

TO SAY NOTHING OF THE NEWS #6

Thursday Evening, 24 August 2006

64th Annual World Science Fiction Convention

Thursday Night Parties

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5-110	9:00 pm	Denver 2008, Gnomes on the Range
5-124	9:30 pm	Chicago in 2008
5-132	9:00 pm	Westercon 60
5-146	9:00 pm	XERPS in 2010
5-234	8:00 pm	NASFIC Archon 31
5-240	9:00 pm	Aeon Magazine & Podiobooks.com
5-307	8:00 pm	Friendly Scandinavians
5-336	8:45 pm	Burning Man in 2010
5-412	8 pm - 10 pm	"Sex in the System" book launch
5-412	10 pm - 1am	Circlet Press
5-424	9ish	League of Evil Genius Reception
5-505	9:30 pm	Kansas City '09
5-510	9:00 pm	Columbus 2008 Worldcon bid
5-553	9ish	Fan-run Jim Baen Memorial
5-630	8:00 pm	Nippon2007 (MOVED)

Late-Night Frolics and 10 o'clock Terror!

Don't miss Shock to the Heart: An Evening of Grand Guignol Theatre Thursday, 10pm (after the Guests of Honor speeches) Room 204 ABC (Convention Center). Anonymous

Planet 8 1/2 From Outer Space

As of this morning, Pluto has lost its status as the ninth planet. Trivia question: How long was Pluto a planet?

Aliens Take Blood, Support Home Décor

Friday, Marriott Grand Ballroom ABC, 11:30 am - 5:30 pm. Aliens cleverly disguised as American Red Cross nurses will remove your bodily fluids. Raffle for \$100 Amex gift check. Victims of the Alien Abduction Blood Drive will be admitted free to the home show at the other end of the Convention Center. Anonymous

ALERT: All Ribbon Collectors

"Squiptryx" (Martin Young) is giving out 5 ribbons: Cool Hat Club, Ear Club for Fen, Fannishly Correct, Panlogos, and Hall Singer. Look for the space cadet with all of the little skulls around his hat, or the Shoggoth on his back. *Martin Young*

You are cordially invited to join Rebecca Barber and Bruce Rowan Two Hearts Become One 3 pm, Saturday, *H*ugust 26^{th,} 2006 The Spaceport Lounge 今晩16時からヒルトンの5-630でNippon2007主催のJAPAN Partyが開かれる。日本食と日本酒を提供すると共に日本文化 の紹介をする。また、Nippon2007の受付も行うので、たく さんの方の参加を期待している。

Tonight from 4pm in Hilton Room 5-630, Nippon 2007 is hosting its JAPAN Party. Japanese food and sake (alcohol!) will be served, and you will also get an introduction to Japanese culture. Moreover, we will tell you all about Nippon 2007, so we hope that you can attend!

Ecklar Echoed

A theme filk Wednesday night featured the songs of filker and Campbell Award winner Julia Ecklar. Gently moderated by Joey Shoji, Ecklar fans enjoyed filk classics such as "Ladyhawke", "Tin Soldier", "Silver", "God Lives on Terra", and "The Temper of Revenge" as well as descending into onedegree-of-separation silliness with parodies "Ladybug" (two versions), "The Flavor of Revenge", and "The Temperature of Revenge." The circle concluded with a lively rendition of "Born Again Trek" in honor of the 40th anniversary celebration of Star Trek. Susan de Guardiola



GoH Connie Willis reading from "All Clear", novel in progress. Photo by M. Holloway

Random Thought in the Dealers Room:

Why is light reading so heavy?

Holographic Autographing

Robert Picardo (The Holographic Doctor from *ST:Voyager*) will be signing autographs in the autograph area on Saturday from 10 - 3:00 and on Sunday from 11:30 - 2:00. He'll b e speaking in room 204 at 10:45am on Sunday. *Craig Miller*

Font Feedback

"The Chair of the con can't read his own newszine!" A demerit has been issued to the Cadet responsible for the selection of the font size of issue #1. *Anonymous*

Fans Want Scans!

Bring your fannish photos to the FANAC booth so we can scan and add them to our archive. Or stop by with your digital camera and give us a copy of your L.A.Con IV photos. The booth is staffed 10 am – 6 pm daily (until 3 pm on Sunday). The FANAC Fan History Exhibit is in the exhibit hall near the World Science Fiction Society hanging sign. Laurie Mann



Help! Who are these people and at what con was this taken? Please stop by the FANAC Fan History Exhibit if you know.

Site Selection Voting Ends Friday at 6 pm

Vote early—'cause you can't vote often! Please remember to cast your vote. Bidding for the 2008 Worldcon are Chicago, Columbus, and Denver. Site Selection tables are located in the Exhibits section of Cadet Central. Jeff Orth

Shameless Abuse of Newszine Access

Serge, check your Voodoo messages!

--Susan

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Pan-Galactic Express Couriers can be found at Hilton ext. 3080. Team includes: Pearl Newton, Ben Massoglia, Maria Rodriguez, Chaos Savitzky, Nicholas Hipp, Scott Hipp, Connor Foss, Roadkill, and Phil Welborn.

Cut-off for the Thursday evening edition is noon; deadline for morning editions is usually 9 pm the previous night. Drop off news items at Palisades Room (Hilton 4th floor) or at any newsboard that has a submission envelope. Please sign your contributions. We reserve the right to ignore anonymous notes.

Cadets Review WED physical training facilities

(In which Cadet Bobo discovers the fine technique of mixing a martini on a rollercoaster.)

New cadets Kurt Baty and Scott Bobo reported promptly on time to billeting for the Anaheim Space Academy. You no doubt are aware that the W.E.Disney PT facilities ("physical training" or how to mix a martini) are located across Katella Ave. directly north of H-dorm. Okay, we don't like PT. Remember high school gym lines and being the last picked?--If you were picked at all?...However, if you wish to be an officer in the Space Patrol, it is necessary to obtain a passing score in PT.

You need to extrapolate cadet school experiences to the real world. Submitted for your examination: The Hollywood Tower Hotel elevator simulator. Upon completion of this simulation, you will be able to successfully navigate a hotel elevator under any imaginable adverse condition. You will find this to be an invaluable asset. You will be subjected to unexpected freefall and acceleration, as well as bumps in the dark. It's useful to have your cocktail ingredients prepared and stored in the shaker. Height and vertebratally challenged cadets should exercise caution with this simulation. However, the commando in you will thrill to the vista as you plummet into the Twilight Zone. We trotted over to California Soaring, a flight simulation. The entry details the history of California aviation, and you will learn the name of many fearless aviators, including Amelia Earhardt and Bert Rutan. Your basic pilot training begins here. You will learn atmospheric flight procedures via a hang gliding apparatus, which lifts you aloft before an IMAX format screen. And off you go into the wild blue yonder! Upon completion of this exercise, you will be ready to tackle California Screamin'.

After a lengthy wait in slow moving lines—(remember, you ARE in basic training here and it's not all martinis; Smart cadets will discover the advantage of using the Fast Pass method but soon learn there is a limit to the number of Fast Passes which can be accumulated at any time)—you are cocooned into your module. A countdown concludes in a launch propulsion of near light speed, testing your tolerance in pulling many Gs at high speeds with sharp turns. A loop subjects you to punching acceleration and a sharp exit of negative Gs (Geek talk: This explains why the round rails are gripped by wheels on both sides of the rails.). Tip: request front seating, thus avoiding exposure to regurgitated projectiles.

Your proficiency in weaponry is tested at Buzz Lightyear's Astro Blasters. Advisory: You should be alcohol-free when taking this test, as Cadet Bobo discovered to his chagrin while Cadet Baty kicked butt, racking up nearly double the points. Night piloting skills are honed to razor exactness in the revamped Space Mountain.

A final note: mass transit on campus is undergoing refurbishment, so you will not be able to enjoy the North Campus monorail or the WED People Mover. So, cadets, grab your discount passes (by con registration) and trek over to the North Campus for a day of PT at the WED.

Kurt Baty and Scott Bobo