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TCC to Stay Open Overnight Sunday into Monday

Volunteers have stepped forward to keep the Hospitality Main Hall in the Tonopah Convention Center open overnight from Sunday night into Monday morning. If you are a night owl or just can't sleep, come on down to the TCC Main Hall for the final full night of Westercon 74.

See the Sights at Burning Woman!

Burning Woman is the Wild Cards universe's equivalent of Burning Man. Come find out what happens in the Black Rock Desert at **Sunday, 12:30pm** in the gaming room (Mizpah hotel, 3rd floor) with your GM, GoH Kevin Andrew Murphy. Signups are still available at Program Ops in the main hall of the convention center.

Lost & Found?

If you lost something, especially a camera part, or found something, please come to Operations in the back left corner of the Convention Center.

Condolence Card for Zelda

Arlene in Program Ops has a condolence card for Zelda Gilbert. As reported in the previous issue, her husband Paul passed away while she was at Westercon. Please see Arlene in Program Ops if you want to sign it.

Senior Thrift Shop

For anyone staying at Tonopah until Tuesday, the Senior Thrift Shop has an excellent selection of books, as well as some interesting garments! On Florence St, behind the Best Western

Regency Dancing

With John Hertz, Mizpah Club Ballroom, 8pm, Sunday, July 3.

July 3, 2022

Weather: High 86°/Low 44° Fahrenheit

Sunrise: 5:30am; Sunset: 8:15pm

Moonset: 11:29pm (clear skies)

Planets rising times, July 2-3: Saturn: 10:32pm;
Jupiter: 12:21am*; Mars: 1:18am*; Venus:
3:34am*; Mercury: 4:31am*

Schedule Changes

There are a few corrections to the printed program grid as well as other changes:

What is Corporate Horror will be Sunday at 12:30pm, Mizpah Club Ballroom

Research Aircraft and Spacecraft Programs will be Sunday 3:30pm, Gold Room

3 Laws of Robotics will be Sunday 5pm, Gold Room

Lynn Gold Filk Concert – Sunday 7pm,
Steve Gillett's Presentation: **Nanotech Asteroid Mining How Nanotech Makes Asteroid Mining Obsolete** – Sunday 8pm, Gold Room has been cancelled.

Trivia Contest with Ric Bretschneider – Sunday, 8pm, Belvada Nevada Club Room. Change to **with Jerry Majors-Patterson & Ken Patterson Having a Point of View** – Monday July 4th, 8:00am. Ken MacLeod removed

Can Anyone Be a Writer? – Monday, 12:30pm, Mizpah Club, K.G. Anderson added.

The Economic Impact of the Space Program has been moved to the Belvada Nevada Club Room, Monday 12:30 pm

The Laws of Magic: Fantasy World Building has been moved to the Blue Room (Hybrid) Room Monday 12:30 pm

Speculative fiction of the world – Monday 9:30am. Lauren Beukes removed, Wole Talabi added.

Membership Stats: 334 total members

280 attending, 1 child, 53 supporting

As of Sunday noon 160 badges have been picked up

Westercon 75 June 30 – July 3, 2023

Join us at Westercon 75, Friday, June 30 – Monday, July 3, 2023 in Anaheim CA for our Diamond Jubilee. A Fantasy, Science Fiction, Science and VR Convention.

Be a part of a once in a lifetime experience by being a part of the diamond jubilee anniversary. We will stroll down memory lane and see the beginning of Westercon Fandom by honoring our guests from past Westercons on Friday Night at our Fantasy Ball. Enjoy our Saturday Night Game Tournament and the Sunday Night Concert. Also, meet our cornucopia of speakers, run into old friends and make new friends.

Membership Rates through December 1, 2022: Full: \$50, Supporting: \$25, Upgrade to Full: \$25

Membership Rates December 2, 2022 until at the door: Full: \$75, Supporting: \$25, Upgrade to Full: \$50

At the door prices for Full Attending Memberships will be \$95.00

So buy early to guarantee a membership for we have a 500 person membership cap and can not guarantee an at the door purchase.

Memberships can be obtained here at Westercon 74 at our Westercon 75 Table at the TCC at the back of the room by using cash or check, or online at our website at <https://westercon75.org/memberships.html>

We look forward to seeing you at Westercon 75.

--Co-Chairs Arlene Busby and Michelle Weisblat-Dane

Tonopah Book Store

The book store is now closed for the rest of the holiday weekend. Fans wanting to buy cheap used books or just pet the store dog will have to wait until Tuesday.

Sometimes You Should Ask

The Orlando for 2023 NASFiC bid and Glasgow for 2024 Worldcon bid are sharing a table. There are oranges. Is there butterscotch? Yes, it's at the bottom of a tin holding orange-flavor Starbursts, where the laws of physics drove it.

COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests

A very limited number of COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test packages are available for Westercon Attendees during the convention.

If you feel symptoms of COVID-19 then please stay in your hotel room. Call Fred Moulton [REDACTED] between 8AM and 8PM and a test package will be left at your hotel room door for any Westercon Attending member staying in a hotel in Tonopah.

Each package contains two tests.

Consult with appropriate medical professionals if you test Positive or have COVID-19 symptoms.

Please do not wander around if you have COVID-19.

We have a limited number of test packages so this offer is only valid while supply lasts and only from July 1 8AM to July 4 8PM.

Westercon is not a medical organization and is not providing medical advice.

COVID-19 Tracing

We ask that any person who contracts COVID-19 during Westercon 74 or for one week following the con please send an email to covid@westercon74.org so we can track any possible outbreak. No personal identifying information will be released without prior approval.

WiFi Access

Tonopah Convention Center

SSID: conventioncenter

Password: convention3558

Belvada Lobby

SSID: Belvada Cafe

Password: belvadacafe

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