrations should be completed as soon as possible. See previous updates for the people to contact.

SPECIAL DISPLAYS: Several special displays will include *U.F.O.*, general Anderson works and, of course, *SPACE:1999* materials.

SIGHTSEEING: We suspect that most con-goers will have plenty to occupy their weekend, but those arriving early or staying afterwards might like to see something of Pittsburgh. Discount coupons for 3-rivers boat tours will be available. Several parks are within walking distance of the hotel. You may take a trolley ride or get a beautiful view of the city on one of the mountainside inclines. Short bus rides away are the Buhl Planetarium where the Laserium sound and light show will be featured, and the Carnegie Museum and Institute of Art.

CONVENTION DRESS: Casual dress is the rule for most cons. We hope everyone will come in costume for Saturday night (or for the whole con!). Those attending the banquet will want to bring nicer, though not strictly formal, dress. Nicer dress is also recommended for the larger hotel restaurant.

WRITERS' GET-TOGETHER: Whether you plan to attend the Con or not, you may be interested in finding out more about the Writers' Get-Together. Suggestions have been made, not only for the Con, but also ideas for extending the projects beyond the end of the Con. We want to involve as many fans as possible. Some of the suggestions:

1. Compile a Writers' Guide to *SPACE:1999*
2. Establish a Writers' Critique Panel (composed of writers and non-writers)
3. Establish groups who enjoy writing for other SF movies and SF-TV
4. Reading and critiques of our work by those attending the Con
5. Provide information to the writers. Who are the editors and what type of material are they looking for?

Do these ideas sound interesting to you? Would you like to learn more about these suggestions? Do you have ideas of your own to suggest? If so, I need your help so that I can plan the meeting and the projects to fit what you want to discuss and do at the Con and afterwards. Writer to Diana Winslow/7000 Valleyford Ct./Watauga, TX 76148. Please include an SASE. See you in Pittsburgh!

BRITISH NICK TATE CLUB UPDATE: All BNTC members---please, DO NOT FORGET your membership card. That card will give you an orange BNTC membership badge which will help you to recognize other members, plus it will help Nick to recognize YOU. Your membership card will also be your ticket into the 'members only' informal meeting with Nick. So bring that card! Also you'll want to bring along some of those great photos of Nick that you bought through the club so Nick can sign them for you. These pictures are unique; they're only sold through the BNTC. You haven't ordered yours yet? Better hurry and order them so Phyl and Eileen can get your order to you in time for the Con. For further info on the meeting with Nick write to Diana Winslow/7000 Valleyford Ct./ Watauga, TX 76148. Please include an SASE. We'll see you in Pittsburgh!

PROGRAM BOOK: No one will want to miss this year's program book. It will feature profiles on the attending stars, a special condensed original *Black Sun* script, illustrated background on the year two badges and much more. The only way to receive a copy is to either attend the con or take a supporting membership. No books may be obtained after the con; unassigned books will be destroyed.

REMEMBER: Bring your con receipt with you and present it at the con desk for fastest registration. All those on the go-pher squad should report to the convention desk (17th floor) at 9am Friday for a last minute meeting and duty assignments. Go-phers arriving later in the day should contact Ann Hester as soon as possible. Those who are not directly involved with the con organization: PLEASE do not come to the con area before Friday noon; you will only cause confusion and delays.

THE ALLIANCE GENERAL MEETING: One of the subjects of discussion at our membership meeting will be our organization name. Many of our goals remain the same, but we seem to be expanding. The Board of Directors would like a vote on our name, either to keep it the same or to change it. Please have your new name suggestions ready when we ask for nominations at Friday's meeting. Only members of the Alliance will vote on this issue.

Another subject needing discussion is the matter of dues. There were some delays in receiving newsletters mailed bulk rate. Mailing all newsletters first class will require an increase in membership dues. We'd like your feelings on the newsletter in general and the dues at the meeting.

Other subjects of interest to the Alliance as a whole may be brought up at the meeting.

That's all the latest information available on the con. The entire con committee has faith in our membership and trusts that the support for this con will come through. We'll see you on the 27th!

~Want Ads~

WANTED: Pictures, props, models, etc. from *U.F.O.* series. Send info to Anthony DiPietro/66 Evens St./Medford, MA 02155

WANTED: One commlock and stun gun, must look reasonably authentic. *1999* Year 2 soundtrack. *The Making of SPACE:1999*. Futura paperbacks #1-3 and 7-10. Pocket books paperbacks #2, 4, and 8. Warner paperback #2. Charlton Magazines #3 and 4, and Walkie Talkie Commlocks. Koenig and Bergman dolls. Send price lists to Steven Reder/11507 Preble Co. Line/Brookville, OH 45309

WANTED: Betasystem Videocassettes of all episodes of: *U.F.O.*, *Thunderbirds*, *Supercar*, *Joe 90*, *Secret Service*, *Fireball XL-5*. And, Betasystem Videocassettes of *Into Infinity*, *Day After Tomorrow*, *Doppleganger*, *Thunderbird 6*, *Thunderbirds Are Go* and any other Anderson productions. Send SASE for info to: Michael Liebich/2171 N. Rockwell/Chicago, IL 60647

WANTED: Cassette recordings (sound only) of *Breakaway*, *Guardian of Piri*, *Force of Life*, *Alpha Child*, *Collision Course*, *Death's Other Dominion*, *War Games* and *BATTLESTAR GALACTICA* episodes. Send lists and prices to Eric Beatty/524 Michigan Ave./Waterville, OH 43566

WANTED: Anything on the Tatsunoko Productions Cartoon *Battle of the Planets*, including photos, Sup 8 film clips, animation layouts, soundtrack recordings, magazine articles (U.S. & Japanese). Joey Buchanan/P.O. Box 555/Proctorville, OH 45669

WANTED: Model kits or toys of 'Fireball XL-5' starship, 'Thunderbird One' and 'Zero X' from *Thunderbirds*, and 'Sky One' from *U.F.O.*; *1999* year two novel #5 *The Time Fighters*. Will pay. Mr. Allen Jones/1600 18th St./Port Arthur, TX 77640

WANTED: Someone to share a dealers' table with me. I'd like to split it two or three ways. Contact David Suh/12605 Knollbrook Dr./Clifton, VA 22024

WANTED: Warner books *SPACE:1999* year two, numbers 4 and 5. Please contact Lenore Dunlop/3837 Ray St./Seaford, NY 11783

WANTED: *SPACE:1999* commlocks, stun guns, slides, soundtrack (year two), transfers. Send list to Tim Welser/2034 Rohde St./Sandusky, OH 44870

WANTED

1999 toys, *1999* space suit costume, record theme from supermarionation shows, alien costumes, any *1999* episode on film, year 2 cards.
Laser rifle replica, poster magazines from Bassett, moonbuggy blueprints, Psychon octopod eyebrows, Sky Diver model, *D:MA* program book.
Year 2 uniform, *U.F.O.* viewmaster reels, *1999* lunch box, Warner calendar, any supermarionation models or toys, Palitoy dolls, Yr. 1 music sheets.

FOR SALE

U.F.O. interceptor toys, Capt. Zandor ships, *Stingray*, *Thunderbirds*, *Captain Scarlet*, and *Joe 90* card sets, *Thunderbird* films. Willing to trade supermarionation films and cards for *1999* episodes. Selling *1999* GAF reels. Send SASE.

Ronald James/108 Woodside Ave./Freeport, NY 11520.....SEE YOU AT THE CON!

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(An Alliance note: we highly recommend Diana's new novel. Once you start reading it, you'll not want to put it down until you've finished.)

MOONBEAM 5/6: This zine was previously advertised in the newsletter. Please note that those who have ordered the zine will be receiving their copies in the next few weeks. Debbie Walsh has informed us that all previous orders will be filled; additional copies will not be printed so do not order any copies effective immediately.

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JOURNEY TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE SUN

SPACE:1999 would not be around today had it not been for a 1968 decision to try a production using human actors and full-sized interior sets. This decision came in the form of *Journey to the Far Side of the Sun* or *Doppelganger*, a feature film mixing a couple of American leads with several English veteran actors and a handful of future *U.F.O.* teleseries regulars. The film will be ten years old by the time you read this.

Journey employed the same production talent of the puppet series, the same music, effects and writing, and its hardware had that NASA feel to it. This film was brought over to the USA by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson to show and convince the Landaus to accept the starring roles in *1999* back in 1973.

The film distributed by Universal, dealt with a discovery and mission to a planet behind our sun. Only after astronauts (Roy Thinnes and Ian Hendry) crash on the other planet do they discover that it is a Xerox copy of the Earth they have left. Everything that they knew on their own Earth is reversed, like a mirror image, and this is not the only dilemma they have to face. The 'other' Earth's Launch Coordinator (Patrick Wymark) grills Thinnes about his return. Somehow the two Thinneses embarked at the same time and are now being accused of aborting by the 'other' planets. The only way 'our' Thinnes can prove his theory of reverse duplication of matter is to use the 'other' planet's landing craft, the Doppelganger, and bring down 'his' orbiter, providing a really tense ending to the film.

Journey directly led into the classic *U.F.O.* series employing Ed Bishop, George Sewell and Vladek Sheybal as regulars.

Supermarionationally yours,
Doug Pelton

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The *ALLIANCE* Board of Directors is made up of the President and 8 Section Representatives. No one is paid for time spent on *ALLIANCE* business. The bare minimum dues are used for newsletter production and postage costs.

We welcome people of all ages, from all parts of the world, to our group.

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CONVENTION '79

Convention '79 is scheduled for July 27-29 at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As of January, we have two confirmed special guests: creator/producer Gerry Anderson and Barry Gray, who composed the music for the first year of *SPACE:1999*. As con time draws closer, we'll be hearing from many of the *1999* actors and actresses.

The weekend will include star lectures and autograph sessions, episode showings, a costume party, an art show/auction, a star-attended banquet, dealers' room and another exciting charity auction with some unusual and rare collectables. Both members and non-members are welcome at Con '79.

ALSO ATTENDING: Anton Phillips (Dr. Mathias) TENTATIVE: Nick Tate (Alan Carter), Barry Morse (Prof. Bergman), Zienia Merton (Sahn), Clifton Jones (Kano)

QUESTIONS?

If you have specific questions about the *NATIONAL SAVE:1999 ALLIANCE* enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you.

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