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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Auto Assembly 2013 Information Book! This guide will have all the information you'll need to help you to get the most out of the convention ranging from how to get to the hotel, where to park for those of you who are driving, what to expect from the convention itself - basically everything you need to enjoy the weekend to the fullest!

Rather than sending out passes for the convention, we have them ready for you to collect over the convention weekend itself. If you're new to Auto Assembly, we'll explain how this works later on. However, we're sure you're eager to get as much information as you can about the convention...

If there is anything we've missed out, or if you have any more questions, please feel free to get in touch with us at any time as we'll be updating this Information Pack a number of times over the course of the next few months right up until the end of June 2013.

This guide is available directly through our website for downloading and prior to the convention we will be emailing it to as many of you as possible as well. We felt that this would be much easier for all of you to access, and will allow us to update it if things change and offer bonus content if we are able to! It also helps us to reduce costs meaning we can invest more back into the convention.

This pack is going to be filled with plenty of information about the convention itself along with some beginners tips as well to help you get the most out of the weekend and we'll update it frequently right up to the convention itself so it will be your comprehensive guide to Auto Assembly 2013 and we hope that this will be an invaluable booklet for all of you.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for booking for the convention and for those of you who haven't booked yet, we hope that this Information Book and the information on the website may persuade you that Birmingham is the place to be in August 2013!

Anyway, thank you for reading this and we look forward to seeing you at the convention!

Simon Plumbe
Committee Head, Auto Assembly 2013

THE VENUE / TRANSPORT

The convention is taking place in the Palace Suite of the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel which is located on the site of the NEC complex a few miles outside of Birmingham City Centre. It is a four star hotel and is one of the largest convention hotels in the country with 790 bedrooms, and is just a few minutes walk from Birmingham International Station and is easily accessible from all over the UK, no matter how you choose to go to the event.

A lot of you will be travelling from all over the UK (and many of you from overseas!) so we want to try to make it as easy as possible for you to get to the event.

First, if you need the hotel's contact details for any reason, or want to look up the route to the hotel on your SatNav, the address is:

Hilton Birmingham Metropole
National Exhibition Centre
Birmingham
B40 1PP
United Kingdom
Telephone: +44 (0)121 780 4242
web: www.birminghammetropole.com

Anyway, the first port of call for most of you (unless you are driving) is to make your way to the Birmingham International Rail Station...

Rail Travel

Birmingham International Station is on the main cross country line and can be reached from most parts of the UK. Services running from the North and South stop at Birmingham International frequently but if your train doesn't, then Birmingham International is just a 10-minute ride away from Birmingham New Street Station. There are about 6 services running every hour, with both local and long distance services stopping at the station.

When it comes to booking your journey, we would recommend that you book your tickets in advance to get the best prices possible and it is always worth enquiring at your local ticket offices about the cheapest deals.

The National Rail Enquiries line (08457 484950) usually quotes standard ticket prices for your journey and not the cheapest options. In some cases, two single tickets purchased in advance works out cheaper than a return ticket! To check times and get a rough idea on prices, visit www.qjump.co.uk

There are also cheaper deals if you are willing to change trains and travel indirectly to Birmingham and this also the option to split your journey buying multiple tickets for each part of your journey to save more money.

Road

Travelling by road, if you are driving down from the North get onto the M6, then the M42 and exit at junction 6.

If you are heading up to Birmingham from the South then travel up on the M40, then the M42 and again exit at Junction 6.

Alternatively, travel on the M1, the M6, M40 then onto the M42 and exit at Junction 6.

The Hilton is approximately 200 yards from Junction 6 off the M42 and the A45.

Car Parking

If you are travelling by car, the Hilton has 600 secure parking spaces of its own with reduced rates for hotel residents of £7 a night (£15 for non-residents). The car park is also Park Mark certified (see www.parkmark.co.uk for more information) for added peace of mind.

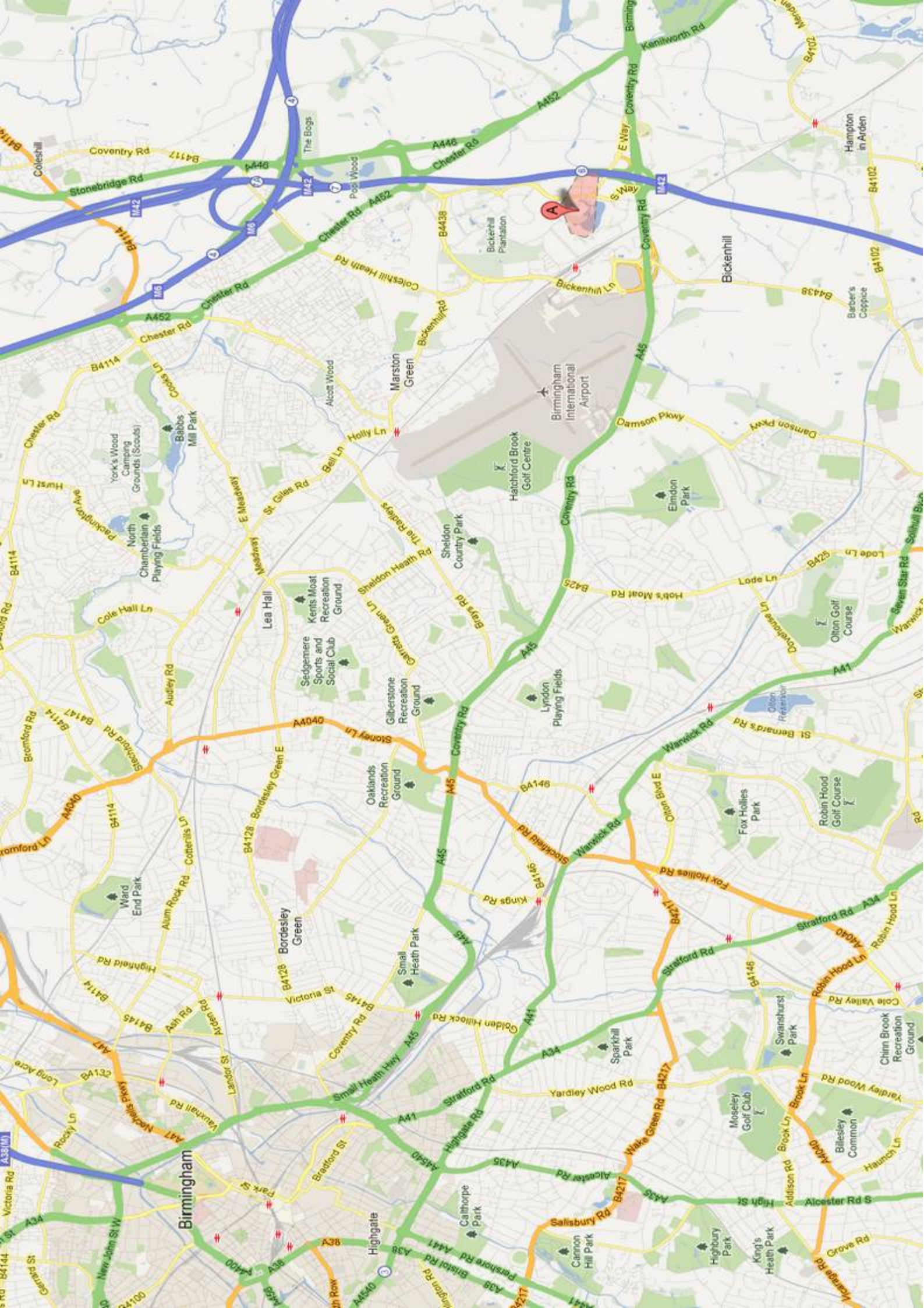
To qualify for the reduced rate, you will need to present your parking ticket to the Hilton's reception before departure where the ticket will be validated. This will then authorise the lower parking rate of £7 per day compared with the standard £15 rate.

As the Hilton is located on the NEC complex, there are also several thousand additional parking spaces nearby should you wish to park a little further away!

Coach

Birmingham's main coach station is Digbeth and it is located in Birmingham City Centre. For timetables and prices for National Express who operate from there, visit the website at www.nationalexpress.co.uk. We'd recommend booking your journey in advance to get the best reductions on your fare.

From Birmingham Coach Station, you will need to make your way to New Street Station which is about 10 minutes walk from the coach station and then you would need to get a train to Birmingham International Station from New Street Station.



In addition, there is the Megabus service that operates from most major cities. This needs to be booked online and offers single journeys from £2 plus a small booking fee! While the timetable is limited, this offers incredible value for money. Facilities are limited on board and it is a non-stop service, but if you are looking for cheap travel, it is certainly an option worth considering!

Megabus offers services running directly to Birmingham International Airport so it will get you even closer to Auto Assembly 2013 so it's definitely an option worth considering. You can get your tickets from www.megabus.co.uk

Air

If you who are flying in to Birmingham for Auto Assembly 2013 then head for Birmingham International Airport (BHX). From there, you can get a free monorail shuttle service to Birmingham International Rail Station where you can get one of the Hilton's courtesy buses straight to the hotel!

From Birmingham International Station

The Hilton is about 5-10 minutes walk from the station, but the hotel does provide a free shuttle bus for all of its residents to / from the hotel and to the station!

For details on how to get there, we have recorded an instructional walk-through video that you can see on our Youtube Channel!

HOTEL ACCOMODATION

The Hilton is a **massive** hotel with 790 bedrooms so there will be plenty of space for everyone! We have negotiated some incredible room rates with the Hilton for the convention and these are just £51.50 per



night for a single room and £62 a night for a twin or double inclusive of breakfast. They do have a **very** limited number of family rooms available on request.

These rates are just for Auto Assembly 2013 attendees so please book your tickets for the convention first before booking your hotel rooms. You can book over the phone or online using the link that you will find in your confirmation emails.

The hotel will also offer us a discount rate on bar prices on presentation of your Auto Assembly pass as well as a special menu for food during the convention weekend itself!

WHEN YOU ARRIVE...

We are striving to make your experience of Auto Assembly 2013 as enjoyable as possible and admission to the convention itself as quick and easy as possible.

Once you have booked your tickets for Auto Assembly 2013 you will be sent a booking confirmation email. Please make sure that you keep this email safe as you will need this to gain admission to the convention...

What you will need to do is bring a **PRINT OUT** of this email with you to the convention. On Friday afternoon, you can then come

along to the convention's Main Hall where you will be able to come up to a dedicated Registration Desk just inside where you will be able to collect your personalised convention pass, Attendee Pack and Goodie Bag before you enter the convention!

There is no rush to collect your pass as it will be available for you to collect no matter what time you come along (even if you are not able to come along until the Saturday or Sunday) and all of the goodie bags are identical so it doesn't matter whether you are first or last, you'll still get the same free gifts!

You can collect your packs at *any time* between 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm on Friday, after which time the Registration Desk will be **closed** for one hour until we re-open the hall for the Friday Night Programme when the convention starts. If you haven't picked up your pass by 5:00 pm then you'll be able to collect your pass from 6:00 pm when the hall re-opens or on Saturday / Sunday morning on the following times.

Unlike Auto Assembly 2012, there will be **no** early pass collection service on Thursday evening - we just want to be able to relax in the bar before the convention starts and have a bit of time before the mad rush starts!

PASS COLLECTION TIMES

Friday

12:00 - All pre-registered attendees
17:00 - Pass collection ends
18:00 - All **weekend** pre-registered attendees
18:00 - New **weekend** ticket sales

Saturday

08:30 - All pre-registered attendees
09:30 - New ticket sales

Sunday

08:30 - All pre-registered attendees
09:30 - New ticket sales

The Registration Desk will be set up just inside the Main Hall as you walk in. Even if

you only have a one-day pass, you will still be able to pick up your Passes etc. on the *Friday afternoon only* but you won't be able to gain admission to the convention until the day that your Pass is valid for.

Please bear this in mind when coming to collect your passes and ensure that you arrive at the correct time. If you only have a single day pass and come to collect it on Friday evening, please do not take out your frustration on our committee or volunteers when you are refused. They will be extremely busy processing pass requests for weekend attendees. We will not tolerate any abusive behaviour towards members of our team and such behaviour will result in ejection from the event.

Once the doors open for the convention, you will still be able to pick up your passes if you haven't already been able to from the Registration Desk but you may have a slightly longer wait.

If you forget your confirmation email, report to the Registration Desk as normal and let one of our team know. We will ask you a few questions and ask you to show us some form of ID with your name and / or address on (debit/credit card, driving licence etc) and once we are satisfied of your identity we will be able to present you with your pack.

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

First is your Convention Pack. This is the most important envelope you will receive. This pack will contain your Convention Pass, a welcome letter and a copy of the Programme for the full weekend. Please check the envelope carefully though as some of you may also find randomly-inserted lucky tickets that will win you some great prizes!

Please make sure that you wear your Pass at **ALL TIMES** during the convention while you are in the hotel as you will **not** be allowed into any of the convention rooms without it, even if any of our team recognise you.

Also, keep your copy of the Programme with you as this will not only tell you what is taking

place all weekend, but in what rooms and where you can find them in the hotel!

Your Goodie Bags will contain a fantastic selection of free gifts including many provided by or supported by several of our sponsors this year. Only those with Adult, Senior Citizen, Youth, Guest, and Dealer Passes will get the bags - please note that because they receive reduced prices / free passes to the convention, Under 6s and Partner Pass holders will not get Goodie Bags.

Highlights of the bags include a copy of the convention magazine, The Cybertronian Times Issue 14, the latest in our series of exclusive postcards and a selection of other mystery gifts being announced shortly...!

After you have picked up your Convention Packs and Goodie Bags it's up to you what you do all weekend so enjoy the convention but if you do have any questions, feel free to ask any of our staff on the desk!

The convention will start at around 6:00 pm on Friday for weekend attendees, 9:30 am on Saturday, and about 9:30 am on Sunday.

For those of you with staff, volunteer, dealer and other passes, you will be able to access the convention at all times including the set-up hours indicated on the website.

PRE-REGISTRATION PRIZE DRAWS

If we run any prize draws this year and include random winning prize tickets in your packs along with your passes, these prizes *can not* be collected from the Registration Desk.

These will be available from the Control Desk once the convention starts at approximately 6:00 pm on Friday evening.

EXCLUSIVE T-SHIRTS

If you have pre-ordered one or more of the Auto Assembly 2013 Convention Exclusive T-shirts you will not be able to collect them at

this point. They will be available later in the evening once the Main Hall opens from 6:00 pm on Friday evening from the Control Desk.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND!

We are using several function rooms within the Hilton but fortunately they are all located on the ground floor and are easy to find.

More details of what will be in each room will be in your convention pack that you receive at the convention itself and we will be updating this guide shortly with a full map showing you where they all are in relation to each other!

As with Auto Assembly 2012, we will be using the Palace Suite as our Main Hall, the King's Suite for our Saturday night programme, but the Alternative Programme and Games Room are being relocated closer to the King's Suite in two new rooms.

YOUR FIRST CONVENTION?

Finally, if Auto Assembly 2013 is your first Transformers convention, don't worry. We will have a Welcome Team on hand who are ready to help you! They will be available on Friday to answer any of your questions about the convention and make you all feel at home!

AUTO ASSEMBLY 2013 - KNOW YOUR PASS

Everyone will have a personalised pass for Auto Assembly 2013 which is enclosed with this pack. You will notice that the pass has a coloured strip on it and different information all over it, but what does it all mean? Well now you can find out by taking a look at the pass from 2010...

This colour-coded bar indicates the type of ticket that you have... whether you are a Dealer, Weekend or One-Day Attendee, Committee Member, Guest, etc.

The Auto Assembly logo... simples!.

The pass artwork. In the past we have had varying designs, but we love the one we have this year so you've all got it!

Those with Partner, Youth and Under 6 Passes will have different Artwork on their passes.

Your ticket number. You'll need this if you bid in the charity auctions.



Your name!

Repeating the information from the colour coding, an indication of the type of ticket you have.



Bot Shots Assortment B Series 01 - Set of 2

Bot Shots Assortment A Series 01 - Set of 5

MP-10 Masterpiece

Optimus Prime - New Mold Robots In Disguise Deluxe Series 02 - Set of 2

DMK01 Optimus Prime Dual Model Kit

BIGBADTOYSTORE



Robots In Disguise Deluxe Series 03 - Set of 3

Robots In Disguise Voyager Series 01 - Set of 2



Robots In Disguise Deluxe Series 01 - Set of 4

DC Universe All Stars Series 01 - Set of 4



MP-11S Masterpiece Sunstorm

Encore: #22 Twincast



Encore: #21 Soundblaster

Robots In Disguise Voyager

Metal Gear Solid Play Arts Kai - Meryl Silverburgh

Bot Shots Three-Pack Series 01 - Bumblebee, Sentinel Prime, Prowl

1/6 Scale Movie Masterpiece The Avengers Hawkeye

MP-11 Masterpiece Coronation Starscream

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ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR BEGINNERS...

We say that this is advice for those of you attending Auto Assembly for the first time, but many of these tips will come in handy for all you regular convention goers as well, no matter how many years you've been attending Auto Assembly. We would like to thank everyone at www.fullmetalhero.com for their help with this guide.

Money, Money, Money...

One of the first things that you will need for Auto Assembly 2013 is money... and as much of it as possible! It's never too early to start saving for the convention, but rather than trying to put a set amount aside each week or month, there's an easy way to save up without really trying...

Whenever you go shopping you always come home with pockets full of loose change. Well, it's time to put that change to good use! Get a jar and put all your loose change in that jar at the end of every day (or every couple of days) and watch it grow. Decide what coins you want to put in there and you'll be amazed at how soon it mounts up!

As well as that, why not try a "pound a day"? Take another jar and put a one pound coin in it each day. It may not sound like much, but considering how much time there is to go until the convention, it's a lot of cash you could save up!

In the space of just **two weeks** after Auto Assembly 2012, just by putting all of his 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p coins in a jar at the end of each day and a pound coin every day, Simon had saved up almost £40 towards Auto Assembly 2013 - an average of over well over £2 a day. By the time the convention comes around, even if it slows down at times, he could still have around £750 to take with him!

Cash

It goes without saying that you should set yourself a budget for the weekend and stick

to it! Most dealers at Auto Assembly will only take cash so if you need to get any more out of the cash machine, you can either use the one in the Hilton (although this does charge for withdrawals) or we'd recommend that you take a short walk to the NEC complex to use one of the free cash machines in there.

If you can set a budget before you leave to go to the convention, then even better but try to plan this in advance so you have so much for food and drink, so much for toys and keep your money for your hotel bill separate so you can still pay it all at the end of the weekend!

Baggage

If you can manage, bring a large suitcase with you, but don't fill it! That way you'll have plenty of space for your goodie bag and everything that you buy at the convention! Also, any space that has been taken up with snacks can also be used for your purchases!

Bring a small bag or rucksack as well to use as hand luggage for the train or bus if you're travelling by public transport. You can use this for the essential travelling snacks and to keep all the other journey essentials - comics, books, Playstation Vita or 3DS etc...!

Finally, try to pack a few carrier bags with you. Dealers don't always have enough with them so it's easier to have a couple on you than to struggle carrying toys around in your arms or running back up to your hotel room every few minutes.

For those of you who are flying to Auto Assembly, try to make sure that all of your clothes that you bring with you will fit into your carry-on luggage (ideally a small rucksack) and leave your suitcase relatively empty. When it comes to travelling home, you can then carry all your clothes and essentials in your rucksack with you onto the plane and all your purchases in your case... but try to make sure you have brought some bubble wrap or other packing material with you for added protection!

Clothes

Auto Assembly isn't a formal event so it's not

something you really need to dress up for. Pack light so just bring enough for what you will be wearing but please remember that it is Summer and it can get warm with a lot of people around in the convention hall so expect to change clothes during the day!

Depending on how you are travelling to Birmingham and what time of day, the chances are you won't need a coat, but if you do then try to make it as lightweight as possible. Best thing to do is check the weather forecast before you set out and make your mind up after that.

Food And Drink

Remember that the hotel has a policy on functions not allowing food to be brought in from outside to be eaten on the premises. Well, technically this only applies to food that you want to eat in PUBLIC areas - namely the hotel bars, restaurant, reception, foyer, and all of the convention areas / function rooms but there is nothing to stop you from bringing your own snacks, drinks etc. for your hotel room but unless you purchased it **IN** the hotel, then it needs to stay in your room.

Certainly, if you want to keep your food costs down, there is no reason why you can't bring some Pot Noodles or other snacks with you and keep them in your room! Just remember though - your hotel room may have a kettle in it, but you won't get a microwave or fridge! Equally, if you want to go to Subway, or any of the food outlets nearby then there is nothing stopping you from doing that and eating back in your hotel room.

One thing I have found as a long-standing convention attendee is that you seldom find the time to stop and eat during a busy convention day... so take advantage of the hotel breakfasts! The buffet breakfasts mean that you can have cereal, toast, tea or coffee, fruit juice and a cooked breakfast and after all of that you won't **want** to eat until the early evening!

For your journey, again we all want to keep our costs down when it comes to travelling to the convention so we have more money to spend so remember to pack some snacks

with you for your train / coach journey. If you have to buy them on the way, you'll end up paying a lot more than you need to!

Food And Drink Prices

We do appreciate that there were concerns from Auto Assembly 2012 about the cost of food and drink in the Hilton. This is something we are trying to address this year as best as we can on several levels.

First, we do know that - at times - the convention discount wasn't always being honoured by hotel staff and this is something that has been raised with them and should not be an issue for AA2013. However, one thing we would like to remind everyone is that the Hilton is a hotel and please remember that even with the convention discount, drinks prices will be more expensive that you will find in your local pub. Even though the Hilton is a four-star hotel, price increases can be expected in any grade of hotel and this is unavoidable for any convention venue.

Also, one thing we would strongly recommend is that you allow a percentage of your overall budget for food and drink. We are working with the Hilton to have a "budget price" menu available this year, but as many of you do tell us that you think of Auto Assembly as your annual holiday, please try to think of it as such and keep **some** money aside for food and drink as you would with any holiday!

Compared with Auto Assembly 2009 - 2011, the Hilton is considerably cheaper as a hotel so if you take the approach that your accommodation savings could go towards your food / drink budget, that should work quite well for most of you!

Personal Hygiene

This may sound like an obvious thing to state, but please remember that conventions can become very hot and very crowded places where a lot of fans will be in close proximity with each other for several days so please bear this in mind for the weekend.

If not for yourself, please think of others all weekend and try to remember your personal care during the convention weekend. Wear lightweight clothing that will give your body room to breathe and keep your body temperature comfortable and minimise sweating and make sure that you not only bring a supply of deodorant, but take advantage of the facilities in your hotel room and shower / take a bath daily, more if you feel the need to as it will get hot!

Other Things

When it comes to packing for your trip to Birmingham, remember that your hotel room will have its own towels, shampoo, soap etc. so you won't need to waste space packing these - just don't forget your toothbrush!

However, the rooms only have a basic supply of tea, coffee, milk etc so if you are planning on drinking a lot in your hotel room then it may be worth packing extra coffee, sweetener, powdered milk etc. with you.

If you haven't already done it, book your train tickets in advance and search for the cheapest options available. Some routes offer cheaper fares using two singles and you can sometimes get even cheaper deals if you split your journey using multiple tickets for the same route. It's not as complicated as it sounds and if you're travelling quite a distance, the savings add up!

If you're bringing anything valuable such as your digital camera, possibly pack some bubblewrap to protect it on the way home. This will also come in handy for any loose toys that you might buy, and is a good idea for those of you who don't worry about keeping boxes!

Same with sketches and autographs... if you don't want them damaged, bring something with you to keep them safe in!

Also, we recommend that you don't bring a laptop, tablet with you or other valuables in case of loss, damage or theft. If you do because of work for a website, forum etc, you do so at your own risk.

Finally, and this is the most important one of all, bring a print out of your booking confirmation email! If you can't find this email, you must let us know by 30th July 2013 so we can send a replacement out to you.

After this point we won't have access to all of the confirmation emails that we have sent to all of you as we will be at the Hilton and they will be stored on our main PC system which we won't have with us.

If you don't bring this with you, it will delay collection of your passes and goodie bags and entry into the convention while our team members conduct some basic ID checks.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

While we want everyone to enjoy the convention, we also want to stress that the convention will be a zero tolerance zone. Please remember that all of our team give up their free time to run Auto Assembly and do not get paid for doing this.

We appreciate that there will be times during the convention when things may not always go according to plan or when things may not run to schedule but please do not take your frustrations out on our team or you will be asked to leave the convention and you will **not** be issued with a refund.

This also applies to treatment of our dealers, guests and behaviour towards other attendees. Auto Assembly is intended to be a fun and friendly weekend so please treat others the way you want them to treat you.

We understand that not everyone in the Transformers fan community gets along, but if there are people at the convention you do not like, simply avoid them.

Equally, we would ask all attendees to bear in mind that although Auto Assembly is a social event - with the current size of the convention it can be difficult for everyone to have time to meet and chat with everyone that they may want to. This doesn't necessarily mean that people don't want to socialise with each other but that it can be difficult with the sheer

number of people in attendance, especially as many people will only get to see some of their friends once a year at Auto Assembly.

In light of this, we want to make it clear that we will **not** tolerate **any** attendee that wishes to come along to the convention with the intention of causing trouble for the committee, dealers or other attendees.

Please note that if anyone does cause you any distress or tries to start any arguments or issues, please do **not** retaliate - simply ignore them and report them to the nearest Committee Member or Volunteer and we will take whatever action is appropriate. As a convention, we will take steps to deal with any unacceptable behaviour from any convention attendees so we must request that you refrain from responding to anything no matter how great the temptation may be.

By refraining from doing anything yourself, it will make things easier for our team to identify the offending party. Otherwise we may have to deal with **everyone** involved equally.

WARNING TO THIEVES!

We know that there have been attempts made by some individuals at past events to steal items from Dealers Tables. This is **NOT** acceptable behaviour. Should we find anyone attempting to steal anything from the convention, you will be apprehended by one of our convention staff or volunteers and a citizen's arrest will be made and you **WILL** be handed over to the police and charges will be pressed against you.

We also want to stress that some of our dealers are Police Officers in their full time jobs and **will** have the power to arrest anyone found stealing from the convention.

Please don't attempt to spoil the convention for others by trying anything - the convention is being photographed and filmed continually over the weekend, so even if you are not caught straight away, we **WILL** be able to identify you so don't think that you will be able to get away with it.

In addition to any legal action that will be taken, we will implement a name and shame policy against anyone caught stealing from the convention, and those found guilty will receive a lifetime ban from the convention, and their details will also be passed on to other conventions and events globally.

GENERAL CONVENTION RULES

While we don't want to spoil anyone's enjoyment of Auto Assembly 2013, we feel that there are a few ground rules that need to be set down to ensure that everyone gets the most out of the convention with a minimal amount of fuss and problems!

Passes

Most importantly, you **must** wear your convention pass and have it displayed **clearly** at **all times** during the convention weekend. If we can not see your pass being displayed you will not be allowed entry into any of the convention rooms and you will be asked to put your pass on.

If you have forgotten or lost your pass, you will need to have a replacement pass produced (a surcharge may be made for this) and if you have left your pass in your hotel room, then you will need to retrieve it before you will be allowed back into the convention.

Passes must **not** be obscured by clothing in any way. Attendees must not wear t-shirts, jumpers or other clothing over their passes. Failure to display your passes clearly, will result in you being asked to leave the convention rooms until your pass is being clearly displayed.

Dealers may also request to see your passes when making certain purchases as an initial proof of age for certain restricted items in addition to other proofs of identity so please cooperate with them if you are asked.

Please do not try to get friends into the convention who have forgotten their passes by offering to "vouch" for them. Even if we - as committee members - know the attendees,

we will not be able to allow anyone in without proper identification.

Animals

Animals are not allowed at Auto Assembly, with the exception of guide dogs and hearing dogs. Obviously, if they are plastic and transform, then this will be fine!

While the Hilton itself does allow pets with prior agreement, we can not allow them into the convention so please ensure that they are being looked after properly in your hotel room or being cared for appropriately.

Dress Code

Auto Assembly does not have an official dress code so please feel to wear whatever you feel comfortable in. However, please remember that Auto Assembly is a **family friendly** event so please dress appropriately. Do not wear any items of clothing with offensive slogans on or of a sexually explicit nature, or that are revealing.

Bags

Please keep all your bags with you at all times or left in your hotel room. Auto Assembly cannot be held responsible for bags etc. that may go missing or become lost. Please do not ask us on the Control Desk if we will look after your bags for you as we will not be able to help.

Where possible, please try to store bags in your hotel room rather than carrying them around the convention all weekend. This will ensure that there is the maximum amount of space in the hall for everyone!

Cameras

Please feel free to bring cameras and video cameras with you to Auto Assembly. We'd love to see any photos or video footage you might take during the weekend. Please try to limit the amount of flash photography that you take during the guest talks, as the constant flashes can become uncomfortable.

Unless specifically stated in the programme, photography is allowed throughout the weekend and during most programme items.

Video Cameras

Please feel free to bring any video cameras with you to the event to make recordings for your own **personal** use. We would appreciate copies of any footage you might take for us to put onto the Auto Assembly Youtube Channel if at all possible. Because of the space they take up, tripods are not to be used without prior clearance. However, there may be certain programme items that should not be recorded, but we will make these known in advance. This will include the majority of the Saturday evening programme.

Please keep the space between the seating and the stage clear at all times as this will be used by our own official camera crew who will be recording the event.

Children

Feel free to bring your children along to Auto Assembly - it's never too early to encourage kids to get into Transformers! All we ask is that you keep them under control and prevent them from running loose around the venue, especially near the dealers and displays!

We do ask that **all** children **MUST** be registered for the convention, including those under the age of six. If you are planning on bringing young children with you, even newborn babies, you must get a pass for them for the event or we will not be properly covered with our event insurance.

Sadly, from 2012 onwards, children under the age of 16 are not permitted at the convention unless accompanied by an adult. Not only have we introduced this policy for the safety of all of our attendees (as we can not be held responsible for other people's children) but it is also a policy of the Hilton that they do not allow unaccompanied minors in the hotel.

Also, we advise parents that after 9:00 pm on the Saturday evening, the programme may not be suitable for younger children as adults may be drinking during the evening and we

can not guarantee that their conduct would be appropriate for younger children to observe.

The Friday evening may also have programme items shown after 9:00 pm that may not be suitable for younger attendees and we can not be held responsible for the behaviour of all of our attendees who may have been in the hotel's bars so again we would suggest that parents consider whether they feel that it is appropriate for their younger children to remain in the main convention hall after this time.

We are not preventing children from attending events after these times, but parental discretion is advised and Auto Assembly can no be held responsible for the conduct of our attendees.

Finally, please do not attempt to vouch for unaccompanied children who ask for your assistance in gaining admission to the convention. We had an incident in 2012 when a child attempted to gain admission to the convention who was under 16 and an adult attendee who did not know them offered to act as a friend to get them into the event.

This will not be tolerated and will result in the attendee being ejected from the event. Not only could this void our insurance, but could also see the convention being shut down prematurely by the Hilton. More seriously, it would place the attendee in question responsible for a minor that they do not know or have any legal responsibility for and this is something that we can not allow.

Dealers

For dealers, we must ask that you limit all of your items for sale either on your table, underneath, or on any display units you may have behind your table. If you do not feel that the space you have will cover all of the stock that you bring, please book another table.

Tables should also **not** be selling any illegal products. This includes (but is not limited to) bootleg/knock-off toys, fan-made CDs containing episodes (including fan dubs), CD-ROMs with scans of comics, or similar items. Please note that this also applies to videos

and DVDs. All titles on sale must be UK certificated and official UK products. If in doubt, please talk to one of our committee before putting these on display for sale.

Non-Region 2 DVDs can only be sold if they are part of a toy and can not be separated such as the 10th Anniversary Beast Wars toys or Japanese release toys that have come packaged with DVDs.

We have a policy in place for Auto Assembly regarding Third Party products and we will discuss this directly with dealers and you will all be provided with a copy of this and our official policy is also available to download from the Auto Assembly website.

Age Restricted Products

Some toys and other items that will be on sale at Auto Assembly 2013 will not be sold to attendees under the age of 18. Toys manufactured / released in America and Europe have to pass rigorous safety tests before they can be released and are subsequently awarded a "CE Mark". Imported toys from Japan have not undergone this testing and as such, are sold by dealers / sci-fi stores in the UK as collectables intended for the adult market. Many stores enforce a voluntary age restriction on these products of 14+ or 16+ for all sales.

At Auto Assembly 2013, sale of these products will be restricted to attendees possessing an Adult, Partner, Dealer or Elderly Pass for the convention. Sales will be prohibited to attendees with Youth or - naturally - Under 6 passes. This will ensure that we can safely restrict the sale of goods to minors and this rule will also apply to the sale of Third Party products which will also be restricted to adult collectors.

Please do not abuse this or attempt to get an adult to purchase items on your behalf. If you attempt to use someone else's pass to fraudulently purchase items then you and that person could face ejection from the convention and please do not be offended if a dealer requests for some form of proof of age if needed.

Displays

There are tens of thousands of pounds worth of toys and merchandise, and one-off pieces of irreplaceable artwork being displayed in our display area and that of the other displays. Please do NOT touch the display unless it specifically states so. Many of these are rare items and are difficult if not impossible for us to replace.

Fan Buying / Selling / Trading

We are aware that fans use conventions to get rid of unwanted items from their collections or trade with other fans. However, as we're sure you can understand, anything like this on a large scale won't make the dealers too happy! If you have pre-arrange a couple of sales with people in advance of Auto Assembly, this is fine. If you are planning on trading items, as long as no money changes hands this will be okay, but please try to keep this to the bar area unless you are making a specific trade with a dealer.

If you do wish to bring your unwanted items to sell, then you can make use of our Fan Sales Table.

Food / Drink

We would ask that you try not to carry food and drink around in the main event area, unless you are one of our event staff, guests or dealers to avoid spills on dealers tables and any accidents! If you wish to eat, we would recommend using one of the hotel's bars (where you can also order food) which are offering Auto Assembly attendees a discount on bar prices, or use one of the hotel's restaurants. The bars will be open serving drinks throughout the weekend (and we will have a dedicated bar in the King's Suite on the Saturday evening).

Because of its on-site restaurants and catering, please note that food and drink purchased from outside should **not** be brought into the Hilton and eaten in the public areas although you may do so **only** for consumption in your hotel room.

Please note that if you are found to be doing this, you may be ejected from the convention.

Drinks served in the Hilton's Lounge Bar will be available at a discount throughout the convention weekend on presentation of your convention pass, and a dedicated convention menu of cut-price food will be on offer from this bar as well. The Lounge Bar will be open 24 hours a day throughout the convention.

Guests - Autographs

All of our guests will be happy to talk to fans and sign autographs throughout the weekend. However, please respect their need for personal space and if they are eating or wandering around outside the event rooms etc, please do not expect them to stop what they are doing to sign autographs. Also, please do not ask any of them for autographs away from the guest area.

Also, because of the sheer number of people who now attend the convention we are now having to set a maximum limit of **TWO** autographs per attendee per guest. With almost 800 fans attending the convention in 2012 and more expected this year, this means that our guests could be asked to sign a potential 2,000 autographs each over the course of the weekend which is an astonishing number of signatures to give. While we know that many of you would love to have your entire Marvel comic collection signed by Simon Furman, or all of your DVDs signed, it's not fair on the other attendees wanting autographs.

If you have a Partner Pass, then you will be limited to **one** autograph per guest.

Guests - Sketches

Similarly, we are setting a limit with our comic artists of **ONE** sketch per artist per attendee. While many of our artists would be quite happy to keep sketching as long as people want them, it can prove very tiring and when some will be queuing for several hours to get a single sketch it's not fair when there may be some people in front getting several.

We may discuss things with specific artists to see if we can arrange a quick and easy request system for post-convention commissions for their sketches if any attendees want to have more than one piece done or a pre-order system so guests can produce sketches in advance for collection at the convention.

Signs / Posters

Throughout the convention you'll see a number of signs and posters about Auto Assembly. Under NO circumstances should these be removed and taken away as souvenirs of the convention.

In the past we have had a large number of signs taken by people that we have used since the first Auto Assembly. If you want to take any of these as a memento, then you **MUST** have clearance from Simon or one of our other committee members.

Weapons Policy

Something that most sci-fi conventions seem to apply is a weapons policy. While we know that fans are not going to be running around with replica swords etc. there are a few points we'd ask you to bear in mind. If you have any toys with you that resemble weapons (for example G1 Megatron), please ensure that you do **NOT** carry these around outside of the event rooms unless kept in packaging or in a bag. There may be non-attendees in the hotel, and as you can imagine, they won't appreciate people carrying what they might perceive as real weapons!

Similarly, it goes without saying that such toys should not be carried openly outside of the hotel. The NEC complex does have regular police and security patrols and we don't think they'd see the fun side of replica weapon Transformers!

Finally, if you have any toys with sharp edges or points, please do not walk around the hotel carrying them in your hands. It's all too easy for accidents to happen. Also, if you have any toys that fire projectiles of any type, please either leave the missiles at home, or at the

very least, don't use the firing mechanisms while you're at the convention.

Smoking

British fans will be aware of it, but for those of you travelling from outside of the UK, we would like to stress that - since 2007 - it has been illegal to smoke indoors in a public place and as such Auto Assembly 2013 is a **no-smoking event**. If you wish to smoke, then you will need to go outside of the hotel.

Anyone found smoking within the Hilton (and this also extends to the bar, restaurant or other parts of the hotel) will be asked to leave and could be liable to prosecution.

There are a number of "electronic cigarettes" on the market that are legal to use indoors that act as nicotine substitutes. If you bring these to use at the convention, please use them **discretely** and if they have an option to generate simulated smoke, please ensure that this is turned off. If this "smoke" can not be turned off, please do not use these in public areas as these could be mistaken for real cigarettes by our convention team or hotel staff.

Illicit Drugs / Substances

While this is something that - to the best of our knowledge - has never been an issue before at Auto Assembly, we want to stress that illegal drugs / substances of any kind are strictly banned at the convention and in the Hilton.

Should you be found to be in the possession of anything or to be using anything within the convention area, or at the convention under the influence, or using illegal substances in your hotel room, you will be ejected from the convention, face a **lifetime** ban from Auto Assembly and we will work with the hotel to ensure that you are escorted from the premises.

The police will also be notified and appropriate legal action will be initiated immediately and we will work with other conventions to ensure that they are suitably briefed as well.

Restricted Areas

Finally, there will be some areas of the convention that will be restricted in terms of access. Attendees are not permitted behind the backstage area, AV desk, Control Desk, Registration Desk or Guest Area **at any time** during the convention.

Unless you are a committee member, or volunteer you are not to be in any of these areas (or guest in the Guest Area). Equally, for Dealers Tables, only Dealers, committee and volunteers are permitted behind tables.

Failure to adhere to these regulations could result in the convention's insurance being void and the Hilton exercising its right to cancel the convention. As an event, we are only insured for our own convention staff and volunteers to be in certain organisational areas of the event, and if attendees do so, it puts them and the convention at risk.

USE OF HOTEL FACILITIES

We know that many of you will be arriving at the Hilton a few days before the convention to make your time with us at Auto Assembly into an extended weekend. While we know that you all want to enjoy the weekend as much as possible, please understand that we do not have exclusive use of the Hilton over the convention weekend.

In all likelihood, there will be at least one other major event taking place over the Auto Assembly weekend and there will also be other smaller meetings and functions taking place, as well as other residents in the hotel so please bear this in mind while using the hotel's facilities.

Indoor Swimming Pool

The Hilton has an indoor heated swimming pool that is adjacent to its fully-equipped gym and health spa and this is open seven days a week. Please note that this pool is for use by hotel residents only and opening hours for this pool are 6:30 am - 9:30 pm Monday to Friday and 7:00 am - 9:30 pm Saturday and

Sunday. Admission to the pool closes 30 minutes before closing.

The pool is fully staffed with lifeguards and has a dedicated pool for toddlers as well as a jacuzzi. Towels and changing facilities are provided but please be aware that this pool is not for the exclusive use of convention attendees and must be treated like any other swimming pool. Other hotel residents may be using the pool, as may attendees of all ages so please dress / act accordingly.

Alcohol is **not** to be taken into the pool area nor should you attempt to use the pool after you have been drinking for your own safety and the safety of others with you. Please be aware that you may be refused admission to the pool by hotel staff if they feel that you may be a danger to yourself or others.

TOUGHER RULES

You will have noticed that some of our rules this year are stricter than in previous years, especially in terms of attendee conduction and in matters relating to our convention hotel.

While we don't want to spoil anyone's enjoyment of the convention Auto Assembly has been growing steadily for the last few years and has now reached the point where there are very few venues in the UK capable of holding us.

The Hilton is the **only** hotel in Birmingham capable of holding Auto Assembly at its current size. There are large hotels and large conference centres, but nothing else that combines large event space **and** on-site accommodation, and we believe that there are very few - if any - other hotels in the UK that could offer us suitable facilities.

Because of personal circumstances and easy access for attendees from all over the UK, it is unlikely that Auto Assembly will relocate from its West Midlands base so - without sounding over-dramatic - the Hilton is likely to be the last ever venue for Auto Assembly. If incidents take place that cause issues between us as a convention and the hotel

that put our good working relationship at risk then it could mean the end of the convention so we hope you will all support us in adhering to the convention's rules.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Charity Auctions

Because of the number of items we have and to ensure that we have enough time to cover everything, we will be holding two charity auctions as part of our charity fundraising activities this year and there are going to be some fantastic items up for grabs in the auction including original artwork and signed photos so please bid generously!! The auctions will be hosted by our guests of honour on Saturday and Sunday!

Charity Tombola

We will not be holding a Charity Raffle for Auto Assembly 2013. Instead we will be running a Tombola from the Control Desk throughout the weekend which we believe will be a much quicker and simpler system for everyone.

We will have a massive selection of prizes on offer and while the tickets will be more expensive than our previous raffles, not only will you have a better chance of winning but also you will know **instantly** whether or not you have won a prize!

Tickets will be 50p each and if any of the tickets you draw from our Tombola drum end in a zero then you win the prize with that matching number! We've already got a selection of comics, Transformers Prime figures, DVDs and autographs up for grabs and we expect to have at least 100 prizes on offer!

If you want to donate anything for the Tombola, please get in touch. However, because of the way this is going to operate, we will need prizes sent to us **at least** three weeks before the convention so we can prepare everything so email us at contact@autoassembly.org.uk with 2013 Tombola in the subject.

We can only accept new items as prizes but apart from that, it's entirely up to you! We are looking for comics (new and preferably bagged), DVDs, toys (these must be new and still sealed), books, video games, general merchandise. Items can be small or large - absolutely anything as we will be able to make use of virtually everything sent in to us for the Tombola!

Our Charities

We're raising money for two different and very worth causes and details about these will be on our website. One of these, once again will be Mary's Meals and we will be confirming the second shortly.

FAN SALES TABLE

Our Fan Sales Table will be located near the other Dealers Tables and this will give all of you the chance to sell your unwanted items in a safe, controlled environment with minimal effort!

You can use this table to sell anything (although please understand that priority will be given to items that are Transformers related). However you can not bring unauthorised copies of DVDs, CDs, etc, knock-off toys, import DVDs etc.

Simply bring your items to the desk and name your asking price. We are revising the system from the last couple of years and full details of this - along with the selling terms and conditions - will be available to download from the Auto Assembly website.

Once dropped off, we'll put your items on sale for you. You can check back at any time during the weekend to claim your money, alter your selling prices or even withdraw your items from sale. Please note that 10% commission will be taken from the sale of each item towards convention funds.

The sales table will be running from Friday evening right through to Sunday although Friday will be for dropping off of items **only**.

THE COMMITTEE

The committee has been updated for Auto Assembly 2013 to once again make it stronger than ever before and we think that it will help us to make the convention the most well-run and best ever!

The team will be on hand all weekend to answer any of your questions or to help out in any way possible. Regular Auto Assembly attendees will know some of us from previous years, but to identify us easier we will be wearing Committee t-shirts all weekend.

However, as with all of you, we do want to try to enjoy as much of the convention as possible after spending the last 12 months putting the event together, so we will all have different duty shifts and "off duty" periods. If you see our committee members wearing their t-shirts then they will be on duty so feel free to approach them about anything to do with the convention. However, if they are **not** wearing their convention t-shirts then it is their *personal* off-duty time to relax with their friends and family.

We would ask you all to please respect this so everyone can enjoy the convention.

We will also have volunteers on hand who will also be able to help you all to enjoy the convention weekend so just look out for them wearing their red volunteer shirts!

THE GOODIE BAG

We have our usual Goodie Bag packed with free gifts for all of you and this year it's a corker! This time, all of the gifts will be included for everyone so you'll get identical bags. The only difference this time is that - because of the nature of the contents and different ticket types we are offering - bags won't be given out to Under 6s or those attendees with Partner Passes.

There is a full list on the website of what is available but there will be at least **FOUR** exclusive postcards, your new Auto Assembly

2013 lanyard, Issue 14 of The Cybertronian Times and much more!

To collect your bag, just go along to the Registration Desk when you arrive and you'll be handed your Bag along with your Convention Pack and Pass.

ACTIVITIES

We're going to pack so much in to the weekend that you probably won't be able to see and do everything!

The main part that many of you will be coming along for will be to buy toys and there will be dealers from all over the UK attending selling everything you could possibly imagine but Auto Assembly is much more than just a dealers hall...!

Please remember that the Friday and Saturday evening programmes are **exclusive** to weekend attendees so if you want to take part in these, you must be booked up for the whole convention.

Guests

We have a great lineup of confirmed guests for Auto Assembly 2013. Our guests of honour are Dan Gilvezan (the voice of G1 Bumblebee amongst others and Spider-Man from Spider-Man And His Amazing Friends), Neil Kaplan (the voice of Optimus Prime from Robot in Disguise) and making his Auto Assembly debut, Steve Blum (the voice of Starscream from Transformers: Prime amongst countless other roles).

We already have plenty of comic guests confirmed as well and we are announcing these steadily over time although we have already confirmed the following:-

- Simon Furman
- Andrew Wildman
- Andrew Griffith
- James Roberts
- John-Paul Bove
- Liam Shaloo
- Kris Carter

All of our guests will all be on hand to meet fans in our Guest Area to sign autographs and most of them will take to the stage for Q&A panels at different points during the weekend. If you want to see **all** of the Q&A Panels then you'll need to be with us for the whole convention though...

Many of the artists will have original artwork and prints for sale and will be doing sketches for fans for a small charge so here's your chance to grab an original piece of artwork!

Guest Talks

There will be another great mix of guest panels taking place over the weekend with something for everyone - covering comics, the cartoon shows and much more besides! All of our voice actors will take to the stage for their own Q&A sessions and our comic guests will be involved in specially-themed panels on the Saturday and Sunday.

Toy Display

A traditional feature of Auto Assembly for the last few years has been the display of rare "Lucky Draw" toys from the guys at Transformers At The Moon. We'll be announcing the theme of 2013's display shortly but we can guarantee that it will be something rather special...

Kitbash Workshop

Want to customise your toys to create your own masterpieces? Find out how in our Kitbash Workshop! Following the incredible success of last year, once again we are teaming up with Calloway Customs to bring you a fantastic new workshop.

You'll be able to see a full step-by-step process of how a kitbash is done from an existing toy, and turning it into a brand new toy using the Auto Assembly 2013 exclusive custom kit that we will be announcing soon! You can buy the custom kit shortly that will be used as part of the workshop to recreate this at home and this is a convention exclusive!

More details will be on the website but the kit will be produced in limited quantities and will only be available at Auto Assembly 2013.

Also for 2013 we will be running two workshops - one for beginners and one for those of you who are more advanced kitbashers. This is going to be something pretty special!

Other Workshops

We'll be announcing details of more workshops soon with several of them linking in with our guests so stay tuned... We do have a few surprises in store this year though with something lined up that has never been done before at Auto Assembly which we're all looking forward to!

SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAMME

Live Script Reading

Our voice actors will be taking to the stage on Saturday night to perform a specially-written script LIVE! And who knows, a few lucky attendees may *just* get the chance to join our voice actors on stage!

Live DJ Set

Popular for the last few years, artist and colourist Jason Cardy will be taking to the stage to perform a DJ set featuring Transformers-themed mixes. This has been a hit every year and we can't wait to see what he has in store for us this time.

Karaoke / Disco / Party

A staple of the last few years for the Saturday night programme, we've ran a karaoke, disco and party that has run on until the small hours of Sunday morning. We're trying to make as many improvements as we can to the Saturday night programme this year so we're taking a close look at this part of the evening right now so we can give you all the best evening at the convention possible so we want all your thoughts and comments.

Whatever takes place on the Saturday night we know that it's going to be pretty special so if you want to kick back and relax with plenty of other fans then this is the place to be. Again, you'll need to be a weekend attendee to come along to this!

Cosplay Parade

Again, part of the Saturday evening programme, will be the official costume competition where all our entrants will be showing off their costumes in front of our celebrity judges!

We've had some incredible entries in the past and there's still plenty of time for you to get creative and see what costumes you can come up with! The entry forms are on the website now and once again prizes will be up for grabs for first, second and third places, sponsored by Big Ds Toy Chest.

FAN AREA

Here will be displays from various Transformers fan sites and fan organisations from all over the UK. If you want to know anything about Transformers, these will be the guys to speak to! Some will have fanzines and other fan-produced items for sale as well so go along and see the best of UK Transformers fandom!

Currently being represented are Transmasters UK (who will no doubt be producing fanzines exclusively for the convention as they have in previous years) and Transformers@TheMoon who will be overseeing our stunning Toy Display.

There will also be a number of forums running meets during the weekend and if you want to run an event or meet for your forum just let us know and we can arrange something for you!

There may even be Transformers podcasts being recorded live over the weekend from the convention - who knows what you may find going on!

GAMES ROOM

We're revamping our games area again for Auto Assembly 2013... We're focusing more for 2013 on interaction and tournaments so this time you'll have the chance to go head-to-head with other attendees all weekend...

There will still be video games running, but this time we will be cutting down on the number of consoles to focus on those that can run multiplayer or tournament-friendly games. At the same time, the room will be running various Transformers themed tournaments with prizes on offer for the overall winners over the weekend.

How does Bot Shots sound? Or Transformers Connect 4? The Armada Battle For Energon board game? We've got those and many more!

DEALERS

We've got another great mix lined up with a load of fan favourites again and between them, they will cover pretty much everything from rare G1 items right up to Transformers Prime, including toys, books, videos, DVDs, comics and much more besides!!

On the Auto Assembly Control Desk, we will have a selection of items on offer including back issues of our convention magazine, Auto Assembly mugs and more! We will be having a massive clearance sale on these so come along and grab a bargain!

VOLUNTEERING

For Auto Assembly to be as successful as possible, we're going to need YOUR help! We are still looking for volunteers to help out on the weekend (and the night before and even in the run-up to the event) and we're asking for your help!

There are a lot of ways that many of you can get involved and although they won't take up much time during the weekend, it would have a massive impact on Auto Assembly and

we'd be eternally grateful! While we won't be able to pay anyone for helping out, all our volunteers will get a limited edition volunteer t-shirt, early access to the convention and depending on the amount of time you are willing to give to Auto Assembly 2013, discounts on admission to Auto Assembly 2014 amongst other great benefits!

We will have access to the hotel from noon on Friday so if you can be there from then it would be a massive help to us and our dealers for setting up and everything else!

For more information see the form on the website. If you can help, please complete it and email it to us as soon as possible!

COMPETITIONS / TOURNAMENTS

Auto Assembly 2013 is going to see our biggest and best range of competitions and tournaments ever at the convention and they'll be open to attendees of all ages. Entry forms for all of these can be downloaded from the website, along with more detailed information on each of them.

Some will be open over the weekend only and all you will need to do is just turn up and take part but there will be something for everyone to be able to get involved with!

Kitbash and Customising Competition

We want to see your creativity on show here. Linking in with this year's workshop, we want to see your examples of kitbashing and how you have customised your own Transformers. Whether it's a basic repaint or a complete customisation or modification, we want to see what you can do!

Costume Competition

Cosplay has become incredibly popular at sci-fi, anime and gaming conventions for a long time now, and they've become a regular part of Auto Assembly for the last few years. Following the incredible Cosplay Competition in 2011 with a record number of entries, we

want to see if anyone can go better than the incredible costumes we saw last time.

Whether you come as an Autobot or Decepticon, Predacon or Maximal, human or humanised version of a robot we don't care - we just want to see your creations... and we wonder if 2013 will be the year we see our first transforming costume...!

Tournaments

For the gamers out there, we'll be running a few video games competitions over the weekend in our new and improved Games Room. At the same time, the room will also play host to various board game tournaments all weekend and a full list of these will be on the website and updated regularly.

Other Competitions

We will also be running a few competitions for those of you who are more creative and these will be announced on the website shortly.

AUTO ASSEMBLY EUROPE

Because of various personal circumstances for many of our team, we have sadly had to postpone plans for Auto Assembly Europe again for 2013. Rather than putting undue strain on our team and rush an event we are delaying the convention to make sure that we can do it justice when we are all able to give it the time and attention that it deserves.

We expect that the next Auto Assembly Europe convention will once again be held in Sweden but we will keep you all posted through the Auto Assembly and Auto Assembly Europe websites. We know that you will be disappointed by this but we didn't want to compromise the standards of the event by running an event when we weren't 100% ready.

For more information about Auto Assembly Europe in general visit the website at www.autoassemblyeurope.eu

CONTACT US

You can contact us at any time by emailing us at: contact@autoassembly.org.uk or visit our forum at www.autoassembly.org.uk/forum where we will be able to answer any of your questions or comments online. we also have a presence on most major Transformers forums so keep an eye out for us there too!

Finally, you can ring us on 07860 948296 during normal office hours (9:00 am - 5:00 pm GMT).

For all the latest event news and updates, see the website at

www.autoassembly.org.uk

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the convention from 9th-11th August 2013

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