

There's Going To Be A Convention!

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This information was posted at the beginning of September 1995 on the [Hawaii Five-O newsgroup](#). See the [overview](#) for a quick summary of planned events.

Dear Hawaii Five-O Fan/Supporter:

This is to notify you that a Hawaii Five-O convention is currently being planned. Your input is very much needed. Would you:

- be interested in such an event?
- be interested in serving on the Committee to put it together?

In a nutshell, plans at present include:

To bring as many major and minor actors together as possible from the show. Waiting now for replies and reactions from lead actors:

- James MacArthur (Dan Williams)
- Richard Denning (The Governor)
- Kam Fong (Chin Ho Kelly)
- Al Harrington (Ben Kokua)
- Zulu (as Kono)
- Herman Wedemeyer (Edward ``Duke" Lukela)
- Peggy Ryan (Jenny)
- Al Eben (Doc)
- Morgan White (Attorney General)
- Rose Freeman (Leonard Freeman's widow)

Already have tentative interest and commitments from:

- Barbara Luna
- Johnny Crawford
- Diane McBain

More are coming in daily. Also creative forces, i.e., writers, directors, crew, etc. **JACK LORD** will **NOT** be able to come, unfortunately, as he does not travel outside of Hawaii any longer. Fan Guest(s) of Honor:

- Karen Rhodes (Iolani Palace Irregulars)
- Marti Cooper (Official Jack Lord Newsletter)

pending acceptances.

Hotel has tentatively been reserved. At present, maximum attendance will be set at around 300-500 persons -- no more -- and will take place at the Beverly Garland Holiday Inn in North Hollywood.

Date is set for fall of '96 or early '97, allowing time to coordinate in a comprehensive manner. Will be NO earlier than summer of '96. Will be scheduled so as not to compete with other major holidays or conventions (i.e., Media West, Mountain Media, WesterCon, WorldCon, etc.) Desired date: October '96, between WorldCon and Thanksgiving.

Committee assistance is needed in areas of: Membership, exhibits, fan liaison, writers' liaison (both pro and fan), video/audio recording facilities (to make tapes of the event as it happens), security, sales room, banquet, program book, fanzine coordination, art show, panels, entertainment (?), films/videos, go-fers, staff support, etc.

(In area of films, I already have a large number of mint, uncut Hawaii Five-O 16mm prints which will be aired at the con; currently looking for other "top" episodes I don't have. If you know of anyone who has any and would be willing to bring some, please have them contact me. We need volunteers familiar with running 16mm projectors -- there must still be SOME of you left out there!)

This is a very abbreviated nutshell of what is being planned:

- We are attempting to see if copies of Jack Lord's art work can be obtained for exhibition
- props of any sort, items intrinsically related to Hawaii Five-O
- possibly informal round table panels with actors and writers and production staff, depending on who we can entice to show up
- A "Reunion" is being planned for the show's players, separate from the convention, to encourage the professionals to join our function.
- Major players from Hawaii will be flown in, local talent will "drop by".

Would very much like to hear from you and get your thoughts. The membership fee is tentatively set at \$35 for pre-registered (before November 30, 1995); \$45 (December 1, 1995 to May 15, 1996); \$55 (May 16 to July 31, 1996); \$65 (August 1, 1996, on); \$75 at the door (if any spaces are left). Hotel rates will be supplied once we have finalized our contract. We have a treasurer who will keep all convention funds in a special bank account. The committee will receive no remuneration other than actual expenses put out. We are not doing this to enrich ourselves, but to have a unique and hopefully enjoyable time for all, both fans and professional guests.

Your pre-registration will ensure that this event gets off the ground. (We are not a "professional" convention corporation [unlike Creation], but a group of interested fans and supporters of the show.) At present we only need answer backs from our target membership indicating their level of interest (i.e., would you attend such a thing? Would you pre-register? Do you mind being put on our initial mailing list? Any suggestions -- anything else you'd like to see? A handy reply sheet has been provided for your convenience.

Mahalo,

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