

Subject: CoKoCon 2018 - Filk, Gaming and More!
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[CoKoCon](#) Update for Monday, August 13. We'll be updating you weekly up to the con!

Note: attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon! We'll be closing pre-registration on Friday, August 24 and prices at con will be slightly higher, so buy now to get memberships at a cheaper rate.

FILK AND CHESHIRE MOON

No traditional sf/f convention would be complete without filk, music tied to sf/f fandom that's usually played with folk music instruments. We'll have a suite at CoKoCon dedicated to filking throughout the weekend, with concerts, panels and open filking sessions.

We're also very happy to honor Cheshire Moon, the Iowa duo of Lizzie Crowe and Eric Coleman, as our Filk Guests of Honor. They're kindly sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle.

Eric has played in bands of many genres, from the punk rock of The Crayons through the jam band of Only Humans to the synth pop of Soldiers in a Field. In 2000, after a long break from music, he began performing at an open mic night at Boheme Bistro in Chicago. Seven years of sf/f cons, folk festivals and coffee houses later, he founded, with Daniel Gunderson, a hard rock filk band called Toyboat, who continue to play all over the midwest and Canada. However, Eric left Toyboat to form Cheshire Moon, having fallen for the voice of Lizzie Crowe and the lady behind it.

Lizzie started out playing piano but found her passion for music renewed at the shire Cuilcolum in Indiana, performing madrigals as part of the local group which served the Crown. She discovered filk after moving to Chicago, where she inevitably met Eric, who invited her on stage to sing with him at Capricon. The rest is history, which includes a number of albums and two Pegasus Award wins.

Cheshire Moon will be performing live at CoKoCon and appearing, both individually and together, on a host of programming.

GAMING AND ERIC WILE

CoKoCon will have a dedicated gaming room that will run a variety of tabletop board games, card games and RPGs throughout the weekend.

We're also very happy to honor game designer Eric Wile as our Gaming Guest of Honor.

Eric's passion for gaming started very early and he was mentioned as one of the top 25 Atari players in the nation at the age of 8; he broke a number of records on the Atari. As an adult, he moved from Colorado to San Diego to take a dream job for Verant Interactive, which was later bought by Sony to become Sony Online Entertainment.

It was there that Eric became best known, helping to develop EverQuest, EverQuest II, EverQuest Online Adventures, PlanetSide, Star Wars: Galaxies and Vanguard Saga of Heroes. He won a Sony Achievement award for EverQuest: Macintosh Edition.

He's currently in production with his own tabletop game.

Eric will be appearing on a number of panels at CoKoCon, with a focus on his videogame work to complement his tabletop programming at the recent LepreCon 44.

UPDATES

There's a lot happening on the CoKoCon front as we finish up our preparations for con. Keep an eye on our [website](#) and our social media pages ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) to keep up to date with all our news.

Our [Programming Schedule](#) is live, using the mobile friendly KonOpas application to show you what all our GoHs and Participants are doing and when. You can even create your own personal schedule by clicking the squares by panels you want to attend; they'll appear in friendly form when you click on My Schedule.

There are lots of new items listed on the website for our [Charity Auction](#), which will benefit the Y! Achievers, a YMCA program for disadvantaged young adults. Check out all the books, games and all sorts of other stuff that will be auctioned off and thank you to everyone who's donated items!

Look for us on the screen at select Harkins Theatres! We'll be running an ad before movies at six locations starting this weekend.

Thank you to the Two Gay Geeks and ConAirRadio for featuring us on their podcasts. Check out co-chair Hal C. F. Astell's interviews on [ConAirRadio Episode 50](#) and [TG Geeks Episode 181](#).

We're also one of the [9 Nerdy Things to Do This August in Metro Phoenix](#), as compiled by the Jackalope Ranch blog of the Phoenix New Times!

HOTEL ROOMS

Don't forget to [book your room](#) at the host hotel! It's great not having to drive home after a full day of panels and parties. Drop your purchases in your room during the day and head on back to sleep after the evening's events are done.

If you're having trouble booking a room within our convention block, please e-mail our [Hotel Liaison](#) who will be able to look into the issue for you.

GENERAL

CoKoCon is a general sf/f convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2018 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (Aug 31 to Sep 3) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North (MetroCenter off I-17 at Peoria Ave). GoHs are Harry Turtledove (Author), Steve Rude (Artist), Beth Cato (Local Author), Cheshire Moon (Filk) and Eric Wile (Gaming). Adult memberships (over 12) are currently \$50 with children (7-12) half price and Kids-in-Tow (under 7) free (limited to 2 per adult). Hotel rooms are \$92 and suites \$102. Membership will be capped at 500. All details on our website.

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