

BEMS Newsletter - Sept. 1990
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(Typos and misspellings this month courtesy Robert Edwards)

September Meeting Friday 9/14/90 @ 7:00 PM
 Friendship Inn @ Murfreesboro & Briley
 Call Hotel at (615)366-9000
 BYOB (& Munchies Too!)

October Meeting Friday 10/26/90 Same BEMS Time,
 Same BEMS Channel!

Announcements

- 1) Meeting in October is Fourth Friday of month - 10/26/90.
- 2) From the Desk of Fem Bem Courtney Fran Bray:

BEMS was organized in 1980 so people could party with their friends. Over the years the atmosphere of the meetings has changed as the people attending the meetings have changed. Currently, I've heard comments regarding why Person A doesn't come since his/her interests have changed and he/she is doing something else that night; I've also heard that Person B wants to hang around people with like interests and/or doesn't like being around party poopers (complainers, etc.).

Then there're people like me who have ran conventions and clubs for so long and would like to retire and be a fan again. So on this note (B-flat), I officially state that the LAST BEMS meeting will be December 21, 1990. I am not discontinuing BEMS because of finances (this is the best year yet since Pat James has budgeted everything).

The BEMS name will be remembered for the good parties it had. The use of the name reverts to Dan Caldwell, who could start up another group in the future. This doesn't affect the use of the name BEMS-North by the Evansville people.

- 3) Lee Van Deest Billing's mother, Sarah Nelson Van Deest, died Tuesday, August 28, due to complications following surgery. Her funeral was held Tuesday, September 4, 1990. Our sympathies are with Lee, Tom, and the family.

Reviews

Ann Rice The Feast of All Saints

This book contains NO VAMPIRES. Magic is referred to only in passing in this historical novel about New Orleans' gens de couleur libre (free persons of mixed race) in the years before the civil war. Now only is this a view into their little-known world, but it contains all those

elements of an Anne Rice Novel we've come to love: tropical langour, sensuality, and a love for the exotic. A good read. (PJ)

Various, "The Vampire Lesat"

An adaptation of Anne Rice's novel of the Same name.

Published by Innovation Comics.

Rice fan who don't hang out in Comic shops may want to know about a Comix adaptation of the second novel in her vampire series. The original artwork for this series was painted from layout satches. It's a lovely piece of work, much better looking than your typical Marvel or one of the old Classics Illustrated. Lesat is supposed to look like a cross between Ruger Huer and David Bowie; I don't see it myself, he looks like Lesat to me. Local Artist Joe Phillips worked on the layouts of the first issue.

It's a monthly series, and runs \$2.50 an issue. I guess it will go about 12 issues, 6 issues are already out. The Friendly Folks at Games Extraordinaire tell me they believe all back issues are in print; some have gone to second printings. They have the first issue and some of the other back issues in stock. New issues are available at any good comics emporium. The way the comics industry works these days I expect the series will be reprinted in a trade paperback or hardcover edition a few months after the final issue.

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Osiricon September (no date) Memphis Tn. Write to Osiricon, 1229
Pallwood Road, Memphis, Tn. 38122 (901)682-2003.

Outside-Con III: The Adventure Continues. 9/14-16, Clarksville, Tn.
Billy Dunlop Park (177 acres of fun!). Where Fandom meets Mother-Nature.
Pot luck Banquet! Dance Saturday night! Guest Artist, Toastmaster, Guest
Writer! Write: BAND HQ, POBox 835, St. Bethlehem, Tn. 37155.

Contact-8 9/28-30, Ramada Inn, Evansville, In. Fan Goh: Gary Robe.
\$15 till 9/1, \$20 thereafter. Write Contact SF Convention, POBox 3894,
Evansville, In 47737 or call (812) 428-0549 before 10 pm CST.

Georgia Fantasy Con 9/28-30, Radisson Hotel Atlanta. Guests: Michael
Moorcock, Harlan Ellison, Robert Gould, Susan Ellison, Julius Schwartz,
Bob Burden. \$30 to 9/15. Write Georgia Fantasy Con, Box 47696, Atlanta
Georgia 30362 or call (404)925-2813.

Constellation IX Sagittarius 10/19-21, University Inn, Huntsville, Ala.
GoH, Lois McMaster Bujold, Mistress of Ceremonies, C. J. Cherryh, Fan GOH,
Susan Honeck. \$18 thru 9/30, \$22 after. Special Kidz rates. Write:
ConStellation IX: Sagittarius, POBox 4857, Huntsville, Al. 35815-4857.

ConClave XV 10/19-21, Southfield (MI) Days Hotel. \$15 thru 9/30, \$20
after. GOHS; Stanley Schmidt, Barry Gehm & Bill Higgins, Bill & Brenda
Sutton. "Con suite 'within walking distance' with all-beef hot dogs and
both Coke and Pepsi!". Write to: ConClave, Inc., P.O. Box 2915, Ann
Arbor, MI 48106.

Windycon XVII 11/9-11, Hyatt Regency Woodfield, Schaumburg, Il.. \$20
thru 9/30, \$30 after. GOHS; Barbara Hambly, Robert Eggleton, Brian
Thomsen, Martha Beck; Toastmaster: Mike Resnick. Write to: WINDYCON,
P.O. Box 432, Chicago, Il 60690.

Chambanacon 20 11/23-25, Chancellor Hotel, Champaign, Ill. \$12 till
11/1, \$15 till 11/15, \$17 at the door. GOHS: Andrew J. Offutt, Bill
Roper, Toastmaster: Wilson ("Smooth" Bob) Tucker. Two Decades of
Decadence. Important info in flyer. Hotel block released 10/22. Write
to : Chambanacon, P.O. Box 2308, Springfield, Il 62708.

Be Sweet!