

Virtual Tucker Hotel



The Colorado Convention Center, home of the Denver Worldcon.

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VTH is primarily an electronic fanzine, available on <http://www.efanzines.com>. Paper copies of this fanzine do exist, however, and will be available for the fannish usual. In any case, e-mails and letters of comment are, of course, welcome.

Thanks to: Bill Mills (“FanLounge”), without whom The Virtual Fan Lounge wouldn't exist.

Member fwa. Startling Press Production number 285. Today is Wednesday 6th August, 2008.

It's Worldcon Weekend

The World Science Fiction Convention, a.k.a. Worldcon, takes place in Denver, Colorado, this weekend – the annual gathering of the many tribes of All Known Fandom. Although Worldcons have come far (some might feel too far!) from their original roots in Fanzine Fandom, the ties are still there. In particular, this year's Worldcon is hosting a Fanzine Lounge, organised by Chris Garcia and friends.

There are plans to produce several one-shots (if that's not a contradiction in terms) in the Denver Fanzine Lounge over the weekend. We in The Virtual Fan Lounge will be looking to do our bit to helping out with the Saturday fanzine. Contributing articles, art and whatever else comes to hand. So we will be “open” the same hours as the Denver Fanzine Lounge on Saturday – 10.00 am to 6.00 pm Mountain Daylight Time. (See over for what this translates to in your local time.)

If you are interested in contributing in any way, or just want to heckle from the peanut gallery, come along. The Virtual Fan Lounge will be acting as the focal point for all those fans who'd love to be involved in the Denver Fanzine Lounge, without all that messy business of actually having to travel to Denver...

If you feel we're being a bit vague about exactly ***how*** we'll be interacting with the Fanzine Lounge at Denver, well that's quite deliberate. Until they get there, our friends in the Denver Fanzine Lounge aren't going to know exactly what access we will have to them – or them to us. But we are hoping to get some live interaction at some point, even if just on audio, if the internet connection for the Denver Fanzine Lounge operates as hoped.

In addition, the normal Southern Fandom Classic chat session, which falls neatly in the

middle of the Denver Fanzine Lounge One-Shot session, will still happen as normal, at the usual time on the Saturday.

Joining the Lounge

To use the chat-room, just go to <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/the-virtual-fan-lounge>. On the left hand side of the page is the live video feed – replaced by a slide show when there isn't anything happening. On the right is the actual chat-room. You can see what everyone else is typing in the top window, and add your own contribution in the smaller box at the bottom.

You will be assigned an initial user name in the format “ustreamer-12345.” If you'd rather change this – to your real name, livejournal name, or whatever – you can do this by clicking the “Sign Up” link at the top to register for free. Some people have been slightly put off by the amount of information that the registration form asks for, which I can empathise with. But registration is entirely optional – you can simply stay as “ustreamer-12345” if you prefer.

Video Library

As well as the live events, The Virtual Fan Lounge is beginning to build up a library of recorded material available for viewing. The clips are listed under the main viewscreen – just click to select.

No new videos have been added this week, but all the existing videos are still available to view, including all six episodes so far of The Wasted Hour.

Also, if you have problems with the streaming video, most of the videos are also available at our alternative/back-up site, The Fan Video Network, which is available at the web address <http://TFVN.renebooks.com/video/fanvid-1.html>

Schedule for the next few weeks

Denver Fanzine Lounge One-Shot session

The Virtual Fan Lounge helps out with the Denver Fanzine Lounge's plans for a one-shot during its Saturday opening hours. (Will this be "helps out," as in toddler "helping" mommy out with the dishes? Join us to find out...)

- Saturday 9th August, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm PDT (Pacific Daylight Time)
- Saturday 9th August, 12.00 noon to 8.00 pm EDT (Eastern Daylight Time)
- Saturday 9th August, 4.00 pm to 12.00 midnight UTC (Co-ordinated Universal Time)
- Saturday 9th August, 5.00 pm to 1.00 am (Sun) BST (British Summer Time)
- Sunday 10th August, 12.00 midnight to 8.00 am WAST (Western Australian Standard Time)
- Sunday 10th August, 2.00 am to 10.00 am EAST (Eastern Australian Standard Time)
- Sunday 10th August, 4.00 am to 12.00 noon NZST (New Zealand Standard Time)

...including the Southern Fandom Classic chat-room session

Dean Sweatman and other members of the Southern Fandom Classic group will be holding their regular chat session in the Virtual Fan Lounge, and invite other interested fans from around the world to join them.

- Saturday 9th August, 1.00 pm PDT (Pacific Daylight Time)
- Saturday 9th August, 4.00 pm EDT (Eastern Daylight Time)
- Saturday 9th August, 8.00 pm UTC (Co-ordinated Universal Time)
- Saturday 9th August, 9.00 pm BST (British Summer Time)
- Sunday 10th August, 4.00 am WAST (Western Australian Standard Time)
- Sunday 10th August, 6.00 am EAST (Eastern Australian Standard Time)
- Sunday 10th August, 8.00 am NZST (New Zealand Standard Time)

The Wasted Hour 7

The seventh edition of The Wasted Hour – 30 fannish minutes with host Arnie Katz and guests for fannish chat and fannish fun.

- Saturday 16th August, 7.00 pm PDT (Pacific Daylight Time)
- Saturday 16th August, 10.00 pm EDT (Eastern Daylight Time)
- Sunday 17th August, 2.00 am UTC (Co-ordinated Universal Time)
- Sunday 17th August, 3.00 pm BST (British Summer Time)
- Sunday 17th August, 10.00 am WAST (Western Australian Standard Time)
- Sunday 17th August, 12.00 noon EAST (Eastern Australian Standard Time)
- Sunday 17th August, 2.00 pm NZST (New Zealand Standard Time)

And More?

Other ad-hoc events may be added around this 'core' schedule – see future issues of [Virtual Tucker Hotel](#) for more details. And, of course, the chat-room itself is open 24/7.

Corflu Zed details announced

Continuing the conventions theme, details of next year's Corflu have just been announced by convention chair Randy Byers. Given that The Virtual Fan Lounge grew out of this year's Corflu, it seems only right to mention the details here.



Randy writes: "I'm pleased to announce that we have settled the details for Corflu Zed, the 26th Corflu, which will be held in Seattle on the weekend of 13-15 March 2009. Please feel free to repost this announcement far and wide.

The convention hotel is the Hotel Deca, which is located in the University District. This is a lovely old art deco hotel that was built in 1931, around the same time that the first fanzines were being published. The consuite will be on the top floor of the building, with wonderful panoramic views of the city. The University District offers many restaurants and urban amenities within walking distance of the hotel. This is just across the freeway from where the previous two Seattle Corflus were held.

Here are the details:

Corflu Zed

a convention for fanzine fans
13-15 March 2009

Hotel Deca
4507 Brooklyn Ave NE
Seattle WA 98105

Room rates:

- \$129.00 per night for a King or a Double
- \$159.00 per night for Junior Suites

(Mention Corflu 26 to get these rates.)

Reservations: +1-206-628-2391 (Monday to Friday 9-5 Pacific Daylight Time)

Front Desk: +1-206-634-2000

Fax: +1-206-545-2103

E-mail: reservations@hoteldeca.com

Web: <http://www.hoteldeca.com>

Memberships:

- Attending (includes banquet): \$65 US, £35 UK and European.
- Supporting (receives special publication): \$20 US, £10 UK.

US Mailing address: Corflu Zed, c/o S. Tompkins, P.O. Box 25075, Seattle, WA 98165. Checks payable to Denys Howard.

UK Mailing address: Post to Claire Brialey, 59 Shirley Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 7ES. Cheques payable to Claire Brialey.

We don't have PayPal set up yet, but we will.

Questions:

More information can be found at <http://www.corflu.org>.

You can contact us via e-mail at zed@corflu.org or via snailmail at the above addresses.

We look forward to seeing you at the convention. Meanwhile, pub your ish!

Randy Byers

Chair, Corflu Zed."