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Recent Events

Pleasant, low-key, late holiday feast at Paula's

Paperwork filed with the Corporation Commission. We're legal for another year.



Briefs

SEND ME MORE!!!

Reminder: We have a costume repair box which we loan out at times. In March, we're going to go through it and clean it up. If you have any ideas of something else useful to add (especially a contribution to make – fee is good! Your editor is also your treasurer) bring it in March. For example, after the last library con we attended, the idea of adding gaffer tape was made.

Minutes

Southwest Costumers Guild Meeting January 7, 2018
at Paula's place in Tempe, Arizona
Recorded by Webmaster Randall

Present were Paula, Jean, Debbie, Mahala, Tasha and Randall with a special appearance by Paula's niece Debbie.

We gathered for a post holiday meal featuring pork roast, veggies and peach pie and spoke of things far and wide.

A business meeting was convened. Treasurer Tasha reported she will file our Arizona Corporation Commission annual reports. Mahala and Paula turned in receipts for recent expenses. SWCG and ICG annual dues are due. Pony up.

Webmaster Randall report our hosting for the next two years and domain registration for the next year have been renewed.

Tempe Library Con is January 27, 2018. Please come by in costume (or not) and help us with the meet & greet table. The event starts at 10 but Randall will be there early to set up our table. Randall will participate in a Cosplay roundtable discussion during the con.

Randall moved to donate a few of the guild renfair hats as raffle prizes for participants in the Az Cosplay Team scavenger hunt, as we did last year. Support was unanimous.

We discussed meeting topics for the next three months, settling on:

Feb 4 at Tasha's place - Mardi Gras themed social and Estrella War preparation.

March 4 at Tasha's place - Inventory, maintenance and upgrades of the mobile masquerade repair kit. What tool or material should we add?

April 8 at 35th Avenue Sew & Vac - Make & Take workshop using the Peggy Bacon fabric donation. These fabric samples should work well for tote bags or other small projects.

Paula presented some other ideas for 2018 activities, including a photo shoot at a location she will scout.

Election nominations were made. Since the quorum was small and not everyone nominated was there to accept or decline, the election will be held at the Feb meeting. The nominees are:

President Paula Lary
VP Randall Whitlock
Treasurer Tasha Cady
Secretary Melissa Weathersby

Non-election appointments (Webmaster Randall, Newsletter Editor Tasha, Events Coordinator Sharan) will continue, so long as the volunteers are willing.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM. Randall carried in the Peggy Bacon yarn to be shared out among the members.

Calendar

Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. *Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM.*

January 13-15 2018 - Ace Comic Con, a three-day event aimed at the geek community, will reportedly take over Gila River Arena in Glendale and offer an "immersive" experience for attendees (New Times)

January 25-27, 2018 - Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival at the Arizona State Fairgrounds (NEC 19th Avenue & McDowell Road, Phoenix) <https://quiltcraftsew.com/>

January 27, 2018 - Tempe Library Con at Tempe Public Library (SWC Rural Road and Southern Avenue). The Library Comicon is an annual event featuring costume contests, artists & authors, shopping, and activities for children and adults alike. Fans of Marvel, DC, Star Wars, Dr. Who, Star Trek and more are invited to gather at the Tempe Public Library in costume for a celebration of pop culture. <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/tempe-public-library/special-events/library-comicon>

*February 4th, 2018 – Guild Meeting at Tasha's. It's Mardi Gras (theme) time. And almost War. Bring anything you need to finish by Estrella. Elections.

February 10 - April 1, 2018 (Weekends plus Presidents' Day) **Arizona Renaissance Festival** in Gold Canyon, Arizona. <http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

February 19-25, 2018 - Winter Range at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, I-17 and Carefree Highway. The Single-Action Shooting Society's annual cowboy action shootin' match features an excellent Sutlers' Row for stocking up on your wild west/victorian/steampunk costume supplies.

February 20-26, 2018 - Estrella War at [Schnepf Farms](#), Queen Creek, Arizona. The Society for Creative Anachronism's annual get together of medieval arts and armored combat. <http://estrellawar.org/>

February 24-25, 2018, 10AM to 5PM - **Matsuri Festival of Japan** at Heritage & Science Park, 115 North 6th Street, Phoenix. <https://www.azmatsuri.org/>

March 2-4, 2018, 9AM to 7PM - Caledonian Society of Arizona **Scottish Games** at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix. <https://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

March 2-4, 2018! Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention <https://www.wildwestcon.com/>
At Old Tucson, Tucson. Theme is Robots versus Dinosaurs.

*March 4th, 2018 – Guild Meeting at Tasha's. Update the repair box.

March 23-24, 2018 - Gila Valley Comic Con in Safford, Arizona. "Celebrate the love of comics and anime at the inaugural Gila Valley Comic-Con, presented by Eastern Arizona Courier! Gila Valley Comic-Con will take place in the activities center of Eastern Arizona College. The convention will feature comic book, art and collectible vendors; cosplay contest; trivia contest; art contest; electronic and table-top gaming; discussions and seminars; and more! Admission is just \$5!" <https://www.facebook.com/GilaValleyComicCon/>

March 30- April 2 2018 – CostumeCon 36, San Diego, Ca. <http://cc36sandiego.org/>

April 6-8 2018 Gaslight Gathering #8 Steampunk Lux & Noir Carnival – San Diego <http://gaslightgathering.org/> at the Hadley Hotel <http://sd.handlery.com/>

*April 8th, 2018 – Guild Meeting at 35th Ave Sew and Vac. Hands-on workshop to be announced.

April 13th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday - Cosplay

May 11th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday – Sci Fri Friday

May 11-14 2018 – Costume Con. San Diego <http://cc36sandiego.org/>

The theme will be "Ports of Call" and you can interpret that as broadly as you like. Maybe you're captain of a dirigible tethered in town. Or perhaps you work on an intergalactic cruiser currently in orbit. Maybe the year is 1942 and you're shipping out to the South Pacific.

May 24-27 2018 – ComicCon, Phoenix.

In order to ensure the safety and security of all of our exhibitors, guests, attendees, and staff, our parent company, Square Egg Entertainment, has revised its Safety and Security Policies & Procedures, including cosplay and prop weapon policies, for all our events. Updated information is available now on our website. <https://phoenixcomicon.com/info/costume-weapons-policy/>

July 4-8 2018 Westercon 71 in Denver <http://www.westercon71.com/>

Aug 16-20 Worldcon 76 in San Jose <http://www.worldcon76.org/>

Aug 31st – Sept 3rd 2018 - CoKoCon – Phoenix <http://www.cokocon.org/>

Check out WesternSFA and CASFS's new event **CoKoCon**, a traditional science fiction convention in Phoenix, AZ. We'll be hosting guests of honor, an art show, merchant room, gaming, filk, parties, you name it! Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix North, 10220 N Metro Parkway E, Phoenix AZ Memberships limited to 500.

September 14th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday - Pirates Block Party

October 12th 2018 – Mesa 2nd Friday – Nightmare on Main

March 22-25, 2019 - Costume-Con 37 Salem, MA

Attending Memberships are \$60 through at least 12/31/2016. \$45 for those that voted in the site-selection. Supporting Memberships are \$25, \$15 for voters. We hope to have online registration in place soon, even if it'll just be a paypal button, so please be patient. Or you can send a check (payable to Costume-Con 37) to MCFI PO Box 1010 Framingham, MA 01701

I'll be posting more information on a semi-regular basis.

If there is something you would like to do for CC37, please email Aurora and myself.

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items of interest to Arizona costumers. Send your submissions to editor@southwestcostumersguild.org.

	<p>A couple of steam-punky images because I like steam punk, and so we can have some pictures. Your editor was feeling a little lazy this month. But YOU need to send me more input.</p>	
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