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Sticky Issues

SMURFCON TWO ISSUE

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STICKY ISSUES newsletter is a publication of WesterColt .45, the Phoenix 1992 WesterCon. The purpose is to keep those of us involved with putting on conventions in Arizona, and especially WesterColt .45, informed. The circulation is to CASFS members as well as the committees and volunteers of all Arizona conventions.

CASFS Meetings

The next CASFS meeting will take place at the Marie Calender's restaurant, 3434 E. Thomas Road, at 8 pm on Friday, December 14, 1990. PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTER THE DECEMBER MEETING WE GO BACK TO THE SCHEDULE OF THE LAST FRIDAY IN EACH MONTH. There isn't a special meeting room set aside, but rather a section of the restaurant near the bar. Four menu items will be on special for us at \$6.95 (including beverage), with pie to be added for \$1.00.

The agenda for the next meeting includes Board and Procedural Officer elections with all of the incumbent turkeys being nominated for recycling. Voting and office holding is restricted to those who have attended four of the most recent six meetings. Issues under consideration include assisting two gaming groups in starting an annual gaming convention, revising the format for MAW, and the Fong Memorial Video History Project.



Phoenix 1992 WesterCon

A 1992 PHOENIX WESTERCON MEETING will take place at SmurfCon Convention on Saturday, December 1, 1990 at 8 pm. A copy of the current Committee list is included. Everyone is welcome to attend and can arrive early and bring bathing suits (many fans will already be there for SmurfCon that day). You won't have to be a SmurfCon member to attend the meeting as long as you arrive after the close of the seminar portion of SmurfCon, which will be around 6 pm. Check the article on SmurfCon out for details.

The only recent development is that we have to wait for another six months until we will be able to reserve the Symphony Hall for the Masquerade. Cost is \$1,300 plus charges for their technical people and ushers. If available, that's where we presently plan to hold the Masquerade.

We'll be conducting SMOFing sessions throughout TusCon, so more details about WesterCon, SmurfCon, and World Fantasy Convention can be found out then.

TusCon 17

TusCon 17 Convention is this coming weekend! The dates are November 16-18, 1990 (Friday through Sunday) with memberships \$25.00 for the weekend. One-days are available. For further info, call Cristi Simila at 881-3709. GOH's include authors Jennifer Roberson (O'Green) and G. Harry Stine, author and Toaster Ed Bryant, and authors, editors, etc. Liz Danforth & Mike Stackpole. Also attending will be Somtow Sucharitkul (S. P. Somtow for your horror fans) and mega-fan F. J. Ackerman.

1991 World Fantasy Convention

In case you've been living in the Australian outback these last two years...Tucson is hosting the 1991 World Fantasy Convention. It will take place at the Doubletree Hotel over Halloween weekend (October 31 - November 3, 1991). Memberships are for sale at \$60.00 until November 15, 1990 (we'll take a late postmark until November 18 at the \$60 rate). Our official guests include author Special Guests Harlan and Susan Ellison and Toastmaster and author Stephen R. Donaldson as well as artist Guest Arlin Robins. Further info can be had from Randy Rau or Bruce Farr (730-8648 or 470-0494 after 7 pm). More information in upcoming newsletters. Contact PO

Box 27201, Tempe, Arizona 85285.

Be forewarned! The WFC is a professionally-oriented convention that includes no costume contest, no gaming, discourages costumes and even t-shirts, doesn't have a video program, and will show (at most) two movies. What it does have is a limited attendance of 750 (it's guaranteed to sell out pre-convention), about 150 authors attending, almost all horror and fantasy editors in the U.S., most of the cover artists, agents, and so on. It's also the best dealers room in the country for books.

SMURFCon Two

*Amaze your friends!
Learn more about running conventions!*

Cure the common cold!

ATTEND THE SMURFCON CONVENTION SKILLS SEMINAR, which will take place on Saturday, December 1, 1990 at the Caravan Inn, 3333 E. Van Buren in Phoenix (phone 244-8244). Friday night we'll host a hospitality/party to members in rooms 260-262-264 starting 7 pm. Members can bring one guest for no charge to the parties Friday and Saturday nights.

The seminar will begin at 10 am on Saturday in the hotel's former dining room and run until about 6 pm. We'll break from 1-2pm for lunch at Denny's (just 'bout next door). There will be a light hospitality served in the dining room during the seminar.

Most topics for discussion will be selected by a vote of those attending SmurfCon, but suggested topics include chairing a convention, upcoming conventions (including Contact, TusCon, and PhringeCon), con hospitality suites, and the Safari's rooming agreement. We'll break for supper until 8 pm and reconvene for a WesterCon committee meeting (see article above) with hospitality and party to follow. Memberships for Friday-Saturday are \$10.00. Hotel rooms are available for \$33.00 single, \$38.00 double. Call Bruce Farr at 730-8648 or 470-0494 for details.

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WESTERCOLT 45
THE PHOENIX 1992 WESTERCON

Committee/Staff List 11/12/90

Chairman
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Pre-Convention Office
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Bruce Farr
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Robert Osman

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Staff Lounge

Doug Cosper
Lauren Shellenbarger

Program
Participant Hospitality
Art Program
Writers Program
Game Program
Filk Program

Mike Willmoth
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Maryeileen McKersie
John Thiesen
Charles Coons

Art Show

Doreen Webbert
Jean Goddin, Ray Gish

Video/Film Program
Japanimation
Games & Diversions
Masquerade
Dances
Memberships/Registration
Computer Room
Historian/Technical Services
Publicity
Publications/At-Con Newsletter
Pre-Con Newsletter/Sticky Issues
Dealers Room
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OPEN
Jim Cryer
Terri Birmingham
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Bruce Farr
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Hildebrand*
OPEN

ASFA Liaison

Business Meeting
Site Selection

OPEN
OPEN

*Approved, not yet confirmed by individual
**Not yet approved by Chairman

Policies:

- 1) Committee (department heads and some of the shift managers) receive complimentary memberships.
- 2) Staff and volunteers, except where approved to be comped in advance by the Chair, will be reimbursed if sufficient funds remain post-convention on the basis of a minimum of 16 hours on duty during the convention or pre-convention. 50% refunds will be made (again, if sufficient funds remain) for 8-16 hours worked.
- 3) One night will be comped in advance for hotel accommodations at the San Carlos or Sheraton (at the option of the Chairman and Hotel Liaison) for most Committee members. A few people who are required to be on duty 24 hours will be comped in advance for the entire regular run of the convention.
- 4) If sufficient funds remain post-convention, some additional hotel reimbursements may be made.
- 5) Service to the convention is on a volunteer basis with no wage, quid pro quo, or other consideration. There is no workman's compensation or other applicable insurance coverage related to wages.
- 6) Function space assignment to departments will be made by the chairman.
- 7) All committee positions and appointments need to be previously approved by the Chairman.