

# 'THE WSFA

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## THE 1965 WSFA PICNIC

The early arrivals at the picnic - the group in Alan Huff's car, Banks Mebane with Steve Patt, and another car - pulled up to find the Griggs' farm apparently deserted. After some diligent searching, other people were located and the party began. Warned in advance that swimming was possible, those of us who had come prepared put on our swim-suits and lounged around until more people arrived for pool fun. The younger members (from 25 down) began a game of water ball which lasted for perhaps a half-hour.

By the time the game of water ball had been completed, most of the other WSFA members had arrived and the place was swarming. All sorts of fun - according to individual preferences - began, broken up by an excellent picnic banquet of the usual comestibles - hot dogs, potato salad, sodas, beer, potato chips, etc - which seemed especially good that day.

At about seven or so in the evening, the trickle of people leaving had increased to a stream, and then dried up, and the last of us were about to leave. We folded up the Diplomacy board (the game had lasted the usual three hours plus), regretfully put the pieces away, said a reproachful "goodbye" to the beer keg, and departed.

Ron Bounds

The picnic was great! The homemade swimming pool is an ingenious invention, and this one was just right. There was some rough-housing on the part of some of us teenagers, but the smaller children had their turn as well.

After a splash in the pool, and assisting in tapping a nice-size keg of beer (and testing it repeatedly), the hot dogs and other food just hit the spot! There was a badminton set which was infrequently used, but we managed a taste of it. A bit of excitement occurred when a boomerang swooped in on unsuspecting picnickers, threatening them with concussions.

When the hot dogs and beer ran out, so did we!

Gay Potter

The Baltimore group, headed by Dave Ettlin, his New Jersey fiancée (sp?) Volua Johnson, Jerry Jacks, Chuck Rein, Mark Owings, and myself, arrived after a warning ticket and a wrong turn at around 1 p.m. We were met by various and sundry furriners such as Fred Lerner and Harriett Kolchak.

While others went to their romantic or swimming interests, I spotted Banks Mebane and we sat in the shade awaiting, with baited breath, the arrival of the most important and necessary of elements - Griggs with the keg of B\*H\*E\*E\*R.

Finally, It arrived and with full (although yellow and 10-year-old) cups of liquid Brew we set about rounding up a Diplomacy game. Players were: Baltimore - Ron Bounds, Jerald Jacks, and I; from New Jersey - Fred Lerner; from D.C., Banks Mebane, Alan Huff, and Alexis Gilliland. Bounds, playing Turkey, won.

Until we left all the time on my part was taken up by the game; however, I do remember eating, Paul Borkowski turning hot dogs with his fingers, and weird barbecue sauce. A move to throw Bounds, clothed, into the pool failed for lack of opportunity. Due to well supply, elimination was strictly Rabalasian in "nature". And those passionate love scenes on the back lawn!

It was a good, enjoyable picnic and I'll be back next year, I hope.

Jack Chalker

On July 4th, 1965, there was a WSFA Picnic at the Griggs' farm at Boyds, Maryland. My daughter, Betty Anne, found the swimming pool most enjoyable. It was odd, though, that while - as announced by Nelson Griggs - there was not enough water to work the flush in the toilets because of the drought, water was continually kept pumping into the swimming pool.

The hot dogs and beer were good while they lasted. However, they both ran out at about 7:00 p.m. Therefore, we departed shortly afterwards, at 7:30.

Bill Berg

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the picnic, but, from all reports, I understand it was a great success (apart from a few minor inconveniences, that is). No exact count of the number of persons attending is available, but I am told that there were somewhere around 100 attendees. Of course, not all guests were members of WSFA, as the Griggs traditionally invite quite a few of their own friends. Perhaps my family and I can make it next year.

Don Miller

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#### THE DETROIT TRIPLE FAN FAIR

I arrived in Detroit at about 6 p.m. on Friday, and immediately discovered that there were no rooms left in the hotel. Encouraged by this magnificent beginning, I checked into the Y, and walked back to the Embassy. A group of comic fans were putting artwork on the tables and walls. I stood and watched them with a bemused expression, wondering where the s-f fans were, until I was drafted into helping put up the horror movie posters. No one but Jean Bogart and Reva Smiley ever did show up that night - and there were no parties anywhere!

The huckster room was opened at 9:30 a.m. Saturday (it was listed as a program item!), but there was no program until 4 p.m., at which time we had trailers from several movies, a Mickey Mouse cartoon, two silent comedies, and a short subject. At 6 there was an 8-person panel on censorship, with Don and Maggie Thompson, Jerry Bailes, Larry Larson, and four lesser-known fans. After a break for dinner, there was a showing of

"Phantom of the Opera", which, unfortunately, everyone took seriously. No parties Saturday night, either.

Sunday was much the same as Saturday, except that someone held unofficial showings of the last reel of "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein" and a silent comedy. I got into discussions of Lovecraft, Merritt, Heinlein, and Barry Pain. At 2, there was a slide lecture on the evolution of comic books. Finally, somebody broke out a guitar, and in the huckster room, of all places! At about 7, there was an abysmally slow auction. Next came a break for dinner, followed, at around 8, by a showing of the last reel of "The Bride of Frankenstein" and all of "Flash Gordon on Mars". Again, no parties!

Mark Owings

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### THE MIDWESTCON

The Midwestcon began officially on Friday evening, and, from all tales heard afterwards, the party was exceptional! I, however, arrived at the time when all good parties eventually break up - at dawn. Bruce and Jo Van Wely and I pulled in in the Van Wely's Volkswagon at around 6 a.m., narrowly missing Ed Wood who was wandering about. We collapsed and rested from our trip, but the desk called our room and woke us up at noon. A party formed by the side of the pool, and did not break up until the evening, when the management closed the pool.

There was a short program that evening which, unfortunately, would have been better had it been more sufficiently prepared. It opened with the usual introductions of managing personnel, and an explanation of the aims and ideas behind the annual Midwestcon. A short eulogy for the late Don Ford was delivered by Lou Tabakow (of the Cincinnati area), and the audience shared in the realization of fandom's loss.

A round of introductions of the more famous persons in the audience then began. All the fanzine publishers present who had been recognized as such by the Con heads were asked to stand up, introduce themselves and give no more than a two-minute plug for their zines. Among the editors present were Cindy Heap and Joni Markwood, of ZARATHUSTRA; Bill Mallardi, one-half of the DOUBLE BILL staff; Buck and Jaunita Coulson of YANDRO; Rich Brown and Mike McInerney, of FOCAL POINT; Frank Dietz of Luna; and others I can't remember at the moment.

The entertainment of the program commenced as soon as the last of the editors was turned off. The first of the five scheduled films was called "The Story of a Writer", and was an ex-TV epic concerning Ray Bradbury and - where the hell does he get those stories, anyway? Between flashes of Bradbury's thoughts and the narrative, a minor plot was acted out as an illustration. As Bradbury wandered about Los Angeles, he gradually gathered impressions and formed the sights he saw into a story. From visits to an IBM building, the telephone company, and the streets about him, a story of terror and world conquest took shape. A telephone company had just completed a new switching system - complicated, efficient, exceeding the human brain in theoretical capacity. This "mind" slowly grew to self-awareness, leading its human contact into frustration and doom.

The second short feature was produced by IBM, and concerned a rather vacuous attempt to show the questioning and learning processes of a small child. Basically, it was boring; the audience reflected its boredom, and began to drift out. As an emergency measure, the next two films (of similar ilk) were skipped, and the last, a very interesting and bone-crackingly funny British cartoon called "Automania", was shown,

which concerned the state of the world as cars become ever larger and more numerous.

The program ended and the attendees went out to supper and prepared for the evening's parties. A meeting of the Great Wall Science Fiction Society (President, Ron Bounds, Secretary-Treasurer, Cindy Heap), dedicated to meeting only at conventions and having dinner at a Chinese restaurant, was held, with 13 members present, at Wong's Restaurant, in Cincinnati.

We arrived back at the motel - the Cincinnati Holiday Inn North - at about 7:30 p.m., to find the parties already under way. In addition to the planned, sponsored party, there was a quiet folksinging (and filksinging) gathering in the Coulsons' room. George Heap wandered about, playing when he felt like it, and other small parties kept springing up everywhere. I think the motel really had a taste of S-F cons - at around 3 a.m., a small group of a dozen or so jumped the barrier and began a pool-side party, which lasted for perhaps an hour, finally breaking up when the participants began tottering off to their rooms.

The last remnants of the parties finally broke up, as usual, in the morning half-light. The rest of Sunday was spent with no program, hanging about the pool, and people finally departing to return to their homes.

Ron Bounds

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#### MEBANE'S MAGAZINE MONTH

August GALAXY: A good issue, but not outstanding. I recommend the Frank Herbert novel and the novelet by James Blish and Norman L. Knight. The novelet is a sort of loose sequel to an ASTOUNDING novel Knight wrote more than 25 years ago. Two shorts and the usual departments round out the issue.

August ANALOG: Has the conclusion of Poul Anderson's "Trader Team" and a pretty good Telzey Amberdon short by James H. Schmitz. The rest of the fiction is eminently forgettable - particularly the cover novelet by R. C. FitzPatrick.

August AMAZING: The first issue under the new owners. AMAZING and FANTASTIC have gone bi-monthly (as I meant to say last month) and added 32 pages. Two of the stories in this issue are reprints, and, if I read Sol Cohen's editorial correctly, the policy will soon be all reprints - I suppose they are now using up the backlog of new stories already bought and paid for by Ziff-Davis. The new stories this time include readable novelets by Keith Laumer and Robert F. Young. Ray Bradbury and Isaac Asimov appear on the contents page, but you are warned that they are represented by creaky early stories.

August F & SF: A novelet by Gordon R. Dickson that's good but over-written, and a good short by Chad Oliver - his first appearance in quite a while. The rest of the fiction just takes up space. I think F & SF is always worth getting, for Asimov's monthly article if for nothing else. Of course, 50 cents is quite a lot for a 9-page article, but there's usually a worthwhile story or two, like this time.

Banks Mebane

### REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

On hand, 1 July ..... \$93.15  
Sale of excess liquor from Disclave .... \$16.64  
Dues, old members ..... 8.00  
Dues, new members ..... 3.50  
Dues, corresponding members ..... 2.50  
Expenses: WSFA JOURNAL (stencils & postage) ..... \$11.42  
          WSFA picnic at the Griggs' ..... 25.00  
          Wedding present for the Jay Haldeman's ... 5.00  
          Postage ..... .20  
On hand, 1 August ..... \$82.17

Phil Bridges

### REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

3 new Regular members: Buddie (Mrs. William) Evans, Michael Hakulin, Charles E. Rein, Jr.  
4 new Corresponding members: Lon Atkins, Harriett Kolchak, Fred Lerner, Duncan McFarland.

Bill Berg

### REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

July 2, 1965

Meeting called to order by President Mebane at 3:45 p.m., with 26 persons present: Lon Atkins, Betty Berg, Phyllis Berg, William Berg, Paul Borkowski, Ron Bounds, Phil Bridges, Jack Chalker, Elizabeth Cullen, William Evans, Mrs. William (Buddie) Evans, Jay Haldeman, Mrs. Jay (Alice) Haldeman, Joe Haldeman, Alan Huff, Jerry Jacks, Harriett Kolchak, Bob Madle, Banks Mebane, Don Miller, Elliott Norman, Mark Owings, Gay Potter, Joel Suttell, Mark Walstad (now living in Providence, Rhode Island, but in Washington for the Summer), and Robert Weston.

Treasurer reported balance on hand of \$101.79, and that dues were due and payable. Membership committee reported one new Regular member - Mrs. William (Buddie) Evans, and two new Corresponding members - Lon Atkins, from North Carolina, and Harriett Kolchak, from Philadelphia. All three new members were welcomed into the club. Publications committee announced publication of the fourth (July) issue of THE WSFA JOURNAL, containing a listing and reviews of the final nominees for the 1965 Hugo awards, the special report for WSFA year May 1, 1964 to May 1, 1965 (that's right - the business year is different from the membership year!), reviews of some of the recent S-F magazines, and news of the forthcoming WSFA picnic and the DETROIT TRIPLE FAN FAIR.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Jack Chalker moved, and Ron Bounds seconded, that the first sentence of Article I, Section 1(b) of the WSFA By-Laws be amended to read, "Corresponding Membership - Annual dues, \$1.00, payable yearly." A vote is to be taken on this amendment at the WSFA meeting of 16 July.

Jack Chalker announced that a "non-con" would be held over the Labor Day week-end in Philadelphia, for those who could not attend the World Con in London. It would be more on the order of a conclave than a convention. Harriett Kolchak added that it would be held Friday through Monday, and that Philadelphia would take care of the social events. Harriett also mentioned that her skirt, which is being autographed at the rate of six-pence per signature had so far, with the aid of Ethel Lindsay, has so far produced 15 Pounds. She stated that the Neofund had used \$15.00 at the Midwestcon, and \$85.00 was turned over to Frank Dietz to add to the Neofund bank account. Finally, she announced that Operation Handicap had fallen through because Peter Singleton, the handicapped British fan for whom funds were collected for the purpose of enabling him to attend the London Con, would be unable to attend the Con for medical reasons; she said she would like to use the funds that were returned in aid of Vernice Heckathorn, the handicapped WSFA member.

Gameswise, Phalanx, Chess, and the Jungle Game were played.

July 16, 1965

Meeting called to order at 9:06 p.m. by President Mebane, with 23 persons present: William Berg, Ron Bounds, Phil Bridges, Jack Chalker, Elizabeth Cullen, David Ettlin, Buddy Evans, Joe Haldeman, Mike Hakulin, Alan Huff, Mary Kramer, Fred Lerner, Duncan McFarland, Banks Mebane, Don Miller, Mark Owings, Gay Potter, Charles Rein, Jr., Jay Sattel, Alan Simons, Mark Walstad, Kim Weston, and Robert Weston.

Treasurer reported \$82.32 in Treasury. Membership committee announced two new Regular members - Michael Hakulin and Charles E. Rein, Jr., and two new Corresponding members - Fred Lerner and Duncan McFarland; it was also announced that Mark Walstad was transferring to Corresponding membership in September. The four new members were welcomed into the club. The Publications committee asked for reports on the WSFA picnic and the Midwestcon.

Old Business - The amendment to Article I, Section 1(b) of the WSFA By-Laws which was proposed at the meeting of 2 July was passed unanimously; dues for Corresponding members are henceforth \$1.00 per year. The final vote was taken for the WSFA Hugo Awards ballot, and the ballot was completed, signed, and mailed to London. The WSFA choices were:

Best Novel - "The Planet Buyer", by Cordwainer Smith (Pyramid Books);  
Best Short Story - "Once A Cop", by Rick Raphael (ANALOG, May, 1964);  
Best Magazine - WORLDS OF IF;  
Best Fanzine - YANDRO (edited by Robert and Jaunita Coulson);  
Best Artist - John Schoenherr;  
Best Publisher - VICTOR GOLLANCZ, LTD;  
Special Drama - "Dr. Strangelove".

Runners-up in the first four categories were, respectively, "Davy", "Soldier Ask Not", ANALOG, and ZENITH.

New Business - Don Miller proposed, and Alan Huff seconded, that the first sentence in Article VIII of the WSFA By-Laws be amended to read, "Any amendment to these By-Laws may be proposed at any Regular meeting at which a quorum is present. Notice of such amendment must be mailed to all Active members, and the amendment shall be voted upon at the first Regular meeting at which a quorum is present after the 10-day period following such publication." Ron Bounds proposed, and Jack Chalker seconded, that the WSFA By-Laws be amended to specify that each meeting be opened with a prayer. This would amend Article VI of the WSFA By-Laws, and would be inserted between the current Sections (1) and (2), with subsequent Sections being renumbered accordingly. Both proposed amendments are to be voted upon at the meeting of August 6.

The Baltimore members announced that the next meeting (Saturday, July 24) of the Baltimore Science Fiction Society would be held in the East Conference Room, Lower Level, of the Holiday Inn Downtown, in Baltimore - the hotel at which they are planning to hold the 1967 BALTIÇON - and urged WSFA members to attend. Miss Cullen announced receipt of letters from Harold Piser (re the bibliography of fanzines he is compiling), The La Plata Fantasy and Science Fiction Club, in La Plata, Argentina (requesting S-F books, magazines, etc, and exchange of information with WSFA), and a post card from Ron Ellick depicting the Tower Bridge, in London: "Cheers - Having wonderful time, etc." She was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Nelson and Sarah Griggs for the 4th of July party, which she did. The Publications committee was instructed to send copies of THE WSFA JOURNAL to the La Plata club, and a copy of issue #1 of the JOURNAL, with the WSFA history, to Mr. Piser. Dave Ettlin donated a copy of his new book of poems to the WSFA library, and a box of books donated by Pamela Harris was turned over to WSFA for the library.

Games played included a 4-man variation of Ruma, Rimau-Kimau, Go, and Phalanx.

#### July 30, 1965

No formal meeting - social night. Present were 26 persons: Phyllis Berg, William Berg, Ron Bounds, Jack Chalker, Elizabeth Cullen, Dick Eney, Albert Gechter, Joe Haldeman, Jerry Jacks, Don Lingrell, George McMullen, Bob Madle, Joe Mayhew, Don Miller, Don Monroe, Elliott Norman, Mark Owings, Gay Potter, Robert Rozman, Jay Sattel, Karen Summerfelt, Paul Taylor, Mike Ward, Kim Weston, Robert Weston, and Frank Young.

The Executive Board met in special session and voted a \$5.00 wedding gift for Joe Haldeman and Gay Potter, WSFA members of more than a year's standing, who will be married at 1:30 p.m. on August 21st at the 1st Baptist Church in Bethesda, Maryland (Wilson Lane and Cordell Avenue). Miss Cullen read an invitation addressed to all WSFA members, inviting them to the wedding and the reception to be held afterwards in the Church Fellowship Hall. All persons planning to attend were requested to RSVP to 8705 Grant St., Bethesda, Maryland.

As the promised picnic and Midwestcon reports had not been received by the editor of the JOURNAL, a report-writing session was held, with attendees of the picnic, the Midwestcon, the Detroit Triple Fan Fair, and the special BSFS meeting of the 27th all pitching in to write brief reports of the affairs they attended. Participating were Bill Berg (picnic, BSFS meeting); Ron Bounds (picnic, Midwestcon); Jack Chalker (BSFS meeting); Jerry Jacks (BSFS meeting); Mark Owings (Detroit Triple Fan Fair); Gay Potter (picnic); Kim Weston (BSFS meeting); also, Albert Gechter (movie review), Joe Haldeman (wedding announcement), and Mike Ward (BOSKONE '65 announcement) pitched in to do their bit for THE WSFA JOURNAL. Gameswise; Chess, Go, and the "inductive reasoning" card game, Eleusis, were played.

Elizabeth O. Cullen

#### Announcements - -

Deep South Con - Weekend of August 6, in Birmingham, Alabama. For information, write Lon Atkins, Box 228, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514 (phone 919-929-1046).

LONCON II (23rd World Science Fiction Convention), London, England, August 27-30; attendees, \$3; non-attendees, \$2; U.S. Agent William Evans (see WSFA roster for address).

Non-Con, Philadelphia, Labor Day weekend; write Harriett Kolchak, 2330 N. Hancock St., Philadelphia, Penna., 19133, for details.

BOSKONE '65 - Sept. 10, 11, 12; New England Regional Con; For info write Dave Vanderwerf, 11 Bristol St., Cambridge, Mass., 02141; Ike Asimov, others, as guests.

WSFA ROSTER

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Haldeman, Joe .....	4517 Tuckerman St., Riverdale, Maryland	(864-4202)
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Kerkhof, Franklin .....	W.M. Kerkhof, 1211 Rockbridge Ave., Norfolk, Va.	( - )
Madle, Robert A. ....	4406 Bestor Drive, Rockville, Maryland	(929-1712)
Swanson, Russell .....	Haddam, Connecticut	( - )



Corresponding Members (Dues paid for one year)

Atkins, Lon .....	Box 228, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514	(929-1046)
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Lerner, Fred .....	98-B, The Boulevard, East Paterson, N.J., 07407	(SW6-2747)
McFarland, Duncan .....	1242 Grace Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45208	(321-1375)

Associate Member

Luehrmann, Alan E. ....	5178 Eastern Ave., Apt. G1, Wash., D.C., 20011	(832-8879)
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Regular Members - Inactive (Were Active during period June, 1964 to May, 1965; dues currently delinquent)

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Young, Francis A. ....	215 Constitution Ave., N.E., Apt. 408, Wash., D.C.	(544-5126)

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Robert S. Rozman applied for Corresponding Membership at the meeting of 30 July; he will appear on the next roster. Mark Walstad will transfer to Corresponding Membership effective 1 September; his dues are paid for the subsequent 1-year period. Regular Member Robert Pavlat is paid-up through May, 1966; Peggy Pavlat is paid-up through February, 1966.

All members on the above roster should check the entries by their names carefully; corrections should be sent to the editor of THE WSFA JOURNAL not later than the fourth Friday in August (27 August). All members for whom phone numbers and/or zip codes are not listed should be sure to send them to the editor by 27 August. We already have zip codes for Pamela Harris (20019) and Francis Young (20002); they were omitted from the above roster due to lack of space.

Persons receiving THE WSFA JOURNAL who are not listed on the above roster should become either Regular or Corresponding members if they wish to continue receiving THE WSFA JOURNAL regularly. Regular members who have been inactive for more than one year must become Active or transfer to Corresponding Membership in order to receive the JOURNAL regularly. The Associate member must either attend meetings once a month or transfer his membership to Regular or Corresponding Membership to insure regular receipt of the JOURNAL.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

We asked both sides in the controversy over the "prayer" amendment which was proposed at the meeting of 16 July and will be voted upon at the meeting of 6 August to state their cases in THE WSFA JOURNAL, but neither has done so, so we shall take an editorial stand. We are strongly opposed to the amendment. We have no objection to someone arranging ahead-of-time with the President to step out in a black robe at the beginning of a meeting and voicing several incantations to various imaginary "dieties" - but we think it going pretty far afield to formalize such a ritual by writing it into the WSFA By-Laws so that every meeting would have to be opened by a "prayer" of some sort. Such clowning around is alright once-in-a-great-while - but every meeting? In addition, such a procedure is bound to offend someone - a non-religious "prayer" would offend the religious members of WSFA and vice versa. Why create trouble?

Our apologies to the following persons for having to omit their contributions from this issue for lack-of-room; we promise them their contributions will appear in the September issue of the JOURNAL: Alexis Gilliland (book review of "Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen"); Albert Gechter (movie review of the Seven Arts-Hammer Films-MGM production of "She: A History of Adventure"); Bill Berg, Jerry Jacks, and Kim Weston (reports of the special Baltimore meeting of July 24). Also, please note that Jack Chalker submitted a report of the WSFA picnic, and not of the BSFS meeting (as stated in the Secretary's report).

### August/September Calendar -

WSFA MEETINGS - August 6, 20; September 3, 17 (at home of Miss E. Cullen - see WSFA roster for address; call Miss Cullen, B. Mebane, or D. Miller for information).  
The Gamesmen - August 13, 27; September 10, 24 (at home of D. Miller - see WSFA roster for address. Call before coming, preferably the day before the meeting).  
The Baltimore Science Fiction Society - August 14, 28; September 11, 25 (call Jack Chalker or write to him for info; see roster for address and phone number).  
Other events - Deep South Con (weekend of August 6); Haldeman-Potter wedding and reception (August 21); LONCON II (August 27-30); Non-Con (Labor Day weekend); BOSKONE '65 (Sept. 10-12). Details on all these events are given within and following the July 30 section of the Secretary's report on page 7 of the JOURNAL.

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