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# Convention 2001 Fantastic Success!

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## Houston Convention 2001

In all honesty I wasn't looking forward to this convention. I had been to seven previous conventions, including one in my home town. And I had been to Houston before for the 1997 convention. They put on a wonderful convention but I did not fall in love with the city. It has miles of highways stacked high upon one another which doesn't look any different from where I'm from. Add to it the heat and the humidity, which is worse than my town, and I was not enthused. I didn't care how dang friendly the people are (and they are), it has no mountains and no ocean nearby and I saw the city the last time I was there. I dragged myself out of a sense of obligation to service.

I started enjoying the convention before I left the airport. A feeling of freedom and relaxation that I haven't felt in a while came over me. Arriving at the hotel was like coming

home. I met so many old friends from around the world when I got there that I could hardly get across the hotel lobby without giving someone a hug.

The convention was flawless. I am amazed at how well it came off considering the circumstances. Lafayette, Louisiana agreed to host the convention but circumstances beyond their control forced them to move the convention to Houston. Mike L., the chair of the 1997 Houston convention, was asked if he could host another convention. He checked with his old committee and every one of them agreed to volunteer again for this convention. That must say a lot about his leadership and their dedication. And their experience showed; I cannot think of a single snafu the entire weekend. Buddy from Lafayette co-chaired the convention and served some MC duties as well.

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