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Visit the Chaos Machine

by Heidi Pilewski

It is hard not to notice the tall black tubular structure with large gold gears in the exhibit hall with the banner, Chaos Machine, placed there courtesy of Steve Jackson Games. This large kinetic construct is a collection of many sets of Chaos Toys, LLC, created by Jim Rothbarth, which have been painted over in a steampunk theme. The fun is to put together tracking, vortices, trampolines, bells and other parts for bright yellow balls to travel in a "Mouse Trap" like fashion. Imaginative fun for fans of any age!

Thirsty?

There's a cash bar by the fanzine lounge in the CC. The newsletter staff will happily accept drinks.

Lost Credit Card!

A silver-haired fan bought a large number of t-shirts from the Earth Wisdom booth but left your card there. Please go to the booth to sort it out.

Access

Anyone needing special access for the Hugos must sign up at the Access desk by 5 PM on Sunday

Staff Infection Box

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Filthy Pros Beat Sensitive Fans

by Joe Siclari

The 74th Anniversary Worldcon Ballgame pitted a field of world class science fiction athletes against each other for the Pro vs. Fan Championship. After a hard fought hour of athletic derring-do Friday, the Pro team, captained by Rick Wilber, defeated the Fans, led by LoneStarCon 3 Chairman Randy Shepherd, by a score of 6-5.

The first pitch was thrown by Dave Kyle, who also attended the first Worldcon ballgame in 1939. The first batter LSC 3 GoH Norman Spinrad also got the first hit. Highlight of the game was a two-run homer by David Chang. The winning team included Spinrad, Wilber, Bert Boden, Chang, Laura Frankos, Steven Gould, Hillary Pearlman, Harry Turtledove, Scott Zrubek, and Hagrid and son. For the fans, we had Shepherd, Scott Bobo, Todd Dashoff, Colin Harris, George Krause, Sydnie Krause, Jonathan Miles, Tim Miller, Ingrid Neilson, and Scott and Judy Pinnow. Umpiring the game were Judi Castro and Joe Siclari.

The spectators cheered and the players talked smack as the tension mounted. A good time was had by all.

Scooter Safety

A fire safety tip from Program Ops: Please don't park your mobi in the room's central corridor between the rows of chairs.

Late Night Munchies?

Leslie Turek reports: "Last night we noticed a group of three food trucks arranged around an outdoor patio with tables and music. One of the guys told us they're there every night except Monday until around 2 am. This was on S. Alamo about a block or two past Hemisfair Park on the right (opposite the fire station). One was New Orleans/Cajun; not sure about the others."

Volunteers Still Needed

We have prizes for our Volunteer Raffle Winners. Also, don't forget to get your t-shirt after working those 15 hours. Some tasks are for double hours. Please check with Ellen Braun in West Reg Lobby at Volunteers desk.

RIP Ken Grimes

Ken Grimes passed away in 2012 and was inadvertently left out of the memorial. He was a well-known photographer, often a member of the official con photo team and one of the people who ran the Masquerade photo area. His Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/plastickit>

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Program Changes

ADDITIONS

Keeping Flirtation within Boundaries

Sunday at 10:00 in Convention Center (102A)

You can't rely on body language alone. If you're worried about being inappropriate, we'll give you some tips on how to avoid social gaffes. The workshop will cover boundary negotiation both physical and verbal cues, consent issues both simple and complex, and convention-specific situations.

Did You Really Say That!?!?

Sunday at 15:00 in Convention Center (204B)

OMG! Did you just put your foot in your mouth? Dealing with uncomfortable social situations at conventions, especially one that you just created.

DROPPED ITEMS

Comic Book Literacy (was Monday at 13:00).

PARTICIPANT CHANGES

Riding on Oil - (Sunday at 13:00)

Dropped: Rich Lynch

The Current State of US Copyright Law - (Sunday at 16:00)

Added: J. David Spurlock

WITHDRAWN PARTICIPANTS

Margaret Middleton had to leave suddenly and will not be performing with Jordan Kare or hosting the Oldies Filk Circle.

Party on, Dud(ett)es!

Consuite	Conf	8 AM to 2 AM
	17-18	
FenCon	3226	9 PM to late
Montreal 2017 bid	3332	8 PM to dawn
Brotherhood Without Borders	3436	8 PM to ???
Drabblecast	3522	lateish to laterish
Loncon 3	3529	9 PM to ???
KC in 2016 bid	3530	9:30 PM to ???
New Orleans 2018/ Contraflow/DSC 53	3542	9:30 PM to ???
Nippon 2017 bid	3546	9 PM to midnight

Saturday WSFS Main Business Meeting

by Lew Wolkoff

The following were passed and will be sent on to Loncon 3 for consideration: (1) an amendment that Worldcon and NASFIC Committees could charge members for the cost of providing and mailing paper copies of their generally distributed publications; (2) an amendment adding requirements to financial reports made by Worldcon and NASFIC Committees; and (3) an amendment clarifying the Best Fan Artist Hugo to be at non-professional events including conventions.

The two amendments referring to membership costs and unbundling key WSFS rights (including Hugo voting and site selection rights) were sent to a committee, which will make a report at next year's Loncon3.

When candidate Deb Geisler withdrew her name from consideration, the remaining candidates for the three open seats on the Mark Protection Committee: Ben Yalow, Kevin Standlee, and Tim Illingworth, were elected by acclamation.

The two amendments reducing the percentages needed to grant a change in eligibility under the Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) rules from 3/4 to 2/3 were passed and sent on to Loncon 3. The amendment making the HEROW extension a permanent part of the WSFS Constitution was also passed and sent on to Loncon 3.

No representative was present from L.A.con IV to give its convention's financial report. A representative from Renovation reported that most of their surplus had been distributed, and that they intended to deal with the remainder by the end of the year.

A new item of business was introduced at the end of the meeting. This was an amendment to remove references to the three North America Zones from the requirements for Mark Protection Committee representation. This also passed and was sent on to Loncon 3 for consideration.