


March 2015 Newsletter

# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

Normally, you receive a THS newsletter every other month. But we have so much Heinlein news this summer that we're sending out this special newsletter, including an exclusive interview with Eric Gignac about the have Space Suit – Will Travel Graphic novel and all the info you need for the post-Worldcon trip to Jefferson City for the Heinlein Hall Of Famous Missourians Induction Ceremony. Enjoy!

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## HUGO AWARDS REMINDER

A reminder on [Hugo](#) and Retro-Hugo voting: You must be a Supporting or Attending Member of MidAmeriCon II to vote, with a ballot deadline of 31 July 2016. [Register at www.MidAmeriCon2.org](#), with sufficient time to process your registration and receive your voting materials. Supporting Membership is \$50, Attending Membership is \$210. You will vote electronically, and will be assigned a PIN to do so. Robert A. Heinlein has six nominated stories, spread over three categories, in the Retro-Hugos.



HUGO AWARD™



## 3000+ Books Sent

The Heinlein For Heroes program has passed 3000 books sent to troops, veterans, and military

## INTERVIEW WITH ERIC GIGNAC, HAVE SPACE SUIT – WILL TRAVEL

## GRAPHIC NOVEL



The Heinlein Society stole a little of Eric Gignac's time, so he could update us on the HSSWT Kickstarter. Here are a few of the questions we asked him, with some exciting new artwork: **THS:** *Is this the same team for Have Space Suit – Will Travel as worked on Citizen of the Galaxy?*

**Eric:** The response to this second Kickstarter campaign is yields enough support we'd love to bring is new and additional talent (artists and adapters) to tackle this and other stories we hope to get permission to adapt. (A surprise we hope to announce at the conclusion of the Kickstarter campaign! ; )) This will hopefully help us produce more new graphic novel content in a shorter time frame. In talking with many comic industry talents, and we are talking some big names here, there are many Heinlein fans in the industry who would love the opportunity to tackle one of these classic works. Currently we are working with former NASA concept artist Pat

families.

Contributions keep coming in, and your help is still needed.

Go to [heinleinsociety.org/h4h/](http://heinleinsociety.org/h4h/) for information on how you can help.



## Blood Drives

Keep up with Blood Drives news at [heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/blood-drives/](http://heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/blood-drives/)



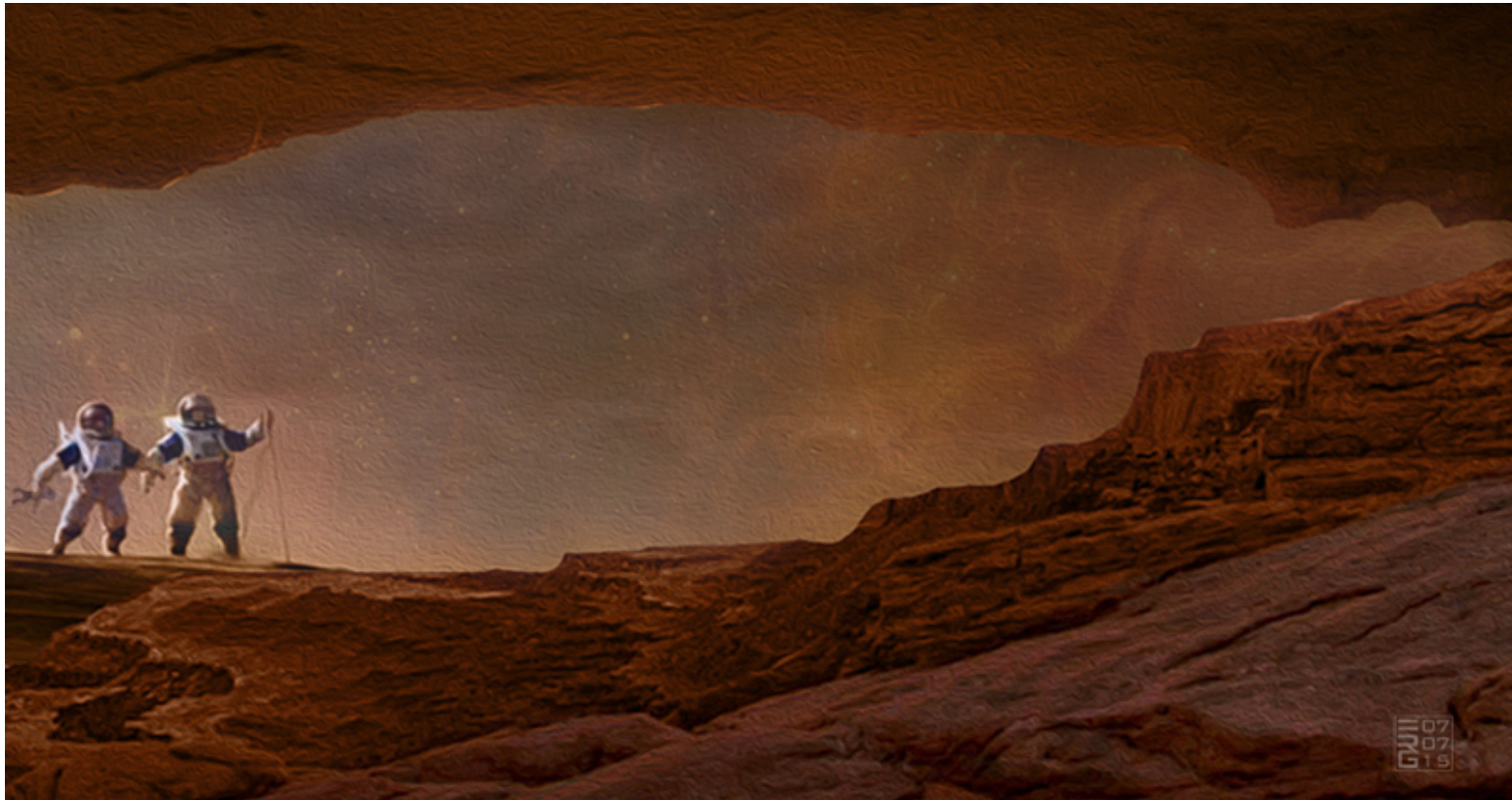
Rawlings about some possible cover paintings for HSSWT.

*THS: How is the Kickstarter going? Do you have new rewards to tell us about?*

**Eric:** It's funny — at the time we were going over this question we just received the notice that we've just exceeded our goal. Our plan now is to use the remaining days of the campaign to try to raise additional funds through "Stretch Goals" to potentially fund additional graphic novel adaptations in the near future. Our primary goal remains to get more Heinlein content out for new and younger readers to discover as well as for lifelong Heinlein fans to enjoy.



Our newsletter co-editor and his cannon, with which he plans to fight city hall.



*THS: Do you have any success stories about CotG bringing RAH to the younger generations?*

**Eric:** We have traveled to numerous science fiction, comic and other fandom conventions



around the country promoting the first graphic novel adaptation. Unfortunately, we were met with many blank stares when we were promoting the first project as too many of today's youth were not familiar with Heinlein and his works. However, just a few weeks into promoting the second novel we are already seeing greater recognition of the Heinlein name and legacy. This growth in new fans will only increase with the growth of new Heinlein content such as comics, movies, and TV shows to support the foundation of the existing literary works.

[READ THE WHOLE INTERVIEW & SEE MORE PICTURES>>>](#)

## **DETAILS ON THE POST-WORLDCON TRIP TO JEFFERSON CITY FOR THE HEINLEIN HALL OF FAMOUS MISSOURIANS INDUCTION CEREMONY**

### **CRITICAL DATES:**

SUNDAY, July 23, 2016: Last day to reserve a room at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, at the Society's rate of \$89.00 per night. See below for details.

SUNDAY, July 23, 2016: Last day to submit names in your party to receive a formal invitation to the Induction Ceremony from the Missouri Speaker of the House's office. Those with formal invitations will be seated on the House floor; otherwise, you will be seated in the Visitors' Gallery. Send names (including honorifics like "Dr." or "Col." or "Reverend" as you wish) to [chairman@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:chairman@heinleinsociety.org). Addresses too, although we will hold them for distribution to our travelling party Tuesday morning. If no address is sent, we will use "c/o The Heinlein Society" etc.

TUESDAY, August 16, 2016: Individual menu selections due for the [Society's group dinner](#) on August 22; with steak, salmon, chicken, and vegetarian choices, plus optional cheesecake dessert. Those missing this deadline must choose from the [standard hotel menu](#). We have

been asked to send our meal selections in advance so all ingredients are at hand, we do not swamp the kitchen, and we can start on time. [Click here for the special menu.](#) Also send information to [chairman@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:chairman@heinleinsociety.org). We may be joined by some local Heinlein fans who work in the Capitol.

### **GENERAL DATES:**

WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2016: MidAmeriCon II, the 74th World Science Fiction Convention, begins.

SUNDAY, August 22, 2016: Last day of Programming at MidAmeriCon II.

MONDAY, August 22, 2016: Travel day from Kansas City to Jefferson City. Group dinner at 6:00 PM at the Capitol Plaza Hotel; followed by reminiscences, stories, general discussion of the Heinlein universe from 8:00 PM—1:00 AM (if necessary) in a Capitol Plaza function room.

TUESDAY, August 23, 2016: 10:30 AM Induction Ceremony for the Robert A. Heinlein exhibit in the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians. Begin transporting our group about 9:30 AM, 10:30 Induction Ceremony, 11:00 Reception, Noon breakup and departure for home.

### **GETTING TO JEFFERSON CITY:**

The last day of the Worldcon is Sunday, August 21. If some of you want to leave immediately for Jefferson City, you can do some individual touring on your own; the Visitors Bureau website is [www.visitjeffersoncity.com/](http://www.visitjeffersoncity.com/). A work crew of Society people must stay until Monday to coordinate mailing and shipping of stuff.

Driving: Nominally 160 miles, 2.5 hours, depending on what your mapping app says. We have several people who are driving, so it might be possible to hitch a ride with them; check at The Heinlein Society's Information Table at MidAmeriCon II.

Amtrak: Check with [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) for up to date information. Two trains daily to Jefferson City, departing 8:15 AM and 4:00 PM. 3 hour trip, \$25 for a coach seat, but NO CHECKED LUGGAGE. Amtrak says they do allow 3 carry-on items which can be big suitcases, but we must wrangle them on board. Return trains to KC depart 11:36 AM and 6:22 PM, same fare and luggage restrictions.

Flying: See below, LEAVING.

### **STAYING IN JEFFERSON CITY:**

The Society has arranged for a group rate of \$89.00 per night double occupancy (\$102.10 with taxes and fees) at the Capitol Plaza Hotel ([www.capitolplazajeffersoncity.com/](http://www.capitolplazajeffersoncity.com/)). There is free parking, internet, fitness center, pool, treadmill, and breakfast coupons. The Capitol Plaza Hotel is 100% non-smoking. Your bill for the group dinner can be placed on your room tab, or cash payment. For the after-dinner session, drinks and snacks can be brought from the dining room, or ordered on room service.

The Capitol Plaza is VERY close to the Capitol itself, such that we can probably get our entire group to the Capitol with multiple trips in a 15 minute window. It is possible to walk the two blocks while mostly avoiding the heat and humidity by going through the Truman Building; I'm told it is not recommended. We have a negotiated late checkout of 12:30 PM, and being a small-town hotel they can probably accommodate a little bit more.

For Reservations, phone 1-800-338-8088, or use their website above. Use the Group Code "160822HEI".

### **INDUCTION CEREMONY:**

Dress Code: Business casual is sufficient, although the House of Representatives will be in

session, so please, nothing too “fannish” or outlandish. Wearing our Worldcon name badges OK, as that adds a little flavor, especially in the Reception afterwards.

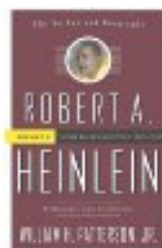
Comportment: Please remember we are guests, and representatives of Robert and Ginny Heinlein, in a fairly conservative state. Probably should avoid profanity, religion, public policy, the 2016 election, and really out-there badge ribbons, just to be polite.

Reception: Light refreshments (coffee, tea, maybe some pastries) and polite idle chatter.

### **LEAVING JEFFERSON CITY:**

Driving or Amtrak: Obvious.

Flying: The nearest airport is actually Columbia Regional (airport code COU) which is serviced commercially only by American ([http://www.flycou.com/?page\\_id=208](http://www.flycou.com/?page_id=208) ), and only to Dallas-Ft Worth and Chicago O’Hare hubs. Departure times for DFW: 6:00 AM, 2:24 PM. Departure times for ORD: 5:00 AM, 4:15 PM. COU is about 22 miles north of Jeff City on US-63.



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