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# LibertyCon10 Guest List

*Literary Guest of Honor:*

*Timothy Zahn*

*Artist Guests of Honor:*

*David & Lori Dietrick*

*Special Guest:*

*Les Johnson*

*10th Anniversary Special Guests:*

*L. Sprague & Catherine de Camp*

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## *Our Very Special Listing of Attending Professionals:*

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<i>Mark Fults</i>	<i>Christina Wald</i>
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<i>Sharon Green</i>	<i>Kevin Ward</i>
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# Welcome to LibertyCon10

Welcome back to LibertyCon old friends and to all of you new friends attending LibertyCon for the first time. If you wonder what you've walked into, just look on the sleeve of any LibertyCon 10 T-Shirts. That says it all, "LIBERTYCON'S 10TH ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION". This is really the way the staff and management look at LibertyCon. To us, it's more than just a convention, it's a place where once a year we get to come and see all of our adopted family at one time.

That's enough of that, on to what you can expect to see this year. I'll break it down by each section so that it will be easier for you to check out what you want to.

ART SHOW and PRINT SHOP - Located in the Chickamauga Room of the Convention Center, Janet Ward and her diligent crew have gone out of their way to assemble some of the finest original artwork and prints for your pleasure. Please take some time to check it out.

CONSULTES - LibertyCon will have two consultes on the hallway for your pleasure. The Non-Smoking Consuite will have the soft-drinks and a great assortment of munchies. The Smoking Consuite will have the Bheer. A couple of rules about the Bheer. First, you can be carded at any time [unless you look older than Bob Tucker]. And second, one badge, one bheer at a time.

## GAMING:

COMPUTER GAMING - Stop into the Board Room in the Convention Center and check out LibertyCon's Computer Game Room. Derek Spraker and his crew have networked 12 Pentium Computers together and will be running a number of tournaments over the whole weekend. If direct competition is not your forte, then try out the Sega and Nintendo Game Machines in the Room. I think you are in for a ton of fun here.

BOARD GAMING, D&D, MAGIC AND THE LIKE - Now if board games are what you crave, Rich Garber is just the man for you. The Memphis Room on the hallway houses our tournament board games division and Rich has planned a full weekend for you. How about Role Playing Games and Magic. Yes guys we have those also. Jeremy McCoy will be running a Vampire Game that will follow the rules laid down by White Wolf. This is just a sample of what you have to look forward to.

KILLER CUTTHROAT SPADES - Are you man [or woman] enough to take on the best in the South [and some say the East, West and North]? This tournament is for all the marbles - the bragging rights to say YOU CAME, YOU PLAYED, YOU KICKED BUTT! In case you haven't figured it out yet, we take our Killer Cutthroat Spades seriously. Come on by the Gathering Spot and sign-up for the tournament of the year. Mark Paulk will be running the tournament and he promises to take no prisoners.

HUCKSTER ROOM - LibertyCon doesn't have just one Huckster Room, we have two. The main room is located in the East Ridge Room of the Convention Center and the Auxiliary Huckster Room is located on the Hallway in the Nashville Room. CAUTION, the Auxiliary Huckster Room has been rated PG13 to enter [without parents] and R17 to purchase some items. [Parents, it is not up to the staff and management of LibertyCon to explain to your children what fur-lined handcuffs could be used for.]





## *Ten Years of Liberty Con Guests*

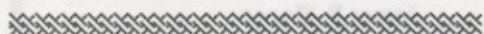
<b>LibertyCon 1:</b>	<b>Literary Guests Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>L. Sprague &amp; Catherine De Camp</b> <b>Vincent DiFate</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b>
<b>LibertyCon 2:</b>	<b>Literary Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guests Of Honor:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>Gordon R. Dickson</b> <b>Ron &amp; Val Lindahn</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b>
<b>LibertyCon 3:</b>	<b>Literary Guests Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Pamela Adams</b> <b>Bob Maurus</b> <b>Tom Deitz</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b>
<b>LibertyCon 4:</b>	<b>Literary Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>A. E. Van Vogt</b> <b>Debbie Hughes &amp; Mark Maxwell</b> <b>Timothy Zahn</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b>
<b>LibertyCon 5:</b>	<b>Literary Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b> <b>Special 5th Anniversary Guests:</b>	<b>James P. Hogan</b> <b>David Cherry</b> <b>Sharon Green</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b> <b>L. Sprague &amp; Catherine De Camp</b>
<b>LibertyCon 6:</b>	<b>Literary Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>Katherine Kurtz</b> <b>Kevin Ward</b> <b>Will Bradley (Dr. Brad Strickland)</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b>
<b>LibertyCon 7:</b>	<b>Literary Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>Michael McCollum</b> <b>Mark Fults</b> <b>John Maddox Roberts</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b>
<b>LibertyCon 8:</b>	<b>Literary Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Special Guests:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>F. M. Busby</b> <b>Doug Chaffee</b> <b>Kelly &amp; Laura Freas</b> <b>Dr. Brad Strickland</b>
<b>LibertyCon 9:</b>	<b>Literary Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>Jack Williamson</b> <b>Dixie Walker</b> <b>Andy Offutt</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b>
<b>LibertyCon 10:</b>	<b>Literary Guest Of Honor:</b> <b>Artist Guests Of Honor:</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> <b>Master Of Ceremonies:</b> <b>Special 10th Anniversary Guests:</b>	<b>Timothy Zahn</b> <b>David &amp; Lori Deitrick</b> <b>Les Johnson</b> <b>Wilson "Bob" Tucker</b> <b>L. Sprague &amp; Catherine De Camp</b>

## NOTABLE NOTES:

On Sunday morning, LIBERTYCON will place an **ORANGE PUMPKIN** on the convention registration table as a collection point for badge clips. For each clip returned, a dime donation will be made to the J. J. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

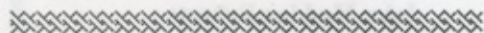
The J. J. Johnson III Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by the friends and family of J. J. Johnson as an on-going memorial to benefit worthy students in the field of communications at Knoxville College.

Keep the memory alive!



### MASQUERADE

Always a highlight of the convention, the LibertyCon Masquerade promises to be outstanding. Sue Thorn, Mistress of the Masquerade has requested that all participants meet at 9:00 p.m. for rehearsal and pre-judging in the Masquerade area. The Masquerade contest will take place at 10:00 p.m. in the Rossville and Pioneer Rooms.



Turn to Channel 11 and catch great Space Opera in the privacy of your room. A comprehensive program listing is provided in the back of this book.

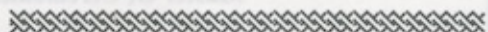


Ready to eat?

If you're hungry, you don't have far to go for a good meal at a reasonable price. The hotel restaurant, conveniently located on your way to the Convention Centre is the right place for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner buffets. Chef Chris will make it worth your while.

### HALL COSTUMERS BEWARE!

Two of our gullible distinguished guests, Sharon Green and Kevin Ward, were drafted volunteered to judge our LibertyCon10 hall costume contest. They will be roaming the halls and parties all weekend looking for the most fantastic costumes and searching for the best bribes! All awards will be announced at the Masquerade.



### Games & Tournaments

Derek Spraker will be orchestrating Computer Gaming tournaments throughout the weekend in the Board Room in the Convention Centre. Prizes will be awarded.

Card connoisseurs should contact, Mark Paulk who will be hosting the Killer Cutthroat Spades Tournament. in the Gathering Spot A prize will be awarded to the winner.

A *Vampire* game will be run this year for a limited number of players. See Jeremy McCoy in the Memphis Room for details. Rich Garber will be there also, conducting other gaming tournaments as sufficient interest is shown.



A TV viewing area is provided at the end of the main hallway in the Convention Centre, just outside of the Main Huckster Room (East Ridge Room) for your viewing pleasure.

Don't forget to check out the **Auxiliary Huckster Room** in the Nashville room just a couple of doors away from the Consuites on the Hallway.



PROGRAMMING - Walt Baric and his merry band have three tracks of programming to keep you busy. Artist, Writers, Science, and Fan programming abound and it's up to you to decide what you want to do. Check the expanded programming section in the program book or the pocket program for more explanations on the programs you can expect to see.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

THE STAR SHIP LIBERTY CASINO - Friday night boasts one of LibertyCon's premier events, the Star Ship Liberty Casino. Come and gamble for the fun of it and help raise money for worthy charities. The fun starts at 9:00 PM in the Main Ball Rooms and goes until the witching hour. After that, join us for the fun of the charity auction where Walt Baric, LibertyCon's own Master of Mischief auctions off donated items for the LibertyBucks you won at the Casino. Remember, you can only bid on the items with LibertyBucks. LibertyBucks can be purchased at preregistration or at the casino.

THE SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET - Saturday evening at 5:30 PM, LibertyCon will hold its annual theme banquet in the main ballrooms. This year's theme is *SPACE OPERA* and we expect a number of really great costumers to attend the festivities. Chris, the Chef of the Day's Inn has assured us that there will be plenty of excellent food on the all-you-can-eat buffet. Also, for entertainment at the banquet, we will be holding an audience participation version of Science Fiction Trivia which is sure to bring a laugh to all of you. Trust me, come and enjoy!

DANCING TILL THE WEE HOURS - This year, LibertyCon will not have not one, but two dances each and every night. The main dance will be in the Convention Center Ballrooms and will feature *GOLDEN OLDIES* from the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's [Yes, I mean all four decades will be represented because true Rock-N-Roll is timeless.]. The second dance will be held in Programming Room #3 [in the hallway near the consuites] and will be targeted toward our younger members. We hope that the much more progressive selection of music [Shades of Bevis and Butthead] will satisfy our wunderkinder [See, some of us old blue hairs actually do listen to you!].

SUE THORN'S MAKE-IT-AND-TAKE-IT WORKSHOP - This has become one of LibertyCon's most successful annual events. With glue guns at the ready, Sue Thorn and her cast of characters will teach all of the participants some of the tricks of the trade for making costumes. Each year the attendance at this event grows; drop by and find out why. Learn how to decorate masks, shirts, hats, etc. You can't loose, this is a winner.

THE LIBERTYCON 10 MASQUERADE - Over the years, LibertyCon has been blessed with an abundance of costumers; master class, journeymen and novices. We think that this year will not be any different. We recommend that you take the time to attend on Saturday Night. We think that you will be suitably impressed with the event.

OUR SPECIAL GIFT TO YOU. When you come through Registration, please don't forget to pick up your souvenir mug [one for each attendee paying full price]. Since this is our 10th anniversary, we thought you deserved something special for supporting us and this is our modest attempt at giving you what you deserve. I hope you like it.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, PLEASE PET THE STAFF! LibertyCon is a convention that is run by fans. Each and every one of the staff pays full memberships to attend and work at the convention [this even includes me and the rest of the Board of Directors of LibertyCon]. They volunteer their time and efforts and deserve as much ego-boo as they can get. If you have a good time, please tell them. A little praise goes a long way.

Have a good time and enjoy the weekend.

UNCLE TIMMY



# LibertyCon10 Rules:

**ATTENDEES 17 YEARS OLD AND UNDER:** All convention attendees who are 17 years of age or younger must be accompanied by a LEGAL GUARDIAN. A Legal Guardian is a person 21 years of age or older who will take financial and legal responsibility for the minor and will sign for each minor person for which he/she is responsible. Children under 7 must be accompanied by a parent or Legal Guardian at all times.

**BADGES:** Badges must be worn in plain sight above the waist at all times.

**DRINKING AGE:** To get a drinking badge, you must produce a VALID Military ID or Drivers License with your picture on it to prove that you are at least 21 years of age. Minors caught drinking at LibertyCon will be hung, drawn, quartered, and thrown out of the convention. Also, WE WILL CONTACT YOUR PARENTS AND YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO FUTURE LIBERTYCONS!

**EJECTION FROM THE CONVENTION:** If you are ejected from LibertyCon10 because of violations of the convention rules or Tennessee State Law, your attendance fees will not be refunded.

**LOST BADGE POLICY:** If you lose your badge at the convention, you will have to purchase another one at the full purchase price of \$35. We are sorry to take this rough stand, but incidents of people (Not Fans) purchasing a replacement badge to give/sell to a friend at a reduced price only increases the cost of the convention for real fans and this is the only way we can curb it.

**WEAPONS POLICY:** All weapons and models of weapons must be "Peace Bonded" by one of our security staff before they may be worn with your costume or normal wearing apparel. This weapons policy will be strictly enforced!



## BECAUSE WE CARE:

If you have a medical condition of which you would like someone to be aware in case of an emergency, please ask the registration staff for a sticker for the back of your badge. Should the need arise, LibertyCon staff members will look there first for important information.

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# *LibertyCon10's Literary Guest of Honor:*

## *Timothy Zahn and Other Interesting Oddities*

By Tim Bolgeo

First off, this is not going to be your normal bio on LibertyCon's Literary Guest of Honor. It's not going to talk about his short stories, novellas, best selling books or the Hugo he won for Cascade Point at the 1984 World Science Fiction Convention in Los Angeles. As a matter of fact, this "bio" is not going to be Timothy Zahn. It's going to be about the Zahn's, Anna and Tim. When I think about one, I always think about the other.

I first met the Zahns at InConjunction in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1981 (I think). A whole bunch of us piled into my old Chevy Malibu and took off for the Snowy North (in the first week of July) to see what a "Northern SF Con" was like. I can tell you the truth, they don't party like we do. While we were there, we met a very nice couple by the name of Bill and Judy Sutton with whom we partied the whole weekend. The Sunday before we left, they introduced me to the new writer who was attending the convention by the name of Timothy Zahn. Tim introduced his wife Anna and their baby Corwin. [Yes Corwin, I knew you back then when you were a tiny tike.] From what I understood, Tim was working on his Doctorate in Physics at the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana when he started writing Science Fiction. The next year, the same group of rowdies went to InConjunction again and I got to spend some time talking to Tim and Anna and getting to know them. I think it was at that point our friendship really started.

Then Tim and Anna made a fatal mistake; they came to a Chattacon and met the rest of the cast of characters we ran around with. "They was hooked." As a matter of fact, when I ran into them at Chattacon, they were helping out in the Art Show. They have been coming to the Big Nooga for years now and each of them have gathered around them their own group of friends.

Anna now is a veteran partier and is considered to be a charter member of the Lovely Ladies of Liberty. Just look out on the dance floor on Friday and Saturday nights, you'll find Anna having a good time. Tim on the other hand is not a hardened partier. He's more of a one-on-one type of person. You'll most likely find him at the convention sitting down holding a conversation with one of the fans on any number of subjects in which he is well versed.

Some people have asked me to explain my relationship with the Zahns and for the life of me it's hard to do. Why do I like Tim and Anna Zahn? Well one reason is that even though Tim is a pro, he doesn't act like A PRO. He is still the same old Tim who will come up and ask us if he can do something. And Anna, she's still Anna. Thank God some things never change. I don't want you to think I take them for granted. Nothing could be farther from the fact. Good friends are hard to come by and should be cherished. And I consider them both to be good friends. As a matter of fact, years ago Tim gave me a little trophy that he made that looked like Arthur Dent from Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy [complete with a miniature suitcase]. I still have it and it rests today on my memento shelf among my fondest treasures of fandom.

In March of 1995, the Staff and Directors of LibertyCon who attended that meeting voted on who was going to be our Literary Guest of Honor. When it came time to vote, it was unanimous for Tim and Anna Zahn. Why, because Tim and Anna are part of the family and they deserve the top spots at LibertyCon's 10th Annual Family Reunion.



## *LibertyCon10'S Artist Guests of Honor:*

### *DAVID AND LORI DEITRICK*

Though we have enjoyed their art since the mid-1980's, David and Lori Deitrick moved from Alaska to Knoxville, TN in 1990. They quickly made a name for themselves in the close-knit group of southeastern fantasy/SF artists. They first met in an art class at Brigham Young University and have been married now for nineteen years. While they share a studio work space and work ethic, their illustration styles are distinct from one another.

Lori's work focuses on interesting people, children, and wildlife in imaginative settings. Her characters, be they knights, maidens, owls, or sagacious old trees, are people you would like to know, people you can care about. Her painting style is as friendly and accessible as her subject matter. You may see an influence from years spent in the Northwest in many of her pieces. In the SF genre, her work appears in *Amazing Stories*, *Aboriginal SF*, *Marion Zimmer Bradley's Fantasy Magazine*, and in *Longmeadow Press*. She has recently done a lot of work for collectable card games including *Middle Earth: The Wizards*, and *Middle Earth: The Dragons*. She has also done work in commissioned portraiture and art for the Alaskan Tourist trade. Over the years she has worked as a framer, a stained-glass window designer, and a flower arranger.

David considers himself more of a designer than an illustrator, yet he has illustrated over one hundred covers to date. His publications include *Easton Press*, *Game Designers Workshop*, *St. Martin's Press*, the *US Army Aviation Press*, *Analog Science Fiction/Science Fact*, *Amazing Stories*, and many others. He, too, has contributed work for *Middle Earth: The Wizards* and *Dragonstorm* collectable card game. His work has a technical edge. His uncanny ability to find where a color goes, to put it there, and then leave it alone, make for confident illustrations. The process itself then becomes part of the subject matter. David makes the process look easy, but it isn't! Over the past few years, he has ventured into the third dimension. In what he calls dimensional illustration, the work projects beyond the confines of the picture plane. With painted sculptures and sculpted paintings, he has blurred the boundaries between 2d and 3d. Currently he is moving more toward the industrial design projects he enjoys.

Somehow in their busy art schedule David and Lori have worked in a great many other activities including raising a family. The two young men, Conrad and Sean, and the newest family member, two year old Meghan, all usually travel with them to conventions. David has put in a lot of time teaching at *Roane State Community College*, working with boy scouts for 16 years, and building models in his spare time out of mat board and other unexpected materials. Lori also teaches a daily religion class to high school aged students.

It's always a pleasure to see the Deitrick family and their art and a pleasure to have them as guests of LibertyCon.



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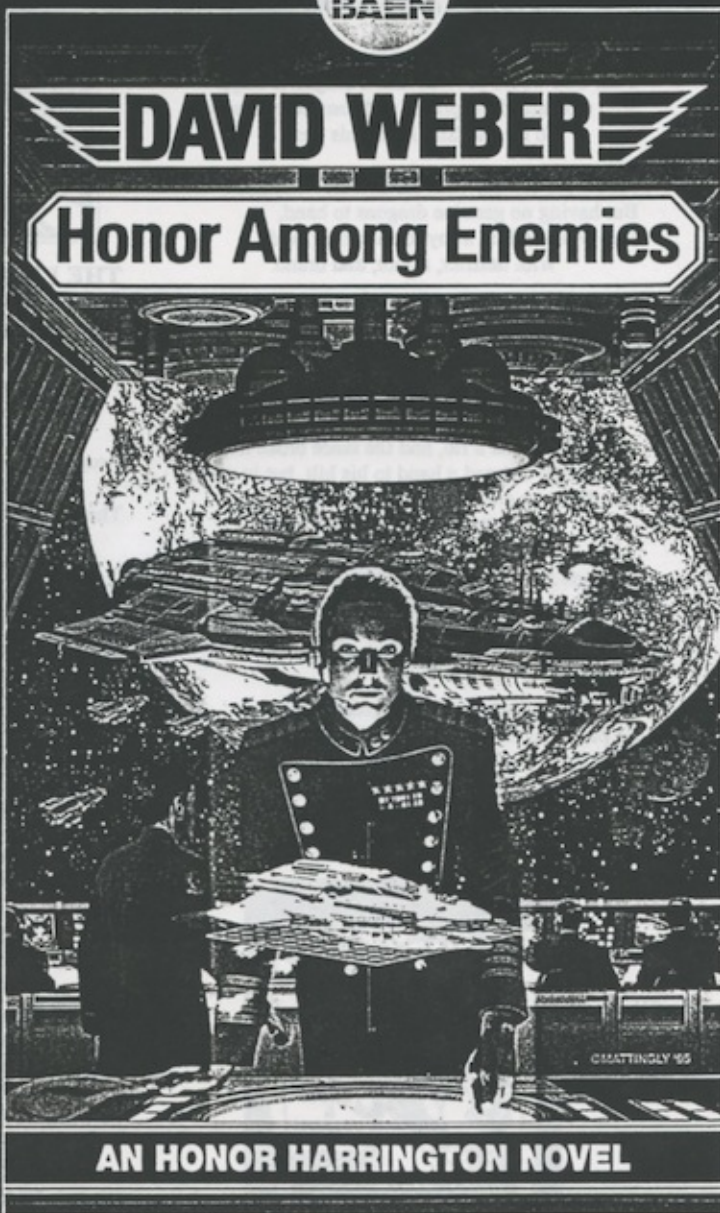
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The knight clapped a hand to his hilt, but in vain:  
The dinosaur swallowed that valorous thane,  
And gallant Sir Gilbert was slain.

The iron apparel he wore for his ride,  
However, was rough on the reptile's inside.  
That dinosaur presently lay down and died,  
And honor was thus satisfied.

But Gilbert no longer was present to care,  
So pester not God with your wishes. Beware!  
What happens when Heaven has answered your prayer  
Is your, and no other's affair!

L. Sprague de Camp



## THE LITTLE GREEN MEN

Ah, little green fellows from Venus,  
Or some other planet afar:  
From Mars or Calypso or, maybe,  
A world of an alien star!

According to best-selling authors -  
Blavatsky to van Daniken -  
They taught us the skills that were needed  
To make super-apes into men.

They guided our faltering footsteps  
From savagery into the dawns  
Of burgeoning civilization  
With cities and writing and bronze.

By them were the Pyramids builded;  
They reared the first temple in Hind;  
Drew lines a Peruvian Nazca  
To uplift the poor Amerind.

With all of these wonders they gave us  
It's sad these divine astronauts  
Revealed not the answers to question  
That foil our most rational thought.

Such puzzles as riches and paupers,  
The problems of peace and of war,  
Relations between the two sexes,  
Or crime and chastisement therefor.

So when we feel dim and defeated,  
By problems immune to attack,  
Let's send out a prayer electronic,  
"O little green fellow, come back!"

L. Sprague de Camp



# *LibertyCon10's Special Guest:*

or

Our Rocket "Sceintist"

By Klon Newell

It has been a practice of the Board Of Directors of LibertyCon to present the "BLACK SHIRT AWARD" to one of our pros who have gone the extra mile to help LibertyCon to become a fun convention. A couple of years ago the board selected someone who was not a professional writer or artist but a scientist to receive the "Black Shirt". It has also been the custom to personalize the shirts and in years past, we have had "Our Writer", "Our College Prof", "Our Mountaineer", etc. Since the scientist selected, worked at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, the board decided the new BLACK SHIRT personalization would read "OUR ROCKET SCIENTIST".

It is customary to give this award at the Saturday Night Banquet and the recipient was Les Johnson. When Les received the shirt, he held it up for all to read and there in bold print was OUR ROCKET SCIENTIST.

After the banquet, we tried to get the shirt from Les with promises of a new shirt with the correct spelling of scientist. Les said, "No way! I'm keeping it like it is." From what he has told us, every now and then he wears it to work with pride and a grin.

Les Johnson, our Special Guest for LibertyCon 10, is originally from Ashland, Kentucky, where he grew up watching Star Trek and reading as much science fiction as he could get his hands on. He worked at the book store in high school where he was responsible for stocking the SF section (among others) [Hmmm, I wonder where his pay check went?]. His wife's name is Carol and when convention time arrives their son Carl will be 3.5 years and daughter Leslie will be 7 months. Les's favorite books include: FOUNDATION, THE GODS THEMSELVES, RENDEZVOUS WITH RAMA, THE FOREVER WAR and STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND. Favorite movies are 2001 & THE TERMINATOR. Both he and Carol are devoted parents and they enjoy hiking, talking about politics and world events and dreaming about the future.

Les's official resume reflects the professional that he is and it reads like an a thesis. For example he graduated with a MS in physics from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and his Thesis Title was "The Interaction of Neutral and Ionic Oxygen Beams with Space-Relevant Materials." He also graduated from Transylvania University with a BA in chemistry and physics (Cum Laude with Honors). In 1991 he graduated from the International Space University in Toulouse, France.

We consider ourselves lucky to have Les Johnson as our SPECIAL GUEST and we deeply appreciate all the science programs that he has conducted over the years. And Les, you will always be one of the few that wear the BLACK SHIRT. Especially the one that reads,

**OUR ROCKET SCIENTIST.**





# *LibertyCon's 10th Anniversary Special Guests:*

## **L. Sprague de Camp & Catherine Crook-de Camp**

by Tim Bolgeo

I could start out this article by telling you that the writing team of L. Sprague de Camp and Catherine Crook - de Camp are giants in the field of Science Fiction and Fantasy, but that is something any literate fan would know. I think the best way to give you an insight into this writing duo would be to relate my experiences with them over the years. I first met Mr. Sprague and Ms. Catherine at a party hosted by the late author Robert Adams at Confederation, the 1986 Atlanta WorldCon. When Bob introduced me to them I will admit to being in awe of them. But, fortunately this passed very quickly because of Ms. Catherine's charm and beauty and Mr. Sprague's wit and wisdom. By the end of the evening, they had put me at ease and I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the stories these world travelers told of their past experiences.

And then came LibertyCon 1. When the eight of us on the board cast around to find the perfect Literary Guests of Honor to start our new convention, we all thought that the de Camps would be perfect. Little did I know at that time what I was getting myself into. I called Bob Adams and asked him to put in a good word for us. Bob said that he would. A week later I called Ms. Catherine and popped the question and to my great joy, she said that she and Mr. Sprague would be delighted to come. We all thought that they would be great guests for our first convention. We were wrong! They were PERFECT GUESTS! Ms. Catherine and Mr. Sprague were true delights to work with and went out of their way to mingle with the fans and make all of the attendees feel special. Like I said before, PERFECT GUESTS!

And then came LibertyCon 5. We decided that we wanted to give the fans the perfect guests for LibertyCon 5. I'll give you three guesses on who we chose and the first two don't count. Again the de Camps came through with golden colors and totally captured the hearts of all who attended that convention. You can't beat perfection and they are the PERFECT GUESTS!

And now here comes LibertyCon 10. This year we are billing the convention as LIBERTYCON'S 10TH ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION! Based on this, who do you think could fill the shoes of the de Camps and be LIBERTYCON'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL GUESTS. There is nobody in the LibertyFamily who can think about having LibertyCon 10 without the de Camps. It would be unthinkable. It would be sacrilegious. It would be like having a LibertyCon without Bob Tucker. Totally unthinkable. And again, Ms. Catherine and Mr. Sprague have agreed to come to the Big Nooga and party with us. For those of you out there who haven't met the de Camps, prepare yourself for a wonderful experience. Something you will remember the rest of your life because it's not every day you get to meet giants. For those of you out there who know the de Camps, I don't need to say anything else.

Because I have been involved with running conventions for a great number of years [almost 20 years to be exact], I have been very fortunate over the years in getting to meet a great number of writers and artists. I am also very fortunate because I call quite a number of them friends, from A to Z, from Jerry and Sharon Ahern to Timothy Zahn. But the de Camps are something special. I guess you could say that they own a little piece of my heart and I cherish our relationship. What more can be said except,

**"Welcome To LibertyCon's 10th Annual Family Reunion  
Ms. Catherine And Mr. Sprague!!!!!"**





## A NEW HARD SF BLOCKBUSTER

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The West, exhausted by centuries of war and predatory commercial rivalries, has become repressive in a bid to preserve its power structure as it declines. In the east, the emerging superpowers of China and Japan face each other as contenders to dominate the twenty-first century. Open conflict, involving horrific weapons, and on a scale surpassing anything seen in history is imminent. Inevitably, it will engulf first Europe, then America, too.

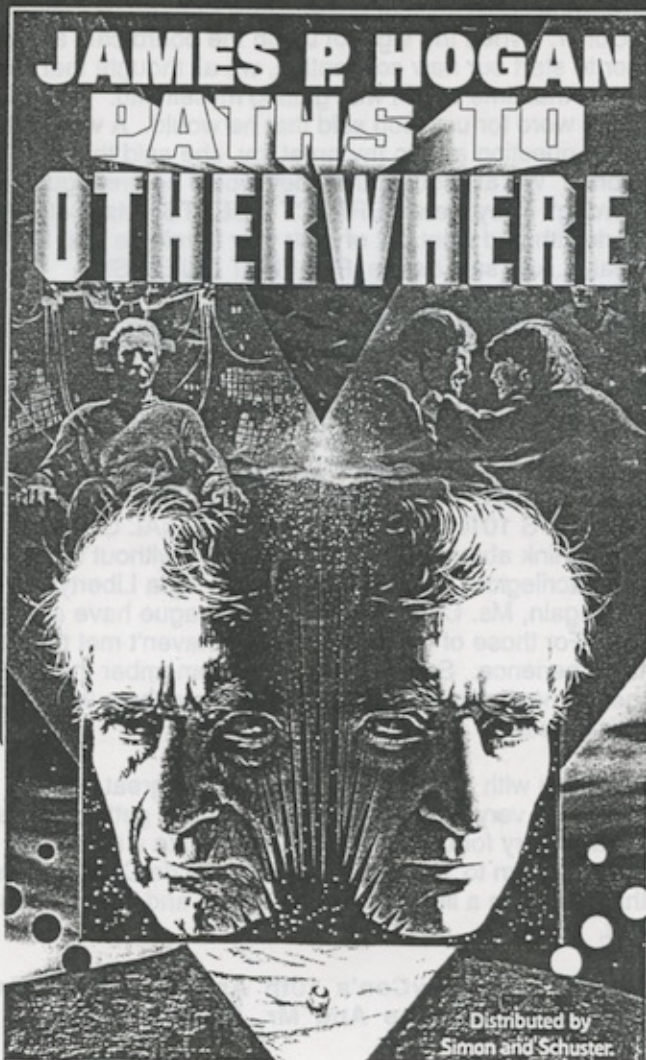
In this nightmare world without a future, two scientists are drafted into a top-secret U.S. government program involving a strange realm of

physics that is being uncovered following new insights to the fundamentals of quantum mechanics. The concerns of the authorities in charge of the project are purely pragmatic and focused on the present: to give the nation's political leaders an astonishing means of gaining access to information not ordinar-

ily available, in an effort to restore the balance against material odds that are hopeless. But the scientists join others on the project to form a small maverick group, working secretly on their own in pursuit of a vision they have glimpsed of a universe staggeringly vaster than anything previously imagined, made up of

worlds where history takes every course conceivable, where the wars of the twentieth century were fought in curiously different combinations with different outcomes . . .

And even a world where they never happened at all.

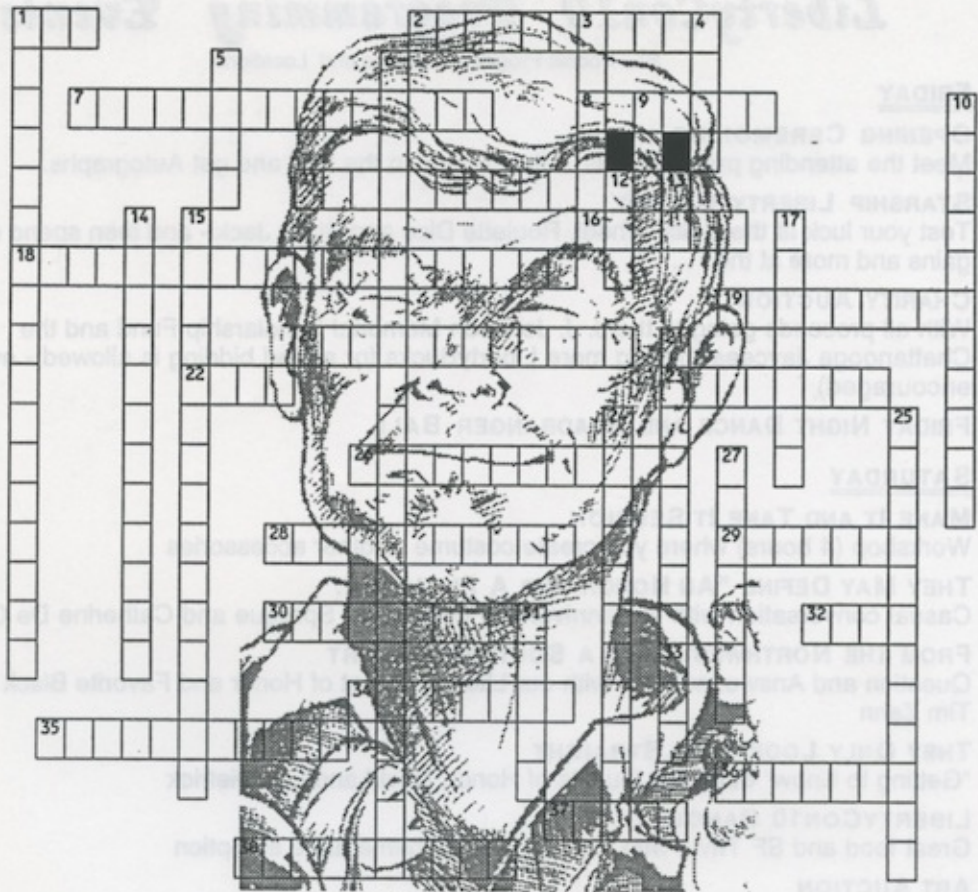


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| 2. Overseas of time                  | 3. Tucker's war cry                  |
| 7. Time traveler                     | 4. Bright on the horizon             |
| 8. Tucker's senior citizen (slang)   | 5. Ice Cream Bar                     |
| 11. Abe's pursuers                   | 6. March of the Devils               |
| 16. Bob's watery nemesis             | 9. He's almost this old              |
| 18. Going to Astronomer's Place      | 10. The Oriental Toy Mystery         |
| 19. Bob's other genre                | 12. He's not quite that old          |
| 20. Whose in my hole                 | 13. One of Bob's favorite con towns: |
| 22. Love for a cigar                 | Louis                                |
| 23. Delayed destination              | 14. Rising from the grave            |
| 26. Tucker's Live & Let Die          | 15. Extended noisy quite time        |
| 28. Crazy abilities                  | 17. Bob's cry of exaltation          |
| 29. Special Award for excellence     | 21. The human hunter                 |
| 30. Commie fish                      | 24. Gun for hire                     |
| 32. Bob's real wife                  | 25. Town in the ocean                |
| 33. Tucker's position at LibertyCon  | 27. Dr. Strange                      |
| 34. Destination                      | 31. A unifying relationship          |
| 35. Tucker's choice of beverage      |                                      |
| 36. The genre we prefer Bob to write |                                      |
| 37. Samatha Stevens                  |                                      |
| 38. Frozen & Ferrus                  |                                      |



# *LibertyCon10 Programming Events:*

See Pocket Program for Times and Locations

## FRIDAY

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Meet the attending professionals, if they're not 'In the Bar' and get Autographs.

### **STARSHIP LIBERTY CASINO**

Test your luck at the Color Wheel, Roulette Dice and Black Jack - and then spend our gains and more at the . . .

### **CHARITY AUCTION**

With all proceeds going to the J. J. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Chattanooga Jaycees (buying more LibertyBucks for added bidding is allowed - even encouraged).

### **FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE AND HEADBANGER BALL**

## SATURDAY

### **MAKE IT AND TAKE IT SESSION**

Workshop (4 hours) where you create costume or other accessories

### **THEY MAY DEFINE "AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE:**

Casual conversation with our anniversary guests - L. Sprague and Catherine De Camp

### **FROM THE NORTHWEST WITH A SOUTHERN HEART**

Question and Answer session with our Literary Guest of Honor and Favorite Black Collar - Tim Zahn

### **THEY ONLY LOOK THAT STRAIGHT**

"Getting to Know" our Artist Guests of Honor, David and Lori Dietrick

### **LIBERTYCON10 BANQUET**

Great food and SF Trivia with "Space Opera" theme attire an option

### **ART AUCTION**

Admire and Acquire, with power bidding and a few "Gee. . . Cute" for early Christmas shopping.

### **LIBERTYCON10 MASQUERADE**

Enjoy the workmanship, color and presentation (or join the brave souls on stage yourself - it's fun!)

### **CONTINUED DANCE AND HEADBANGER BALL TO THE WEE HOURS**

## SUNDAY

### **LIBERTY GUEST "BREAKFAST KLATCH" FORUM**

A Decade of friends - new and old - share remembrances and discuss what makes LibertyCon tick. (Come on by for coffee and donuts.)

### **WE EVEN UNDERSTAND HIM**

An interview with our Scientist of Choice and Special Guest, Les Johnson

### **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

and how LibertyCon11 will be even better. -- Your suggestions ARE heard.--



# LibertyCon10 Panels:

Details, Times, Locations and Changes in Pocket Program

## ART OUTSIDE PUBLISHING

It's not all in the Cards

## THE BAEN PUBLISHING TRAVELING SLIDE SHOW AND BOOK DISCUSSION - WITH PRIZES.

## COMPUTER UPDATE FORUM

What's new in On-line, Web, Hardware, Software and other nearly English terms.

## E.T., WHERE ARE YOU?

Spaceship Earth may travel alone - current knowledge and theories

## GHOST STORIES

The Sixth year of rattling chains, foggy nights and other chilling visions.

## HARD FACTS OF CREATIVE LIFE

Creating is only the beginning, then try learning to wear the salesman, accountant and marketer hats.

## HAUNTING IMAGES ON THE SCREEN

Poltergeists, Ghosts, and other media version of "Things That Go Bump in the Night".

## LOVE THAT MUNDANITY

Favorite reading 'Outside the Line' - Non-genre preferences.

## OLD IS NEW AGAIN

Restoring and preserving art and books

## SLIDES OF A TIME CAPSULE

A photo retrospective of LibertyPast

## SPACE OPERAS ACROSS THE YEARS

Golden Age to Present Generation

## THEY'RE IN THE BAR, AGAIN

The bars they should have had - great cultures, no saloons

## TOPPERS

A comparative session of the best "Questions I Hate"

## WHAT MAKES A HERO? (PARTS 1 & 2)

Definitions and viewpoints

## WHAT MAKES "GOOD" ART?

Illustrations of 'Getting it Right' technically and when it's not.



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Hannah M.G. Shapero

**Games**

Surprise Guest TBA

**Literary Agent**

Susan Graham

**Master of Ceremonies**

Jon Crusoe



# LibertyCon 10 Main Video List:

(Space Opera, Classics, Fun And Then Some)

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Adventures of Capt. Zoom      | Lost In Space (episode)            |
| Babylon 5                     | Message From Space                 |
| Barbarella                    | Mission Stardust                   |
| Battlestar Galactica          | MST3K : Rocketship XM              |
| Black Hole                    | Oblivion                           |
| Buck Rogers                   | Oblivion 2 : Backlash              |
| Dr. Who                       | Red Dwarf (TV episodes)            |
| Flash Gordon (original)       | Robert Heinlein : Red Planet       |
| Flash Gordon (1986)           | Rocketship (original Flash Gordon) |
| Forbidden Planet              | Spaceballs                         |
| Galaxina                      | Star Trek : Space Seed (original)  |
| Hypernauts                    | Star Trek II : Wrath Of Khan       |
| Ice Pirates                   | Star Wars                          |
| Journey To The Seventh Planet | Starcrash                          |
| Last Starfighter              |                                    |

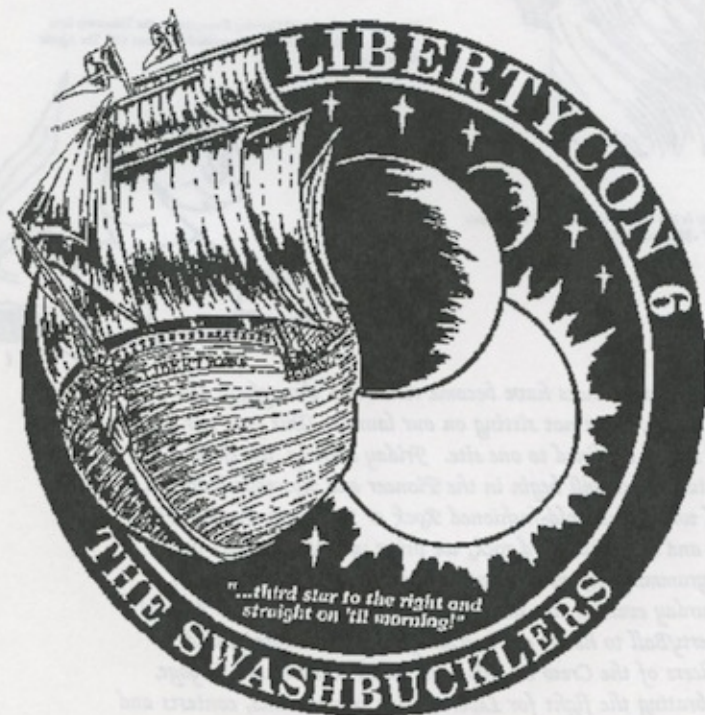
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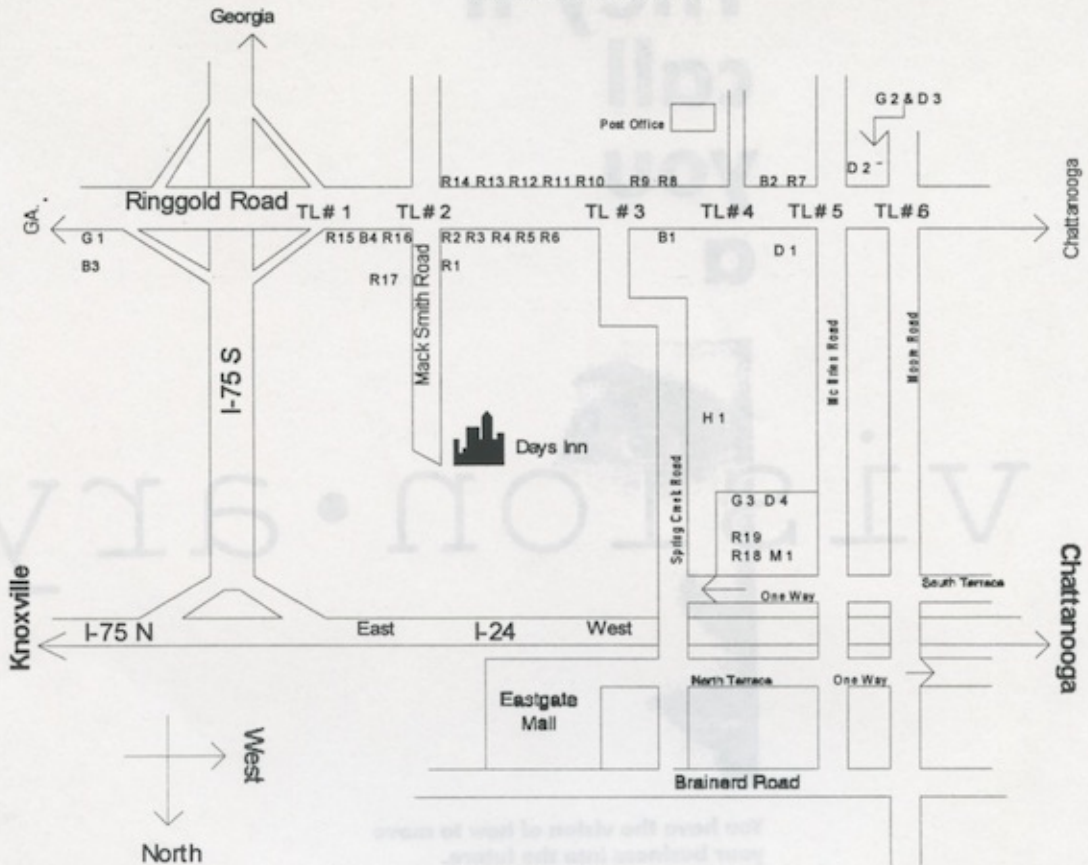
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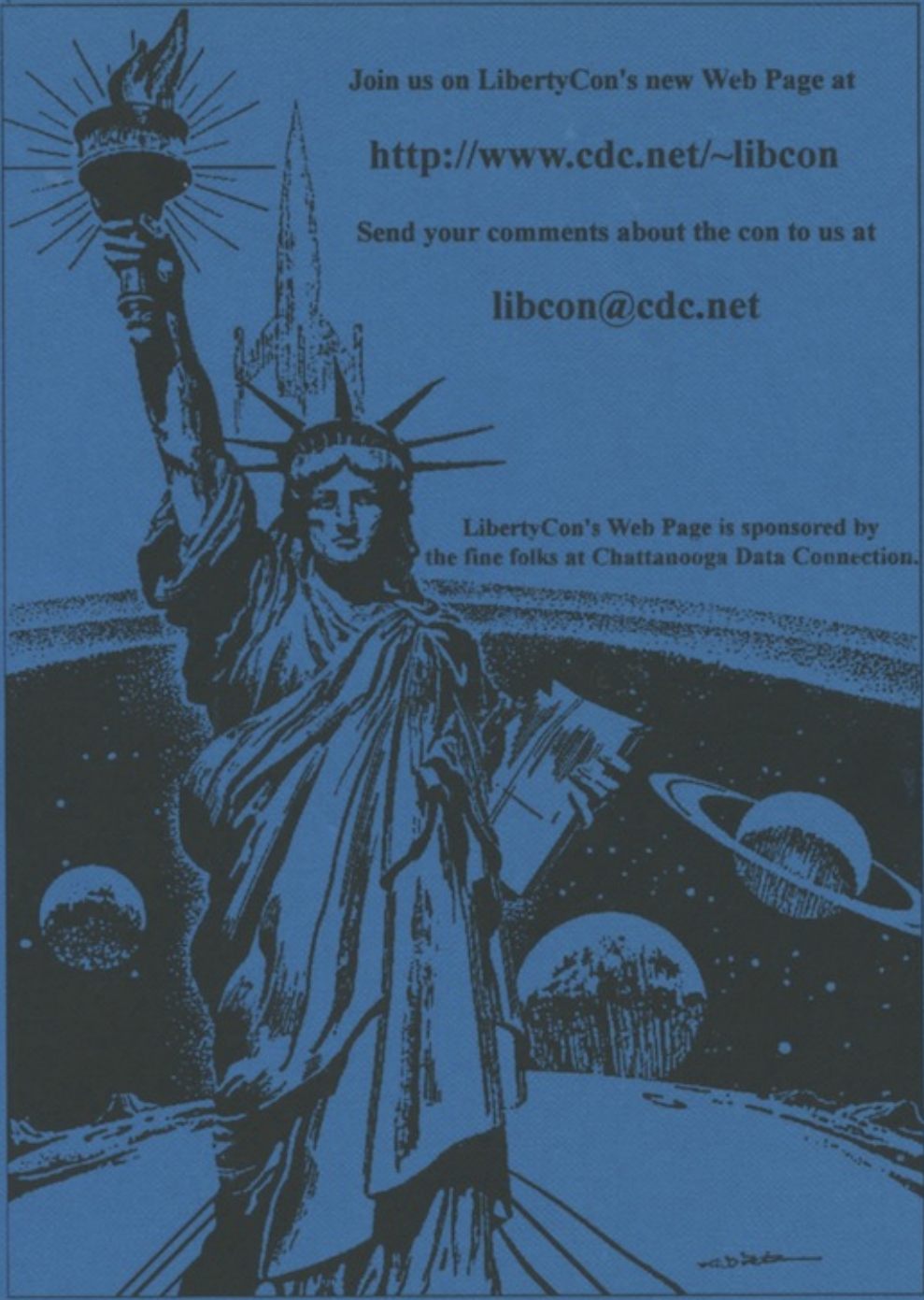


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R 4 Harde's	B 4 Shoney's	D 1 Walgreen's Drugs (24 Hr.)
R 5 Uncle Bud's Catfish		D 2 Eckerd's Drugs
R 6 Central Park		D 3 Big B Drugs
R 7 KFC		D 4 K-Mart Pharmacy
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R 9 Pizza Hut		M1 Physican's Care Walk in Clinic
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R 11 Krystal		
R 12 Arby's		
R 13 Burger King		
R 14 Long John Silver		
R 15 Wally's		
R 16 Waffle House		
R 17 Cracker Barrell		
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