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Newsletter of the INTERNATIONAL SPACE:1999 ALLIANCE Volume 2 Number 7

From the Presidents

This issue marks the end of another Alliance year. The club and the cons have come a long way in three years. The road hasn't always been smooth, but the organization and *SPACE:1999* fandom remain strong. Like many other *1999* fan clubs, membership dropped off at the end of the '70's, but the potential for growth is still present. The rate of this growth, though, always depends on each fan.

The last two Alliance cons have been a rallying point for *SPACE:1999* fandom, and, for many, the only time to see reruns of cherished episodes. But don't forget, the Alliance is not all of *1999* fandom. There are several other clubs, some older than the Alliance, which will be present at the upcoming con.

We, along with all the Section Reps and the rest of the Con Committee, would like to thank all the members who have helped to make this third con and Alliance year possible. It couldn't have been done without everyone's continued support. A special thanks to all who are bringing others with you to the con or have persuaded friends to buy non-attending tickets. So far, the majority of tickets sold comes from current Alliance members. One Ohio member writes, "It didn't take much of a hard sell. All I had to do was tell them what a great time I had while there."

What will the con size be, and how many guests will be in attendance? As of this writing, June 15, there is a 50-50 chance of having guest stars in attendance. If we see no increase in ticket sales, Con '80 will be a very small affair with very few guests. One could be all the budget could afford. On the other hand, the potential is there to make this the best con ever! Almost the entire cast plus the Year One music composer want to attend. This could be a grand *1999* reunion for everyone! Anyone can be a part of it whether they attend or not. So far, only 200 con tickets have been sold and only 35 non-attending and banquet tickets have arrived here. For those who can't come, you can be just as much a part of this event by reading about the guest talks plus some surprises we plan to add to the non-attending package if response permits. Several issues ago it was stated how vital non-attending memberships are. About 150 of these pay the airfare for one British guest. 100 banquet tickets would pay for most of the hotel bill with most of the present con fund supplying airfare for the British guests slated to come.

Again, the potential is there and the entire Con Committee is willing to work even harder than in the past two cons. We will do all we can, but all existing *1999* activities, clubs, publications and cons can't exist without YOU. Don't ever lose sight of that special magic, hope and inspiration those episodes gave us. "Hope is better than despair. Creation IS better than destruction." Cmmdr. Koenig. "The future is the sum of all our yesterdays and todays. We are the architects of our tomorrows."

Kathy & John Von Kamp
Co-Presidents 1980, IS:1999A

MC Interviews the Georgia Delegation

When *MC* sent a list of interview questions to Georgia, what came back was a 90-minute tape complete with singing, strange stories, and assorted unusual comments from five people talking at once. This was not to be a normal interview!

The Georgia Delegation consists of Ann Hester (Besides Southern Section Rep duties, Ann looks after her husband and 9-year-old son, and works for the Air Force.), Ron Butler (Con '79's famous Alphan astronaut, Ron's an aeronautical engineer for the USAF.), Marilea Mercer Butler (Pursuing an acting career is Marilea's goal now that she's finished college. Best wishes to Marilea and Ron who were recently married.), *(to pg. 3)*

From the Editor

With this final issue of Volume 2, I am announcing my resignation as Editor of *MC*. My work load has become so demanding (Fawn Graphics is flourishing as is, I am very pleased to report, the Prentis Hancock Fanclub.) that I can't possibly give the time necessary to keep the quality of *MC* as high as the Alliance deserves. I am proud of *MC* and all your response and input this year. Together we've produced one of the best newsletters in fandom.

In parting, I want to leave you with a thought. We love a special television series. That series is immersed in great ideals: optimism, respect for others' opinions, unity, open-mindedness. We may all take what started as mere entertainment and merge it into everyday life to benefit everyone. My wish for you is that you will carry those ideals into all areas of your lives. The greatest gift of *SPACE:1999*--understanding--is there for all of us. Let's share it.

1999 LIVES!
Mare

Pros & Cons of "Other Stars"

Sheila Paulson (Des Moines, Iowa) recently wrote an excellent letter to *MC* concerning having "other stars" at *1999* cons. She states perfectly *MC*'s views on this subject and it is hoped that those who still oppose this policy will think about it again.

I wanted to comment on the fact that some people had reacted negatively to inviting guests to the con from programs other than SPACE:1999. *I came to the first con in 1978 for one reason only--because Dave Prowse was there. I'd always liked* SPACE:1999, *and it was the first con that made me a real fan; a con I wouldn't have come to were it not for Dave Prowse. I was delighted with the people I met. I made some very good friends that I write to still. I loved the attitude of the other fans. As to people from other shows being invited to Con '80, I think it's a good idea. I think that it's hard enough for SF to survive on television without the fans breaking down into individual little cliques and condemning all shows but their own.*

New Branch of IS:1999A

Recently, two Western Section members have taken the initiative to form a new Alliance branch. The NORTHWEST CONFERENCE is designed especially for members in northwestern U.S. Tony Wynn and Eric Stillwell have produced a newsletter for the Conference titled *SBACE:1999 Reconnaissance Newsletter*. The aims and purposes of the Conference are stated in the first issue.

Membership is open to any Alliance member. Western Section members receive free subscriptions though donations (monetary, literary, etc.) are welcomed. Members outside the Western Section may become contributing members with a $1.50 annual subscription fee to help cover printing costs.

For more information, send a large SASE to IS:1999A (NORTHWEST CONFERENCE)/c/o Tony L. Wynn, Chairman/1660 Lorane Hwy/Eugene, OR 97405.

NOTE: Other members interested in starting something similar, please contact your Section Rep or Alliance HQ after Con '80. Please enclose a SASE.

1999 Now Showing

We have reports that *SPACE:1999* is presently running regularly in the following cities and viewing areas: Jacksonville, Florida; Houston, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; Los Angeles, California; and Quebec. If *1999* is showing in other areas of the country, please drop us a note and let us know. Members will be particularly interested in hearing about successful write-in campaigns, so please keep us informed.

Just a few weeks until Con '80! Hurry, hurry, hurry! Don't miss it!

Help!

Two Alliance members have requested your help in returning *1999* to their areas. Daniel Murphy (60 Carriage Ln/Red Bluff, CA 96080) would appreciate your letters to: KHSL-TV/ PO Bx 489/Chico, CA 95927; KRCR-TV/PO Bx 7R/Redding, CA 96001; and KIXE-TV/PO Bx 9/Redding, CA 96001. Brett Carey (4114 Rellim Ave NW/Warren, OH 44483) wants help with: WJKW-TV8/5800 S Marginal Rd/Cleveland, OH 44103; and WUAB-TV/8443 Day Dr/Parma, OH 44124. As in previous requests, members out of the viewing areas should send their pre-stamped letters to Daniel or Brett to assure local postmarks. You might also request the two *1999* movies. Good luck!

If you aren't attending Con '80, have you sent in your vote for Con '81 site yet?

MC INTERVIEWS... *(continued from page 1)*

Juanita Cunningham (Now an art education graduate, Juanita's goal is to become rich and famous---if not famous, rich would be fine.), and Alice Newsom (Alias Kermit the Frog, Alice is a repro artist, would like to work in TV eventually.). Members Michael Wright and Clay Weaver weren't available to tape the interview.

This stronghold of *1999* fandom formed in a roundabout way. Ann met a lady in a book store and they decided to form a *Trek* club; Alice came to the first meeting and Marilea to the second. After meeting Mary Bloemker and Chuck Raue, they were drawn to *1999* fandom. Alice introduced Juanita and Michael to the group; Marilea brought Ron to a get-together. Ron's part in *1999* fandom almost didn't happen. When he first saw "Breakaway", he didn't like it at all and rejected the series as rediculous. Several years later, Ron met Marilea on a blind date; she told him about the Columbus con and he decided to go along. As luck would have it, Ron spent almost all of Con '78 locked in the film room running the projector for "Breakaway".

Gatherings of the Delegation are not formal meetings, but have evolved into friendly get-togethers. Perhaps what binds the group so firmly is not fandom so much as genuine friendship and sharing of many interests. Besides making costumes and writing their *Tunnel Times* newsletters, they go to movies, play pool, go bowling, or even have Sunday afternoon shopping cart races in parking lots. Asking about the most unusual thing they've done together brought several nominations. First was the time at the amusement park when the riverboat guide said, "We are going into dangerous territory; leave now if you are afraid!" Alice gave a bloodcurdling scream, jumped overboard and waded the 20 feet back to shore. Shortly afterwards, that line was taken out of the guide's script. Or there was the time Alice wore her frog suit to the *Muppet Movie*---it did get her free admission. Buying Ann a 7-foot 300-pound Coke machine and gift-wrapping it for Christmas was another notable event. But the winner of the "Weird Things We Have Done" Award is the 23½-hour non-stop trip to Pittsburgh for Con '79 when they knocked on the Fitzgerald door at 6am and said, "Hello, Mare, we're going to sleep on your floor." And they did.

Isolated *1999* fans may take some good advice from the group. Marilea suggests getting to know new people in SF departments in book stores or libraries. Ann believes that going to cons if possible is ideal, but writing to others (Many zines publish fan addresses.) can be just as beneficial. Most importantly, Ron's advice is that you keep an open mind, don't limit yourself to one subject, but expand your interests and you'll certainly find others to share your ideas.

The group's latest project is the musical *What's It All About, Alpha?*, which will be performed at Con '80. *WIAAA?* is a comedy (They hope!) featuring most of the regular Alphans. Alice and Ann wrote the script, though everyone contributed to the song lyrics. Some of you may have heard of Alice's previous play, *I Remember Adama*.

The Georgia group is one of many around the country that is keeping the spirit of *1999* alive and flourishing. The key to success for this type of fan group is active involvement and lots of imagination. This is where the future of the Alliance lies.

MC wishes to thank the Georgia Delegation for doing this interview. Member comments and/or nominations for future interviews (or any member may submit an interview he/she has conducted for consideration) are welcome.

Want Ads

WANTED: People to join our group in organizing a skit for Con. Please contact Stacie Moose/905 Maurine Dr/Columbus, OH 43228

SEND FOR 3-PG CATALOG of Gerry Anderson-related material to Jim Main/121 Railroad St/Milford, CT 06776 ([203] 354-3406). Items available such as *SP:1999* Yr 1 oversize full color publicity brochure ($50.00) or set of 8 *Thunderbirds* color postcards ($5.00), postpaid. Won't last, write NOW. SASE please.

FOR SALE: SF, war magazines, comics, models, paperbacks; limited stock. WANTED: Posters, photos, stickers, paperbacks, patches, records, dolls, club addresses, annuals, promo items of *1999, 2001, U.F.O., Monty Python, Goodies, Reginald Perrin, Fawlty Towers, Logan's Run*; cloth reproduction of British Union Jack, good quality, 40-60"x 60-80". SASE not necessary; descriptions/price list, request for sales list to Don Palermo/Bx 8222 NTSU/Denton, TX 76203. Also interested in correspondence with fans of above-mentioned programs, films; *Dragon's Domain* (*1999*); bands Heart, Queen, ABBA.

WANTED: *1999* Yr 2 soundtrack and/or cassette tapes. Send info & prices to Randy Curtenius/PO Bx 11/Richland, MI 49083

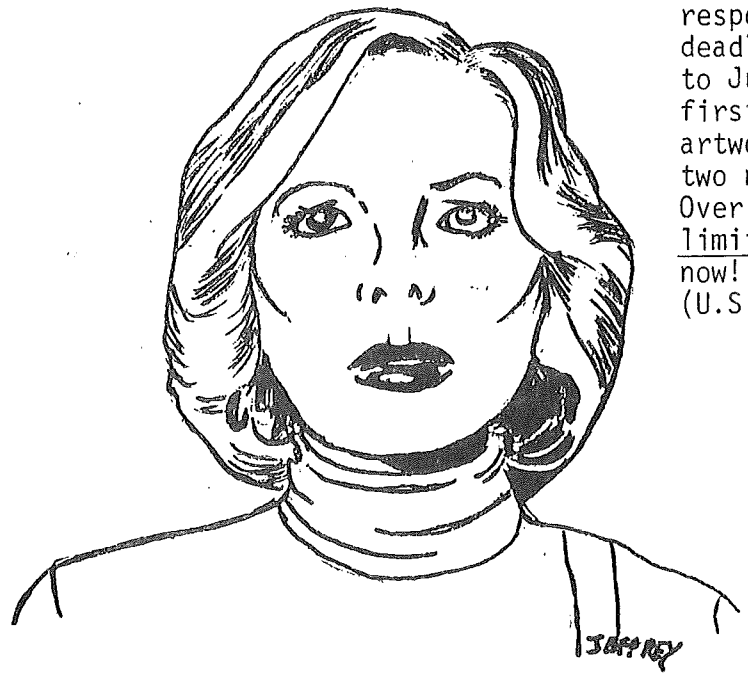
ANY PRICE PAID for Mint Condition James Bond Soundtracks. Cover + album. Send name of album & price to Bill Coble/401 W Gilbreath St/Graham, NC 27253

FOR SALE: *SP:1999* game. $5.00+$2.00 postage. Write Eric Stillwell/1151 W 27th Pl/Eugene, OR 97405

FOR SALE: BUBBLEGUM CARD SETS (See *MC*2/6 for full listing plus these current additions and changes): *CE3K* (only w/stickers $7.50), *Star Wars* #1 (w/stickers $7.50), *B:G* (w/stickers $16, w/o stickers $12--132 cards, 22 stickers), *Alien* (w/stickers $15, w/o stickers $12.50), *Empire Strikes* (132 cards + 33 stickers $20), *Trek* '76 TV series set (w/stickers $18), all postpaid. Slide sets still available plus *Time After Time* (45 dupes $15). Chuck Raue/804 Rowell St/Mobile, AL 36606

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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE IN VOLUME 3

New 1999 Fan Novel



DOUBLE EPISODES.....Have you reserved your copy yet? Due to the great fan response to the original ad in MC5, the deadline for ordering has been extended to July. This will allow for a larger first printing. The book features the artwork of Jeffrey Smith, illustrating two new 1999 stories by Bonnie Yoman. Over 100 pages of text. This will be a limited printing, so don't wait---order now! Send $5.00 in check or money order (U.S. funds) to:

Bonnie Yoman,
174 E. Madison
Petersburg, MI 49270

CONVENTION '80 UPDATE 4

SPACE:1999 CONVENTION '80 * JULY 25-27, 1980 * COLUMBUS, OHIO

FINAL CON GUEST LIST:

AS OF JUNE 25, THE CON '80 GUEST LIST IS AS FOLLOWS: PRENTIS HANCOCK, NICK TATE, BARRY GRAY, ANTON PHILLIPS, CLIFTON JONES, TONY ANHOLT, MARTIN LANDAU, GIL "BUCK ROGERS" GERARD AND DAVE "DARTH VADER" PROWSE ALL WISH TO ATTEND, WORK SCHEDULES PERMITTING. WE HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED NOTES FROM ZIENIA MERTON AND GERRY ANDERSON WHO HAVE HAD TO CANCEL THEIR PREVIOUS ACCEPTANCES. ZIENIA HAS SEVERAL COMMITMENTS WHICH SHE CANNOT BREAK, BUT SENDS "MY BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE." GERRY WILL BE IN THE FAR EAST AT THE TIME OF THE CON; HE SENDS "MY PERSONAL REGARDS TO ALL AND I CERTAINLY WISH ALL THE CON-NERS EVERY SUCCESS."

WE CANNOT STRESS STRONGLY ENOUGH: THE FINAL GUEST LIST WILL BE DETERMINED ENTIRELY BY THE NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS SOLD ON JULY 15. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND PLEASE SEND FOR YOUR TICKET IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, WE URGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE BY TAKING A NON-ATTENDING SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP. HELP 1999 LIVE!

NEIL HOUSE HOTEL (41 High St/Columbus 43215; phone 614-221-5221 or toll free 800-848-1973, in Ohio toll free 800-282-1958) Room rates: single $32; dbl/twin $38; triple $43; quad $48. Send SASE to HQ for hotel reservation card; if not using a hotel reservation card, BE SURE TO STATE YOU WILL BE THERE FOR THE IS:1999A CON.

CON ROOMING SERVICE This is an Alliance service only, not part of the hotel's general reservation service. Use this service only if you need others to share a room with (see Update 2 for more details).

WE NEED INFO Be sure and send names and addresses for all others whose tickets you are ordering. Prepared badges will speed up registration.

DEADLINE Deadline for tickets or any mail pertaining to the con must be postmarked by July 19 in order to reach HQ in time (US & Canada). Overseas mail must be sent in by July 12.

SASE's Unless you enclose a SASE with your ticket order you will not receive a receipt until you register at con. If non-attending supporting memberships are sent in without a SASE, no receipt will be mailed. SASE's must be legal size.

KINGS ISLAND Anyone meeting the Southern Con-voy at King's Island, Wednesday, July 23, must have their own transportation from Cincinnati to Columbus unless previous arrangements have been made with Ann Hester.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS Anyone bringing D&D or other fantasy games to con should contact HQ or check in at the registration desk. The Alliance takes no responsibility for loss or damage to games.

COLUMBUS "RALLY IN THE ALLEY" & LOONEY RUNS We need volunteers in costume to pass out con flyers and/or join in one or more looney run. Contact Tod Ellsworth/3691 Sheridan Rd/Portsmouth, OH 45662 for full details or to register.

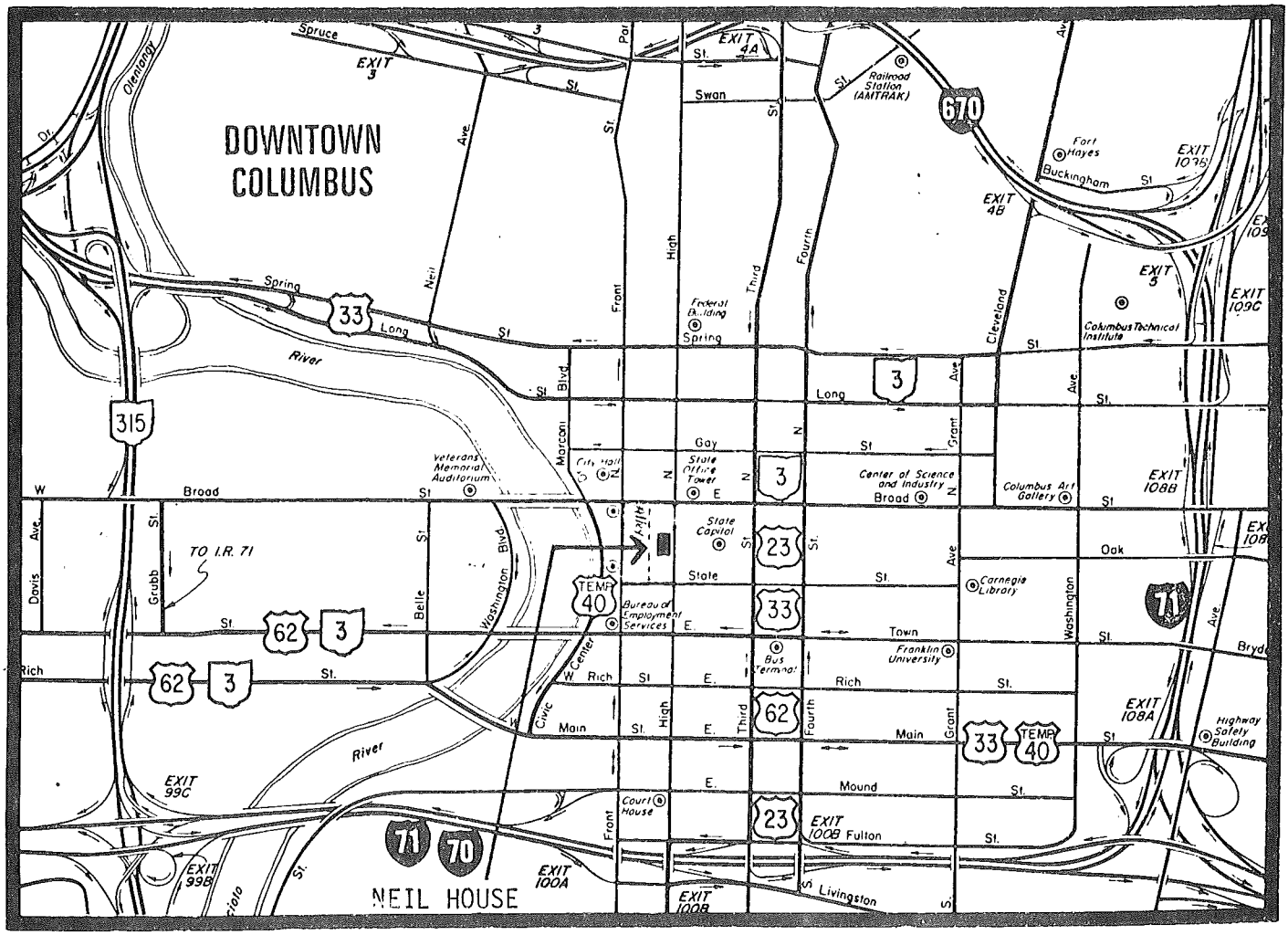
CHARITY AUCTION Lots of great collectibles this year including scripts, promotional brochures from *U.F.O.* and *Captain Scarlett*, *1999* Yr I promo film trailer. See Update 2 for our new auction procedures.

AMATEUR FILM COMPETITION Pre-registration through HQ only. Send film info with $2.00 entry fee per film and a SASE by July 18. Late entries may sign up at con registration desk.

ART SHOW/AUCTION & COSTUME COMPETITION These events must be pre-registered. To enter artwork, send a SASE to Marty Siegrist/1200 Pulaski St/Lansing, MI 48910. To register for the costume competition, send a SASE to Alice Newsom/130 Chris Dr/Warner Robins, GA 31093.

CHECKLIST Before you start out for the con, check and be sure you've packed everything. Comfortable walking shoes, camera & film, recorder & tapes, travelers' checks &/or checkbook with proper identification, an extra suitcase if you plan to buy a lot, an extra key chain for your hotel key, special photos to be autographed, leave the hotel number at home in case of emergencies plus a list of your expected departure/arrival times, and a whole lot of spirit! Have a very safe trip...we can't wait to see you again.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS PARKING for the Neil House is available in the parking lot under the Capitol building or behind the Neil House. No parking is permitted in front of the hotel on High Street. FROM THE NORTH: I-71S, get off at Broad Street Exit, right on Broad, left on Third (State Capitol building will be on your right), enter Capitol parking lot on Third or go on and right on State to enter Capitol lot; to park behind hotel, continue on State, right on Front, Right on Broad, ½ block to alley turn right to entrance of Neil House parking lot.....FROM THE EAST: I-70W to Fourth Street Exit, Fourth to State, left on State and proceed as from the North.....FROM THE WEST: I-70E to Exit 100A, left on Front, right on Broad, ½ block to alley turn right to entrance of Neil House parking lot; or to park at Capitol lot, proceed on Broad to Capitol parking entrance..... FROM THE SOUTH: I-71N to entersection with I-70E and proceed as from the West. NOTE: Overnight parking is free for one car per room for guests staying at the hotel. FROM BUS TERMINAL: the terminal is within 2 blocks of the hotel. FROM AIRPORT: Limo and Taxi service are available from the airport to the hotel; distance is about 8 miles. Hourly bus service is also available from the hotel to the airport; bus stops at hotel 10 minutes past every hour from 7:10am to 7:10pm. One way trip takes 30 minutes.



Fan Clubs & Publications

PRENTIS HANCOCK FANCLUB MEMBERS--we'll have an informal 'members only' meeting with Prentis at Con. 123 Fawn Valley Dr/McMurray, PA 15317

FORCE OF LAUGH/Alpha Humor Book available at Con '80. Non-attending send SASE for price, etc. after Con. 123 Fawn Valley Dr/McMurray, PA 15317

AB CHRYSALIS premier issue ready for mailing; 2 orig stories, orig art, Landau bio/photo section, *Alien Attack*. $1 ($1.50 o/s) year sub $5 ($8 o/s). 1801 Hereford Ln/Cary, NC 27511

NATIONAL SP:1999 MERCHANDISE LIST & FAN CLUB: Complete *1999* Merchandise List, notes on *1999* personnel & instruments, 6-pt *1999* story. Notes on SF movies; notes on SF TV shows & movies & more! $6 per sub bi-monthly US & Canada; o/s $10. NS:1999ML&FC (c/o Leonard Hamby)/3021 Ave I #F15/Brooklyn, NY 11210.

LODESTAR, an all-fiction fanzine printing material on any SF series, movie or book. Issue #1--111 pgs $5.68. Orders & submissions being accepted for #2. Write Gail Zehner/889 Maple Ln/Meadville, PA 16335.

ALPHA NEWS SERVICE #11: Advance orders now being accepted. Mailing on Aug 15, ANS#11 will include a 16-pg, 2-pt supplement on Con '80. New from ANS, ANS-NEWSBRAKE #3, *1999* cons, Star Blazers in the US. 5¢ + SASE in US, 5¢ + 25¢ post in Canada, not avail o/s; or w/3-issue sub to ANS @$3.00 US/Can, $4.50 o/s. ANS/160 W Foster St/Melrose, MA 02176.

ATTENTION BRITISH NICK TATE CLUB MEMBERS! Meet Eileen Skidmore & Phyl Proctor at Con '80. Phyl & Eileen will conduct the BNTC meeting--don't miss it!

HELP 1999 LIVE---
SUPPORT FAN FICTION & CLUBS

FIRST ANNUAL FAN AWARD Mary Bloemker reports that so far the voting has been very disappointing for this first award ballot. Surely each of you could take just a moment to send in your vote (see *MC*2/5 for nominees). If more votes are not received, this will be a meaningless award...please PARTICIPATE and make a positive statement. Send your vote to FAN AWARD/5 Lamson St/E Boston, MA 02128. Do it now!

Star Notes

PRENTIS HANCOCK has just completed filming ITC's horror film, *The Monster Club*, along with RICHARD "Lee Russell" JOHNSON and ANTHONY "War Games" VALENTINE.....MARTIN LANDAU has completed filming on Greydon Clark's SF suspense film *The Warning*. A mid-1981 release is planned.

Darth Vader at Con '80

Dave Prowse, the tall man inside the Beta Cloud monster costume, and now the most popular movie villain, will join other available guests (see update) for all three days of Con '80. Come meet this intriguing man and find out what it was like doing *The Empire Strikes Back* or doing a *1999* episode. Or read about it in the post-con report through a non-attending con membership.

Notes

CANADIAN MEMBERS having *U.F.O.* on Super 8: please contact Jim Main/121 Railroad St/New Milford, CT 06776.

CON RIDE AVAILABLE Joyce Whitmill/919 Park Ave/Anderson, IN 46012 has room for 2 people in her car to Con '80. Will stop on I-70E between Anderson and Columbus if need be. Contact her ASAP for arrangements.

SEPT. 13, 1980 the moon will be in the same phase as it will be on Sept. 13, 1999.

PHOTO ORDERS There has been a delay with our photo processor. All orders will be filled when the photos arrive, hopefully before con, with oldest orders being filled first.

Have you heard about the new hand puppet based on *The Empire Strikes Back*? It's called a ToyYoda.

Members Speak

ALIEN ATTACK "INTERESTING"

Alien Attack lasted 2 hours 20 minutes. The movie begins with an overall explanation of the origin and dual purposes of Moonbase Alpha and states that it is 2100AD. The International Lunar Finance Commission figures largely in the "Breakaway" part; they question Koenig's merit as a new commander and worry more about getting the Meta ship off than about the happenings at the Waste Dump. Koenig's transmission of Alpha Code One sets the stage for the explosively tense and tramatic ending of "Breakaway". From this point, the film focuses on Alpha and the approaching of what they think is Meta. "War Games" proceeds without impedence. All in all, it was an interesting evening's trip back to Year One and especially this new ILFC footage which should keep us all talking next month in Columbus. *Doug Pelton (Mississauga, Ontario)*

EMPIRE FIRST CLASS

The Empire Strikes Back is a work of art not soon to be forgotten. *Shimane Oderkirk (Omaha, NE)*

I had to get up at 4am on a Sunday morning, drive 350 miles with three friends, got lost in New Orleans, had to wait in line to pay $4.50 (!), and felt it was worth every bit of the effort put forth to see it. Much superior to *Star Wars*. *Chuck Raue (Mobile, AL)*

The Empire Strikes Back is a masterwork. The best part was the return of Obi-wan Kenobi and his further explanation of "The Force". *Amy Kisil (Cleveland, OH)*

Note: The 800 number listed last issue for *Empire* news was disconnected at the beginning of June.

MC has had another highly successful year. Remember, this is your newsletter so please keep contributing your comments and ideas. Volume 3 Number 1 is scheduled for early Fall. At that time you'll receive a membership renewal notice. Do not send any dues payments until you receive that notice. All *MC* business correspondence should now be directed to Alliance HQ (address below).

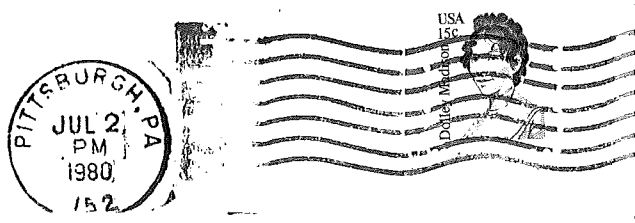
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