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Newsletter of the International Space:1999 Alliance **Volume 2 Number 3**

Koenig & Buck - Con '80 Bound?

by Jeff Jones, Con '80 Committee

Let me start out by wishing all Alliance members a Happy New Year. The Alliance is now entering its fourth year, a year which promises to be our most exciting. One example of this is our 1980 convention. We are expanding the con to bring in more of your SF favorites and we expect a larger number of local residents to attend since we will be using a new publicity campaign this year. What this means is that you had best get your con memberships early. The increased memberships will allow us to do two things. The first is to bring in more stars, not only from *SPACE* but also from other series such as *Dr. Who*, *Buck Rogers* and *Galactica*. It will also allow us to introduce many of the fans of these other shows to *SPACE:1999* and its stars. Let's face it, *1999* is off the air in most cities, and to bottle ourselves up will cause our membership to slowly disappear. Remember that one of our biggest complaints against *Trek* fandom is their refusal to recognize anything other than *Trek*. We have always said that we are different; now is our chance to prove it.

Well, so much for today's lecture. On to the interesting stuff. Dotty and I recently returned from a weeks stay in Los Angeles with the Ohio State faculty-staff Rose Bowl Tour. While there, we managed to hit most of the tourist traps, but also got a fair bit of Alliance work done as well, and we made some valuable contacts.

Our first day in LA, Dotty and I met with Martin Landau's business agent. This is the same gentleman who was so instrumental in setting up Martin's appearance at the first con. I had spoken to Martin on a radio talk show in early November and at that time extended a verbal invitation to him. His answer was that he would "love to attend" (work permitting). However, we all felt it was only proper to extend a formal written invitation which was presented to his agent during our meeting. During our conversation with Martin's agent, he mentioned how much Martin had enjoyed himself at Con '78, and that he would try his best to make the next one.

Our other big success came on the afternoon of Dec. 31. We were visiting Universal Studios and stopped by Glen Larson's office to talk about some of the stars from *Buck* and *Galactica* attending the con. Mr. Larson's office is already quite familiar with our organization thanks to the efforts of Chuck Raue and Mare. While there, we managed to pick up some great items for the auction. They are: 10 8x10 B&W glossies of Erin Gray, 6 8x10 B&W glossies of Gil Gerard, and 6 *Buck* scripts. The 6 scripts are divided up as follows: one untitled 2-hour episode which eventually became "Planet of the Slave Girls" with Jack Palance as guest star; 2 copies of an episode titled "Merridian" which, as of 1-17, has yet to be shown; and 3 copies of an episode titled "Twiki is Missing". This script had just been revised 3 days (cont. pg. 2)

Filmharmonic '79

On October 27, 1979, BARRY GRAY participated in the 10th Festival of Film & TV Music at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Barry writes, "It was a marvelous evening with a superb 90-piece Philharmonic orchestra. It was all the more enjoyable because my family were in one of the Grand Tier boxes, as well as Gerry (Anderson)." Barry conducted his suite "Pinewood in Space", music from the Anderson productions. His program was rounded out with selections from *SPACE:1999*, *Doppelganger* and *Thunderbirds*.

All members who enjoy Barry's wonderful music (guess that includes all of us!) will want to pick up a United Artists label album entitled THE RANK CONCERT ORCHESTRA PLAY HIGHLIGHTS FROM FILMHARMONIC 79 (#UAG30281). The LP was recorded prior to the concert, and features Barry conducting six of his compositions from *Doppelganger* and *Thunderbirds*.

Editorial

In the past several months, many of you have written expressing sound opinions and excellent ideas. Almost every letter states that its writer is indeed very concerned and very active in various areas of fandom. All this vitality made me wonder what life would be like without an Alliance. True, it could mean that *1999* would become, for the most part, forgotten. But more importantly, it would mean that a lot of valuable experiences would be lost, and a lot of warm friendships would never be made. For all its aggravations, I've come to love the Alliance, not so much because of *1999* (though I've never been more enchanted by the series than I now am!), but because of all of you who have made it so special. We've been through some rocky times together and some disappointments, but we've shared one heck of a lot of good things too. With this issue of *MC*, let's all renew our pledge of unity for *1999* and for friendship!

1999 Lives!
Mare

Letters to the Editor

LOCAL NEWS? *It would be nice if we could get a little news of what local groups are doing, to show that the spirit is not dead. Lots of things with a fan following have never made it to TV or movies--ever--so we who are loyal should be able to continue.* Susann Molnar, Ventura, CA (How about it, members, any sure-fire tips to share with everyone?)

ABOUT THE CONS *More and more, I get the feeling that too much emphasis is placed on con attendance figures. Though cons are great, maybe it's only one of the ways to help unite fandom.* Bonnie Yoman, *Petersburg, MI*

The idea of inviting cast members from other SF shows is FANTASTIC! The possibility of having these guests should bring in more people. Sandy Doyle, Philadelphia, PA

There is no sense in having any activity that points toward the chance of the show getting a third season. That, obviously, is quite impossible now. Conventions with goals are worthless--if that is the kind of goal you're wanting. Let's make them SF conventions, and take the emphasis off of "saving" the show. Steve Dailey, Springfield, MO

AND ABOUT MAIN COMPUTER *To make use of an oft-quoted phrase, "Why mess with a good thing?"* Bonnie Yoman, Petersburg, MI

Comments on the newsletter were generally very favorable. Suggestions included: more notes on the stars' activities (We print as much as we receive.), articles by the stars (Watch for one by Clifton Jones coming up soon.), not so much stress on the cons (Hope this issue is an improvement!), notes on local happenings (Send in the info!), and print fan stories or art (Please understand our limited space allowances; many fan clubs are begging for these items.). Thanks, everyone, for all the input; keep it coming.

KOENIG & BUCK (cont. from pg. 1)

earlier and was scheduled to be shot starting around the first or second full week in January.

When asked if we'd like to visit the set for the afternoon, as you can guess, we jumped at the chance. The episode being filmed involved another return of Princess Ardala and the Draconians. This time she was making extra copies of Buck to help her in her plan to capture Earth. The actors on the set included three extras as Draconian guards, Patty Maloney as Twiki, Pamela Hensley as Ardala, and Gil Gerard. We spoke with Gil between scenes, told him about the convention, and extended an invitation to him. He said he was interested and would like to attend if possible. Gil's wife was on the set and she was a tremendous help in getting Gil off to one side and giving us some time to talk to him. She also had him autograph the 6 8x10 photos

for the auction. If Gil is able to attend the con, it will be largely because of her help. Those of you who wonder what Gil is really like, all I can say is that he is for all intents portraying himself in *Buck*. Pamela Hensley is very nice and even more beautiful in person than on TV. Unfortunately she was only in the last couple of scenes filmed and we never got the chance to talk to her.

All in all, the trip to Universal was very successful. The thing that impressed me most was the friendliness and cooperation we received both at Mr. Larson's office and on the set; and hopefully as a result of these visits, Martin, Gil, and a few more may be with us this summer.

A GOOD IDEA Send a letter or other contribution to a fan club this month.

An Open Letter

TO MEMBERS OF THE IS:1999A & THE SPACE:1999 SOCIETY:

Most of you know by now that the NATIONAL SAVE:1999 ALLIANCE recently changed its name, by majority member vote, to the INTERNATIONAL SPACE:1999 ALLIANCE. But IS:1999A members might not know that the Space:1999 Society, a splinter group, is now using the NS:1999A name along with their own. (See MC#4, Vol. 1) Why have they done this? Maybe the answers are in these questions or statements from their Dec. '79 newsletter. Does the NS:1999A name belong to them? As stated in their newsletter, the Save:1999 campaign was started by Ted Hruschak and Dan Pallotta (now both directors of the Society) several years ago. But the words "national" and "alliance" only came about after the entire group of Con '78 directors came together. This group included some of the current directors and advisors of the IS:1999A.

More questions need asking. Don't they feel strong enough to stick with their own name? Why do they need to try to borrow another group's reputation? What about the confusion it will cause? And why do they publicly put down the IS:1999A in their newsletter Alpha News Service (Hey, isn't that the name of another established *1999* publication from Melrose, MA?) On the Society's ANS front page, the IS:1999A's Con '79 in Pittsburgh last July was stated as being "unsuccessful". What is their definition of success then? Donating well over $5000.00 to Pittsburgh Children's Hospital, having 4 wonderful '99' guests, a warm, friendly and fun time by all, plus paying all con bills with some left over to add to the total donation is an "unsuccessful" con!?

Lastly, when is the Society going to stop calling Con '78 in Columbus, Ohio their con? As the Space:1999 Society, they have never held a convention! One has been planned and advertised, but it keeps getting postponed. Two of the Society's directors, Ted Hruschak and Mona Delitsky, were part of the Con '78 committee and, in their own ways, contributed what they could to running it. But in no way can they claim complete credit for helping to keep "the flow of events running smoothly" during the actual con.

So when is the personal disagreement and hurt pride between only a handful of people going to stop being made public? In fact, when is it going to end for good? We're sure the membership is sick of it. It certainly isn't helping *1999* fandom, and it certainly is not in the spirit of the show. Isn't "creation better than destruction"? The IS:1999A directors involved in this are still willing to negotiate, or at least to call a truce for the sake of *1999* fandom. We acknowledge that the Society has the same right as every other club to run its organization as they see fit, but only as long as its directors remain responsible, fair and reasonable, and, for heaven's sake, are willing to stop with dead-end feud.

Well, Space:1999 Society, and particularly Ted and Mona, the choice is yours. Let us hear from you soon in the pursuit of peace. We are sure that the members joined each club in order to keep in touch with all aspects of *1999* and current SF happenings...not to read about our personal differences.

Kathy & John Von Kamp
IS:1999A Co-Presidents (1979-80)
(Formerly Con '78 & '79 Committees)

Section News

The following are the IS:1999A Section Representatives for 1979-80:
NORTHEASTERN US/EUROPE: Christine Hantzopulos/2060 E 19th St/Apt 5B/Brooklyn, NY 11229
EASTERN US: Tod Ellsworth/3691 Sheridan Rd/Portsmouth, OH 45662
SOUTHERN US: Ann Hester/107 Lemuel Ct/Warner Robins, GA 31093
CENTRAL US: Marty Siegrist/1200 Pulaski St/Lansing, MI 48910
WESTERN US/AUSTRALIA/JAPAN: Mary Tchir/1101 SE 184th/Portland, OR 93233
CANADA: Donna Lotze/76 Elizabeth Ave/Dryden, Ontario P8N 2L6

Your Section Reps are there to help you with specific local projects or problems. Don't ever hesitate to write to them with ideas, or just to say hello.

YOUR EASTERN US SECTION REP: TOD ELLSWORTH Since seeing "Breakaway" for 3 consecutive nights, Tod's been a great fan of *1999*. His involvement with fandom started when the second season began. *Buck Rogers* and *Dr. Who* are other current favorites. Tod works as a salesperson, is interested in reading, cooking, journalism and boating; and he's the Commander of a local SF club, PULSAR. Tod writes, "I'd like to thank Kathy and John for asking me to be their successor (as Section Rep). I encourage those in my section to write to me, even if just to say hi, so we can get to know each other. Let's have another productive Alliance year--with everyone's support, we can do it!"

SECTION NEWS: EASTERN US Tod reports that he's now contacting unrenewed members and searching out potential new members. Special concentration will be in West Virginia, where Alliance publicity materials will be placed in theaters showing the *Trek* movie.

SECTION NEWS: SOUTHERN US Ann and her "Georgia Delegation" have been one of the most active groups in fandom. Ann reports, "We started a publicity campaign in January; putting up posters in all the places we think will get the attention of fans who don't know about the Alliance. People in almost all the southern states have volunteered to help with distribution, covering places like book stores (new & used), schools, etc. Anyone who wants to help, just write!".....Another project centering in the South is the "Con-voy". Plans call for departure early in con week, with ultimate arrival in Columbus on Wednesday night. This is a great chance to get inexpensive transportation to Con '80. (And, hanging around with the Georgia group is always an interesting experience, to say the least! Mare)
Northern Kentucky is another very active area. At a recent get-together to see the *Trek* film, this group wore Alliance T-shirts, and one member, Rosie Badgett, wore her Alphan uniform. All report that they were very well-received by the "Trekkies" and interest in *1999* was very high and favorable. Perhaps this is a good time for all of us to approach the "Trek community" once again--we may be surprised by their reaction!

MEMBER LISTS Members who wish to get in touch with other local fans should write to their Section Rep for a listing. Don't forget to enclose a SASE. Members who don't want their names and/or addresses given out should inform their Reps of this at once.

PUBLICITY MATERIALS FREE FOR THE ASKING Some members have asked what they can do to help the Alliance. Here's your chance, and it doesn't cost a lot of time or money. Write to your Rep for a supply of promo flyers and/or posters. These may be used for distribution at cons or place them around your neighborhood, nearby shopping areas, schools, etc. We do ask that you pay the postage on materials you order. Let your Rep know what materials you want, how many and what you'll use them for; they'll let you know how much postage is required. By the way, if you produce your own promo materials which will bear the Alliance name, please send a sample to headquarters.

WE'RE TRULY INTERNATIONAL...Greetings to our new members in Japan and West Germany!

Alliance SF Awards

We'd stated that a ballot for the awards would be included in this issue. Chuck Raue has requested an extension on nominations to give everyone a chance to mail theirs in. See last issue for full details, and have your choices to Chuck by March 10.

Put it in Writing

The following is a continuation of a listing begun in MC Vol 1. Please note that the companies do not own all the stations in the cities listed. If you've been unsuccessful with local stations, why not try going right to the top. Good luck!

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Fresno, CA; Salinas, CA

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959 8th Ave/New York, NY 10019
Baltimore, MD; Milwaukee, WI; Pittsburgh, PA

Thank you Allen Jones, Port Arthur, TX for supplying these listings.

DESTINATION:MOONBASE ALPHA was shown on at least one Canadian TV station last month. What about it, Canadian members, did you see it? Reviews?

Fan Clubs

FAN FUND (c/o Mary Bloemker/5 Lamson St/E Boston, MA 02128) Help raise the money to allow a deserving fan (chosen by ballot) to attend Con '80. Everyone benefits from the Fund: lots of great sale items (scripts, gum cards, more) and ad space available in their publication. Send SASE for full details.

NDA-1 (Steve Wychorski/69 Heywood St/Worcester, MA 01604) The newsletter that concerns *SPACE:1999* & nuclear energy. Send SASE for more information.

NEW CHICAGO TRIBUNE (Darryl Riley/613 Garrard St/Covington, KY 41011) Primarily a *Buck Rogers* club; newsletters, member card, new and exciting! Send SASE for full details.

MARIETTE HARTLEY ASSOCIATION OF FANS (Paul Bens/2328½ Dixie Hwy/Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017) New club for the "Polaroid commercial lady", an excellent actress who has appeared in many SF programs. Send SASE for full details.

ALPHA NEWS SERVICE (160 W-Foster St/Melrose, MA 02176) #8--Landau/Bain issue now available; $1.00 ($1.50 overseas). 3-issue subscriptions $3.00 ($4.50 overseas. US funds only please.

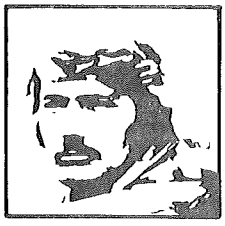
BRITISH NICK TATE CLUB (Eileen Skidmore/69 Francis Road/Acocks Green/Birmingham B27 6LT/England) The club with all the latest news about Nick; large newsletters and lots of extras. 2 IRC's for details.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAN CLUBS (2730 Baltimore Ave/Pueblo, CO 81003) Primarily for fan club presidents, though club members may also join. A great network for all areas of fandom. SASE for info.

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Want Ads

FROM THE ALLIANCE: 8x10 color photos of Landau & Tate at Con '78 still available ($3.50 ea. + 67¢ post/2 for $7.00 + 67¢ post)....Back issues of MC Vol. 1, except #3 ($3.00 + 80¢ post)....A few Con '78 Reports ($2.00 + 41¢ post)....1979 Calendars, excellent art suitable for framing (just 67¢ each!).

WANTED: Paperbacks: *The Mod Squad #2* and *The Psychomorph*-Warner Edition. Model kit of Moonbase Alpha. *SPACE:1999* Annuals and Issue #1 of Charlton *SPACE: 1999* magazines. Also model kits of: *Stingray*, *Fireball XL-5* and *Thunderbirds*. For information write Ms Elenore Claassen/ 1740-47 Ave SW/Calgary, Alberta T2T 2S2/ Canada

ATTENTION GREG STALNAKER: You're not going to believe this, but I lost your address again. George Eichler/1088 E 43rd St./Brooklyn, NY 11210. Write when you can. Going to Con '80?

WANTED: *SPACE:1999* items. I would like to buy any *SPACE:1999* items. I would especially like to have cassette tapes of "All That Glisters" and "Devil's Planet". Allen Osborne/455 E Woodrow/Columbus, OH 43207

MARVEL COMICS for sale. Over 4600 in stock at low prices. Send want lists to Charles A. White/1200 First National Building/Detroit, MI 48226.

BRITISH *Dr Who* BOOKS, photos, prints, slides from all years, cassette tapes of all adventures Season 1-11 and 16 to date; plus slides of *Buck Rogers*, *Battlestar: Galactica* and *Blakes Seven*. Write Robert A. Lia/27096 Esward Dr./Agoura, CA 91301.

WANTED: Any merchandise associated with *Return of the Saint*, Tony Anholt and Catherine Schell. Anyone interested in helping start a combination *Saint*, Anholt, Schell fan club? Paula Zack/84 Whipple Lane/Rochester, NY 14622

DEADLINE FOR ADS IN MC2/4 IS MARCH 10, 1980

New Fan Novel

I'll get right to the point--A SPACE:1999 TRILOGY is fan fiction for everyone's "must read" list. Written by Rose Marie Badgett and Paul Bens, the book (110 pages!) is beautifully illustrated by Ms Badgett. TRILOGY carries on the story of the Alphans as they find a new home--or do they? This novel comes across as a close-up look at Helena Russell in particular, but also shows new and interesting aspects of all the characters from both seasons. A limited number are in print, so we suggest you order soon. It's sure to be a great favorite . To order, send $5.00 (includes 1st class postage) check or M.O. to Rose Marie Badgett/1810 Garrard St/Covington, KY 41014.

Star Notes

ANTON PHILLIPS wrote from Holland to say he's currently there with a play; there's an excellent chance the play may come to NY this spring!.....PRENTIS HANCOCK spent New Year's in his homeland, Scotland.....We've learned via a British member that CATHERINE SCHELL is currently in France for a lengthy stay.....BARRY GRAY writes that he has found several more *SPACE:1999* first season scripts which he will donate to our Con '80 charity auction. Barry has been very generous to the Alliance and to the children. Thanks again, Barry!.....BARBARA BAIN was recently on a LA-TV program, sponsoring that city's Child Development Center for abused and holocaust children.

Very best wishes to HAZEL & NICK TATE on the birth of their first child. Thomas Tate was born November 10, 1979 and weighed 9lb/10oz.

WATCH FOR: *SPACE:1999* stars in the following *Return of the Saint* episodes: CATHERINE SCHELL in "The Imprudent Professor"; PRENTIS HANCOCK in "Collision Course" (catchy title!). Also, PETER BOWLES (Balor, "End of Eternity") in CBS's late night *AVENGERS* episode "Escape into Time". (Thank you, Steve Reder, Brookville, OH for the Watch For information.)

Con '80

CON '80 GUESTS

Some members have shown concern over Con '80 guests not being entirely from *1999* or other Anderson productions. A major reason for this important decision is the rising cost of overseas airfares. Last year, it was over $1000.00 for each guest, and con prices have never increased; in some cases tickets have been lowered for Con '80. (See MC#2/2 or enclosed ticket form.) Increased Alliance merchandise sales helped cover the cost of inflation last year, and hopefully will this year, especially since many new items have or will be offered this year.

Another factor in the decision is the current year's membership form question concerning which areas the Alliance should emphasize. The following tally of the five most wanted areas to date shows just how important each and every vote is when we ask for member input.

(1) GERRY ANDERSON PRODUCTIONS: 87 votes; (2) *BUCK ROGERS*: 73 votes; (3)*GALACTICA*: 72 votes; (4) GENERAL SCI FI: 67 votes; and (5) ALL WORKS OF *1999* STARS: 33 votes. Of course *1999* guests will be given priority at Con '80; we can't stress that enough. If you feel strongly about the appearance of guests from other series, drop us a note at Alliance headquarters. We need to know what YOU think. This goes for all aspects of our organization; we do need to hear from you with fresh ideas. The last few months have shown that everyone has something to contribute...don't stop now!

U.F.O. AT CON '80

Bob Caudill is planning a *U.F.O.* exhibit/slide show/trivia contest/film or videotape showing/fan club meeting at next summer's con. In order to be successful, Bob requests that trivia contestants pre-register, and he needs a minumum of 50 people to hold this event. If you'd like to participate, send $1.00 plus a SASE (in case of cancellation) to Bob Caudill/513 N 4th St./Flatwoods, KY 41139; phone (666) 836-1336. Also, anyone who would like to help with the *U.F.O.* project should contact Bob as soon as possible.

NON-ATTENDING MEMBERSHIPS VITAL

Did you ever stop to think how $7.00 can add up to an astounding amount? It can in the case of con tickets. The non-attending ones are vitally important because if, say only 400 people attend, but those 400 each persuade a friend or relative to purchase one NA ticket, the result is that two or possibly three more guests can be seen at the con, or heard from in post-con reports. And if more than 400 attend, the result is even bigger. So if you're planning to come to Con '80 and have a friend or relative also interested in *1999* or other series represented, give them ticket information. Or if you're a member reading this and know you can't make the trip but still want to help or receive a Con '80 program book and post-con report, remember what your $7.00 can do.

CON '81 SITE SURVEY

So far, we've received about 30 votes, including several write-ins. The response could be a lot better. Come one, this is your chance to get the con near you. Every vote counts!

NEWEST SCI FI FILMS Have you seen *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*? *The Black Hole*? Ursula K. LeGuin's *Lathe of Heaven* on PBS? Comments?

Battlestar: Galactica - Good News & Bad

The good news about *B:G* is that it's back in production as a 2-hour TV movie to be shown beginning January 27, finishing up the following Sunday. The title is "Galactica Discovers Earth". The bad news is that, except for Lorne Greene, the rest of the cast is not included. The original cast had said they would like to have returned, all except Dirk Benedict. ABC will not say if a TV series will follow, but according to one source it is doubtful...but you never can tell... The new cast includes Kent McCord, Barry Van Dyke (Dick's son) and Robyn Douglas. Glen Larson returns as producer. (Thanks to Linda Doris Reallis, New York, NY for supplying this information.)

Buck's a Hit!

We've received lots of comments on *Buck Rogers*, almost all favorable. One thing is very apparent--everyone sees something different in the series.

Gil Gerard is a terrific actor, and Erin Gray is a terrific actress. Lucky Buck is terrific in all aspects. Tim O'Connor (is) a very fine actor who adds much to the program, and Twiki and Dr. Theopolus add the serious and funny touches to the already super fantastic program. All 1999-ers should support this show. I suspect we'll be seeing a Buck *convention, soon.* Darryl Riley, Covington, KY.....*Gil Gerard was the perfect choice for Buck, because he has been able to make Buck come alive. I also like the way the women are thought of as equals, and are shown in responsible positions. Don't compare* Buck Rogers *to any other show--let it stand on its own merit. It's a good show!* Meta Campbell, Philadelphia, PA.....BUCK ROGERS *is very entertaining, and it is for this reason that I watch it.* Debbie Stoy, Sumter, SC.....*The program has a topnotch cast, excellent scripts and realistic special effects. While it's true that there are numerous touches of light humor in the scripts,* Rogers *is basically a serious, dramatic program.* Allen Jones, Port Arthur, TX.....*Although the stories are nothing special, they do show promise; especially "Plot to Kill a City".* Sandra Sprecker, Battleford, Saskatchewan.....*I enjoyed the original theatrical film and the early TV episodes, but the last couple of episodes were really poor. I hope the series can get back on the right track or it'll be cancelled after one season like* B:G *was.* Mike Kathke, Grand Forks, ND (Mike's letter was dated 12-13-79.) .....*I enjoy the show as I take it to be good pure humor--fun SF.* Karen Stanley, St. Louis, MO.....*I wrote my letter to Freddie Silverman. I wrote twice, as a matter of fact. He hasn't written back...not even a card. That's the thanks I get.* Alice Newsom, Warner Robins, GA (Let's all hope that Mr. Silverman is so swamped with letters that he can't even find his desk anymore!)

A Final Word

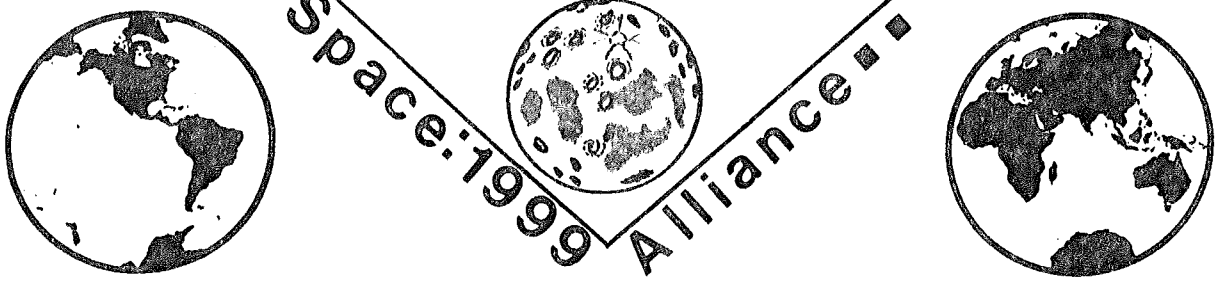
Last issue, we came on pretty strong about lack of fan participation. However, this issue proves that you do care and are willing to put forth that extra effort to keep *1999* alive. Sure, we've got some problems, but who hasn't? The important thing is that we all care about a very special television series, and we are now keeping it's ideals from fading away. Tell a friend: 1999 LIVES!

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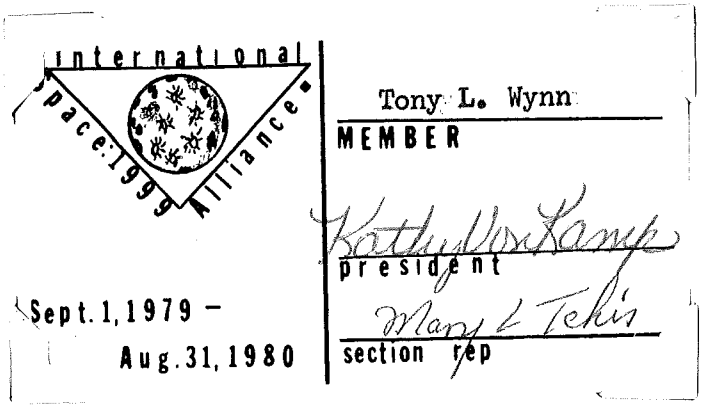
Welcome back to the Alliance. Here's your membership card. It's great to see the renewals coming in; plus we're still getting new members, too.

Kathy enclosed your letter to them. Since '77 the Alliance has been contacted by over 1000. Many of these are affiliated with other fan clubs (such as BNTC & MMA, like me). So far this year 340 members have renewed from last year. She didn't tell me #s on new members. This is about the same as this time last year.

Do you get channel 12 - KPTV in Eugene? I have been trying to get them to run '99 for 2½ yrs. I got a maybe. Perhaps if they got more mail? Channel 2 gave me a definate'no'- twice. I never got a reply from 6 or 8. L.A. has just got it back - maybe we can, too!

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Mary Tchir



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INTERNATIONAL SPACE:1999 ALLIANCE

Formerly the National Save:1999 Alliance and responsible for Con '78 in Columbus and Con '79 in Pittsburgh, the International Space:1999 Alliance is a non-profit fan service organization. In addition to promoting all Gerry Anderson productions, particularly Space:1999, we also pledge our support to all worth-while sci fi/ fantasy productions. Another very important function of the Alliance is to donate funds to "future" charities. We are proud to say that at the close of Con '79 our two year total donations to Children's Hospitals in Columbus and Pittsburgh amounted to $12,387.

The Alliance Board of Directors is made up of the President and six 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. Currently we have members in the U.S.A., Canada, Denmark, England, Japan, West Germany, Tasmania, and Australia.

MAIN COMPUTER

All members receive the bi-monthly Alliance newsletter, Main Computer. MC contains convention news, opinion polls, "action" addresses and general interest articles. Advertising space & rates are available upon request from the following address. Special rates for members. Write: International Space:1999 Alliance- Ad Dept./123 Fawn Valley Drive/McMurray, Pa. 15317

1999 CON '80

So far the IS:1999A(former NS:1999A) is the only group to hold successful Space:1999 cons. (See Starlog Magazine issues #18, #25). This year's convention, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, will have guest speakers, a costume party/contest, a star banquet, Art show/ contest and auction, fan writers meeting, fan club meetings and fantasy role playing games room. It will be held July 25-27.

Invitations will be sent to all Space:1999 stars and selected stars from Battlestar: Galactica, Buck Rogers and Dr. Who. Some previous guests have been: Martin Landau(John Koenig), Nick Tate (Alan Carter), Prentis Hancock(Paul Morrow), Anton Phillips(Bob Mathias) and Gerry Anderson.

The number of stars who will attend this year's convention will depend on their work schedules, the rising cost of airfares and especially on the number of people who attend. The greater the number of people who we know will be attnding in advance, the greater the number of guest stars we will be able to have.

NOTE: We have definite acceptance from Barry Gray and Prentis Hancock. We have tentative acceptance, if their work allows, from Martin Landau and Gil Gerard. Future acceptances will be listed in Main Computer.

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If you want further information about the Alliance, the convention, or about merchandise sold through the Alliance, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

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and state what info you want. Dealer inquiries welcomed.

*** ** *MEMBERSHIP* ** ***

NAME_____ ADDRESS_____
CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____ AGE_____(OPT)
PHONE(OPT)_____ OCCUPATION(OPT)_____

The Alliance year starts Sept. 1 and ends the following August 31. Yearly dues are: $3.00(U.S.),$4.00(Canada), and $5.00(overseas). Payment of full dues entitles you to all future and back issues of MC vol. 2. Dues of $1.50(U.S.), $2.00(Canada), and $2.50(overseas) entitles you to issues of MC vol. 2 starting with the April issue.

Dues pay for the bi-monthly newsletter(MC) through April, then monthly with con updates until the convention the last weekend in July. Membership cards are also included.

For those who do not wish to join the Alliance but who would like to attend the Con, send a SASE to the address above for information.

*** ** **CON '81 SURVEY** ** ***

We are taking a con site survey. Please participate by sending your first and second choices for the location of the 1981 Con to Alliance Headquarters. Write-in cities are acceptable. If no city has a clear majority, the city will be chosen by the Con committee.

Philadelphia, PA	Atlanta, GA	Jackson, MS	San Francisco, CA
Jacksonville, FL	Seattle, WA	Richmond, VA	Los Angeles, CA
Cincinnati, OH	Chicago, IL	Savannah, GA	Dallas, TX
St. Louis, MO	Buffalo, NY	Nashville, TN	Detroit, MI

**NOTE: Another '99' club- the Space:1999 Society- is currently using the old NS:1999A name along with its own. They are NOT the people who have worked under the name National Save:1999 Alliance for the past 2½ years and were NOT responsible for the success of the 1979 con held in Pittsburgh. They are a minority splinter group from the NS:1999A who formed a new club of their own.

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Below is the third 1999 photo listing for the International Space:1999 Alliance. Most are rarely published pictures. The complete sets will be available until Con '80. Any leftovers will be sold at the Con. Don't wait! Money raised by photos and future items will bring more 1999 guests to the Con. Please let us know if you prefer more (a) episode shots, and which ones, (b) special effects/ Eagles and alien ships/ Maya creatures, (c) posed close-ups, portraits or full shots of the main stars. All pictures 3½"x5".

POSED SHOTS

_____1. Maya in blue gown(Metamorph)
_____2. Tony aiming laser gun(Matter of Balance)
_____3. Tony and Maya looking at data in Command Center.
_____4. Close-up of Alan in Eagle
_____5. Profile shot of Mentor

SPECIAL EFFECTS FROM EPISODES

_____6. John hit by energy bolt from ball computer(AB Chrysalis)
_____7. Helena under yellow ring in Earthbound life suspension chamber.
_____8. John in burning Eagle pilot cabin
_____9. Eagle flying over Alpha with Black Sun in background

EPISODE SHOTS

_____10. John at desk with Main Mission, crew and Simmonds behind him
_____11. Close-up of Maya at Taybor Dinner
_____12. John(in silver space suit) & Helena (Brian the Brain)

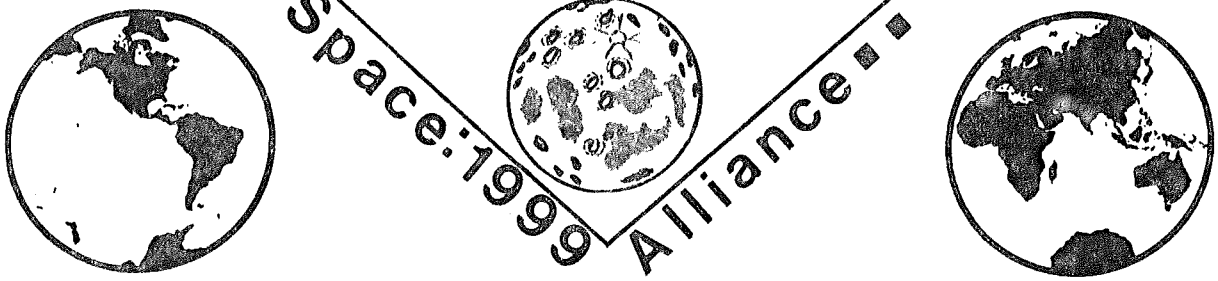
Prices are 80¢ apiece or all 12 for $8.50. Postage must be included in your order.
Postage scale: 1-9 pics/15¢, 10-12/28¢ U.S.// OVERSEAS 1-4/31¢, 5-9/62¢, 10-12/93¢

CONVENTION '80

QUANTITY		MEMBERSHIP	EACH	TOTAL
_____	3-day membership(s)	Limit 1500	$15.00	_____
_____	Non-member 3-day membership(s)		$16.50	_____
_____	3-day membership(s), 14-yrs and under		$7.00	_____
_____	1-day membership(s), 14 and under		$3.00	_____
_____	1-day membership(s)		$6.00	_____
_____	1-day membership(s), Non-member		$7.00	_____
_____	Family plan $25.00/3 days; $10.00/1 day (family of 4, children 14&under, one parent must attend)			_____
_____	Non-attending, supporting membership(s) (Con program book & post-con report)		$7.00	_____
_____	Star banquet. Limit 100.		$40.00	_____

If all tickets are sold before the con, there will be no sales at the door.
Hotel reservations should be made by you unless you use the Alliance rooming service;
The rooming service is at IS:1999A/1136 Neil Ave./Columbus Ohio 43201
Reservation checks payable to the Neil House/41 S. High St./Columbus Ohio 43215 (614) 221-5221
Be sure to mention the Alliance Con '80 when making reservations. Make membership checks payable to the International Space:1999 Alliance./86 First St./New London Ohio 44851.
Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for prompt receipt. Thank you.

NAME_____ADDRESS_____



2-22-80

Dear Tony:

Thanks for your letter. It was grand to hear from you. We can use all the help we can get.

I don't have the posters yet, they're coming from Ann Hester in Georgia. Will get some to you just as soon as they come.

I'm sending you 50 flyers. They're two pages - please staple the order form to the back of the Alliance flyer. Even if people don't join the Alliance, they may want to order pics - and every little will help toward plane fares for our guests.

Thanks for the check. Won't know how much till I go to mail these, but it should cover the posters, too.

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Mary

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