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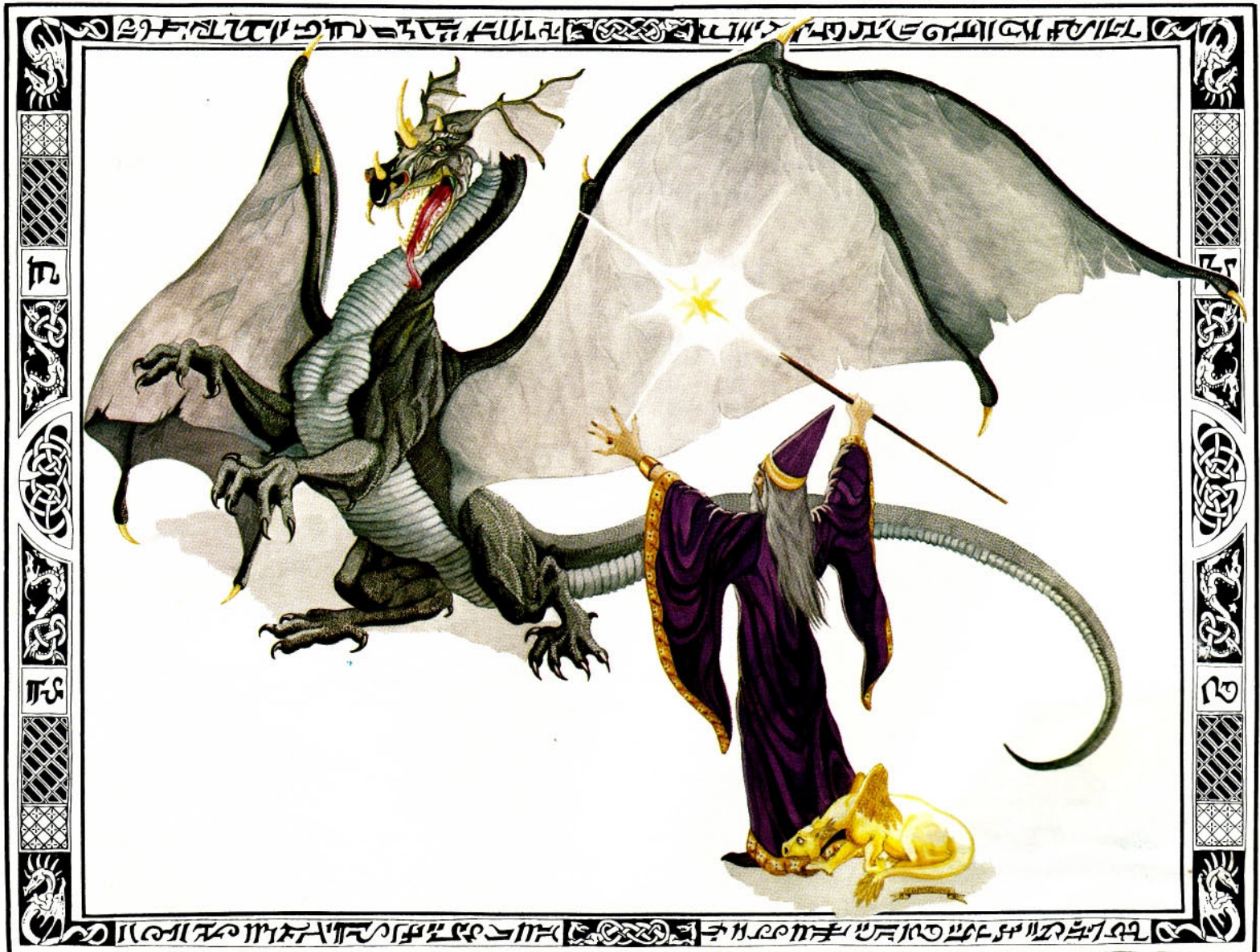
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# Convention Calendar

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**Canton, OH** — MAYCON '84, May 19. Gaming convention sponsored by the Hoover High School Science Fiction Club. Contact Maycon, 2574 Northam Circle, North Canton, OH 44720.

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**Bowling Green, OH** — FAL-CON '84, May 25 - 27. Gaming con on the campus of Bowling Green State University. Contact FAL-CON, Conference Office, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

**\*San Mateo, CA** — GAMES CAUCUS, May 25 - 28. Steve Jackson will be a guest at this gaming con. Contact Games Caucus, 1550 Benton St., Apt. C., Alameda, CA 94501.

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**\*Tulsa, OK** — CONJURATION I, June 1 - 3. SF and gaming con. Jack Chalker is Guest of Honor; SJ Games will attend. Contact Con-Juration, Box 690064, Tulsa, OK 74169.

**Austin, TX** — PSICON '84, June 2 - 3. An SF and media con with open gaming. Contact Psicon '84, 601 River Road #604, San Marcos, TX 78666.

**Houston, TX** — HOUSTONCON '84, June 7 - 10. Comics con. Contact HoustonCon '84, 11333 Chimney Rock, Houston, TX 77035.

**Center, TX** — GAMEFEST, June 14 - 16. Gaming con. Contact James Chronon, J&B Hobbies and Crafts, 116 Cora, Center, TX 75935.

**Denver, CO** — GENGHIS CON VI, June 15 - 17. Gaming con with attendance near 1,000. Contact Genghis Con VI, P.O. Box 2945, Littleton, CO 80161.

**Dallas, TX** — ORIGINS '84, June 21 - 24. The national gaming convention. SJ Games (and practically everyone else in the industry) will attend. Contact Origins '84, Box 59899, Dallas, TX 75229.

**Chattanooga, TN** — DEEPSOUTHCON, June 21 - 24. The 22nd annual DeepSouthCon, with Joan Vinge as Guest of Honor. Contact Irvin Koch, 835 Chattanooga Bk. Bldg., Chattanooga, TN 37402.

**San Luis Obispo, CA** — POLYCON '84, June 22 - 24. Gaming con. Contact SAGA, Box 168, Julian A. McPhee University Union, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

**Portland, OR** — WESTERCON 37, June 29 - July 3. SF con; Guest of Honor is Harlan Ellison. Contact Westercon 37, P.O. Box 16155, Portland, OR 97216.

**Mobile, AL** — GULFCON '84, July 6 - 8. SF con emphasizing *Dr. Who*. Contact Gulfcon '84, Box 16966, Mobile, AL 36616.

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Nominated for the H.G. Wells Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Miniatures and Role-Playing Games:

**Best Historical Figure Series, 1983:** *25mm Feudal* (Essex/Wargames), *15mm Napoleonic* (Miniatures Figurines, Ltd.), *25mm Colonials* (Ral Partha Enterprises), *25mm Siege Equipment* (RAFM Co.), *15mm French & Arabs* (Stone Mountain Miniatures).

**Best Fantasy/SF Series, 1983:** *25mm Call of Cthulhu* (Grenadier Models), *25mm Elfquest* (Ral Partha), *25mm Reptiliads* (RAFM), *25mm Traveller* (Grenadier), *25mm Wrath of Khan* (FASA Corp.).

**Best Vehicular Series, 1983:** *Autoduel* (Grenadier), *25mm Dwarf Steam Cannon* (Ral Partha), *1/2200 Starline 2200* (Task Force Games), *1/3900 Star Trek Starships* (FASA), *1/285 WWI Micro Armor* (GHQ).

**Best Miniatures Rules, 1983:** *Battle Circus* (IFM Corp.), *Heart of Oak* (Fantasy Games Unlimited), *Johnny Reb* (Adventure Games, Inc.), *Rules According to Ral: Medievals* (Ral Partha), *Warhammer* (Games Workshop Limited).

**Best Role-Playing Rules, 1983:** *James Bond 007* (Victory Games, Inc.), *Mercenaries, Spies and Private Eyes* (Blade/Flying Buffalo), *Star Trek: The Role-Playing Game* (FASA), *Superworld* (Chaosium), *To Challenge Tomorrow* (Ragnarok Enterprises).

**Best Role-Playing Adventure, 1983:** *The Asylum* (Chaosium), *Goldfinger* (Victory Games), *The Keep* (Mayfair), *Octopussy* (Victory Games).

*Stormhaven* (Blade), *Tarsus* (Game Designers' Workshop).

**Best Professional Miniatures Magazine, 1983:** *Courier, Fire & Movement, Military Modeling, Miniature Wargames, Wargamer's Digest*.

**Best Professional Role-Playing Magazine, 1983:** *Different Worlds, Dragon, Fantasy Gamer, Journal of the Traveller's Aid Society, Space Gamer*.

Nominated for the Charles Roberts Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Boardgaming:

**Best Pre-20th Century Boardgame, 1983:** *Army of the Potomac* (World Wide Wargames), *The Civil War* (Victory Games), *Empires in Arms* (Australian Design Group), *Gleam of Bayonets* (SPI/TSR), *Grant Moves South* (Quarterdeck Games).

**Best 20th Century Boardgame, 1983:** *Ambush* (Victory Games), *Decision at Kasserine* (3W), *Gulf Strike* (Victory Games), *Hell's Highway* (Victory Games), *Up Front* (Avalon Hill).

**Best Science Fiction Boardgame, 1983:** *Battlesuit* (Steve Jackson Games), *Combats* (FASA), *Forever War* (Mayfair), *Nuclear Escalation* (Blade), *Star Fleet Battles Commander's Rule Book* (Task Force).

**Best Fantasy Boardgame, 1983:** *Dragonriders of Pern* (Mayfair), *Fellowship of the Ring* (Iron Crown Enterprises), *Lost Worlds* (Nova Game Designs), *Necromancer* (SJ Games), *Nightmare House* (appeared in *Ares Magazine*, SPI/TSR)

**Best Professional Boardgaming Magazine, 1983:** *Fire & Movement, Grenadier, General, Strategy & Tactics, Wargamer*.

**Best Adventure Game for Home Computer, 1983:** *Close Assault* (Avalon Hill), *Fighter Command* (SSI), *Knights of the Desert* (SSI), *Suspended* (Infocom), *Ultima III* (Origin Systems)

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