



TONOPAH TELEGRAPH

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Utah Selected for Westercon 76 in 2024!

Westercon 76 will be hosted in the land of the Great Salt Lake and tall mountains. It is a scenic historic area, with many local attractions.

Utah is the home of many new authors. We are proud to host the 2024 Westercon.

The convention will be held at the Doubletree Salt Lake City Airport which is located on the edge of the city and right by the airport. There is a free shuttle from the airport and various public transport options to get into the city itself.

The attending membership rate is \$50 and the supporting membership rate is \$25. Anyone who voted in site selection already has a supporting membership and may upgrade to an attending membership for the difference in price \$25. These prices are good through at least 31 December 2022. Please see us at our table to convert or buy a new membership.

Our website will be coming soon. For more information or questions you can email us at cgalway@xmission.com.

All of you are invited to our **Sunday night celebration party in the hospitality hall starting at 9 PM**. Thank you for voting for us.

2024 Site Selection Stats

60 voters
2 No Preference
58 Total with Preference

55 Votes for Utah
2 Any State that protects abortion rights
1 None of the Above

The Westercon 74 Business Meeting voted to select the Utah in 2024 committee Westercon 76 of Charles Galway as Chair, Cheryl A. Sneddon, Mike Willmoth and other staff that they have. The Meeting also voted that they should find a sponsoring non-profit organization. More details and video will eventually be available on the web.

Membership Stats: 362 total members
303 attending, 1 child, 59 supporting
As of Sunday 3pm 160 badges have been picked up

July 4, 2022

Weather: High 85°/Low 47° Fahrenheit

Sunrise: 5:31am; Sunset: 8:15pm

Moonset: 11:55pm (clear skies)

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

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.

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.

Tonopah Kids Parade

Tonopah's annual 4th of July Kid's Parade is Monday morning at 10:30 am. It forms up near the Hi-Desert Best Western Inn and runs down Main Street, ending near the Belvada Hotel.

[\(https://www.tonopahnevada.com/event/4th-of-july-celebration-2022/\)](https://www.tonopahnevada.com/event/4th-of-july-celebration-2022/)

WiFi Access

Tonopah Convention Center

SSID: conventioncenter

Password: convention3558

Belvada Lobby

SSID: Belvada Cafe

Password: belvadacafe

Regency Dancing Sunday

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

Jackbox Games Sunday

Your hosts at the Watering Hole invite you to join in some rip-roaring silly games at the bar in the TCC starting about 9pm Sunday (after the Trivia Program in the Nevada Club Room ends).

Schedule Changes

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.

Tonopah Fireworks

Tonopah's 4th of July fireworks will be at the Joe Friel Sports Complex near Tonopah High School and the Stargazing Park. Head south on US-95/Main Street and turn left at Ray Tennant Way just past the Raley's Grocery Store. The scheduled start of the fireworks is approximately 9 pm. When the show is over, remember that the **Alien Autopsy Party** in the Convention Center continues until midnight Monday.

More Than Burgers

The Pittman Cafe at the Mizpah Hotel provides good quality food. You many notice many burgers on the menu -- the Cline family, who own the Mizpah, also raise the grass fed beef served. There is a daily dinner special -- Friday night it was Irish stew, and Saturday offered Tokyo style salmon. The restaurant is a tad understaffed (if only they could put their ghosts to work) but the servers are nice. Check it out. Dinner is served 5-9 every day.

Laundry

Because my time at Westercon is part of a nine day trip I was running short of clean shirts. Thus Sunday morning I headed to The Tonopah Station to use their laundromat. To reach it, find the entrance labeled "Stage Stop Cafe" and just inside on the left one should be able to buy a single load liquid detergent for one dollar. Then I was directed to the casino cashier cage which is next to the cafe entrance where I bought three dollars in quarters. Next I followed the "Public Restrooms" signs which also lead to the Laundromat. Honestly the Laundromat needs a good sweeping and general spruce up; but it is better than nothing.

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.

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