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This issue is specially for the EASTERCON/LUNACON 1967 -- mighod, the 3d Eastercon! Why, it seems only yesterday I was talking to rich brown and Mike McInerney on the office phone, and Mike said it wd be nice to have a regional on the East Coast, like the Midwescon and the Westercon, which cd also be used to show that NY fans were capable of putting on a Worldcon. The fact that

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there had for some time been an Eastercon in England did not deter me from suggesting that name -- especially since, for some reason, I was totally unaware of that one over there. So was the Fancyclopedia II, for that matter, since rich checked it to see if the name had been used.

So we get an Eastercon in the US -- a different kind each year, no two alike, guaranteed to be an Experience. What kind? Uh...

The first was excellent, in my opinion, even tho the motor hotel ownership seemed distressed that everyone seemed to want to continue the party even after 11 PM. The second was not so successful, I believe, but perhaps the intervening year of campaigning for the NYCon III had turned me into an oldfanandtired. Or it cd just be the Edison Hotel...

This year...well, there's one bad omen -- I can't figure out any way to see the Avengers tonight. Anything that interferes with the Avengers cannot be all good.

Anyone reading this who has a room -- with TV -- in the Roosevelt tonight? Rent out your room from 10:00 to 11:00 PM tonite, a quarter a head, for watching the Avengers. Pay your own rent with the profits. Maybe... But if the idea strikes any of you, you better speak up fast, because it's gonna be 10 pm pretty soon.

Perhaps you cd quietly announce your willingness by tastefully standing up on a piano or the bar and shouting "AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!" Think of the tears of gratitude your noble actions will garner. Think of the egoboo in later conreports. (But nobody writes conreports any more, do they?) But there's only hours left -- act fast, someone!

ALL AVENGERS FANS AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT
EASTERCON SESSION, PLEASE READ THE
ABOVE FOR IMPORTANT SUGGESTION ON SUR-
VIVING THE WEEKEND WITHOUT GUILT FEEL-
INGS FOR OTHERWISE HAVING MISSED SOMETHING.
MAYBE. OR MAYBE NOT. IT JUST ISN'T
FRIDAY WITHOUT THE AVENGERS.....

☐☐☐ Hoping you are the sane...

-- dgV