

BOARD IN BRIEF

The May meeting of the Board opened at 7:05 PM (I think an all time record for starting on time) on the 10th. New Board member Jeff Henness was welcomed to his first meeting as a voting member.

Most important discussion centered on the success of MAY DAY 1988. A balance sheet was prepared & presented by Jan L. and Wayne G. and showed a final profit of about \$900.. Considering the event was organized and run on a zero-expenditure manner, this was a particular achievement. The Board was most pleased by the clear accounting (the same procedures will be used for LIL III) and successful organization of the weekend. Many commitments were made by visitors to attend LIL III and all the weekend events were termed well received.

Jan L. for LIL III reported that organizational & exhibitor publicity is about ready to go out & should be in the mail within 3-4 weeks at the most. Some early front money has been received & in part will be used for that mailing. Large expenditures are anticipated in July when room rents are due & it is hoped early registrations will have become stronger. The April 17th community meeting was poorly attended, but the opportunity was offered.

Chuck H. reported a low current balance but this did not reflect MAY DAY income. Hotel payments have been established on a very reasonable monthly basis which we should have no problem meeting

Numerous program dates were noted and appear in the calendar. It was voted to endorse the Seattle Leather Pride Night (6-25).

Steve explained further some of his intent with the Advisory Counsel. More will be coming from him.

A donation has been received to NLA for a contribution to the R. Henning Memorial Travel Fund at IML in Chicago. Cherrie Matisse (New Ms NLA) will deliver this if possible.

Next meeting will be at the residence of Jeff Henness (325-5267), June 14th at 7 PM. As always, all members are welcome.



FIRST LINK



NLA CALENDAR

****MAY, 1988****

- 20 MS.NLA Benefit SEATTLE
Auction/Kegger 8-11 Sparks
- 22 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
I.M.L.SENDOFF 6 PM EAGLE
- 19,26 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE:Sparks
- 20,27 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

****JUNE, 1988****

- 1 NLA:SEATTLE 7:30 PM SEATTLE
Program Whip-making Timberline
- 3 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM Denman Stn.
- 5 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Kegger (tentative) Hombres
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLCC
- 14 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7 PM
Deadline FIRST LINE II:7
- 16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Games Night Sparks
- 19 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
General Meeting 7PM VGLCC
- 19 Pride Festival SEATTLE
Broadway Playfield
- 23 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Mystery Event 7:30PM Sparks
- 25 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Demo/Workshop:Pat VGLCC
Califia on Humiliation
- 26 Pride Parade/March SEATTLE
NLA Booth
- 2,9,16,23,30 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
- 3,10,17,24 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

****JULY, 1988****

- 1 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM Denman Stn.
- 6 NLA:SEATTLE 7:30 PM SEATTLE
Program Timberline
- 10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLCC
- 12 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7 PM
Deadline FIRST LINE II:8
- 16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Flotilla Greenlake
BBQ Picnic Volunt.Pk.

*30 NLA:BC VANCOUVER *
* Mr.& Ms. Vancouver *
* Leather,\$6/\$8 Celebrities *

- 7,14,21,28 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
- 1,8,15,22,29 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

THE NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
LIVING IN LEATHER III The National Conference
 October 7-10, 1988, in Seattle, Washington



Previous Living in Leather Conferences have made a serious statement of who we are, not just to the rest of the Lesbian/Gay community, but also to our non-Lesbian/Gay members and their communities as well. WE ARE GOING TO DO IT AGAIN! The Living in Leather III Conference will be at the Seattle Center. All events will be wheelchair-accessible and will be interpreted for the hearing-impaired/deaf.

However, a Conference such as we are planning is not just serious stuff; it's going to be fun. Nowhere else this year will you be able to meet so many women and men from our leather and S/M communities; nowhere else will you be able to enter such a free exchange of ideas and energies. Everybody who came to MAYDAY in Seattle will be here for the Conference. Your friends and neighbors will be here. Please be here too! Our pep squad is rehearsing, and is all fired up to cheer us on! Here's some of what we're planning:

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The Roosevelt Hotel, \$49 to \$66/double, at (800) 426-0670, and the Tropics Hotel, \$28 to \$48/double, at (800) 255-7932 (ask for Betsy Hanson). To receive beneficial group rates, be sure to say that you are with the NLA!

GENERAL SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7: 7PM - ? Registration, Hospitality, and Community-Sponsored Events.
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8: 9 AM Registration, 11 AM to 6 PM Exhibitors Room open, 11:30 AM - 6 PM, Opening and Workshops, 6 PM - ? Dungeon Demonstrations, Bar Keggers, AA/NA Meetings, Community Sponsored Events.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9: 11 AM - 6 PM Exhibitors Room Open, 1 - 6 PM Workshops, followed by Closing Ceremonies, Party, or ?.
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 10: 2 - 5 PM NLA Autumn Business Meeting.

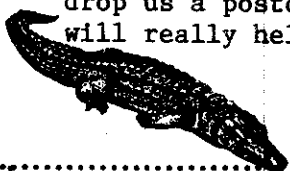
Note that all these are purely tentative times and events.

WORKSHOP TOPICS BEING CONSIDERED INCLUDE: AIDS Fundraising, Legal Issues & Censorship, Community/National Organizing, Psychology of SM, Technical discussion/demonstrations, Local/Community Activism, S/M Play and the Law, Relationships, Leather Fetishism, Author's Roundtable, and more to be announced...

EXHIBITORS' BOOTHS:

There will be over 30 booths representing businessmen from the US and Canada! Some of the product categories we expect will be available for purchase include: Leather Apparel, Latex Apparel, SM Toys and Accessories, Custom Gear, Books and Magazines, Videos, Jewelry, T-Shirts, Greeting Cards, and Artwork.

We're including two registration forms below, one for you and one for a friend to register with you. If you plan to attend, but are not able to send your registration now, please drop us a postcard and let us know (for this will really help us out on our planning).



LIVING IN LEATHER III --- REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY/STATE: _____
 ZIP: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER</u>
___ \$50.00 Single*	___ \$65.00 Single*
___ \$70.00 Couple*	___ \$90.00 Couple*

* Payment in U.S. Funds. Meals not Included. After August 15, 1988, add \$5.00/Single and \$10.00 per Couple, for both member and non-member registrations.

___ I Wish to become a member (Include \$25.)

Payment Method: Check ___ Money Order ___
 Special Needs _____
 Hearing Impaired? _____
 I AM a signer/interpreter _____

I certify I'm at least 21 yrs old: _____

I can't attend, but want information: _____

For exhibitor information call (206)784-9572
 Mail form to NLA: LILIII, POB 17463, Seattle WA 98107.

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SSCA UPDATE

At the request of the ISC (Interm Steering Committee) of Safe, Sane, Consensual Adults, a meeting was held during MAY DAY Weekend (but not sponsored by either NLA or SDG) to select a Pacific Northwest representative to join that group. It was felt by the ISC during their early meetings that additional representatives should be added to that group from the metropolitan Washington, DC and New York areas and the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Northwest regions.

After discussion regarding the operation and goals of the ISC, who was represented by Co-Chair John Ferrari of Los Angeles, the meeting discussed how the ISC was viewed by members of the Northwest community and what were felt to be desired qualifications of the expected job of its representative. As a result, the attending group unanimously endorsed the selection of Judy Tallwing McCarthy, MS International Leather 1987 of Portland, Or. as the NW Regional Representative.

Judy will attend her first meeting of the ISC in Chicago in conjunction with the the 1988 IML Competition.

NLA encourages input into the ISC by return of their mailed questionnaires and support of all ISC representing members. As representatives of our entire National Leather/SM community these 9 (now 13) individuals have accepted a tremendous responsibility and overwhelming job.



MAY DAY 1988

The 2nd Annual MAY DAY Weekend was a great success. All the participants had a good time and many indicated intent to return to Seattle in October for LIL III. Contest Judges Shan Carr (Portland), Mack McKinnon (Vancouver), Pat Califia & Geoff Mains (San Francisco), Artemis Oakgrove (Denver), and John Ferrari (Los Angeles), all did double duty by participating in workshops and demonstrations, and/or by serving as guest dungeonmasters. The activities in the Dungeon both nights was a successful inauguration of the new SDG Dungeon regulations and play was imaginative, intense, and SAFE. I was pleased to attend the SPARKS workshops on Toys and Novices and felt each was both educational and rewarding.

The contest went very smoothly (under 2½ hours) and interludes between contestant walk-ons gave the Emerald City Volunteers (a subgroup of the Seattle Men's Chorus), Alder, and Shan Carr opportunities to provide the crowd varied, attention holding, and pleasing entertainment. I also mention the effective presentations of MC's Jan Brown and "TK" in their final official appearance as MR/MS NLA 1987. 10 good contestants made the judges work difficult but Cherrie Matisse and Steve Maidhof were chosen as MS/MR NLA 1988 with runners up Jaye Walker, Lizzy Black, Mark Sauer, and Paul Wilken. Both winners received trips to their respective International competition as well as other prizes. Both will be presenting events through the year and will make excellent PR representatives for NLA.

NLA CALENDAR

(cont)

****AUGUST, 1988**

- 1 NLA:BC VANCOUVER,BC
Pride Parade
- 3 NLA:SEATTLE 7:30 PM SEATTLE
Program Timberline
- 5 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM Denman Stn.
- 9 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7 PM
Deadline FIRST LINE II:9
- 13 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLCC
- 4,11,18,25 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
- 5,12,19,26 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

****SEPTEMBER, 1988****

- 2 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM Denman Stn.
- 7 NLA:SEATTLE 7:30 PM SEATTLE
Program Timberline
- 10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLCC
- 13 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7 PM
Deadline FIRST LINE II:10
- 1,8,15,22,29 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
- 2,9,16,23,30 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

****OCTOBER, 1988****

- 5 NLA:SEATTLE 7:30 PM SEATTLE
Program Timberline
- 7 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM Denman Stn.

7-10 NLA SEATTLE
* Living in Leather III Sea.Cntr*

- 9 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLCC
- 11 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7 PM
Deadline FIRST LINE II:11

*31 NLA:BC VANCOUVER *
* Fetish & Fantasy Ball II *
* tent:Celebrities*

- 6,13,20,27 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE
Sparks
- 7,14,21,28 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle



MORE MAY DAY

Thanks go to the SDG, Stud Works, SPARKS, Graffix FX, Vik Stump, and Doug Connell for contest prizes, and to the staffs of both SPARKS and the Seattle EAGLE for their donations and support work throughout the weekend. Of course the many volunteers of both the NLA and the SDG did outstanding jobs in keeping everything moving smoothly and efficiently all weekend.

NLA is pleased to report a weekend income of nearly \$900. More important is the tremendous reception and enthusiasm generated by the more than 150 attendees who participated in the various segments of this very successful weekend.

CONTESTANTS MAKE COMMUNITY COMMENTS

As we did last year following the 1st MAY DAY MR/MS NLA Competition, the following are responses made by contestants on their applications. The responses are reprinted as written to the 5 questions on the form and in no particular contestant order. As the questions all deal with NLA and our Leather/SM community and all the contestants are recognized community members, these answers may be considered as representative of the feelings of a cross section of many members of us.

What do you believe makes a Leatherwoman or Leatherman?

"the single characteristic that distinguishes a leatherperson is their ability to accept experience totally - physically, spiritually, emotionally.

Living a leather lifestyle in one or more of the many aspects of leather - be it armor, as protection...if you ride a bike, as a fetish for use in sadomasochistic pleasure, and, above all else, embracing the animal spirit in ourselves which the hide houses from which our strength emanates.

...being able to live a life that mixes both reality and fantasy. A life that is brutal yet sensitive, demanding yet giving, bold yet subtle. ... accepting the animal and the human within yourself & others.

...who has found her empowerment to live her life as she chooses...who has found the ultimate pleasures she seeks living a free life in SM - physically, emotionally & spiritually... who can be herself and proud of what she is & what she does!

...is made of their own individual identity and being comfortable enough to express & promote the virtues of leather.

lifestyle - attitude - sexuality

...a feeling of deep conviction inside your mind, heart, and soul...not what you do (or don't!) wear on your body. It's a bit of rebellion, compassion, toughness, gentleness...and about "stretching one's limits" "

How would you promote NLA on a National Level?

"...helping people to see the NLA's commitment to diversity, unity, and kinship within the leather community.

Use the leather community's awareness of Safe Sex and the promotion of S & M as Sensuality and Mutuality as a positive image & the NLA

By doing whatever it takes to make people aware that we are here and proud.

Networking with NLA members in other cities to launch a "media promotional campaign" that everyone in or affiliated with the NLA could take part in ...

...working with and dialoging with other groups (like SSCA/BV) by being visible whenever possible at regional & national events. By listening to their concerns & hopes.

By continuing to network with individuals & groups nationwide - encouraging them to come to NLA events...

...national organizations are known by the services it renders its members...more communications between members of different organizations. "

If space allows, we'll publish other questions & answers next issue.

VASM ANNOUNCES ANNIVERSARY VI

After considered deliberation by the Board of VASM, they have announced a change in the dates of the Celebration of Anniversary VI. In a spirit of cooperation seldom exhibited by an established organization toward a younger group, VASM will hold its Vancouver Celebration on the 1st weekend in Oct. (the 1st & 2nd) rather than over the Canadian Thanksgiving Weekend. The change was determined in order to encourage its membership to participate in Living in Leather III in Seattle during Oct. 7-10th (Columbus Day weekend in the US). This will allow members of each organization to attend both functions which would not have been possible. With many individuals sharing membership in both organizations, this is a particularly welcome decision.

The Board is discussing the possibility of holding Special Anniversary events in each city on the consecutive weekends but these plans have not yet been finalized. FIRST LINK will publicize further plans for the VASM Anniversary VI as they are completed and are received.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The next Forum will be held at the same place, same time (TIMBERLINE, upstairs at 7 PM) June 1st with whipmaking by ReaRae. Other program events for the summer months are coming in fast. On Sunday, May 22nd there will be an IML SENDOFF Keggar/BBQ at the Seattle EAGLE starting at 6 PM. Come and wish Steve, Tom, and Joe Lee the best of luck in Chicago. On June 9th (Thursday) we are going to do a games night (pool, darts, cards, & board games - bring yours) at SPARKS at 7 PM. Remember, Thurs. at SPARKS is "Leather Night", \$1. bottles with NLA card or wearing Leather. June 19 is the Pride Festival, where we will have a fun and kinky booth. A week later is the Parade - we need a truck for our float. July 16th (Sat.) brings us our picnic/BBQ (pot luck) and softball game (SM style). The 3rd Annual NLA Auction will be held at SPARK'S. A run north to Vancouver is in order July 20th-1st for Vancouver's Pride weekend and the 2nd MR/MS Vancouver Leather sponsored by NLA:BC/ In August we are planning the Campout/War Games. Stay tuned for more details. Call us, we need your ideas and help.
Jaye P. (525-7705)
Jeff H. (325-5267) Co-Chairs

KUDOS GO TO S & M CREW!

We are particularly proud of the work performed during Mayday weekend by our S & M team. We wish to express our special thanks to Joe and David and Laurie and Smash, all N.L.A. members who have continuously given us only their best--their best work, their best energy, and their best spirit. You will be seeing a lot more of these individuals and of their partners, women and men on the S & M team, who are so important to any function which we produce.

--Wayne Gloege, S & M Chair

NATIONAL CALENDAR

****MAY, 1988****

- 17 CAROLINA DRUMMER CHARLOTTE, NC
ManDance/Drummerboy
Contest 1 AM
- 18 SM GAYS LONDON
Sex/Drugs/Rock/Roll 8:15 LLGC
- 19 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
Rap Group-SM Rel 7PM Pep House
- 19 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
- *20 OUTCASTS S.F.
Program Meeting 8PM
- 20 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
- 20 MS NLA Benefit SEATTLE
Auction/Ketter 8-11 Sparks
- 20 III VLC SPRINGFIELD, MA
Bar Night Quarry
- 20-21 EXCELSIOR NYC
13th Anniv.
- 20-22 BLUE MAX ST. LOUIS, MO
Anniv. Weeknd, Lucky 13
- 20-22 TRIDENT INTERNAT. DETROIT
Run
- 20-22 MSC BELGIUM BRUSSELS
Warehouse Party
- 20-22 CCMC SAN DIEGO
10th Anniv Wolf's
- 20-23 LOGE 70 ZURICH, SW
Zurich International
- 20-23 LONDON BLUES LONDON, ENG
10th Birthday Party
- *21 CORNHAULERS DES MOINES, IA
Beer Bust 10:30 PM Saddle
- 21 HARTFORD COLTS MC HARTFORD, CT
Bar Night/Utility Lthr Bearristrs
- 21 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
Party/7-12 Auction Pep House
- 21 SAN FRAN BONDAGE CLUB S.F.
Party 9-2 PM
- *21 THE FIFTEEN S.F.
Fetish Nite/Whip-Flog
- 21 III VLC SPRINGFIELD, MA
Bar Night The Quarry
- 21 COPPERSTATE LTHRMN'S PHOENIX, AZ
General Meeting
- 21 CLUB MUD RIO NIDO, CA
Mud Olympics II Russian River
- 21-22 EXCELSIOR MC N.Y.C.
13th Anniv.
- 22 HARTFORD COLTS MC HARTFORD, CT
Meeting 6:30 PM
- 22 GMSMA NYC
Blacksmith Trip
- 22 FIREDANCERS DALLAS, TX
Beer Bust 5-9 PM Trestle
- 22 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
I.M.L. Sendoff 6PM Eagle
- 22 COPPERSTATE LTHRMN'S PHOENIX, AZ
Kegger 5-8 PM Bum Steer
- 22 CITY BIKERS DENVER
Ride Against AIDS
- 24 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
7PM-Dinner/Meeting Pep House
- 25 GMSMA NYC
Novices/Rubber
- 25 AVATAR L.A.
Another Nite at Movies
- 26 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
- 26 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
Rap Group 7PM Pep House
- 27 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
- 27-29 SPARTAN MC WASH, DC
20TH Anniv/Whitewater
Rafting/Banquet
- 27-29 ASMF PARIS PARIS, FR
13th Anniv
- 27-29 IRON CROSS MONTREAL
16th Anniv. Celebration

* NLA Affiliates

- 27-30 ATLANTIS MC. DECATUR, GA
Dogwood '88 Run
- 27-30 SONS OF APOLLO
Grand Canyon Run
- 27-30 INTERNATIONAL MR. LTHR CHICAGO
- 27-30 TEX. CONF. CLUBS Texas
Lonestar 7 Run \$55/\$70
- 27-30 GT. PLAINS REG. RODEO OKL. CITY
- 27-30 RUBBER MEN'S CLUB LONDON
Club Amsterdam Trip
- 28 DIABLO DEVIATES CONCORD, CA
Party
- 29 VASM VANCOUVER, BC
Board Meeting 3:30 PM
- 31 EXILES M.C.
4th Annu Picnic

****JUNE, 1988****

- 1 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
Gay Men S/M Rap 7:30
- 1 NLA:SEATTLE 7:30 PM SEATTLE
Program/Whip-making Timberline
- 2 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
- *3 TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE, NC
Club Night
- 3 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM Denman Stn.
- 3 EMPIRE M.C. N.Y.C.
Bike Christening
- 3-5 PEGASUS MC WICHITA, KS
4th Anniv/Birth DeSade
- 3-6 CALIF. EAGLES
Where Eagles Dare III
- 4 T-BOLTS WESTPORT, CT
Bar Night The Brook
- 4 RMC LONDON & GLSM/HAMBURG
Rubber Night Hamburg
- 4 EMPIRE M.C. N.Y.C.
Biker's Picnic
- *5 TRADESMEN CHARLOTTE, NC
Club Meeting
- 5 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Kegger(tentative) Hombres
- 5 DREIZEHN BOSTON
Walk for Life
- 5 Big Apple Leather/ NYC
Uniform Daddies Contest Tracks
- *6 OUTCASTS S.F., CA
Orientation 7:30 PM
- 8 GMSMA NYC
Annual Meeting
- 8 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA
Meeting-Uniforms Paradise
- 9 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
- 10 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
- *10-12 2-WHEELERS/ OMAHA
CORNHAULERS DES MOINES
2-Club Joint Run
"Midlands Thanksgiving"
- 10-12 LONG ISLAND SPUDS FIRE ISLAND
fantasy '88 CHERRY GROVE
- 10-12 SLM STOCKHOLM STOCKHOLM
Baltic Battle
- 11 VASM VANCOUVER, BC
Midsummer Nite's Fant. Chuck's
- 11 M.A.F.I.A. CHICAGO
Party
- 11 Boston Gay Pride March BOSTON, MA
- 11 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR S.F.
Party
- 11-12 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
1st Anniv. Party
& "Ruby Slipper II"
- 11-12 BATALLION MC DALLAS, TX
Ballbuster
- *12 OUTCASTS S.F., CA
Steering Coma, 7:30 PM
- 12 CITY BIKERS DENVER
5th Anniversary

- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7PM VGLCC
- 13 SIGMA 8 PM WASH., D.C.
General Assembly D.C. Eagle
Elections
- 14 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
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Gay Men S/M Rap 7:30
- 16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Games Night Sparks
- 16 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE
- 16-12 MSC ICELAND
Journey Center of Earth
- *17 OUTCASTS S.F., CA
Program Meeting SM House
- 17 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle
- 17 VANGUARDS PHILADELPHIA
Summer's Cummin Bar Mt Bike Stop
- 17-19 HARTFORD COLTS MC HARTFORD, CT
Round-Up '88
- 18 SDG SEATTLE
Anniversary Party, 8-10 PM SDG
- 18 SAN FRAN BONDAGE CLUB S.F.
Party 9PM-2AM
- 18 SDG SEATTLE
Dungeon Party 12-6 SDG
"Midsummer Night's Scream"
- 18 CITY BIKERS DENVER
CBMC/4Player's Campout
- *18 THE FIFTEEN S.F.
Fetish Nite/CBT
- 18 III VLC SPRINGFIELD, MA
Bar Night The Quarry
- 18 COPPERSTATE LTHRMN'S PHOENIX, AZ
General Meeting
- 19 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
General Meeting 7PM VGLCC

N.L.A.:B.C.

NLA:BC is going to be busy in the months ahead. During the week of June 19 to 26, Pat Califia will be in Vancouver, B.C. She will do readings from Macho Sluts, and her unpublished poetry. June 25, she'll give a demonstration/workshop on humiliation at the VGLCC.

The NLA:BC General Spring Meeting will be at 7:00 PM June 19, at the VGLCC. The first Friday of each month is NLA:BC Bar Night, at the Denman Station at 9:30 PM.

NLA:BC has two major projects in the works: the 2nd annual MR. & MS VANCOUVER LEATHER CONTEST on July 30, 1988, at Celebrities (part of Vancouver's Pride Festivities), and FETISH & FANTASY BALL II, October 31, 1988.

Congratulations on this busy and interesting schedule!

19 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
Kegger 5-8 PM Bum Steer
Mr. AZ Leather Daddy
Contest 9 PM

19 Seattle Pride Festival SEATTLE
Broadway Playfld

*19 GMSMA-LSM 6 PM NYC
Leather Pride Night Tracks

*19 OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.

19 THUNDERBOLTS MC WATERBURY, CT
17th Anniv Run West Point NY

19 BUCKS M.C. BUCKINGHAM, PA
RR/Auto Museum Ride

22 GMSMA NYC
Tit Torture

23 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

23 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Mystery Event 7:30 PM Sparks

24 BUCKS M.C. BUCKINGHAM, PA
Bike Stop

24 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

*24 OUTCASTS S.F.
Program

24-26 OBERONS MILWAUKEE, WI
Acorn I

24-26 ECMC/SLM ARHUS DENMARK
Summerparty

25 AVATAR LOS ANGELES
Women into S/M

25 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Demo/Workshop:Pat VGLCC
Califia on Humiliation

*25 BRIAR ROSE WESTERVILLE, OH
Meeting

25 Connecticut Lesbian/ HARTFORD
Gay Pride Fest

25 DIABLO DEVIATES CONCORD, CA
Party

25 LEATHER PRIDE PARTY SEATTLE
8PM Boxing Club

25-27 Gay/Lesbian Pride NYC

26 VASH VANCOUVER, BC
FF Demo 7:30PM Mack's

26 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Beer Bust Trestle

26 S.F. LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM S.F.
DAY PARADE/FESTIVITIES

26 FREEDOM DAY COMMITTEE SEATTLE
Seattle Lesbian/Gay
Pride Parade/March

30 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

****JULY, 1988****

1 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM Denman Stn.

1 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

1-3 Mr. SW Drummer Contest HOUSTON, TX
Chutes

1-3 Mr. Mid-Atlantic CHARLOTTE, NC
Drummer

1-4 ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS DENVER
Golden Fleece Run

1-4 ROCKY MTN REG. RODEO DENVER

2 T-BOLTS WESTPORT, CT
Bar Night The Brook

2-4 BUCKS MC
Pow Wow 88 Pocono's AMC

2-4 DESERT LEATHERMEN TUSCON
Mystery Run III

3 MR. WASH. STATE DRUMMER SEATTLE
Sparks

6 NLA:SEATTLE 7:30 PM SEATTLE
Program Timberline

6 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
Gay Men S/M Rap 7:30

7 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

8 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

8 M.A.F.I.A. CHICAGO

8-10 MSC BARCELONA BARCELONA, SPAIN
Leather Connection

8-10 MS PANTHER KOLN COLOGNE, GERM.
Intl. Cologne Leathermeeting
Panther on Tour

8-10 SNC LONDON LONDON, ENG.
ECME Bike Run

9 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR S.F.
Party

9 GMSMA NYC
Annu. Picnic Hauska House,
Pocono Mts, PA

* 9 BRIAR ROSE WESTERVILLE, OH
Meeting

10 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLCC

* 10 OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.

10 DIABLO DEVIATES CONCORD, CA
Potluck

12 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7 PM

13 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA
Meeting Paradise

14 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

* 15 OUTCASTS S.F.
Program

15 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

15 Seattle Leatherwoman SEATTLE
Contest 8PM Sparks

15-17 BROTHERHOOD ALIANCE SPRINGFIELD
Run Around New England

15-17 BRANDING IRON DALLAS, TX
Anniversary 15

16 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Flotilla Greenlake
BBQ/Picnic Volunt. Pk.

16 FLC FRANKFURT FRANKFURT, GER
Odyssey 2000

* 16 THE FIFTEEN S.F.
Fetish Nite/Bondage

16 III VLC SPRINGFIELD, MA
Bar Night The Quarry

16 Leatherwoman's Ball SEATTLE

16 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
General Meeting

16-17 SPARTAN/CENTAUR MC WASH. D.C.
Brunch & Run

17 THUNDERBOLTS MC WATERBURY, CT
Run--Tanglewood, MA

17 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
Kegger 5-8 PM Bum Steer

17 DISCIPLES OF DE SADE DALLAS, TX
Gen Mtng, Beer Bust 4PM Trestle

20 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
Gay Men S/M Rap 7:30

20 SM GAYS LONDON
7th Birthday 8:45 LLGC

21 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

22 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

21-26 Northwoods Midsummer ST. PAUL
Faerie Gathering

22-24 ATONS OF MNAPOL. MINNEAPOLIS
Gopher 8 outdoor run

23 DIABLO DEVIATES CONCORD, CA
Party

23-24 Leather Levi Weekend NY State
Hillside Campground

24 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Beer Bust Trestle

27 AVATAR LOS ANGELES
Exploratorium: S/M Walk Through

28 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

29 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

29-31 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
Copperstate Jamboree Anniv.

29-31 BEER TOWN BADGERS
Bier Stein Four

29-31 LN DUSSELDORF DUSSELDORF, GER

* 30 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Celebrities
Leather: \$8/\$6 Members

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* 1 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Pride Parade

3 NLA:SEATTLE 7:30 PM SEATTLE
Program Timberline

3 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
Gay Men S/M Rap 7:30

4 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

4-7 WASATCH LEATHERMEN SALT LAKE CITY
Falcon Flight 4, '88, Run Utah
\$75/\$85

5 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

5 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Bar Night 9:30 PM Denman Stn.

5-7 MSC FINLAND HELSINKI, FINL.
Finlandization 1988

* 6 BRIAR ROSE WESTERVILLE, OH
Meeting

6 T-BOLTS WESTPORT, CT
Bar Night The Brook

6-7 WLMC SALT LAKE CITY
Falcon Flight '88

9 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE
Board Meeting 7 PM

10 DREIZEHN CAMBRIDGE, MA
Meeting Paradise

10-15 KALANI HONUA KALAPANU, HI
6th Annu. Faerie Gathering

11 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

11-14 CITY BIKERS DENVER
San Cristobal Run

12 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

12-14 MSC HAMBURG HAMBURG, GER.
Europe's Leatherparty

12-14 BAY AREA RODEO HAYWARD, CA

13 M.A.F.I.A. CHICAGO
Party;

* 14 OUTCASTS S.F.
Steering Comm.

14 THUNDERBOLTS MC WATERBURY, CT
Run--N.E. Air Museum Windsor Lks

14 NLA:BC VANCOUVER
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLCC

17 P.E.P. ALBUQUERQUE
Gay Men S/M Rap 7:30

18 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

* 19 OUTCASTS S.F.
Program

19 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

* 20 THE FIFTEEN S.F.
Fetish Nite/Torture

20 III VLC SPRINGFIELD, MA
Bar Night The Quarry

20 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
General Meeting
Sleezeball V 9PM Bum Steer

20-26 SPARTAN MC WASH, DC
New England Tour

21 COPPERSTATE LTHRNM'S PHOENIX, AZ
Kegger 5-8 PM Bum Steer

25 Leather Night Sparks SEATTLE

25-28 WOMEN'S MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL
26 NLA Night SEATTLE
10 PM Eagle

26-28 BLACK ANGELS KOLN COLOGNE
Grill Party Am Rhein

26-28 M.C. FAUCON MONTREAL
Migration '88, 11th Anniv.
Contrecoeur, Quebec

27-28 ROCHESTER RAMS ROCHESTER, NY
Tri-Ram 88

28 FIREDANCERS DALLAS
Beer Bust Trestle

I seem to have a rather wide variety of topics for this issue, and as I've been criticised for being much too long-winded last month, I'd better get right to it.

My personal "Thank you" to all for the great help I had with organizing the workshops and judging for MAY DAY, especially to Pact C., Shan C., John F. (and pup), Cookie H., Wayne G., Jan L., Vik S., Sharma and Mike, Artemis O., Mack, and Geof G. And I must give a public Thanks to my boy John for running everywhere, finding stuff I lost, filling in for someone missing, and generally keeping me going through the weekend. If I'm proud of him (and I am) he's earned every bit of it.

Congratulations to all the contestants in the 1988 MR/MS NLA Contest. They were 10 sincere leather women & men. I've pleased and proud that this was definitely not a "beauty contest." Each one is truly a winner for our community.

Congratulations also to new Board member Jeff Hennes (although he's been a very regular attendee at Board meetings) and returning members Wayne, Lainie, & Julie. I'm sure all are aware of the hard work they have done in the past & will undertake in the next year.

With summer approaching & cavation and travel in mind, I remind you all that we receive mailings from many of the Leather/SM and cycle clubs around the country. If your traveling, check the calendar and/or contact me for information on other clubs and contact individuals. And, of course, visitors to beautiful Seattle are welcome to contact me and I will try to give them personal answers on Seattle activities and personalities. This is all part of our networking and we're happy to share what information we may.

Also in preparation for summer I commend Paul W. and the staff of the EAGLE on the new back deck. It looks great. Of course we will no longer be able to hold pools on who will be the 1st person to break through on any particular night. Very Well Done!

We've received mail from 2 new activities. From Vancouver BC, "Whipping Post" has established a private B & D/S & M Club for dungeon play. Although open to the entire SM community, they expect to be primarily gay oriented. From Salt Lake City, a new "National Leather Registry" is being formulated by Mike Aylett (to whom I owe an apology for stating incorrectly last month to be from Phoenix). The registry is intended to answer the occasional problem of organizational misrepresentation by individuals and serve as a listing for affiliations and skill levels for visitors. This sounds like a huge undertaking and we wish Mike success. I have information on both if members hold interest.

I want to wish best of luck to all 3 Seattle entrants into the International MR Leather contest in 2 weeks. Joe Lee (MR Seattle LEather), Tom Coker (Washington State MR Leather), and Steve Maidhof (MR NLA) will all represent us in Chicago and I think each is an outstanding candidate. Good luck to you all.



We have also received notification of New York City's Leather Pride Night to be held at TRACKS, June 19th, 6 to 10:30 PM. For the past 4 years this has been the biggest single contributor to the NYC Pride Festival. Last year's event at the SAINT was a tremendous success raising nearly \$8,000. We wish sponsors LSM & GMSMA the best and hope they can continue their tradition.

For a first time, Seattle will also have a Leather Pride Night, June 25th to the held at the Boxing Club at 8 PM (tickets \$10 in advance, \$14 at the door). Live entertainment is scheduled and the event will benefit the Eagle Foundation, the David Morgan AIDS Relief Fund, and NLA's Living in Leather. The event is sponsored by new MR NLA Steve Maidhof and should be a fun evening.

Speaking of Pride Week, I hope all of you are planning on being particularly visible during the week and for Pride parades in your various local communities. Most cities hold some form of organized activities. The most common date is the last weekend in June with parades on Sunday the 26th. Check locally as a few (such as Portland, Or or Vancouver & other Canadian cities) are on other dates. Show both the straight community and the rest of our homophile brothers and sisters that our leather/SM family is a strong, committed, and proud part of the whole. Last year I had the pleasure of attending festivities in 3 different cities and in each the visibility of our leather contingent in the various activities made a strong impact. Come out and participate. And, of course, wear your leather.

LEATHER at ATLANTA CONFERENCE

For the 1st time, the Leather/SM community was invited to present a workshop at the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men (held in Atlanta). An unexpectedly large group turned out for the workshop titled "Everything You've Always Wanted to Know about Leather But Were Afraid to Ask." Panels included 11 individuals from Atlanta, California, Virginia, Ohio, and Mass and included 3 members of the SSCA ISC. Though the workshop was scheduled to end at 5:30, it was still going strong when forced to close at 6:45.

A wide perspective was offered from many varied backgrounds and experiences. Opportunity was seized to dispell some of the myths about Leather/SM people. There was a general sharing of community awareness and who the leather community really is.

Wonderful feedback was reported to have been received since including contacts from religious leaders, psycho-therapists and gay activists; all of them expressing appreciation for the workshop, which was a first for Atlanta as well as the SELG conference. "KiKi" Akasha, Atlanta

NOTE: We understand from D. Meador of Va & an organizer of the Conference, that KIKI personally did a terrific job of co-ordinating this workshop and deserves a strong "Well done".

SEMI-ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING

Held in conjunction with MAY DAY, the semi-annual General membership meeting accomplished its business with efficient progress and some animated debate.

Reports from NLA:BC (a first for a full meeting) highlighted that Chapter activities and were delivered by Co-Chairs Jan Brown and Mack McKinnon.

Living IN Leather III progress and status reports were given by Jan Lyon and Wayne Gloege and the conference for 1988 is under full steam with plans & publicity actively moving. National interest is already high and this should be a major National event.

By-law changes providing annual dues renewable on anniversary dates & reduced Board of Directors quorum requirements passed unanimously.

The 4 Board positions up for election were filled by 3 incumbents W. Golege, L. Beitler, & Julie Hensford, and Board newcomer Jeff Henness (currently Co-Chair of Program Comm.)

An extensive upcoming calendar was listed by the Program Committee emphasizing the regular membership meetings.

President Vik Stump reported on a greatly stabilized financial condition with a debt reduction in excess of 50% since last meeting. MAY DAY events were an obvious success.

The most heated discussion of the afternoon centered on a procedural motion presented by S. Maidhof regarding the National Advisory Counsel. The proposal would encourage the Counsel to take a very active and responsible role in National NLA policy & includes By-law revision, financial & conference planning & responsibilities, membership encouragement, and various other aspects. The motion in actuality prepares the way for membership action at the Fall general meeting.

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