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## 2024 Dum-Dum Banquet

On 17 February, The Burroughs Bibliophiles' Board of Directors approved the proposal to hold the 2024 Dum-Dum banquet during the 2024 PulpFest convention. Co-hosts Jason Aiken and Henry G. Franke III submitted this proposal because no one has volunteered to host either a full-up Dum-Dum convention or an Edgar Rice Burroughs Chain of Friendship (ECOF) Gathering in 2024. In the early days of The Burroughs Bibliophiles, the Dum-Dum was strictly a dinner or luncheon; conventions began later. In 2006, when there was no volunteer to host the Dum-Dum, the Dum-Dum was held as just a banquet during that year's ECOF Gathering. This was the template for the 2024 event. The proposal to host the banquet during PulpFest was made because a significant number of Bibliophiles members already attend PulpFest. While the banquet will be during PulpFest, it is not a part of the convention, so Dum-Dum banquet attendees who come just for the banquet will not pay any fees related to PulpFest.

The 2024 Dum-Dum banquet will be held on Saturday, 3 August, between 5:30 and 8:30 pm Eastern Time, at the Bravo! Italian Kitchen, 20001 Route 19, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066, (724) 772-8150, <https://www.bravoitalian.com>. This is a half-mile from the location of the PulpFest convention. The cost for a banquet ticket will be \$45, which will cover a family-style menu, sales tax, and service charge. Each table will include two choices of salad, two choices of pasta, two choices of an entree, one side, focaccia bread, and unlimited soft drinks, coffee, and tea. People wishing a vegetarian meal will be served separately for the same price. We plan to bring in a celebratory Dum-Dum cake for dessert. Payment options and cut-off dates to reserve banquet tickets will be announced. The banquet will feature at least one guest speaker and presentations of the Bibliophiles' Golden Lion Award and Outstanding Achievement Award. A door prize is likely.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors will also be held during the PulpFest convention, likely in small meeting room in the DoubleTree, open to the membership and accessible via Zoom. Details will be announced.

If you are interested in attending the banquet, could you send co-hosts Jason Aiken and Henry Franke an e-mail telling us of your interest, as well as how many might be in your party (spouses are always excited to attend), and if you would want a vegetarian meal? Jason Aiken's e-mail address is [pulpcrazy@gmail.com](mailto:pulpcrazy@gmail.com), while Henry Franke's is [henryfranke3@gmail.com](mailto:henryfranke3@gmail.com). This will not commit you to attending, but it will help the co-hosts plan for the best banquet experience! ☞

## ERBFest 2024 / FarmerCon XIX / PulpFest 2024

The PulpFest 2024 convention is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, 1–4 August. The convention hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh–Cranberry, 910 Sheraton Dr, Mars, PA 16064. The theme this year is “Spice, Spies, Shaw, and More.” PulpFest will also recognize the centennial of the first-edition book publication of *The Land That Time Forgot*. Two smaller conventions are scheduled to be part of PulpFest this year: ERBFest 2024 (the third iteration since 2021) and FarmerCon XIX, the latter the annual gathering of fans of Philip José Farmer. PulpFest includes programming Thursday evening and the afternoons and evenings of Friday and Saturday; a large dealers' room open all day Friday and Saturday (members staying at the DoubleTree get free early-bird access on Thursday; others must pay an additional fee for this); an auction Saturday evening; and a ceremony presenting the Munsey Award on Saturday. Go to <https://pulpfest.com/> for all the details of the convention; to see the programming schedule, go to <https://pulpfest.com/2023/11/spice-spies-shaw-and-more/> and scroll down the page.

The PulpFest convention room rate at the DoubleTree is \$136 plus taxes per night for a room either with one King-size bed or with two Queen-size beds. This rate is available from Wednesday, 31 July to Monday, 5 August. (There are other hotels near the convention.) This DoubleTree has an excellent hot breakfast buffet; the hotel provides PulpFest

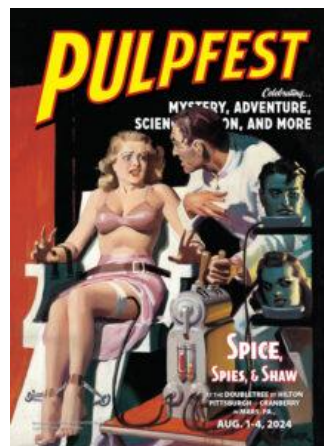
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members with free breakfast tickets (maximum of two per room based on the number of occupants). Other DoubleTree amenities include free parking, free Wi-Fi, non-smoking rooms, on-site restaurant, indoor pool, outdoor pool, sauna, fitness center, pet-friendly rooms (pets under 50 pounds are allowed, with a \$50 non-refundable fee), and business center. You can reserve a room online through the PulpFest website, or by calling 1-855-610-8755. If calling, mention that you are a PulpFest attendee or use the group code CDT91J. You must book your room by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, 9 July to get the special convention rate. Consider booking a room early, as the hotel has been selling out for PulpFest. Please note that a deposit equaling the first night's room rate plus tax will be required at the time of your reservation. You will have until 11:59 pm Eastern Time on 1 July (one month before the start of PulpFest) to cancel your reservation and receive a refund of your deposit. Any cancellation made after the deadline will result in the forfeiture of your deposit.

Mars is north of Pittsburgh, located at the intersection of I-79 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, close to Route 19. If using the Pennsylvania Turnpike toll road, take Exit 28 (Toward Cranberry/Mars). The Pittsburgh International Airport is 25 to 32 miles' driving distance from the hotel, depending on which route is taken. The DoubleTree does not offer a shuttle from and to the airport. Individuals may consider ride-sharing or coordinating pick-up or drop-off at the airport by friends.

All attendees – including dealers – must register (see <https://pulpfest.com/register-for-pulpfest/> for complete details on how to register and pay; a registration table will also be manned during the convention). There are various options for registration depending on which days you plan to attend PulpFest and where you are staying. Here are key options: Full membership to PulpFest 2024 and paying in advance = \$40 (includes free early-bird shopping); Full membership to PulpFest 2024 if staying at the DoubleTree and paying at the door = \$50 (includes free early-bird shopping); Full membership if staying elsewhere = \$50 (without early-bird shopping); Full membership if staying elsewhere, and adding early-bird shopping = \$80; Single-day membership for Friday or Saturday = \$25 per day. The early-bird membership allows access to the dealers' room from 9 am to 4:45 pm on Thursday, 1 August. The convention's programming will start at 6:55 pm on 1 August. **Children aged 15 and younger, accompanied by an adult, will be admitted for free. Note that they must be registered.** All paying members will receive a complimentary copy of the program book, *The Pulpster*, a \$15 value.



At least 150 six-foot tables will be available in the 10,880-square-foot dealers' room (about 60 of these will be wall tables and 90 island tables). The rental fee is \$110 for a wall table and \$100 for an island table. All dealers and their helpers are required to purchase a full membership. **There will be an official Burroughs Bibliophiles dealer table all four days of PulpFest.**

Mike Chomko, a Bibliophiles member and a lead organizer of the PulpFest convention, has stated that all Dum-Dum banquet attendees are welcome to join PulpFest if they desire, with the standard PulpFest registration fees. Registering for PulpFest is necessary to gain entry to the PulpFest dealers' room and to qualify for the convention hotel's special PulpFest room rate. Note that PulpFest programming events are open to the public, so those Bibliophiles who do not join PulpFest can still attend the convention's programming events at no charge. This includes the screening of the films *The Land That Time Forgot* and *The People That Time Forgot*.

The ERBFest "sub-convention" requires no additional fee. ERBFest "attendees" will receive a free program book by speaking with host Henry G. Franke III; the ERBFest administration table will be next to the PulpFest registration tables outside the dealers' room. The primary theme of ERBFest this year is the centennial of the first-edition publication of *The Land That Time Forgot*, along with the fiftieth anniversary of the premiere of the first movie based on ERB's Caspak novels (*see the ERB, Inc. logo on the right*). The following PulpFest programming events are considered part of ERBFest.



Thursday, 1 August

10:15 pm – 11:00 pm — ERBFest panel, "The Women of Edgar Rice Burroughs" (Bernice Jones and Cathy Wilbanks)

11:05 pm – 12:40 am — ERBFest Film Showing, *The Land That Time Forgot*

Friday, 2 August

2:30 pm – 3:25 pm — ERBFest panel, "The Universe According to Edgar Rice Burroughs (Christopher Paul Carey, Cathy Wilbanks, etc.)

8:35 pm – 9:20 pm — ERBFest panel, "Pulp Paleontology" (Mark Schultz and Mike Chomko)

11:05 pm – 12:40 am — ERBFest Film Showing, *The People That Time Forgot*

Saturday, 3 August

(Of interest: 2:30 pm – 3:25 pm — "Burroughs, Farmer, & Pulp" (Douglas Klauba, with Craig McDonald))

11:35 pm – ?? am — ERBFest: Barsoomian Bull-Session — Socialize at the Ember & Vine on the first floor