

CON 9

From
OUTER SPACE!

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INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone and welcome to the 1st Progress Report for Con 9 From Outer Space. Our intention is to give you a detailed update on the convention including any news that may be of interest to you. As this is our first report, we've opted to distribute it to both existing Con 9 members and anyone else who maybe interested in joining or supporting our event.

MEMBERSHIP

A quick look at the Membership section of the website shows that we have people continually joining us but we still have a long way to go to make our convention a great success in terms of attendance.

For this reason we've decided to create a special "Join in January" promotion for people who are keen to come to Con 9 but have yet to sign up. This promotion will put you in the running to win our great Classic Promo Pack which will contain a stack of goodies such as:

- Two great Flash Gordon DVDs
- Three reproduction A3 movie posters
- Three Galaxy Magazines actually printed the 1950s
- Three "classic movie moments" badges
- Two Con 9 From Outer Space promo badges
- A special Con 9 From Outer Space coffee mug
- A Space Patrol radio play DVD
- And some bonus Space Cadet chockies



To be eligible for this great prize, all you need to do is become a fully signed and paid convention member before January 31, 2012*, and remember we only cost \$50!

* Existing Con 9 members are automatically in the draw to win the Promo Pack

MEMBERSHIP VIA PAYPAL

Recently membership payments to Con 9 have only been accepted via direct bank transfer or cash/money order/cheque. But now we are offering the Paypal option! If you're keen to pay by Paypal, just contact Clare our Membership Manager for all the relevant details - con9memberships@gmail.com

DEALERS

If you have a heap of classic sci-fi items you wish to sell at Con 9 From Outer Space, then here's your chance to take out a dealers table - it's only \$15 for full Con 9 members. The good thing about having a dealers table is that you'll have a target audience right there to sell your items too. Be sure to check out the Dealers section on the website for more information.

Speaking of dealers, we are extremely proud to announce that The Seventh Art will be having dealers table at Con 9 From Outer Space. The Seventh Art is a merchandise store located in Burwood Rd Hawthorn who specialise in all things science fiction including the golden age.

www.theseventhart.com.au



COMPETITIONS

Don't forget about our Fan Fiction and Fan Film competitions. We're encouraging everyone out there to put on their 50s sci-fi thinking caps to come up with some great ideas. Remember, entry is FREE to Con 9 members with the prize on offer being a coveted Golden Gort trophy created especially for Con 9 From Outer Space. Be sure to check out the Competitions section on the website for more information including submission guidelines.

DISPLAYS

We're keen to make Con 9 From Outer Space a memorable event and that can only be achieved by creating a great atmosphere. For this reason our aim is to setup some unique displays to remind people of the golden age of science fiction and if you have something you wish to contribute to this then here is your opportunity. If you happen to have any classic sci-fi items you think would look great on display at our convention, then please let us know. We can supply tables, glass cabinets and roped off areas to ensure your items are well taken care of.

BANQUET

It's traditional for a science fiction convention to hold a dinner banquet and here at Con 9 our plan is to do the same. Our members only special dinner will occur on the Saturday night of the convention in the hotel's restaurant. If you're interested in booking a place with us to share in the festivities, then check out the Banquet section of the website and fill out the form - but don't send any money as meals will be paid for on the night.

VOLUNTEERS

Con 9 From Outer Space is a purely volunteer run event and for this reason we're always on the lookout for more helpers and assistants. If you're interested in volunteering some of your time at the con, then just send us an email with your details and we'll advise our volunteer coordinator. Every volunteer will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts along with a lucky dip prize.

Note you must be a fully paid member of the convention to become a volunteer during the event.

PROGRAMME

The Con 9 panel programme has been listed on the website for quite a while now, but that doesn't mean there's no room for improvements. If you have any panel/discussion ideas you'd like see, or if you would like to participate as a presenter in any of the panels on offer, then just let us know.

"YESTERDAY'S TOMORROW: A RETRO SCIENCE FICTION FILM FESTIVAL"

One of the great programmed items of Con 9 will be our own retro film festival. So if you're a film maker yourself, or know someone who is, and you just happen to have a science fiction film that fit within our golden age 1950s timeline, then be sure to let us know as it could find its way into this wonderful event.

THE CON 9 SHOP

Con 9 From Outer Space now has an online shop selling all sorts of unique and fun goodies. So if you want to show your support for our great event, be sure to head on over and see what's on offer.

<http://www.cafepress.com/con9fromouterspace>

PROMOTIONS AND PUBLICITY

All successful events need to sell themselves and at Con 9 we're doing what we can to tell the world of our existence, but alas we can't reach everybody. So if you are a keen supporter of the convention, then please help spread the word by either telling your friends or family about us, or linking our Website/Facebook/Twitter site to your own website, Facebook or Twitter page. We know there are plenty of fans of the golden age of science fiction movies, TV and radio, all we have to do is reach them.

SPONSORSHIPS AND SUPPORT

Although Con 9 From Outer Space is a not-for-profit convention, it's still an event that will cost a lot of money to mount. For this reason we're keen to hear from those who are keen to lend us support either through product donations or financial assistance. If you're one of those people who would like to assist in this way, please contact us for a discussion.

SUMMARY

We hope this Progress Report has given you an insight into the plans of Con 9 From Outer Space. There is still a lot that needs to be done but we're really looking forward to making this event truly special and something that everyone will remember.

So for now, keep watching the skies and be sure to have a Merry Christmas and a great new year!

The Con 9 Team



IMPORTANT LINKS

con9fromouterspace@gmail.com - our main email address

con9memberships@gmail.com - Clare, our Membership Manager's email address

<http://www.con9fromouterspace.com> - our website

<http://www.melbourne.amorahotels.com> - our hotel venue

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Con-9-From-Outer-Space/251512364868633> - our Facebook page

<http://twitter.com/#!/Con9OuterSpace> - our Twitter account