MAIN COMPUTER

Newsletter of the INTERNATIONAL SPACE:1999 ALLIANCE Volume3 Number2

Convention '81

There has been an important change made in the plans for Convention '81 in Atlanta. It was originally scheduled for a weekend in July, but that date conflicted with another fannish event (a Comic and Fantasy Fair) being held in Atlanta over the same weekend. It was decided that our convention should be rescheduled rather than conflict with another similar, long-established event, so Con '81 will now be held on *AUGUST 7-9, 1981.*

Ticket prices will be $12.00 through February 1st, $15.00 through May 31st, and $18.00 thereafter and at the door (those waiting until after July 31st to send in their money should wait and get their memberships at the door to avoid possible confusion and delays in the mail). Those prices are for adult 3-day memberships. Youths 14 and under pay $8.00 for a 3-day membership. Family memberships are available again this year, for $30.00. Families of up to four persons (one or two adults and two or three youths 15 and under) can enjoy three days of convention fun for this special price. One-day memberships are also available. Adults cost $6.00, youths 14 and under cost $3.00, and families cost $12.00. (When sending in advance for one-day memberships, please state which day you'll be attending.) Nonattending, supporting memberships, for those who are unable to join us in Atlanta but still want to be part of the convention (and supporting memberships are very important), are $7.00.

THE HOTEL--Sheraton Inn--Atlanta Airport
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East Point, Georgia 30344

Phone: (404) 768-6660
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*There are plenty of inexpensive eating places within walking and/or short driving distance. Some of them are open 24 hours.
*The hotel itself has several international fast-food booths (hotdogs and hamburgers at the American booth, pizzas at the Italian one, and so on).
*There are refrigerators in the suites. Some refrigerators are also available to be placed in rooms, or you can bring your own in.
*Plenty of free outdoor parking is available.
*The hotel is close to several interstate highways, an important consideration for those who plan to drive to the con.

ROOM RATES--(con rates only)

$30/night for a single;
$36/night for a double, triple or quad;
$100/night for a one-bedroom suite;
$125/night for a two-bedroom suite;
$6/night for a crib or rollaway bed
(no extra charge for an extra person in the room)
Under 18, stay free with parents.
Checkout time is at noon.

FOR HOTEL RESERVATION CARDS--send a large SASE to Alliance HQ, or to Ron and Marilea Butler, Castaways Apt. C-11, Leisure Lake Rd., Warner Robins, GA 31093.

NEED SOMEONE TO SHARE A ROOM AND COSTS?--The Alliance will once again offer a rooming service if there is adequate response. Contact Alliance HQ and we will try to match you up with a suitable roommate. Send your name, age, sex, address and phone number.

A FEW NOTES ON THE AIRPORT--

*Free shuttle service to the hotel, which is five minutes away. Free courtesy phones at the airport for arrival and departure times of the shuttle.

*A new airport annex has just been completed. Color coded directions help travelers find their way. There are also telephones specially designed for the handicapped.

*A special underground train connects the old and new terminals. (The new terminal was featured in a report on *GOOD MORNING AMERICA* last September.)

Watch for more details and maps in upcoming issues of MAIN COMPUTER.

CON GUESTS

Whom would you like to see or read about at the Alliance's fourth convention next August? According to the opinion poll taken in *MAIN COMPUTER* over a year ago, Gerry Anderson productions were first preference, with *BATTLESTAR GALACTICA* and *BUCK ROGERS* following in that order, as the areas members thought the Alliance should emphasize. (Please keep in mind that the presidents and con committee are <u>not</u> miracle workers, and it's impossible to please everyone. We do our best....)

Among the proposals already in are Ed Bishop or Michael Billington from *UFO* and Jane Seymour from *SOMEWHERE IN TIME*. Of course, space is always saved for Gerry Anderson and the Landaus, pending their availability. Other *1999* cast and crew that have never attended are also being considered. How about some of the authors of your favorite episodes? Johnny Byrne, for example.

Please get your suggestions and requests in to either your section rep or the Alliance HQ by February 1, 1981.

DIALOGUE QUIZ

Sharpen up your memory, get out your *1999* paperbacks, cassettes or video tapes, because we've got a contest here. The winner will receive a free 3½x5 color *1999* photo from current supplies (a list of available pictures will be provided to the winner). Below is a quote from an episode of *SPACE:1999*. All you have to do is tell us which episode the quote is from, and who said it. Since this is a pretty easy one, we're going to complicate it by declaring as winner the <u>third</u> correct answer received here at Alliance HQ. The quote:

"It's better to live as your own man than as a fool in someone else's dream."

The contest ends on January 15, 1981. (Please let us know if you'd like to see these "Dialogue Quizzes" continue in future issues.)

REMINISCIN'. . .

About one thousand "Beverly Hills Brooklynites" gathered last September in the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel for the first California Alumni Reunion of James Madison High School. Among the alumni there was Martin Landau, from the class of '46. One of his classmates was reported to have apologized to Martin for having called him a creep in high school. "He was a brain," she explained, "and all brains were creeps." Mr. Landau's comments on the reunion: "This is something nice. We all come from the same place, a couple of square hunks of concrete."

(from the NEW YORK TIMES, 10-1-80, supplied by S.H. Hall, Providence, RI)

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STAR SCANNING

....BARRY MORSE is in *THE HOUNDS OF NOTRE DAME*, in current release in Canada. He also appeared in *A TALE OF TWO CITIES*, along with PETER CUSHING (Raan in "The Missing Link"). MORSE was filming *THE BELLS* in August....PRENTIS HANCOCK'S film *THE MONSTER CLUB* will be released next spring. No word yet from ITC whether it will be released here in the U.S., but they have shown the film at several film festivals in Europe this fall. PRENTIS is also appearing in a six-part *DR. WHO*, called "Ribos Operation". And watch for both PRENTIS and NICK TATE in *DANGER: UXB* on the PBS network beginning in January, 1981.... MALCOLM MCDOWELL and MARY STEENBURGEN, who were so popular in *TIME AFTER TIME*, were married in New York on Sept. 29, 1980....*BUCK ROGERS* will begin its new season on Jan. 9 (Friday) at 8:00pm. NBC has changed the series name, dropping off the "in the 25th Century". The new time slot may displease some fans, as Lucky Buck will now be on opposite *THE INCREDIBLE HULK*....Good news for NICK TATE fans: *LICENSED TO LOVE AND KILL*, starring NICK TATE and GARETH HUNT, is being released in the U.S. The bad news? The distributors in their infinite wisdom have seen fit to retitle it *THE MAN FROM S.E.X.* for American distribution....Upcoming release *WITHOUT WARNING* features four actors who frequently play "the bad guy": Jack Palance, Neville Brand, Cameron Mitchell and MARTIN LANDAU. Producer-director Greydon Clark says that in this film they're not all villains; it's up to us to try to figure out who the bad guys are as we watch. The film is a thriller about aliens from space who invade Earth looking for a midnight snack (have we heard this one before?)....*SPOTTED:* FREDDIE JONES (Dr. Logan in "Journey to Where") in *THE ELEPHANT MAN*....BRIAN BLESSED (Dr. Cabot Rowland in "Death's Other Dominion" and Mentor in "The Metamorph") as Voltan in the new release *FLASH GORDON*....JILL TOWNSEND (Sahala in "Dorzak") in *THE AWAKENING*....ROY MARSDEN (Alien Transport in "Rules of Luton" and Krail in "Devil's Planet") in an episode of *TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED*....BILLIE WHITELAW (Zomara in "One Moment of Humanity") in the Dan Curtis production of *DR. JEKYL AND MR. HYDE*, also as Madame DeFarge in *A TALE OF TWO CITIES* on CBS.....

(many thanks to the members who supplied this information: MARE FITZGERALD, McMurray, PA; LINDA MCCAULEY, Ephrata, PA; CHARLENE SCOTT, Mobile, AL; MARY TCHIR, Portland, Oregon.)

THE *ALPHIES?*

For those members who did not receive a copy of the Con '80 program book, here are the results from our first SF awards ballots.

Best SF film: *STAR TREK--THE MOTION PICTURE*
Best Horror film: *ALIEN*
Worst SF film: *THE BLACK HOLE*
Best film actor: Malcolm McDowell for *TIME AFTER TIME*
Best film actress: Sigourney Weaver for *ALIEN*
Best film script: *TIME AFTER TIME* by Nicholas Meyer
Best film special effects: *STAR TREK--THE MOTION PICTURE*
Best film score: Jerry Goldsmith, for *STAR TREK--THE MOTION PICTURE*
Best TV series segment/movie: "War of the Gods"/*BATTLESTAR GALACTICA*
Best TV series segment/movie script: Glen Larson, for "War of the Gods"
Best TV actor: Gil Gerard, for *BUCK ROGERS*
Best TV actress: Erin Gray, for *BUCK ROGERS*
Best TV special effects: "War of the Gods"

Nominations for the Second Annual Alliance SF Awards will be taken after January 1, 1981. Categories will remain the same. You may nominate only one item for each category. Nominations will be taken until February 15, 1981. Ballots for the Awards will be included in *MC* vol. 3 no. 4.

FANDERSON '81

A special convention to honor Gerry Anderson in his own country is fast approaching. It will take place March 27-29, 1981 in Leeds, England. Pamela Barnes and the Fanderson '81 committee feel (as do we at Alliance HQ) that Mr. Anderson has not received the recognition from the media that he so richly deserves. They hope that this convention will go a small way toward righting that wrong.

Of course, the expense of traveling to England limits the possibility of attendance by U.S. and Canadian members, but there are other ways in which those interested can participate:

*Supporting membership to the con costs $7.50 until December 31, 1980, then 50% more thereafter. Supporting members receive progress reports, a convention badge, and entry into one of two free raffles (one for attending members, one for non-attending);

*Participation in the art competition. The deadline for postal entries is February 28, 1981. The entry form is available at the Alliance HQ for a SASE;

*Entrance into the short story competition. The deadline is December 31, 1980. Winning entries will be printed in the program or the convention magazine (depending on length). Other rules and information available from Alliance HQ with a legal size SASE. (This is short notice on which to start a story, but for many who have stories already written and/or published, this is a chance to let British fans see your work.);

*Send auction material. Value must be £5.00 or over; those valued under that amount may be sold on the committee table.

Registration forms and other information (such as ad rates for the progress reports and program book) are available with a large SASE from the Alliance. Attending rate is $15.00 (£6.00 U.K.) until December 31, 1980. Send bank cheques, postal international orders (these can take up to a month to arrive), or dollar drafts made out to Fanderson '81. Send to Pamela Barnes (Chairman and Treasurer), 88A Thornton Ave., Chiswick, London, W4-1QQ, ENGLAND. Note: It's best to send money in British currency and airmail. When writing for more information, send SAE and two International Reply Coupons.

From our readers

A few comments from members about the conventions and other topics:

"We want you to know that we thought the last con was FANTASTIC, and we didn't want to leave on Sunday. I thought it very well organized, everyone was friendly, access to the stars for conversations was fairly easy to obtain, and I want to commend all of those involved with making the con a success. Here's to next year! See ya for sure in Atlanta (I haven't missed a con yet)." --Linda Nault

"My comments on Con '80: Wish it could have lasted just one more day. For Con '81: Let's have more of the same. No complaints at all about the location. Think Christopher Lee could join us this time?" --Mare Fitzgerald, Mc Murray, PA

"Unfortunately, even though I am close to two major cities, San Francisco and Sacramento, I still cannot receive SPACE:1999, that is, not yet. I've already begun my letter-writing campaign to all the television stations in the area. If there is another member who also lives in this area, I would certainly appreciate some help with the letter-writing, as there are an awful lot of TV stations around here." --Janice L. Gearing, Travis AFB, CA

"Don't you think it's about time for some Alpha Technical Notebook supplements? The Alliance could support a letter campaign...." --Mark Robertson, Baton Rouge, LA

HE ASKED FOR IT

In the most recent issue of *Starlog* magazine, Gerry Anderson says he is interested in hearing whether fans preferred Year One or Year Two of *Space:1999*. This seems like a golden opportunity for Alliance members to speak out and make their opinions known. Those wishing to do so should write to Mr. Anderson c/o Dave Hirsch, *Starlog* Magazine, O'Quinn Studios, Inc., 475 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016.

Also, in issue #42 (Jan. '81), *Starlog* will be running Gerry Anderson's reply to comments about *Space:1999* made in the interview of Freddie Freiburger which appeared in issue #40. (This should be interesting!)

Alliance Notes

New members (those who joined after the '78-'79 Alliance year) should be aware that a copy of the updated by-laws of the Alliance is available with a legal size SASE from Alliance headquarters. These by-laws can be helpful, as they give descriptions of the posts within the Alliance, and state the basic structure of the Alliance and its goals.

The Alliance photo and merchandise list (except for Christmas cards, of course) is still valid for this issue. All past photo lists are also still available. Send a large SASE to Alliance HQ for additional copies of the lists.

Post-Con '80 reports have been sent out. If you haven't received your order yet, please contact Alliance HQ.

Also, as you may have heard, the Post Office is planning to switch to nine-digit zip codes sometime in the near future. When that occurs, all Alliance members should notify us as to what their new zip code is so as to avoid delays and confusion in all future correspondence.

Looking for a special place to keep all those back and future issues of *MC*? Now available are red plastic notebook binders with "MAIN COMPUTER--newsletter of the International Space:1999 Alliance" imprinted on the cover. These binders are light-weight and stain resistant, with steel rings and a 200-page capacity. $5.50 covers cost and postage. (We must have at least twelve orders; otherwise, all orders received will be refunded.)

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GALLIFREYAN IRREGULARS is a Los Angeles based *Dr. Who* club. For info, write: Gallifreyan Irregulars, 3326 Stoner Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066.

PRENTIS HANCOCK FANCLUB. Rare photos of Prentis now for sale. Join the club, share new ideas. Member NAFC and FCA. SASE to 123 Fawn Valley Dr., McMurray, PA 15317.

POST-CON '80 REPORTS now available, with 17 pages of transcripts and photos on the front cover. To order, send $3.50 plus 41¢ postage to the International SPACE:1999 Alliance, 86 First St., New London, OH 44851.

AB CHRYSALIS: Issue #3 now ready for mailing. with Con '80, *Destination: Moonbase Alpha* article and photos, Catherine Schell bio, and photo section. Each issue has original stories, rare photos, quality artwork, star news and more! Single issue $1.25 (overseas $1.75), subscriptions $6.25 (overseas $9.25). Jeff Booker, 1801 Hereford Ln, Cary, NC 27511.

FOR SALE: 16mm *Space:1999* trailer, 13 min., $35. Pressbooks for *Big Red One* and *Corvette Summer*, $4 each (includes postage). Marty Siegrist, 1200 Pulaski, Lansing, MI 48910

The following items are being sold to raise money for Piri Press and to fund its projects. 10% of the money taken in will be used to create a fund to bring Jane Seymour (Serina in *BATTLESTAR GALACTICA* and Elise McKenna in *SOMEWHERE IN TIME*) to Con '81.

Original slide sets: *BATTLESTAR GALACTICA*--45/$12.00; *TIME AFTER TIME*--25/$8.00; *BUCK ROGERS*--60/$16.00; *MUPPET MOVIE*--40/$10.00; *MOONRAKER*--75/$22.50; *DARK STAR*--40/$8.75; *LOGAN'S RUN*--60/$15.00; *ROBINSON CRUSOE ON MARS*--60/$16.50; *STAR WARS*--25/$7.50; *WIZARDS*--40/$15.50; *WATERSHIP DOWN*--35/$10.00; *ALIEN*--10/$3.00; *CAPRICORN ONE*--40/$11.00; *LOVE AT FIRST BITE*--35/$8.50; and *2001*--40/$16.00.

Original one-sheet movie posters: *BATTLE BEYOND THE STARS, CAPRICORN ONE, WATERSHIP DOWN,* $6.50 each; *SUPERMAN--THE MOVIE, CLASH OF THE TITANS* (advance), *CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND--SPECIAL EDITION,* $7.50 each; *LORD OF THE RINGS, WIZARDS,* $8.50 each; *TIME AFTER TIME, MOONRAKER,* $9.00 each; *STAR TREK--TMP, ALIEN,* $10.00 each; *TERROR TRAIN,* $5.50; *STARCRASH,* $5.75; *THE HOWLING* (advance), $6.75; *SPY WHO LOVED ME,* $7.00; *BATTLESTAR GALACTICA,* $13.00; *MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN,* $14.00; *EMPIRE STRIKES BACK* (advance) $20.00, (style B) $15.00.

Bubble gum card sets (card set only/card set with stickers): *ALIEN* $7.50/$12.00; *MOONRAKER* $6.50/$9.50; *STAR TREK--TMP* $8.00/$11.00; *BLACK HOLE* $7.00/$10.50; *CLOSE ENCOUNTERS--SPECIAL EDITION* $5.00/$6.00; *BUCK ROGERS* $8.50/$12.50; *EMPIRE STRIKES BACK* set one $9.50/$16.00, set two $9.50/$15.00; *SPACE:1999* $6.00.

Script copies (bound photocopies of scripts): "Saga of a Star World" (3-hour *BATTLESTAR* pilot)--$20.00; "Mark of Archanon" (script with 3 sets of line amendments) --$15.00. The following scripts are $10.00 each: "War of the Gods" part one, "War of the Gods" part two, "Baltar's Escape", "Young Warriors" and "Murder on the Rising Star" from *BSG*; "Return of the Dorcons", "The Mutiny", "Dorzak", "Rules of Luton" and "The AB Chrysalis" from *1999*; "Stargate", "Half-Life", "Turnabout" and "Carrousel" from *LOGAN'S RUN*.

Lobby card sets (eight different 8x10 color scenes from each film): *EMPIRE STRIKES BACK* $19.00; *METEOR* $6.50; *SUPERMAN* $7.50; *STAR TREK--TMP* $9.50.

Odds and ends: Pressbook for *STAR WARS,* $5.00; hardcover English editions of "Rogue Planet", "Alien Seed", $15.00 each; English edition paperback "Astral Quest", $5.00; 1979 100-dollar gold piece from Belize (proof condition), $85.00; 35mm film trailer from *METEOR,* $20.00; 1966 silver Canadian mint set, $27.00.

Add $1.00 for postage to all orders. Please send a SASE along with your order so you can be notified of the processing of your order, or for the return of your money in the event something is sold out. Money orders are the preferred method of payment; 10 days will be allowed for checks to clear before the order will be filled.

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The Nov.-Dec. issue of the "Reconnaissance" newsletter includes fiction and a bio of Dr. Helena Russell. Free to all members of the Western Section, heads of sections, presidents, editors, etc. Members outside of the Western section can get it for $1.50/year or 40¢ for one issue. Western Section/Northwest Conference, Tony L. Wynn, 1660 Loranne Hwy, Eugene, Oregon 97405.

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CATACOMB ECHOES: another new *1999* fanzine is in the works. CATACOMB ECHOES is due out for a Sept. '81 release. There will be four trial issues; Sept. '81, Jan., May and Sept. '82. If the trial issues succeed, CATACOMB ECHOES will continue. If anyone has ideas or would like to help, please contact: Mark Robertson, 9421 Sagefield Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70811. Please don't send any contributions yet. Thanks!!

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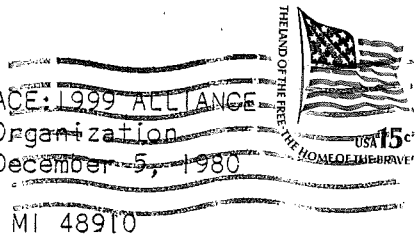
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1-15-81

Dear Tony:

Hi! How're you doing? Haven't heard in awhile.

Got the last newsletter and have a new name for you:

Janet Walker
1538, S.E. 28th. Ct;
Troutdale, OR 97060.

We have several new members, one in Eugene, but haven't yet got their permission to give out addresses. Janet is a friend and just joined the Alliance. Will be mailing member lists in about three months- like to get as many names as poss on before I mail it out.

By the by- in referance to your suggestion- Barbara Bain is ALWAYS invited, as is Martin. He at least replies, but she never does. Wish she would, we'd love to have her. And him again, too! I'm no Koenig fan but I did like meeting Martin.

If you have any questions or problems or problems, please let me know. I'm always happy to help.

'99 Lives!

Mary T.

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