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Recent Events

On March 11th a Celebration of the Life of Rick Cook / Richard Ironsted was held. Many of us knew him as both a founder of the local SCA group and its first king; and as a science fiction author. His late wife Pati was a member of the guild. RIP.



Briefs

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Browsing Facebook, ye editor ran across this link. It's pre-revolutionary pictures from Russia. Many are architecture, but there are some nice costume pictures, most in color. Ye editor has an SCA persona from near Kiev, so she found them quite interesting.

<https://www.facebook.com/321264474722240/posts/2079133918935278/?sfnsn=mo>

ICG annual Board meeting was held on Friday, April 1st 2022 at Costume Con 40.

From World Archeology #111 –

Excavations at Contrebandiers Cave in Morocco found evidence of making skin clothes from c90,000 to c120000 years ago. Sinning techniques were similar to those used today. Carnivores seemed to be preferred for fun clothing, cow-line animals were used for meat.

Minutes

None – we are still trying to get back to some kind of normalcy

Ye editor likes a minute of humor, so it will continue (courtesy of laughoutloud@thinkandlaughdaily.net)

Which sausages are the most immature? The brats.

What is another name for a cow? A lawn-moo-er

Which dance won't a chick do? The fox trot.

What did the mother earthworm say when the young earthworm came home late? Where in earth have you been?

What did the sardine call the submarine? A can of people.

Where do you put dogs to keep them off the street? In a barking lot.

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.*

**April 16th, Saturday – Guild Meeting – Picnic at a Tempe Park – 1pm
Part of Papago Park – SW corner of College and Curry**

This may be out May meeting?

May 7th Saturday – Glendale Library Cosplay / Comic Book Day 10 AM-2 PM,

This is Anna from the Velma Teague Library, your contact for LIBCON West. However, this email is not about LIBCON West (although that will be happening on December 3 this year, so please save the date!). Instead, this is an invitation for you to stop by the Velma Teague Library on Saturday, May 7, for our Free Comic Book Day event in collaboration with Drawn to Comics!

The event will run from 10 AM-2 PM, inside the Velma Teague Library (7010 N 58th Ave., Glendale), and will be a much smaller-scale, more low-key event than LIBCON West. We'll offer free comic books, select vendors, a couple of crafts, and some games. Tables for cosplay groups will not be available, but we'd love to have cosplayers stop by for photo ops and maybe even help some kids with a craft. Come for fifteen minutes or all four hours – we'd appreciate any and all support! The Drawn to Comics shop located across the street from the library (5801 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale) will also be passing out comic books, so feel free to stop by there as well. I have attached a promotional image and the event is listed on our calendar here: <https://glendaleaz.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=69468>

As with LIBCON West, there will be staff bathrooms available for you to change into and out of your costumes, a full-length mirror, and free bottled water. If you need to enter the library before 10 AM to change, please call me at 480-295-6124, starting at 9 AM.

As always, we ask that your costumes are age-appropriate for an audience including kids and teens. No real weapons will be allowed. Prop weapons are permitted as part of your costume, but may be tagged by security.

May 27-29 Phoenix Fan Fusion –

Phoenix Convention Center, located at 100 N Third Street, Phoenix AZ 85004.

https://memberships.phoenixfanfusion.com/eh/Phoenix_Fan_Fusion_2020

Phoenix Fan Fusion is beyond a comic con. It's the three day signature pop culture event of the southwest ... with the silly, quirky name.

Enjoy more than 1,000 hours of events, Q&As, Photo Ops, Costume Contests, Fan Panels, Workshops, Gaming tournaments, and the largest exhibitor hall of vendors and artists in Arizona!

You can purchase membership passes here for Fan Fusion which grant you admission for the weekend or the specific day you purchase. Child under 3 years old can get in for FREE, while it's only \$15 for kids 3 to 12 years old.

June 1-5 Highlands War (SCA)

<https://www.atenveldt.org/eredsul/highlands-war/>

Might be nice to get out of Phoenix heat - not much detail yet

September 2-5, 2022 CoKoCon 2022

<https://fancons.com/events/info/17770/cokocon-2022>

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe

Science Fiction Convention with Fantasy programming

CoKoCon is a traditional science fiction/fantasy convention in the Phoenix, AZ metropolitan area, which will return to the Labor Day weekend for a fifth year in 2022. COVID permitting, we're back to a being a physical event.

November 11th – 13th, 2022 TusCon 49

Hello, fellow fans. Welcome to TusCon, Arizona! More specifically, welcome to TusCon 49, our 49th annual Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror convention in Tuscon... ah, we mean rather Tucson, Arizona.

Attendees of TusCon are among the most dedicated fans of science fiction, fantasy, and horror and many attendees are professional writers, film producers, artists, and reporters who keep others informed about the goings-on in the industry. TusCon is an annual science fiction convention sponsored by the Baja Arizona Science Fiction Association (BASFA), a Southern Arizona section 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization. The primary focus of TusCon is science fiction, fantasy and horror, but we also pay attention to art, animation, science, media and gaming.

Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites

5151 East Grant Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712

NOVEMBER 25TH -27TH, 2022 – LOSCAON 48

<https://loscon.org/48/> MARRIOTT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT HOTEL

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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