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Recent Events

August meeting was a swim party at a new location (Jean's house). Sadly, your editor had car trouble and didn't make it.



Briefs

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Your editor had a wonderful vacation in May. Last month she shared photos from Moscow. This month it's photos from Mongolia. See below.

Minutes

SWCG Meeting August 6, 2017 at Jean's Place

Witnessed by Webmaster Randall

Present were Jean, Paula and Randall, with phone-ins from Mahala and Tasha.

This was an informal get-together. We munched veggies, conversed and looked at some pix and video from Randall's dive trip. A business meeting was not called to order, but some business was discussed casually. The first Sunday in September falls within the Labor Day weekend, which will affect our meeting schedule.

Calendar

Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. *Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM.*

August 20th Zombie Make and Take 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
HeatSync Labs 140 W Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201 See instructions below

SEPTEMBER 1-4 2017 - Saboten-Con - Phoenix AZ <http://www.sabotencon.com/> Arizona's Premier Japanese Pop-Culture Convention 340 N 3rd St Phoenix AZ 85004 480-428-2776

September 30 and October 1. Thrill Halloween - Phoenix Convention Center,

Arizona's ONLY convention for Halloween lovers provides workshops, hands-on activities, panels, contests, exclusive merchandise and exhibitors for a Halloween experience for everyone.

It is only (super)natural that AZ Haunters would be part of the action! Log in and comment here:
<https://azhaunters.com/showthread.php?67-Thrill-Halloween&p=150#post150>

NOVEMBER 10-12 2017 - Tucson - Tuscon, AZ - <http://www.tusconscificon.com/>

November 17-19, 2017 at that McCormick Resort hotel 7700 East McCormick Parkway.
Arizona Furcon www.Arizonafurcon.com They have a fursuit parade on the Saturday afternoon
The panels are interesting and helpful ... all the way from G to XX late nite panels. Also the dealers room has lot of items for sale ... as well as artwork, coloring books, and comic books that venture into worlds of art not seen at the usual cons with their cats, fairies, and butterflies artworks.

DECEMBER 9 2017 - LIBCON West - Saturday, December 9, 2017 See FAQ sheet below!

March 30- April 2 2018 – CostumeCon 36, San Diego, Ca. <http://cc36sandiego.org/>

March 22-25, 2019 - Costume-Con 37 Salem, MA
Attending Memberships are \$60 through at least 12/31/2016. \$45 for those that voted in the site-selection. Supporting Memberships are \$25, \$15 for voters. We hope to have online registration in place soon, even if it'll just be a paypal button, so please be patient. Or you can send a check (payable to Costume-Con 37) to MCFI PO Box 1010 Framingham, MA 01701
I'll be posting more information on a semi-regular basis.
If there is something you would like to do for CC37, please email Aurora and myself.
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Better yet, send us some content for the next issue. We're always open to costuming news, how to and other feature articles, reviews of events, books, film, television and web, and calendar items of interest to Arizona costumers. Send your submissions to editor@southwestcostumersguild.org.

Cosplay Group FAQ for LIBCON West

Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 11 AM - 5 PM
Glendale Public Library (Main)
5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302
libconwest.weebly.com

Anna Caggiano, Cosplay Coordinator
623-930-3439 (work)

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We had a terrific turnout of cosplay groups at our first LIBCON West in 2016; the cosplay was a major highlight of this free comics and pop culture convention. We can't wait to do it again this year! Please contact me at the email listed above if your group would like to participate in LIBCON West 2017.

Last year, LIBCON West was focused primarily on teens. This year, we're marketing it as a "family-friendly" convention. There will be some activities just for kids, some just for teens, and some for all ages. All costumes should be age-appropriate for an audience including kids and teens.

LIBCON West setup will begin at 9:30 AM. Cosplayers arriving before the official convention start time of 11 AM should please text or call my cellphone to be admitted inside the library, where they can sign in and receive their badges and schedules. After 11 AM, cosplayers should proceed directly to the registration table to sign in and collect their badges and schedules. Any prop weapons will be peace-bonded during registration. *No real weapons will be allowed.* An official weapons procedure will be provided soon.

We will again be featuring a cosplayer lounge just for our official cosplay groups, although it will be in a different, yet-to-be-determined room from last year. The lounge will feature water, snacks, an emergency costume repair kit, and a place to store your things. We have two very small changing rooms in the auditorium which will be available before 11 AM, plus two staff restrooms which can be used as changing rooms throughout the day.

We encourage you to have representatives from your group present for the entire day (11 AM – 5 PM). We realize that six hours is a long time to be in costume, so if your group wants to arrive in shifts, that's absolutely fine. We just want to ensure that we have plenty of cosplayers in both the morning and afternoon if possible. A couple of weeks before the convention, we would appreciate it if you could provide us with a rough estimate of how many cosplayers from your group we should expect.

This year, we'll be providing a photo area in the library lobby featuring backdrops and possibly a green screen, with scheduled times for different cosplay groups to pose for photos with attendees. This schedule will be emailed to you before the event, posted by the photo area, and included in your registration packet. If you have a preference for certain times, please let us know.

If any members of your group are interested in participating in some of our panels and events, such as Cosplay Bingo, Superhero Training Academy, So You Wanna Be a Cosplayer, Cosplay Storytime, etc., please contact Kearsten LaBrozzi, the LIBCON West Programming Coordinator, at KLaBrozzi@GLENDALEAZ.com.

If your group would like to have a table at LIBCON West, please contact our Vendor Coordinator, Ray Ceo, at rceo@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-3570. We have a limited quantity of tables available. Tables are free, but we do ask for you to donate something to our raffle.

Please feel free to email or call me with any questions. We hope to see you there!

August 20th Zombie Make and Take 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

We'll be talking zombies. Just what makes a thing a "zombie"? Let's find out.

Bring your own stuff to zombify. Some animal skeletons and small human skeletons will be available to buy if you have cash but no skellies.

Things you might want to bring to make a skeleton into a corpse:

Various shades of [\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/Minwax-Semi-Transparent-Gel-Stain/17300063"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Minwax-Semi-Transparent-Gel-Stain/17300063)gel stain^[/URL].

some [\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/Husky-Plastic-Drop-Cloth-0-7-Mil-3-Pack/17217856"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Husky-Plastic-Drop-Cloth-0-7-Mil-3-Pack/17217856) 0.7 mil drop cloths^[/URL]

[\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/Wagner-HT1000-Heat-Tool/14895594"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Wagner-HT1000-Heat-Tool/14895594)heat gun^[/URL] or...

[\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/White-Cloud-Cotton-Balls-Jumbo-60-Ct/55335009"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/White-Cloud-Cotton-Balls-Jumbo-60-Ct/55335009)bag of cotton balls^[/URL]

Bottle of [\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/Elmer-s-Washable-Liquid-School-Glue-1-Gallon/19682637"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Elmer-s-Washable-Liquid-School-Glue-1-Gallon/19682637)PVA glue^[/URL] or wood glue.

[\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/Krylon-ColorMaster-Paint-Primer-Flat-Black-15-Oz/177088586"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Krylon-ColorMaster-Paint-Primer-Flat-Black-15-Oz/177088586)Black spray paint^[/URL]

latex or [\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/Apple-Barrel-Colors-2-oz/36502371"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Apple-Barrel-Colors-2-oz/36502371)acrylic paints^[/URL] in various shades (red, brown, tan, white)

some [\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/1-Chip-Paint-Brush/176277923"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/1-Chip-Paint-Brush/176277923)paint brushes^[/URL]

Some bowls or other containers to hold water, mix glue in, or mix paints in would be good too.

Things you might want to bring to make zombies:

stuff to zombify - dolls, stuffed animals, christmas decorations...

latex or [\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/Apple-Barrel-Colors-2-oz/36502371"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Apple-Barrel-Colors-2-oz/36502371) acrylic paints in^[/URL] various shades (gray, red, brown, tan, black, white)

soldering iron or hot hobby knife

PVA glue

Paint brushes

Hot glue and the corresponding gun

[\[URL="https://www.walmart.com/ip/Krylon-ColorMaster-Paint-Primer-Flat-Black-15-Oz/177088586"\]](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Krylon-ColorMaster-Paint-Primer-Flat-Black-15-Oz/177088586)black^[/URL], gray and/or white spraypaint

If you want to make teeth or small bones, you may want to bring some cornstarch and baby oil along in addition to PVA glue. Full sized human ribs are more of a paper mache thing.

If you have a favorite method for making things into zombies, please come along! Let's all try some new stuff!

Some tutorials include:

[\[URL="http://www.instructables.com/id/Zombie-Dolls/"\]](http://www.instructables.com/id/Zombie-Dolls/)This

one^[/URL] [\[URL="http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-Doll-Zombies-1/"\]](http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-Doll-Zombies-1/)This one ^[/URL]

[\[URL="https://azhaunters.com/entry.php?6-Zombie-Teddy-Bears-Part-1"\]](https://azhaunters.com/entry.php?6-Zombie-Teddy-Bears-Part-1)This one ^[/URL]

[\[URL="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vAQS9iejr4"\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vAQS9iejr4)This

one^[/URL] [\[URL="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69p2EyS-5qk"\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69p2EyS-5qk)Maybe this one^[/URL] OR

[\[URL="https://www.pinterest.com/pin/267682771573664377/?!p=true"\]](https://www.pinterest.com/pin/267682771573664377/?!p=true)maybe get inspired by these.^[/URL]

[\[URL="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mnq86FAj1tA"\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mnq86FAj1tA)Aaah! Zombies!^[/URL]



Although Genghis Khan converted the Mongols to the “yellow hat” (pacifistic) Buddhist sect, he said that archery, horseback riding and wrestling, were the ‘three manly sports’. Your editor got to see them at a mini-Nadaam Festival near Ulan Bator in Outer Mongolia. The riders area all under 12 I believe. We got to try shooting the 35kg pull bow. Your editor things she was the only tourist who had tried archery before .





The wrestlers perform an 'eagle dance' around their second before a match (he holds their hat).



We also saw a master of ceremonies, a boy and girl who played horsehead fiddles, and a dancer.

