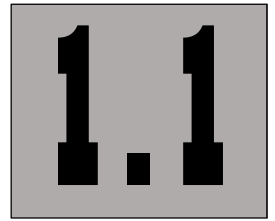




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COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests

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.

Schedule Changes

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

Autographing: Janice Oberding – Saturday 11:30am, Dealers Room

Beyond the Trope – Saturday, 12:30pm Blue Room (Hybrid) is **Cancelled**

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

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

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

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

July 2, 2022

Weather: High 89°/Low 46° Fahrenheit

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

Moonset: 11:02pm (clear skies)

Planets rising times, July 1-2: Saturn: 10:57pm; Jupiter: 12:42am*; Mars: 1:34am*; Venus: 3:44am*; Mercury: 4:34am*

Restaurant Recommendation

For breakfast all day and lunch, Strawberry Hill Diner (702 N Main St,) is EXCELLENT. On the north side of Tonopah, you will want to drive there. Open 7 to 4 every day. Scratch made pancakes are wonderfully fluffy and delicious. Eggs are great as well. This is the place to go to for breakfast if you wake up too late for the hotel breakfasts. Service is excellent, and the food comes out reasonably quickly. We will be eating breakfast there again.

Overheard in Conversation

“Well, I had all these extra hemispheres.”

“If that’s the pronoun they want, that’s the pronoun they’ll get.”

“Someone just brought out a new edition of the *Almanac de Gotha*.”

Worth Looking Into

The A-Bar-L Western goods shop, a few doors south of the Belvada Hotel, sells guitar strings.

The Whitney’s Bookshelf used book shop, a few doors farther on the other side of the street, is good for books outside the scope of our dealers.

Membership Stats: 331 preregistered members

272 attending, 1 child, 58 supporting

As of Friday, 6:00pm 146 badges have been picked up.

In Case You Wondered

The Man and Atom Society isn't the People and Atom Society because it's named for the book by Glenn Seaberg and William Corliss.

TCC Parking

The Tonopah Convention Center has two parking lots: The main lot shared with the Belvada Hotel located on Brougner Avenue, and a secondary lot located on Summit Street. The Summit Street lot is shared with a U-Haul dealership.

If possible, particularly if you are staying in the Mizpah, Jim Butler, or Hi-Desert Best Western Hotels, we ask that you park at your hotel and walk to the Convention Center in order to make room for people "commuting" from the outlying hotels.

Fan Tables in the TCC

All fan tables are on the upper or "bar" level in the main hall of the TCC and have signs on them to say what they are

Fan tables with representation:

- Westercon 75
- Utah in 2024 Westercon bid
- Chicon 8 (2023 Worldcon)
- Glasgow in 2024 Worldcon bid (and Orlando in 2023 NASFiC bid)
- CostumeCon 39 (San Jose, 2023)
- Capricon 43
- Bay Area Ghost Hunters
- Luna Project -- also see the art exhibit in the hallway leading to the accessible restrooms
- Man and Atom Society -- also see the art exhibit in the hallway leading to the accessible restrooms

Unattended displays:

- Winnipeg in 2023 NASFiC bid
- Seattle in 2025 Worldcon bid (may have someone sporadically)

And, for completeness, the Freebies table is in the space between the restroom doors, at the back right corner of the convention center.

Do the Con Your Own Stuffie

Did you forget to bring a stuffie for the Stuffed Friends Gathering and photo op with Kuma Bear on Sunday? Worry no more, because Linda Hardie brought enough for everyone. Well, not everyone, but about 30 or 40 people. She's got a big box and two huge bags of stuffies to share, from bears and more bears, to pterodactyls and ladybugs (well, at least one of each of those; but bears and other fun critters). There's a lamb, a punk duck, a punk monkey, and even a superhero Care Bear. So many.

Linda wins these plushies from claw machines. Yes, those claw machines where you try to win stuffed animals with a moving claw for a buck. Turns out she's pretty good at it. You can keep your stuffies or you can take them on loan for the conference and then return them to find a new home later.

Look for Linda around the con or find her sometimes at room 23 at the Jim Butler Inn. If you see her dirty green Subaru wagon with stuffies in the back seat, she'll be back eventually and will be glad to give you one.

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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