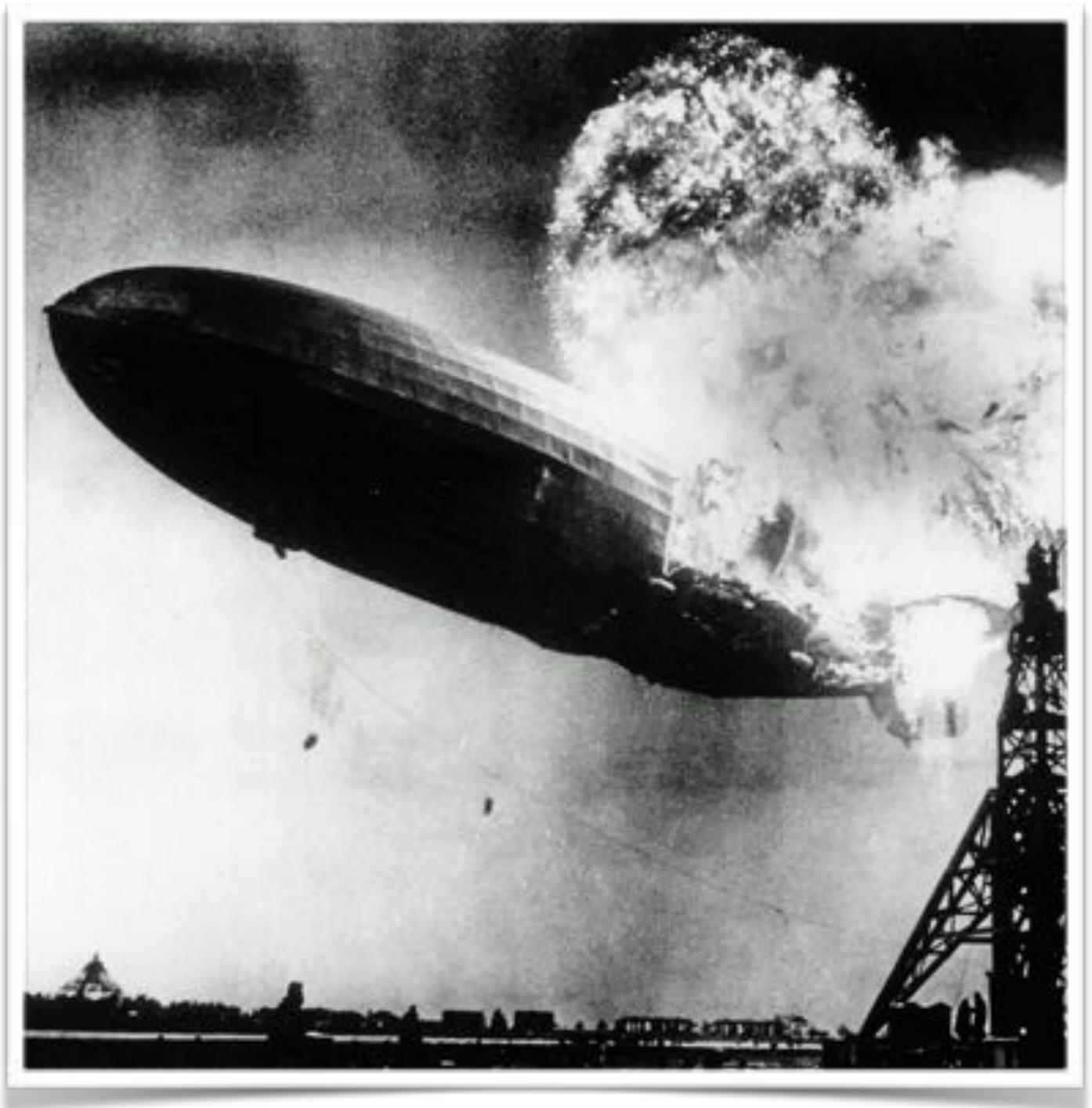


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The 2019 Corflu Bid Issue

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Desperate Times Call for Desperate Fanzines (editorial)

Once again, *Random Jottings 13* isn't the fanzine you're looking for— or, at least it wasn't the one I was planning. There's nothing wrong with that, mind you, but I thought I'd share what might have been (and might yet be).

Philip Roth and Me

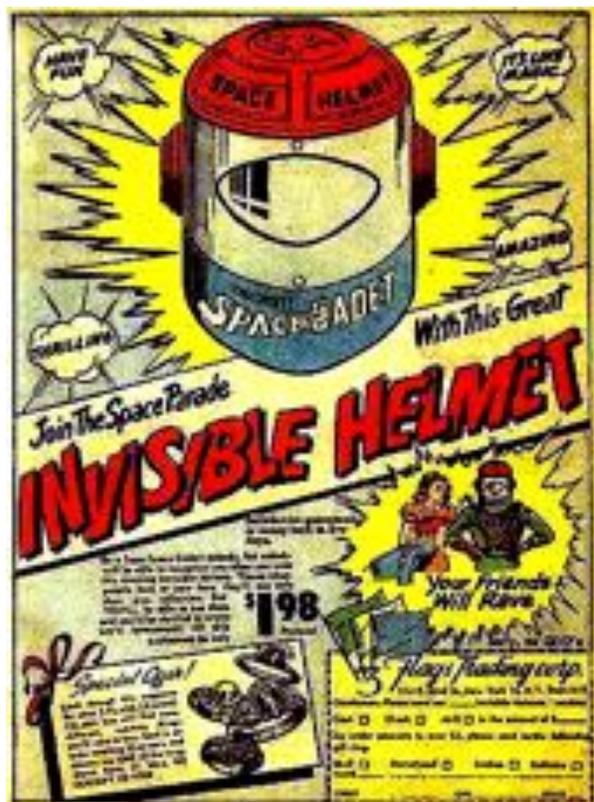
Unlike a lot of people with Wikipedia pages, I have had nothing to do with mine. Evidently the page was created as part of an attempt to chronicle everyone who'd done professional D&D material, and it's been updated to include my novels with Doug Niles and my various business nonfiction books. There are pages for some of my novels and all of my TSR games, but they aren't linked.

They also have my birthday wrong.

I read a newspaper story about best-selling novelist Philip Roth and his troubles with Wikipedia. It seems his birthday on his Wikipedia page was incorrect too, and so he wrote a comment on the talk page: "I'm Philip Roth and my birthday is actually _____."

"Sorry," the reply came. "We can't use that as a source because it constitutes original research."

Roth eventually had to arrange to be interviewed in a major magazine so he could explain the situation and tell them his correct birthday. Once it could be sourced to the outside publication, Wikipedia was able to make the correction in line with its own policies.



Fortunately, unlike Philip Roth, I have my own magazine.

The “Dear Wikipedia Editor” issue was going to have properly sourced and credited information that some Kind Person could add to my page, and I’d avoid that pesky original research issue.

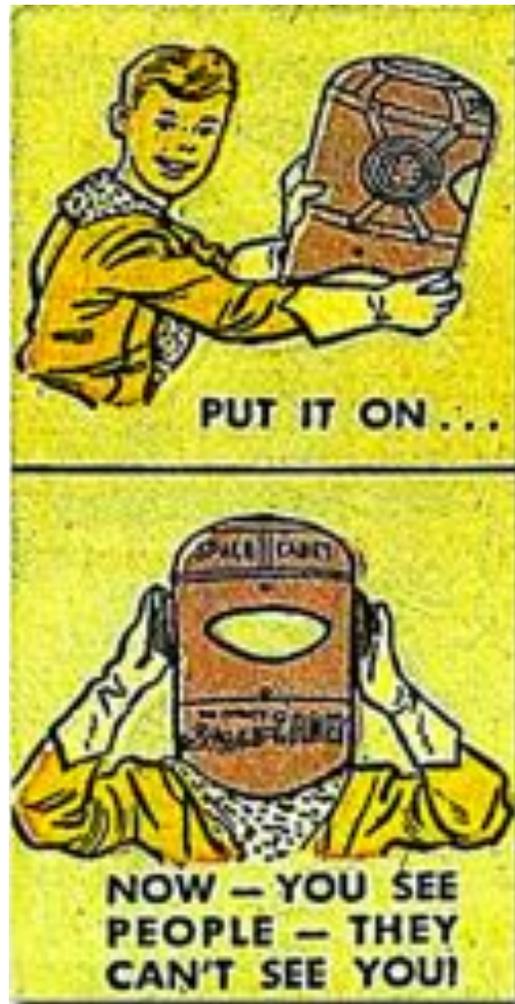
A Princely Tale

In *Random Jottings 10*, the Improbable History issue, I published an excerpt from Humayun Mirza’s book *From Plassey to Pakistan*, a history of the Raj in India from the perspective of his ancestors, the royal family of Bengal, and of the foundation of Pakistan from the perspective of Humayun’s father, Pakistan’s first president (deposed in a 1958 coup).

Humayun himself has had a remarkable life, and in the many years we’ve been friends, he’s told me many stories. I’ve been urging him for some time to write them down, and he’s finally agreed. Here are a few highlights.

Humayun was in the hospital at the time of Partition, and when the Calcutta Riots broke out, he was in serious danger of being killed. Gandhi personally quelled the riots, saving Humayun (among many others). When Humayun met Gandhi to thank him, Gandhi replied, “Oh, yes. I know your grandmother.”

He was smuggled out of India by the aviation pioneer and adventurer Sidney Cotton. In England, he met Churchill; pissed off Sir Anthony Eden; and was





mentored by Thomas E. Dewey, who urged him to move to the US. During a long World Bank career, Humayun worked throughout Central and South America, as well as in Nigeria and Saudi Arabia, with numerous adventures along the way.

He was a stunt pilot, and did the flying scenes for the 1951 film *Mr. Denning Drives North*. He hunted tigers on elephant back (the tiger skin hangs on the

wall of his family room), nearly made the Olympics twice (in fencing), played cricket for the Pakistan National Team, fended off an amorous Vivien Leigh, and much more.

Unfortunately, the project's going a little more slowly than planned, and it became clear it wasn't going to be finished in time for the 2018 Corflu.

Pub That Ish!

During the Vietnam War, it was proposed that we should simply declare victory and go home. That's kind of the philosophy that underlies this issue of *Random Jottings*.

Random Jottings has come out once a year every year since 2008, and I'd like to keep my record more or less intact. Thus, in a moment of desperation, I've decided to add a little bit to what would otherwise just be the Corflu 2019 bid package and call it an ish, Desperate times, you see, call for desperate fanzines.

Print distribution will be by photocopies rather than CreateSpace, and I'm only printing them for Corflu attendees. Everyone else can get it at either the efanzines.com Random Jottings page or through corflu.org. Either way, thank you **Bill Burns**.

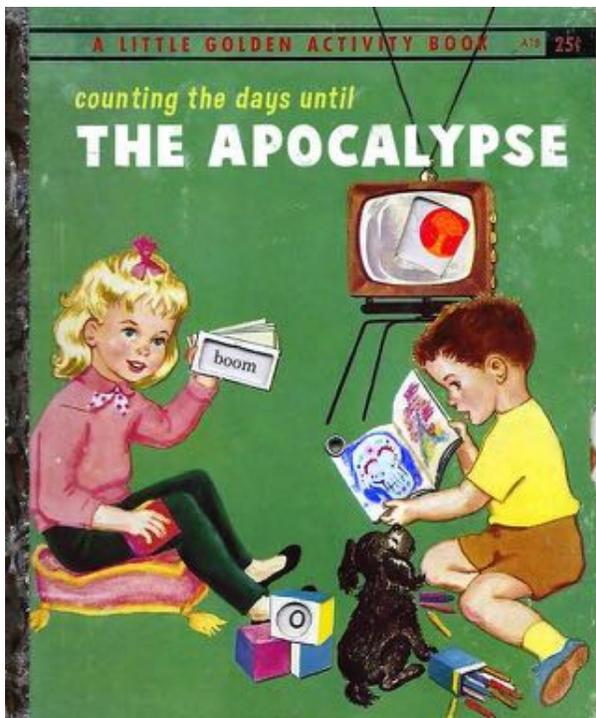
Regular service will return with the next issue.

— Michael

Corflu of the Beast

Where #MAGA Stands for 'Zine

Same Bat Time, Same Bat
Station



Corflu 36 2019

Dates: May 2-6 (Thursday-Sunday)

Hotel: Cambria Hotel and Suites,
Rockville, Maryland (\$109/night)

Membership: \$100 attending, \$60
supporting (but see the fine print)

Party at No-Trump Towers

This is the second progress report for the proposed 2019 Corflu DC. The first progress report is available here: <http://www.corflu.org/Corflu36/Corflu36-PRO.pdf>

Here's what's happened since:

1. We've got a hotel contract
2. We have dates
3. We have membership fees
4. We have a budget
5. We have several initial volunteers

This progress report will bring you up to date and prepare you to vote on Sunday. If you have any questions, of course, you know where to find me.

Not Just the Usual Gang of Idiots

Lots of you typically work on some aspect of Corflu, and I very much appreciate it. **Curt Phillips** has taken charge of the hospitality effort, and asked **Aileen Forman** to give advice. Aileen wrote a detailed guide to consuite operations, and was kind enough to let me publish it in this issue.

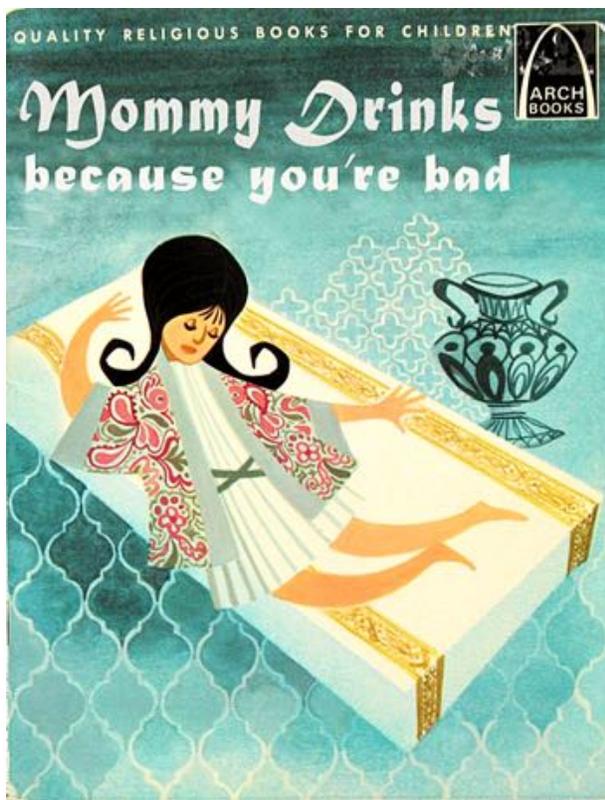
Ted White coached me through my first hotel visit, and gave me numerous insights on convention management. He'll be in overall charge of programming for the convention.

Geri Sullivan and **Ben Yalow** contributed their considerable expertise to the hotel contract, and it's much better for their input.

Our treasurer **Patti Ross** and her husband **Dale Ross** also advised on the hotel contract. Patti is bracing herself for the flood of money we'll no doubt receive.

Andy Hooper, **Rob Jackson**, and others have signified their willingness to pitch in. I'm grateful for all your help.

A big "Smooooooth!" to all.



Fan Mail from Some Flounders

In rough order of receipt:

Curt Phillips: I am toying with the idea of offering to conduct a tour of the [Gettysburg] Battlefield — let's call it "The Peter Weston Memorial Gettysburg Battlefield Tour and Death March. ... I'm a lifelong Civil War buff and was a Civil War reenactor for twenty years.

That's a great idea. I want to urge people to combine Corflu 2019 with a regular vacation. DC is filled with interesting things to do.

My goal is to have something arranged for each day of the week prior to Corflu. With the number of history buffs in our group, we ought to be able to come up with a wide range of options to offer attendees.

Besides Gettysburg, there are numerous museum options, from art tours (Colleen Brown used to work for the National Museum of American Art) to air & space (I used to work there and may be able to get some backstage access).

Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald are buried within walking distance of the convention hotel. The original Uncle Tom's Cabin can be found in nearby Bethesda. Assuming they haven't torn it down yet, I can take people to the actual parking space where Deep Throat met Bob Woodward.



Harper's Ferry is not far away either. Baltimore (home of Steve and Elaine Stiles) is also filled with attractions and it's only an hour or so away.

Murray Moore: You do realize, don't you, that if you do too good a job running a Corflu, you will be expected to do a second one. (See Virzi, Pat)

Nobody expects the Corflu Inquisition!

Andy Hooper: Your Corflu bid certainly has my blessing. I'll be happy to do and write stuff.

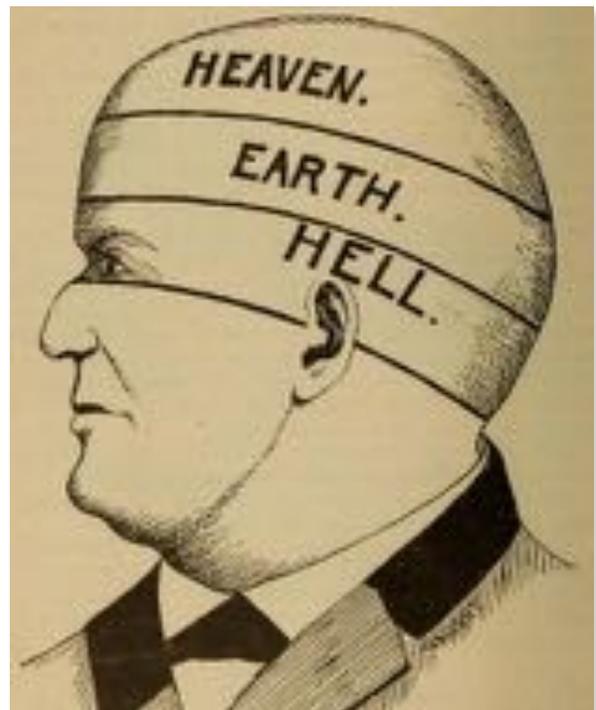
I look forward to it.

Jim Caughran: I discovered myself to be in a project management department about when I came to Canada, 1972 or so. I didn't know that, nor did they seem to know I hadn't any project management credentials. I was hired as a computer jock. My background

was pure mathematics, so pure I didn't know what the applications of the field I worked in were. (I was a little shocked when I found some of them out.) I had worked in computer stuff before, on real live vacuum tube computers yet. But I gave that up. I shouldn't have.

I recall a guy talking about teaching scheduling at a community college. His students didn't seem keen; one even asked why they were studying scheduling. In the discussion of that, he asked what they thought they would do as project managers. "Well, manage, I guess." So it was time to talk of sealing wax, cabbages and kings.

I shined at the job, mostly because I was willing to hang around and work extra when upper management did its Friday afternoon hack jobs. "Cap the spending at \$100K per month." (It was a



billion dollar steel mill, and the expense was undoubtedly one of the things that did the company in, a few years after I left to post policy transactions for insurance companies. It didn't start out at a billion dollars.)

"I normally spend around \$300 on an airplane ticket." Porter mentioned \$1000 as his estimate for coming to the Toronto Corflu. When I was young (Sonny) I used to wonder what a con committee did with the \$25 they charged for full membership. Such a lot of money! Now I wonder what a hotel does with \$150 or more a night. \$1000 would be a start for me to attend a DC convention. More by next year, no doubt.

At least some convention stuff is more or less routine. Badges and registration, for example, shouldn't be hard -- unless you've grossly underestimated the at-the-door attendance. Other stuff is less well defined. Can you plan that the Morality League which took the suite next to the consuite is complaining?

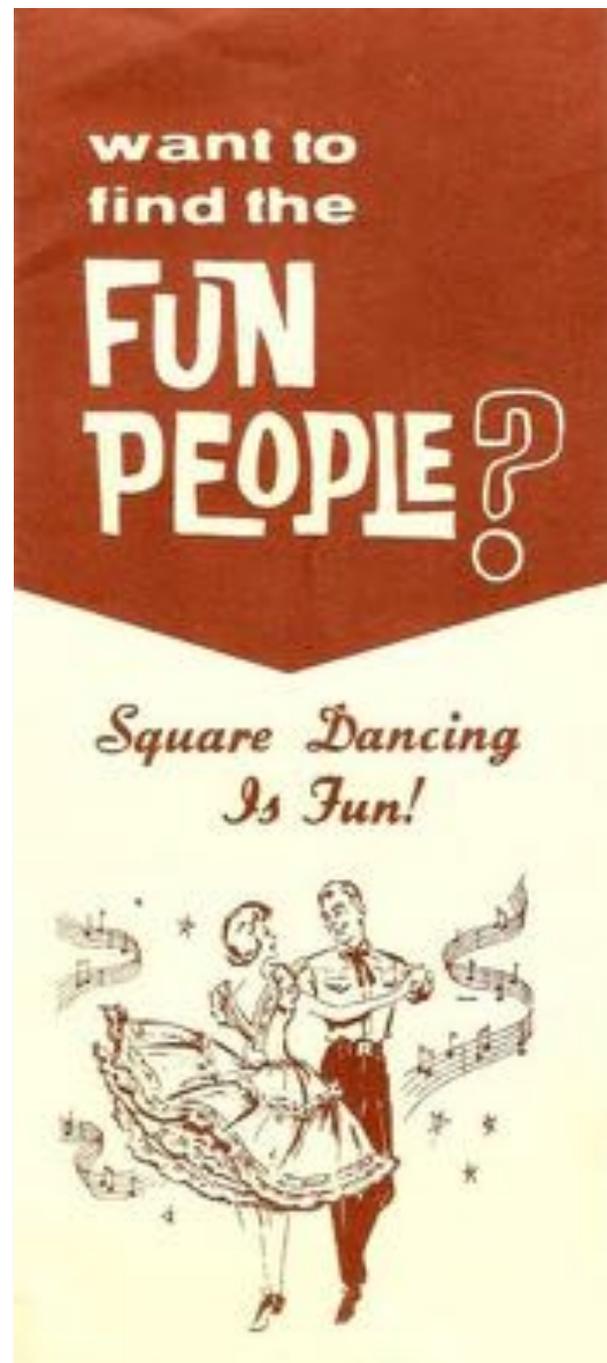
Your non-progress report should be seen as a good beginning for anybody's WBS. But what about the softball game?

I figure I'll spend a certain amount of money whether I go to somebody else's Corflu or run my own, but there are specific costs (like airfare) that I only incur when going out of town.

Many years ago, Disclave once shared their hotel with a SPEBSQUSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in

America) event, so the risk is always with us.

We only play hardball in DC. Just ask Chris Matthews.



The Corflu Manifesto

“All happy Corflus are alike; each unhappy Corflu is unhappy in its own way.”

A great Corflu is all about attendees. If the right people show up, you’ll have a great time, no matter how incompetently the convention is run. This gives me a great deal of hope, and a convenient excuse if required.

In the meantime, here’s what’s already known about the convention. I expect to get a lot of comments during the con, and so there will be another progress report in a couple of weeks.



Location, Location, Location

Corflu 36 will be in Rockville, Maryland, a relatively close-in Maryland suburb. Our hotel (the Cambria) is a two-block walk from the Rockville Metro station, so you’re only a brief walk away from most major tourist attractions.

We’ll be in Rockville Town Square. It’s a renovated downtown with about 30 places to eat within no more than a three-block walk of the hotel. We’re even next door to the World of Beer!

The Cambria is a new upscale brand from Choice Hotels. Everything is new and fresh. It gets mostly business travelers (Rockville is the capital of Montgomery County and home to the courts and local government) so we have exceptionally good weekend rates: \$109 a night for all hotel rooms.

The link for Corflu-rate reservations won’t be ready for another week or so, and we’ll publish it as soon as available.

Membership Has Its Privileges

In my fake Trump Con bid presentation at the Chicago Corflu, I

mentioned offering a Premium Membership, complete with gold-plated name badges. For those who don't need no stinkin' badges, though, we do have the regular rate available.



Regular Attending: An attending membership will cost \$100 through the end of May 2018, and then goes to \$125 for the rest of the year. From January 1, 2019, onward, it's \$150.

Supporting: The supporting membership rate is \$60 at any time. We will have a special gift only for supporting members. I've got a couple of ideas, but will survey those affected before making a final choice.

Prodigal Fan: While Corflu has its stalwarts, there are too many fanzine fans who only come occasionally. Sometimes it's geography, sometimes money, but whatever it is, we want you to attend.

If you haven't attended any of the last three Corflus, you can take a Prodigal Fan discount of \$25 against any regular attending membership. We really want to see you.

Day Rate: If you want to attend Corflu for a single day, it's \$50. If you want to go to the banquet, it's extra (and we may not be able to add people at the last minute).

Premium Membership: If you'd like to help Corflu be even better, consider buying a premium membership. The cost is an attending + supporting. For your extra \$60, you get the special gift mentioned above.

What will we do with the money? People who win FAAn Awards should have something tangible to celebrate their accomplishment. (\$20-30 per winner). If we get a significant number of premium members, we could even look at a custom trophy, and lay in stock for Corflus yet to come.

If by some surprise we end up with lots of money in this category, I've got other ideas, but I'll put them out for discussion before making a decision.

FAAn Awards

Nic Farey will once again be the awards administrator, with **Curt Phillips** handling liaison with the convention itself. **Greg Benford** has agreed to present the awards.

I hope there will be trophies.

National Lampoon's DC Vacation

Springtime is particularly lovely in DC. Our early May dates mean that we miss the traffic of cherry blossom season (I've got a late-blooming cherry tree in the backyard if you've just *got* to see one), and we're too early for the big tourist invasion of the summer.

Why not make Corflu an occasion for a vacation? As noted earlier, we're going to try to line up potential activities for the week, and someone on the committee can surely answer any questions or give you advice about your DC tourism options.

Because we're on the Metro, lots of the big attractions are easy to get to. If you don't want to traipse around the Mall for hours, there's a Tourmobile route with free on-off privileges.

Away from the Mall you can visit Dumbarton Oaks, the Philips Collection, the National Cathedral (don't miss the Darth Vader gargoyle), and more.

If you do come in early, let me know before booking your hotel. While we won't necessarily be able to get you the \$109 rate for your entire stay, our hotel liaison says she should be able to arrange some kind of discount, if I let her know it's for a Corflu attendee.

Publications

I am planning two issues of *Random Jottings* for Corflu.

The Program Book Issue. This will be a crowdsourced fanthology. Here's what you do:

1. Pick a piece of fanwriting you really like (no limits on when written). Either type it up or scan the original fanzine pages.
2. Write an introduction for it.

The Proceedings Issue. This will be a group con report. I will ask each attendee to take a single item at Corflu, such as a panel, and write a con report just about that event. Take lots of pictures. If enough people join in, we'll have the best documented convention ever.

More Progress!

Corner me at Corflu if you have any questions or suggestions, or drop me an email. progress report within a few weeks of the con, so I'll have a chance to respond.



Consuite Management

By Aileen Forman

*As far as I'm concerned, the most important job at any Corflu is managing the consuite. That's why one of my first steps was to ask **Curt Phillips** to take charge of it. He, in turn, wrote **Aileen Forman** for her advice and insights, and Aileen sent the following. I asked if I could share it. She replied that it was mostly off-the-cuff, but if I thought it was actually helpful, I was free to share it.*

I often tell my students about the Iceberg Principle of Work: 90% of the work it takes to get the job done is invisible to outsiders. I knew the consuite was a big job, but I didn't know how big.

We probably won't be able to do all of this, and we may have a few surprises, but this is a great start to planning. I hope you'll find it interesting.

MSD

These suggestions are mostly for Corflu conventions but work with any smallish convention.

As the person in charge of consuites, don't overextend yourself. If you're a night owl, ask a morning person to open consuites for you and detail how to do so, and vice-versa. You should have at least one reliable person to either open or close consuites while the person in charge does the reverse.

Hotel Rules

MOST IMPORTANT!!! Find out what the hotel allows and does not allow. Do not do anything that the hotel disallows or you will put the convention at risk. Some allow cooking. Others only allow a microwave. Some will allow a hot plate but not a tabletop convection oven. Others offer an entire kitchen at your disposal. Some require that you buy some of the food from catering while others don't care. Some have refrigerators and at others you'll have to use ice and an ice chest.

Once you've established the parameters, you can work from there. I am assuming for the purpose of this document that your hotel allows food in the suites and that no catering is required, outside of maybe a banquet, which doesn't concern consuites. If you



don't live near the hotel, ask someone to take pictures of the suite they've booked ASAP. That way you'll know what you have to work with. Find out if you'll have small tables, a big table, no tables, chairs, a kitchen, a bathroom, a tub, a sink, etc. as well as exactly what the hotel will allow food-wise.

Money

Find out how much the ConChair is willing to give you. Keep in mind that it's based on the money left over after the hotel & other expenses so you may not have as much to work with as you'd like but you can make a good consuite even on the cheap.

Ideally, each person would be allotted 4-5 cans of soda and/or bottles of water per day (budget \$.40 per for a total of \$6) and 3 beers (budget \$1 per for a total of \$9) as well as a bag of chips per 3 days (\$2.50), three candy bars (\$2.50), a meal (\$5) and another \$5 in misc. snacks.

That's \$30 per person in food for three days. At 50 people, that's a budget of \$1,500. Obviously, not all cons are going to be able to afford that.

Personally, I've found that it's more helpful to plan any events at consuites, figure out what I have left over and spend the rest of the money on bottled water, coffee, tea and soda. Then let the chips fall where they may. Folks can always buy their own drinks in a hotel.

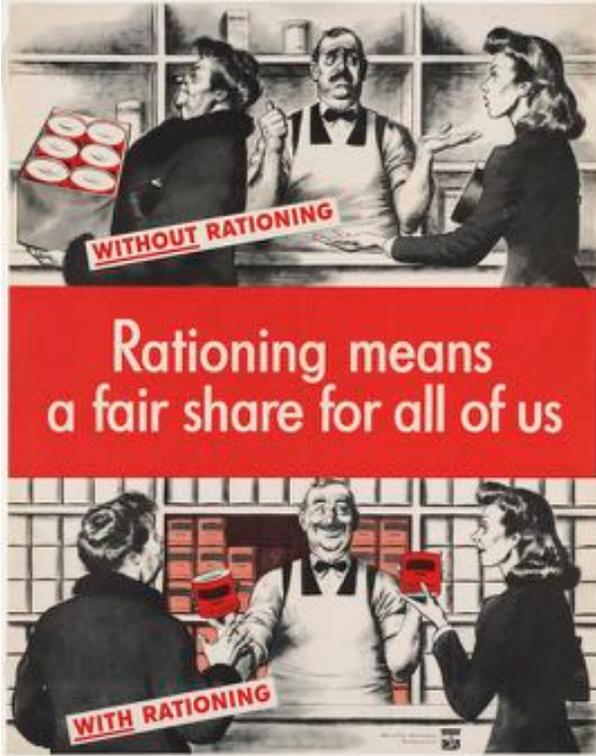
Events

Most people enjoy the following:

Beer tasting: It's time to show off your city. There are breweries in every one. Buy 3 bottles of at least 10 different kinds of specialty beers. Best to be held on Friday night. Have various cheeses and crackers. Now is the time for that cheap bag of pretzels. Plan for after dinner on Friday night and there will likely be around 1/3 of attendees there.



Sandwich Spectacular: Do *not* buy a platter from the grocery store. It's cheaper to buy a pound of ham, a pound of turkey, a pound of cheese and a tub of chicken salad from the deli (or from Costco) for each dozen people. Now's the time for chips, carrot sticks, a sliced watermelon and perhaps some cookies. Don't forget brown mustard, regular mayonnaise, and a smallish jar of sliced pickles.



Don't go cheap on the ingredients. Offer one loaf of white bread, one rye, one wheat, one bag of hoogie rolls for two dozen people. Best held on Saturday afternoon. Plan on $\frac{2}{3}$ of the attendees.

Cookies and Milk with Storytime:

Homemade cookies are the best but not everyone has a baker handy. This can be a Friday night event (following or instead of the beer tasting) or a Saturday night event. Individual cartons of milk work best but you can get a gallon instead. This event requires a BNF who doesn't mind telling stories about other BNFs from the past. Don't forget tea and decaf coffee as not everyone likes milk. Plan on $\frac{1}{3}$ of your attendees unless the BNF is exceptionally well-liked.

Cartooning Session: If there's a cartoonist coming to the con, ask them if they'll volunteer to hold a cartooning session. Provide them with paper of all shapes and colors and put a sign on him/her reading "Will cartoon for astounding compliments." Put a bunch of ideas in a bowl and allow the cartoonist to read them ahead of time so they'll have some ideas and won't be put on the spot. The time and day should be whenever it's most convenient for the cartoonist. An "out" for the cartoonist is to look at the idea and shake his/her head and offer them a Tootsie roll. (Don't forget to buy Tootsie Rolls if you plan on offering this event.)

Dead Dog Party: This is tradition and it's a reward for those folks who stuck with you all weekend. Break out the bottle of whiskey that you've held back. This is also a chance to finish off leftovers. Make them attractive. Put them in small bowls around the room. If it's something perishable, though, that had too many hours out in the heat, toss it. Better safe than to be talked about as the person who poisoned the convention back in 2018.

Attractions: There should be a reason to be in the consuites. It should be a gathering spot. Bring people into the consuites with events and games. I've found that slot cars (if you have a large table) work very well as an attraction. People like the competition and it can be done quickly, in between panels. Remote



controlled toys also work but don't forget spare batteries. Paper airplane contests can be held at regular intervals. Rubik's cubes and other fidget-type toys are always good and can often be found in dollar stores. So can crosswords. Not everyone at SF cons feels comfortable socializing 100% of the time and the consuites can be a good respite if they have something that allows them to be in company without having to interact and these games gives them an excuse.

Drinks: Put the lotion in the basket... Oops! I mean, put the sodas and bottled water in the tub with ice, set up the electric kettle and tea on the bathroom countertop (if you have a pump carafe, use it), along with the coffee maker and just keep an eye on things. Make the coffee a half-pot at a time.

Don't put the beer in the ice until around 2 p.m. each day. If folks need a beer earlier than that, they can take care of it themselves. Don't bother with iced tea or lemonade as it's a mess and not popular.



Food: Ah, the raison d'être of the consuites. Okay, here goes:

If you cannot cook in the room and have no fridge, this is simple. Chips and salsa, cookies, M&Ms, pretzels, etc. are the only things that you'll be able to offer on a daily basis. (You may still be able to hold many of the events.) Do not buy anything that requires refrigeration, like dip.

If you can actually cook in the consuites, figure out how to do so. Microwave? Tabletop convection oven? Hot plate and/or slow cooker? If you can have a hot plate, then you can have a slow cooker in which you can offer meatballs in BBQ sauce (don't forget toothpicks, serve with celery sticks put into a glass of ice water), cheese dip (serve with corn

chips or a Dorito-type chip) or chili (serve with quartered flour tortillas). Keep an eye on the slow cooker! It can go from yummy to disgusting in the blink of an eye. Stir frequently and be sure to time hot food carefully, never putting it on too early. Remember it takes time to heat, though. All slow-cooker foods should be served in bowls since hot food is frickin' dangerous on plates.

Have spare serving spoons because people will drop them. All foods that are cooked will need refrigeration prior to the meal, though, with the exception of maybe a Velveeta dip. Remember what equipment you have to work with before you buy the food!

If you have a full-size fridge with freezer in consuites, shout hallelujah! Ice cream socials! Space for food storage! No need to go to the grocery store during the convention! This is rare, though, so plan accordingly. If you still want to have food events, plan on going to the store at least an hour before it's scheduled.

Schedule Suggestion

Friday

AS SOON AS YOU GET CHECKED IN, CALL HOUSEKEEPING AND ASK THEM TO BRING A COMMERCIAL TRASH CAN TO THE ROOM! TIP THEM \$20 AND BE WONDERFUL TO THEM! (Can you tell that this is important?)

Every time you need that trash can emptied, call housekeeping, give them a

\$5 tip and a handful of candy.

Housekeeping is the hotel's eye. If you're doing something that you really shouldn't be doing, housekeeping is the one who will rat you out and being well-loved will keep that from happening.

Every interaction should start with a tip and a smile. And chocolate. Find out what time they will be coming in to clean and plan to close consuites when this happens or decide that all you'll need is for them to pick up the trash and/or vacuum and tell them your decision clearly! They will also be able to help you with ice.

3 p.m. Open consuites with sodas and beer already in bathtub, games set around the room, snacks in bowls. If you want to offer a Bundt cake or something, now's the time.

4 p.m. BBQ meatballs in slow cooker if allowed.

7 p.m. Race car rally or paper plane contest. Beer tasting starts unless not enough people have come back from dinner. Make coffee.

10 p.m. Milk and Cookies Storytime unless you think Saturday would be better.

12 a.m. or 1 a.m. Close Consuites. Wash dishes!

Saturday

7 a.m. Make coffee and tea and then put out one box of Costco danishes. If you

have a fridge, you can offer cereal and milk. Buy one box of Rice Chex and one box of whatever cereal the consuites host(ess) wants to take home with them. The Rice Chex can be offered as a snack later if uneaten. Done.

10 a.m. Put out snacks in one-cup amounts around the room.

12 p.m. Sandwich Spectacular or slow-cooker offering if possible

3 p.m. Take down slow cooker and put away leftovers if applicable. Refresh snacks and put beer in bathtub.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Close consuites so you can have some time off and everyone can get dinner.

7 p.m. Refresh snacks, check drinks. Put on more coffee.



10 p.m. Milk and Cookies Storytime (if not held on Friday)

12 a.m. Close consuites

Sunday

7 a.m. If you can cook in the room, offer toast with a variety of jams. This is a good way to get rid of the bread left over from Saturday's Sandwich Spectacular. Put out the other box of Costco pastries.

10 a.m. Put out snacks. Some kind of game event unless conflicting with banquet.

12 p.m. Slow cooker something or other. Cartooning session if possible.

3 p.m. Cookies and tea. (Gets rid of any cookies left over from storytime and leftover tea bags.) Clean slow cooker.

7 p.m. Dead Dog Party. Honestly, do NOT save food for this. If they've eaten all the food you've bought, buy pizza and make everyone pitch in \$5. Push whatever beer's left or if there's no beer left, coordinate a beer run.

Cleaning

Wow, is this important! Unless the suite has a kitchen sink, buy a plastic dishpan at the dollar store and keep it filled with soapy water in some obscure corner or countertop. You will use it when you wring out a dishcloth and wipe down the tables as well as when you need to wash the slow cooker, the platters, etc. It will also be what you'll use to get fresh ice.

Serving

How are you serving every damn thing you've bought?! Once you've written down each food you're offering, write beside it the kind of plate, napkin or bowl that it will be served in as well as the utensil needed to eat it and then tally it up. You may only need a few plates but a buttload of bowls. Also keep in mind that they have to be served on something. Dollar stores offer large plastic platters. Also, you'll need about 25 or so 16-ounce plastic glasses, napkins, dishcloths and dish soap. If you're cooking anything, bring two hot pads, a sponge, several knives, a lightweight plastic cutting board (dollar store again) and tubs to store leftovers.

Packing

When you're packing up to head to the con, put the games and other entertainments in one box, the utensils and dishpan in another box, the cups and plates in another one, etc. before you leave for the convention. Label the boxes!



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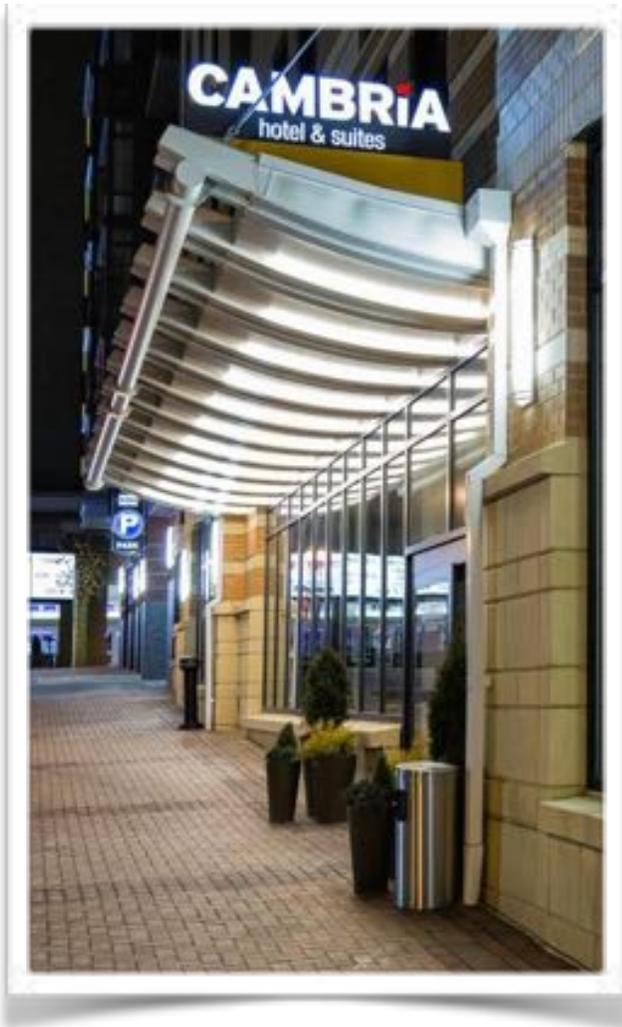
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\$109/night; booking cutoff April 3, 2019. Use CORFLU 2019 code when booking to get convention rate. Rates include free parking, 20% on non-alcoholic purchases at the hotel restaurant.





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| 1. Aéro Cosmetics | 9. Al Carbon | 17. Hair Cutlery | 25. Bobby's Crabcakes | 33. Robeks | 41. Red Orchard |
| 2. Grocery Store | 10. Town Square Jewelers | 18. La Tascia | 26. Dining | 34. Fractured Plum | 42. Toy Kingdom |
| 3. Five Guys Famous Burgers & Fries | 11. First Watch | 19. Rockville Library | 27. Potomac River Running | 35. Starbucks | 43. Pomegranate & Co. |
| 4. Rockville Town Square Cleaners | 12. Spice King Indian Cuisine | 20. Thai Pavilion | 28. Cho Pizzeria | 36. Taste of Saigon | 44. The Paperly |
| 5. Cloud 9 Clothing | 13. Chevy Chase Bank | 21. Lebanese Taverna | 29. Buffalo Wild Wings | 37. Verizon Wireless | 45. Sushi Camo |
| 6. Jouvence Aesthetics | 14. Cavi | 22. Ten Thousand Villages | 30. The Waygoose | 38. CVS Pharmacy | 46. Cottage Monet |
| 7. Giffard's Ice Cream & Candy Co. | 15. VaArts | 23. Sands Art Gallery | 31. Pieno Italiano | 39. Gold's Gym | 47. Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant |
| 8. Anjou Nails | 16. La Flor de la Canela | 24. Jerry's Subs & Pizzeria | 32. Retail | 40. Austin Grill | 48. HSBC |



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Under Construction

Full-Time Service

Service operates
 Monday-Friday
 15:00am - 3:00am
 7:00pm - Close
 All-day Saturday & Sunday



- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Bicycles (without approval)
- No Littering or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items

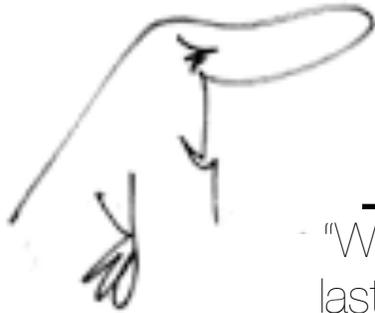
The convention hotel is located two blocks from the Rockville Metro Station (RED LINE). Most DC tourist attractions and museums are easily accessible via Metro.

There are three major DC airports: Reagan National (DCA), Dulles (IAD), and Thurgood Marshall (BWI).

FROM DCA: You can take Metro directly from DCA (YELLOW LINE to Gallery Place; transfer to the RED LINE toward Shady Grove).

FROM IAD: Take the Silver Line Express Bus from IAD to the Wiehle-Reston East Metro station (\$5; purchase tickets at the counter inside Arrival Door 4, Baggage Claim level). Buses run every 15-20 minutes. Take the SILVER LINE to METRO CENTER and transfer to the RED LINE.

FROM BWI: While public transportation is possible, either a rental car or SuperShuttle is probably best. However, you can take a shuttle bus to the BWI train station, transfer to AMTRAK or a MARC commuter train to Union Station, and transfer again to the RED LINE.



Corflu 36

- "What rough Corflu, its hour come round at last/Slouches toward Rockville to be born?"

Thursday, May 2, 2019, through Sunday, May 6, 2019
Rockville, Maryland (suburban Washington, DC)

Membership Rates (US\$):

Regular Attending: \$100 through May 2018
\$125 from June 2018 through December 2018
\$150 January 2019 onward. **Day Rate:** \$50.

Supporting: \$60 at any time (includes free special gift).
May upgrade to regular attending at the price applicable
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Premium Membership: Combine regular attending
and supporting rates. Receive free special gift.

Prodigal Fan Rate: If you haven't attended Corflu in at
least three years, deduct \$25 from any regular
attending membership. Deduct \$10 from day rate.



Corflu 36 Registration Form

Name

Address

Email

Membership Type

Regular Attending

\$100

\$125

\$150

Supporting

\$60

Premium

\$160

\$185

\$210

Prodigal Fan Discount

-\$25/- \$10

Day Rate: \$50

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