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Progress Report #3: December 2023

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LAS VEGAS



Gold Coast casino and resort

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HEADLINE NEWS

The membership tariff (see p6) remains the same (from the October 1 increase), and we don't envisage this changing, with the usual caveat "for now".

Some members have experienced problems with their room bookings. The main reason for that has been that we'd filled our reserved room block on certain nights. Inventory has now been added, so this issue should be solved, but we recommend getting your bookings in soon if you haven't already done so. The booking deadline for our group rates remains February 2.

COR41U T-shirts are now available to order (see page 2)

Nic Farey

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News: Membership rates unchanged; hotel booking issues (page 1)

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Membership info and hotel booking (back page)

EATS!

Expect a very local list of eateries at Gold Coast as well as the Rio and the Palms in the COR41U “Read This” pocket program booklet. Perhaps also worth noting that our location is within walking distance (for the fit and able, anyway) of Chinatown.

TEAM NEWS

We’re as pleased as can be to include the expert eye of **Andy Hooper** to the auction management division. There will be a live auction and a fixed-bid table on offer.

YET MORE EXCURSION POSSIBILITIES

A further suggestion comes in (for those of you with money to burn, perhaps) to check out Vegas’ newest and perhaps Vegas-est OTT attraction, The Sphere, which offers experiences which are not U2, tickets starting from \$69. For details:

<https://www.thespherevegas.com/shows/the-sphere-experience>

We have another new immersive art installation which is in City Center at the same location as the Museum of Illusions mentioned in a previous PR, and one that does look rather goshwow:

<https://lasvegasartmuseum.com>

ACTUAL PLANNED EXCURSION

After a mention on FBF, a number of people have been all goshwow over the soon-to-open Ice Age Fossils State Park, so we’ll be attempting to herd the cats for a scheduled outing on Friday and plan to hire a minibus (cost to be split among those going). You can “sign up” (i.e. commit to the side trip) on the Corfu Facebook group, on Discord or by emailing us at the address at the end of this PR.

<https://parks.nv.gov/parks/ice-age-fossils>

PUBLICATIONS

Attending and supporting members will receive a convention package containing a plethora of fanzine fanac which will include member contributions as well as our own COR41U publications, the latter of which will be (mostly) print only. The PRs remain pdf only, though.

Many Corflus have produced a themed Fanthology celebration of top-of-the-line writing and art, and 41 is no exception. We’ll be proud to present **‘Fabulous! Las Vegas’ Corflu History**, a recap and review of the four previous occasions our annual get-together has occurred in The Meadows (the proper translation of “Las Vegas” into English, by the way).

You’ll get a **‘Read This’** pocket program guide giving you the whens and wheres of the weekend.

For a guide to Saturday night’s beer tasting, **‘Reverend Roy’s Bodacious Beer Bonanza’** will list and describe the brews on offer, along with **Roy Hessinger**’s explanation of what makes him a fully-qualified beer nut.

After the Sunday banquet and award-giving, copies of **‘The Incomplete Register: 2024 Results Issue’** will be made available with full details of the FAAn Award voting numbers.

T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

By Jen Farey

These won’t be available to purchase at the convention, so order yours now! We have two designs: the basic silhouette logo and a rather more gorgeous effort by our own Alan White. Each design comes in

three styles: Women's Comfort Tee (slim cut for those who prefer a more fitted T), Premium Ring-Spun cotton (unisex sizing), and Classic Crew Neck (also unisex). While the image you see on the main store page shows a single sample color for each style, they all come in a variety of sizes and colors. Click on each one to see which colors are available. Prices start at \$19.99 USD and go up depending on style and size. For UK purchases, VAT is included in the initial sale price. Because of that, if you're outside the US, the Fareys are happy to order your shirt for you and hold it at our house (in Jen's smoke-free garage). We'll give it to you at registration, at which time you can pay for said shirt(s), in USD please. Note that the price will still include tax and shipping to the US. To place those orders, contact Jen directly at fareyjen@gmail.com The link for the shirt shop is: <https://rusty-rose-lv.creator-spring.com/>

FANAC.ORG

By Joe Siclari

Help save your fannish history – at Corflu!

Don't let your fannish history be lost! FANAC.org will have a scanning table at Corflu, and we hope to get a few hundred fanzines scanned for addition to the online archive. Bring the fanzines you have published, or fanzines you own that we don't have online at FANAC.org, and we'll scan them.

We do need to remove the staples for scanning. [I know, that sounds horrifying, but we try really hard to restaple them in the same staple holes.] If you have extra copies that we can cut up and run through a sheet feed scanner, or keep after Corflu, so much the better.

We already have over 22,000 issues of 2350 titles scanned and available. That's close to 400K pages of fannish prose, art, news, and crud. Take advantage of this easy opportunity to bring along your publications and have them added. We're also looking for convention pubs - flyers and specialty pubs, as well as PRs and Program Books. Bring them! You will also get your name on our contributors list - https://fanac.org/FANAC_Inc/fancont.html

The FanHistory Project is an outgrowth of MagiCon, the 1992 Worldcon, a 501(c)(3) organization.

FANAC.org is being archived by the Library of Congress. Read all about it at https://fanac.org/FANAC_Inc/.

AH! SWEET CONSUITE (AND HOTEL NOTES)

A couple of heads-up notes here on our consuites (yes, plural, and both non-smoking before you ask).

Because hotels are often weird about this, we won't know the actual suite room numbers until arrival, but to ameliorate this: (a) when you check in you can ask at registration for our suite room numbers and (b) in any case they're all on the tenth floor. It's fairly certain at the moment that we'll end up with two of the Executive suites close together rather than the one big one, which I think is actually better since it gives us more square footage overall. One of the suites will be the location for refreshments and such, the second will be both overflow and the likely location for the fanac.org scanning station. As the hours turn into stupid o'clock (as they do) and the numbers of upright bodies decrease, the overflow will close earlier, in no small part so that Jen (and even my weary self) can get some sleep since we'll probably be staying in it.

We're working on getting an early check-in for one of the suites so we can prep for Thursday night's welcome/anniversary party.

The *other* main news of note is that there'll be more refurbishment happening at the time of our visit, but as is usual practice, if (say) the 5th floor is under reconstruction, then the 4th and 6th will be kept vacant as "buffer zones".

Speaking of check-ins, the usual time is 4pm. Checkout is at noon.

AUCTION

There will be a live auction on the Sunday morning which, if needed, will continue after the banquet.

Non-attendees will be able to participate via Zoom, but will need to have at least a Virtual Membership to do so.

The initial list of lots is as follows:

- 1 BSFAN 17 (1988)
Ed. Elaine Stiles
feat. rich brown, Taral, Steve Stiles, Alexis Gilliland
2. STOP BREAKING DOWN 5 (August 1977)
Ed. Greg Pickersgill
feat. D. West, Eric Bentcliffe & others
3. THE SPANISH INQUISITION 9 (February 1977)
Eds. Jerry & Suzle
feat. Jon Singer, Terry Hughes, Jeff Schalles & others
4. SIRRUISH 9 (1972?)
Ed. Jon Yaffe
feat. Bergeron cover
5. DEAD FLOWERS 1 (December 1971)
Ed. Bill Kunkel
6. SYZYGY 4(?) (August 1959)
Ed. Miriam Carr
7. STARTLING 34 (August 1976)
Eds. Hank & Lesleigh Luttrell
feat. Leigh Edmonds & others
8. NOT ANOTHER ONE-SHOT? (September? 1975)
Charles & Cora Burbee
9. RIGHT UP THERE! 2 (2005)
Ed. Sharee Carton
10. (WHAT ABOUT US) GRILS 1-3 (1969-70)
Eds. Joyce Fisher, Pam Janisch, Sue Robinson
11. VEGAS FANDOM WEEKLY 1-23 (2004-2005)
Ed. Arnie Katz
Note: Folder collection, all in protective sleeves
12. LA CON III audio cassettes (1996)
Includes Q&A with Buzz Aldrin
13. TRAP DOOR 26, 29-32 (2009 - 2016)
Ed. Robert Lichtman
12. FANDOM HARVEST (June 1986 hb)
Terry Carr
13. FANZINE INDEX (1965)
Eds. Bob Pavlat & Bill Evans
"Listing most fanzines from the beginning through 1952"
14. FRAP 1-6 (1963-1964)
Ed. Robert Lichtman
Bound together in cardstock folder
15. THE FLYING FROG 1-1 + TADPOLE, SON OF FROG 1-3 (1963)
Eds. Calvin Demmon & Andy Main
Bound together in cardstock folder
16. SPIROCHETE 52 (May 1990)
Ed. Red Boggs
17. WARHOON 28 (May 1978)
Ed. Richard Bergeron
18. THE BEST LOINS ARE ON THE FLOOR (February 1976)
THE BEST LINES ARE FOREVER ON THE FLOOR (October 1975)
Eds. Ed Cox, Len Moffatt, Dave Locke
feat. Burbee & others, includes photographs
19. THE RELUCTANT FAMULUS 57 (Summer/Autumn 2001)
Ed. Tom Sadler
Steve Stiles cover
20. PONG (6 issues from 1981)
Eds. White & Steffan
21. QUIP 3 (Spring 1966)
Eds. Arnie Katz & Lenny Bailes
22. MANNDERINGS 1 (August 1964)
Ed. Richard Mann
23. IGNATZ 23 (January 1960)
Ed. Nancy Share
24. NONSTOP FUN IS HARD ON THE HEART 6 (2000)
Ed. dwain Kaiser
25. AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW 11-12 (1967)
Ed. John Bangsund
26. THE SOMERSET GAZETTE 6 (November 1971)
Ed. Noel Kerr
Melbourne Science Fiction Clubzine, incl. Bangsund, Brosnan
27. THE BNF OF IZ (1959)
"Carl Brandon"
Copy #194 of 200. Somewhat damaged (will put in plastic sleeve)
28. EXCELSIOR 10 (July 1967)
Ed. Arnie Katz
29. THE UNIQUE MAGAZINE (December 1941)
Ed. A.F. Williams
30. FANOTCHKA (February 2002)
Andy Hooper
31. PARANOID 2 (1972)
Ian Maule
32. A FANZINE FOR BJOHN (July 1960)
Ed. Bruce Pelz
33. IN PART SCAL'D - THE 1963 FAN POLL RESULTS
Ed. Dick Eney
Includes a taped-in sticky quarter
34. CLIFFHANGERS AND OTHERS PRESENTS GOON WITH THE WIND (March 1963)
Ed. Rick Norwood
35. WASSAMATTA U. (January 2003)
Randy Byers
36. EKLUNDIA STORIES (2013)
Gordon Eklund, ed. Robert Lichtman
37. THE FAMILY COOKBOOK (October 1977)
Joyce Worley Katz
38. ODD 14-21 (1966-1969)
Raymond & Joyce Fisher
39. THE ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR (1971 edition)
Willis & Shaw, published by Arnie Katz, illustrated by Ross Chamberlain
40. PHANTASMICOM 8 (December 1971)
Donald Keller & Jeffrey Smith

41. FAPA MAILING 99 (May 1962) hardcover
 42. FAPA MAILING 100 (POST-MAILING) (November? 1962) hardcover
 Includes 'A Sense of FAPA'
 43. THE BEST OF XERO (July 2004)
 Pat & Dick Lupoff
 Personally signed from Dick to Joyce Katz
 44. FORRY ACKERMAN POSTCARD (December 2020)
 FJA with a couple of scantily-clad women, p/c sent to Alan & DeDee White
 45. BOXFUL OF APA MAILINGS cardstock bound:
 APA45 #3 April 1965
 N'APA #24 March 1965
 N'APA #25 June 1965
 SAPS #68 July 1964
 SAPS #69 October 1964
 SAPS #70 January 1965
 SAPS #71 April 1965
 SAPS #72 July 1965
 SAPS #73 October 1965
 SAPS #76 April 1966
 SFPA #14 December 1964
 SFPA #15 March 1964
 SFPA #16 June 1964
 TAPS #1(?) Early 1965
 46. THE BRUCE GILLESPIE PILE
 BRG 44, 46, 49, 51, 55, 62, 63, 68 (October 2005- - February 2011)
 STEAM ENGINE TIME 4, 7, 8 - 13 (January 2005 - March 2012)
 THE GREAT COSMIC DONUT OF LIFE 42 (January 2008)
 SF COMMENTARY 26 (April 1972)
 SF COMMENTARY 80 (August 2010)

MEMBER LIST

ATTENDING

James Bacon	Jerry Kaufman
Lenny Bailes	Gail Kolthoff
John Bartelt	AC Kyle
Tom Becker	Gary Mattingly
S&ra Bond	Petrea Mitchell
Jeanne Bowman	Jacq Monahan
William Breiding	Mary Ellen Moore
Claire Brialey	Murray Moore
Bill Burns	Ulrika O'Brien
Mary Burns	Mark Plummer
Chris Clay	Carrie Root
Rich Coad	Alan Rosenthal
Tee Cochran	Nigel Rowe
Eli Cohen	Karen Schaffer
Leigh Edmonds	Joe Siclari
Jen Farey	Cora Silva*
Nic Farey	Nathan Silva*
Doug Faunt	Spike
Tommy Ferguson	Edie Stern
Lori Forbes	Geri Sullivan
Aileen Forman	James Taylor
Keith Freeman	Suzanne Tompkins
Linda Gerstein	Pat Virzi
Roy Hessinger	Michael Ward
David Hodson	Ted White
Andy Hooper	
Lucy Huntzinger	
Rob Jackson	* Sunday only

SUPPORTING

Zi Graves	Kerry Kyle
John Hertz	Perry Middlemiss
Marcin Klak	David Langford

VIRTUAL

John D Berry	Hal O'Brien
Steven Cain	Alison Scott
Rowan Jenkins	

MEMBERSHIP TARIFF

Full Attending Membership with everything on it	\$120	£95	€110
Supporting with convention package, streaming access and Discord	\$50	£40	€45
Supporting with streaming access and Discord only	\$12.50	£10	€12

PayPal payments should be sent to either Jen Farey: fareyjen@gmail.com for US dollar and other denominated payments, or Keith Freeman: keithfreemanrbas@gmail.com if GBP denominated. Choose the “**For Friends and Family**” payment option on PayPal.

Please send your postal and email address details with payment, and, if paying for memberships other than yourself, the name(s) of the other membership recipients. If paying in currencies other than USD or GBP, please enter the payment amount in US dollars/pounds and let PayPal convert currencies.

GOLD COAST HOTEL BOOKING

Room rates:

Typically Vegas hotels quote room rates which are then subject to an added “resort fee” and hotel tax of 13.38%. To save you the anguish, the rates we quote here are inclusive of all that:

Thursday: \$98.63

Friday/Saturday: \$137.18

Sunday: \$82.76

These rates are for single or double occupancy. For triple occupancy, add \$22.68 (including taxes) per night, quad add \$45.35. The Sunday rate also applies for the couple days before and after the convention, rooms subject to availability.

Booking:

To book online and get the group rate:

1) Please Visit: <https://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups>

2) Enter the Group Code **CORB24C** into the Group Code box, and click submit.

To book over the phone:

- 1) Call the Reservation Hotline @ 888-402-6278
- 2) Inform the agent you want to book using group code CORB24C

All reservations must be made using the group code and must be made prior to February 2, 2024 to be eligible for the group rate.

We’re still hearing from some members that booking online doesn’t always work, but booking by phone definitely does.

Deposit and cancellation policy:

When you book your room, the hotel charges the first night to your card as a deposit. If you need to cancel, this needs to be done at least 24 hours before scheduled arrival to get your doosh back.

Anyone considering room-sharing, we’ll be happy to announce your wishes and try to get you in touch, both via PRs, also on the Facebook Corflu group and Discord.

Inquiries (**not** payments) to vegas41@corflu.org