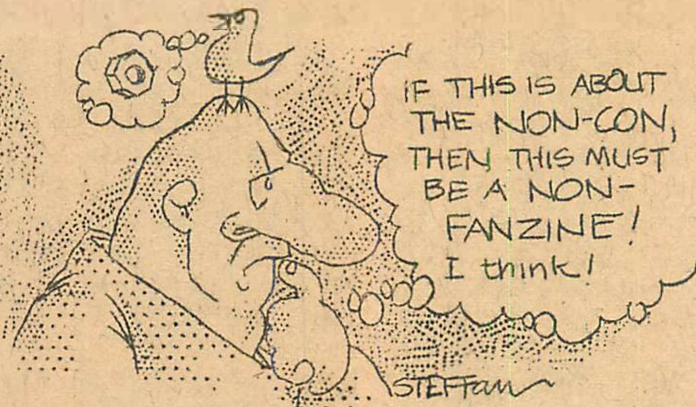


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This special Invitational issue of FMZ is brought to you by its present co-editors, rich brown (2916 Linden Lane, Falls Church, Va., 22042) and Ted White (1014 N. Tuckahoe St., Falls Church, Va., 22046). Don't worry about having missed FMZ #1 (if you did); it came out over six years ago. Future issues (it says here) will appear at more frequent intervals. A Product of Fabulous Falls Church Fandom

NON-CON 75: For several years we kicked around the notion of a Falls Church convention of some sort--semi-invitational, no program, that sort of thing--but what galvanized us was the realization that a) the Worldcon would be in Australia this year--but we wouldn't; and b) a "North American" worldcon-substitute (the NASFIC) would be in Los Angeles this year--but we wouldn't. "Why not a Non-Con?" someone asked at this year's Disclave. We looked at one another. "Why not?" we echoed. "Why not a Non-Con in Fabulous Falls Church?"

Thus this invitation. If you have received this in your mail--or if a friend of yours received a copy and showed it to you--you're invited. (That's what we mean by "semi-invitational".) There will be no hucksters (unless people choose to set up displays in their cars or their rooms--no huckster area will be provided). There will be no program. There will be no membership fee. This will be a Non-Con--a counter-convention, if you will--devoted solely to individual relaxation and enjoyment. Parties. Outings. Madness in the pool. Good conversation. Lots of things to drink and smoke.

There will be no listing for the Non-Con in any of the prozines or news-oriented fanzines with large circulations. But we're not trying to be Exclusive or Snobbish about this--we just don't want a big crowd scene.

THE LOCATION: We checked out several of the larger motels in and around Falls Church. We finally settled on the Holiday Inn at 6633 Arlington Blvd (U.S. 50), Falls Church, Va., 22042. It has 102 rooms; the rates are \$22 for a single, \$28 for a double, and \$35 for a suite. It has both a bar and a restaurant on the premises. It also has a swimming pool. Nearby are located a Baskin-Robbins and various fast-food shops, as well as a Three Chefs restaurant across the street. Also across the street is a Quality Inn (The Governor) with 117 rooms running \$20 for singles, \$25 for doubles and \$40 for suites; we mention this as a slightly cheaper alternative and as a backup motel in case of overflow from the Holiday Inn. (The Governor's address is 6650 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, Va., 22042.)

How to get there: When coming to the area by car, take whatever route is appropriate for you to Washington, D.C., and get on I495 (the Capital Beltway). If coming by I95 from the north, take the Beltway

west, and stay on it until you're in Virginia. If coming from the south, by I95, take the Beltway west--you're already in Virginia. In either case, take the Beltway to exit 8E (U.S. Rt.50), heading east (toward D.C.) on U.S. 50. The third traffic light on 50 is Annandale Rd. At this intersection transfer to the parallel service road to the right; the Holiday Inn will be in the next block on your right. (If you've decided on the Quality Inn, get in the left-turn lane at that light and transfer to the service road on the left; the Quality Inn is directly across Rt.50 from the Holiday Inn and will be on your left.)

THE TIME: We'll have a suite at the Holiday Inn beginning on August 29 (Friday) and through September 1 (Monday). The con will cover the Labor Day weekend--starting when the first of you show up and ending when the last of you leave...which is of course up to you.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Don't mention the Non-Con when you make your reservations --we haven't. We have not bothered to "reserve" any specific number of rooms, nor have we bothered to inform the hotels that we're having a convention there. (On the other hand, we have established that the Labor Day Weekend will not be a big weekend for either motel.) There is no discount on rooms for conventioners.

YOUR HOSTS: will be Fabulous Falls Church Fandom itself--Terry Hughes, Craig Hughes, Ed Smith, Dan Steffan, Robin White, Michael & Edie Nally, rich & Colleen Brown, and Ted White.

WRAPUP: Remember, the idea behind the Non-Con is fannish...a gathering of friends. Your friends are welcome. Bring them along. There will be no structure, no programming--just one, weekend-long, party. It should be fun. See you there!

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