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Recent Events

John A sent us a belated report of Phonix FurCon 2017. I've added 2018 to the calendar. And his observations on Phoenix ComiFest 2018

Fursuit Con and Costume Con panels are always educational with experienced people but Phx Comic Con was a bust again you went to panels and it was just amateur fans or amateur Utubie Cosplay WANTABEES on stage podium talking and answering questions from the house from other amateur fans. Most of the time the people on podium seating were nowhere near their mikes so could not be heard. t it was a good con for people watching a few good ideas to borrow but a ton of bad. There needs to be a limit on the people enveloped in cardboard that will either run into a wall or collapse from lack of oxygen after 15 minutes. It was also fun and strange to see grown men already tall in platform heels

There were about 1100 attendees – 214 in the group photo. John ois Ben Ali Gator from Fantasia- in far left of photo look for creamy muzzle and two black nostril holes





Here is the one photo your editor managed to get at **Westercon 2018 in Denver.**

It was a nice con. Felt like a 1980s Westercon. About 25 masquerade entries – a couple of young fen, one big group, a few duos. Overall, the costumes were quite good.



Coming to CoKoCon

Join [Mermaid Kelli](#) as she hosts: - Bringing out your inner mermaid
Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a mermaid?
Let's find out.

Mermaid Swimming demo
Poolside
CoKoCon.org #CoKoCon

Random Randall thoughts

Perhaps I should bring my underwater camera and snap a few for the con historian?

That brings up an idea I had for a future guild meeting — Davy Jones' Gym Locker.

Tasha could demo her mermaid tail and I could show how my wetsuits and other dive gear setups work.

Haunted Swap Meet – Sept 2th 9am-1pm

Thanks to Sanctum of Horror Haunted House, this year's Swap Meet will be held in the Phoenix College parking lot at 15th Ave and Earll Drive, just North of Thomas (see calendar) Randall will be there with some of the guild's merchandise – Warning, no restrooms.
<https://azhaunters.com/showthread.php?98-Haunted-Swap-Meet-2018!>

Minutes

SWCG Meeting August 5, 2018 at Nola & Jean's

Reported by Randall

Present were Jean, Nola, Paula, Mahala and Randall.

This was a casual get together with conversation and snacks and some show & tell. Randall brought the latest prototype of the Pirate Slouch hat. Mahala brought bacon-wrapped meatballs and some videos with Vikings and Cajun Mardi Gras. Paula brought some interesting fabrics with dance applications.

Randall announced he will participate in the AZ Haunters Haunted Swap meet in the Phoenix College parking lot at 15th Avenue & Earll on September 29. The SWCG fundraiser items will be set out, of course.

No business meeting was called, but a schedule problem was fixed by mutual agreement. Our September meeting had been set for a day during CoKoCon, so it was moved to the following weekend.

Our September activity will now be an Ice Cream Social. We will gather at Mary Coyle's at 5823 North 7th Street in Phoenix at 1 PM on September 9, 2018. Costume encouraged - Victorian or Edwardian would fit the zeitgeist.

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.*

Reynolds Advanced Materials Schedule

Event	Date	Time	Cost
Let's Talk About Epoxy Putties	August 17, 2018	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Free
Basics of Mold Making & Casting	September 14, 2018	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$75.00 Per Person
Let's Talk About Making On-Skin Wounds with Silicone Rubber	October 19, 2018	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Free
Basics of Mold Making & Casting	November 2, 2018	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$75.00 Per Person

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

Aug 18 – Dark Ones August party – 8PM – TIL Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves - – 8726 N 48th Ave, GI

Aug 24-26 Bubonicon 50 Albuquerque NM www.bubonicon.com

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.

Aug 31st – Sept 3rd 2018 Saboten Con <http://www.sabotencon.com/> Japanese Pop-culture con

September 1 – Cosplay Photoshoot -10:30am – 12:30pm Heritage Square 601 E Monroe Phoenix

***September 9th** – Ice Cream Social. Mary Coyle's at 5823 North 7th Street in Phoenix at 1 PM on Costume encouraged - Victorian or Edwardian would fit the zeitgeist.

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

September 29th – Haunted Swap Meet - 9am–1pm Sponsored by AzHunters. Randall will be there <https://azhunters.com/calendar.php?do=getinfo&e=22&day=2018-9-29&c=1>



NE Corner of 15th Ave and Earll Drive - FREE ADMISSION to the public!
The Haunted Swap Meet is an opportunity for hunters and Halloween enthusiasts to sell or trade props, costumes, decorations, and other Halloween oriented stuff they are not going to use any more. It's also a great place to find Halloween themed merchandise from local businesses
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There will be SFX makeup demos by: Sanctum of Horror Haunted House, KC Kaki
Magic performances by: Jet Veridis Entertainment
Food Trucks: The Rolling Grind, Triple Dot Food Truck
The Arizona Ghostbusters will be on hand collecting for charity.

September 30th – Serenity in the Desert – 3:30-8pm Loft cinema, 3233 E speedway Blvd, Tucson

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

October 26-26 Furcon - www.arizonafurcon.com - at that tall hotel next to the Mesa Convention Center.

Nov 4th – Steampunk Gun Workshop - 3-4:30pm, The Bungalow – 602 E Adams St Phoenix

DECEMBER 8 - SATURDAY - LIBCON West Is Coming! Saturday, December 8, 11 AM-5 PM at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.) Get ready to let loose, drop in, and geek out! Glendale Public Library is proud to present our third annual library comic convention. Celebrate all things pop culture, with cosplay, gaming, crafts, stories, trivia, vendors, food trucks, prizes and more at this free, family-friendly event. We have activities for all ages! For more information, visit <http://www.libconwest.org>. The Guild has been invited and we should have a presence there!

January 26, 2019 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Tempe Public Library is hosting its annual **Library FanCon** (formerly known as Comicon)

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. Sharon Sbarsky sbarsky@gmail.com or Aurora Celeste auroraceleste@gmail.com

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