



# SPACE:1999

CONVENTION '78

JULY 28-30

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

This is our first convention update report. Future reports will be coming out on a monthly basis. If you wish to receive a copy of the next progress report please send us a SASE along about the first of march.

Included with this update is a copy of our con information form. Due to the terrible weather conditions in Ohio over the last month, many letters requesting information were delayed in reaching us. Also, a number of letters being sent from Columbus to our regional offices to be answered were never received. For those of you who never received a reply we ask your understanding. We do have you listed in our central files.

Now for the convention. A number of convention tickets have already been sold. In addition over one fourth of the banquet tickets have been sold. Ticket orders have been received from California, Louisiana, New Jersey and Massachusetts to name a few. We have also received a ticket order from a young lady who lives in Australia and who will be flying in for the con.

We have received a few complaints concerning the banquet ticket price. We realize that the price is high and that there are many of you who wish to attend the banquet but can't afford it. We assure you that you will be able to see and meet the stars at the con without going to the banquet. The banquet idea was conceived as a means of raising a little extra money to help bring another star or two over from England for the con.

We have also received a few complaints concerning the ticket cutoff deadline of May 1. We have taken this matter under consideration and decided to extend the ticket sales up to convention time. To give you incentive to mail in your orders early the price will increase as the convention nears. The price will remain at \$15 until May 1. For orders postmarked May 1 or after the ticket price will increase to \$20. For ticket orders postmarked July 1 or after the price increases to \$25. We still do not plan to sell tickets at the door. We ask your cooperation in sending your ticket orders as soon as possible. The amount of activities we have at the con will be based on the response at the end of May. There is also the possibility that the con may be sold out well in advance.

We have been informed that the original Year 1 uniforms worn by Martin Landau and Barbara Bain will be on display at the con. David Hirsch, the author of the Moonbase Alpha Technical Notebook, will be representing STARLOG Magazine at the convention.

We are also pleased to announce that David Prowse, who many of you will remember as the Creature in 'The Beta Cloud' and Lord Darth Vader in STAR WARS, has agreed to attend the convention. The

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Convention'78 staff is also in touch with all the regular stars from SPACE:1999 and we expect many of them to confirm soon.

Hucksters table rates have also been determined. Tables will sell for \$50 to include both Saturday and Sunday. You may set up your table on Friday. If, however, you wish to sell merchandise on Friday there will be an additional \$10 charge to cover the additional per table charge assessed us by the Sheraton.

We will be making our membership lists available on the first of April. This will mean that you will be able to locate and get in touch with other fans in your area. If you do not want your address given out please let us know before the April 1 date.

We wish to encourage you to try to find as many SPACE fans in your area as possible. One of our members put a small article in the St. Louis Dispatch. As a result we received about 20 letters from fans in that area who thought they were the only SPACE:1999 fans around. There are still many '99 fans out there who think they are alone. If we are going to SAVE:1999 we must find these people. Please, we need your help with this.

There is another matter, which concerns us all, with which we need your help. Television station WKBD in Detroit recently removed SPACE:1999 from it's schedual. The show was run M-F at 11:00 P.M. and has been replaced by Jokers wild. There are many fans in that area who have written and asked for help. What we ask of you is to write a letter asking WKBD to put SPACE back on. Sign the letter but do not, and this is important, put down your address or mention the Alliance. Now, put your letter in an envelope and address it to one of the addresses listed below. Do not put a return address on the envelope. Do put a stamp on it. Next, take this envelope and put it in another envelope and send this to Mona Delitsky at the address given for her below. What will happen is that Mona will remove the inner envelope, take it into Detroit, and mail it from there so that all the letters will be postmarked Detroit. With no addresses or return addresses they will have no way of knowing that all the letters didn't come from the Detroit area. We do encourage you to write more than once.

Address your first envelope to one of the following.....

Program Director  
WKBD T.V.  
26955 West 11 Mile Rd.  
Southfield, Mich 48037

General Manager  
WKBD  
26955 W. 11 Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48037

Mr. George Williams  
same address as  
the other two.

REMEMBER DON'T LIST YOUR ADDRESS EITHER ON YOUR LETTER OR ENVELOPE.

Now, put that envelope in another envelope and send it to.....

Mona Delitsky  
1004 Olivia #13  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Well, I guess that's about it until the next update. Once again we ask your understanding if yours was one of the 150 or so letters lost by the Post Office. We hope the enclosed forms have answered some of your questions. Please feel free to write to us at anytime.

We realize that some prices may seem a little high. We ask your understanding in this matter. It was only after much deliberation that we set the ticket price at fifteen dollars. Many of us, I'm sure, have spent \$7.50 or more for a three hour rock concert. For only a little more we are offering three days of entertainment. We also had to consider expenses for running the convention. As mentioned earlier in this form, we are faced with air fare, hotel expenses, meals and entertainment for all stars who attend. When you consider many of the stars live in England, or even worse Australia, you can see that things add up.

As far as the hotel is concerned, we probably could have found a less expensive place to hold the convention but after a two month search we decided the Sheraton would give everyone the most for their money. The cheapest rooms we could have found would have been between eight and nine dollars a night, not including tax. If we had chosen one of these, however, we would have had to limit the convention to about two hundred people. For this reason we felt the extra two or three dollars a night was worth it, especially when one considers the facilities at the Sheraton.

Columbus was chosen because of it's location. Three of the heads of the National SAVE:1999 Alliance live within 200 miles of Columbus. Also Columbus is more centrally located than New York or L.A.

We realize that Columbus may be rather far away from some of you. That is why we are announcing the convention so early, to give you time to save up. You have until May 1 to save up ticket and room fees, and almost three months after that to save up for transportation meals, and so on.

As far as transportation is concerned, Columbus is on all major air, bus, and rail routes. If you wish to drive (or ride) and need someone to share expenses with, let us know. It is possible we may know someone in your area or on your route to Columbus who needs a ride (or wishes to drive).

What we are able to offer at the convention depends on how many people we have attending. It should be obvious that if we only have 100 people we can't bring in ten stars (much as we would like to). Also since this is the first SPACE:1999 convention to be held anywhere we will be in the national spotlight. This is our chance to let every one know that SPACE fandom is alive and well.

In closing, we want you to feel free to write to us anytime. If you have any comments, questions, things you would like to see at the convention, or any problems, write to us. The address is The National SAVE:1999 Alliance, P.O.Box 20185, Columbus, Ohio 43220.