



Notes from Handicap Services

All wheelchairs and electric carts obtained through Handicap Services must be returned by 8pm Monday. Our table is staffed from 9am until 8pm daily.

— *Evan Phillips*

Kessel Regrets

We at *The Kessel Run* would like to extend our deepest apologies for inadvertently offending the Information Desk staff by running the “Physical Laws of the Convention Universe” article in issue 12. It was not intended to be a swipe at them, but rather a satirical look at conventions in general. The Info Desk staff at MilPhil is doing a bang-up job, and we all appreciate the long hours they have put in both before and during this convention. Again, our apologies.

— *Mike Nelson*

Sunday Parties

Douglas Adams Tribute Pan-Galactic		
Gargle Blasters (sff.net)	2184	8pm
Charlotte in 2004	2147	9pm
Xerps in 2010	770	10pm
Midwest Construction	738	9pm
Prydonians of Pryncton	716	8pm
Mark Rogers Fans	709	12:30pm
Nybor Tarot Deck Completion	700	5pm
Redheads From Hell in KC	674	
9:30pm		
Technofilk	670	8pm
Chichen Itza in 2012	662	9 pm
Noreascon 4	626-636	9:30pm
Christian Fandom	620	8:23pm
Gaylaxian Network Fruits and Dips	600	9pm
Con Suite	328	Noon
Prometheus Awards/Libertarian		
Futurist Society	CS314	9pm
Silly Fannish Photo Op in the Infinite Hallway on the 7 th floor at 11:00 pm		
<i>All parties held in the Marriott unless otherwise noted. CS = Clarion Suites.</i>		

Saturday's Parties

If you didn't have enough energy, sff.net provided all the sugar you would ever need. They cornered the market on Pixie Stix, producing a three-foot-wide mound of more than 20,000 sticks. We enjoyed the jazz pianist at East Coast Conspiracy, the collaborative effort of Arisia, Balticon, CapClave and Lunacon. Meanwhile, potential writers were nourished at the hoagie table sponsored by Writers of the Future. We enjoyed the tastiest sugar cookies at the Golden Duck Awards reception. Our friend Ron gushed “Good duck — buttery, sugary, and, most of all, golden.”

Someone once said, “Forearmed is half an octopus.” Armed against the horrible dangers of Fort Port by Amy Pinkbeiner at the Dragonriders of Pern gathering, we (being Narn-aligned) marched valiantly along the Infinite Corridor of the 7th floor, sneering at haughty Centauri. We relished the goodies in the Japan in 2007 suite, especially the surprising German chocolate, which was definitely “not for children.” We're looking forward to another three years of their wonderful bid parties.

For enquiring minds, Readercon hosted a lesson in cutting-edge quantum mechanics. Do you lose sleep over the thought of the “spin and location of entangled photons”? Leave it to SF fans to shed photons on the advantages of hosting a convention on an Interstate. While basking on the sunny asphalt of I-5 in '05, we drove on to the Cordwainer Smith Foundation Debut party to express our appreciation of a timeless master.

We experienced alien abduction firsthand at the Gaylaxians' Alien Abduction party. Scott's alien was a scant half-inch tall and easily abducted. We encountered the cleverest party favor at the Liaden Universe party, a palm-sized notepad promoting their book, a perfect tool for party notes. However, we certainly don't need notes to remember the Minneapolis in '73/Minicon party, replete with fireworks (party poppers!)

and absolutely the largest collection of aquavit at any Worldcon. Host Doug Friauf outdid himself for this party. Tip: The Mpls party stickers will soon become a sought-after collectible.

Of course we know the way to Con Jose, having enjoyed many of their fine parties. Host Tom Whitmore demonstrated the fine art of peacebonding a shark with a hockey stick - or was it a hockey stick with a shark? Making like landsharks, we tread the waters over to the UK in 05 bid party, jointly hosted by the Norwegians, Swedes and Germans.

If you run into David C. Farmer (a.k.a Anton) as we did, ask him to perform his “Hulk Hogan Meets HAL 9000” rendition. He kept us laughing until we begged him to stop. Speaking of laughing, Kurt witnessed a near-death experience at the “@!” party wherein well-lubricated Scott, Bill and David placed “death level” hot sauce on nachos, laughed at Death and swallowed it whole. Lesson learned: Don't laugh at Death.

After a second and third pass-through of the parties, clearly, the heavyweights were the Mpls. In '73/Minicon party and the EU-hosted UK in 05 party. Guided by the slimmest line of Aquavit margins, we feel compelled to award the Saturday's Party of Night to the UK in 05 party. Party On!!

— *Kurt Baty and Scott Bobo*

(The staff of The Kessel Run would like to note that the opinions expressed in this article are those of the writers and not necessarily those of the committee of Millennium Philcon.)

The Drum Strikes Back!

A drum that was supposedly tame and recently fed took exception to being removed from Franklin A around midnight last night. The drum got off the cart on which it was being transported and bit Giani Siri on the left mid-thigh, leaving a 5-inch scrape and a half-inch puncture wound. First aid was provided, and it was determined that rabies shots were not needed as the fan had been recently vaccinated.

The Million Wizard March

The March started at 2:30pm and marched backward in time to 2pm. The March was led by Esther Friesner, Larry Gelfand and Pete Radatti. It started near the Art Show, proceeded down the exhibit hall, doubled back and exited the doors into the hallway, whereupon it returned to the other end of the exhibit hall and terminated in front of the magnificent Dragon sculpture. Group photos took place in front of the Dragon. The march had a large contingent of apprentice wizards from Camp Franklin along with a dozen adult wizards. Wizards were included from many worlds, including Terry Pratchett's Unseen University, J.K. Rowling's Hogwarts's Academy, and many other favorites.

Everywhere the March progressed, it was accompanied by copious amounts of flash photography, attracting interested fans and parents. At one point, several wizards were humming "Pomp and Circumstance" followed by the "Flying Monkeys' March" from *The Wizard of Oz*. As the March ended, at least one Wizard was overheard to ask if a buffet lunch was included.

Photographs will be available at www.radatti.com.

WSFS Is Finished - Fans Rejoice

The WSFS Business Meeting completed all business before it at Sunday's meeting. Therefore, there will be no Monday WSFS meeting.

Newsletter contest

How many typos can you find in issue 10 of *The Kessel Run*? Your gentle editors were/are a bit tired. First Prize: A complete set of *Kessel Run* issues!

Charlotte Announces NASFiC Bid

In a rapid regroup from their failed effort to host the 2004 Worldcon, Charlotte has announced their intention to bid for the 2005 NASFiC. The chair of the bid is Kathleen Meyer. Folks are invited to stop by their party in 2147 tonight for a Cheerwine float.

Another Passing

CNN reported earlier today that John Chambers, the Hollywood makeup artist responsible for Spock's ears in *Star Trek* and much of the work on the original *Planet of the Apes* movie, has passed away.

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In Memoriam

DOUGLAS ADAMS: He reminded us to always remember where our towels were, and above all, "Don't Panic."

CHARLES SCHULZ: The comics page isn't the same without *Peanuts*. Yes, I know they're rerunning the old strips, but it isn't the same.

POUL ANDERSON: I loved the world he created in *Operation Chaos*, in which magic was a reality and worked according to scientific principles. When I read it in 1979, my immediate thought was that there was a sequel just begging to be written. I got my wish a couple of years ago when *Operation Luna* was published. Sadly, there won't be any other stories written in this universe.

ROBERT SACKS: The WSFS Business Meeting just isn't the same without hearing the words, "Shut up, Robert!"

— Johnny Carruthers



Night Owls Cancelled

There will be no Night Owls children's programming tonight. Instead, parents may place any children under the age of 12 they wish to have in childcare with our babysitting service, KidsCorp. Babysitting will be provided from 7:30pm to 1am at the rate of \$5 US/hour. Arrangements can be made at the convention office in Marriott 309.

— Lynn Koehler

Gaylactic Network Raffle

Saturday's winning ticket number was 9664073. Please claim your prize in the Gay Fandom Suite (M600) after 9pm

There is still a chance to win in our drawing this evening at 10:45pm. Drop by the suite for your chance to win a limited-edition cosmic body T. The suite opens at 7pm for readings by Rosie Smith and Keith Hartman. The fruits and dips party will start at 9pm.

— Kay Cornwell (*Aidolon*)

Millennium Moments Photo Board

More snapshots of Millennium Philcon have been posted. Check them out on the Daily Photo Board by the voodoo message board on the PPC bridge.

Prydonian Raffle

The Prydonians of Prynceton will draw the winner in their raffle for the *Babylon 5* TNT Press Kit (signed by most of the original cast as well as the cast of *Crusade*) on Monday at noon. MilPhil Toastmistress Esther Friesner will pull the winning ticket. The winner need not be present to win. Fans still wishing to purchase tickets may do so at the Prydonians table or at their Sunday night party in Marriott 716. Half of the proceeds from the raffle will benefit the American Red Cross.

Volunteer Raffle Award

Saturday's winner of the Volunteer Raffle is Greg Himes. Please pick up your prize at the Gopher Lounge in M362. Congratulations.

Sunday Night Concerts

Don Slepian, a New Age instrumentalist specializing in electronic music of "several pan-galactic styles," will be performing tonight at 7:30pm in Franklin Hall A on the fourth floor of the Marriott.

After Slepian's performance, you can continue your final night of no sleep with the electropop stylings of Nullsleep. Their musical productions involve obsolete or aging technologies, such as the original Nintendo Gameboy and Commodore and Atari computers. Their concert starts at 10pm in Franklin Hall A.

The last dance of MilPhil will begin immediately following Nullsleep's concert.

— Lynn Koehler

Notice To The Press!

Tonight's Hugo ceremony will be held in the 5th floor ballroom of the Marriott (M5 Grand) beginning at 8pm. If you are interested in special Press seating, please make sure that you add your name to the seating list located in the Press Office (PCC 307).

To avoid confusion, please plan to arrive at the ballroom by 7:30pm. Press will enter through the VIP entrance. As usual, no flash photography will be allowed in the ballroom before or during the presentation.