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Second 5 YEARS SOME CHANGES

At this year's convention in Springfield we will celebrate the 5th year of the Alliance's existence. The first 5 years have been wonderful. We have found so many new friends and have had so much fun at our annual conventions, that it is hard to remember what it was like before the Alliance. Along with the fun, however, comes a lot of hard work. After three years, we felt we would like to have a little more time for ourselves and after asking around we finally found someone ~~crazy enough~~ to take over being president. Growth comes through change and we hope that the Alliance will continue to grow during the next 5 years. Kathy and I will remain editors of Main Computer and will handle all Alliance merchandising, but all renewals and general correspondence should go to your new president ******** ROSE M. BADGETT ********

We're sure you are all familiar with her name. Her art appears in many 1999 fanzine stories and she has co-authored works such as Space:1999 Trilogy and Blutsauger. She has attended all the conventions and has been in close contact with all the presidents except Jeff Jones in 1978. She has been a staff ~~slave~~ volunteer at most of the conventions and there have been many times when we don't know what we would have done without her. We know she will do a great job starting the next 5 years of the Alliance.

NOTE: For many of you, this is the last issue of Main Computer under your current membership (check for X next to your name on your address label). All renewals should be sent to Rose at the address below. For those whose memberships have not run out, don't worry. There are no changes in the way memberships are being handled at this time. When an X appears after your name on the address label you will then send your dues to Rose. If you fail to receive your MC, contact Rose and she will let us know. All questions of a general nature and requests for flyers or other info should all be sent to Rose at the following address:

The International Space:1999 Alliance
1810 Garrard St.
Covington, Ky 41014 USA

As stated, Kathy and I will continue to bring you Main Computer. We would like to thank all of you who have sent material for use in the past issues and we would like to encourage you to PLEASE continue to do so. We hope to be able to donate a little more time to MC and to bring you an even better MC in the future. Please let us know what you would like to see that is not in MC or what you particularly like that is in MC. Deadline for all entries in the MC (ads, stories, bios, etc.) will now be the 20th of the preceeding month. (example-20th of Sept. for the Oct. issue)

We will also continue to handle the merchandising aspects of the Alliance. The new arrangement should allow us to get your orders out faster. Checks and money orders will still be made out to: International Space:1999 Alliance and all MC articles, ads, ad money and merchandise payments should be sent to:

The International Space:1999 Alliance
86 First Street
New London, Oh 44851-1196 USA

We hope this new arrangement will allow us to serve you better but please feel free to write to us whenever the urge moves you. We don't want to lose contact with any of the many friends we have made in the past years.

CON '83
Another Time Another Place

Yes, it's true. We have already selected the site for next years con. We began to work on next years con shortly after the final decision was made on where to hold this year's con. We hope this will allow us to bring you bigger and better cons in the future. I know. "Where is it going to be held?!" Alright, hold on. The next convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rose Badgett will also be handling the convention ably assisted by Paul Bens, Darryl Riley, Linda Bowman and a multitude of others yet to be determined. (Any volunteers?) See future MC's for further information.

The Fifth Annual

International Space Convention Information

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GENERAL UPDATE # 5 FINALE

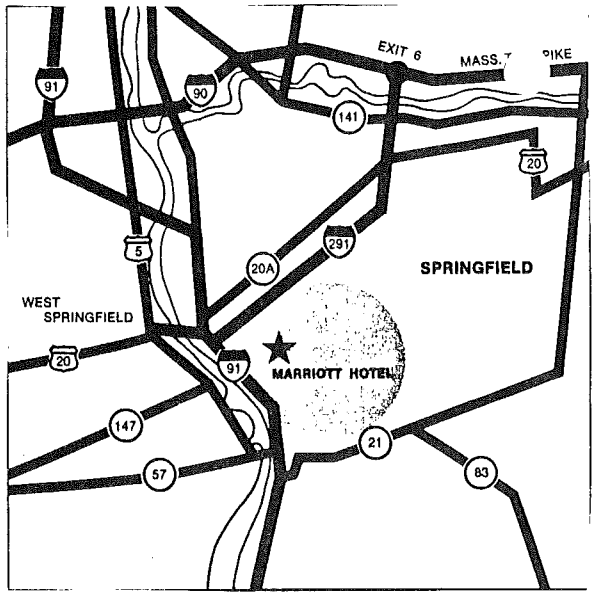
The Fifth Annual Space Convention--July 30--August 1, 1982--Marriott Hotel----Springfield Massachusetts

ADMISSION: The admission price now stands at $18.00 for adults, $10.00 for children under fourteen. Non-attending and supporting memberships remain at $10.00 each. Ticket sales have dropped off since the beginning of June. We still need many more new registrations for all scheduled events to remain intact. If you haven't signed up yet, do so today. If you already have, get a friend to join. All registrations must be in by two weeks before the convention. After July 19, register at the door. If you are making reservations for a group of people, remember to include all of their names in your letter.

GUESTS AND CON STATUS: At the time of this writing, we have received only about a third of our 100 person goal for June. Without many more registrations before the convention, we will have to cut one celebrity guest. Presently, our guests are Barry Morse, Sarah Douglas, Martin Bower, and Gray Morrow. The assurance that they will all be there is all up to you.

ACCOMODATIONS: When you arrive at the Marriott hotel, it is best to park on level C- Yellow. Once you are there, look for the signs directing you to the Marriott parking area. Sections of theparking garage are coded by color letter, and number. Write your code down when you park your car so that you may quickly locate your car when its time to leave. Inside the Marriott, you will be directed to the main desk.

TRANSPORTATION: Springfield is the largest city in the area, so you should have no trouble finding it. If you are traveling by air, simply take the hourly shuttle from Bradley International Airport("Hartford/ Springfield") directly to the Marriott. If you come by Amtrak, you'll disembark at the Lyman Street station. Go one block west to Main Street, take a left, go 3 blocks south, and you are there. When riding the bus, you disembark on Main Street, so just go 4 blocks south. If you are traveling by car from the West, you should take either I-90(toll) or I-80(non-toll). If you take I-90(Mass. Turnpike), you will take exit 6 onto route 291. Follow 291 to 91 and get off at I-91 south's Springfield Center exit.(# 7) If you are coming by the free roads (I-80 & 84), get off I-84 onto I-91. Take I-91 through Hartford (watch it, see last Main Computer) until you reach Springfield. Get off I-91 at exit 6. When you get off the highway, you will be on East Columbus Ave. At the bottom of the off ramp you will come to an intersection. You go through the intersection which takes a slight right jog. You will go between two buildings; the one on the right has a lot of stairs. You go about 1 block and you will see the Marriott parking sign on your right. When you come from the South(I-81-84-91 or I-95-91) get on I-91 and follow the same directions as coming from the west. If it helps, Baystate West, the building attached to the Marriott, is the tallest in the city and looks exactly like the symbol in the upper right hand corner of all General Updates.



CON SCHEDULE: An exact schedule of events will be distributed at the convention itself. The following is a brief description of the things to do at the con.

CELEBRITY BANQUET: There are still a few seats available at the banquet, but they must be reserved in advance. The price is $25. Banquet attendants will be the only people to visit Space City USA on Friday. Those of you who have already signed up will be happy to know that you will be allowed to take photographs in the exhibit on your special premiere tour.

SPACE CITY USA: We've recently hit upon some good luck in the form of a large collection of Gerry Anderson models from England. Among the new pieces will be many of the larger models from UFO and Space:1999. We have received word that a few of the models will be available for auction, so this is the last time they will be seen publicly. Look for our sneak preview ads around the newsletter.

FILMS AND EPISODES: The convention's continuous film show will feature, among other things, nearly all episodes of Space:1999, along with all of the Super Space Theatre films, popular science fiction films, and films featuring our celebrity guests. There will also be a few surprises waiting for you at our film room.

CHARITY AUCTION: Many new items have been donated to this year's auction. Original Space: 1999 scripts and models will be put on the block this year. Also up for grabs will be

Ultra Probe
joins
SPACE CITY USA

other film and television scripts, original Space:1999 production art, and lots of items from movies such as Dark Crystal, Star Trek II, Conan, Jaws II, The Island and E.T. . Lists of all auction items and the day they will be up for auction will be posted in many prominent places on the con floor.

FAN MEETINGS: All club meetings have been given space to meet on Friday afternoon. Star Trek and Space clubs will be meeting, as well as discussion groups and a fan writers meeting

NASA EXHIBITS: The Goddard Space Laboratory in Maryland has generously donated several science exhibits to the convention. The exhibits include a 1/15 scale Columbia space shuttle and displays on space colonization, the Voyager probes and "Planetary Views".

PRE-REGISTERED EVENTS: Both the Costume Competition and the Art Show must be pre-registered before the convention. All Amateur Film Contest materials must be sent through the mail. Art pieces may be brought with you to the con and costume entrants may register at the con until Saturday afternoon(deadline time to be posted at con). For those of you who liked the past four costume contests, "you ain't seen nothin' yet." See previous updates for the addresses to register for these events.

CON PROGRAM BOOK: This year's convention program book is something we're proud of. It will feature a two-color wrap-around cover by English artist Steve Kyte, blueprints for Gwent (which will be on display at Space City USA), and a ten page illustrated adaptation of the "Taybor".

NON-ATTENDING REGISTRATION: Supporting memberships are way down from last year and we can't figure out why. Besides getting a post-convention report book and the forementioned program book, you are helping a worthy cause. After production costs, all of your money is being donated to the Springfield Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. And if you need another incentive, its tax deductable.

CONVENTION ATTIRE: Casual dress is the house rule. If you feel comfortable in costume, please accomodate yourself. We encourage it. If you are attending the celebrity banquet, semi-formal or formal dress is requested.

CONVENTION STAFF: We thank those of you who have written offering your services. Those who have already written should meet with the Executive Officers on Thursday evening before the convention for your assignments. Priviledges will be extended to those of you who are helping out.

THINGS TO DO IN SPRINGFIELD: For those convention attendants who will have free time before or after the con, you might want to sightsee around Springfield. Within walking distance, one can find scenic Waterfront Park, the Downtown Marketplace, the Quadrangle museum complex, including the newly remodeled Science Museum, and the Seymour Planetarium. A ten minute drive will bring you to the Basketball Hall of Fame or to Ingleside Mall, one of the largest in the world, with several hundred stores, dozens of restaurants, and eight cinemas. Directions are available at the hotel.

FINALE: That should keep everybody on his or her toes for a month. If you have any further questions, please write to the convention headquarters in Springfield. If everything goes as planned, this should be the best convention yet.

SEE YOU IN SPRINGFIELD! CHRIS LANDRY

Two UFO
Interceptors
have joined
SPACE CITY
USA

INTO INFINITY's
Altares
joins
SPACE CITY
USA

CONVENTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations apply to all attendants, staff, and visitors of the Fifth Annual Space Convention:

1. Convention badges must be worn at all times on the convention floor. Anyone found on the floor not wearing a badge will be considered an intruder and will be expelled from the premesis. Lost badges may be replaced for a nominal fee.
2. There will be no smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages on the convention floor at any time.
3. There will be no unauthorized photographing, recording, or reproducing of any kind of film, or exhibit without prior consent.
4. Photographers must declare themselves at the time of registration. There will be no photographs taken in either the art show or the Space City USA exhibit without specific permission granted to the individual.
5. Portions of the con floor and the hotel labeled as Security areas are off limits to all con attendants.
6. The convention, its affiliates, and the hotel bear no responsibility for items lost or stolen or for personal injury incurred on the convention floor.
7. Any person displaying detrimental behavoir will be immediately expelled from the con without refund or readmission and will be expelled from the hotel if the situation dictates.
8. All weapons, real or artificial, must be kept holstered or in non-threatening positions at all times.
9. Any violation of the above rules will result in immediate expulsion from the convention and if necessary from the hotel.

Convention programs and scheduling are subject to change without notice.

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....SCANNING....

From Doug Pelton, Canada--Just saw ANTHONY VALENTINE (War Games alien) on an episode of Minder which stars Dennis Waterman and George Cole, as a card playing gambler. PETER BOWLES and JOAN COLLINS (Balor and Kara- End of Eternity and Mission of the Darians, respectively) in Neck, an episode of Ronald Dahl's Tales of the Unexpected anthology series. BARRY MORSE appeared in the Anglo-Canadian feature film, 1978, State of Shock, all about a coup staged in a repressive European country. He played the War College Professor who worked with Peter O'Toole and David Hemmings to do this. Roy Thinnes classic series, The Invaders, is back on up here. From Linda McCauley, Pennsylvania--FREDDIE JONES (Dr. Logan, Journey to Where) was in the CBS TV movie Eleanor, First Lady of the World. MARTIN LANDAU starred in the movie Alone in the Dark recently screened at Cannes. PAMELA HENSLEY(Princess Ardala, Buck Rogers) will star in the ABC series Matt Houston during the '82-'83 season. ERIN GRAY(Wilma Deering, Buck Rogers) will be in the new NBC series this fall entitled Silver Spoons. Revenge of the Jedi finished principal photography on May 21. Jeremy Kemp (Dr. Ernst Linden, Voyager's Return) is in the new British movie The Return of the Soldier which was previewed at Cannes. JUDSON SCOTT (the Phoenix) has a part in the new movie I, The Jury and also appears as Khan's right hand man in Star Trek, The Wrath of Khan. It is possible that The Phoenix may return next season as a mid-season replacement(eds. a few well directed letters might help). From Mary Tchir, Oregon--Ian McShane (Anton Zoref, 'Force of Life') as Ali Ben Yussouf in TV's 'Marco Polo'. From Geoff Tilley, Australia--CATHERINE SCHELL was in an episode of the Persuaders and made a brief appearance at the beginning of the movie "Gulliver's Travels" with Richard Harris. In the English comedy movie "Jabberwocky" DAVE PROWSE was the good knight and the Black knight and WILLOUGHBY GODDARD was the Eggman. DAVID JACKSON (alien Strong, Rules of Luton) was in the first series of the BBC TV show Blakes 7. SHANE RIMER (Kelly of Space Brain) is the voice of Scott Tracy in the Thunderbirds and he appeared in the English movie "Warlords of Atlantis" as Captain Daniels.

From Tony Wynn a review of Napoleon and Love show #6 starring Catherine Schell.---Catherine Schell stars as Countess Marie Walewska, a Polish patriot who Napoleon sees and falls in love with. At first she is hostile toward Napoleon, then is convinced by friends and fellow patriots to yield to his love for the sake of Poland- now under French domination. A dramatic and moving portrayal, Catherine again shows her talents as a superior actress. Ian Holm (Chariots of Fire) portrays Napoleon, in a moving docudrama that you won't want to miss. (Eds. Tony says the show will be aired at the con, you might want to look him up to see where its at.)

We're All Aliens Until We Get To Know One Another

CRAIG WHEELER / 9709 Garnish Dr. / Downey, Ca 90240

My name is Craig Wheeler. I just turned 18 and live in Downey California. I started to get involved in Science Fiction with Star Trek in the summer of 1976. I'd say, if it weren't for my good "cobber", Jennifer Morris, I'd have closed my mind to all science fiction except Star Trek. Because of Jennifer, I opened my mind to Space:1999, The Avengers, and even Dr. Who! Before I met Jennifer, I hated these shows so much. When I think about it , I can't believe I used to be like that. But now, six years later, Jennifer and I are still good friends and I, we, are all-out science fiction fans. As far as Gerry Anderson productions are concerned, I must say that I'm only hooked on two--Space:1999 and U.F.O. I have a lot of favorite actors, but I think the best is William Shatner. By the way, if anyone has a tricorder, I'd be more than happy to buy it from you.

HECTOR KING / 1304 South Cleveland / Albany, Georgia 31701

My name is Hector King and I live in the state of Georgia, in a city named Albany, which is not much of a city but's gettin' there! I was born in the same city, on August 30, 1968, which makes me 13 years old right now. Also, I'm in my last year of 8 years at a private Catholic school. I guess my love of science-fiction was born with me. I was acquainted with sci/fantasy-horror, when I first started watching TV. It didn't take much (when Star Wars came along) before I was serious about it. But it wasn't easy because although I was acquainted with sci-fi, Albany Wasn't. I was made fun of and I still am made fun of (That's why I'm dying to go home to Springfield. Ever since "Star Wars" I've been buying sci-fi books, records, models, mags, video tapes, etc. ... anything I could get! It was only at Con '81 that I became aware of theproducer of those fabulous movies: Thunderbirds, UFO-Invasion(My favorite) and Space:1999. Another thing your Alliance did for me was renew my memory of Space:1999. When it was on air, for some reason I hardly watched it, so of course, when the only reruns that were playing were Star Trek and Lost in Space, I forgot what it was about, except for 'Starlog magazines and view master reels which would give me an idea what I was watching if there was an Eagle in there somewhere. The series that really stuck in my mind since age 5 was UFO probably because it had a lot of action and I watched it every time I could. Besides TV, I love art, painting and drawing, and literature. I try to apply sci-fi to it also. (you might see one of my paintings in the Con) My favorite characters are Maya and Dr. Who. I would love to correspond with other fans of any and all ages. My latest project is putting together a 1999 scrapbook with pictures, articles, autographs and more to go in. I would appreciate any help such as pen pal addresses or pictures. By the way, I'll be at Con '82; the one with the two piece suit, black hair and glasses.... (Clark Kent?)

ELENORE CLAASSEN / 1740-47 Ave. SW / Calgary, Alberta / Canada T2T 2S2

My name is Elenore Claassen but I let all my pen pals and fandom call me Ellie. My age is 25 going on 26 by the time you read this. My birthday is on April 26, 1956. I am very single to say the least. My current job is as a dishwasher at a local restaurant called "Pardon My Garden". In a couple of years when I save up enough money I will go to a local college and take secretarial arts for two years. Besides being interested in sci-fi, I'm also a sports fan. The sports I follow closely are: football, basketball & hockey. I have season football tickets. My favorite sci-fi shows are Space:1999, Battlestar Galactica and Star Trek. I must say that Star Trek

got me interested in sci-fi. I don't remember what got me hooked on Space, maybe it was seeing the face of Tony Anholt on TV. I must admit that year two is my favorite year and my favorite stars are: Tony and Catherine. I really got interested in fandom of any kind about 5 years ago! Two years ago I started buying fanzines and I must say that I've read some pretty good stories. Other sci-fi I like are Star Wars saga and Buck Rogers. I'm also an avid sci-fi collector! I also do love writing to my many pen pals. I'm always welcoming new ones. Right I'm lucky enough to see Space, Trek and Galactica on TV these days. I'm having such a good time of it. I also love the Thunderbirds. Right now I'm trying to write some of my own sci-fi stories from my favorite shows. Space is on here on channel CBRT on Saturdays at 4:00 now showing year II episodes hopefully until Con time. I'm interested in obtaining the video tapes if they're VHS cassettes!

MANUEL RUI PEREIRA deCARVALHO / Rua Antonio da Nola, 17 / 2750-Cascais-Portugal

My name is Manuel Rui Pereira de Carvalho, to shorten it..... I was born on May 15, 1964, so I'll be 18 years old this year. I live in Cascais, a small town near the Portugese capital, Lisbon. I'm studying, and expect to work in the cinema. I adore Space:1999's two years, and they have been very important to my life and decisions. It's hard for me to pick a character and feel I'm not being unfair with the others, but the first that comes to mind are John Koenig and Maya. Few people of my age like SF here. I watch movies and TV, speak to two friends that share my interest, read books, Starlog, Alpha Quarterly and now, Main Computer. I also like music. That's about all. I also believe that we will see year three...and that the Alliance is a way to make it a reality.

Mentor's "PSYCHE" It's closer than you think !

Reprint of a letter from Kerry Keene in Alpha Quarterly

I wish to take a different reasoning (Eds. than that) presented by most SPACE:1999 fans. The Star Trek fan points out with pride the predictions for the future the series continuously puts forth. I think '1999 has also done the same thing, but with an eye toward the near future, within the next fifteen to twenty years, not the distant future Star Trek present, when all of us will be long dead. I, however, realize that some of Trek's predictions have come true, the medical devices for example.

But, SPACE has one real prediction that is so revolutionary, that I am really excited. That prediction is that of "living" computers. All a '1999 fan has to do is remember back to "The Metamorph" episode. Mentor's living computer may be just around the corner.

In an article, in Computerworld, a data processing trade paper, a futurist from Univac predicts "biochips" will be available by the late 1980's or early 1990's. When these bio-chips become available, it will be possible to place ions of circuits on these living chips. So, Psyche may be a reality very soon.

Some applications for this technology are: repairing the damaged spine of a crippled person, a chip in the brain which receives images from a portable TV camera, to partially restore sight, and a chip that monitors the heart and maintains the regular heartbeat.

Some other predictions from SPACE:1999 are: the Eagle shuttle. I feel that a craft of this type is well within our technology. The fusion reactor, used to power the Eagle, may be some years away, I don't know why a fission reactor, or even a chemical engine couldn't be used. Next, Moonbase Alpha itself. NASA is already considering a moonbase for mining the moon. The space station, which I think appeared in "Breakaway", will be with us within the next 10 to 20 years. A book by T.A. Heppenheimer entitled "Colonies in Space", 1977 by Warner Books, covers what may be on tap for the near future.

Thanks to Kerry for the information.

In the same vein a recent article in TV guide listed some items that are about to be marketed that could shortly(?) evolve into items seen on Space:1999.

---Several Japanese manufacturers are working on still cameras that use magnetic materials instead of film. The camera resembles a 35 mm SLR camera and stores up to 50 color snapshots on a magnetic disc, about the size of a Ritz cracker, inside the camera. The pictures can be played back through a special viewer attached to the TV set. Can a movie camera version be that far behind. Sounds like the Shakespeare disc Zamara put to her head in One Moment of Humanity.

An "information system for the wrist" is being developed by Seiko, the big Japanese watchmaker. It is known that the company has developed a tiny TV set using a liquid crystal display of the type employed in digital watches. This almost sounds like the wrist medical monitors from Journey to Where.

Beware of walking viewers when Sony introduces a tiny flat-screen portable TV set later this year. The new portable is smaller than a paperback book, weighs just over a pound and can be viewed on the walk, so to speak. The secret is a new 2 inch picture tube whose stem is parallel to the viewing surface instead of at right angles and operates $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours on four AA batteries. We have seen small portable TV's that can operate on batteries and on electric current about the same size as a commlock. If they could be made to transmit as well as receive in the near future, commlocks could well be in our grasp.

DATE to DATE

NOTE: THE CALENDAR MONTHS AND DAYS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME IN 1982 AS THEY WILL BE IN THE YEAR 1999!

DESTINY By Becky Eisenhuth

"I can't believe it's you." Koenig said, staring into those brown, murky eyes, "You're alive!"
Jean smiled in bewilderment, "Why do you keep saying that? I know I'm alive, darling." The couple stared at one another for a long while then Jeannie reached into the wicker pic-nic basket pulling out sandwiches and drin It never happened, John thought. At least it never happened for her. She was alive, sitting in front of him as smiling and beautiful as ever. While he watched her the thought came to him that he just might be dreaming.... but no. There was no dream that could be this vivid and colorful. Silently, John reached forward and touched her chin, to feel its softness against his fingers. As if to answer his gentle touch, the woman smiled, "When I return from Switzerland, we'll have to start that family we've been planning on."

All color drained from Koenig's face and his voice was shaky whenhe said, "Switzerland?" No wonder all this had seemed so familiar.....

"Yes, I told you that I'm going to have to work over there for a few weeks. But you know, I was thinking..." she laid the basket between them, "...why don't you take a couple of weeks off and join me. I'm sure Space Commision wouldn't mind. It could be that long awaited vacation you've been asking for. Simmonds owes you a favor...."

As Jean continued to speak John realized that he was reliving that part of his life he dreaded the mast, even than the moon's sudden and cruel departure from Earth. He was being retold that his wife was going to the place of her death. In fear and some agitation Koenig suddenly leaped forward, "Don't go to Switzerland!" -- "What?"-- "PLEASE, don't leave the states. Stay here." "John, I can't do that! I've been ordered to go there. It's my job. Besides, it's only for three weeks and if you can join me...."

"Jeannie, if you love me you'll stay right here where I can keep an eye on you." -- "John, you're being unreasonable." -- He was confusing her, he could tell. Jean was staring at him as if she were looking at a rabid animal. "Jean, were right in the middle of a war. It's a small battle but it can escalate into something awful and I want you here with me incase anything goes wrong."

"John,that's the point of this trip. I have to go to Switzerland to discuss their diplomacy with the United States. We aren't involved now but we have to have other countries on our side in case of an attack. I go there just as the Swiss come here. It's simple basic diplomacy." then she smiled, "You have nothing to worry about or I wouldn't suggest a vacation there."

Koenig clenched his fists. How was he going to explain the inevitable to her? How was he to explain that the Soviets were going to launch a vicious surprize attack against Switzerland and its surrounding areas? In less than a week and a half, a full scale predjudice war (or WW3 as some called it) would be in full force. Jean, the Swiss and anyone else there will be destroyed when the second of ten nuclear weapons finds its target.

Suddenly, Jean's bright curious expression began to spread out of focus. Her features blurred and Koenig found himself spinning down a spiral well to land in the same mist he had walked in when he first arrived in Earth's past. He walked cautiously, unable to see where his feet would fall. A strong, deep male voice called out to him, "John Koenig." Koenig whirled around to face the sound. "There is no need to be frightened. I am a peaceful being and I am here to offer you a proposition." -- "A proposition?" Koenig echoed, "Where am I?" -- "That is irrelevant." the voice called out, "I have given you a glance at your past for a purpose. You are in a position to change yours and Moonbase Alpha's future. All you have to do is make a choice."..... .....

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• ALPHA MART •

This will be short since we're so close to con. There will be a much larger one in the first issue of next year's newsletter (Oct.).

INTERNATIONAL SPACE:1999 ALLIANCE PATCH-- These patches are 3 3/8 inch diameter 4 color (red,gold,black,lt. blue) patches. These will be the official Alliance patches. The cost is $4.50 per patch (postage included)

NUMBER OF PATCHES DESIRED _____ X $4.50 per patch = _____

★ News from our supplier is that we should get them in the second week in July.

SPACE:1999 CALENDAR----- These twelve month calendars begin with July 1982 and end with June 1983. Each month has listings of important events in Space:1999 history and birthdates for each character and for some of the actors and actresses. Also included are birthdates and anniversaries for some 1999'ers from the club. The page facing the weekdays consists of 1 - 5 x 7 and 8 smaller pictures (black and white). Each month features a different member of the cast or a alien visitor or space craft. The cost is $5.50 (Postage included) P.S.-- The center of the calendar opens to show 2 B & W 8 x 10 pics but you'll have to buy one to find out what they are.

NUMBER OF CALENDARS DESIRED_____ X $5.50 per calendar =_____

NAME_____ ADDRESS_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____

UFO's
Sky One
has joined
SPACE CITY
USA

ads

AD RATES: Line space (members) first 20 words free, each additional 12 words/40¢ Non-member/dealers 12 words/$2.00
Full page (10 x 13)-$30 ½ page (10 x 6½ horiz.)-$15 ¼ page-$7.50

NEW ZINE: Lunavisions is coming! This new Space:1999 zine will have about 50 pages of fiction, poetry, and art. I need 50 orders to justify printing costs. To order, please send $3.00 (US/Can) or $5.50 (Overseas) in U.S. funds to Denise Miller / P.O. Box 1615 / Tullahoma, Tn 37388. Cost includes postage.

WANTED: Information on getting taped episodes of Space:1999 for Canadian residents- will buy, trade or blackmail for them! Please send help to Sandra Sprecker / Box 111 / Battleford, Sask. / S0M 0E0 Canada

ROOMMATE WANTED? If anyone is interested in sharing a room at the con to cut expenses, contact Keith D. Tennant / 139½ E. Water St. / Chillicothe, Oh 45601

FICTION WANTED! Alpha Quarterly wants your original or "based on" fiction, preferably "SPACE:1999". If you have no fear of editorial rejection and/or can take constructive criticism (just a little!), send a S.A.S.E. for guidelines to ALPHA QUARTERLY / P.O. Box 11123 / Cleveland, Oh 44111. Help make Space:1999 live!

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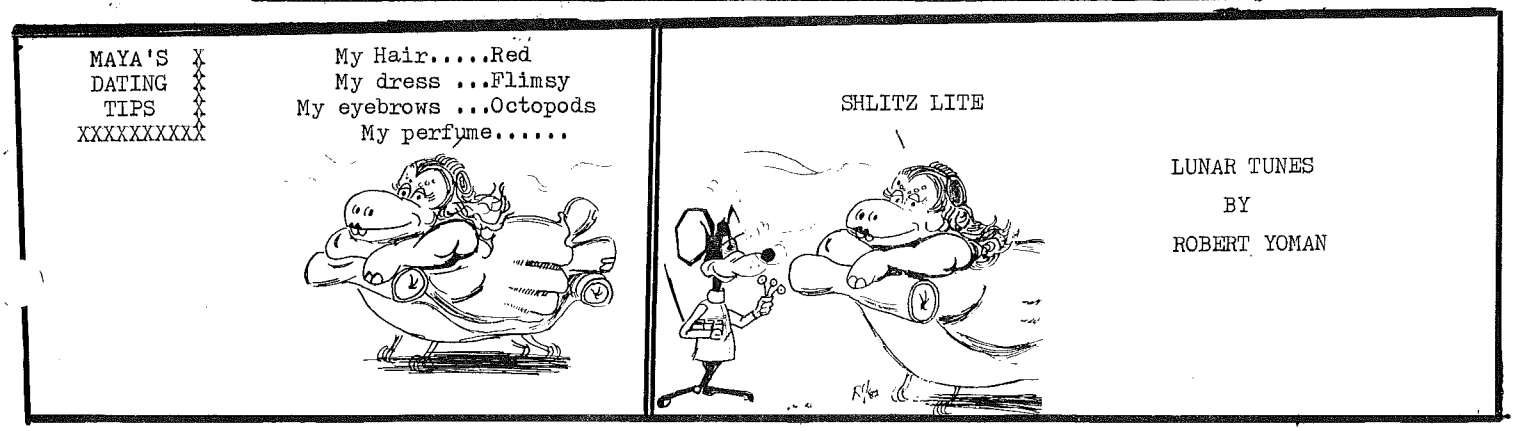
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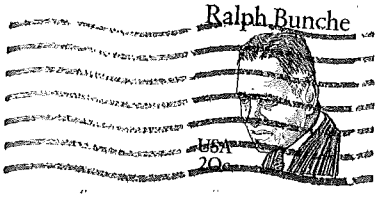
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IT'S TIME TO PAY DUES FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Hello Everyone, Sept. 6, 1982

By now you all know that Rose Badgett has officially (Sept. 1) assumed the position of President of the Alliance. Before the new year can begin, however, all old business must be completed. Since this is a little early and a trifle sma to be the October newsletter, you have probably guessed that there is a problem which requires your help and understanding and also requires quick action and response.

The problem concerns this year's convention. Even though I checked on the con finances with Chris Landry several times before the con, in his efforts to make this year's 5th Anniversary Convention an extra special event for all of us, Chris underestimated the size of the hotel bill. This was the first 1999 con he had ever been involved in running and speaking from 4 years of experience, I know how easy it is to let little things get away from you. It is these little last minute things that can loom awfully large if you are not extremely careful. I'm sure that Chris is well aware of that now.

The problem now is that even after using all of the charity auction money ($1500) , $500 of Alliance funds made at con , and all the remaining convention money ($300), the convention is still $2300 in debt to the Marriott hotel. Chris did not notify me until late in August of the problem . By then it was too late to do anything to meet the original due date of August 31. At this time I am negotiating with the hotel to try to reduce the bill to some extent, but I feel I will not be able to reduce the fee by any appreciable amount. What I have been able to arrange is an extension of the time necessary to pay the bill without any interest added on if the payments meet the following schedule: Immediately----$2000 from the charity auction and Alliance funds and $300 from the convention funds. This was paid the first week in September.

By Sept. 9 ---- $300 To come from Chris and convention executive staff
By Sept. 16 --- $300 Also to come from Chris and convention executive staff
By Sept. 30 --- $300 To be generated
By Oct. 15 --- $700 "
By Oct. 30 --- $700 "

I'll explain a little further on why it is important that we assist in paying this bill and keep to the negotiated schedule. Before proceeding I would like to state that this is not a request to help Chris Landry out of a problem that was his responsibility, but is for the sake of the Alliance and future conventions.

At this time I would like to ask you all to do the Alliance a big favor. I would like to ask each of you to contribute $3.00 toward paying the hotel bill. It is necessary to have as much of this donation as possible by Sept. 30 in order to meet the payment schedule. Although the money will in all probibility be used to keep the Alliance from going out of existence, we would not ask you for an outright gift. Kathy and I will keep track of all persons who make donations. After consulting with Rose, it was decided that everyone who makes a donation will have the option of reducing next years renewal by $3 (any and all Alliance memberships after Jan. 1,1983) or receiving $3 worth of free merchandise from the items we have advertised or will advertise this next year in Main Computer. Requests for merchandi should be sent to our merchandise address in New London. (Old Alliance headquarters)

This will generate only part of the money we need. At the end of this letter is another auction list. This auction will be handled the same as the previous auction (see instructions at the beginning of the list). I must also request that all bids here (by phone or mail) by Saturday Oct. 2, 1982 and that you all list a complete phone number where you can be reached. On Oct. 4 we will call each winner. (Over seas and Canada at our own expense.) If you are a winner, we ask that you send your payment as soon as possible after you are called because we will need the money to make the Oct. 15th payment.

The Alliance needs your support in both these endeavors for two very important reasons. Our convention credit record to date has been excellent and I'm sure it will be in the future but to have a future we must insure that all this year's bills are paid. At our past conventions, the bulk of the presale ticket money is normally used to pay celebrity airfares. The remaining presale ticket money combined with at the door ticket receipts, banquet money, and money from other sources such as video games is used to pay the hotel bill and other expenses. As long as our credit rating remains good, the hotels will accept final payment in the month after the convention. If our rating does not remain strong, hotels may demand payment in advance for the convention floor space. Under the present system, this means the presale ticket money would go to pay the hotel bill and there would be little or no money left for celebrity airfares. The only options would be to hold conventions without celebrity guests every other year and hope to generate enough money in the off years to have guests the next year or charge alot more for the tickets so we would have enough money to cover both bills. I feel these are undesireable solutions and are unnecessary if we make sure the convention operates within its budget as it has in the previous 4 years. In the past two years Kathy and I have tried to transfer control of the conventions to the con committees. Our present situation seems to indicate that it is better if convention money and control of the convention reside with the president with advice and consent coming from the section reps and others who have been instrumental in running the previuos conventions. This would appear to be the best idea no matter what city the con is held in, but only the future will tell.

The other reason we are asking your help in paying the bill involves more than just the con. If the present Marriott payment schedule is not met, the bill will be turned over to the hotel lawyers for collection and the remaining balance will immediately be due. The responsibility for this balance will undoubtedly shift to the Alliance and we will have to use all our remaining money in an attempt (we have only enough for 1/3 of the current bill) to pay the bill. This would mean the end of the Alliance and Rose would have to start all over again with a new club name , a new organization, and no funds to do it. (We had hoped to turn the Alliance over to Rose in really good shape.) There would be no funds to print MC or create new merchandise and any money which might come in could be legally attached by the hotel to pay the bill. In this case it would be easier to give the hotel all existing funds, dissolve the Alliance, and try to start over with a new club name, new officers, new dues and try to es ish a new credit record.

I do not wish to paint to gloomy a picture, but I can not stress strongly enough how serious the situation is. We need all your help and understanding. I am sorry if our choice of con site and director has led to this situation. We had hoped that all the interest in 1999 in the convention area would result in one of the most financially successful cons instead of the current status. With Rosie as new president I hope it will be possible to justify your faith in the Alliance in the coming years. See you all again in the Oct. MC coming soon.

John Von Kamp