



Welcome to Penguicon 4.0

Livonia, MI April 21-23, 2006

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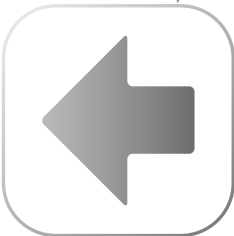
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\$35 DURING PENGUICON

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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!

OK





ConChair's Blog



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

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!





Name Avg. \$ Alcohol Phone Number

Chinese

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

Italian

- 19. Joe's Italian Bakery & Deli \$6-10 Full Bar 1(734) 416-1456
Directions: South side of Ann Arbor Rd. between Lilley & Main St.
20. Mama-Mia Restaurant & Pizzeria \$6-10 Full Bar 1(734) 427-1000
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 No 1(734) 455-0440
Directions: North side of Ann Arbor Tr. 4 blocks East of Haggerty
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
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
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.
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.

Name Avg. \$ Alcohol Phone Number

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.
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





◀ Back to the beginning of the Rules

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.

OK

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.

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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.

OK

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.

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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.

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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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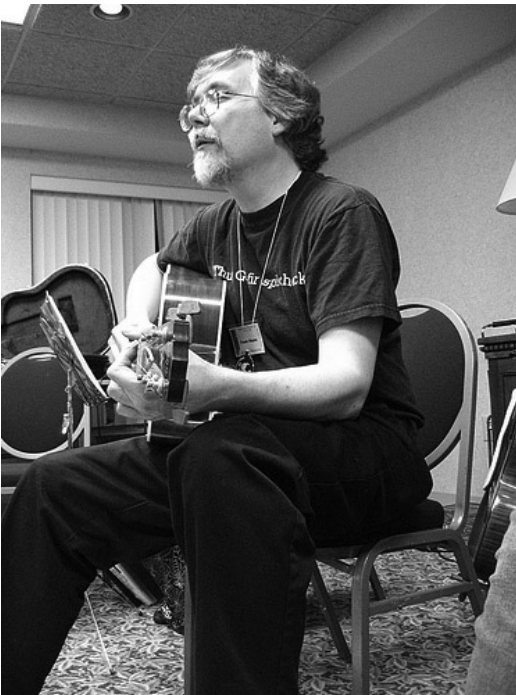
Chris DiBona



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!

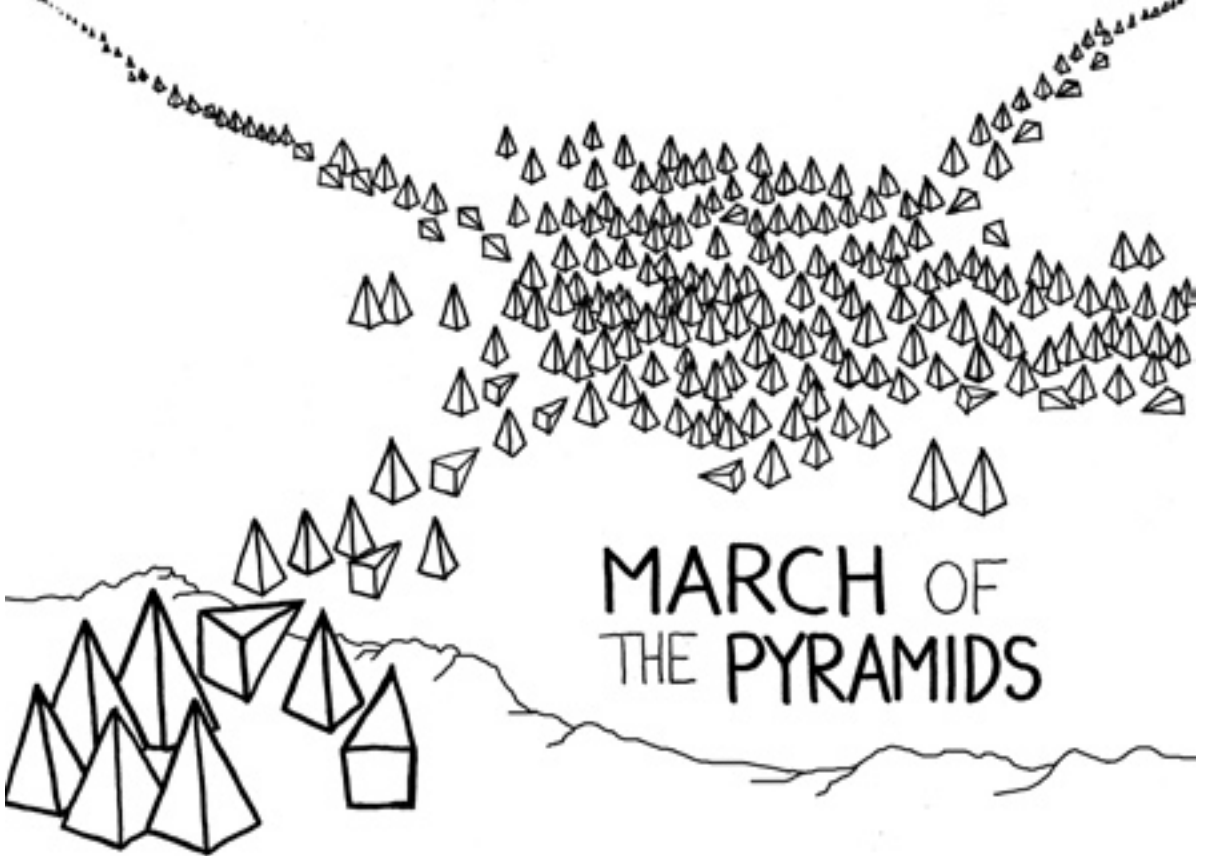
Frank is also the editor of Computerworld's Shark Tank ("true tales of IT life"), and his first version of Linux was 0.9, some-time around 1993.



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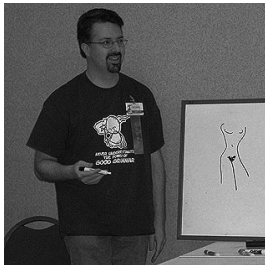
MARCH OF
THE PYRAMIDS



Additional: Nifty Guests

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 clip-art 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 released 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 most-read 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.

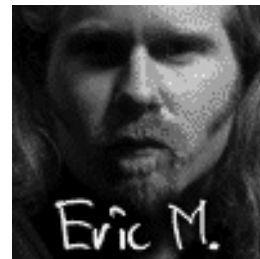
Oh, yes — and most important of all, he's just started a new Web comic (with artist Veronica Pare) called Home On The Strange, detailing the lives of middle-aged, middle-class nerds and their tragically-single friends. It is vitally important that you visit www.homeonthestrangle.com now, or else the 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 laid-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.





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 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. ▽



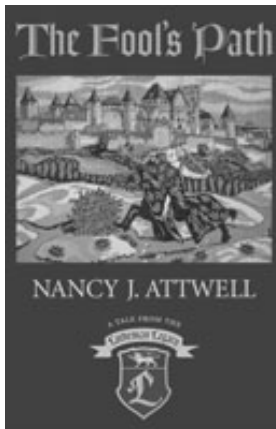
Michael Z. Williamson

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
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"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*

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"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 Kaynar, The Fool's Path



24/7 through-
out the
weekend

General Technics Room Party

Right next to the ClubFusion room party. A room for Techies to hang out and geek about programming, coffee, dessert, or whatever we can find for Show and Tell. Rooms 118/120.



Friday 3 pm
- Sun 6 pm
Huron Room

Open Gaming

GameMaster: You!

(variable numbers of players) Check out games from the PenguiCon GameLibrary, or bring your own and pull up a table. From classic card games to the newest board games, we have something for everyone! Whether you've got 15 minutes or a few hours, we have a game for you!



3 pm - 5 pm
Huron Room

Super Munchkin

*GameMaster:
Drew Happli*

(2 to 5 players) Fly through the city. Smash the villains. Backstab your teammates and grab their gadgets. Be a Mutant, an Exotic, a Mystic, or a Techno. The higher your Level, the more Powers you can have. Battle dastardly masterminds, devastating monsters, and invading aliens from the next dimension - from the wimpy Triplicate Twit all the way up to Big Ol' Planet Eater Guy himself - and TAKE THEIR STUFF! With the Aura Helmet, the Telezapinator, and the (jet-powered) Pogo Stick, no foe can stand before you. Steve Jackson Games events are brought 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?



5pm-6pm
The Pit

Got Filk?

*Tom Smith, Rob Balder,
Frank Hayes*

WARNING: Not For the Humor Impaired. So what the hell is filk, and why should you care? These three humorists and musicians distill over 30 years of musical history into a one hour discussion.



5pm-7pm
Executive
Board Room

Bleach (eps 1-5)

[Fen]: Kurosaki Ichigo is a 15 year old boy that has an ability to see ghosts/spirits. Because of his ability, he is able to meet a female death god (a.k.a Shinigami) named Kuchiki Rukia. To save his family and friends from unwanted soul-eating spirits (Hollows), 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*

Experienced and new authors discuss their process - starting with a blank page.



6pm-7pm
St. Claire B

Partially Clips

Rob Balder

PartiallyClips has no storyline, no characters, and author Rob Balder doesn't actually draw anything. It is also an astoundingly funny webcomic. Come hear Rob tell you how he does it.



6pm-7pm The
Pit

Schlock Mercenary

Howard Taylor

Welcome to the 31st Century! Howard talks about his popular web comic Schlock Mercenary, which he describes as a "comic serial space opera." Let him tell you about his world, and what it's like to quit your day job and do what you love.



6 pm - 7 pm
Huron Room

Eco-Fluxx
GameMaster:
Josh Drobina

(variable numbers of players) Come play a new environmentally themed version of Fluxx! Poison can protect your keepers, while new actions like Extinction and Pollution add all-new flavor to the game. The rules are constantly changing, but always visible on the table. 2-30 minutes per game, all ages welcome, no previous experience required. All Looney Labs game demos are courtesy of the Mad Lab Rabbits.

6:30-7:30 pm
Renaiss. C1
& C2

The Wedding of Moonbeam and Daniel Nance!

All family, friends, and close acquaintances of Daniel Nance and Moonbeam are invited to witness and celebrate their wedding.



6pm - 10pm
Huron Room

Attack Vector: Tactical, Rocket Rally
GameMaster:
Ken Burnside

(2 to 6 players) Terawatt fusion torches. Megawatt lasers. Dark Chocolate, all alone in the night. The classic introductory game for Attack Vector: Tactical (also works for Saganami Island Tactical Simulator). Pilot your ship through the chocolate, and you get to eat it. Do 10 damage to the chocolate, and you get to eat it. There's only a limited amount of chocolate on the map - the sooner you kill everyone else off, the more there is for you. All materials provided, all rules will 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

(2 to 8 players) The basic game (Attack!) is a very simple game of expansion and conflict set in the WWII era. Each player starts with a few regions (one of which is a capital), and a few military units. Players expand their power bases by adding regions to their "spheres of influence". This may be done either through diplomacy (they join willingly), or military conquest (they join, period). The Attack! Expansion adds quite a bit of detail while retaining playability. Players not only need to balance their military and diplomatic resources, but also take into account the importance of economics, trade routes, politics and government, technological breakthroughs and that 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 & ASPNET
Jay R. Wren



7pm-8pm
The Pit

How to Throw Room Parties
Rachel Weisenfeld, Joe Saul, Bill Putt, Cathy Raymond, Mark Miller

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 Anime
Morgan Kollin, Shay VanZwoll, 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

Prototype Track: The Mysterious Maze of Metcalf Manor
GameMaster: William Aksel Kuehl

(2 to 6 players) The Mysterious Maze of Metcalf Manor was inspired by a dream, literally. The Maze is a treasure hunt to benefit Lord and Lady Metcalf to keep the ancient manor from falling into the hands of foreign developers who plan to bulldoze it to make room for an industrial park. The setup of the maze can be changed for each game so you don't play the same game twice.



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!



8pm-9pm
Renaissance
C1

**Penguicon Writing
Workshop, Pt. 1**

*Michael 'Freon' Andaluz, Michael Z.
Williamson, William Aksel, Anne
Zanoni*

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 & Cisco

Rick Lull

Asterisk is a complete PBX in software. It runs on Linux, BSD and MacOSX and provides all of the features you would expect from a PBX and more.



8pm - 9pm
Huron Room

IceTowers

*GameMaster:
Josh Drobina*

(variable numbers of players) IceTowers is a real-time game of capping, mining, and splitting your opponents. Played with colorful Icehouse pyramids, this game encourages planning while only lasting five to fifteen minutes. This is an excellent introduction into the world of Icehouse and Playing with Pyramids! All Looney Labs game demos are courtesy of the Mad Lab Rabbits.



8pm - 9pm
Huron Room

Amazonas

*GameMaster:
University of
Catan Faculty*

(3 to 4 players) Explore a dangerous paradise and research flora and fauna for fame! This game has been nominated for a 2006 Origins award (Best Board Game)! Mayfair Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.



8pm-11pm
Hollidome
Patio

**Black Sweater
Party**

Aegis Consulting

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)**

[Geek/Fen]: The year is 2356 A.D. - 189 years after a distant supernova caused a global catastrophe that wiped out 99% of the world population. To keep track on all space activities, mankind has built colossal space stations called "foundations" all over the Solar System. After passing the Space Academy entrance exams, Shima Katase embarks to the Earth-based foundation Stellvia to fulfill her dream of seeing the galaxy and to prevent another 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

ConverStation

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

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, Matt
Arnold, Rob Landley, Chuck Firment*

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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Providing courteous service in fulfilling your gaming needs.

PACKS & SINGLES:

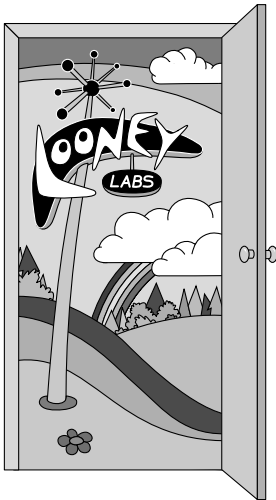
Pirates, Heroclix, Mage Knight, Mechwarrior, D&D Minis.
Magic the Gathering plus other CCGs

GREAT STAND-ALONE GAMES:

Looney Labs, 3rd World Games, Twilight Creations, Slugfest Games,
2-Man Games, Atlas Games, Steve Jackson Games

We also carry anime on VHS, T-shirts, and other gaming supplies.
Look for us in the Penguicon 4.0 dealers room!

Join a Looney Labs Little Experiment!



Come play games with our Mad Lab Rabbits: Lisa, Josh, Shaun & Russell



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WEREWOLF?**

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9pm - 11pm
Huron Room

Hero Scape

GameMaster:
Andy Arnold

(2 to 4 players) This Fantasy Battle Board Game comes with dozens of painted plastic miniatures, each representing a warrior from a different era, and hex-based hard plastic terrain pieces which can be put together in many different ways. The warriors include World War II soldiers, futuristic robots, medieval knights, a large dragon, and many more. Each unit (some units are one figure; some are multiple figures) has its own card that controls both movement and combat strength. There are water, sand, rock and grass tiles. Many different battlefields can be built by attaching and stacking the tiles.



9pm-10pm
Renaissance
C2

Imagining the Future: When Weed is Legal

*Andy Looney, Eric
Raymond*

Drug Peace activists believe that legalization is inevitable, and that the Drug War, like Prohibition, will eventually end. But what then? What would legalization 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 Authoring with Linux

Kyle Rankin

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 New Dr. Who

Michael Marcus, Marshal Newrock, Sarah Zettell, The Ferrett

Is the new Dr. Who living up to the series' reputation or down to it?



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.



10pm-11pm
ConSuite

Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream

Rob Landley

Convention co-founder goes for round two of ice cream creation! What classic and/or bizarre flavors will he make this time?



10pm - 11pm
Huron Room

Prototype Track: Looney Labs "What's on the Stove?" Beta Testing

GameMaster: Josh Drobina

(variable numbers of players) Do you like to try new games before they've been published? Stop in to playtest Looney Labs' two newest games with us, Just Desserts and Treehouse! In Just Desserts, take the role of a server in a restaurant filled with yummy desserts, competing with your fellow employees for the attention of customers by serving them their favorite dishes. Treehouse is changing the way Icehouse pyramids are packaged and sold: One tree each, five colors. Come join us to play our newest games! All Looney Labs game demos are courtesy of the Mad Lab Rabbits.



10pm - 12am
Huron Room

Hacker

GameMaster:
Drew Happli
(2 to 6 players)

Hacker is a computer crime card game inspired by the 1990 Secret Service raid on Steve Jackson Games. Play is similar to Illuminati except players play cards as part of the ever-expanding "Net" in the center of the table instead of having individual card stacks. Players use indials to break into systems & gain root access. Upgrade your hacking tools, deal with other hackers for access, phreak others onto your system, etc. Avoid ICE & law enforcement raids to gain the greatest number of root access sites & win the game. The latest, deluxe edition comes with the "Dark Side" expansion - includes features such as outdials, military upgrades, multiple accounts, virtual bridges, increased security, & new threats such as Black ICE, viruses & the worm. SJGames events are brought to you by the Men In Black.



10pm - 7am
Location TBD,
possibly the
Lobby Gazebo

Are You A Werewolf?

*GameMaster: Looney Labs
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.



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

Ubuntu is a complete Linux-based operating system, freely available with both community and professional support. It is developed by a large community and we invite you to participate too! In this panel, Jorge Castro will cover the basics of Ubuntu, its philosophy, its community, and will preview the upcoming features of the upcoming Ubuntu 6.06 (The Dapper Drake Release). Free CDs will be handed out, and members of the local Ubuntu Detroit team will be available for tech support and answering questions. Users of all skill levels are invited to visit, especially those new to Linux.



10pm-12am The Pit

Lojban, The Logical Language

Matt Arnold

PenguiCon has the honor of hosting this year's Lojban gathering. Lojban is an artificial language with a grammar based on formal logic systems, and is speakable by humans and potentially by computers. Designed from an engineering standpoint for functional elegance, this project is spearheaded by a dedicated volunteer organization of linguists and logicians. The project has survived five decades and an intellectual property dispute. The celebration will go on all weekend, but this presentation offers the newbie the opportunity to take a look under the hood of the most sophisticated toolkit for expression a geek could desire.



11pm-12am Renaissance A & B

Buffy the Musical

Not familiar with Buffy: The Vampire Slayer? Have you been living under a rock? Come see the famed musical episode both on-screen and with our very own Live Cast.



11pm-12am St. Claire A

Java Virtual Machine Fusion

John Catherino

Come learn about the cajo project, free software enabling machines ranging from mainframes to mobile phones to spontaneously discover each other and form a seamless computing collective. Build applications using multiple machines, every bit as easily as one. Transparently remote sophisticated Graphical User Interfaces, and dynamically script cooperation between machines. See what "the network is the computer" really means; it sure ain't Web 2.0.



11pm-12am St. Claire B

Git

Ryan Anderson

The Git distributed revision control system has come a long way in the last year of development. This covers a brief history, a tutorial of the basic commands used daily, and some of the advanced tools built on top.



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 For All

Aegis Consulting

Captain your ships through cannon-fire and free ports for profit and adventure! Join us for Pirates! the collectable card game by Whizkids Games! Cards will be provided.

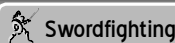
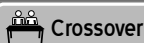


11:30pm-12:30am Renaissance C1

Chocolate Ritual

Lady Sarah, Frank Hayes

Ever thought chocolate should be a religion? Come join us as we invoke chocolate in all its forms, directions, elements, and any other variation we can think of. Not for those inclined to take their religions too seriously, unless that religion is the Holy Cocoa.



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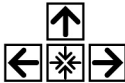
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Billiards

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Stairs

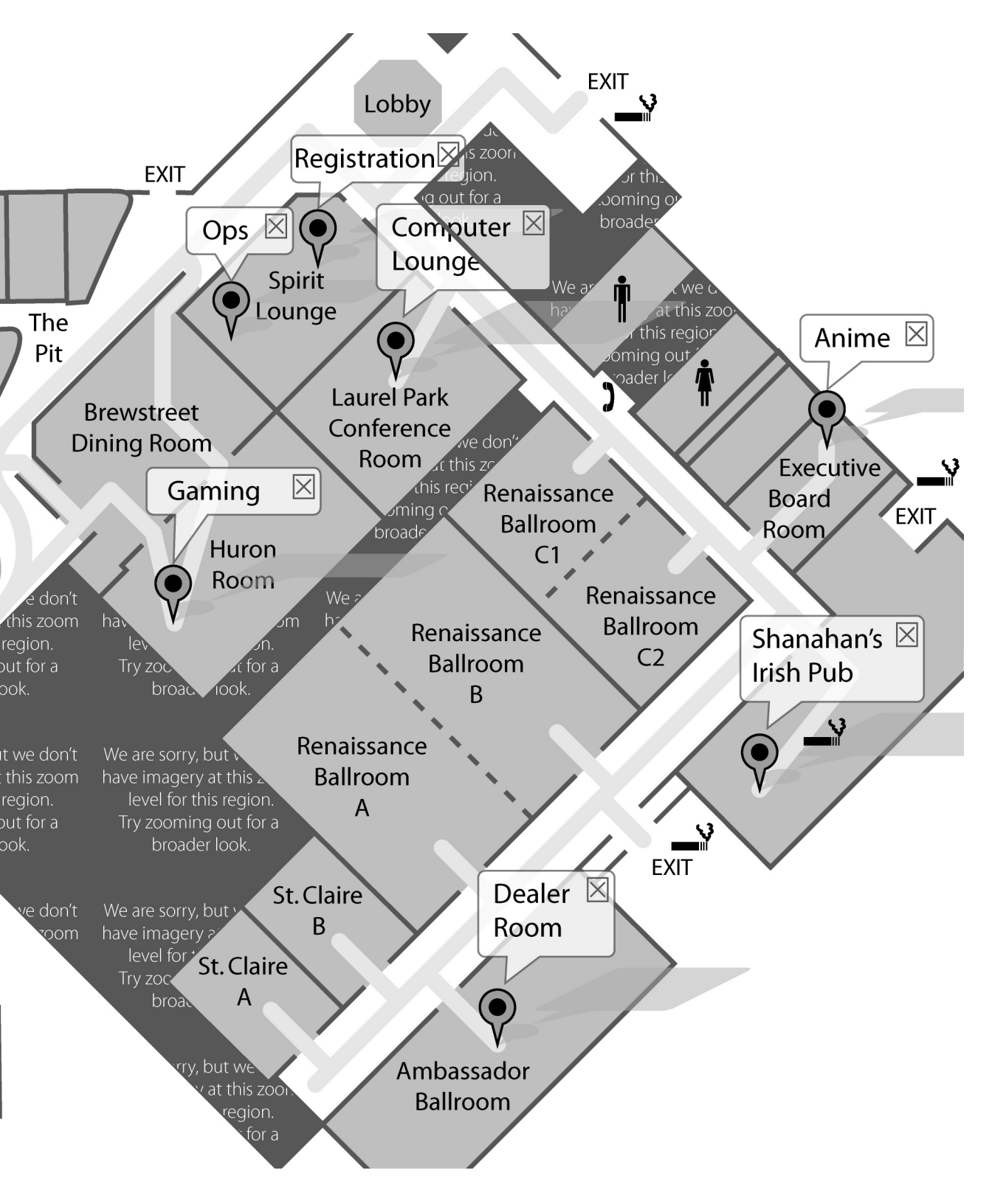
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12am-1am
Renaissance
A & B

**Worm
Quartet
Concert**
Shoebox

Worm Quartet is a Rochester, NY-based band that forcibly staples punk and electronica together and throws them into a blender with hysterically twisted lyrics. They have been featured repeatedly on the Dr. Demento show, and had the most requested song of 2004 with the ex-girlfriend rant "Great Idea For A Song" and the 2nd most requested song of 2002 with the anti-drummer anthem "Frank's Not In The Band Anymore." The sole member of Worm Quartet is a 6'4" 300-lb. bemuddled maniac named Shoebox who is under court order to stay away from chickens.



12am-1am
ConSuite

Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream
Rob Landley

Convention co-founder goes for round three of ice cream creation! What classic and/or bizarre flavors will he make this time?



1am-5:30am
Executive
Board Room

**GANTZ
(eps 1-11)**

[Graphic]: Kei Kurono is a typical high school student in a selfish world, not caring about anyone other than himself. However when, by chance, he was forced to help out his childhood friend, Katou Masaru, rescue a drunkard who fell into subway tracks, both he and Katou were killed... Or not. After being run over by the train, they were suddenly teleported to an enclosed apartment with others who recently died. And now their lives are controlled by a mysterious black ball inside the apartment called GANTZ, and they are forced to participate in a "game" of unprecedented danger and horror. Mature audiences. ID required.



5:30am-8am
Executive
Board Room

**Rockman
EXE (eps
1-6)**

[Geek]: The year is 200X, and everything electronic is connected by internet. In this world, there is no one, rich or poor, who does not own a PET (PERSONAL Terminal), and there is not one PET that does not house a NetNavi, an AI Unit that has the power to delete Viruses and the like. Net Battles (where Operators battle their NetNavis) are popular in this era. That is where Operator Hikari Netto and his NetNavi and best friend, Rockman come in. Striving to become the best NetBattlers, they fight Net Crime and protect the net and real world alike from the likes of the evil World 3.



8am-10am
Executive
Board Room

**Gun X
Sword
(eps 1-5)**

[Fen]: Armed with a metal sash that straightens into a sword, lanky swordsman Van is traveling through the desert, searching for the mysterious clawed man who killed his bride. Along the way he picks up a fellow traveler: Wendy, a young girl whose town he saves from bandits by summoning a mecha with his sword. Wendy is searching for her missing older brother, whose engraved gun she carries on her back. In their mutual quest they run afoul of more bandits and villains, a mysterious woman named Carmen99, and more mecha battles a la Wild West.



10am-11am
Renaissance
C2

**Bird Flu: Threat, Hype, or
Both?**

Daniel Peisach, Manya Newton

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

**Intro to PenguiCon: Geek,
Fan, or Both?**

Tracy Worcester, Shay VanZwoll, Jeff Beeler, Seth Breidbart, Rob Landley

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10am-1pm
Renaissance B

Junk Pile Wars
Tom and Dan Skelton

3 hours - a small mountain of random computer components - and a challenge. Will you and your team rise to it, and overcome?



10 am - 11 am
Huron Room

**Settlers of Catan
10th Anniversary
3-D Special
Edition**

GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty

(3 to 4 players) In Settlers of Catan players try to be the dominant force on the island of Catan by building settlements, cities, and roads. On each turn dice are rolled to determine the current production on the island. Players collect raw materials to build up their civilizations to gain enough victory points to win the game. Mayfair Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.



10 am - 12pm
Huron Room

Shadows over Camelot
GameMaster: Shaun Klein

See the description from this event's first occurrence at 11:00 pm Friday.



2:30pm-4pm
St. Claire B

Deploying & Administering Linux Desktops with GNOME & Sun Ray Thin Client

Jorge Castro

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 FreeNX, and resource management.



3pm - 4pm
Huron Room

Eco-Fluxx

GameMaster: Josh Drobina

See the description from this event's other occurrence at 6:00 pm Friday.



3pm - 4pm
Huron Room

Oriente

GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty

(4 to 12 players) Another Origins Award Nominee. Oriente lets players take roles in feudal Japan. Can you navigate the tricky political and military obstacles to succeed? DaVinci Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.



3pm-4pm
ConSuite

Hot Sauce Tasting

Eric Raymond, Howard Taylor, 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.



3pm-4pm The
Pit

Gail Does Something

Gail Christopherson, James Klass, Neil Epstein

Remember the Brick Panel from 2.0? Gail can guarantee something absurd, and will attempt something impossible. It's a secret until the event.



3pm - 5pm
Huron Room

James Clavell's Tai-Pan

GameMaster: David Whitcher

(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.



3pm-5pm
Holidome Patio

A Map, a Chase: A Clue, a Compass, a Race!

Aegis Consulting

Find your way through the clues before everyone else! Learn basic map and compass use in an intricate race through the hotel!



3:30-5pm
Renaiss. A

Frank Hayes Concert

You've read his column. Now come hear his music!



3:30-5pm
Renaissance B

Tcl/Tk

Clif Flynt

What used to be the best kept open secret of Unix, and is now the best kept open source secret? What's the secret weapon of Cisco, Oracle, NBC, Deutsche-Telecom and more? Learn what Tcl/Tk is, 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.



4pm-5pm
Renaiss. C1

Biogeeks: Tissue Regeneration

Saumya VanderWyst

General concepts and approaches for tissue engineering.














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










Onstage

Swordfighting

Food & Drink



	10am-1pm Executive Board Room	Gao Gai Gar (eps 1-8)	[Geek/Fen]: In the year 2005, a race of alien monsters called Zonders emerge from underground and launch a series of attacks on the city of Tokyo. The only defense against these creatures is the secret agency known as the Gutsy Geoid Guard (or 3G) and their ultimate weapon, the awesome giant robot GaoGaiGar. He is aided by a team of transforming robots and by a young boy named Mamoru, who has the power to purify the Zonders' cores, and seems to be connected to the mysterious Galeon.
	10 am - 2pm Huron Room	Attack Vector: Tactical Rocket Rally <i>GameMaster: Ken Burnside</i>	See description from this event's other occurrence at 6:00 pm Friday.
	10:30am-12pm Renaissance A	From Closed Windows to Open Source <i>Greg Barker</i>	What's different? What's the same? This session focuses on key areas that will help the new user's transition from Windows to Linux be less frustrating.
	11am-12pm Renaissance C1	Welcome to Liad! <i>Sharon Lee, Steve Miller, Susan Harris, Tracy Worcester</i>	"If a Liaden hands you a contract don't sign it. If he won't sign yours, walk away." An introduction to the complex and exciting Liaden universe created by our author Guests of Honor, Steve Miller and Sharon Lee.
	11am-12pm Renaissance C2	Writing and the Art of Characterization <i>David Klecha, Sarah Zettell, Nancy Atwell, Tobias Buckell, M. Keaton</i>	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	What's New With the Linux Kernel? <i>Rob Landley</i>	The Linux kernel has seen as much new development since 2.6.0 shipped as occurred in the last "development" series. How does the new development model work, and what are the results?
	11am-12pm St. Claire B	Intro to Knoppix <i>Kyle Rankin</i>	The first in a series of Knoppix talks from Kyle Rankin, this one gives an overview of what Knoppix is. Suitable for beginners.
	12pm - 1pm Huron Room	IceTowers <i>GameMaster: Josh Drobina</i>	(variable numbers of players) IceTowers is a real-time game of capping, mining, and splitting your opponents. Played with colorful Icehouse pyramids, this game encourages planning while only lasting five to fifteen minutes. This is an excellent introduction into the world of Icehouse and Playing with Pyramids! All Looney Labs game demos are courtesy of the Mad Lab Rabbits.
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	12pm - 1pm Hotel Rooms 118/120	alt.coffee	Do you enjoy <i>really good</i> coffee and espresso? Are you interested in hacking your coffee equipment? Come on in and see what we're talking about!
	12pm-1pm Renaissance A	Techniques in 3-D Illustration <i>Tom Peters</i>	Tom plans to demonstrate digital illustration workflow using both 3-D and 2-D techniques, primarily 3-D. Tom has done cover art for Guests of Honor Sharon Lee and Steve Miller.
	12pm-1pm Renaissance C1	Building a Better Mouse: Transgenic Research <i>Saumya VanderWyst</i>	An overview of mouse genetics and what we need 'em for!
	12pm-1pm Renaissance C2	Heinlein 101 <i>Susan Harris, Barbara Trumpinski-Roberts, Greg Barker</i>	Not familiar with the "old guys" of science fiction? Who's Heinlein, you say? Oh, you lucky person - hours of entertainment await you.

	12pm-1pm St. Claire A	Terse Languages <i>Seth Breidbart, Eric Raymond</i>	
	12pm-1pm St. Claire B	Rescue with Knoppix <i>Kyle Rankin</i>	A more advanced talk dealing with different methods of rescuing Linux and Windows systems using Knoppix.
	12pm-1pm The Pit	Why Don't Those @#%! Reporters Get Linux and Open Source? <i>Frank Hayes, Diane Frkin</i>	Why is open source to hard for reporters to understand? Is it deliberate, 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 <i>GameMaster: Drew Happli</i>	(2 to 8 players) Car Wars is a game of freeways of the future where the right of way goes to the biggest guns. Players choose their vehicle - complete with weapons, armor, power plants, suspension, and even body style. Then they take them out on the road... to come home as "aces", or to crash and burn. If a driver survives, his abilities improve, and he can earn money to buy bigger and better cars. Advanced rules let players design their own customized cars, trucks, and cycles. Steve Jackson Games events are brought to you by the Men In Black.
	1pm - 2pm Huron Room	Lucca Città <i>GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty</i>	(3 to 5 players) You are one of the noble families of Lucca, Italy. Can you build palaces that will be the envy of others, and gain respect by helping to build the city walls? Mayfair Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.
	1pm - 2pm Huron Room	Prototype Track: Rocks for Sale <i>GameMaster: David Whitcher</i>	(2 to 6 players) Welcome to the highly competitive industry of asteroid mining! Don't want to get your hands dirty? That's ok, just rope 'em and tow 'em back. They're full of precious metals like gold, silver and uranium, and they go for a premium on Earth. In Rocks for Sale, players compete with other ship captains to get the biggest and best asteroids. The first to pay off their ship is the winner. Of course, there's never a cop around when you need one. Watch out for skullduggery, and keep an eye on your scanners.
	1pm-4pm Executive Board Room	Battle Programmer Shirase (eps 1-15)	[Geek]: Battle Programmer Shirase, also known as BPS, is a free programmer with super hacking abilities who doesn't work for money. What he does work for is certainly something that only people like him would appreciate. But, his demeanor certainly doesn't suit the jobs he is hired for. With the evil King of America causing trouble via the internet, Shirase is nothing but busy as each new adventure brings even more interesting people into the picture.
	1pm - 5pm Huron Room	Attack! with the Attack! Expansion <i>GameMaster: Shaun Klein</i>	See the description from this event's other occurrence at 6:00 pm Friday.
	1pm-2pm ConSuite	Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream <i>Rob Landley</i>	Watch the co-founder of PenguiCon create more weird and tasty goodness in classic mad scientist fashion.
	1pm-2pm Renaissance C1	Technical Writing <i>Clif Flynt, Andrea Dale, Tobias Buckell</i>	If you want users to Read The F@%*ing Manual, you have to write it in a way they can understand. Our panelists discuss how to take a topic you know well, and explain it to someone who, well, doesn't.
	1pm-2pm Renaissance C2	Webcomics: Haves and Have Nots <i>Howard Tayler, Rob Balder, The Ferrett, Eric Miiiken</i>	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?



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 Labs "What's on the Stove?" Beta Testing***GameMaster: Josh Drobina*

See the description from this event's other occurrence at 10:00 pm Friday.

2pm - 3pm
Huron Room**Settlers of Catan 10th Anniversary 3-D Special Edition***GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty*

See the description from this event's other occurrence at 10:00 am Saturday.

2pm-3pm
Renaissance C1**Getting To and Living On Mars***Anton VanderWyst, Saumya VanderWyst*

A professional physicist and a professional biologist address the questions: What would it take to get humans to Mars? Once there, what biological hurdles would we have to overcome to live there?



2pm-3pm The Pit

History of Hot Peppers*Eric Raymond, John Guest, Howard Tayler*

Can't tell a jalapeno from a habaero, 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 Artist***William Aksel Kuehl*

Ever 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.



U•CON

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MARCON

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**May 26-28, 2006
Memorial Day Weekend
Hyatt Regency,
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40 years ago, Gene Roddenberry launched a vision of the future when he created "Star Trek". At Marcon in 2006, we will be celebrating Gene's contributions to the world of Science Fiction. Please join us as we explore Roddenberry's Universe.

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- **Editor.** David G. Hartwell. Senior Editor @ TOR/Forge Books
- **Artist.** Jody Lee
- **Media.** Mike DeMeritt. 1st Assistant Director for Voyager and Enterprise
- **Media.** Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry
- **Media.** David Franklin. *Farscape, Xena and Matrix*
- **Costuming.** Chris Kramer
- **Gaming.** Pieramyd Games
- **Electronic Gaming.** GameStop (formerly EB Games)
- **Filk.** Dave and Judith Hayman. Canadian filkers, conrunners & friends
- **Science.** Steve Lee. OSU Biomedical professor
- **Toastmaster.** Bill Roper. Filker & Music Producer
- **Fan.** BJ Mitias. Starbase Columbus

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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?



4pm - 5pm
Huron Room

Settlers of Catan 10th Anniversary 3-D Special Edition

GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty

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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)

[Geek/Fen]: Tatsumiyajima is the central island in the middle of a small cluster of islands, in a sleepy backwater of the Japanese isles. Not much happens there, and the island's young people 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, fighting for Humanity's continued existence, is the giant robot Fafner, the dragon that guards this final treasure of mankind.



4pm - 7pm
Huron Room

Spacemaster: Peril on Vacation

GameMaster: Paul Keyes

(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?



5pm-6pm
Holidome
Patio

Viking Sword Tournament *Aegis Consulting*

Aegis' favorite game: Ten foot circle, two swords. Don't cross the line.

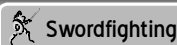
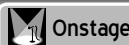
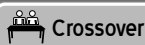


5pm-6pm
Renaissance A

Spam Spam Spam

*Seth Breidbart, Marshal
Newrock*

Checking your inbox can be like wading through a room full of singing Vikings, trying to hear someone on the other side. How do you shut those bloody Vikings up? Filtering with your mail client still lets them in the door, where they leave muddy footprints all over the place and steal important stuff. Learn about server-side techniques for stopping spam before it even gets to your inbox.



5pm-6pm
Renaissance B**OpenCola Demo***Bill Putt,
Charles Child*

There 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 it was done? Chuck Child, our Minister of Cola Chemistry, and Bill Putt the Super-Taster, demonstrate the process of safely brewing the black waters of corporate imperialism!

5pm-6pm
Renaissance C1**Racing Light: Real Physics***Anton VanderWyst*

Real techniques for beating photons to the finish line.

5pm-6pm
Renaiss. C2**Rob Balder**

Self-described renaissance geek Rob Balder regales us with songs from his album Rich Fantasy Lives.

5pm-6pm St.
Claire B**Michael "Freon" Andaluz Reading**

Ascent Stage short story author reads from the up and coming and long-awaited second collection. Let him autograph your forehead because he knows he's already signed your copy of AS-1. He grew a beard for you; the least you can do is come and listen.

5pm-6pm The
Pit**InZero***Diane Frkin,
Ed Gardines,
Jamie
Sonderman*

InZero is a new science fiction television show being shot in Detroit. Be a part of this new creative movement involving filmmaking, local talent and our love of science fiction. Come and listen to the Director, Executive Producer, Assistant Art Director and Writer of InZero from Thought Collide Productions, as they present the latest filmmaking concept and why this movement is gaining fast recognition on MySpace.

5pm - 6pm
Brewstreet
Dining Room**Andy Vs. Everybody***GameMaster: Looney Labs Andy Looney*

(variable numbers of players) Bring your friends and come play your favorite turn-based Looney Labs games, against Andy Looney. He'll take on everybody, all at the same time!

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**Chupaqueso***Jay Maynard, Howard
Tayler*

It's a cheese crisp folded around melted cheese. It's also the name of a fictional snack that appears in Schlock Mercenary.

6pm - 7pm
Huron Room**Settlers of Catan 10th Anniversary 3-D Special Edition***GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty*

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6pm-7pm
Holidome
Patio**The Duel***Aegis Consulting*

The grace of light saber battles, the precision of classic fencing, the (rum) violent glee of pirate duels! Aegis' most advanced fighters demonstrate expert performance with sword.

6pm-7pm
Renaiss. C1**Andrea Dale Concert**

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 computer run? A discussion of the VMWare product line, focusing on VMWare ESX, VirtualCenter and Vmotion. All are welcome.

**Doing business or doing battle . . .
Captain Ky Vatta has
a killer instinct for both.**

ELIZABETH MOON

ENGAGING THE ENEMY

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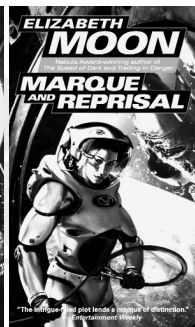
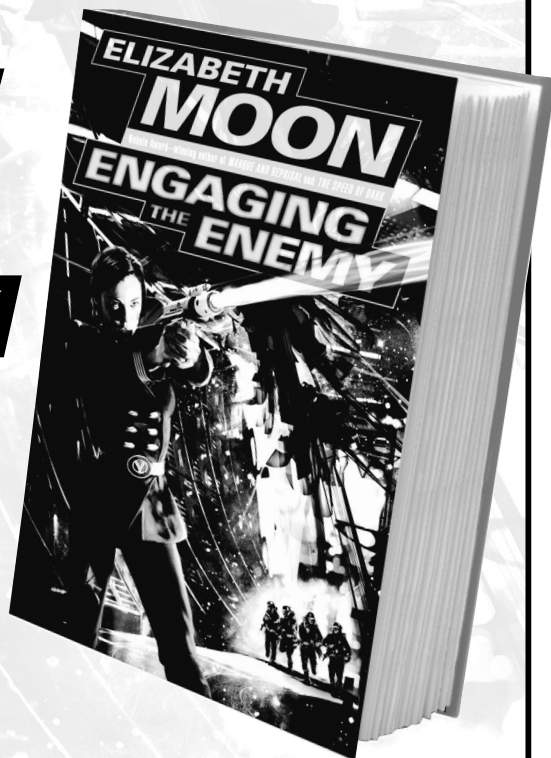
former Marine Moon has a genuine hoorah series going for her.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

The assassination of her parents nearly destroyed the Vatta Transport Ltd. shipping empire. But black sheep scion turned brilliant ship's commander Kylara Vatta has a plan to salvage the family business and punish its cold-blooded enemies. Helming a captured pirate ship, she's pursuing a dangerous conspiracy that intends to finish what it started.



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Don't miss Nebula Award-winner Elizabeth Moon's other action-packed Ky Vatta novels—available in paperback



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 rocket crashed to the ground. Five years later, having been in a coma all the time, Asumi's mother finally dies, and the little girl struggles to come to terms with the death of a mother she barely remembers. In the midst of her turmoil, she meets "Lion-san", a strange figure wearing a lion mask and claiming to be a ghost. Lion-san helps Asumi to bury her mother's ashes, and finally, Asumi reaches her own decision: "When I grow up, I'm going to be a rocket pilot."



7pm-8pm Renaissance C1

SF Economics*Karl Schroeder, Richard Herrell*

It's not rare for the science in science fiction to be sketchy at best, but that's *nothing* compared to the viability of the economics of most SF societies. Our panelists discuss who does it well, and what doing it well means.



7pm - 8pm St. Claire A

Techie Birds of a Feather Session

Is there something you want to talk about that's not on the schedule? Before 7pm Saturday, write your suggestion on the paper taped to the door.



7pm - 8:30pm Renaissance C2

TurboGears*Mark Ramm*

TurboGears is a rapid web development megaframework toolkit for complete front-to-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



7pm-8pm The Pit

It's Just a Flesh Wound: When You Should Stay Home and Avoid That \$900 ER Bill*Manya Newton*

Find out when you should absolutely *not* stay at home.



7pm-9pm Renai. A & B

Masquerade

From jaw-dropping to head-scratching, the masquerade will be filled with the costumes people will be talking about until next year.



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.



7 pm - 10 pm Huron Room

Prototype Track: The Mysterious Maze of Metcalf Manor*GameMaster: William Aksel Kuehl*

See the description from this event's first occurrence at 7:00 pm Friday.



8pm-9pm ConSuite

Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream*RobLandley*

PenguiCon co-founder Rob Landley creates another round of esoteric and happy-making ice cream flavors. Bring your own ingredients, and see if he'll 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 the Magic*Brian Decker, Brian Johnson*

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 from this event's other occurrence at 10:00 am Saturday.



8pm - 9pm
Huron Room

Intrigue

GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty

(3 to 5 players) One of Mayfair's newest games! Can you bluff, bluster, backstab and bribe your way to victory? Success comes through diplomacy and well-timed betrayals. Mayfair Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.



8-9:30pm
St. Claire B

Security Fundamentals

Tatsuya Murase

60+ minutes on security starting with the basics.



8pm - 10pm
Huron Room

Hero Scape

GameMaster: Andy Arnold

See the description from this event's other occurrence at 9:00 pm Friday.



8pm - 11pm
Huron Room

GURPS Fantasy

GameMaster: Paul Keyes

(up to 8 players) A small town needs your help. A band of miscreants have been rampaging through the area attacking farms and caravans. And the Lord of the land has been unable or unwilling to help them. Can your band of hardy adventures stop them and save the town 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

Hafia Party

Bring your drums, zills and hipscarves for an evening of drumming and bellydancing. The hafia 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 evening Room 214

ConverStation

Karaoke, food, fun! Preregister for ConVerSation, a cool new RelaxaCon, or just hang out and enjoy a good time.



Saturday evening 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 evening 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. Drawings 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 String Figures

Alison Looney

Come spend a fun filled hour with Alison Looney learning how to make figures out of string. Sure to be a new skill to show off at parties.



8pm-10pm
Holidome Patio

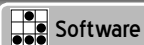
Black Sweater Party

Aegis Consulting

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.



Fandom



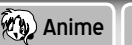
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Crossover



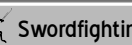
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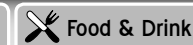
Anime



Onstage



Swordfighting



Food & Drink



9pm-11:30
pm Executive
Board Room

**Futakoi
Alternative
(eps 1-6)**

[Geek]: The Futaba Detective Agency, being run by Rentarou, who has taken over the family business after his father's death 3 weeks ago. Along w/ Sara & Souju, his live-in identical twin assistants, he ends up running afoul of the local Yakuza.



9pm-12am
Renai. A & B

Dance
DJ Brick

DJ Brick will hack into your muscles and bones and install a beat that will upload your feet to the dance floor!



9pm-12am St.
Claire B

YAAARC and Robots
Neal Probert

Come and learn about robots from the Ypsilanti - Ann Arbor Area Robotics Club.



9:30pm-
10:30pm St.
Claire B

Intro to SSL
Bill Childers

Bill Childers walks through the basics of SSL and PKI, all geared for a layman. Little to no math is involved.



10pm-1am
Hollidome
Patio

Midnight Revel
Aegis Consulting

Gather, converse, frolic, dream, drum, spar.



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

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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.



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.



10pm - 7 am
Location TBD,
possibly the
Lobby Gazebo

**Are You A
Werewolf?**
*GameMaster: Looney Labs
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 Witcher*

(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.



11pm-12am St.
Claire A

Open Filk

Enjoy the music of the wide variety of musicians at the convention, or bring instrument and voice and join on in.

Grand Tribunal

Imagine a world
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Grand Tribunal™ is a board game for three to five players, inspired by the **Ars Magica™** roleplaying game. In **Grand Tribunal**, players use Vis tokens to activate cards representing magic item types, spell categories, and resources, which they then assemble into powerful magic items. Each round, players place their votes for the item types and spell categories they're most likely to be able to play. Three times during the game – at the periodic Tribunals – players are presented with 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place awards for creating magic items with item types and spell categories that match those with the most votes. The player with the most points based on those awards at the end wins the game!

For more info on the **Grand Tribunal** board game, visit www.atlas-games.com/grandtribunal

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A Board Game of Magical Invention



11:30pm-
12:30am
Executive
Board Room

Hellsing Ultimate (1 OAV)

[Graphic]: Vampires exist. It is the duty of Hellsing, an organization sponsored by the British government, to hide that frightening fact and protect the blissfully unaware populace. Alucard, an incredibly powerful vampire, has been controlled by Hellsing for years. Seras is a fledgling vampire and a former police woman. Integra Hellsing, the current leader, is usually fully capable of fulfilling her duty, but lately, vampire activity has been on the rise.



12am-1am
Huron Room

Cloud 9

GameMaster:
David Whitcher

(3 to 6 players) Cloud 9 will take you straight up through the clouds! The higher the balloon rises, the more points you can score. But watch out! The balloon can fall at anytime. How long are you willing to stay on and risk losing it all?



12:30am-
2:30am
Executive
Board Room

Clubbed- to-Death Angel Dokuro- chan (eps 1-4)

[Graphic]: In the future, a man named Sakura is destined to create the technology for eternal life, which (due to Sakura's lolicon tendencies) freezes all women's aging once they turn twelve. God refuses to allow this, so he sends his angels to the past to kill Sakura before he can do this. But one angel, Dokuro-chan, decides to try to change the future without killing him. Problem is, Dokuro is very temperamental, and is constantly killing Sakura (and lots of other people too) in incredibly bloody ways with her giant spiked club. Good thing she can bring people back to life - if only to gruesomely kill them again the next time she loses her temper. Mature audiences. ID required.



1am-3am
Huron Room

RoboRally

(old school version)
*GameMaster: David
Whitcher*

(2 to 8 players) Robot on robot violence. Oh! the wreckage. Program your bot to avoid pits, lasers and deadly hazards like other robots. Weapons and special devices will give you the edge in this demolicious race. (Played using Wizards of the Coast edition).



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 occurred 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)

[Fen]: In a distant future, humanity once again is facing the threat of the "Shadow Angels". Mystical creatures who returned after 12,000 years of absence. They attack human cities and kidnap their inhabitants in order to drain their "prana" (vital energy). To fight against them, youngsters with special powers from around the world were gathered and trained to pilot the "vector machines", three ancient ships that together form mankind's ultimate weapon, "Aquarion".



8 am - 12 pm
Huron Room

Poker Tournament

(variable numbers of players) Poker tournament, format TBD.



9 am - 10 am
Huron Room

Ra

GameMaster:
David Whitcher

(3 to 5 players) A challenging game of gods, men & their monuments. Lead your dynasty through 2000 years of history in ancient Egypt. Gather as much fame and honor as possible. Place the most pharaohs, establish unequalled monuments, and use the fertility of the Nile. But don't neglect your people and their culture. And pay homage to the gods -- led by the god Ra -- otherwise the fame of your dynasty is quickly lost.



10am, location
TBD

Friends of Liad Breakfast

Steve Miller, Sharon Lee

To be held offsite, place to be determined.



10am-11am
Renaissance
C1

Greet the Day: Coffee Ritual

*Matt Arnold, Andrea
Dale*

For those of you inclined to worship the Holy Liquid, come join us for celebration and partaking of the holy substance. Debate denominational variants such as honey versus sugar, the unorthodoxy of flavored creamer, or state your devotion to the pristine blackness.















10am-11am St.
Claire A

Writing Computer Games with Tcl/Tk

Cliff Flynt

Write games in an interpreted language? Well, yes. Professional gaming companies do, and so can you. Cliff Flynt will show you some of the techniques and tricks for writing games in Tcl/Tk.

	10am-11am St. Claire B	Michael Z. Williamson Reading	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 Anniversary 3-D Special Edition <i>GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty</i>	See the description from this event's other occurrence at 10:00 am Saturday.
	10am - 11pm Huron Room	Hey! That's My Fish! <i>GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty</i>	(2 to 4 players) You are penguins, running around trying to capture fish. Are you clever enough to block others from the best sites and get the most fish for yourself? Mayfair Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.
	10am - 12pm Huron Room	Vegas Showdown <i>GameMaster: Shaun Klein</i>	See the description from this event's other occurrence at 7pm Saturday.
	10:30am-2pm Executive Board Room	Kamen (Masked) Rider Kabuto (eps 1-8)	[Fen]: In order to counter the threat of the mysterious kaijin group, WORM, an organization called ZECT was formed. However their main source of resistance, the Zect Troopers, were no match for the special powered Worm. ZECT then developed the MASKED RIDER SYSTEM, a belt that transforms the wearer into a mechanical beetle being, with enough powers to go against Worm. And it seems that the belt has other hidden abilities...The story revolves around the youth, Tendou Souji, who gets chosen to become Kamen Rider Kabuto, but not by ZECT.
	11am-12pm Renaissance A	Nancy Atwell Reading	
	11am-12pm Renaissance B	Copyrights and Trademarks <i>Cathy Raymond, Karl Schroeder, Carl Gregory</i>	This panel offers a detailed look at the legal ins-and-outs of various methods of protecting intellectual property. Looks at how to, why to, and whether to.
	11am-12pm Renaissance C1	First Contact: Message From Another Sun <i>Ron Wilson (Referee)</i>	SETI@PenguinCon has received a message. We need you to help interpret it. You may pick up copies of the raw message at Ops or Registration earlier in the weekend. Bring your efforts to this panel and present them to your fellows.
	11am-12pm Renaissance C2	Blogging for Life <i>The Ferrett, John Scalzi, David Klecha</i>	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 Linux - Rob Landley	User Mode Linux & qemu- Find ways to put one penguin in another.
	11am-12pm St. Claire B	Promoting PGP - Eric Raymond	
	11am-12pm The Pit	Not Just for Kids: Young Adult Fiction <i>Tracy Worcester, Jeff Beeler, Bill Kolasa, Barbara Trumpinski-Roberts</i>	Some of the best science fiction and fantasy around has protagonists less than 18 years old. Just because Borders puts it in the kids section doesn't mean these aren't books you will want to read.
	11am - 12pm Huron Room	Mesopotamia <i>GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty</i>	(2 to 4 players) It is the dawn of civilization, and you and your fellow players are building a temple to the great god Marduk. Build huts, collect resources and mana, and try to become the most faithful of Marduk's followers! Mayfair Games events are brought to you by the faculty of the University of Catan.

11am - 1pm
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 occurrence at 6pm Friday.

12pm - 1pm
Huron Room**Settlers of Catan 10th Anniversary 3-D Special Edition***GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty*

See the description from this event's other occurrence at 10:00 am Saturday.

12pm
Brewstreet
Dining Area**Figurine Painting***Linda Martell*

Linda Martell teaches a hands-on lesson in how to paint figurines. There is a \$1.50 participant fee for this event.

12pm-1pm
Renaissance A**Steve Miller and Sharon Lee Reading**

Author Guests Steve Miller and Sharon Lee read aloud from their work.

12pm-1pm
Renaissance B**Virtual Tour of Google***Chris DiBona*

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?

12-1:30pm
Renaiss. C2**Luke Ski Concert**

Dr. Demento favorite The Great Luke Ski presents a musical performance you won't want to miss!

12pm-2pm St.
Claire B**Penquicon Writing Workshop, Pt. 3***Michael 'Freon' Andaluz, Nancy Atwell, Michael Z. Williamson*

We Read the Stuff. Watch as Workshop participants have us read their new drafts while noted artists from Niftydom and fandom alike lend a frenzied hand interpreting the prose into illustration. Sort of a 'picturing a thousand words' kinda thing. We round out the workshop by sharing contact information and information about local writing groups who need people like you.

1pm - 2pm
Huron Room**Alhambra***GameMaster: Shaun Klein*

See the description from this event's first occurrence at 10pm Friday.

1pm - 2pm
Huron Room**IceTowers***GameMaster: Josh Drobina*

See the description from this event's first occurrence at 8pm Friday.

1pm-2pm
Renaissance B**Speech Writing Contest***Chris DiBona*

Participants will write and present a short speech on their favorite book, game or movie. Chris will judge the best entry for writing and delivery. Prizes to be awarded.

1pm-2pm
Renaissance C1**Everything You Know About Filk Is Wrong***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 panelists.



2pm - 3pm
Huron Room

Settlers of Catan 10th Anniversary 3-D Special Edition

GameMaster: University of Catan Faculty

See the description from this event's other occurrence at 10:00 am Saturday.



2pm-3pm
Executive Board Room

Initial D-Battle Stage (1 OAV)

[Geek]: High school student Takumi Fujiwara works as a gas station attendant during the day and a delivery boy for his father's tofu shop during late nights. Little does he know that his precise driving skills and his father's modified Toyota Sprinter AE86 Trueno make him the best amateur road racer on Mt. Akina's highway. Because of this, racing groups from all over the Gunma prefecture issue challenges to Takumi to see if he really has what it takes to be a road legend. This has the highlights of Stages 1-3 with all new music.

2:30-3:30pm
Renaiss. A

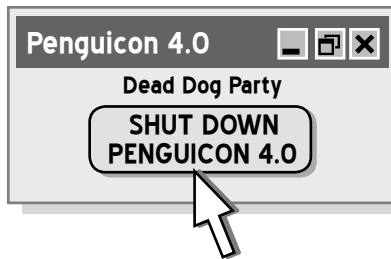
Closing Ceremonies

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 Praise) Session

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 until Sunday 3:00 PM:

24-Hour Open Gaming

Looney Labs Little Experiment

Cheapass Games Open Demos

Mayfair Games Open Demos

Steve Jackson Games Open Demos

Atlas Games Open Demos

Friday

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

Saturday

2:00 am - 6:00 am Here I Stand: Wars of the Reformation

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Attack Vector: Tactical Rocket Rally

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

10:00 am - 11:00 am Settlers of Catan

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Elasund: The First City of Catan

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Car Wars

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm IceTowers

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Settlers of Catan

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Attack!

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lucca Città

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Rocks for Sale

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm What's on the Stove?

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Settlers of Catan

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm James Clavell's Tai-Pan

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Eco-Fluxx

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Oriente

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 Gazebo
Are You A Werewolf?

10:00 pm - 12:00 am SPANC: Space Pirate Amazon Ninja
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!

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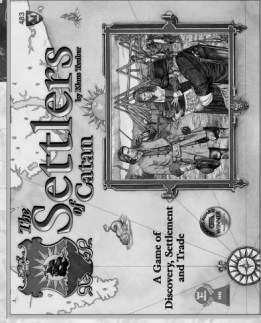
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Room Parties at a Glance



Kingdom of Loathing / Homestar Runner

108. One Friday, the other Saturday

InZero - 110. Saturday 8 pm.

<http://www.myspace.com/inzero>

UHACC Party

112. Friday & Saturday. <http://uhacc.org>

Heinlein Centennial

114. Friday 8 pm - ? <http://www.heinleincentennial.com/>

ConClave 30 - 116. Saturday.

<http://conclave.hamjudo.com/>

ClubFusion

118/120. Friday and Saturday.

<http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/2007/>

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. 



Anime at a Glance



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*

Saturday

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* 

ConCom List



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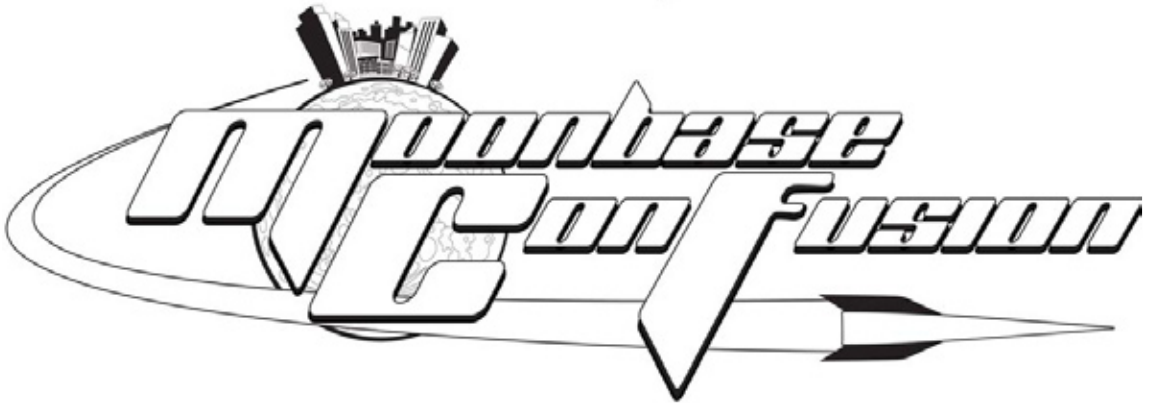
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