

THE NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER NEWS

NLA:NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS P.O.Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107 (206)-789-8990

Request information from here on Chapter formation, individual and affiliate membership, almost anything....

NLA:ARKANSAS P.O.Box 4392, No. Little Rock, ARK 72116

Arkansas' first event, its WET FANTASY at Rumors on August 11, was a splash! Scheduled now is a Slave Auction for October 14th, 10 PM, at Chaps. NLA:ARKANSAS is also known as the "Officers' Club," and has recently issued its first newsletter, the Officers' Post. Members are participating in various area runs; also, the Chapter has prepared T-Shirts and Buttons. Due in late August will be either a camp-out or a halloween party.

NLA:B.C. 1170 Bute St., Vancouver, B.C., V6E-1Z6 Canada

Coming up in B.C. are a Novice Workshop on Sept.30 (at the GLCC), the Fetish and Fantasy Ball (always a delightful time--let your hair down and live your fantasies) at Charlies Lounge on October 28th, and the Annual General Meeting on October 29 at the GLCC. NLA:BC expects to be having regular "support group" meetings, appealing to all of its diverse membership.

NLA:DENVER (Chapter-In-Formation) P.O.Box 13034, Denver, CO 80201-3034

Programs and meeting have been in progress for some time in Denver. A heavy turnout of Coloradoans is expected at Living in Leather IV.

NLA:DETROIT (Chapter-In-Formation) P.O.Box 725368, Berkley, MICH 48072

A very active core group of men and women are spearheading organizing in Detroit and environs; plans are to provide a focal point of leather-oriented activities here, appealing to persons living in the surrounding states and Ontario.

NLA:LOS ANGELES (Chapter-In-Formation) 7985 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 109-217, West Hollywood, CA 90046 (213)-656-0258 ext.117

A major event is coming up in Los Angeles, being organized by our Chapter in Formation: a Bondage Art show, to appear in a major art gallery. Expect more information next First Link.

NLA:PORTLAND P.O.Box 5161, Portland, OR 97208

Portland has just held its first Mr. and Ms. NLA:PORTLAND Contest. Winners of this event are Dan Straw and Linda Waldo. Yes, there IS life after LIL. Portland is announcing its annual election of officers and general meeting for November 13, 1989. The energy and talent Portland is pouring into Living in Leather IV are wonderful.

NLA:SAN DIEGO P.O.Box 3092, San Diego, CA 92103

On its agenda for 1990 are Leatherfest II and Living in Leather V. The dynamic men and women of this Chapter in our fastest-growing city are putting San Diego on the Leather Map. Starting with the first Sunday in September, meetings are scheduled for the Center for Social Services in Hillcrest.

NLA:SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA--Chapter in Formation 484 Lake Park Ave., #16, Piedmont, CA 94610

The members of this Chapter in Formation have been keeping busy, working on polishing up the new By-Laws, scheduled to be presented soon to the membership, and gearing up for the Leather Weekend being held in conjunction with the Mr. Drummer International Contest.

NLA:SEATTLE P.O.Box 20674, Seattle, WA 98102

NLA:SEATTLE has begun work on MAY DAY 1990 (scheduled for May 4-6, 1990). Many Seattleites are participating in Living in Leather IV. Also, Seattle is gearing up for its annual election of officers, scheduled for November 5, 1989, at the IROC Cafe.



****SEPTEMBER, 1989****

30	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER, BC
	Novice Workshop	GLCC

****OCTOBER, 1989****

1	NLA:SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
	General Mtng 6 PM	Wolf's
6	NLA:SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
	Bar Night 8-11	Wolfs
6	NLA:NAC	PORTLAND, OR
	Meeting	Inn at Collis.

*6-8	NLA	PORTLAND *
*	Living in Leather IV	*
*	FRIDAY:Registration,	*
*	Hospitality,3rd Birthday	*
*	SATURDAY:Exhibits,Workshops	*
*	& Party	*
*	SUNDAY:Exhibits,Workshops &	*
*	Commemoration	*

10	Deadline FIRST LINK III:10	
13	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER
	Bar Night	Ms.T's
14	NLA:ARKANSAS	LITTLE ROCK
	Meeting/Slave Auction	Chaps
20	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	Bar Night	Eagle
21	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER
	General Meeting	
28	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER
	Fetish & Fantasy Ball	Charlie's
28-29	NLA:ARKANSAS	LITTLE ROCK
	Camp Out or Halloween Party	
29	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER
	Annual Genrl.Meeting	GLCC



N.L.A. CALENDAR

****NOVEMBER, 1989****

3	NLA:SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
	Bar Night 8-11	Wolfs
5	NLA:SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
	General Mtng 6 PM	Wolf's
5	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	General Meeting	IROC Cafe
8	Deadline FIRST LINK III:11	
10	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER
	Bar Night	Ms.T's
12	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER
	Board Meeting 7 PM	VGLC
13	NLA:PORTLAND	PORTLAND, OR
	Election of Officers	
17	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	Bar Night	Eagle



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*The National Leather Conference
October 6-9, 1989
Portland, Oregon*

****DECEMBER, 1989****

1	NLA:SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
	Bar Night 8-11	Wolfs
3	NLA:SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
	General Mtng 6 PM	Wolf's
8	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER
	Bar Night	Ms.T's
8	Deadline FIRST LINK III:12	
10	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER
	Board Meeting 7 PM	VGLC
15	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	Bar Night	Eagle

1990
****JANUARY, 1990****

19	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	Bar Night	Eagle

****FEBRUARY, 1990****

16	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	Bar Night	Eagle

****MARCH, 1990****

16	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	Bar Night	Eagle

****MAY, 1990****

4-6	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	MAY DAY IV	
	Mr/Ms NLA:Seattle Contest	

OCTOBER, 1990**

5-8	N.L.A.	SAN DIEGO
	Living in Leather V	
	Mr. & Ms. NLA Contest	



**COPY OF A LETTER SENT BY N.L.A. CO-CHAIRS
JUDY TALLING MCCARTHY AND JIM RICHARDS
TO THE LESBIAN BATTERING INTERVENTION
PROJECT, AUGUST 30, 1989**

(see note in your July-August 1st Link;
the Project refused a donation from the
Knights of Leather)

It was with deep concern and regret
that we read about your refusal to accept
the donation from the Knights of Leather
for the Lesbian Battering Intervention
Project of Minnesota. Our concern stems
from the fact that there are still mem-
bers of our own Lesbian and Gay Community
who remain uninformed concerning the Leath-
er S/M lifestyle.

We, within the Leather S/M Community,
are as opposed to abuse and violence as
your organization. We are aware of the
number of both lesbians and gay men who
are involved in violent and abusive rela-
tionships and need help. S/M is a loving
exchange of power between consenting
adults. We can understand how people buy
into their stereotypes that are often por-
trayed by the media. It is only through
communication that these false images can
be destroyed. S/M must be, safe, sane
and consensual. If any of these elements
are not involved it is violence and abu-
sive, and we are the first to condemn it.

Our regret is the number of battered
lesbians who you may not be able to help
escape their situation because of a dona-
tion you chose not to accept. Even if it
is only one woman who you can not provide
with the total help she needs, you have
done your organization a disservice and
perhaps irrevocable harm to her.

Our second regret is what you have
done to the women in the Knights of Leath-
er, who came to you in friendship, be-
lieved enough in your organization to do-
nate funds. Women who wanted to help
their sisters, only to be told that their
money was not good enough. It seems to
us that you, representing your organiza-
tion, have both verbally and psychologi-
cally battered these women.

We can only hope that if this happens
again, you show more wisdom in your deci-
sion. We hope that you take the time to
know who these women are and find out
that we are all on the same side.

Remember, if it is not safe, if it is
not sane, or if it is not consensual, it
is not S/M.

FETISH & FANTASY BALL III

The FUN EVENT of the year is coming up
October 28, 1989, with the NLA:BC Fetish
and Fantasy Ball. This is scheduled for
Charlie's Lounge at the Heritage House Ho-
tel, 455 Abbott St., Vancouver, BC, Can-
ada. Wear your most outrageous, or your
skimpiest, fantasy/fetish outfit. Be who
you want to be.

NLA:BC also proudly announces dis-
counts at various Vancouver businesses to
those who show their valid NLA membership
card. Those offering discounts include
Mack's Leathers, Octopus Books, Ultra
Love Products Ltd., Love's Touch, Thur-
low's Restaurant, Heritage House Hotel,
Satyr Leather Supplies, and Second Skin.

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credited to FIRST LINK.

SLAVE AUCTION in LITTLE ROCK
October 14th, 10 PM, at Chaps, NLA:
ARKANSAS (The Officers' Club) will host a
slave auction. Slaves will be offering
services, or whatever (which can mean a
date, a meal, lessons in maid service,
gardening, you name it!). Interested
parties will bid, and the highest bidder
gets the slave. All bids will be made
with play money, which can be bought from
Club representatives that night, won in
the raffle, and/or will come with drink
purchases. This should be a festive
occasion.

VANCOUVER LEATHER WEEKEND 1989

Hosted and organized by Ms. and Mr.
Vancouver Leather '88, Jo LeRoux and Dean
Ryane, and assisted by several supporting
organizations and retail establishments,
attendees at this year's weekend celebra-
tion of Vancouver Gay Pride enjoyed a
well-organized, very reasonably priced
(all events could be attended for \$45),
varied, and entertaining weekend. All
events from the opening event at Ms. T's
through the closing Flog-a-Thon exhibited
careful planning and generally went off
without problems.

Saturday evening's contest, though
plagued by technical problems, still was
well managed. A highlight of the evening
was a Safesex for Women Skit by Jo Ler-
oux. Judges were Susie Shepherd, Jan
Lyon, Jeff Elf, Vik Stump, and Rob Neyts.
Amy Moore and Dean Ryane MC's. The win-
ners were Brian Anderson and Bobbie Ram-
say, as Mr. & Ms. B.C. Leather, 1989.

Attendees also participated in a fine
brunch at Thurlow's Restaurant and work-
shops and dungeon parties.

In the process of all this party at-
mosphere over \$1,000 was raised for such
charities as the Mack MacKinnon Travel
Fund, the Sashie Hyatt Memorial Fund, and
the Vancouver AIDS Coalition.

Very well done to Jo, Dean, and all
their assisting community.

FANTASTIC GROWTH IN THE N.L.A.

What a difference a month makes! Last
month's FIRST LINK reported a new Chapter
(NLA:ARKANSAS) and several new Affili-
ates. Well, this month, we are proud to
announce 4 new affiliate organizations
and businesses. Joining the NLA are the
SOCIETY OF JANUS (P.O.Box 6794, SAN FRAN-
CISCO, CA 94101), the T-BEARS OF BOSTON
(72 VAN KLEECK ROAD, MILLIS, MA 02054),
MARATHON FILMS (P.O.Box 2194, TOLUCA
LAKE, CA 91610) and TULSA LEATHER UNIFORM
SEEKERS INC (T.U.L.S.A.) (6415 NO.
WHEELING, TULSA, OK 74130). We are par-
ticularly proud of the diversity of this
new group of affiliates, both in nature
and in geographical distribution.

We are reserving certain important
news of the N.L.A.—but just a hint: when
you come to LIVING IN LEATHER IV, expect
very exciting announcements from NLA:DE-
TROIT (Chapter-In-Formation), NLA:LOS AN-
GELES (Chapter-In-Formation), and NLA:
DENVER (Chapter-In-Formation).

Additional news: we now have members
in six countries (the United States, Can-
ada, Germany, New Zealand, Finland, and
England).

Needless to say, we are all very very
pleased with this phenomenal new growth
in the N.L.A. With Living in Leather IV
about to be born, with the excellent
progress being made (thanks especially to
the Herculean labors of the San Francisco
By-Laws Polishing Committee) on the new
National By-Laws, and with the extraor-
dinary amount of attention our organiza-
tion is receiving in the world Leather/
SM/Fetish press, well, we figure we must
be doing SOMETHING right!

DUNGEON-MASTERING
by George Nelson

Through conversation and observations,
I have become aware of a general lack of
understanding concerning the role of a DM
in a play situation, whether it be open
public or "By invitation." The questions
raised would include: What are the res-
ponsibilities? Who makes a good DM? Does
a DM need to be a "Top"? How strict
should a DM be? Where can we find trained
DM's? etc. etc. Here are a few ideas
I've formulated both as a long time play-
er (in both public and private scenes)
and as DM for Seattle Dungeon Guild.

The primary responsibility, and indeed
the only reason for having a DM at all,
is to insure the safety of those players
within his arena. Without intruding into
a scene, the DM observes, looks for pos-
sible problems, and gives support to the
top and reassurance to the bottom just by
his presence (physically if requested).
This last is especially crucial to no-
vices or players not yet accustomed to
their partners. No player is perfect,
knots slide, ropes or straps break,
equipment fails. The DM tries to anti-
cipate these problems, assisting in a
positive manner, when needed, helping
avoid problems before they become acci-
dents.

A good DM will be experienced with at
least a general background in the basic
techniques (i.e. bondage, sensory stimu-
lation or deprivation, striking, etc.)
with perhaps some speciality area. Top
or bottom is completely irrelevant.
Obviously any DM must know and practice
Safe Sex Techniques. If there are speci-
fic Dungeon Play Rules, the DM must know
them. If the individual plays, and obvi-
ously the DM never plays while on duty,
he/she must play by all those rules. It
is one job of the DM to enforce those
rules. Obviously the DM sets an example
that is observed by all other players.
And a DM will be watched both by those
who wish to learn and those who wish to
find fault.

He may be responsible for actual
choice of physical equipment, its
arrangement, and care. Thus he must also
be acquainted both with its construction
and basic use. The DM will know what is
or isn't safe for his physical setup. He
may also be responsible for the dispo-
sible materials such as towels, lube,
candles, etc. Occasionally he is respon-
sible for such details as lighting,
sound, hours of operation, and even
cleanup afterwards.

The DM will usually be found moving
through the area, attentively watching.
He needs to be aware of personal play
styles. Knowledge of his "Players" helps
tremendously. All players must be ob-
served.

While a DM must allow some flexibility
in a scenario, he must also have confi-
dence in his observations of impli-
mentation of both dungeon rules and safe
practices and the willingness to stop
a scene. It's better for him to stop
a scene in error—than for an error to
be made in the scene. DM errors are not
likely to be hazardous to anyone's
well being.

The key to a good DM is respon-
sibility. Concern for the participants
and their safety and pleasure. The mere
presence of a DM should assure players
that they can safely and sanely explore
their imaginations and fantasies.

Dear Living In Leather--IV Attendee,

As Living in Leather IV approaches,
there are a few last minute details we
would like to share with you. This is
our first Conference outside Seattle, and
we want your stay in Portland to be as
enjoyable as possible, so we are combin-
ing in our registration process a little
bit of Portland "orientation." Also, we
have something special this year: limited
enrollment workshops, which will be hand-
led through the registration desk on Sa-
turday morning. This year, more than
ever, it will be important to check in at
the Registration Desk, as soon as you ar-
rive.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

October 6 (Friday): Inn at the Coli-
seum, Salon I--10 N. Weidler 4:00
PM to 11:30 PM

October 7 (Sat.): Inn at the Coliseum,
Salon I--9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

At the Registration Table you will re-
ceive your registration packet, schedules
for workshops, and registration badge.
This badge will entitle you to admission
to the workshops, demonstrations, hospi-
tality area, exhibits, and the Saturday
Night party (Blackout Ball IV). When you
receive your workshop schedule, you will
notice that there are 4 workshops that
are listed as "limited enrollment". What
this means is that only 20 individuals
may register for any one of these work-
shops. Each registered conference atten-
dee has the option to register for ONE of
these workshops, on a first-come, first-
served basis. Registration for these
workshops is IN-PERSON ONLY. Friday af-
ternoon or evening would be a good time
to decide if you would like to attend one
of these events, and which one. Sign-up
for these 4 workshops will be on Saturday
morning, starting at 9:30 AM. It is a
good thing to remember that there are 18
OTHER workshops, of great variety and
high calibre in terms of presentors and
materials.

**MR. PACIFIC NORTHWEST DRUMMER
REGIONAL CONTEST**

On August 12, 1989, the Seattle Dun-
geon Guild staged the Mr. Pacific North-
west Drummer Regional contest at the
Seattle Center, Northwest Court. Seven
contestants from Oregon, British Colum-
bia, and Washington, competed in a hard-
fought contest for the regional title.
Judges at the contest were Cherie Matisse
(Ms. N.L.A. 1988), Guy Baldwin (Mr.
N.L.A. 1989), and International Mr. Leath-
er '89), Steve Reiswig (International
Mr. Drummer, 1985), Ray Woods (Mr.
Northwest Drummer, 1984), and Dean Ryane
(Mr. Vancouver Leather '88, Mr. Gay Ca-
nada 1988-89). "Master" of Ceremonies was
Dragon (Ms. Seattle Leather '88).

A packed house witnessed 7 "hot" fan-
tasies, and enjoyed the contestant pre-
sentations. Dragon held the audience
with her entertaining patter.

A "peoples' choice" award raised
about \$400 for Seattle AIDS housing char-
ities. The peoples' choice award was
presented to Oregon's Greg Sylvester.
Coming in as second runner up was Jeff
Elf, of Seattle. "Animal" Jack Smith of
Seattle was first runner up. The first
place trophy, and the chance to compete
in the San Francisco Drummer finals in
September, went to Greg T. Sylvester, of
Portland.

LIVING IN LEATHER IV

Now that you have registered and given
some thought as to what workshops to
attend, your thoughts may turn to social
activities and more:

(Events marked with "*" in the fol-
lowing list carry an additional-charge)

FRIDAY:
HOSPITALITY -- 5 PM-12 AM INN AT THE
COLISEUM, SALON II

NLA 3RD BIRTHDAY PARTY - 8 PM- 9 PM --
AT HOSPITALITY

MR/MS NLA FUNDRAISER - 10 PM-12 AM-
PDX EAGLE, 1300 BURNSIDE

*** O.R.G.A.S.M. DUNGEON PARTY - 10
PM - 5 AM Location to be announced
at registration. Cost: \$8 for at-
tendees \$10 for others

SATURDAY:

SPECIAL MEETINGS: BOARD RMS 211-212 At
the INN (7 AM - 12 PM) (GENERIC 12-
STEP MEETINGS, WCCAN GATHERING,
AIDS SUPPORT GROUP)

EXHIBITS ROOM & CAFE DE SADE OPEN - 10
AM - 6:30 PM COLISEUM ASSEMBLY HALL
WORKSHOPS/DEMOS - 12:15 PM - 6:15 PM
(SCHEDULE IN PROGRAM)

BLACKOUT BALL IV - 9 PM - 1:00 AM -
ERICKSON'S (9 NW 2ND) FREE TO
ATTENDEES - SHOW YOUR BADGE

*** O.R.G.A.S.M. DUNGEON PARTY - 10
PM - 5 AM Location announced at re-
gistration. Cost: \$8 for confer-
ence attendees \$10 for others

SUNDAY:

SPECIAL MEETINGS: BOARD RMS 211-212 At
the Inn (8 AM - 12 PM) (GENERIC 12-
STEP MEETING, AIDS SUPPORT GROUP,
WCCAN GATHERING)

EXHIBITS ROOM & CAFE DE SADE OPEN - 11
AM - 6:15 PM COLISEUM ASSEMBLY HALL
*** LEATHER BREAKFAST - 9:30 AM-11:30
AM- MAIN FLOOR, INN AT COLISEUM
Admission: \$5.95 at door

WORKSHOPS/DEMOS - 12:15 PM - 6:15 PM
(SCHEDULE IN CONFERENCE PROGRAM)

COMMEMORATION OF OUR DEAD - 7 PM -
PARKING AREA BETWEEN INN AND
COLISEUM

*** AFTERGLOW PARTY - 8:30 PM - 12:00
AM - EMBERS (110 NW BROADWAY)
Admission: \$3.00 at door

This is certainly a bewildering array
of activities to fill only 2 days and 3
evenings! Think of this conference as a
"Kinky Cafeteria" (I stole this from
somebody) and carefully choose just what
you think you want (or need). Keep your-
self open to the unexpected, and enjoy
the people and the incredible natural
surroundings of Portland. Thank you for
choosing to spend this weekend with us.

We look forward to meeting you, and to
a fantastic weekend. See you there!

Yours in leather, J.K., REGISTRAR

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
Like any city these days, there have been
a few problems in Portland. In particular,
there has recently been a rash of car bur-
glaries; several people have had their leath-
er gear stolen from their cars. If you
will be driving in Portland, please keep
your valuables safely with you, or locked in
your room.

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LIVING IN LEATHER IV

Living in Leather IV is almost here.
After months of planning and sweating,
figuring out budgets, guessing how many
people will breakfast on October 8 or how
many promotional flyers to send to Iowa,
working out timetables and writing publi-
city, sending out invitations and regis-
tering acceptances, designing registra-
tion forms and budget sheets, doing logos
and photostating photographs, and hund-
reds and hundreds of phone calls, it is
almost here. Why come to a LIL? The an-
swer is simple, and firm!
Living in Leather is the best doggone
weekend this year. If you like leather
or corsets-- if you're into S & M or
"fantasy"-- if your fingers or behind
just itch for a hot fisting or the caress
of a cat-- if you wear tattoos or body
jewelry-- if you're a top, a bottom, or a
switch-- if you're gay or dyke or
straight or bi- or TV or just plain ver-
satile-- if you occupy any slot on the
diverse graph which charts our Leather/
SM/Fetish Community-- then you will feel
welcome at LIL. We are all your family.
We will come to love you, or to lust you.
Together, we will experience dynamic per-
sonalities and powerful workshops, hot
dungeons and crowded political meetings.
We will experience, truly, here, commu-
nity-- sharing-- respect for our mutual
differences. We all have 360-odd days a
year to live in our own communities and
ghettos...but only one weekend to be to-
gether.

FANTASY '89

Congratulations are in order to Dustin
Logan and to the Two-Wheelers of Omaha
for staging a wonderful event. All re-
ports place Omaha, Nebraska, squarely on
our leather map. The array of guests was
impressive, including Guy Baldwin, Susie
Shepherd, Alan Selby, Dave Rhodes, Jan
Lyon, Marcus Hernandez, Tony DeBlase,
Chuck Higgins, Etienne, Chuck Renslow,
Chuck Smukler, and many other leaders of
our national Leather/SM/Fetish community.
The busy weekend included dinners, semi-
nars and demonstrations, videos, brunch,
and the main event, the FANTASY '89 show.
October 14, the Two Wheelers sponsors Mr.
Gay Nebraska 1990 at the Ramada Inn.
Write T.W.O. at P.O.Box 3216, Omaha, Ne-
braska 68103.

Concisely, do come to LIL. We've got
room for you; we really want to meet you.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

Month	Day	Event	Location
SEPTEMBER	25	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	N.Y.C.
	26	Bus. Mtg./Elections	N.Y.C.
	26	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	N.Y.C.
	26	Perverse Techniques	WASH. D.C.
	27	Night Dreams Fashion	N.Y.C.
	27	Prog./Maplethorpe vs	L.G.C.
	28	SOCIETY OF JANUS	S.F.
	28	Prog./Meeting/Clothes SM House	FRESNO, CA
	29	WASATCH LEATHERMEN	SALT LAKE CITY
	29	Invit. Only Party	GLCC
OCTOBER	1	MSC VIKING	COLOGNE, GER
	1	SOCIETY OF JANUS	S.F.
	1	SO. BAY LTHR/UNIF GRP	SAN JOSE
	1	Sunday Social	Savoy
	2	EULENSPIEGEL SOC	N.Y.C.
	3	Bizarre Bazaar	N.Y.C.
	3	Style/Fashion Show	N.Y.C.
	3	SOCIETY OF JANUS	S.F.
	3	Business Meeting	WASH. D.C.
	3	BLACK ROSE	WASH. D.C.
5	Beginners Meeting	L.A.	
5	LEATHER & LACE	Griff's	
5	First Thursday	ALBUQUERQUE	
5	MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX	ALBUQUERQUE	
6	ORGASM	PORTLAND, OR	
6	Dungeon Play Party	CHARLOTTE, NC	
6	TRADES MEN	Brass Rail	
6-8	NLA	PORTLAND, OR	
6-8	Living in Leather IV	6th/11th at Coliseum--Reg/Hosp	
6-8	DESKET LEATHERMEN	TUCSON, AZ	
6-8	Mystery Run/Anniversary IV	COLOGNE	
6-8	MS PANTHER KOLN	COLOGNE	
6-8	ECMC-ACM Jahreshauptversammlung	WASH. D.C.	
6-3	MARCH ON WASHINGTON	WASH. D.C.	
6-9	Names Quilt Display	NEW ORL	
6-9	*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS	NEW ORL	
6-9	EMPIRE N.C.	NYC	
6-9	MOT-CYC MEN OF N-MEX	ALBUQUERQUE	
7	ORGASM	PORTLAND	
7	Dungeon Play Party	WESTPORT	
7	THUNDERBOLTS	Brook	
NOVEMBER	1	S.F.S.I.	S.F.
	1	Fall Training Course	S.F.
	2	MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX	ALBUQUERQUE
	3-5	Club Night	ATLANTA, GA
	3-5	4th Anniv./Celebration	ROSEMUND, GE
	4	Fox Hunt	WESTPORT, CT
	4	Bar Night/Lthr Swap	Brook
	4	UTICA TRI'S MC	UTICA, NY
	4-5	S.F.S.I.	S.F.
	5	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
DECEMBER	1-3	RODEO RIDERS MC	CHICAGO, IL
	2	Or-Leather Daddy's	PORTLAND, OR
	2	Contest	UTICA, NY
	2	Bar Night	That Place
	2	THUNDERBOLTS	WESTPORT, CT
	7	MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX	ALBUQUERQUE
	8-10	EAST MERCIS MSC	LEICESTER, ENG
	9	Christmas Event	SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHER
	9	Slumber Party	WILMINGTON, NC
	9	Meeting	GROW Com Ctr
10	HARTFORD COLTS	HARTFORD, CT	
10	*OUTCASTS	S.F.	
10	Steering Comm.	SEATTLE MEN IN LEATHER	
10	Brunch	WASH, DC	
11	SIGMA	N.Y.C.	
13	G.M.S.M.A.	N.Y.C.	
13	DREIZEN	BOSTON	
14	BLACK ROSE	WASH. D.C.	
15	*KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	
15	Club Night	Phoenix	
15	*OUTCASTS	S.F.	
15	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE	
15	Bar Night	Eagle	
15	ROCKY MOUNTAINERS	DENVER, CO	
16	CITY BIKERS	DENVER, CO	
16	CHRISTMAS RAMS	ROCHESTER, NY	
16	MSC VIKING	COLOGNE, GER	
16	MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX	ALBUQUERQUE	
16	HARTFORD COLTS	HARTFORD, CT	
16	Bar Night	9PM	
17	MOT-CYC MEN NEW MEX	ALBUQUERQUE	
21	FIRE DANCERS	DALLAS	
24	MEMPHORE LLC	WILMINGTON, NC	
28	BLACK ROSE	GROW CC	
30	MEMPHORE	WASH. D.C.	
31	TWO WHEELERS OF OHAMA	OHAMA, ND	
		New Yr's Eve Pigout Diamond Bar	

With the excitement and intense pre-event last minute work for LIL going on, we haven't been able to put quite as much effort into this issue of the LINK. The October issue should be back to ordinary. But I'm sure you'll be able to pull out one or two tidbits.

Last month I forgot to commend Mr. & Ms. Vancouver Leather '88, Jo Larue and Dean Ryane, for the work they did all year. Both were on the go continuously and worked hard for our community. I think Dean mentioned he'd made over 150 appearances relating to the title. Both made a great positive image statement for our community. Thanks to Dean and Jo, very well done.

Received a huge packed in the mail from friend International Ms. Leather Susie Shepherd. Although her title year is less than half complete her log is 30 pages long! She was in Seattle for the NLA:Seattle auction and gave a great assist. I've heard rumors from Phoenix and Omaha that groups of men in both cities are planning her abduction.

It was a pleasure for John and I to attend and assist ORGASM of Portland with another Workshop. The Workshop of Friday night was quite well attended and fellow presentors Darryn, Conrad, and Dean all were a pleasure to work with. Saturday evening the dungeon (ORGASM's 3rd) was quite busy. The space was fairly well laid out and a variety of activities was occurring most of the evening. I was unfortunately distressed at the appalling

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lack of sensitivity and awareness demonstrated by many attendees toward scenes in progress. I witnessed varying degrees of interference from simple crowding to outright interruption. I hope that with future events a more respectful attitude can be established. We all can learn by observing, but we must do so in a way which assures the concentration, pleasure, and safety of those generously sharing their very personal activities.

The San Francisco By-Law Committee also deserves a Thank You; they've met several times since the June Exec. meetings, working hard to complete our new By-Laws. They'll be among the full NAC meeting in Portland just before LIL. Well done to Gayle, Tony, Victoria, John, Karen, Steve, Stacy, and Beth!

Had the pleasure recently of meeting our member from Finland, Ilkka. He described a growing community through Northern Europe and the eagerness to hear of our American activities encouraging increased mailing by NLA to Europe in spite of expense.

I understand one of the East-Central cities to watch now is Detroit. The NLA: Detroit Chapter In Formation is scheduled to make a big announcement at LIL IV. There's lots of energy there and good people to channel it. I'm looking forward to hearing more.

I understand "Well Done's" are once again to Hellfire Club for another successful "Inferno." Several phone calls have given this year's event high praise.

As this is my last column before LIL, I'll give it my annual plug and mention how excited I am. Roomate Wayne's been spending 30-plus hours a week at the computer. (I think he mumbled something about a 30 page tabloid size program from the smoke haze in the back bedroom.) I've been in contact with about 70 individual presentors and reps from about 10 organizations for the 24 workshops and demonstrations currently scheduled. The Conference space should be a good one for our needs and the Portland Colosseum staff has been both helpful and accommodating. The Inn at the Colosseum is both convenient and reasonable (call soon as about 1/2 of the 160 rooms are already booked--(800)-342-1342). The Leather Breakfast price is most reasonable (\$5.95--Yes, it is extra cost) and being at the Hotel is certainly easy to get to, as are Registration and Hospitality on Friday night. I know "New and Improved" and "Biggest and Best" sound like just a lot of advertising noise, but I think the Conference will deliver a weekend worth twice the registration price. Definitely you'll get more sense of being part of our Leather/SM/Fetish community that weekend in Portland than anywhere else, either that weekend or any other this year. See you in Portland, and bring a friend.

AFFILIATES

SOCIETY OF JANUS (Reprinted from the Sept., 1989, GROWING PAINS.)

Happy 15th Anniversary, Janus. Thank you Cynthia Slater. We were coming home from a particularly high, turned on party at the Catacombs and talking about how lucky we were to have a scene like that to go to, when we got to remembering.... Hey, it was Cynthia who put on the first of those parties. She was the first person able to bring together the whole SM scene... gay, bi, strait, lesbian, TV,.... She worked-out the party etiquette so we could all play together, and she set the action level as HOT.

Sure, we know she just brought out some of the regular scene of the gay 'leathermen'...and that's precisely the point. She was the one to go into that world and open it up. She is the 'First Lady of the Catacombs'.

Having figured all that out, we went on to realize that there was no SM scene in San Francisco before Cynthia. There was a gay scene. There was a hetero scene, if you can call it that... Backdrop, a little 'play for pay' and the correspondence 'clubs.' There was no SM scene here before she started Janus and brought it all together.... THANK YOU CYNTHIA!

T.U.L.S.A. (Tulsa Uniform Leather Seekers Association)

This new pansexual organization service North East Oklahoma. Its program is designed to include social functions, in/out bar activities, and educational demonstrations. It may be reached at 6415 North Wheeling, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74130. President is Bob Gorski and Association Secretary is Viola Johnson.

SUN CHAPTER: KNIGHTS OF MALTA

The Knights of Malta, Central Valley Motorcycle Club was organized several years ago. After the Fresno Assembly about four years ago, the Club became disorganized. Last year, an inquiry at a Boise court function prompted the resurrection of the club. The name was changed to SUN CHAPTER (to reflect its sun-baked members). Since October, 1988, Sun Chapter has sponsored Thematic monthly beer busts, in costume. Among their occasions have been Uniform Night, Beach Party, A Knight in the Jungle, etc. In September the Sun Chapter sponsors the First Annual Mr/Ms Fresno Leather Contest. On October 27, the beer bust theme will be BACK TO THE STREETS--with pimps, pushers, and prostitutes. The Sun Chapter plans to start a series of annual "Runs" this next spring.

LION REGIMENT, BOISE, IDAHO

The Lion Regiment was founded in 1986 with the goal of providing a positive environment for men (mostly) interested in Leather, Levis, and Uniforms. Today, the organization includes two women, one an honorary member and the other an officer. Membership is attained through a pledge system. The membership meets twice monthly, the first Wednesday evening and the fourth Sunday afternoon. The Lion Regiment does a camp drag show each winter, and a serious gay-related drama each summer. The club goes on regular winter retreat, and travels to the hot springs each summer. June marks their anniversary dinner and officer installation. Each spring, the Lion Regiment sponsors the Mr. Idaho Leather and Miss Foxy Lady contest, and each fall hosts the Stompabout (a run sans bikes) in Silver City, a deserted mining town in the mountains a couple of hours outside of Boise.

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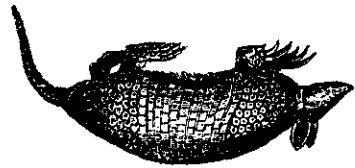
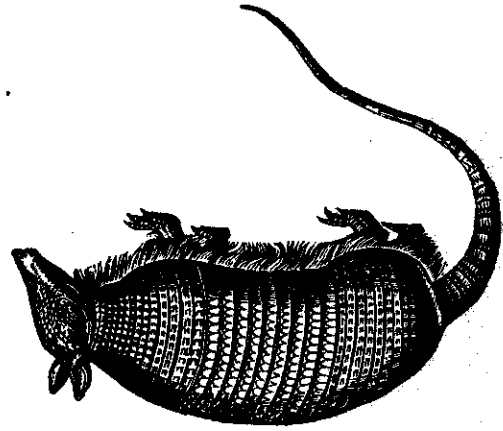
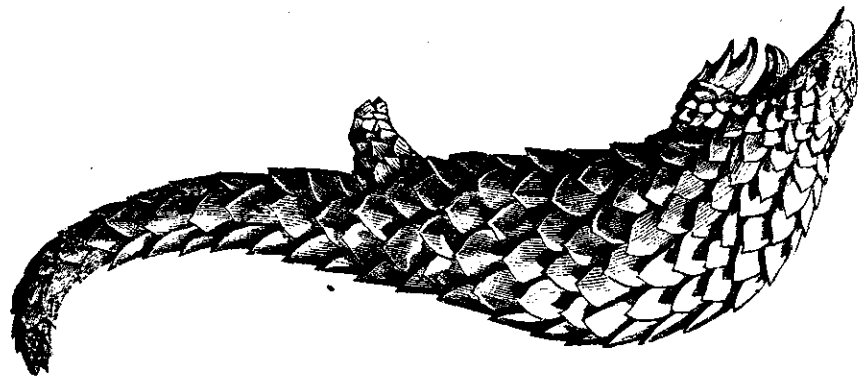
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On October 22, Leathermasters celebrates its Seventh Anniversary with a giant Bear Bust at the Gauntlet II bar in Los Angeles, featuring a special Leather and S/M show of the fashions of local leather designers. All are welcome. On October 23, Leathermasters' President Jerome Stevens chairs a panel of activists for the Committee to Preserve Our Sexual and Civil Liberties in San Francisco; the subject of the panel is Sex and Violence, and its goal is to reduce and end violence against Gay and Lesbian people. The Committee is led by Jerry Jansen, Secretary of the Fifteen Association.

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