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TCC to Close Overnight

Although our initial plans were to keep the Tonopah Convention Center Main Hall open all night long, due to a shortage of staff (several committee members had to skip attending for COVID related reasons) and a shortage of interest (there was nobody left in the TCC by 2am last night), we will plan to close the TCC between 1am and 7am for the remainder of the convention. If more people want to help keep the building open and want to use the building overnight, we can keep things open. If you are interested in helping keep Hospitality open overnight, talk to any committee member with a "Hospitality" ribbon.

Schedule Changes

There are a few corrections to the printed program grid as well as other changes:

Historical Writing in Fiction – Sunday July 3rd, 8:00am. Lauren Beukes removed, Wole Talabi added

Gulf Futurism – Sunday July 3rd, 9:30am Cristina Jurado removed, Cheryl Morgan & Basma Ghalayini added

What is Corporate Horror will be Sunday at 12:30pm, Mizpah Club Ballroom

Research Aircraft and Spacecraft Programs will be Sunday 3:30pm Gold Room

3 Laws of Robotics will be Sunday at 5pm Gold Room

Steve Gillett's Presentation: **Nanotech Asteroid Mining How Nanotech Makes Asteroid Mining Obsolete** - 8pm Gold Room has been cancelled.

Having a Point of View – Monday July 4th, 8:00am. Ken MacLeod removed

The Economic Impact of the Space Program has been moved to the Belvada Nevada Club Room, Monday 12:30 pm

The Laws of Magic: Fantasy World Building has been moved to the Blue Room (Hybrid) Room Monday 12:30 pm

Speculative fiction of the world – Monday July 4th, 9:30am. Lauren Beukes removed, Wole Talabi added

July 2, 2022

Weather: High 90°/Low 48° Fahrenheit

Sunrise: 5:30am; **Sunset:** 8:15pm

Moonset: 11:02pm (clear skies)

Planets rising times, July 2-3: Saturn: 10:36pm; Jupiter: 12:25am*; Mars: 1:20am*; Venus: 3:34am*; Mercury: 4:27am*

Saturday & Sunday Filk Concerts Swap

Saturday, 7pm, **Robin Baylor and Fred Capp** will be performing

Sunday, 7pm, **Lynn Gold** will be performing.

Heartfelt Condolences

Westercon Program received an email this morning that Zelda Gilbert's husband Paul passed away. Zelda left for Las Vegas early this morning where Paul, who was in ill health, was staying while she was here at Westercon 74.

Steve Gillett also has a death in his family.

The Committee and Staff send their heartfelt condolences to Zelda, Steve, and their families.

Match Game SF

Get ready to match the stars! In this SF/F-themed version of the classic 1970s/80s game show, contestants drawn randomly from the audience attempt to determine how our panelists will complete fill-in-the-blank questions like "Captain Kirk has the biggest ___ in Starfleet!"

Contestants can win fabulous bonus round prizes including a membership to Westercon 75, and all contestants will receive some prize, even if only a *Lovely Parting Gift*.

Our panelists are Michelle Deborah Weisblat-Dane, Lynn Gold, Maggie Nowakowska, Kevin Andrew Murphy, Kevin Roche, and Andrew Trembley, with host Kevin Standlee and announcer Lisa Hayes. The fun starts at 7 pm Saturday in the Main Hall. Be there or be ___!

Membership Stats: 331 preregistered members
 272 attending, 1 child, 58 supporting
 As of noon Saturday 150 badges have been picked up.

Did You Burst Your Britches?

“Did you burst your britches or pop a button?” Have no fear UnObtanium Bazaar is here and will do on site repairs! Stop by our booth in the Dealer’s Room all weekend long! Follow us on our FB page or check out our website UnPbtaniumBazaar.com

Clinetown

Thanks to Spacecon, a last century Bay Area Relaxacon, we discovered the great wine of Cline Cellars. We have returned to the Cline tasting room in Sonoma many times.

It turns out the Cline family has roots in this part of Nevada, and these have borne fruit for Tonopah.

Winery co-founder Nancy Cline and family have been investing in Tonopah since 2011, when they purchased the shuttered Mizpah Hotel. Nancy’s family roots in the area date back more than a century, when the twin frontier towns of Goldfield and Tonopah were the bustling center of the state’s epic silver boom. Cline’s grandmother, Emma Ramsey, was once the postmaster of Goldfield; Emma’s brother Harry owned the first saloon in Tonopah, a modest enterprise with a tarp roof not far from where the Mizpah now sits.

Members of the Cline family now own the Mizpah Hotel, The Mizpah Club (the casino next door), and the microbrewery Tonopah Brewing Co. (check it out -- great beer and BBQ -- open Saturday 11-9, Sunday 12-8). Clines also purchased and remodeled the 19th-century Belvada building, which is now a hotel. Welcome to Clinetown!

Westercon 76 (2024) Site Selection

Voting continues until Saturday at 7pm. Utah in 2024 is running as a write-in location. Voting fee is \$20 and this will be your supporting membership once a site is confirmed. The final confirmation will be made at the Business Meeting on Sunday, July 4, 11am at the Main Stage.

Lost & Found?

If you lost something, especially a camera part, or found something, please come to Operations in the back left corner of the Convention Center.

COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests

A very limited number of COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test packages are available for Westercon Attendees during the convention.

If you feel symptoms of COVID -19 then please stay in your hotel room. Call Fred Moulton [REDACTED] between 8AM and 8PM and a test package will be left at your hotel room door for any Westercon Attending member staying in a hotel in Tonopah.

Each package contains two tests.

Consult with appropriate medical professionals if you test Positive or have COVID -19 symptoms.

Please do not wander around if you have COVID -19.

We have a limited number of test packages so this offer is only valid while supply lasts and only from July 1 8AM to July 4 8PM.

Westercon is not a medical organization and is not providing medical advice.

COVID-19 Tracing

We ask that any person who contracts COVID-19 during Westercon 74 or for one week following the con please send an email to covid@westercon74.org so we can track any possible outbreak. No personal identifying information will be released without prior approval.

WiFi Access

Tonopah Convention Center

SSID: conventioncenter

Password: convention3558

Belvada Lobby

SSID: Belvada Cafe

Password: belvadacafe

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