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NEXT MEETING: No more local meetings until after the Cinvention. The next one will be in Owosso, at Pat Crossley's, 707 West Main Street. It will probably be the 18th of September -- a notice giving the detailed info will be mailed you a week or so beforehand.

Pat is the secretary of the Chicago Rocket Society, so all of you spaceflight enthusiasts should get to this meet. But even if you don't know a supercharger from a cyclotron, come anyway. You can always enjoy the company of the non-slan intellects, like me. And you'll get an earful of the latest dope on fan affairs, as picked up at Cincy.

LAST MEETING: Pause to count on fingers the attendance at Ralph Flutte's here in Saginaw last Sunday...lessee, there was Stewart from Windsor, Arnim from Grosse Pointe, Pat from Owosso, Ed from Detroit, George from Farmington, Ralph, I and Tom Stark from Saginaw, Herbert Radd from Bay City, Ray Nelson, his father, and Duane Leazinby from Cadillac. (That last trio dropped in via plane, in true fan style). If I've forgotten anyone, apologies, but that's a dozen, as 'tis.

Highlight of the meet as far as I was concerned was actually to meet that fabulous slan from Cadillac, Ray Nelson. Running a close second, however, was Tom's valiant attempt to demonstrate hypnosis, using George as a subject. It didn't work.

To make it a full fannish weekend, Steve and Arnim stayed over Monday, and the three of us got thoroughly inked up wrestling with the famous Hit-It-Again-It's-Still-Moving Mimeograph. We emerged from the struggle triumphant, having finished up that mammoth secret MSFS project, the book of Bill James' short stories.

DARK WISDOM: That's the title of the book, "Dark Wisdom and Other Tales". It has about 50 pages and contains six stories every one illustrated in color by Ray Nelson. It will go on sale at Cincy for 40¢ per copy. But until the 29th of August any MSFS member can order a copy from me for only 30¢ -- which is just about cost. If you want more than one copy, you'll have to pay the full 40¢ for the extras. This publication is certain to become a collector's item -- in fact, I am reasonably sure the entire 100-copy edition will be sold out at the Cinvention -- so if you are a MSFS member and want a copy of our first Misfit Press publication, order NOW, before it's too late.

After 29 August, the price will be 40¢ to all. If you're not a member of the MSFS, your first chance to buy the book will be at Cincy or afterward if there are any left. This special advance offer and discount is for members only -- one of the "extra benefits" we mentioned in our plea for you to join the club a few issues back.

Incidentally, once again we request that you not mention this project to other fan prior to Cincy. We've arranged a spectacular publicity campaign there, and would like to retain the element of surprise.

Speaking of Cincy, more and more Misfits are deciding they're going to be there. In fact, the mob threatens to overflow Martin's car. Is any other Michigan fan planning on driving to Cincy, and would like a couple of passengers to share transportation expenses? If so, con-

tact George Young, 22180 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington, Mich. (Phone Farmington 1120).

Card received about five minutes ago from Mart sez:

"We have a car full lined up; Pat, Ralph, George, Arnim, you and I. I'm asking all fans to hold luggage to a minimum as with six there won't be room for it in front, and some may be taking books or mags for the auction. Don't leave anything you need but don't be like Ben last year with huge suitcase, shopping bags of mags, portable radio etc!! I expect to get in Saginaw around 1 or 2 PM the 1st but will let you know exactly later."

CINCY COORDINATION: As soon as you arrive in Cincy, look up George or me at the Hotel Metropole. There are several ideas being kicked around which every MSFS member at the C invention shud get the dope on prior to the actual meet. In fact, since we'll probably have more Misfits in Cincy than usually turn out for one of our regular meets, we might call an official MSFS meet the morning before the first session, in order to decide club policy on some of the vital issues of fannish politics.

Among other things, last Sunday's meet produced a decision that we'll back a Western bidder for the '50 con, if any bids. But no clear-cut decision was reached regarding the controversial Washington DC SFS plan to change the entire system of voting for con sites. We'll have to see what goes on at the con before deciding.

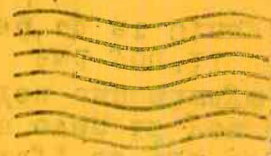
See ya in Cincy !

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