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What is Penguicon?

To those of you familiar with the Linux and Open Source community, think of a weekend long Linux Users Group meeting with hundreds of other geeks which also just happens to have nationally acclaimed guests, its own wireless network, free caffeine and snacks always available, lots of folks talking about science fiction and fantasy, situated next to a place to buy really cool t-shirts and buttons and such, and with some extra events like amateur singing, anime, a costume contest, and occasional swordfights.

To those of you familiar with Science Fiction conventions, imagine all the convention features you know and love, with the addition of wireless internet access, computer gaming (including the fabulous Celebrity Frag Fest), non-stop Internet access, people who know about online publishing/books on demand/digital art, a programming track involving computing topics and another one focusing on the crossover between science fiction and computing.

And what else is there at Penguicon? How about a shared computing and SF dealer's room, a masquerade, the CHAOS toy, and a rocking dance. There are reading and signing sessions from our guest authors, 24-hour gaming (both computer and non-computer), and 24-hour anime showings. There are Linux Installfests, Birds of a Feather sessions, computing and programming tutorials, and email and internet. We have coffee, cola, and the famed "Water Joe" in the consuite, which is complimentary to all attendees. We do technical presentations and seminars. There are fiction books, computer books, and comic books. There's filk. And a Guest of Honor Banquet. And... well, you get the idea already! All of this on a three-day weekend. Thanks for attending, and have fun!

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ConChair's Blog

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Date April 21st 2006

(Mood Exhausted and Crazy)

It seems I was just red-eyed and exhausted from Penguicon 3.0 and here we all are again at Penguicon 4.0. Over the past year the ConCom has been working hard to put on another amazing weekend of fun, games, and even education. We have more GoHs (Guests of Honor) then before and more Nifty Guests too. That, put together with morning to night programming in every inch of space we can find, all means we are going to have one heck of a party this weekend!

When I sat down to write this I started to imagine all the people that made Penguicon possible this year and so many great individuals came to mind I realized that if I thanked them all here, I would consume the first 12 pages of the program book. I was amazed time and time again over the year by just how many people wanted to be a part of Penguicon. All I can say is if you see someone with a ConCom, Staff, Panelist, and/or Penguicon ribbon please be sure to thank them, they where absolutely pivotal in making this year a success.

Every year Penguicon takes input and ideas from years past and tries to make things better. This year we have packed the programming as tight and we could. Engaged the Youmacon team to put together the anime room. Dragged a Guest of Honor in from a little company you may have heard of called Google. If you see something that you know could be done better, volunteer at the convention this year for the department you want to improve, or volunteer to try and help this year so you can learn the system that is in place and learn exactly what is trying to be achieved and how to make it better.

To the individuals coming from the open source community, be sure to explore what the convention has to offer. The technology programming is great but be sure to swing through the dealers rooms, try out a non-tech panel that looks interesting, and/or hang out in a room party. You will see some new and exciting things and just embrace them and have fun.

To those of you coming from the FAN and long-time congoers community, this event is going to be familiar to you with some new elements tossed in. Go take a look at what exciting project the open source community is demonstrating in the computer room. Read some of the technological programming sessions and find something that piques your interest.

Everyone involved in Penguicon 4.0 worked very hard and though we can look now and see some places where we could improve I am sure you will like this year's convention. -Aaron Thul

Penguicon 4.0 ConChair 🏼 🦾

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Operations

Lost something or someone? Got a question, problem or emergency? Visit the friendly and knowledgeable folks in Ops, located in Spiritz Lounge off of the hotel lobby. They may not know the answer, but they'll probably know where to get it. It's the nerve center of the convention.

Volunteering

Without volunteers, this event quite literally cannot happen. From the people who spent much of a year's free time putting this event together, to the folks who spend their precious time at the convention making sure all the little details happen, volunteers are absolutely crucial.

Since we're still a young convention, and don't have a nice trust fund or anything, we're limited in the concrete ways we can show our appreciation to our volunteers. But what we can offer, we do.

 We've got crash space for you in the Penguin Pit. This is the official volunteer sleeping space, and you're welcome to store stuff there too. (Although storage is one of those "at your own risk" deals.) Please be respectful of the stuff and sleep/wake schedules of your fellow volunteers. The poor guy asleep at 10:00 pm may be working ConSuite at 5:00 am!



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- Possible membership reimbursements. If the convention breaks even, the first people who will get their registration money refunded to them are Penguins who work six or more hours at the convention. We can't promise this absolutely, but we managed to do it our first three years and expect to be able to again.
- Penguicon gifts! Yes, our Prize Mistress Rikhei Harris will disburse concrete tokens of appreciation on Sunday.

 Fame & glory. Or at the least, recognition & lavish praise. Show up at the Volunteer table of our Penguin Wrangler Rachel Sherman, near Ops in Spiritz Lounge, at any time during the con to volunteer. A brief six hours of fun toil can get you a refund on your registration!

ConSuite

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Hey *you*! Yeah **you**! We're talking to you. *You* are invited to the Penguicon ConSuites!

Who do we mean by "**you**"? Well... **everybody**. Yep, everybody that attends Penguicon is invited to drop by the ConSuites and partake of true Penguin hospitality. Drop by any hour of the day or night and get a hot or cold drink, grab some munchies, pack away a little snack, and visit with those other strange folks wandering the con at 3:42 AM.

For those who are new to cons, a ConSuite is a room where you meet people, converse, imbibe beverages and consume munchies. This year the non-smoking ConSuite is on the first floor of the Holidome. The smoking ConSuite is immediately above it, on the second floor. They will be opened to all attendees at 4:00 pm on Friday, and stay open around the clock all weekend. If you're sticking around after the convention, the ConSuite is where we gather Sunday for the "Dead Dog Party."

Alcohol will be served on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am. Proper identification will be required from those wishing to be served, in the form of a state driver's license, state I.D. card, military I.D. or passport. No exceptions.

In addition to the usual ConSuite fare consisting of many crunchy, salty, sweet and delicious items, including fruits and vegetables for vegetarians, beverages of various sorts will be available, both hot and cold. Decaffeinated and diet drinks will be available for those who prefer them.

ConSuite has an especially high caffeine content at Penguicon. Sodas, coffee, tea, water, mints, sweets and chocolate are all available caffeinated. Those with caffeine sensitivity are advised to pay due attention to the ingredients of what they consume. Those of us who embrace the divine thing which is caffeine will have the opportunity to have it oozing from our pores.

We have so many food events this year, we're calling it a "food track." Look for the knife and fork logo in the schedule. Most of it is in the ConSuite, such as Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream, Chupaquesos, or the Hot Sauce Tasting. Others are not in the ConSuite, such as the Chocolate Ritual or the Coffee Ritual. Penguicon's own blend of OpenCola will be served all weekend thanks to the inestimable Cola-meister Chuck Child, and it tastes just unbelievably awesome this year. Check out the cola brewing demo panel.

Dealers Room

Be sure to visit the great selection of readables, wearables, and collectables available in the Dealers Room located in the Ambassador Ballroom. There's always a wide and intriguing variety of reading materials, jewelry, fannish clothing, computer stuff and more to browse or spend your hard-earned dough on. It's a great place to find old friends and new friends, as well as that out-of-print edition you've been looking for. Shopping hours are: Friday, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Saturday, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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Wondering who that is recording the panel you're attending? The Science Fiction Oral History Association is recording many things here at Penguicon. We're a group dedicated to capturing the oral history of science fiction — pros, fans, everything — on tape! We have over thirty years of recordings from events like Penguicon — including some from the first Penguicon, last year! If you are on a panel, please make sure to fill out the SFOHA permissions release form in your program participant packet and turn it in at Ops. You can also find copies of those online at <u>www.</u> <u>sfoha.org</u> and mail them to us afterwards. That will allow us to make these recordings available to researchers and the public in the future. If you would like to help — right now! — please inquire at Ops or ask anyone wearing a SFOHA ribbon.

Masquerade

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The masquerade will be held in Ballrooms A and B at 8:00 Saturday night. Our judges are Francine Rossi, our Nifty Guests Cathy Raymond and Kathy Koja, and GoHs Joan Vinge, Cory Doctorow, Nat Torkington and Rod Roddenberry. As an added attraction, The Great Luke Ski will be our MC and performing for our audience during the judging. Entry forms are available at Ops. Please turn them in by 5:00 pm on Saturday. All entrants need to be at Ballroom A and B at 7:00 pm for pre-judging and muster.

Computer Lounge

This year's computer lounge is brought to you by the Greater Lansing Linux User Group. Feel free to drop on by to check your mail, browse the web, and perhaps find out a little bit more about open source software. You can also check out some demos that help show off the real power of Linux and use our CD burning station to take home your very own copy of Linux to try on your computer at home. If you brought your gaming computer with you, you can plug it into the dedicated gaming network and frag (or cooperate with others in fragging) other convention-goers to your heart's content.

Linux Users Groups

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Linux Users Groups (LUGs) are non-profit volunteer groups whose goal is to promote and exchange information about Linux and Open Source Software. Please check websites for time and dates of meetings!

Michigan LUGS

- Grand Rapids Linux User's Group (GRLUG): grandrapidslug.org
- Greater Lansing Linux User's Group (GLLUG): Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. www.gllug.org
- Kalamazoo Linux User's Group (KLUG): Meets every Saturday. www.kalamazoolinux.org
- Metro Detroit Linux Users Group (MDLUG): Meets every 2nd Saturday of the month. www.mdlug.org
- Michigan!/usr/group (MUG): Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month. www.mug.org
- Monroe County Linux User's Group (MC-LUG): Meets on the last Saturday of the month. www.monroelug.org
- South Eastern Michigan Sun Local User's Group (SEMISLUG): Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. www.semislug.mi.org
- Washtenaw Linux User's Group (WLUG): Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. www.lugwash.org

Indiana/Ohio LUGS

- Cleveland Linux User's Group (LUGC): Meets every 2nd Saturday of the month. www.clevelandlug.net
- Michian Linux User's Group (MLUG): Meets every 1st Saturday of the month. www.mlug.org
- Toledo Linux User's Group (TALUG): Meets every 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month. www.talug.org

Canadian LUGS

- Toronto Linux User Group: Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month. tlug.ss.org
- Windsor Unix User's Group (WUUG): Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. www.wuug.org





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Hotel	Name Avrg. \$ Alcohol Phone Numbe
You are located on Six Mile Road at the I-275 Six Mile Road exit. 17123 Laurel Park, Livonia, MI 48152. The phone number is 1(734)464-1300. It's right next to a mall, with a large and varied	6. Denny's \$6 No 1(734) 459-088 ° Directions: North side of Ann Arbor Rd between Haggerty Rd and Newburgh Rd just off of 1-275.
collection of restaurants within walking distance.	 Denny's \$6 No 1(734) 427-27 Directions: West side of Wayne Rd about 1/4 of a Mile North of Warren Rd.
 Hotel Concession Menu Hot Dog & Fries Individual Pepperoni Pizza Vegetable Burger & Fries 	 8. Lone Star Steakhouse \$11-15 Full Bar 1(734) 432-170 [°] Directions: We are located Between 7 & 8 Mile Rds. Just E of 1-275
Fries or Salad • Quiche Lorraine & Fries or • Baked Potato with Cheese Salad	Name Avrg. \$ Alcohol Phone Numbe
 'n' Bacon & Salad Baked Potato with Broccoli or Salad 'n' Cheese & Salad 	9. Max & Erma's \$11-15 Full Bar 1(734) 462-987 ^o Directions: S side of 6 Mile Rd. just E of I-275 in the Laurel Park Place mall
All Items \$5.25 Including Tax	10. Max & Erma's \$6-10 Full Bar 1(734) 981-337 ° Directions: W side of Canton Center Rd. just S of Ford Rd.
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Fine Dining 1. Café Bon Homme \$21&Up Full Bar 1(734) 453-6260 ° Directions: North side of Penniman between Harvey & Main St	 Description: Food, sports and spirits. 12. Jack Dunleavys Grill \$6-15 Full bar 1(734) 455-370 Directions: Just North of Lilly 2 miles West of I-275 &

- Main St. Full Bar 1(734) 453-2002 2. Ernesto's \$16-20
- Directions: South side of Plymouth Rd. just West of Haggerty
- o Discount: Show the hotel restaurant guide or mention Preview Detroit and receive 10% off of your entire bill
- Description: It's an Italian Country Inn featuring many different rooms for a terrific dining experience. Piano Music in the Bar, String Music in the main dining area.

For more Fine Dining listings in your area ask your hotel staff for the Preview Detroit Concierge Book.

American

- \$6-20 3. Amico's Pizzeria No 1(313) 937-2820 Directions: North side of Joy Rd. between Inkster Rd. and Middlebelt Rd.
- 4. Applebees \$6-10 Full Bar 1(734) 455-7510 Directions: North side of Ford Rd., just West of I-275
- 5. Cooker's Bar & Grill \$11-15 Full Bar 1(734) 462-3650 Directions: South side of 7 Mile Rd. just East of Haggerty

- East of Sheldon Rd. 0 Discount: Show the hotel restaurant guide or mention PreviewDetroit.com and receive 10% off of your entire food purchase.
- 0 Description: Voted having the best burger & best chili in all of Plymouth.
- 13. Buddy's Pizzeria \$11-15 Full Bar 1(734) 261-3550 Directions: South Side of Plymouth Rd. just West of Farmington Rd.
- Full Bar 1(734) 459-4190 14. Boulders \$11-15 Directions: North Side of Ann Arbor Rd, between Main St. and Sheldon Rd. We are 3 Miles West of I-275
- 0 Description: Voted best Night Spot in Plymouth 2 years in a row
- 15. Steak and Ale \$11-15 Full Bar 1(734) 453-8080 Directions: Just W of I-275 on the South side of Ann Arbor Rd.
- 16. Caesarland \$11-15 Full Bar 1(734) 729-5100 0 Directions: Corner of Wayne Rd. and Cherry Hill. Across the street from Kmart.

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\$6-10 No 1(734) 455-1240 17. China Moon Directions: South side of Main St. between Church St. & Fralick Rd.

Alcohol

Avrg. \$

- 18. Fortune Buffet \$6-10 No 1(734) 524-8383
- Directions: One block West of Middlebelt Rd. on the South side of Five Mile Rd.
- Description: We are the best and largest Chinese/ Japanese Buffet. Name Avrg. \$ Alcohol Phone Number
- Italian
- 19. Joe's Italian Bakery & Deli
- \$6-10 Full Bar 1(734) 416-1456 0 Directions: South side of Ann Arbor Rd. between Lilley & Main St.

20.Mama-Mia Restaurant & Pizzeria

- \$6-10 Full Bar 1(734) 427-1000 0 Directions: North Side of Plymouth Rd. Between Inkster and Middlebelt Rds.
- 21. Olive Garden \$11-15 No 1(734) 458-5100
- Directions: East side of Middlebelt Rd. just North of I-96
- 22. Gino's Italian Pizza \$6-15 1(734) 455-0440 No Directions: North side of Ann Arbor Tr. 4 blocks East of
- Haggerty 0
- Discount: Show the hotel restaurant guide or mention Preview Detroit and receive 10% off of your entire bill

23. Palermo Pizzeria \$6-10 Beer/Wine 1(734) 455-5210 Directions: North Side of Ford Rd, between Canton Center and Sheldon Rds.

Lebanese

24. La Shish \$11-15 Beer/Wine 1(734) 464-8200 Directions: Southeast corner of 6 Mile & Newburgh Rds.

Mexican

25. El Nibble Nook \$11-15 Sat. Night Margarita Specials

1(248) 474-0755 0 Directions: South side of 8 Mile Rd. between Middlebelt Rd & Inkster

26. Rio Bravo Cantina \$6-10 Full Bar 1(734) 542-0700 Directions: Just East of I-275 enter on Victor Parkway

- off of 7 Mile Rd. head North. About 2 blocks on the left
- 0 Discount: Show the hotel restaurant guide or mention Preview Detroit and receive 10% off of your entire bill

- Description: Awesome fajitas
- 27. Mexican Fiesta \$6-10 Yes 1(734) 981-1048
- Directions: SW corner of Sheldon Rd. and Ford Rd. 0 Description: For more than 38 years holding the number one spot in Michigan for having the best Hot Chips, Guacamole & Coleslaw. We were rated 4 stars by many local newspapers.

Alcohol Phone Number Name Avrg. \$

Middle Eastern

28. La Shish \$11-15 Beer/Wine 1(734) 983-9000 Directions: Southwest corner of Canton Center & Ford.

Seafood

- 29. Red Lobster \$11-15 Full Bar 1(734) 427-0537 Directions: North side of Plymouth Rd. between Middlebelt & Merriman Rds.
- 30.Red Lobster \$11-15 Full Bar 1(734) 326-7655 Directions: East side of Wayne Rd. between Warren and Ford Rds.

Thai

31. Lai Thai Restaurant \$6-10 No 1(734) 459-8424 Directions: South side of Ford Rd, between Sheldon and Canton Center Rds. Right next to Murray's Auto Parts

Delivered Foods

1. Cottage Inn

- 1(734) 462-6500
- Directions: North of 5 Mile Rd. and West of Newburgh Rd.
- Discount: Mention PreviewDetroit.com and receive 25% off of any pizza at regular price.
- o Description: Pizza, Breadsticks, Chicken Wings, Salads, Subs, Lasagna & Pepsi products. Very large variety of specialty pizzas & always free delivery. Hours: Sun - Thur 11am - Midnight, Fri & Sat 11am - 1pm
- 2. Domino's Pizza
- 1(313) 422-2100 Description: Pizza, Breadsticks, Chicken Wings, Salads. Free delivery. Hours: Daily 11am-Midnight
- 3. Pizza Hut 1(313) 459-2110 Description: Pizza, Breadsticks, Chicken Wings, Salads. Delivery price varies by location. Hours: Mon-Thur 10am-Midnight, Fri-Sun 10am-2am



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Rules (Yes, we do have some)

Physical Activities

- If you disassemble or displace things which are not yours, please return them to their original condition and/or placement expediently.
- Even if you want to conduct a study of physics, don't cause objects to be propelled through the air. Also, please don't release objects such that they fall a greater distance than to the floor on which you are standing. If you can cause an object to remain suspended in midair without conventional means of support, go right ahead.
- Weapons, real or simulated, should remain secured and not be brandished about. Check out next section for what's allowed at the con. (Hint: "Slice" is bad. "Boom" is worse.)
- Most importantly, do not run while carrying scissors.

Costume Weapons

- Bladed weapons and replica firearms are allowed at Penguicon, either as parts of costumes or as part of dealer displays or pre-arranged martial arts displays. Blades that are part of costumes must be peace-bonded, and can only be displayed openly when worn as part of the entire costume. Blades and/or firearms should never be carried openly by themselves in the hotel.
- Replica and toy firearms are allowed, but not weapons which can actually fire any potentially damaging projectile (or which could ever have). This means that actual pistols and rifles, bb guns, crossbows, and any similar weaponry, are all not allowed, even if they have been altered so that they can not now be fired — convention staff cannot take responsibility for making an error in evaluating the weapon.
- Also, no weapon, whether it be a replica, toy, or anything else, can be brought to the convention if it contains gunpowder or any other explosive in any quantity. This means that caps for cap guns, blanks for starter pistols, bullets, or anything else with potential for explosion or fire will not be permitted. Also, costume items that contain or use an open flame or heating element are not allowed.

Alcoholic Beverages

- As part of con hospitality, Penguicon will be serving beer during evening and late night hours in the Smoking and Non-Smoking ConSuites. There may also be other events that will include beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages. In the interest of avoiding those awkward confrontations with the hotel, or those even more awkward late night meetings with the police, we ask that everyone please observe some common sense rules about alcoholic beverages at the con.
- Penguicon volunteers will be checking IDs before serving any alcoholic beverages. You must be 21 or over in order to drink.
- Proof of age will be required at the point of service, not during registration. In other words, you must bring your ID to the ConSuites in order to drink. Con badges will NOT indicate age, or be accepted as proof of age. Acceptable forms of ID are drivers' licenses, state issued picture IDs, military IDs, and passports.
- Anyone seen to be violating state drinking laws (for instance, by providing alcohol to someone under 21) will not be allowed into the con's hospitality areas. (This includes both ConSuites and the Green Room.) Repeated or major violations may result in the violators' being removed from the hotel.
- Open alcoholic beverages should not be brought into convention function rooms, or consumed in the public spaces of the hotel. Open beverages can be carried with you as you move from room to room, however.
- Room parties in guest rooms are welcome to provide hospitality (potentially including serving alcohol). Each party will need to decide how to handle appropriate alcohol management. Penguicon asks only that everyone comply with the hotel's requirements about not having alcohol in the function spaces and common areas, and that all parties follow state drinking laws. Have fun sensibly!
- If you purchase an alcoholic beverage in Shanahan's Irish Pub and take it out of the restaurant, you are not allowed to take it back in.



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Other Mind Altering Behaviors

- Sleep deprivation and various states of -glycemia are too often overlooked when considering mind altering behaviors. Be good to yourself by getting some sleep in each 24-hour period, as well as at least one non-junk-food meal in the same time frame. You'll save yourself the trouble of feeling physically exhausted and unendurably moody. The 5-2-1 rule is a good recommendation: 5 hours of sleep, two meals and one shower per day.
- Do not take open alcoholic beverages out of the ConSuites or private rooms where they are served. Caffeine, however, may be consumed in any location.
- Please confine the use of any illegal drugs to another venue.
- Although there is some debate, we choose to consider meditation and chanting as potentially mind altering behaviors. If you choose to perform either, please do so in a place that will not impede pedestrians, vehicles, or a Fire Exit.

Smoking

- Please, no smoking except in designated areas shown on the map with a smoking symbol.
- If you begin smoking in Shanahan's and decide to continue outside the hotel lobby, the hotel asks that you extinguish your cigarette and leave it behind. Carrying the lit cigarette down the hallway on your way there will set off the smoke alarms.
- There is a Smoking ConSuite on the 2nd floor of the hotel directly above the other ConSuite. Smoke in comfort, and enjoy the same amenities found in the other ConSuite, including munchies and beverages.



Sexuality

 The display of bondage gear or fetish clothing in public is controversial, but acceptable at the convention. We would recommend that it is most appropriate in the evenings. However please keep BD/SM scenes or play in your room to avoid non-consensual experiences for others.

• Please keep your public displays of affection rated PG-13.

Social Interactions



- Interesting and energizing are to debate as distracting and irritating are to argument. If you must argue, please do so in your room. People deemed to be arguing in public in any way that interferes with the enjoyment of other convention goers may be considered a hazard to navigation, and may be a target for a good talking to and a public shunning.
- Often at SF conventions, many people of various genders can be seen in scanty costumes. Please be respectful by not touching their persons without a clear invitation, and by keeping in mind that "No Means No." Actually, these are good things to remember no matter what a person may be wearing.

Parental Concerns

• Children in the 12 and under age range are welcome at the convention, and will not be charged for admission. However, parents should be aware that Penguicon does not provide any programming or services for children age 12 or under, and requires that a registered convention attendee always accompany these children. Unaccompanied children will not be permitted into non-public convention areas and functions. Please also consider that some convention panel topics may not be appropriate for young children, and that some evening and night convention functions may involve attendee costume and activities possibly inappropriate for children. If children are attending with you, it is your responsibility to supervise them appropriately. Penguicon cannot be held responsible for unaccompanied minors.

Swimming Pool

- Pool hours will be posted, please pay attention to them!
- If you have children, please supervise them.
- Don't drink and swim.
- Be courteous to other users of the area.
- Be safe.



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Game Room Rules

NO SMOKING. For the comfort of everyone, all of the gaming function spaces are non-smoking areas. Anyone caught smoking will be treated as though they are on fire.

NO PETS. For the safety and comfort of everyone, only medically necessary service animals will be allowed in the gaming areas. Gaming staff will ask the owners of all other animals to leave.

BE CAREFUL WITH FOOD & DRINKS. Eating and drinking are allowed in gaming, but please take extra care not to spill, and please properly dispose of all empty containers and waste materials.

GAMING IS NOT A DAY CARE SERVICE. Anyone under the age of 13 must purchase a membership badge at the youth rate or be tethered to a parent or legal guardian at all times. Additionally, anyone under the age of 18 must carry contact information for a parent or legal guardian at all times. Gaming staff will ask anyone who is unwilling to comply to leave.

RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE. The people who run games at Penguicon are unpaid volunteers. Likewise, other gamers paid for the privilege to play games at Penguicon. Gaming staff will ask anyone caught mistreating others to leave.

RESPECT OTHERS' PROPERTY. Penguicon has a small gaming library, but most of the games are the private property of the gaming staff and other volunteers. Gaming staff will ask anyone caught mistreating any games to leave.

NO TANTRUMS. Games have winners and losers. If you won, congratulations! But please don't rub it in. If you lost, please don't whine about it. Better luck next time! Gaming staff will ask anyone who causes or participates in any disturbance to leave.

Above all -- PLAY FAIR, & HAVE FUN!

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Checkout Time

The hotel's normal check-out time is 12:00 noon.



Get A Room! a.k.a. No Sleeping in the Lobby

• Even if you are local to the convention, we encourage you to rent a room, for two big reasons. First, odds are good that you're going to want to hang out and do fun things until the wee small hours of morning. It's much easier to max out the fun potential of the convention if you don't have to worry about driving home. The second is for the sake of the convention. If enough convention members rent rooms, we don't have to pay for function space. Which means we can run the convention more cheaply, and afford to do it again next year. 'Nuff said, right? And anyone who volunteers at the convention is allowed and welcome to sleep in the volunteer suite (the "Penguicon Pit"), providing there are a few square inches of unclaimed space.

Transactional Affirmation

Please read the following aloud: "I am OK. You are OK. But when we get together for Penguicon its *great!*" – Gail Christopherson **HELP** OK

Q: Do I *have* to say this out loud? A: Only if you want to

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NOTICE TO USER: BY METABOLIZING YOU ACCEPT ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, USE OF YOUR HOTEL ROOM FOR PENGUICON ACTIVITIES, AND USE OF YOUR CAR BY PENGUICON ATTENDEES FOR LATE NIGHT FOOD RUNS. This Convention End User License Agreement ("EULA") accompanies the Convention and related explanatory materials ("Awesome Con!"). The term "Awesome Con!" also shall include any upgrades, modified versions, or meme mutation arising from the root concept. Please read this Agreement carefully. Your experience at our "Awesome Con!" will vary. Hiding in your room, or running in terror will reduce your satisfaction in our product. Full participation in all scheduled ("Programming") and non-scheduled ("Awesome stuff set up by other Convention Attendees") events will insure complete satisfaction in our product. 1. You will follow a strict Kantian interpretation of this "EULA". Attempts to view this "EULA" in an ironic or post-structuralist fashion are strictly prohibited. 2. Reviews of this "EULA", or our "Awesome Con!", and comments to other people related thereto must be made in strictly dulcet, admiring tones. For example, "Penguicon is the kindest, bravest, warmest, most wonderful convention I've ever known in my life!" 3. No guarantees are made as to the correctness, accuracy, pertinence, usefulness, or guality of the material included in this "EULA" or in our "Awesome Con!" Penguicon will not be held responsible for any boredom, sadness, or monetary loss stemming from attendance. Total rights for redress include, and are completely limited to: Admission and attendance rights to the Gripe Session held on the last day of the Convention, and the right to put in hard work, as a volunteer, toward making Penguicon 5.0 better, 4. You are already in violation of this "EULA". You will surrender all assets, possessions, and children upon demand. Come to the stone bridge by the misty river at midnight and await further instructions. 5. Finally, by accepting this "EULA", you agree not to abide by any binding constraints imposed by this "EULA".

I AGREE TO THESE TERMS

CANCEL

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Chris DiBona



Chris DiBona is the Open Source Programs Manager for Mountain View, CA based Google, Inc. His job includes releasing open source software on Google's Code website, which can be found at http://code. google.com.

Before joining Google. Mr. DiBona co-founded and wrote the fiction for a game company (now defunct) and was an editor/author for the popular online website slashdot.org. He is an internationally-known advocate of open source software and related methodologies and co-edited the award winning essay compilations "Open Sources" and "Open Sources 2.0". He was briefly the Linux guy on TechTV and speaks on a variety of open source issues internationally.

Frank Hayes



Frank Hayes is a tech columnist for Computerworld, a long-time associate of Dorsai Irregulars, and a prominent filk musician. A three-time Pegasus winner and ten-time Pegasus nominee, his songs "Never Set the Cat on Fire", "Cosmos," (which was played for the astronauts during a shuttle mission) and "The Grandfather Clock" have become standards of the genre. Filk will be really big at Penguicon this year!

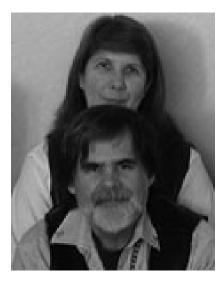
Frank is also the editor of Computerworld's Shark Tank ("true tales of IT life"), and his first version of Linux was 0.9, sometime around 1993.





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Sharon Lee & Steve Miller



Sharon Lee and Steve Miller are co-authors of the best-selling Liaden Universe® series and have been writing together since the "Kinzel" stories hit Fantasy Book in the early 80s. They began work on the first Liaden story in 1984 and have published 8 novels and several dozen short works in that series alone. They count Meisha Merlin. Ace Books, Buzzy Multimedia, and Embiid among their English language publishers and have several foreign language publishers as well.

Their short fiction, written both jointly and singly, has appeared in Absolute Magnitude, Catfantastic, Dreams of Decadence, Fantasy Book, Such a Pretty Face, 3SF, and several incarnations of Amazing, in 2005. Their work has enjoyed a number of award nominations, with "Scout's Progress" being selected for the Prism Award for Best Futuristic Romance of 2001 and "Local Custom" finishing second for the same award. "Local Custom" has been optioned to Buzzy Multimedia for publication as an audio book in the next year.

"Balance of Trade," their most recent novel, appeared in hardcover in February 2004 and hit Amazon.com genre bestseller lists: Low Port, an anthology they edited for Meisha Merlin, appeared to acclaim in late August of last year.

Looney Labs



At every past Penguicon the fan promoters, or "Mad Lab Rabbits" as we are called (some of whom are even on the Penguicon concom), have been seen in the gaming room teaching the ingenious game designs of this colorful little hippie game company. "Are You A Werewolf?", published by Looney Labs, is always a popular Penguicon event. Looney Labs will be out in force at Penguicon 2006!

Bringing together the creative genius of Andrew Looney, the business and marketing savvy of Kristin Looney, and the artistic craft of Alison Looney, Looney Labs games are noted in their industry for being unique and creative. Their games often have educational value without ever feeling like they are trying

to teach, and are great fun for everyone in the family - not just those who consider themselves to be gamers. In a culture of competition and victory, this small, fun-loving company offers games that are light-hearted, colorful and accessible to all. Playing a Looney Labs game leave everyone saying, "Let's play again!"



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Looney Labs games have won numerous awards (including two Mensa Select awards) and have a loyal fan base, officially known as the Mad Lab Rabbits. The Mad Lab Rabbits are enthusiastic fans, who love to spread the fun of Looney Labs games, doing things as simple as showing them to their friends and family, or as elaborate as organizing large events at conventions and game stores. There are thousands of 'Rabbits' across North America and the world. Each summer, the Rabbits gather in Columbus Ohio at "The Big Experiment" as part of the Origins Game Fair, to compete in tournaments and hang out with the Looneys in person. It is this community of friends and fans that have helped make this company what it is today. You can find local Rabbits at http://www.MadLabRabbits.com.

Looney Labs see themselves as a bunch of friendly, progressive, patriotic hippies. As children of the sixties, the Looneys have embraced the positive values espoused by the hippies - including the principles of peace, love, and brotherhood, the importance of ecological responsibility, and a taste for bright colors and tie-dyes. At "That Hippie Game Company," they also believe that being a hippie means being a non-conformist and deciding for oneself what it means to be a hippie. As patriots, the Looneys passionately defend Free Speech and actively encourage political awareness. They also believe in supporting their community by striving to use only domestically manufactured materials in their games and publications.

Andy Looney

Andy is a former NASA engineer (whose software has been used in space) who now lives his dream of inventing cool stuff for a living. He is the company's chief designer and is the creator of most of their products, including, among others, Fluxx, Chrononauts, Aquarius, Nanofictionary, and the lcehouse game system. Andy is also a writer, a photographer, and a cartoonist; he writes and illustrates a weekly column about his life and the goings-on of Looney Labs, which is published on Thursdays at Wunderland.com. Andy is a night owl who loves cats, cartoons and chocolate, and he's an outspoken critic of marijuana prohibition.

Kristin Looney

Kristin spent her first 15 years after college working as an Electronics Engineer at NASA and an IT Manager in the aerospace industry - while running a little part-time game business on the side in her spare time. In early 1999 she jumped off the cliff, leaving he day job behind to work full-time running and growing Looney Labs. The games of Looney Labs are available worldwide, in large part due to Kristin's business and marketing savvy. Kristin fosters the large community of 'Mad Lab Rabbits', who are spreading the word of Looney Labs far and wide. Kristin's earliest claim to fame came at age 16 when she solved a Rubik's Cube in 35.50 seconds on That's Incredible, and her enthusiasm for puzzles and games is still going strong.

Alison Looney

Alison came to Looney Labs from the improbable fields of art and horticulture. Her interest in the natural world led her to develop the recent EcoFluxx variant, and her artistic talents enabled her to do all the artwork, too. At Looney Labs, Alison stays mostly behind the scenes, acting as a sort of jack-of-all-trades, helping out where she is most needed. She divides her time between art and design work, inventory management, and making calls as part of the sales team. She is into plants, words, arts & crafts, and good nutrition.











Illustration by Andy Looney



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Rob Balder

A self-described "renaissance geek," who spreads his creative energies across the fields of comics, game design, small press publishing, SF & Fantasy writing, poetry, and filk.



He is the creator of the clipart comic strip PartiallyClips,

which runs online and has appeared in the pages of more than two dozen newspapers and magazines. PartiallyClips will be featured in the book collection "Attitude 3: the Subversive New Media Cartoonists," edited by Ted Rall and due to be relased in June 2006 from NBM Publishing.

He is the Associate Editor of Nth Degree, a popular fanzine covering genre fiction, gaming, comics, fandom and more. He writes Science Fiction and Fantasy, including one unpublished novel and many short stories and poems.

He writes and sings filk (mostly parody) songs. His first filk CD is called "Rich Fantasy Lives" and features a title track co-written with filk Grandmaster Tom Smith. Songs from this CD have been heard on the nationally-syndicated Doctor Demento Show His second CD, "For Amusement Only" is due out soon.

Rob also teamed up with Pete Abrams of the webcomic Sluggy Freelance to create "Get Nifty", a stand-alone card game themed around Pete's comic. Get Nifty has just been released for worldwide retail sale, in association with Blood & Cardstock Games.

The Ferrett

The Ferrett — and yes, people do call him that — is one of the mostread writers on LiveJournal, blogging daily about sex, relationships, and Godawful puns to an audience of



thousands. He is also the Editor-in-Chief and Webmaster of StarCityGames.com, the most popular independent Magic: the Gathering site, which doles out daily parcels of Magic strategy to an audience of tens of thousands. And when the Ferrett wants to reach an audience of hundreds of thousands of people, he writes up a new Purity Quiz for the Internet - including the Ultimate Sexual Purity Quiz, which half a million people have taken, and the Ultimate Roleplaying Quiz. He has also written several computer books, including *LAN PARTY: HOSTING THE ULTIMATE FRAG FEST* and *WICKED COOL PHP TRICKS* (due Summer 2006), and used to be the Computer Book buyer for Waldenbooks, distributing the best in technology writing to over a thousand stores.

Oh, yes — and most important of all, he's just started a new Web comic (with artist Veronica Pare) called Home On The Strange, detailing the lives of middle-aged, middle-class nerds and their tragically-single friends. It is vitally important that you visit www.homeonthestrange.com now, or else the world will come to an end. He's not kidding.

Clif Flynt

TCL guru. Check either his personal website http://www. msen.com/%7Eclif or his corporate website http://www. noucorp.com/ for more information.

Eric Millikin

Eric Millikin is a genius young artist from Detroit and the son of a layed-off auto worker. To pay his way through art school he cut up dead bodies in Michigan State's human anatomy lab. After the police raided his apartment



without a search warrant hoping to find sculptures he'd made from dead fetuses, he decided it would be great fun to put a dead fetus comic called "Fetus-X" in their newspapers and then make the cops choke to death on their doughnuts.



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Fetus-X is a weekly autobio political horror comic. Basically, if gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson were an artist instead of a columnist, and more into the occult than he was into drugs, Fetus-X would be the comic that he'd make. While he's dead. Fetus-X is either "Entertainingly perverse," "Genius," "Very cool," "Very funny," or "Blasphemous," depending on whether you ask The Comics Journal, the guys from Penny Arcade, Scott McCloud, Pulitzer Prize winner Joel Pett, or the Catholic League of America.

Millikin's comics and artwork have appeared in newspapers at over 20 colleges, in alt-weeklies like the Detroit Metro Times, and in daily newspapers like the Lansing State Journal, and The Detroit News and Free Press, and USA TODAY. fetusx.com is one of the most popular webcomic sites, and Fetus-X is featured in the new book Attitude 3, edited by Ted Rall.

William and Will Neibling

Will Niebling is president and CEO of Mayfair Games, and his son, William, is his local right-hand man. Mayfair's primary focus is board, card and train games aimed at the family and specialty game markets, but their product line also includes a few role-playing and collectible trading card games, English-language imports of European game titles, as well as licensed online versions of their most popular games. Many of the games Mayfair has published have won major game industry awards and some have gone on to sell copies numbering in the hundreds of thousands. Will also represents Koplow Games, "The Nice Dice Company."

Cathy Raymond

Cathy's day job as a litigation attorney is a clever front for over 20 years of convention-going and other fannish activities, including tons of costuming, LARPing, and a stint on the bid committee for the Millennium Philcon. She was a GOH at Arisia 2004, probably because her husband is "that open source guy" Eric Raymond and because of their presentation of the beginning of her career as a non-techie Linux user at LinuxWorld Expo in 2002: 'Drag.Net: A Windows-to-Linux Migration Case Study and Vaudeville Routine.' Nowadays, Cathy's hobbies include keeping up with too many email lists and complaining about not having enough time to houseclean. Although she does have a black belt in tae kwon do and is currently studying wing chun kung fu, rumors of her secret ninja status are greatly exaggerated.

Eric Raymond

A former Penguicon Guest of Honor, Eric is most famous as the author of the Cathedral and the Bazaar (the complete text of which is available on his web page), the book that first described the open



source development model, convinced Netscape to open their source code, launched the Mozilla web browser project, and introduced Linux to Wall Street in 1998. He's also the editor of The New Hacker's Dictionary (the online version of which is known as the Jargon File), and president of the Open Source Initiative.

He was also maintainer of the Emacs Lisp library a decade ago, author of Sunsite's original software cataloging engine (the basis for the Trove software map used by freshmeat and sourceforge), the guy who put Curses support into Python, co-founder of one of the first community ISP's back in 1993, a contributor to Nethack, and most recently author of the Bogofilter spam fighting software.

He's also been going to science fiction conventions since the 1970's, and has more science fiction books in his basement than most big-city libraries.

John Scalzi

John Scalzi is the author of the science fiction novels Agent To The Stars, Old Man's War and The Ghost Brigades. His "The Whatever" blog gets about ten to twenty thousand unique visitors a day. One of



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his blog entries, "Being Poor," was picked up by several newspapers around the country, and another one, "The 10 Least Successful Holiday Specials of All Time," was picked up by NationalLampoon.com. John is also an exceptional conversationalist. John was a panelist in 2005 and was so good at it we are having him return as a Nifty Guest. Quoth Scalzi: "I feel all shiny now."

Karl Schroeder

Karl is the author of Permanence, The Engine Of Recall, New York Times Notable Book Ventus, and the Sci-Fi Essential Book Lady Of Mazes. His novels offer a lot to chew on after you put them down. This is the literature of ideas.



At the same time, Karl Schroeder is concerned with making his hard-science fiction novels accessable and marketable to fans of non-science fiction, such as fantasy and adventure. Don't be deceived by appearances in the first few chapters of, for instance, Ventus. It's a very clever disguise for a hard science fiction feast. He will probably go a long way to whet more appetites for hard SF who otherwise would not have read it.

Karl also is a technology professional. We look forward to hearing from Karl at Penguicon on such topics as the emergence of the internet as a layer on the physical world, busting the metaphor of the brain as a computer, and technology as legislation.

The Great Luke Ski

The great Luke Ski, otherwise known as Luke Sienkowski, writes, records and performs comedy music on a variety of pop culture subjects ranging from Lord of the Rings and Star Wars to Spider-Man and Keanu Reeves. Luke has enjoyed repeated



success on the Dr Demento show, in 2003 becoming the first artist in 20 years to have the #1 song for two years in a row. Luke Ski's hilarious use of props and costumes while performing have also made him a fan favorite at many conventions.

Luke Ski is also an artist, specializing in caricatures and cartooning. He draws caricatures at Ed Debevic's restaurant in Chicago, as well as many private functions. He is available for birthday parties, weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, and Klingon Rite of Passage Rituals; see <u>www.lukeski.com</u>. When home, Luke enjoys playing with his new Tivo, singing Karaoke, trying to keep up with movies, and finding new reasons to hang out at Kinko's.

Tom Smith

The man who describes himself as a "Singer, dreamer, punster, flirt, and generally one of the most manic people in the history of SF Fandom" is coming to Penguicon! And he's going to practice his filk-



ing at Warp Speed wiles on all of us. Its rumored that Tom can't spend more than ten minutes in one place without a new song popping out of him — on almost any topic you can imagine. Tom has also been compared (by Larry Niven) to Tom Lehrer, hopefully for the political and humor content of his songwriting, and not for his piano playing!

Tom is also a favorite of the Ohio Valley Filk Fest, being a three time songwriting contest winner, and a TEN time Pegasus Award winner for Excellence in Filking! He also bears some responsibility for the "Best Song Tom Smith Never Wrote" OVFF themed songwriting competition, which should probably be looked into.

Tom has had two songs appear on Dr. Demento's "Funny Five" (the top 5 requested songs of the week), "Domino Death" and "Five Years".





Howard Tayler

Howard is both the creator of the on-line comic strip "Schlock Mercenary", and a former Product Manager for Novell, where he was



responsible for Novell's collaboration product line.

Howard spent over a decade working for Novell, during

which time he did tech support, on-site consulting, technical marketing, and four years of product management. His last efforts at Novell included the successful to push to get GroupWise on Linux, and to embrace Open Source development for iFolder.

He's been cartooning for six years now, and has been doing it full-time since September 2004,

giving up his GroupWise fanbase (and Novell paycheck) to pay attention to the tens of thousands of Schlock Mercenary readers world-wide.

Michael Z. Williamson

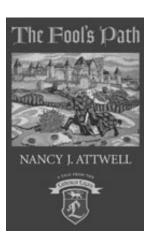
Michael Z. Williamson says: "I am a writer with an eclectic body of work. That means I've never pinned myself down to one genre. I apologize to the marketing people, because I know they hate that and I hate to see them cry. It also makes it hard to categorize

my works for my bibliography. However, subjects I've written in do include politics, firearms, the military, science fiction, military fiction, fantasy, humor and nonfiction."

Sarah Zettel

Sarah Zettel was born in California in 1966. Since then, she's lived in ten cities, four states and two countries. Currently, she lives in Michigan with her husband Tim and her cat, Buffy the Vermin Slayer. To date, she's written nine novels, five of which are

science fiction and four of which are fantasy. She's also written a whole bunch of short stories that are mostly science fiction with some fantasy and horror thrown in.



The Fool's Path Nancy J. Attwell 1-933142-12-X/1-933142-13-8 22.95 Hardcover 14.00 Paperback Bowman's Press, LLC "An exciting journey through a well-realized world... peopled with vibrant characters and wonderfully visual scenes. In short, a good, rich read." Donald McQuinn, Warrior

"For all who love medieval legends...a novel with the resonance of a classic fairy tale, satisfyingly spiced with sinister plots, the clash of swords, and love rediscovered." Judith Merkle Riley, A Vision of Light

"An elegant medieval historical saga with a varied cast of characters ... this is an extremely well-plotted and written novel. Superb! (20/20; perfect score)" Writer's Digest Book Awards

"Beautifully crafted, imaginative, and a grand read." Jeanne Mackin, The Sweet By and By

"The truth once told becomes a tale, and in the same way, tales become truth..." Sir Raynar, The Fool's Path



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	Friday 3 pm - Sun 6 pm Huron Room	Open Gami GameMaster: You		or bring you board game	nbers of players) Check out games from the PenguiCon GameLibrary, ir own and pull up a table. From classic card games to the newest s, we have something for everyone! Whether you've got 15 minutes urs, we have a game for you!
Cont.	3 pm - 5 pm Huron Room	Super Munchkin GameMaster: Drew Happli GameMaster: Drew Happli			rough the city. Smash the villains. Backstab your teammates and a Mutant, an Exotic, a Mystic, or a Techno. The higher your Level, can have. Battle dastardly masterminds, devastating monsters, and he next dimension - from the wimpy Triplicate Twit all the way up Guy himself - and TAKE THEIR STUFF! With the Aura Helmet, the (jet-powered) Pogo Stick, no foe can stand before you. Steve Jackson ught to you by the Men In Black.
	4:30-7:30 pm Renaiss. A & B	Monroe April LUG Meeting: Cantenna Construction Ron Blanchett, Dan DeSloover			Activities and topics include constructing a cirular wave guide antenna, a description of how the cantenna works, an overview of open-source wireless network surveying tools, and time and weather permitting testing of the antenna in the hotel parking lot.
×	5pm-6pm ConSuite	Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream Rob Landley, Jennifer Skwarski			Join PenguiCon co-founder Rob Landley as he creates custom forms of liquid nitrogen ice cream for your flavor enjoyment. Come for the show, stay for the ice cream.
	5pm-6pm St. Claire B	FUD, Monoculture and Monopoly in Software and Medicine Carl G. Medwedeff			FUD means Fear, Uncertainty and Doubt. Famed as a tool used by Microsoft in maintaing their desktop monopoly, its use tends to characterize commercial software. Is FUD also characteristic in the history of our medical system/industry, and if so, how?
R	5pm-6pm The Pit	Got Filk? Tom Smith, Rol Frank Hayes	b Balder,	you care? Th	lot For the Humor Impaired. So what the hell is filk, and why should nese three humorists and musicians distill over 30 years of musical a one hour discussion.
	5pm-7pm Executive Board Room	Bleach (eps 1-5) Because of named Kuc		Because of named Kuch	aki Ichigo is a 15 year old boy that has an ability to see ghosts/spirits. his ability, he is able to meet a female death god (a.k.a Shinigami) niki Rukia. To save his family and friends from unwanted soul-eating bws), Rukia transfers her Shinigami powers to Ichigo.
	6pm-7pm St. Claire A	Getting Started in Writing Steve Miller, Sharon Lee, Sarah Zettell, Diane Frkin, M. Keaton		arah	Experienced and new authors discuss their process - starting with a blank page.
	6pm-7pm St. Claire B	Partially Clips actually draw		actually drav	s has no storyline, no characters, and author Rob Balder doesn't w anything. It is also an astoundingly funny webcomic. Come hear how he does it.
-Q	6pm-7pm The Pit	Schlock Mercenary Welcome to the 31st C which he describes as			entury! Howard talks about his popular web comic Schlock Mercenary, a "comic serial space opera." Let him tell you about his world, and bur day job and do what you love.

	6 pm - 7 pm Huron Room	Eco-Fluxx GameMaster: Josh Drobina	Poison ca new flavo 2-30 min	an protect you or to the game utes per gam	layers) Come play a new environmentally themed version of Fluxx! ur keepers, while new actions like Extinction and Pollution add all- e. The rules are constantly changing, but always visible on the table. ne, all ages welcome, no previous experience required. All Looney courtesy of the Mad Lab Rabbits.
	6:30-7:30 pm Renaiss. C1 & C2	The Weddin and Daniel	ng of Mo Nance!	oonbeam	All family, friends, and close acquaintances of Daniel Nance and Moonbeam are invited to witness and celebrate their wedding.
	6pm - 10pm Huron Room	Vector: Tactical, Rocket Rally Camediater Rocket Rally Camediater Rocket Rally Camediater Rocket R			att fusion torches. Megawatt lasers. Dark Chocolate, all alone in the ductory game for Attack Vector: Tactical (also works for Saganami or). Pilot your ship through the chocolate, and you get to eat it. Do 10 te, and you get to eat it. There's only a limited amount of chocolate er you kill everyone else off, the more there is for you. All materials be taught. Must be able to count to 8, or count to 4 twice.
	6pm - 10pm Huron Room	Attack! with the Attack! Expansion GameMaster: Shaun Klein	in the WV military u ence". Th (they join, Players no account t	WII era. Each p nits. Players e is may be dor , period). The ot only need t he importanc	ic game (Attack!) is a very simple game of expansion and conflict set player starts with a few regions (one of which is a capital), and a few expand their power bases by adding regions to their "spheres of influ- ne either through diplomacy (they join willingly), or military conquest Attack! Expansion adds quite a bit of detail while retaining playability. To balance their military and diplomatic resources, but also take into e of economics, trade routes, politics and government, technological t black liquid that powers everything: oil.
	7pm-8pm St. Claire A	Small is Beautiful: Embedded Technology Coming to the Desktop Rob Landley. Karl Schroeder			Big bloated environments like GNOME and KDE take up valuable space on a live CD, and it's hard to fit them on a handheld at all. Battery-powered devices want to cram as much as they can into less memory and slower processors, and are turning to embedded technologies to do it. What small, focused applications are available to streamline your desktop?
	7pm-8pm St. Claire B	MONO & AS Jay R. Wren	SPNET		
	7pm-8pm The Pit	How to Thr Parties Rachel Weisenf Cathy Raymond	eld, Joe Sa	aul, Bill Putt,	Is there more to a convention room party than chips, dip, cheap beer, and people? Indubitably yes! How do you throw the room party people will talk about all con? Ask our panel of experienced party hosts. Audience members will be eligible to vote for Best PenguiCon Room Party.
	7pm-8pm Executive Board Room	Intro To An Morgan Kollin, Sh		ll, Bill Kolasa	This panel will introduce you to Japanese animation and let you know which titles playing this weekend are specifically SF oriented, and which ones are themed around computer-programming.
	7 pm - 10 pm Huron Room	Maze of Metcalf Manor literally. The the ancient to bulldoze		literally. The the ancient to bulldoze	rs) The Mysterious Maze of Metcalf Manor was inspired by a dream, Maze is a treasure hunt to benefit Lord and Lady Metcalf to keep manor from falling into the hands of foreign developers who plan it to make room for an industrial park. The setup of the maze can for each game so you don't play the same game twice.
R	8pm-9pm Renaissance A & B	Opening Ceremonies Chris DiBona. Frank Hayes. Sharon Lee and Steve Miller, Andy. Kristen. and Alison Looney			See all the Guests of Honor! Hear about convention highlights! Find out where we keep all the food! See if this year's ConChair proposes to anyone!

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	8pm-9pm Renaissance C1	Penguicon Workshop, Michael 'Freon' , Williamson, Wil Zanoni	Writing Pt. 1 Andaluz. M	lichael Z.	Local SF writer Michael 'Freon' Andaluz introduces the "Writing Genome" - structure, sequence, and a homebrewed method to construct and analyze your SF/F literary creation. Stick around! Critiques collected ahead of time for the Sanctuary Press Second Annual Penguicon Workshop are being given to workshop attendees now for their third draft makeover.			
	8pm-9pm St. Claire B	Asterisk & Rick Lull	Cisco		a complete PBX in software. It runs on Linux, BSD and MacOSX and of the features you would expect from a PBX and more.			
Contraction of the second	8pm - 9pm Huron Room	GameMaster: your opponents. P while only lasting			bers of players) IceTowers is a real-time game of capping, mining, and splitting hts. Played with colorful Icehouse pyramids, this game encourages planning sting five to fifteen minutes. This is an excellent introduction into the world and Playing with Pyramids! All Looney Labs game demos are courtesy of Rabbits.			
	8pm - 9pm Huron Room	Amazonas GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty	game has	s been nomin	e a dangerous paradise and research flora and fauna for fame! This lated for a 2006 Origins award (Best Board Game)! Mayfair Games you by the faculty of the University of Catan.			
and a start	8pm-11pm Holidome Patio	Black Swea Party Aegis Consultin		fun. Hands-c	Wear comfortable clothing, please. Be prepared to move around, learn, and have fun. Hands-on SWAT team-style building clearing and hostage rescue simulations with the Aegis Consulting Staff.			
	8pm-1am Executive Board Room	Stellvia of the Universe (eps 1-12)	catastropl ties, man System, A Earth-bas	n]: The year is 2356 A.D 189 years after a distant supernova caused a global he that wiped out 99% of the world population. To keep track on all space activi- kind has built colossal space stations called "foundations" all over the Solar After passing the Space Academy entrance exams, Shima Katase embarks to the ed foundation Stellvia to fulfill her dream of seeing the galaxy and to prevent interstellar catastrophe from destroying Earth.				
• • •	8pm, Room 108	Home Star Runner		Don't get Baleeted, get Burninated! Enjoy episodes from the popular animated website while drinking a Cold One. (strictly non-alcoholic)				
*** •	8pm, Room 114	Heinlein Centennial		Celebrate this infamous sci-fi author's hundredth with the rest of us fans!				
***	Friday evening, Rooms 118/120	ClubFusion		The room party of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention, ConFusion. Always a good time! Never too early to pre-register, right?				
***	Friday evening, Room 214	ConverStat	ion	Karaoke, food, fun! Preregister for ConVersation, a cool new RelaxaCon, or just hang out and enjoy a good time.				
*** •	Friday evening, Room 112	UHACC		Unix Hobbyists',Administrators', and Coders' Club.				
*** *	Friday evening, room 174	Firefly Shindig		Heroes with	Dress up in your favourite Firefly costumes and come watch the Big Damn Heroes with us. We bring you the very best episodes. We will have fruity oaty bars and snacks. Bring your own Mudders' Milk.			
	9pm-10pm Renaissance C1	Intro to PenguiCon: Geek Fan, or Both? Tracy Worcester, Seth Breidbart, N Arnold, Rob Landley, Chuck Firmer			Are you new to conventions? This panel is a guide for newbies on how to survive and thrive in a convention atmosphere. Not sure where to go? What to see? What to do? These questions answered and more!			

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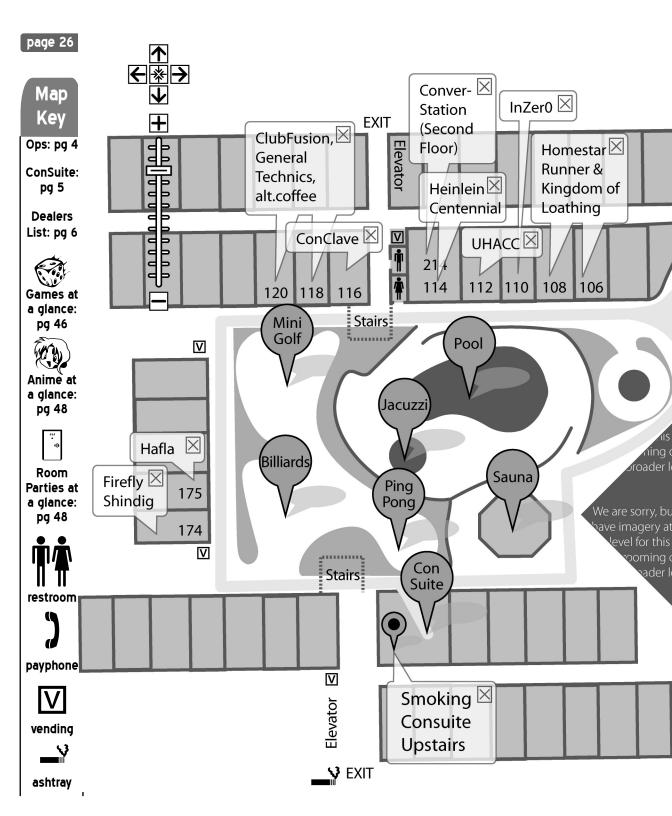
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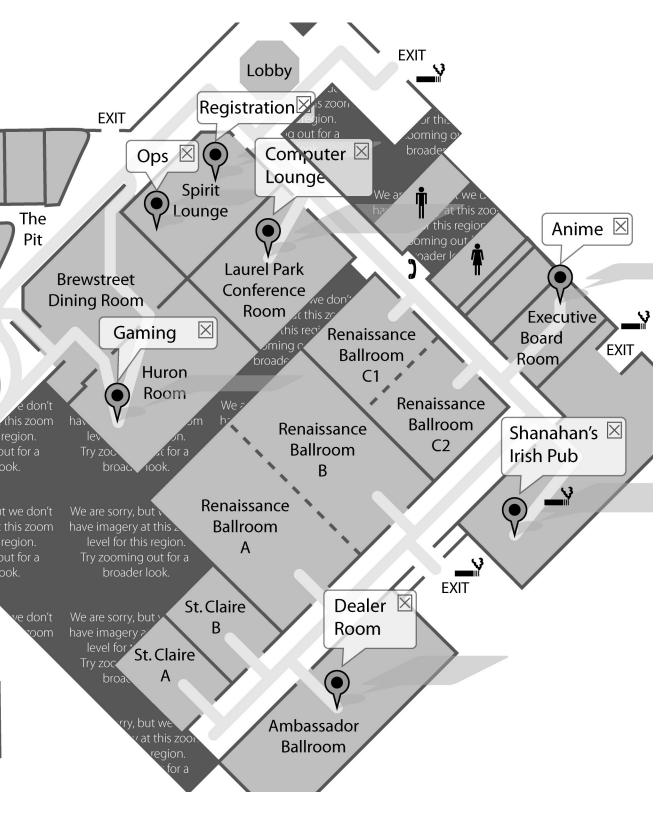
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	9pm - 11pm Huron Room	Hero Scape GameMaster: Andy Arnold	(2 to 4 pl miniature terrain pio World Wa Each unit controls b	layers) This Fa es, each repres eces which c ar II soldiers, f : (some units poth moveme	Fantasy Battle Board Game comes of senting a warrior from a different e can be put together in many differe furturistic robots, medieval knights, a s are one figure; some are multiple int and combat strength. There are w leds can be built by attaching and s	with dozens of painted plastic era, and hex-based hard plastic ent ways. The warriors include a large dragon, and many more. figures) has its own card that vater, sand, rock and grass tiles.		
	9pm-10pm Renaissance C2	Weed is Legal		Drug Peace activists believe that legalization is inevitable, and that the Drug War, like Prohibition, will eventually end. But what then? What would legaliza- tion look like? Andy discusses seven ways pot-smoking could be tolerated by future societies, under different models of decriminalization.				
	9pm-10pm St. Claire A	How Linux is Doing Chris DiBona, Cathy Raymond		Is the fabled Linux desktop right around the corner? Is Linux maintaining its competitive edge as a server OS? What happens if the concept of the operating system itself becomes obsolete? Linux is inside more devices than ever before. Find out about the public's awareness of Linux, and how it stands today and for the future.				
	9pm-10pm St. Claire B	DVD Autho Kyle Rankin	ring witl	n Linux	inux In this panel, Kyle will discuss how to create your own custom video DVD using Open Source tools - no XML editing required!			
	9pm-10pm The Pit	Good, Bad or Indifferent: The Michael Marcus, Marshal Newrock, Sara				Is the new Dr. Who living up to the series' reputation or down to it?		
R	9pm-10:30 pm Renaiss. A & B	Unholy Trinity Concert Frank Hayes, Tom Smith, and Luke Ski			Three brilliant filkers. Three different styles. One big concert. One of the "Don't Miss!" events of the convention.			
\varkappa	10pm-11pm ConSuite	Liquid Nitro	igen ice	Cream	Convention co-founder goes for round two of ice cream creation! What classic and/or bizarre flavors will he make this time?			
A CONTRACT	10pm - 11pm Huron Room	Prototype Track: Looney Labs "What's on the Stove?" Beta Testing (variable num lished? Stop Treehouse! In desserts, con serving them are packaged		lished? Stop i Treehouse! In desserts, con serving them are packaged	hbers of players) Do you like to try new in to playtest Looney Labs' two newest a Just Desserts, take the role of a server mpeting with your fellow employees fo h their favorite dishes. Treehouse is cha d and sold: One tree each, five colors, boney Labs game demos are courtesy o	games with us, Just Desserts and in a restaurant filled with yummy or the attention of customers by nging the way Icehouse pyramids Come join us to play our newest		
	10pm - 12am Huron Room	Hacker GameMaster: Drew Happli (2 to 6 players) Hacker so the control of the cont						
	10pm - 7am Location TBD, possibly the Lobby Gazebo	Are You A Werewolf? GameMaster: Looney Labs		you. How m save you, or	ers) Lynch your fellow villagers in se nany innocents will die before they r be the first victim? All Looney Labs o Rabbits Note: this game can get lo	are found? Will the town seer s game demos are courtesy of		

	10pm-11pm St. Claire A	Eww! Gross! Real life stories from the ER Manya Newton			Real life stories from an ER doctor. Pictures to be shown are definitely not for the squeamish! Attendance by children is discouraged.			
	10pm-11pm St. Claire B	Ubuntu: Linux for Human Beings Jorge Castro	nity and participat its comm Dapper D Detroit te	Ubuntu is a complete Linux-based operating system, freely available with nity and professional support. It is developed by a large community and we participate too! In this panel, Jorge Castro will cover the basics of Ubuntu its community, and will preview the upcoming features of the upcoming Ubu Dapper Drake Release). Free CDs will be handed out, and members of the Detroit team will be available for tech support and answering questions. Us levels are invited to visit, especially those new to Linux.				
	10pm-12am The Pit	Lojban, The Logical Language Matt Arnold	with a gra by compu- is spearhe has surviv weekend,	ammar based (iters. Designed eaded by a de /ed five decad but this prese	r of hosting this year's Lojban gathering. Lojban is an artificial language on formal logic systems, and is speakable by humans and potentially I from an engineering standpoint for functional elegance, this project dicated volunteer organization of linguists and logicians. The project es and an intellectual property dispute. The celebration will go on all entation offers the newbie the opportunity to take a look under the sticated toolkit for expression a geek could desire.			
R	11pm-12am Renaissance A & B	Buffy the Musical			y: The Vampire Slayer? Have you been living under a rock? Come episode both on-screen and with our very own Live Cast.			
	11pm-12am St. Claire A	Java Virtua Machine Fu John Catherino		mainframes a seamless every bit as Interfaces, a	about the cajo project, free software enabling machines ranging from to mobile phones to spontaneously discover each other and form computing collective. Build applications using multiple machines, easily as one. Transparently remote sophisticated Graphical User ind dynamically script cooperation between machines. See what k is the computer" really means; it sure ain't Web 2.0.			
	11pm-12am St. Claire B	Git Ryan Anderson	opment.		sion control system has come a long way in the last year of devel- brief history, a tutorial of the basic commands used daily, and some built on top.			
A CONTRACT OF	11pm-1am Huron Room	Shadows over Camelot GameMaster: Shaun Klein	(3 to 7 players) In most games, players compete against each other to achieve victory. Shadows over Camelot proposes a journey of a very different kind, where you and your fellow players, as Knights of the Round Table, will collaborate to jointly defeat the game! At first glance, this task seems simple enough. After all, shouldn't a band of young and noble Knights - fleet of foot and sound of mind - easily defeat a game that plays itself? Alas your quest is further complicated by the ever-present possibility of a Traitor in your midst, biding his time, waiting to strike at the worst possible moment. But enough words! Don your cloak, climb astride your warhorse and gallop into the Shadows to join us in Camelot!					
	11pm-2am Holidome Patio	Pirate Free Aegis Consultin			ships through cannon-fire and free ports for profit and adventure! Pirates! the collectable card game by Whizkids Games! Cards will			
×	11:30pm- 12:30am Renaissance C1	Chocolate Ritual Lady Sarah, Frank Hayes		in all its form	chocolate should be a religion? Come join us as we invoke chocolate ns, directions, elements, and any other variation we can think of. e inclined to take their religions too seriously, unless that religion Cocoa.			

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M	12am-1am Renaissance A & B	Worm Quartet Concert Shoebox	Worm Qu together a featured r with the 2002 with of Worm (artet is a Ro and throws th repeatedly on ex-girlfriend r h the anti-dru	chester, NY-based band that forcibly staples punk and electronica hem into a blender with hysterically twisted lyrics. They have been the Dr. Demento show, and had the most requested song of 2004 rant "Great Idea For A Song" and the 2nd most requested song of mmer anthem "Frank's Not In The Band Anymore." The sole member 5'4" 300-Ib. bemulleted maniac named Shoebox who is under court
×	12am-1am ConSuite	Liquid Nitro Rob Landley	gen ice	Cream	Convention co-founder goes for round three of ice cream creation! What classic and/or bizarre flavors will he make this time?
(Decentral decentral decen	lam-5:30am Executive Board Room	GANTZ (eps 1-11)	other than Masaru, re After being others who apartment	himself. Howe scue a drunka g run over by f o recently died called GANTZ	a typical high school student in a selfish world, not caring about anyone wer when, by chance, he was forced to help out his childhood friend. Katou and who fell into subway tracks, both he and Katou were killed Or not, the train, they were suddenly teleported to an enclosed apartment with d. And now their lives are controlled by a mysterious black ball inside the d, and they are forced to participate in a "game" of unprecedented danger nces. ID required.
(D)	5:30am-8am Executive Board Room	Rockman EXE (eps 1-6)	is no one, r does not h (where Op and his Ne	rich or poor, wh ouse a NetNav erators battle t tNavi and best	X. and everything electronic is connected by internet. In this world, there ho does not own a PET (PErsonal Terminal), and there is not one PET that ri, an Al Unit that has the power to delete Viruses and the like. Net Battles their NetNavis) are popular in this era. That is where Operator Hikari Netto t friend, Rockman come in. Striving to become the best NetBattlers, they ect the net and real world alike from the likes of the evil World 3.
A state	8am-10am Executive Board Room	Gun X Sword (eps 1-5)	through the picks up a mecha wit carries on	e desert, searc fellow traveler th his sword. W her back. In the	tal sash that straightens into a sword, lanky swordsman Van is traveling thing for the mysterious clawed man who killed his bride. Along the way he wendy, a young girl whose town he saves from bandits by summoning a vendy is searching for her missing older brother, whose engraved gun she eir mutual quest they run afoul of more bandits and villains, a mysterious 19, and more mecha battles a la Wild West.
	10am-11am Renaissance C2	Bird Flu: Th Both? Daniel Peisach,	-	•	Get the rundown on the epidemiology and science of H5N1, the infamous Bird Flu, and an intelligent discussion of whether any of us need to be concerned.
	10am-11am The Pit	Fan, or Both Tracy Worcester	Intro to PenguiCon: Geek, Fan, or Both? Tracy Worcester, Shay VanZwoll, Jeff Beeler, Seth Breidbart, Rob Landley		Are you new to conventions? This panel is a guide for newbies on how to survive and thrive in a convention atmosphere. Not sure where to go? What to see? What to do? These questions answered and more!
	10am-1pm Renaissance B				mall mountain of random computer components - and a challenge. I your team rise to it, and overcome?
Contract of the second s	10 am - 11 am Huron Room	10th Anniversary island of Ca 3-D Special are rolled to Edition raw materia GameMaster: University of win the gam		island of Ca are rolled to raw materia	ers) In Settlers of Catan players try to be the dominant force on the atan by building settlements, cities, and roads. On each turn dice be determine the current production on the island. Players collect als to build up their civilizations to gain enough victory points to ne. Mayfair Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the f Catan.
	10 am - 12pm Huron Room	Shadows ov GameMaster: Sha		elot	See the desctiption from this event's first occurence at 11:00 pm Friday.

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	2:30pm-4pm St. Claire B	Administering Linux Desktops with GNOME & to Sun Ray Thin Client		Thin Client technology is a cost effective means of deploying large numbers of desktops to users while providing ease of administration for your IT staff. In this talk, Jorge Castro will discuss the prototype deployment of Sun Ray thin clients at Oakland University, using GNOME technologies to provide a common desktop to users. Related topics to be discussed include centralized user management, desktop administration using gconf, Sun Ray Server Software deployment on Linux, support for proprietary applications, remote desktop services using		
	3pm - 4pm Huron Room	Jorge Castro Eco-Fluxx GameMaster: Jos	h Drobina		l resource management. scription from this event's other occurence at 6:00 pm Friday.	
	3pm - 4pm Huron Room	Oriente GameMaster: Uni Catan Faculty	iversity of	in feudal Ja	ers) Another Origins Award Nominee, Oriente lets players take roles apan. Can you navigate the tricky political and military obstacles ? DaVinci Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the of Catan.	
×	3pm-4pm ConSuite	Hot Sauce Tasting Eric Raymond, Howard Tayler, John Guest, Michael Marcus			Missed the History of Hot Peppers panel? Consider this the lab section. Learn how much heat you can take, and which kinds you enjoy.	
	3pm-4pm Renaissance C1	Einstein's Relativity for Dummies Anton VanderWyst, Andrew Porwitzky			Everything you always felt you should understand about relativity, but were too embarrassed to ask.	
	3pm-4pm St. Claire A	How Computers Think Marshal Newrock, Andy Vinton, Marcus Watts, Charles Ulrich.			Is it alive or dead? Has it thoughts within its head? Join us as we attempt to open up the iron and unravel how your clicks and keystrokes become things that the computer does, and how it runs a program.	
R	3pm-4pm The Pit	Gail Does Something Gail Christopherson, James Klass, Neil Epstein			Remember the Brick Panel from 2.0? Gail can guarantee some- thing absurd, and will attempt something impossible. It's a secret until the event.	
	3pm - 5pm Huron Room	James Clav GameMaster: Dav			(2 to 4 players) Trading on the Chinese coast in the 1830s. Players buy and sell cargo from port-to-port, including tea, spices, silk and opium. Based on the writings of James Clavell.	
and the second second	3pm-5pm Holidome Patio	A Map, a Ch Compass, a Aegis Consultin	Race!	Clue, a	Find your way through the clues before everyone else! Learn basic map and compass use in an intricate race through the hote!!	
R	3:30-5pm Renaiss. A	Frank Hayes Concert			You've read his column. Now come hear his music!	
	3:30-5pm Renaissance B	Secret? What's the secret?		Vhat's the se	est kept open secret of Unix, and is now the best kept open source cret weapon of Cisco, Oracle, NBC, Deutsche-Telecom and more? and how easy it is to construct applications.	
×	4pm-5pm ConSuite	Stuffed Animal Tea Party Alison Looney, Sharon Lee		-	Come join Alison Looney and Sharon Lee for tea with their favorite stuffed friends.	
Fande	4pm-5pm Renaiss. C1	Biogeeks: Tissue Regeneration Saumya VanderWyst			General concepts and approaches for tissue engineering.	

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Res Contraction	10am-1pm Executive Board Room	Gao Gai Gar (eps 1-8)	undergrou these cre ultimate ing robots	und and laund atures is the weapon, the a s and by a you	ar 2005, a race of alien monsters th a series of attacks on the city of T secret agency known as the Gutsy wesome giant robot GaoGaiGar. He i ung boy named Mamoru, who has th e connected to the mysterious Gale	okyo. The only defense against Geoid Guard (or 3G) and their s aided by a team of transform the power to purify the Zonders
6 Y /	10 am - 2pm Huron Room	Attack Vect Rocket Rall GameMaster: Ket	у	ical	See description from this event's Friday.	other occurence at 6:00 pm
	10:30am-12pm Renaissance A	From Close Open Source Greg Barker		ows to	What's different? What's the same areas that will help the new user Linux be less frustrating.	,
	11am-12pm Renaissance C1	Welcome to Liad! Sharon Lee, Steve Miller, Susan Harris, Tracy Worcester			"If a Liaden hands you a contract yours, walk away." An introductior Liaden universe created by our a Miller and Sharon Lee.	n to the complex and exciting
	11am-12pm Renaissance C2	Writing and the Art of Characterization David Klecha, Sarah Zettell, Nancy Atwell, Tobias Buckell, M. Keaton		ell, Nancy	Ever read a book which had an interesting world and a good plot, but you didn't give a damn about anyone in it? Our panelists discuss how to make characters real, and make your readers care if they live or die.	
	11am-12pm St. Claire A	the Linux Kernel? occurred in		occurred in	ernel has seen as much new develo the last "development" series. How , and what are the results?	
	11am-12pm St. Claire B	Intro to Kno Kyle Rankin	oppix		a series of Knoppix talks from Kyle Ra oppix is. Suitable for beginners.	nkin, this one gives an overview
	12pm - 1pm Huron Room	iceTowers GameMaster: Jos	h Drobina	ing, and spli game encou excellent in	mbers of players) IceTowers is a re itting your opponents. Played with c urages planning while only lasting fiv troduction into the world of Icehou Labs game demos are courtesy of th	olorful Icehouse pyramids, this re to fifteen minutes. This is an se and Playing with Pyramids!
	12pm - 1pm Huron Room	Settlers of GameMaster: Uni			ersary 3-D Special Edition	See the description from this event's other occurence at 10:00 am Saturday.
	12pm - 1pm Hotel Rooms 118/120	alt.coffee			od coffee and espresso? Are you int in and see what we're talking abou	
	12pm-1pm Renaissance A				o demonstrate digital illustration wo primarily 3-D. Tom has done cover a eve Miller.	-
	12pm-1pm Renaissance C1	Building a Better Mouse: Transgenic Research Saumya VanderWyst			An overview of mouse genetics an	nd what we need 'em for!
	12pm-1pm Renaissance C2	Heinlein 10 Susan Harris, Be Roberts, Greg E	arbara Trui	mpinski-	Not familiar with the "old guys" of you say? Oh, you lucky person - you.	

	12pm-1pm St. Claire A	Terse Lang Seth Breidbart,	•	ond	
	12pm-1pm St. Claire B	Rescue wit	h Knopț	bix	A more advanced talk dealing with different methods of rescuing Linux and Windows systems using Knoppix.
	12pm-1pm The Pit	Why Don't Reporters (Open Sourc Frank Hayes, Dia	Get Linu :e?		Why is open source to hard for reporters to understand? Is it delib- erate, or a horrible mistake? A look at how to present open source news in ways more likely to get an accurate recounting.
	12pm - 2pm Huron Room	Car Wars GameMaster: Drew Happli GameMaster: Drew Happli			Wars is a game of freeways of the future where the right of way uns. Players choose their vehicle - complete with weapons, armor, sion, and even body style. Then they take them out on the road es", or to crash and burn. If a driver survives, his abilities improve, by to buy bigger and better cars. Advanced rules let players design cars, trucks, and cycles. Steve Jackson Games events are brought Black.
	1pm - 2pm Huron Room	Lucca Citta palaces that			ers) You are one of the noble families of Lucca, Italy. Can you build t will be the envy of others, and gain respect by helping to build Is? Mayfair Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the f Catan.
	1pm - 2pm Huron Room	Track:to get your hands dirtyRocks formetals like gold, silverSaleplayers compete withGameMaster:to pay off their ship is			ne to the highly competitive industry of asteroid mining! Don't want ? That's ok, just rope 'em and tow 'em back. They're full of precious and uranium, and they go for a premium on Earth. In Rocks for Sale, other ship captains to get the biggest and best asteroids. The first the winner. Of course, there's never a cop around when you need ulduggery, and keep an eye on your scanners.
	lpm-4pm Executive Board Room	Battle Program- mer Shirase			mer Shirase, also known as BPS, is a free programmer with super doesn't work for money. What he does work for is certainly some- like him would appreciate. But, his demeanor certainly doesn't suit rr. With the evil King of America causing trouble via the internet, busy as each new adventure brings even more interesting people
	1pm - 5pm Huron Room	Attack! with the Attack! Expansion GameMaster: Shaun Klein			See the description from this event's other occurence at 6:00 pm Friday.
×	1pm-2pm ConSuite	Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream Rob Landley		Cream	Watch the co-founder of PenguiCon create more weird and tasty goodness in classic mad scientist fashion.
	1pm-2pm Renaissance C1	Clif Flynt, Andrea Dale, they can und			users to Read The F@%*ing Manual, you have to write it in a way derstand. Our panelists discuss how to take a topic you know well, it to someone who, well, doesn't.
	1pm-2pm Renaissance C2	Webcomics: Haves and Have Nots Howard Tayler, Rob Balder, The Ferrett, Eric Miliken			As webcomics begin their second decade as a medium, the vast majority of web traffic still is directed toward a tiny fraction of titles. What do the disparities in traffic numbers indicate about art, society, entertainment, and free choice?

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page 32) Events starting	Saturday 1:00 - 2:30	PM _ 🗖 🗙		
1pm-2pm The Pit	Worldbuilding Steve Miller, Karl Schroeder, Nancy Atwell, John Scalzi	Some worlds you believe in, and some interfere with the story. How to build and portray your fictional world.			
1pm-2:30pm Renaiss. A	Tom Smith Concert	It's Tom Smith, for ghod's sake! He's funny! He's fast! He's witty! He's poignant! Go, listen, and have fun.			
1pm-2:30pm Renaiss. B	Chris DiBona Keynote	Technical guest keynote by Google's own Chris DiBona!			
1pm-2:30pm St. Claire B	BSD Marcus Watts, Steve André This year our moderators are going to do a bit more of a hands-on thing. They will be bringing in an older Dell, installing openBSD on it, configuring it as a firewall, and demonstrating it as such with a Windows machine on the "inside" and some interesting exploits on the "outside."				
1pm-3pm St. Claire A	Penguicon Writing Workshop, Pt. 2 Michael 'Freon' Andaluz, William Askel, Michael Z. Williamson, Sarah Zettell	The Writing Workshop gets down to business with a round-table discussion of proposed rewrites. We'll also discuss the well-known workshops like Clarion and Odyssey, and meet a few industry luminaries in the SF/F biz. We use the rest of the evening to hammer out third draft rewrites for Part 3 on Sunday. Semi-closed session - come if you are serious about your fiction and we will all be rewarded.			
2pm - 3pm Huron Room	Prototype Track: Looney Lab Beta Testing GameMaster: Josh Drobina	s "What's on the Stove?"	See the description from this event's other occurence at 10:00 pm Friday.		
2pm - 3pm Huron Room	Settlers of Catan 10th Anniv GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty	ersary 3-D Special Edition	See the description from this event's other occurence at 10:00 am Saturday.		
2pm-3pm Renaissance C1	Getting To and Living On Mars Anton VanderWyst. Saumya VanderWyst				
2pm-3pm The Pit	History of Hot Peppers Eric Raymond, John Guest, Howard Tayler	Can't tell a jalapeno from a habañero, but always wondered? These three capsaicin fans can take you on a journey through the wide world of hot peppers.			
2pm-4pm Renaissance C2	Anatomy for the Fan ArtistEver tried to draw something involving the human body, but just couldn't get it quite right? Artist William Aksel shares tips and tricks for getting it right. Bring pencil and paper; a model will be provided.				
2:30pm- 3:30pm Renaissance A	Collaboration: Writing A Deux Steve Miller, Sharon Lee	The trials, tribulations, and unique victories of creating a shared universe. Creating a coherent world and consistent characters with shared brainpower.			
2:30pm- 3:30pm Renaissance B	Dancing for Geeks Anne Murphy, Greg Barker, Rennie Wasielewski	You know you want to learn, but you don't know where to start. A low stress and low pressure chance to learn some dance basics.			
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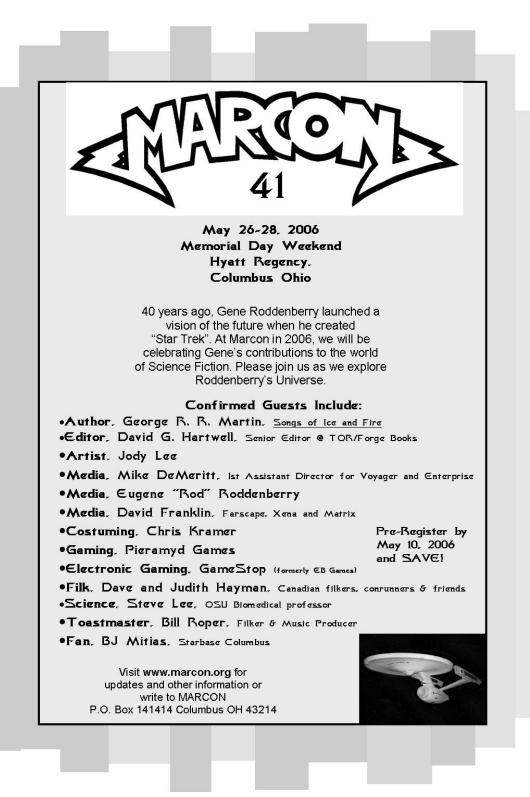
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	4pm-5pm Renaissance C2	Eye of Aragon Dramatic Reading Cathy Raymond		The Eye Of Aragon - quite possibly the worst science fiction ever written, but the most hilarious piece of fiction when read aloud. Come join us as we experience a West Coast phenomenon.			
	4pm-5pm St. Claire A	Unix User Group Leadership - Q&A Ron Blanchett		A panel consisting of area LUG leaders is put in the hot seat and forced to give frank answers to tough questions on what it takes to keep a successful user group going. Audience involvement is highly encouraged.			
	4pm-5pm St. Claire B	PHP Application Security Flavio daCosta		This talk discusses many aspects of web application security with a focus on the PHP language. We will be covering a wide range of attacks, what they look like and techniques to use to help avoid them. Some of the attacks covered will be input validation attacks (subsystem attacks such as SQL injection), output validation (XSS - cross site scripting), session hijacking, Cross-Site Request Forgeries and a few in-between.			
	4pm-5pm The Pit	Warfare in SF Jeff Beeler, John Scalzi, Barbara Trumpinski- Roberts, M. Keaton		Which authors, past and present, do the best job of looking at warfare in a science fiction context? What's most important: that it is convincing, that it is plausible, or something else entirely?			
Cont.	4pm - 5pm Huron Room		Catan 10th Anniversary 3-D Special Edition iversity of Catan Faculty See the description from thi 10:00 am Saturday.				
	4pm - 6pm Huron Room	Burn in Hell GameMaster: Drew Happli	(2 to 5 players) Cleopatra. Blackbeard. Attila the Hun. Richard Nixon. John Wilkes Booth. Collect the souls of the damned! In Burn in Hell, you try to assemble the tastiest "Circles" of history's sinners. Trade souls with your rivals, or just steal the ones you need. Collect groups of Mass Murderers, Cannibals, or even Clerics, or build sets of the Seven Deadly Sins. Burn in Hell will keep you on your toes. Can you see the sets that fit together for the most points? Can you steal a rival's key card before he can make a Circle? Each card includes a great Greg Hyland caricature and a biography of the soul. You'll have a lot of fun reading (and arguing) about why each of these people was invited to the Permanent Pitchfork Party. And to rule in Hell, you must use strategy and cunning, because this game's not over until the last soul is snatched! Steve Jackson Games events are brought to you by the Men In Black.				
	4pm-6:30pm Executive Board Room	Fafner in the Blue Azure (eps 1-6)	go to school knowing that their lives are likely to remain peaceful and undisturbed. Or so they have been taught but the truth is different. The fate of mankind is on the line, and Tatsumiyajima is the last line of defense against a hostile and incomprehensible enemy. At the center of it all.				
	4pm - 7pm Huron Room	Spacemaster: Peril on Vacation GameMaster: Paul Keyes		on	(up to 8 players) You're assigned to guard a scientist while he travels by luxury liner to his home world for a vacation. Can you get him home?		
A.J.	5pm-6pm Holidome Patio	Viking Sword Tournament Aegis Consulting		nament	Aegis' favorite game: Ten foot circle, two swords. Don't cross the line.		
	5pm-6pm Renaissance A	Spam Spam Seth Breidbart, Marshal			our inbox can be like wading through a room full of singing Vikings, ar someone on the other side. How do you shut those bloody Vikings g with your mail client still lets them in the door, where they leave prints all over the place and steal important stuff. Learn about server- ques for stopping spam before it even gets to your inbox.		

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	page 36) Ev	ents s	tarting	Saturday 5:00 - 6:00	PM _ 🗗 🗙	
×	5pm-6pm Renaissance B	OpenCola DemoThere was once a software company who also sold a darn good beverage with a public flavoring formula as an analogy for open-source. The "Penguicon build" of the recipe is tastier and fizzier than ever this year. Did you drink it in the ConSuite and find yourself curious how 					
	5pm-6pm Renaissance C1	Racing Light: Real Physics Anton VanderWyst Real techniques for beating photons to the finish line.				ns to the finish line.	
	5pm-6pm Renaiss. C2	ROD BAIDEL			ped renaissance geek Rob Balder regales us with songs from his Fantasy Lives.		
	5pm-6pm St. Claire B	Michael "Freon" second c Andaluz Reading already s		second coll already sign	age short story author reads from the up and coming and long-awaited ollection. Let him autograph your forehead because he knows he's gned your copy of AS-1. He grew a beard for you; the least you can e and listen.		
	5pm-6pm The Pit	InZerO Diane Frkin, Ed Gardines, Jamie Sonderman	<i>Ane Frkin,</i> <i>Gardines,</i> <i>nie</i> new creative movement involving filmmaking, local talent and our love of science fiction. <i>Gardines,</i> <i>nie</i> InZerO from Thought Collide Productions, as they present the latest filmmaking concept				
N	5pm - 6pm Brewstreet Dining Room		Andy Vs. Everybody (variable numbers of players) Bring your friends and come play you favorite turn-based Looney Labs games, against Andy Looney. He take on everybody, all at the same time!			mes, against Andy Looney. He'll	
	5pm-6:30pm St. Claire A	Slashdot Rob Malda, Jeff "Hemos" Bates	Slashdot names itself as "News for Nerds, Stuff that Matters". Unfamiliar with Slashdot? Come find out what it is, and why you might want to care. Familiar with Slashdot? Find out the insider details of what's been going on this year, and what's coming your way soon.				
×	6pm-7pm ConSuite	Chupaques Jay Maynard, Ho Tayler	וג א מ נוופפאב נוואט וטוטפט מוטטווט ווופונפט נוופפאב. וג א מואט נוופ וומווופ טו מ וונג		It's also the name of a fictional		
	6pm - 7pm Huron Room	Softlare at Catan 10th Annivareary 3-D Shacial Edition			See the description from this event's other occurence at 10:00 am Saturday.		
and and	6pm-7pm Holidome Patio	Aggis Consulting violent glee		violent glee	of light saber battles, the precision of classic fencing, the (rum) e of pirate duels! Aegis' most advanced fighters demonstrate expert ce with sword.		
R	6pm-7pm Renaiss. C1	Andrea Dale Concert		ert	Come enjoy filk by the talented Andrea Dale!		
	6pm-7pm Renaiss. C2	Preventing Spyware Rich Clark, Dan DeSloover			Spyware sucks! But how do you stop it? Our panelists tell you how.		
	6pm-7pm St. Claire B	VMware Virtualization John Guest, Marcus Watts			VMWare is the tool for testing. How many platforms can one com- puter run? A discussion of the VMWare product line, focusing on VMware ESX, VirtualCenter and Vmotion. All are welcome.		

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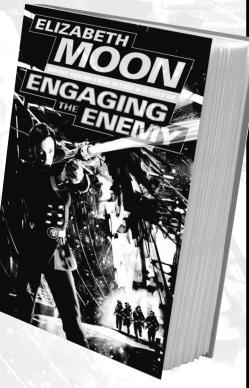
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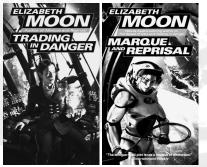
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	baye so	j Events s		Saturday 6:00 - 8:00		
	6pm-7pm The Pit	Flirting and Romance for Geeks Bill Kolasa, Chuck Firment, Shay vanZwoll, Jessica Zerwas		One panelist with all the questions you've wanted to ask. Other panelists with the best answers they have. Gain insight on the vagaries of flirting and romance.		
	6:30pm -9pm Executive Board Room	Twin Spica (eps 1-6) [Geek]: When Kamogawa Asumi was just a baby, her mother was grievously injured when a roc crashed to the ground. Five years later, having been in a coma all the time, Asumi's mother fi dies, and the little girl struggles to come to terms with the death of a mother she barely rem bers. In the midst of her turmoil, she meets "Lion-san", a strange figure wearing a lion mask claiming to be a ghost. Lion-san helps Asumi to bury her mother's ashes, and finally, Asumi rea her own decision: "When I grow up, I'm going to be a rocket pilot."			II the time, Asumi's mother finally th of a mother she barely remem- ge figure wearing a lion mask and 's ashes, and finally, Asumi reaches	
	7pm-8pm Renaissance Cl	SF Economics Karl Schroeder, Richard Herrell	nothing con	for the science in science fiction to npared to the viability of the econo scuss who does it well, and what do	mics of most SF societies. Our	
	7pm - 8pm St. Claire A	Techie Birds of a Feather Session		nething you want to talk about that ay, write your suggestion on the paj		
	7pm - 8:30pm Renaissance C2	TurboGears Mark Ramm		ears is a rapid web development megaframework toolkit for complete back web development, Mark Ramm will do a brief introduction.		
	7pm-8pm St. Claire B	Mono - Jay R. Wren Developing for Mac OS X, Linux, & Windows with Mono			ith Mono	
	7pm-8pm The Pit	AND AVOID INAT DYUU FK BIII			Find out when you should absolutely <i>not</i> stay at home.	
	7pm-9pm Renai. A & B	Masquerade		ropping to head-scratching, the mas eople will be talking about until ne		
A set	7pm - 9pm Huron Room	Vegas Showdown GameMaster: Shaun Klein (3 to 5 players) Build your own hotel/casino by bidding against the other players to acquire tiles that represent slot machines, lounges, restaurants, and other casino-related places. Put those tiles on your player board, which represents your own customized casino. The tiles will allow you to increase your revenue, services, and fame. The player who builds the most famous hotel/casino wins the game.			nd other casino-related places. ur own customized casino. The	
	7 pm - 10 pm Huron Room				See the description from this event's first occurence at 7:00 pm Friday.	
×	8pm-9pm ConSuite	Liquid Nitrogen PenguiCon co-founder Rob Landley creates another round of esoteric and happy-making ice cream flavors. Bring your own ingredients, and see if he' make a custom flavor for you!				
	8pm-9pm Renaissance C1	Why Didn't Science Fiction Predict That? Karl Schroeder, John Scalzi		SF predicted moon colonies by 2001 and computers so big they'd mostly exist in hyperspace. That wrong-headedness has something to say about predictions we're making today. And why DIDN'T SF predict Frogurt instead of yeast cigarettes, anyhow?		
	8pm-9pm St. Claire A	Perl: Remember th Brian Decker, Brian Johnso	•	This panel addresses why you still want to program in Perl and what it is good for.		

	8pm - 9pm Huron Room	Settlers of Catan 10th Anniversary 3-D Special Edition GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty See the description event's other occu 10:00 am Saturday.						
	8pm - 9pm Huron Room	GameMaster: your way to victo			rs) One of Mayfair's newest games! Can you bluff, bluster, backstab and bribe victory? Success comes through diplomacy and well-timed betrayals. Mayfair ts are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.			
	8-9:30pm St. Claire B	Security Fu Tatsuya Murase		ntals	60+ minutes on security starting with the basics.			
	8pm - 10pm Huron Room	Hero Scape GameMaster: And		See the des	cription from this event's other occ	urence at 9:00 pm Friday.		
	8pm - 11pm Huron Room	Fantasy GameMaster: unable or		layers) A small town needs your help. A band of miscreants have been rampag- gh the area attacking farms and caravans. And the Lord of the land has been unwilling to help them. Can your band of hardy adventures stop them and save and it's people?				
*** •	8pm Room 108	Kingdom of Loathing Party		An Adventurer Is You! Clear out the denizens of Cobb's Knob and Degrassi Knoll with Muscle. Mysticality and Moxie. This party centers on a browser-based MMORPG with state of the art stick figure art and twisted popular culture references.				
*** •	8pm Room 175	Hafla Party		Bring your drums, zills and hipscarves for an evening of drumming and bel- lydancing. The hafla will start at 8:00 PM and go until we start wandering the halls like the nomads we are.				
*** • •	Saturday evening Rooms 118/120	ClubFusion		The room party of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention, ConFusion. Always a good time! Never too early to pre-register, right?				
*** •	Saturday eve- ning Room 214	ConverStat	ion	Karaoke, food, fun! Preregister for ConVersation, a cool new RelaxaCon, or just hang out and enjoy a good time.				
*** •	Saturday eve- ning Room 116	ConClave Party		ConClave Less than 6 months away, it's a good time to preregister. This year's theme will be Irish Goth, due to filk guest Emerald Rose and Artist Guest Voltaire. Catherine Asaro as Science guest.				
• • •	Saturday eve- ning Room 112	UHACC Party		Unix Hobbyists',Administrators', and Coders' Club.				
*** •	8pm Room 110	InZerO Party		Become a part of the latest sci fi filmmaking experience in Detroit. Drawing for a speaking part on an upcoming episode. Become a part of the InZerO crew Party InZerO Style with food & beverages!				
	8:30pm- 9:30pm Renaiss. C2	Making Stri Alison Looney	ng Figui	res Come spend a fun filled hour w to make figures out of string. Su at parties.		• •		
and a start	8pm-10pm Holidome Patio	Party		Wear comfortable clothing, please. Be prepared to move around, learn, and have fun. Hands-on SWAT team-style building clearing and hostage rescue simulations with the Aegis Consulting Staff.				

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	9pm-11:30 pm Executive Board Room	Futakoi Alternative (eps 1-6)	business	after his fath	tective Agency, being run by Rentarou er's death 3 weeks ago. Along w/ Sa ds up running afoul of the local Yak	ara & Souju, his live-in identical		
R	9pm-12am Renai. A & B	Dance DJ Brick		will hack into ne dance floo) your muscles and bones and insta r!	all a beat that will upload your		
	9pm-12am St. Claire B	YAAARC an Neal Probert	d Robot	S	Come and learn about robots from Robotics Club.	the Ypsilanti ⁻ Ann Arbor Area		
	9:30pm- 10:30pm St. Claire B	Intro to SSI Bill Childers	-		walks through the basics of SSL ar math is involved.	nd PKI, all geared for a layman.		
A Contraction	10pm-1am Holidome Patio	Midnight Re Aegis Consultir			Gather, converse, frolic, dream, dru	m, spar.		
Contraction of the second	10pm - 11pm Huron Room	Alhambra GameMaster: Shaun Klein	(2 to 6 players) Set in Moorish Spain, players hire itinerate workers to build gardens, arcades, visitor's quarters, defensive walls and other features, each trying to make theirs the most opulent Alhambra. But there is a catch. The workers come from four different regions, and each demands to be paid in their home currencies. Cost over-runs are common, so while it's always best to pay with exact change, such economy isn't always possible.					
	10pm - 11pm Huron Room		Catan 10th Anniversary 3-D Special Edition <i>iversity of Catan Faculty</i> See the description from this event's other occurence at 10:00 am Saturday.					
	10pm - 11pm Huron Room	Go West GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty	(2 to 4 players) You are helping to supply the wagon trains of settlers moving west. Can you win fame and fortune helping pioneers chase their dreams? Phalanx Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.					
and the second sec	10pm · 12 am Huron Room	SPANC: Space Pirate Amazon Ninja Catgirls GameMaster: Drew Happli	(2 to 4 players) SPANC Them All! Life is good when you're a Space Pirate Amazon Ninja Catgirls. Enjoy a life of larceny and mayhem as you embark on one Caper after another. Defeat every challenge the galaxy throws at you, from the Friendly Guard Puppies all the way to the Fiendish Death Trap. Pick up Toys (and the occasional Poolboy), grab more Fame than anyone else, and watch your tail, because the other catgirls want what you've got! Lovingly illustrated by Phil Foglio, SPANC is a fast-paced card game of space pirates, ninja, amazons, and catgirls. All at once. Steve Jackson Games events are brought to you by the Men In Black.					
Case-	10pm - 7 am Location TBD, possibly the Lobby Gazebo	Are You A Werewolf? GameMaster: Loo Mad Lab Rabbits	(8 to 16 players) Lynch your fellow villagers in search of the werewolves among you. How many innocents will die before they are found? Will the town seer save you, or be the first victim? All Looney Labs game demos are courtesy of the Mad Lab Rabbits. Note: this game can get loud.					
	10:30pm- 11:30pm St. Claire B	BackupPC Bill Childers	Bill Childers explains why BackupPC is a pretty damn cool backup method for a small LAN, and how it could be used as a SOHO by medium-sized businesses.					
	11pm-12am St. Claire A	Cape Horn GameMaster: David Whitcher	to the we York to S	(3 to 5 players) Before the opening of the Panama Canal, ships sailed from the east coast to the west coast of North or South America via Cape Horn. They held races from New York to San Francisco for those daring enough to test their skills against the elements. Now players can relive those races.				
R	11pm-12am St. Claire A	Open Filk	• •	music of the and join on	e wide variety of musicians at the c in.	onvention, or bring instrument		

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	11:30pm- 12:30am Executive Board Room	Hellsing Ultimate (1 OAV)	government, to hide t Alucard, an incredibly p fledgling vampire and a	st. It is the duty of Hellsing, an organization sponsored by the British that frightening fact and protect the blissfully unaware populace. powerful vampire, has been controlled by Hellsing for years. Seras is a a former police woman. Integra Hellsing, the current leader, is usually ng her duty, but lately, vampire activity has been on the rise.		
	12am-1am Huron Room	Cloud 9 GameMaster: David Whitcher	loon rises, the more p	9 will take you straight up through the clouds! The higher the bal- oints you can score. But watch out! The balloon can fall at anytime. ing to stay on and risk losing it all?		
	12:30am- 2:30am Executive Board Room	Clubbed- to-Death Angel Dokuro- chan (eps 1-4)	which (due to Sakura's I refuses to allow this, so one angel, Dokuro-chan, is very temperamental, a bloody ways with her gi	a man named Sakura is destined to create the technology for eternal life, olicon tendencies) freezes all women's aging once they turn twelve. God he sends his angels to the past to kill Sakura before he can do this. But decides to try to change the future without killing him. Problem is, Dokuro and is constantly killing Sakura (and lots of other people too) in incredibly ant spiked club. Good thing she can bring people back to life - if only to in the next time she loses her temper. Mature audiences. ID required.		
Cont.	1am-3am Huron Room	RoboRally (old school versic GameMaster: Da Whitcher	on) to avoid pits	ers) Robot on robot violence. Oh! the wreckage. Program your bot s, lasers and deadly hazards like other robots. Weapons and special give you the edge in this demolicious race. (Played using Wizards t edition).		
E	2:30am- 8:00am Executive Board Room	Full Metal Panic - The Second Raid (eps 1-13)	[Fen]: The 3rd installment of the series: This series is set about two months after the events ocurred in the Tuatha de Danaan at the end of the original series. Mithril becomes aware of a secret organization that has technology able to counter the ECS (Electronic Cloaking System) mode. This organization, known as Amalgam, also has "Black Technology", obtained from "Whispered" like Kaname Chidori, and like the other intelligency agencies, they intend to obtain more. However, when Sousuke's mission to protect Chidori is terminated by Mithril, all seems to be in place for Amalgam's plans			
	8:00am- 10:30am Executive Board Room	Sousei no Aquarion (eps 1-6)	creatures who returned inhabitants in order to o special powers from arro	humanity once again is facing the threat of the "Shadow Angels". Mystical after 12.000 years of absence. They attack human cities and kidnap their drain their "prana" (vital energy). To fight against them, youngsters with bund the world were gathered and trained to pilot the "vector machines", together form mankind's ultimate weapon, "Aquarion".		
	8 am - 12 pm Huron Room	Poker Touri	nament	(variable numbers of players) Poker tournament, format TBD.		
Cont.	9am - 10am Huron Room	Ra GameMaster: David Whitcher	2000 years of history in most pharaohs, establish	nging game of gods, men & their monuments. Lead your dynasty through n ancient Egypt. Gather as much fame and honor as possible. Place the unequalled monuments, and use the fertility of the Nile. But don't neglect ulture. And pay homage to the gods led by the god Ra otherwise the quickly lost.		
×	10am, location TBD	Friends of L Steve Miller, Shar	lad Breakfast	To be held offsite, place to be determined.		
×	10am-11am Renaissance C1	Coffee Ritual and partak Matt Arnold, Andrea honey vers		you inclined to worship the Holy Liquid, come join us for celebration ng of the holy substance. Debate denominational variants such as is sugar, the unorthodoxy of flavored creamer, or state your devotion ine blackness.		
	10am-11am St. Claire A	Writing Col with Tcl/Tk Clif Flynt	mputer Games	Write games in an interpreted language? Well, yes. Professional gaming companies do, and so can you. Clif Flynt will show you some of the techniques and tricks for writing games in Tcl/Tk.		

	10am-11am St. Claire B				A professional bladesmith, Mike's written a little bit of everything, including SF and fantasy. Come enjoy his reading.	
	10am - 11am Huron Room	Settlers of Catan 10th Annive GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty			ersary 3-D Special Edition	See the description from this event's other occurence at 10:00 am Saturday.
Cont.	10am - 11pm Huron Room	Hey! That's Fish! GameMaster: Uni Catan Faculty	-	you clever e	vers) You are penguins, running arou enough to block others from the be ? Mayfair Games events are brough f Catan.	st sites and get the most fish
See.	10am - 12pm Huron Room	Vegas Show GameMaster: Sha		See the des	cription from this event's other occ	urence at 7pm Saturday.
	10:30am-2pm Executive Board Room	(Masked) Rider Kabuto Kabuto			r the threat of the mysterious kaijin gro ver their main source of resistance, the rm. ZECT then developed the MASKED mechanical beetle being, with enough p other hidden abilitiesThe story revolve ome Kamen Rider Kabuto, but not by Z	Zect Troopers, were no match for RIDER SYSTEM, a belt that trans- owers to go against Worm. And it is around the youth, Tendou Souji,
	11am-12pm Renaissance A	Nancy Atwell Reading				
	11am-12pm Renaissance B	Copyrights and Trademarks Cathy Raymond, Karl Schroeder, Carl Gregory			This panel offers a detailed look at the legal ins-and-outs of vari- ous methods of protecting intellectual property. Looks at how to, why to, and whether to.	
	11am-12pm Renaissance C1	First Contact: Message From Another Sun Ron Wilson (Referee)			SETI@PenguiCon has received a m interpret it. You may pick up copie or Registration earlier in the week panel and present them to your fe	es of the raw message at Ops and. Bring your efforts to this
	11am-12pm Renaissance C2	Blogging for Life The Ferrett, John Scalzi, David Klecha		avid Klecha	News pages. Online journals. Web logs. A lot of people are using them. What tools are available, and what are the best ways to use them?	
	11am-12pm St. Claire A	Virtual Linu	IX - Rob L	andley	User Mode Linux & gemu- Find way	s to put one penguin in another.
	11am-12pm St. Claire B	Promoting	PGP - Eri	c Raymond		
	11am-12pm The Pit	Not Just for Kids: Young Adult Fiction Tracy Worcester, Jeff Beeler, Bill Kolasa, Barbara Trumpinski-Roberts			Some of the best science fiction at nists less than 18 years old. Just bec section doesn't mean these aren't	ause Borders puts it in the kids
Cert.	11am - 12pm Huron Room	Mesopotamia GameMaster: University of Cates Faculty			ers) It is the dawn of civilization, ar a temple to the great god Marduk. B ry to become the most faithful of Ma brought to you by the faculty of the	uild huts, collect resources and rduk's followers! Mayfair Games

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Contraction of the second	11am - Ipm Huron Room	My Dwarves Fly GameMaster: Drew Happli (2 to 4 players) My Dwarves Fly is not a game about grace or style: it is a game about grabbing gold and then more gold! To find gold, you need to be victorious in battles. You win your battles by means of creatures that also find gold if you win the battle. You need to roll high to win your battles, but you need to roll low to find any additional gold. Thus, creatures are the most important part of this game. You cannot do battle without them, and you cannot find gold without them. It is quite possible to be nice to the others while playing. Then again, you don't have to. You probably shouldn't - for those who don't play nice and fair tend to win more often, just as in real life.					
	12pm - 1pm Huron Room	Eco-Fluxx GameMaster: Josh Drobina See the description from this event's first occurence at 6pm Friday.			rence at 6pm Friday.		
	12pm - 1pm Huron Room	Settlers of GameMaster: Unit			ersary 3-D Special Edition	See the description from this event's other occurence at 10:00 am Saturday.	
	12pm Brewstreet Dining Area	Figurine Painting Linda MartellLinda Martell teaches a hands-or \$1.50 participant fee for this even			ell teaches a hands-on lesson in hov ipant fee for this event.	v to paint figurines. There is a	
	12pm-1pm Renaissance A	Steve Miller and Sharor Lee Reading		aron	Author Guests Steve Miller and Sharon Lee read aloud from their work.		
	12pm-1pm Renaissance B	Virtual Tour of Google Chris DiBona		gle	Chris describes how Google got started, what it's like working there now, and where it's headed. Sure to be informational.		
	12pm-1pm Renaissance C1	Best SF Books of 2005 Jeff Beeler, John Scalzi, Tobias Buckell, Karl Schroeder			What were the outstanding works of 2005? What are the titles to look for, and who are the authors to watch?		
R	12-1:30pm Renaiss. C2	Luke Ski Concert			o favorite The Great Luke Ski presen to miss!	nts a musical performance you	
	12pm-2pm St. Claire B	, Michael 'Freon' A	Vriting Vorkshop, Pt. 3 ichael 'Freon' Andaluz, ancy Atwell, Michael Z.		ne Stuff. Watch as Workshop partici noted artists from Niftydom and fan the prose into illustration. Sort of a We round out the workshop by sh about local writing groups who nee	dom alike lend a frenzied hand a 'picturing a thousand words' aring contact information and	
	1pm - 2pm Huron Room	Alhambra GameMaster: Shaun Klein	See the d	description from this event's first occurence at 10pm Friday.			
	1pm - 2pm Huron Room	iceTowers GameMaster: Josl	h Drobina	See the description from this event's first occurence at 8pm Friday.			
R	1pm-2pm Renaissance B	Speech Wri Contest Chris DiBona	ting	•	will write and present a short speed hris will judge the best entry for wr	•	
	1pm-2pm Renaissance C1	Everything About Filk Is Rob Balder			Think you know what filk is? You're probably wrong. Sure you're right? Come to the panel and argue your case with our panel- ists.		

2pm - 3pm Huron Room	Settlers of GameMaster: Un		Oth Anniversary 3-D Special Edition	See the description from this event's other occurence at 10:00 am Saturday.		
2pm-3pm Executive Board Room	Initial D-Battle Stage (1 OAV)	a delivery driving ski road racer issue chal	boy for his father's tofu shop during late nights. Litt ills and his father's modified Toyota Sprinter AE86 Tru on Mt. Akina's highway. Because of this, racing groups f	hool student Takumi Fujiwara works as a gas station attendant during the day and for his father's tofu shop during late nights. Little does he know that his precise ind his father's modified Toyota Sprinter AE86 Trueno make him the best amateur t. Akina's highway. Because of this, racing groups from all over the Gunma prefecture is to Takumi to see if he really has what it takes to be a road legend. This has the ages 1-3 with all new music.		
2:30-3:30pm Renaiss. A	Closing Ceremonie	s	Bid a fond farewell to our fabulous Guests of Honor, and hear the exciting things planned for PenguiCon 5.0!			
3:30pm- 4:30pm Renaiss. A	Gripe (and Session	Praise)	Saw something you weren't happy about, and want us to know? Saw something you liked, and want us to do that again, and more like it? Give us the information we need to make next year even better than this year!			



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3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Super Munchkin 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Attack Vector: Tactical Rocket Rally 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Attack! 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Eco-Fluxx 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm The Mysterious Maze of Metcalf Manor 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm IceTowers 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Amazonas 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm HeroScape 10:00 pm - 7:00 am Are You A Werewolf? 10:00 pm - 12:00 am Hacker 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm What's on the Stove? 11:00 pm - 1:00 am Shadows over Camelot

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3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Eco-Fluxx
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4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Spacemaster: Peril on Vacation
4:00 pm ⁻ 6:00 pm Burn in Hell
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Settlers of Catan
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Andy Vs. Everybody
7:00 pm ⁻ 10:00 pm The Mysterious Maze of Metcalf Manor
7:00 pm ⁻ 9:00 pm Vegas Showdown
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm GURPS Fantasy
8:00 pm ⁻ 10:00 pm HeroScape
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Intrigue
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Settlers of Catan
10:00 pm - 7:00 am Location TBD, possibly the Lobby Gazeb Are You A Werewolf?
10:00 pm - 12:00 am SPANC: Space Pirate Amazon Ninj Catgirls
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm Go West
10:00 pm ⁻ 11:00 pm Settlers of Catan
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm Alhambra

11:00 pm - 12:00 am Cape Horn

Sunday

12:00 am - 1:00 am Cloud 9 1:00 am - 3:00 am RoboRally 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Poker Tournament 9:00 am - 10:00 am Ra 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Vegas Showdown 10:00 am - 11:00 am Hey! That's My Fish! 10:00 am - 11:00 am Settlers of Catan 11:00 am - 1:00 pm My Dwarves Fly 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Mesopotamia 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Eco-Fluxx 12:00 m - 1:00 pm Settlers of Catan 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm IceTowers 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Alhambra 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Settlers of Catan

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InZerO - 110. Saturday 8 pm. http://www.myspace.com/inzero

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Heinlein Centennial 114. Friday 8 pm - ? http://www.heinleincentennial.com/

ConClave 30 - 116. Saturday. http://conclave.hamjudo.com/

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General Technics 118/120. 24/7 throughout con.

Firefly Shindig - 174. Friday.

Hafla - 175. Saturday 8pm.

ConverStation 214. Friday and Saturday

Elven Toast Saturday night 9 - 10pm, location TBD The Pirate Party

Saturday night roaming the halls.

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Small Signag	e	Bill Putt			
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All events are in the Executive Board Room. [Fen] - programming aimed for Sci-Fi/Fantasy fans.

[Geek] - Programming aimed for Linux/ Computer attendees.

[Geek/Fen] - Programming geared for both styles of attendees.

[Graphic] - programming aimed for mature audiences. ID required.

Friday

5 PM - 7 PM, [Fen] Bleach

7 PM - 8 PM. Into to Anime Panel

8 PM - 1 AM, [Geek/Fen] Stellvia of the Universe

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1 AM - 5:30 AM, [Graphic] Gantz 5:30 AM - 8 AM, [Geek] Rockman EXE 8 AM - 10 AM, [Fen] Gun X Sword 10 AM 1 PM, [Geek/Fen] GaoGaiGar 1 PM - 4 PM, [Geek] Battle Programmer Shirase 4 PM - 6:30 PM. [Geek/Fen] Fafner in the Blue Azure 6:30 PM - 9 PM, [Geek] Twin Spica 9 PM - 11:30 PM, [Geek] Futakoi Alternative 11:30 PM - 12:30 AM, [Graphic] Hellsing Ultimate

Sunday

12:30 AM - 2:30 PM, [Graphic] Clubbed-to-Death Angel Dokuro-chan 2:30 AM - 8 AM. [Fen] Full Metal Panic - The Second Raid 8 AM - 10:30 AM, [Fen] Sousei no Aquarion 10:30 AM - 2 PM, [Fen] Kamen Rider Kabuto 2 PM - 3 PM, [Geek] Initial D - Battle Stage

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