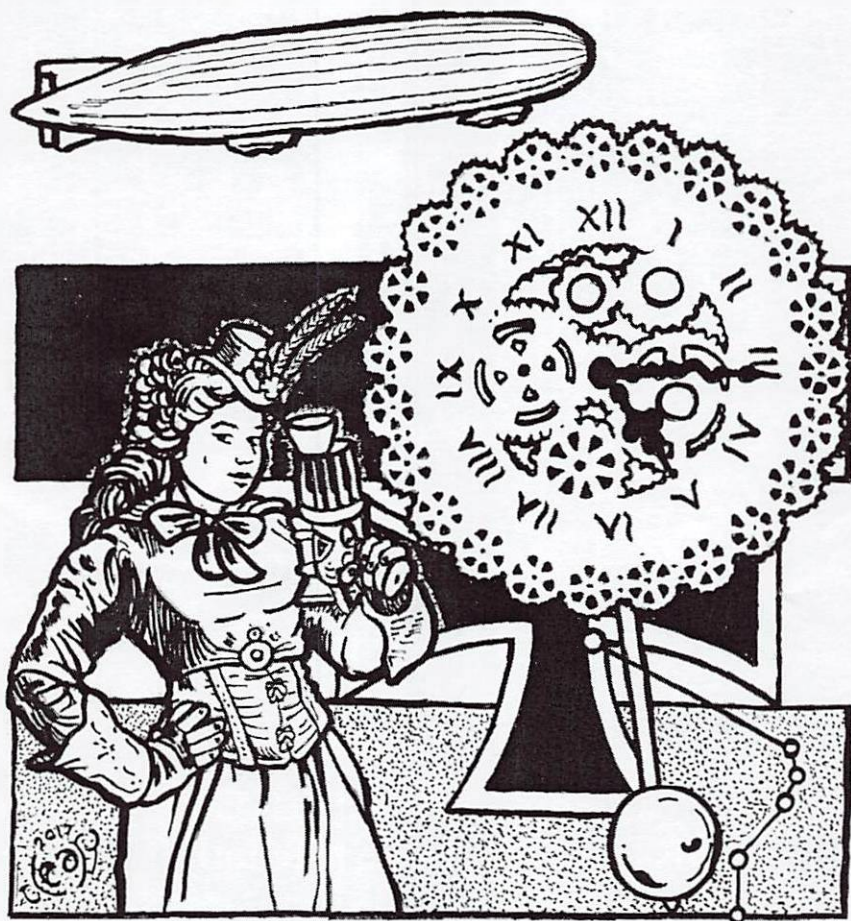
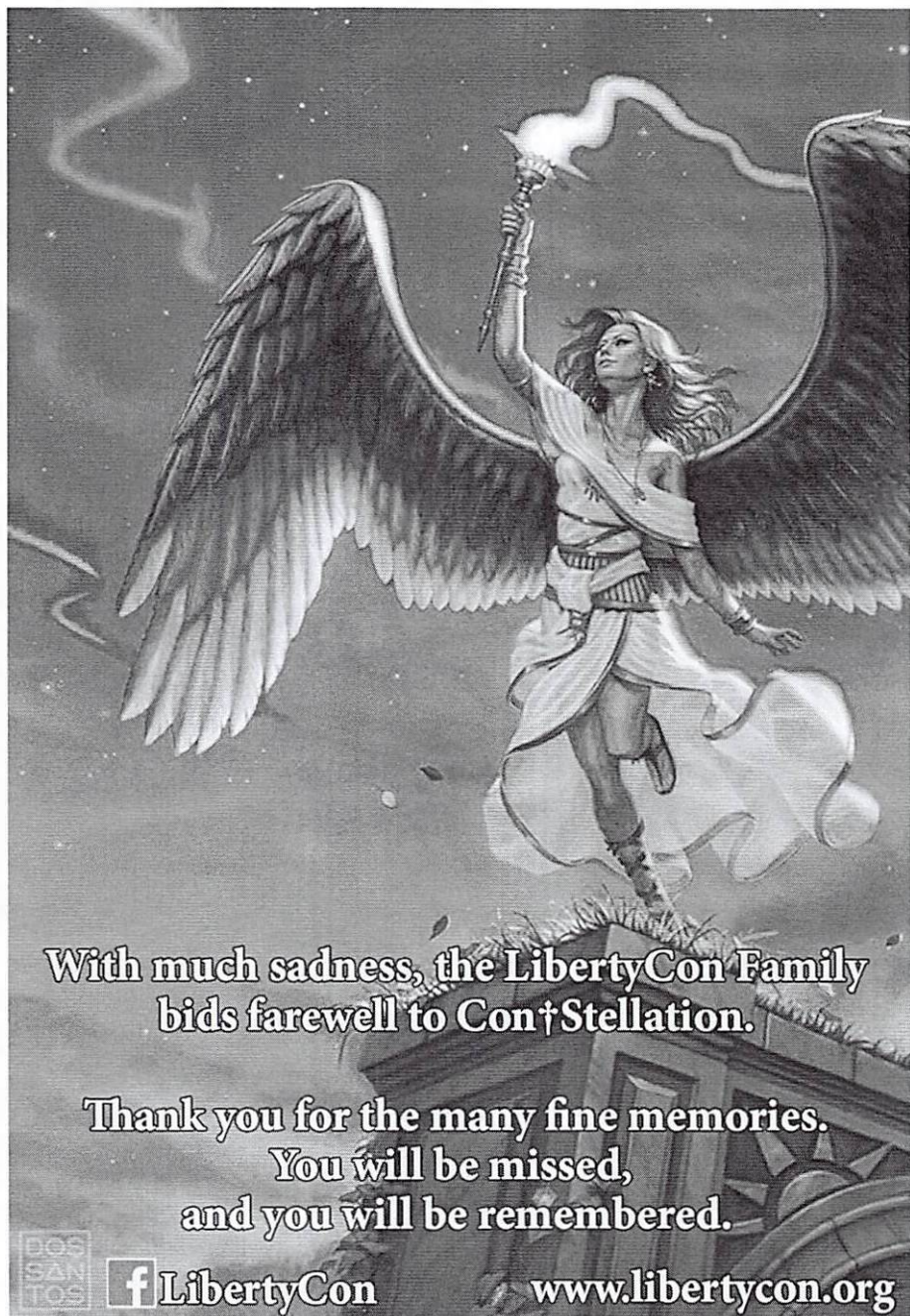


Con†Stellation XXXV



Pocket Program



With much sadness, the LibertyCon Family
bids farewell to Con†Stellation.

Thank you for the many fine memories.
You will be missed,
and you will be remembered.

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Friday

5 - 6 pm	Rock and Roll: The New Madrid Fault System	Discussion on the geology of the New Madrid fault complex, the historic quakes that made the Mississippi run backward, and what threat it has for us today Madison/Decatur (2) Stephanie Osborn
5 - 6 pm	The Well-traveled Writer	Need writing inspiration? How to travel the world and enhance your stories with new Twickenham (2) Louise Herring-Jones, Bryan Jones
5 - 6 pm	KandyKlatsch - Les Johnson	Small group time with your favorite guest - hear what they have to say while eating Parlor (1) Les Johnson
6 - 7 pm	Opening Ceremonies	The beginning of the end. Come meet our guests and maybe even win a doorprize! Madison/Decatur (2) Mary Robinette Kowal, David Miller, Toni Weiskopf and more
6 - 7 pm	Kids Kinetic Sand/Slime lab (Chemistry)	For the young and young at heart. Come make your own kinetic sand to play with and compare it to the commercial product Parlor (1) Michelle Lassiter
7 - 8 pm	Schmoozing 101	How to get the most out of a convention without coming across like a weasel. Madison/Decatur (2) Mary Robinette Kowal
7 - 8 pm	Carousel Dragons and Trips to Mars Via Automobile Genre Historic Fairground Art	Slideshow with lots of cool images of carousel dragons, Victorian science fiction and fantasy rides and influences. Twickenham (2) Theresa Mather
7 - 8 pm	Meet the Guests	Hang out, have a sweet, and schmooze with some of our guests. Redstone/Marshall (1) David Miller, Stephanie Osborn, David Drake, Les Johnson, Stanley Schmidt
8 - 9 pm	Year in Space	Les Johnson fills us in on the happenings in space exploration. Madison/Decatur (2) Les Johnson
8 - 9 pm	Meet the Guests	Hang out and schmooze with some of our guests. Redstone/Marshall (1) Mary Robinette Kowal, Orson Scott Card, Theresa Mather, Toni Weiskopf, Kevin Ward, Randy Cleary
8 - 10 pm	Cake Appreciation Readings	The Cake Appreciation Society is a group of writers who will read samples of their Twickenham (2) Cake Appreciation Society
9 - 10 pm	The Future of Convention Art Shows	Art shows are a staple at science fiction conventions. What causes artists to show or not show their art? Are conventions re-thinking keeping them around? Madison/Decatur (2) Randy Cleary, Teresa Mather
9 - 10 pm	Reading - Stephanie Osborn	Osborn will read excerpts from the Division One series Redstone (1) Stephanie Osborn
9 - 10 pm	KandyKlatsch - Stanley Schmidt	Small group time with your favorite guest - hear what they have to say while eating Parlor (1) Stanley Schmidt
9pm - ??	Beer and Pizza Party - 9 until ?	Kevin's roving beer cart will make an appearance at Con*Stellation! Are you over 21? Parlor (6) Doug Lampert
10 - 11 pm	E-Publishing, Indie Publishing, POD, Oh My	A discussion of how to publish books in the electronic retail world. Includes both ebooks and print-on-demand (POD) paper books. How-to pointers on formatting and Madison/Decatur (2) Dan Thompson (M), Michael J Allen, Rob Howell, Stephanie Osborn
10 - 11 pm	Nuclear Follies	Did you hear the one about the nuclear-powered windmill? The "Atomic Age" opened with many, often bizarre attempts to harness this new technology. A nuclear engineer Twickenham (2) Jim Beall
10 - 11 pm	The Golden Age of Gaming Discussion	A discussion of games from the early, golden age of gaming, 1977 up to 1990 or so. Redstone (1) Wes Yahola (M), David Miller, Rich Groller
10 - 11 pm	Spades Tournament	Try your hands at Killer Cuthroat Spades. Don't know how to play? We can show you! Hallway (2) "Uncle" Gary
11 - Mid	Adult Toys of the Future (adult audience only)	A candid discussion of adult toys and the fiction and films they've inspired. Madison/Decatur (2) Louise Herring-Jones, Bryan Jones
11 - Mid	Fashion and SF	Fashion and clothing in science fiction from literature to movies and tv shows. Twickenham (2) Mary Robinette Kowal

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Saturday

10 - 11 am	Year in Science	What's new this year in the science community? Come find out! Twickenham (2) Jim Beall, Les Johnson
10 - 11 am	Reading - Stanley Schmidt	Smith reads from ARGONAUT and NIGHTRIDE AND SUNRISE Marshall (1) Stanley Schmidt
10 - 11 am	Elements of an Award Winning Short Story	A discussion on how to make your story into an award winning one Redstone (1) Toni Weiskopf (M) David Drake, Louise Herring-Jones
10 - 11 am	Kids Puppet Workshop (Art)	For the young and young at heart - come learn about puppets and make one for yourself. Parlor (1) Michelle Lassiter
10 - 11 am	Work and Career Slide Show - David O Miller	Join David as he shares his art and how it shaped his career. Madison/Decatur (2) David Miller
10 - 1 pm	Theresa Mather Art Demo	Watch and ask questions as one of our favorite artists paints an original for our charity auction. Hallway Theresa Mather
11 - Noon	Science for Writers	Not a rocket scientist? Don't worry, we have you covered. Come learn how to research those technical/science questions. Twickenham (2) Les Johnson (M), Stephanie Osborn, Richard Groller, Jim Beall
11 - Noon	T-Shirt Retrospective	David Miller got roped into making our t-shirts and even after he moved away we didn't let him slip. Come hear about all the fun and challenges he's faced through the years designing your favorite shirt. Madison/Decatur (2) David Miller
11 - Noon	Reading - Mary Robinette	Kowal reads from her new SF novel THE CALCULATING STARS Marshall (1) Mary Robinette Kowal
11 - Noon	Combat in SF - Weapons and Strategy	How is writing combat scenes different for science fiction versus other genres? How do you deal with weapons for space? Redstone (1) David Drake (M), Orson Scott Card, Michael Allen, Rob Howell
12 - 1 pm	Crafting Stories with Strong Endings	Endings have a lot of responsibility, they need to tie up loose ends or give the reader something to think about after they are done reading. What can you do to help your reader leave satisfied? Madison/Decatur (2) Wes Yahola, Stanley Schmidt
12 - 1 pm	The Winston Science Fiction Series	The Winston Science Fiction Series - A discussion of the classic series of science fiction books for young people that was one of the foundations of the genre. The Winston SF series was a showcase for the first published novels of a number of soon-to-be-famous writers like Poul Anderson, Chad Oliver, Ben Bova, Lester del Rey and Evan Hunter (aka Ed McBain). Twickenham (2) Dan Thompson
12 - 1 pm	Int Fighting - Game	Join us in the game room to play Int Fighting - never played before, it's ok, we will teach you! Athens (1) Taylor S Hoch
12 - 1 pm	Reading - Orson Scott Card	Orson Scott Card reading Redstone (1) Orson Scott Card
1 - 2 pm	Fan Films w/ Dan Thompson	A discussion of the world of SF/Fantasy fan films. Twickenham (2) Dan Thompson
1 - 2 pm	Reading - Taylor S Hoch	Taylor S Hoch reading Redstone (1) Taylor S Hoch
1 - 2:30 pm	Baen Slide Show	Toni talks about the latest Baen releases, lots of great cover art and stories - and prizes!! Madison/Decatur (2) Toni Weiskopf
2:30 - 4 pm	GOH Speeches	We have a fantastic group of current and past guests, come hear what is near and dear to their hearts Madison/Decatur (2) Current and Prior GOH's
4 - 5 pm	History Influences in SF	Which eras in history have the greatest influences on SF writings? Madison/Decatur (2) Mary Robinette Kowal (M), Louise Herring-Jones, Michael Allen, Rob Howell, Wes Yahola
4 - 5 pm	Pictionary	The classic game. The artists draw - you get to guess, come share some laughs. Twickenham (2) Fritz Fotovch (M), David Miller, Kewin Ward, Mark Maxwell, Randy Cleary, Theresa Mather
4 - 5 pm	Reading - Les Johnson	Johnson reads from his forthcoming novel MISSION TO METHONE (to be released in February 2018). Marshall (1) Les Johnson
4 - 5 pm	Kids Catapults - Spaghetti towers (Engineering)	For the young and young at heart, come make popsicle stick catapults and test your skills with a spaghetti tower. Parlor (1) Michelle Lassiter

Saturday

5 - 6 pm	Fan Guests: Constellation Memones	Come sit with all our past Fan Guest of Honors and hear their best tale for that year. Madison/Decatur (2) All our Prior Fan Guest of Honors
5 - 6 pm	Reading - David Drake	Drake reads from his new novel STORM AND DEATH Marshall (1) David Drake
5 - 6 pm	Blending Genres in Writing	Mixing genres within SciFi/Fantasy such as mystery, western, etc. Redstone (1) Michael Allen, Rob Howell
5 - 6 pm	KandyKlatsch - Mary Robinette Kowal	Small group time with your favorite guest- hear what they have to say while eating candy!! Parlor (1) Mary Robinete Kowal
5 - 6 pm	Fluxx	Join us in the game room to play Fluxx- never played before, it's ok, we will teach you! Athens (1) Wes Yahola
5 - 7 pm	Extinct- TV Series Pilot	Join us for the first episode of the brand new post-apocalyptic science fiction television series Extinct —created by Orson Scott Card and Aaron Johnston. Then Q&A with the writers/producers. Twickenham (2) Orson Scott Card, Aaron Johnston
6 - 7 pm	Bul That's Impossible	Things like powered flight, space travel, and brain surgery were once considered impossible. What do we consider impossible now, and how sure are we of that? Marshall (1) Les Johnson (M), Jim Beall, Stephanie Osborn
6 - 7 pm	Delivering Exposition	Delivering exposition painlessly and even interestingly- Expositions are needed to help your reader understand your world, how do you pass on explanations, backgrounds and descriptions without boring your reader or ruining the flow? Redstone (1) Stanley Schmidt
6 - 7 pm	KandyKlatsch - David O Miller	Small group time with your favorite guest- hear what they have to say while eating candy!! Parlor (1) David O Miller
7 - 9 pm	Art & Charity Auction	Didn't win your bid- come get a second chance and see the great things to bid on for charity! Madison/Decatur (2) Randy B. Cleary
7:30 - 9 pm	Name That Title—Emoji Edition	Contestants in this game show are challenged to translate emojis to the titles of genre books, movies, etc. If (when) they err, the audience will be asked to chime in. Twickenham (2) Mike Kennedy
7 - 9 pm	NaNoWhiMo	Ready to write a novel? Bring your laptop, etc. Plan your novel and prep for NaNoWhiMo success in November. Redstone (1) Louise Herring-Jones, Bryan Jones
8 - 9 pm	KandyKlatsch - Stephanie Osborn	Small group time with your favorite guest- hear what they have to say while eating candy!! Parlor (1) Stephanie Osborn
9 - 10 pm	Urban Legends/Modern Myth	Stephanie Osborn talks about how modern urban legends relate to mythological themes and how authors can mine them for story ideas. Redstone (1) Stephanie Osborn
9 - 10 pm	Movie Premier: Teleios	Be part of the Alabama premier showing of the award winning Teleios starring Alabama native Sunny Mabrey. A deep space mining vessel has been adrift for two years. It is suspected the crew brutally killed each other but the reason for the bloodbath is unknown. A rescue crew is sent to find if there are any survivors, what happened and why. Madison/Decatur (2)
9 pm - ??	Concert - Taylor S Hoch	Direct from the Flying Turtle Inn, international recording artist and 21st Century Bard, Taylor S Hoch, will be doing an unplugged, intimate concert featuring her original Americana/Folk-fusion music as well as music from her upcoming musical. Marshall (1) Taylor S Hoch
9 - 11 pm	Making Chainmail with Bryan Jones	Learn how to make Chainmail in this hands-on workshop. Parlor (1) Bryan Jones
9pm - ??	Moon Princess Party	The Moon Princesses are back in Huntsville! Come say "Hi" and party, party, party! Parlor (6) Moon Princesses
10 - 11 pm	Reading - Wes Yahola	Yahola reads from THE ARTIFICE CONSPIRACY Redstone (1) Wes Yahola
10 - 11 pm	Lovecraftian Horror Discussion	A discussion about the horror fiction of HP Lovecraft and Robert W Chambers. Find out what Lovecraftian is and what else there is to the genre such as RPG's. Twickenham (2) Louise Herring-Jones (M), David Drake, Rich Groller

Sunday

10 - 11 am	David O. Miller Digital Art Demo	Come and learn about the world of digital art featuring a demo by our very own David O. Miller Madison/Decatur (2)
10 - 11 am	YA SF - Young Adult SciFi	Writing for young adults, what are the challenges to keep it interesting and age appropriate? Twickenham (2) Toni Weiskopf Taylor Hoch
11 - Noon	Gaming Art	What are the unique challenges gaming artists face? Twickenham (2) David O Miller, Kevin Ward
11 - 1pm	Roundtable - My Favorite Ending	What a better way to start ending our convention than hearing the guests talk about their favorite endings to stories, movies, plays, jokes, greeting cards... Madison/Decatur (2) Multiple Guests
12 - 1 pm	Year in Movies	Learn about the best and the worst movies that came out this year. Twickenham (2) Gary Shelton
1 - 2 pm	Mass Autographing Session	Get your books signed! Twickenham (2) All Authors (Stanley Schmidt will not be able to attend)
2 - 3 pm	Closing Ceremony	Please join us for the very last closing ceremony. Help us go out in style. Madison/Decatur (2) All

Finding your way around!

First Floor (facing parking garage):

Parlor (1) - Kandy Klatsch & Children's Programming

Redstone - Programming

Marshall - Programming

Athens – Gaming Fri 3-Mid, Sat 9a-Mid, Sun closed

Second Floor (facing parking garage):

Huntsville - Art Show

Madison/Decatur - Main Programming

Second Floor (behind restaurant):

Albany - Dealers

Twickenham – Programming

Pre-Function – Author Tables, Art Demo

Fifth Floor: Room 525 – Con suite

Sixth Floor: Room 625 – Special Events

Art Show Hours: Fri 2p-8p, Sat 10a – 5p, Sun 10a – 2p

Dealers Room Hours: Fri 2p-8p, Sat 10a – 5p, Sun 10a – 2p

Con Suite Hours: Friday at 2pm – Sunday at 3pm

Guest of Honor: Mary Robinette Kowal
Artist Guest of Honor: David O. Miller
Mistress of Ceremonies: Toni Weisskopf

Prior Guest of Honors:

Orson Scott Card	GoH 1986 & 2015
Randy B. Cleary	AGoH 1997
David Drake	GoH 2006
Les Johnson	MC 1997
Theresa Mather	AGoH 2006
David O. Miller	AGoH 1993, FGoH 1998
Stephanie Osborn	MC 2011–2013, Sci. Guest 2016
Stanley Schmidt	GoH 1996
Kevin Ward	AGoH 1983
Toni Weisskopf	MC 1991, FGoH 2012

Also Attending:

Wes Yahola	Dan Thompson	Louise Herring-Jones
Jim Beall	Taylor S Hoch	Bryan Jones
Rich Groller	Rob Howell	Darrell "Doc" Osborn
Michael J. Allen	Aaron Johnston	

Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

Our Committee:

Chairs	Judy-Sue aka Judy Smith & Sue Thorn
Treasurer	Sam Smith
Registration	Mary Lampert
Webmaster	Mike Kennedy
Ops	Steve Sloan
Accessibility	Michelle Lassiter
Hotel Liaison	Doug Lampert
Con Suite	Maria Grim
Art Show	Randy Cleary
Dealers	Karen Boyd
Gaming	Adam Grim
T-Shirt Maven	Jenna Stone
Childrens	
Programming	Michelle Lassiter
Spades	"Uncle" Gary
Cheesecake God	Ray Beddingfield

And some of our many volunteers who are just as crazy:

Tracey Kennedy	Col. Kevin FRITZ Fotovich
Jim Kennedy	Michael Breitbach
Joshua Kennedy	Sydney Saffel
Aaron Kennedy	Mike Stone
Anita Eisenberg	Mike Cothran
Ann Robards	Courtney Clark

And more that we know we've forgotten to mention – but

THANK YOU!