

THE JACKALOPIAN

AREA 51 (TEMPE MISSION PALMS)

MONDAY 3RD JULY

WELCOME!

The Jackalopian returns, albeit a little later than planned, as the Charity Auction ran on a little longer than expected, due to the sheer volume of items donated.

EVENING PROGRAMMING

Programming focuses in tonight without any panels but with two key Westercon events.

Westercons always have two dances and our second one is a Three Toed Sock Hop, revolving around the theme that Elvis didn't die; he just went home. This is in Palm E/F, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Don't forget to say hi to Alex Canto, our Dance Coordinator, who is an Elvish Impersonator.

At 8.00pm, in Xavier, Kevin Standlee will be running a fresh edition of the Match Game, which is just like the '70s game show except that the panelists are people we know: Westercon regulars and the cream of the local steampunk community.

Of course, our Filk Room will be open all evening. Theme Filk will focus on Space tonight at 8.00pm and Open Filk is from 9.00pm onwards. Check it out in Joshua Tree.

CHARITY AUCTION

Our Charity Auction was held this afternoon, with a vast quantity of items donated and wonderful entertainment from our seasoned auctioneer, J. B. Talbott.

All proceeds will be given to the Challenger Space Center in Peoria, AZ. Check out what they do at azchallenger.org.

We're immensely proud to announce that Westercon 70 will be giving them \$2,609.

ATTENDANCE

We're still confirming our attendance this weekend, due to the availability problems we had with badges. However, our membership count is currently 657 and we expect our warm body count to be around the 600 mark.

Thank you all for coming to Westercon 70 and we hope you enjoyed yourselves. I've talked to many of you over the weekend and I know we didn't do everything right, but it seems like everyone is enjoying themselves anyway.

PARTIES

I don't believe there's a Worldcon party tonight, though I might be wrong. They hosted the ConSuite earlier for two hours this afternoon. These parties are, however, on:

Suite 3038 - The United Federation of Planets will turn this room into a *Star Trek Chill Zone* all day and all evening.

Suite 3069 (not 3039, as I said last night) - Lord Craig of the White Cliffs will be serving food, cordials and glorious conversation once again at a WesternSFA party.

Suite 4038 - The newly seated Westercon 72, which will be in Layton, UT in 2019, will be celebrating their win with a victory party, starting at 9.00pm. If you haven't already voted and pre-supported, now's the best time to buy your memberships for 2019.

TUESDAY HOURS

Art Show (Palm B/C) - closed

ConSuite (Suite 2038) - 8.00am-4.00pm*

Dealers' Room (Palm A/D) - 10.00am-2.00pm

Gaming Hall (Abbey) - 12.00am-6.00am, 9.00am-4.00pm

Programming (various rooms) - 9.00am-6.00pm

Registration (Lobby) - 8.30am-2.00pm

* The ConSuite will reopen after Closing Ceremonies for the Dead Dog Party.

LOST AND FOUND

An iPhone was discovered on the 4th floor on Saturday. If you're missing one, it's been handed in to the hotel.

We also now have a black shirt, of all things, in our Lost and Found department, which is in Colonnade. If it's yours, please come and pick it up.

ART SHOW

Our Art Show has closed. David Gish, one of our two Art Show Directors, has asked me to thank all the artists and attendees for helping make the Art Show a great success.

Also, Art Show staff will be available in the Art Show on Tuesday from 10.00am to 2.00pm for buyers and artists who still need to pick up art.

STEPHEN T. VESSELS

Stephen T. Vessels, author of *The Mountain & The Vortex* and *Other Tales*, a collection of fantasy, sf and horror stories, will be signing his books in the Dealers' Room on Tuesday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at Duncan's Books and More.

UNPANELS

Our Science track scheduled three unusual panels for the Augustine room on Tuesday. They're unpanels, or panels whose content (and participants) are determined at the con by the attendees.

We now know what topics they will cover:

10.30am-11.30am - *Stability!*

Have fun with a hands on activity that demonstrates the stability of a rocket in flight. This is a STEM activity and it makes use of simple and inexpensive materials.

12.00pm-1.00pm - *Spaceship!* (Ian & J. C. O'Neil)

Let's build a spaceship! We'll smash together a spaceship using components from different sci-fi series (including the real world). We'll have four topics, one for each major component. This is a group discussion, so join us (et al) to discuss different series and which component to use.

1.30pm-2.30pm - *Badass Women of History* (Jenn Czep)

Come talk about some of the best of the worst: badass women, from pirates to outlaws, in history and media.

DON'T FORGET

We're closing in on our last day, so some reminders:

Don't forget to check out our Dealers' Room, which will be open until 2.00pm; many fantastic merchants have their fantastic wares available. Don't forget that it extends round the top corner to include a couple of our Guests of Honor and more merchants.

Talking of Guests of Honor, don't forget to seek them out if you haven't already. These authors, artists, musicians, conrunners, scientists and fans are the cream of the crop and we're more than happy to have brought them to sunny Tempe this 4th of July weekend to share their time, stories and knowledge with us all.

GAMING HALL

Our Gaming track, CONflagration, has been completely restructured. There will be multiple open gaming tables in Abbey South, the Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator will run every hour on the hour and, talking of hours, they've been extended to include a Dead Dog Gaming Party from

1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Rod and Lola Davidson have been running a competition in Abbey South each day with prizes. Tomorrow's will be a Splendor tournament, now to be held in Abbey North. Once again, prizes will be on offer!

The full line up is:

Abbey South:

9.00am-10.00pm - Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator

9.00am-1.00pm - Go Action Fun Time

9.00am-1.00pm - Open Gaming 1

9.00am-1.00pm - Open Gaming 2

9.00am-1.00pm - Open Gaming 3

10.00am-11.00pm - Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator

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Abbey North:

9.00am-1.00pm - Splendor Tournament

1.00pm-4.00pm - Dead Dog Gaming Party

BLOOD DRIVE

United Blood Services report that the 111° temperature did affect the blood drive, as they had to close early around 11.30am as their bus had left FDA compliance. 16 people did sign in on the bus but 8 were not able to donate because of the temperature. 8 successful donations were made. While this may not seem like a lot, it's precious medicine to those patients who will be receiving this blood.

FEEDBACK

We have a Feedback Session set for 3.30pm on Tuesday in Sand Lotus, so feel free to join us and let us know what we did right and what we did wrong. While it's probably too late at this point to change anything at Westercon 70, we can use your feedback when planning future conventions and the folk who will be running Westercon 71 and 72 can use it when putting their conventions together.

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If you have anything to submit for tomorrow's edition, you'll have to be incredibly quick, because I'll need to get it into print early or not at all. Leave anything you want to add in my black box in Operations.

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