

# The Phargol-Horn

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*The Phargol-Horn is very pleased to print this letter recently received from that most accomplished of aeronauts, the winged dragon, Groosh, written especially for all our loyal friends. So sit back and fasten your seat belts! . . .*

Greetings my friends, I have been asked to write a short letter in reply to the many inquiries we continue to receive from you requesting information about dragon flight and the possibility of chartering your own dragon for flights to various holiday destinations. Some of you have even gone so far as to ask for details of in-flight entertainment, on-board catering facilities, flight duration and discounts for accepting last minute cancellations.

Firstly, let me say how pleased and flattered I and the other winged dragons are to know you hold us in such high esteem. Secondly, I can understand your frustration if, as you say, your usual metal-winged dragons are so often late and provide such an impersonal service. However, I must confess that I would willingly wait a hundred full season-cycles and excuse any shortcoming in personality just to see one of your dragons. What magnificent creatures they must be to carry three hundred passengers all at the same time! As Grunch said when I related this astonishing fact to him, one such dragon on a return flight to Marle would earn enough charcoal cookies to fill half the caverns in Cairn Tor! On a fair day, with a favourable tailwind, I might manage to carry four small Apprentices or three Master Wizards the same distance, and would need a minimum two-day boiler recharge period before attempting the return flight.

I am also a little mystified by your interest in in-flight entertainment. Our customers are quick to complain if they get anything less than a smooth, turbulence-free journey. Any entertainment tends to be as a result of circumstances beyond our control, such as unexpected lightening bolts, instantaneous fog, freak winds, loss of boiler pressure or flying through an unmarked spell-beam. Of course, there are certain members of Dragon Transport who are prone to what I can only call individualism. This often results in their own particular brand of entertainment. Spyke is always willing (more than willing) to regale you with his latest musical composition (or decomposition) from take-off to landing. Young Skit has a habit of faking a boiler malfunction and going into an uncontrolled tailspin, only pulling out when he is close enough to the ground for a passenger to count individual pebbles (if they've got their eyes open). Jeptha likes to fly at altitude. So high, in

fact, that more than once he's landed with a spellcaster's hands frozen to the harness and a beard stiff with ice crystals. All the above are accomplished on the wing but, for the reason listed, any requests we get for their services tend to be freight-only charters.

As for in-flight catering, this is rarely necessary unless the flight is to a destination on the outer reaches of known Krystonia or bad ground visibility makes landing difficult. Where in-flight catering is required, it is usually for the benefit of the dragon not the passenger. All dragons carry a bag of cookies to provide standby fuel in case of emergency. These must be fed to the airborne dragon by the passenger in order to ensure sufficient boiler pressure is maintained to allow controlled flight. There was one occasion when Skerne took to the air with the ever-hungry Apprentice, Gwillum, on board. Not only did Gwillum seriously reduce Skerne's boiler pressure by insisting the dragon toast a constant supply of puffmallows, the Apprentice also ate the emergency cookie supply. Fortunately, Skerne was able to make a forced landing on a patch of clear ground. Ever since this incident, Grunch has strongly discouraged food on the wing and, wherever possible, dragons have been advised to land and instruct their passengers to find and consume whatever natural food they can find nearby before continuing their journey.

Flight duration times are not easy to calculate. Not only does this vary enormously from dragon to dragon, there are many variables. It is obvious that a lightly loaded dragon flies much faster than one carrying a heavy burden. Prevailing wind direction, visibility, and whether or not the flight is a non-stop single destination charter or taken as part of a multiple-landing courier route, will all have a great bearing on the arrival time. For those of you wanting a short to medium distance flight in the minimum possible time I can only advise you to request take-off just after lunchtime on a clear day. Due to the fair weather, the dragon will come to the conclusion that, if he puts speed in his wings, he will manage to drop you at your destination and still make it back to Cairn Tor in time for supper!

Finally, Grunch insists on full payment well in advance of a flight. Thus, even if there is a last moment cancellation, the caverns of Cairn Tor will suffer no inconvenience. Besides, it is rare indeed that there isn't somebody, somewhere, willing to pay a premium price for a flight which begins on their doorstep and ends wherever their imagination (and enough charcoal cookies) will take them.

Groosh

## KRYSTONIA COLLECTORS' CALENDAR

We have had a lot of questions about our first ever 1995 Collectors' Calendar. We are very proud of it. The Calendar came out great, with the pictures so realistic, they can be framed. Because of the calendar being so time consuming we won't be able to do it every year. There have been a lot of questions about whether or not the calendar should be opened or not. There are two schools of thought about this. The first one being is, not to open it, because of the value it would add to your collection being preserved. However, the second situation is, with the calendar being so nicely put together, it would be a shame not to use it. So the ideal situation is to buy two of the calendars – one for your collection – and one for you to enjoy.

You can purchase the 1995 Collectors' Calendar at your local Krystonia dealer, or if your dealer doesn't carry the calendar, you may purchase it directly from the club. The cost is \$12.95 + \$1.50 for shipping and handling for U.S. collectors and the total cost for Canadian collectors is \$17.95 Canadian currency. You can mail your check to: Krystonia Collectors' Club, 110 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. And also as a special bonus to any club member purchasing two or more calendars through the club before April 30th – you may have your calendar autographed before it is sent out.

## ?? ANSWERS TO SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS ??

*(Others will be answered later)*

**Q: When will the 4th book be on the market?**

**A:** Mid-1995 is the projected date. A little later than we had hoped for but it seems as though things always take longer than you want.

**Q: Why are the Pooks in three colors?**

**A:** All three are the same fella! When Pooks are young they are very light colored and as they age their fur darkens, with it eventually becoming gray. Sound familiar?

**Q: Can I still purchase past newsletters?**

**A:** Yes, at a charge of \$3.00 per newsletter. What makes the Phargol-Horn truly above other newsletters is that the opening stories are never repeated in any other published form, You, as the club member, experience your own private stories told by each character. Sorry to say #3 is out of print and no longer available.

**Q: How are retirements decided?**

**A:** Every pose will retire at some point. Reasons for this vary: 1) a figurine reaches its limited edition amount, 2) a change in the character in the storyline, 3) production problems, 4) distribution problems, and others of which I can't think of right now.

**Q: Will Klip reappear?**

**A:** In the 4th book Klip comes full center. His effects on Krystonia will be felt forever.

**Q: Is it true that Grunch has a relatively high I.Q.?**

**A:** Relative to what?



❖ ❖ ❖ JANUARY RETIREMENTS ❖ ❖ ❖

There will be three groups of retirement announcements this year. The first grouping will be now, with the second being in April, and the third around June/July. We anticipate between 10 and 12 retirements for the 1995 year. Please be advised style #3912 – Boll was retired due to production problems.

Listed below is the first set of retirements for 1995. We expect the stock on these to sell out during the Spring months:



#1109 – Dubious Alliance

This figurine was very popular especially on wedding cakes. With the occurrences of the 4th book (due out this year) the Alliance may be no more.



#1703 – Small Rueggan

Time to rest the last of the original Rueggan poses. Pictured in original style with two crystals. Later version had crystal in one hand, book in the other.

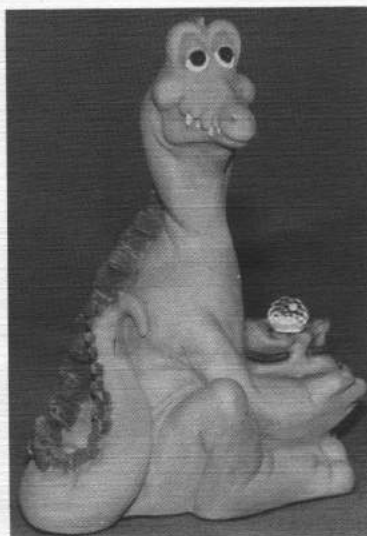


#3912 – Boll



#3203 – Small Tarnhold

This was originally made to go with the mini's, but the mini base already includes it.



#1102 – Small Stoope

Stoope is moving on to his first love – Magic!



#3811 – Azael

No longer needing to constantly study his spell diary, the Stormslayer now stands alone.

(Check your local dealer for availability and happy collecting!)

## NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1995

#3920 – “Ah Hah!” (Open Edition) You’ve heard the expression of “Crawling up with a good book.” Well this young dragon has taken it a step further and is thrilled with what he is finding out.

#3921 – “Stoope the Stupendous” (15,000 limit) “Dim all the lights and look center stage, Stoope the Stupendous is all of the rage. Come one, come all for what you will see, the wonderful, the exciting, the Stupendous – me!”

#3922 – “Root” (15,000 limit) Kephren had never laid eyes on this mysterious visitor who banged on his door on this most violent of nights. He had a manner all his own and used words that had no meaning. No one knew the far reaching impact that his appearance would have on all of Krystonia.

#3923 – “A Definite Maybe” (15,000 limit) There is only one thing that is sure about this dragon. His name is Polindron. If you ever venture to converse with him be ready for more than one opinion and let the unexpected be the rule.

#3924 – “Popotompotan” (unlimited) Some things are born – others hatched, but Popotompotan literally exploded on the scene.

#1113 – “Tinchachuik” (7,500 limit) To most they are called ears but I suppose you could use them as handles. With mom in her usually perplexed state I don’t think Junior is being of much help.

#1114 – “Enough is Enough” (2,999 limit – set on wood base) Even adversaries have been able to put their differences aside in the name of sport. In this instance a game of “Kick the Pook.” Unfortunately this game is going to be cut short for it appears that this Pook has decided to call it a day.

#707 – “Delta” (unlimited) Krystonia is a land of varied terrains. With its extreme climate and harsh storms no two areas seem the same. Its different heights make it a wonderful place to observe all that goes on below it. (For mini’s or Pooks)

#617 – “Owhey” (mini) “If only I could fly.”

## LONG BEACH COLLECTORS’ SHOW !!!

Once again there will be a Collectible Expo in Long Beach, California. Many of you have attended these events in the past and know how enjoyable they can be. This year the consumer days will be Saturday and Sunday, April 22nd and 23rd from 9 to 5. Product is not for sale at the event but you get to see wonderful displays and meet the artists. David Lee Woodard and Pat Chandok will be in attendance to visit with all collectors. Retired mold cuttings will be conducted in the Krystonia booth at 2 o’clock each day. You will also be able to join the Krystonia Collectors’ Club. Also you may bring two previously purchased pieces to be signed. The show is held at the Long Beach Convention Center and hope to see you there.

## WATERBALL SPECIAL REVISITED !!!!!

Last year's members-only waterball went over tremendously and we have had a lot of requests to repeat it. So guess what? We're going to! We were amazed how many of you took advantage of it and I thank you for the super letters we got. There will be a few small changes this year but this is how it will go.

Many of you already have waterballs in your collection, but for those of you who do not here is a brief history. There were originally six styles but two more were added. Two styles are retired. They are #9003 Stoope and #9006 Graffyn and available only on the secondary market. It is common for waterballs to have air bubbles in the top. This is due to glass expansion. In our waterballs we use real crystal on the characters. We realize at some point these will probably come loose but we didn't wish to use plastic. So do not worry if the crystal comes loose - it has no effect on the value. You may choose from the styles listed at the bottom or we will choose for you.

Between January 15th and June 15th keep the receipts for your Krystonia purchases. For every \$150.00 in receipts you collect you may choose a waterball you would like to have. For each waterball you choose a payment of \$12.00 U.S. or \$19.00 Canadian must accompany the request. The check will pay for freight, boxing and warehouse charges. You may qualify for no more than four waterballs. (Example: \$300.00 in receipts = two waterball choices and \$24.00 check U.S. or \$38.00 Canadian.)

You may choose from the following waterball choices: #9001 - Poffles, #9002 - Triumph, #9004 - Owhey, #9005 - Shepf, #9007 - Haaph, #9008 - Krak N'Krak.

Checks should be mailed to Krystonia Collectors, 110 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. This is another way to show our appreciation for what we feel are the best collectors in the industry.

## CLUB REMINDER:

Don't forget to renew for the fifth year if you haven't done so yet. You have until January 31st to renew and receive the fifth year gift "Filler-Up." Your fifth year redemption figurine "All Tuckered Out" will be able to be ordered with your certificate until May 31st 1995. To order "All Tuckered Out" take your redemption certificate to your local dealer. Keep in mind, the longer you wait to order the longer it takes to get your figurine. Standard time to receive your gift is six weeks.

The sixth year starts February 1st and you may renew for the sixth year any time after that. The sixth year gift is called "Kappah Krystal" and is a wheelbarrow used as the trolls mine for krystal. The sixth year redemption piece is "Twingnuk." This is not the troll's real name but no one including him can remember it. His nickname must come from the sound of falling rocks hitting his helmet (twing) and then hitting the ground (nuk). Who knows!

