

FENCON ION



The Official FenCon Newsletter

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Welcome to FenCon VI

It's day two of FenCon and we've got a heck of a lot going on. We've got more panels, more demos, more concerts, more hands-on workshops, and our annual FenCon Cabaret featuring the All-Star Git-Down Filksing Hootenanny.

Shop the FenConvenience Store

We've got dynamic **FenCon VI t-shirts** and roomy **tote bags** for just \$20 each. We've got the limited-edition **Kurt Miller art print** for the low price of \$10. (And every penny of that \$10 goes directly to Genesis Women's Shelter!) We've also got a very limited supply of charity prints from previous years. Plus we're having a **super blowout on t-shirts** from previous FenCons—just \$5 each, while they last. We're just inside the dealer room, for your FenConvenience.

PROGRAM ERROR: DPRG Robot Panels Rebooted!

Well it finally happened. We made a mistake. The programming description for two of our favorite panels is off a teeny bit. At 2pm in Trinity III, the Dallas Personal Robotics (DPRG) club will be presenting "Intro To Robot Building & Robot Demos". Presenters are: Ron Grant, Dale Wheat, and Ed Paradis. At 3pm in Trinity III, DPRG is presenting "Star Wars R2D2 Robot Building". Presenter is Glenn Pipe. Come learn how Dallas's premier robotic hobbyists turn metal into minions. ****END_OF_LINE****

Program Schedule Updates

Bev Hale is ill and will not be attending this weekend.

Saturday

- Christopher Fulbright regrets he will be unable to attend his Saturday panels
- 10am – David Gray will join "Apollo 11: 40 Years Later" in Trinity VI
- 10am – Alexis Glynn Latner will take part in the reading in Director's
- 10am – Lee Killough will join "Kick-Ass Heroines: Looking Good in Leather" in Trinity I/II
- 11am – Angeline Hawkes will take Chris Fulbright's place on the "Sword and Sorcery Movies" panel in Trinity I/II. C. Dean Andersson will moderate
- 12pm - Paul Cornell will be signing autographs in the Gallery
- 12pm – Linda Donahue will join "Meat and Blood" in Trinity I/II
- 1pm – Brad Denton regrets he will be unable to attend "Rejectomancy" in the Addison Lecture Hall. Maggie Bonham will join the panel
- 2pm – Expanded concert in the Oak Ballroom: Bland Lemon and the Lemon-Aides (Bradley "Bland Lemon" Denton, David Lee "Psychobot" Anderson, Caroline "Bad Cat" Spector, and Bob "Thumper" Yeager
- 2pm – Mel Tatum joins the "Yard Dog Press Road Show" in Trinity I/I
- 3pm – Real Musgrave and Keith R. A. DeCandido added to the Autograph session
- 3pm - There will be a root beer tasting in the Director's Room. More than a dozen gourmet root beers will be sampled! Space is limited. Please sign up at the board near Registration.
- 11pm - Missed the 3pm Root Beer Tasting? We have another one! Sign up at Registration.
- 12mid – *G.O.R.A.* replaces *The Abominable Dr. Phibes* in the Video Room

Sunday

- 10am - Carla Ulbrich regrets she will be unable to attend the "Starting Your Own Business" panel in Trinity I/II.
- 11am - Teresa Patterson will join "Breaking In is Hard to Do" in Pecan

Young Scientists Wanted

WANTED: Young scientists for fun, facts, and fantastic experiments. Kids, join Lorretta Morgan from 11am to 1pm on the patio behind the Admiral's Club Con Suite for two hours of hands-on science activities at FenCon's 2nd annual Science For Kids program. Recommended ages are 7 and up. Under 7 years, Adult supervision is required. Parents welcome!

Please note: if weather is stormy the Science For Kids program will move indoors to a nearby function room. Look for signs directing you to the room.



Welcome, Starfleet Members

Special greetings to the *Star Trek* fans from across Louisiana and Texas, members of Starfleet's Region Three, who chose FenCon to serve as host for their 2009 Summit.

We've added a number of Trek-themed items to the programming and many of the Region's events are open to all FenCon members. Check out "Strong, Sexy Women of Sci-Fi" presented by the crew of the *USS Corsair*.

If you want to know more about the oldest, largest organization for fans of this enduring franchise, talk to any member with "Starfleet Region Three" on their badge.

Check out <http://www.region3.org> for more information.

Party All Night Long

A special welcome to all the groups throwing **room parties** at FenCon this year. Tonight's parties include **ApolloCon**, the **House Party** and the **Texas in 2013** Worldcon bid party. Plus we'll have parties thrown by area conventions ConJour, ConDFW, ArmadilloCon, and AggieCon. Look for posted signs with the exact times and locations.

Programming Highlight

Join our Fen Guest of Honor, **Warren Buff**, as well as Lou Antonelli, Al Jackson, Guy Lillian, Lee Martindale, and Tracy Morris for an in-depth look at "**Southern Fandom**" and how it's different from other parts of the country.

Warren currently serves as the president of the Southern Fandom Confederation and spearheaded the successful effort to bring the 10th occasional North American Science Fiction Convention (aka the NASFiC) to Raleigh, North Carolina, in 2010.

Learn all about Southern fandom for yourself as our panel gives it a whirl Saturday night at 7pm in Trinity III

Video Delights

Have you checked out our **video room** in its new location? Now in the Maple Room, around the corner from Gaming, we've got special presentations of *Doctor Who* with Toastmaster **Paul Cornell** and IHOD starting at 2pm, a *Star Trek* tribute to Ricardo Montalban (and Khan Noonien Singh) starting at 5pm, and as an extra-special treat we're doing our first ever live **simulcast of the FenCon Cabaret** starting at 9pm. This simulcast give you a chance to see our signature Saturday night event from the comfort and privacy of our new video room. On Sunday, we'll present this year's Hugo winners plus *Plan 9 From Outer Space* to close out the weekend