

What's Going Down? A FLUSHING IN 1980 NEWSHEET

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NEWS FROM MIDWESTCON Bid chairman Stu Shiffman approached Bob Tucker as to whether he would pass along an invitation to his old friend Hoy Ping Pong to serve as fan guest-of-honor. Tucker readily accepted for the Sino-Illinois fanhumorist, on the condition that he (Tucker) would not have to do anything. It had to be done this way, since Hoy Ping Pong, like Harry Warner, rarely attends conventions. Sunday night's banquet saw Tucker himself publicly throw his support behind Flushing in '80, while speaking in his role of m.c.

TUESDAY, JULY SIXTH On this day after Heinlein's Birthday, a flying object was sighted by several Flushing fans. Bid chairman Shiffman, returning from Manhattan on the Seven line, glanced towards Flushing proper (or improper) and espied a silvery shape near the clocktower of the Serval Zipper building. On further scrutiny, he realized that it was the Goodyear blimp! Later, assistant chairman Moshe Feder called to report this also. All this rather puts a kink in one of the bid's slogans, "The Bid without the Airship". However, because and despite of the Central Committee's long and abiding support for Minneapolis in '73, we'll just say "1980 is a Goodyear for Flushing"!

ON THE SITE In these days of giant worldcons, the one-hotel con seems gone forever. Our original idea of using the smallish Sanford Hotel and restricting membership to 300 (and committee to 2000) seemed to be the perfect solution. Careful consideration, however, has shown this to be wrong. Instead, we plan to use Shea Stadium, home of the NY Mets and the NY Jets, along with the nearby facilities of Flushing Meadow-Corona Park. The latter was the site of the 1964-5 World's Fair. Shuttle-buses would make continuous trips to the many hotels and motels nearby and around LaGuardia International Airport. Some are quite well-known. The Traveler's near the airport was the site of several gangland murders, and the Kew Motor Inn is renowned for the fact that its beds never get cold.

Shea Stadium seems adequate at the present to handle the crowds we're likely to have for the program, Hugo Awards ceremony and the Masquerade. The banquet will be limited to a menu of ballpark franks, popcorn and potato chips, peanuts, and beer or soft drinks.

Due consideration has ruled out the suggestion that we close off the Long Island Expressway, set up bleachers on either side, and use the highway itself as runway for the Masquerade.

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Wild moose races will be conducted in the Singer Bowl, naturally, one of the few structures from the World's Fair still standing. The mooses will also be conducting a Gestetner Reproduction center under the direction of Jon Singer, well-known laser pervert and layabout.

Tours of New York City, for the adventurous, are planned around the exact model in the New York City Pavilion and Ice Skating Rink. There will also be tours planned to historical points of interest like the Old Quaker Meeting House on Northern Boulevard and the John Bowne House. We will arrange for a motorcycle with sidecar for the vast crowds who will want to visit the last mentioned sites.

SCA members are graciously invited to plan around our convention, as Flushing Meadow-Corona Park has many open areas suitable for fighting or craft faires. They are invited to practice their own swordcraft on the winos or other non-attending transients that pass their way.

FILKSINGING Shea Stadium can handle large groups for filksinging.

Indeed, use of the stadium is an advantage in that a song's words may be shown on the big scoreboard. This eliminates the need to bring fanhymnals with the lyrics in such small print.

DRINKING Brian Burley is bheer expert for Flushing in '80. Anyone who has seen Brian at a con party has seen that he knows his bheer. Another plus for Flushing is that the New York State legal drinking age is eighteen.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS Gary Farber will be curator-general of the "Harry Warner, Jr. Museum of Fanhistory". This will be situated in the old Federal Pavilion, the closest structure in the park to the Stadium. Further information on this will appear in the formal bid prospectus. However, there are hints that among the exhibits will be: a copy of the Flushing Remonstrance, a oneshot on religious freedom sent to Amsterdam in 1657; dioramas of the landing of Willis and Berry in America; a dramatization of THE ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR in hand-puppets; and one on the evolution of the faanish fanzine. Further suggestions should be sent to: Gary Farber, 271 East 197th Street, Bronx, NY 10458.

THE TRUTH REVEALED Skinny-dipping will be permitted in the fountain around the Unisphere. However, the lights will remain on, since we wouldn't want passing motorist on the closeby Long Island, Grand Central and Van Wyck Expressways to miss any of the view.

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