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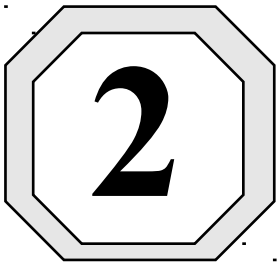

Saturday, 2 July 2016

So, one of the key symptoms of depression is that you want to sleep all the time. My cats must be positively suicidal. – Sam Klein

David Levine is Not on Mars Today

Our Fan Guest of Honor David Levine will be away from the hotel until further notice due to a family emergency. His panels have been handed over to others and will otherwise carry on as planned.

A get well card where fans may express their well wishes is circulating around the convention, starting with the Sue Petry booth in the dealers' room.

Westercon Business meeting

The Westercon 69 business meeting was held Saturday at 11am. It addressed only a single piece of business passed on from last year's meeting, changing the meeting quorum requirement from fifteen to ten. This was ratified and will take effect at the next business meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned after six minutes subject to the Chair's call. Should for some reason the site selection voting not yield a clear result the question must be addressed by the Westercon business meeting and there will be a session on Sunday.

Creation Station

Creation Station is welcome to anyone new to any aspect of their con-going experience, be it their first experience of any con, genre, fandom, form of fan creation, cosplay, performance, etc. Join us for our WesterCon debut, all weekend, in the Washington Room of the Executive Media Center!

Our programming includes: Special events nightly; All-ages, kid-friendly, hands-on crafts; Tween-led content; Teen-led content; Empowerment, awareness, and inclusivity-oriented content; Many additional Cosplay, prop, and adornment -oriented how-to demos and discussions, and tips for writers of all ages and levels of experience (newbies welcome); And 18+ content.

Creation Station is a collective of panelists who run immersive rooms of uniquely interactive programming for folks at all levels of experience, founded in 2003 as the Kumoricon fanfiction community and having run around 20 programming rooms at anime, fantasy, science fiction, hybrid, and other cons. We are always seeking new content ideas and volunteers, so feel free to keep in touch.

Food Carts

Food carts are here Saturday and Sunday, parked outside Banquet Entrance, Bro-Dogs & Burgers and Ramy's Lamb Shack. Both food carts serve vegetarian options.

Other Con Events:

Turn of the Card demos have been canceled.

Tempe Westercon 70 will be hosting room parties to prepare you for the dry heat! Come to room 1569 this Saturday and/or Sunday and chat with them, enjoy their drunken weenies, or pick up memberships.

Denver Westercon 71's bid team says thank you to everyone who came to the bid party last night. They will be having an informal gathering Saturday evening at 8pm, again in room 1570. Remember that site selection ends at 6pm Saturday so you only until then to get your vote in.

Band Scramble will, due to low number of entrants, be a Band Frittata: all musicians are melded into a single, unified band. The musicians shall be Dara Korra'ti, Admiral Wordsmith, Bill Laubenheimer, and Michael Hopcroft. Come hear the Band Scramble at 5pm Sunday in the PNW Ballroom near the pool.

Rapid Fire Reading: Join the Broad Universe on Sunday 11am to Noon in Broadway for some Rapid Fire Reading! There you will find S. A. Bolich, Marta Murvosh, Cat Rambo, J Tullos Hennig and Wendy Van Camp.

Anniversary Party, 4-5pm in the Hospitality Suite join Mark and Meghan celebrating their 21st Anniversary of Un-Wedded bliss. They met at an art panel on Hayden Island during Westercon 48, and want to thank you with cake, tea and popcorn.

New Stuff You Weren't Expecting:

Sunday 9pm in Hamilton Room: Michiel de Ruyter's legendary exploits of the Dutch navy defending the Netherlands against England at sea and France on land. Scenes reminiscent of a Dutch Master painting in motion. Also, unlike pirate ship movies, this movie shows fleet vs fleet tactics. A visual feast. (Not officially a costume porn movie – but we know it when we see it.)

Classics of SF Discussions

We discussed *The Stars My Destination* (Alfred Bester, 1956) on Friday. *Fail-Safe* (Eugene Burdick & Harvey Wheeler, 1962), 4pm Sat in Jackson. *Brave New World* (Aldous Huxley, 1932), 3pm Sun in Lincoln.

We'll start with "A classic is a work that survives its own time. After the currents which might have sustained it have changed, it remains, and is seen to be worthwhile for itself." If you have a better definition, bring it.

How do these books look decades later? You'll be welcome to join in. – *John Hertz*

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Friday's Registration

Not all success is measured by numbers, but all we have to tell you is raw numbers. Yesterday, at 8pm we had 1464 total memberships. We are blowing our own projections out of the water!

Endeavour

This year's Endeavour Award finalists were announced at a reception held Friday night at Westercon, hosted by GEARcon and the Endeavour Award. The 2016 Award is th 18th, and the winner will be announced at Orycon 39 on Friday, November 18th. The winner will receive a grant of $1,000 and an engraved glass plaque.

The judges for this year are Gordon Van Gelder, Jack McDevitt, and Michaela Roessner.

The five Endeavour finalists are:

Edge of Dark by Brenda Cooper, Pyr Books;

Irona 700 by Dave Duncan, Open Road Integrated Media

The Price of Valor by Django Wexler, Roc Books

Silver on the Road by Laura Anne Gilman, Saga Press

Tracker by C.J. Cherryh, DAW Books

Sue Petrey Clarion Scholarship

You can support the Sue Petrey Clarion Scholarships for just $2. Located in the back corner of the dealers room is the Sue Petrey egg table. Many items have been donated by fans to help support the charity that has underwritten Clarion scholarships and instructors' fellowships for over 30 years.

The items have been roughly categorized by price and rarity. For $2. you buy an egg and are guaranteed to at least win a D prize worth up to $5. You may win a prize worth much more, including autographed books, artwork, jewelry, stuffed animals, and many rubber duckies of different types.

Fans donate as they come to the con, so there are new items being added all weekend. Come by and try your luck at winning the prize you like best. If you don't need any more things, consider donating to the Sue Petrey fund and helping a writer hone their craft.

Don't Forget to volunteer!

Come to the Portland Room (On the second floor) to sign up to volunteer for one fine Westercon! We need your help to make this the best one yet.

Want to Add to the Zine?

Come visit us in the back corner of Registration. We would love your content for our next edition of the daily zine. Remember; any pictures must be B&W, and please do not include text *in* pictures.

Signage News

This hotel has a very strict signage policy. All signs must be on the Template and are restricted in where you can post them. For more information, ask at the table in the back corner of registration.

Overheard in Passing

I have to go pick up the animals and something.
Don't sit in your chair.
Working with a bunch of assholes has really limited my ability to put up with shit.
He gets weird about his... devices.
There is no discreet way of wrestling a bra off.
The scarf slides up and the pants slide down.
If you want to feel sick a great video to watch is “The Singularity Ruined by Lawyers”
He's thinking. That's cheating!
You smell so much different when you're awake.
I take my own naps
So I was wrestling your sister's bra earlier today.
Go Long! Never mind, sign blocked.
Now that I've said it out loud, he's written it down!
“Visited by the suck fairy?” “That's not my coinage.”
Oh, and child is down.
I'm pulling a Pooh.
We're satellite gophers.
The last time I was in a bathroom this shape it was a converted chicken coop.
Not confused. Optimistic.
I'm awake!
You don't wear wear pants!
And I wasn't even Drunk!
Discrete or discreet?
I just like to stare uncomfortably at everybody.
Video starts with a cat and cardboard boxes.
Oh, I see. One of the cardboard boxes contained another cat.
“Is this normal?” “It can be normal.”
She just brought me coffee, so I should be better once that is consumed.
I'm just going to violate your balcony.
Apple bought my banana hammock.
[Deleted]'s old phone is my battery bitch.
Oh, can you say bitch?
It's like they took a valley – a whole valley - and coated it in cherry jello.
I'm screaming forever now.
I'm not really comfortable with consumable merkins.
I myself am partial to “mangled apricot hell-beast.”
Thought I might get it with Mecha-Hitler.
I be he's out there right now, writing Thomas the Tank Engine erotica.
Never mind our hovering; it means nothing.