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[CoKoCon](#) is your general science fiction/fantasy convention in Phoenix, AZ with a slight focus on authors. Here's your update for Monday, June 3.

Attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon!

### **WEIRD SCIENCE AND PROFESSOR SPARKS**

Our theme this year will loosely focus on weird science and the most obvious example of that will be our Weird Science Guest of Honor, Professor Sparks.

By day, he's a safety expert training OSHA compliance officers all across the country. By night, he presents spectacular visual displays of high voltage arcs, sparks and bolts of electricity and we'll be treated to a couple of his shows at CoKoCon 2019.

He's collected rare and unique electrical artifacts and apparatus for decades. Some of the items he'll be demonstrating at CoKoCon include a 500,000 volt Tesla coil, an electric chair and equipment from Ken Strickfaden's set for the original 1931 *Frankenstein*: the Cosmic Ray Diffuser, the Digital Disputer and the Nebularium, not to forget the 75,000 volt lightning screen.

You won't want to miss Professor Sparks, as we expect that his shows will be talked about in local fandom for many years to come!

### **DEALERS' ROOM**

We've closed regular submissions for our Dealers' Room, which we're jurying for variety, and will announce our choices over the next few days. Expect an array of fantastic dealers including old favourites and new faces.

If you're a dealer and you haven't submitted yet, we're leaving the form up on the CoKoCon website for a short while, in case you want to join our waiting list. Just click on Dealers' Room on the website's top menu and fill out the form.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

We're working hard on putting together our programming schedule for 2019 and plan on building on last year's very well received line-up.

For now, let's just say that many of your favourite events and local traditions will be back for year two. More are being worked on and will be announced later.

Hal C. F. Astell has been bringing his Apocalypse Later Roadshow to conventions across the southwest since 2013 and he'll be at CoKoCon with his 38th show: 90 minutes of quality international short films that are mostly still doing the festival circuit. See them at CoKoCon first!

Len Berger has been presenting At the Movies for many years now, screening trailers for upcoming movies and raffling off all sorts of movie memorabilia. He'll be hosting two events at CoKoCon: a traditional family friendly one and an 18+ version of gory indie movies (very popular last year). At the Movies is sponsored by CASFS. Come and win swag!

The Phoenix Astronomical Society will be outside throughout the weekend to host Star Parties. Come and look through their high powered telescopes for a closer look at whatever might be visible in the sky during CoKoCon.

We'll be hosting another Ice Cream Social after Meet the Guests. Come and learn about all our Guests of Honor in one panel, then wander on up to the ConSuite to chat with them and other attendees over free ice cream.

Cathy Book is busy collecting items for our Charity Auction, from which 100% of proceeds will benefit the Y-Achievers, a local YMCA workforce program for disadvantaged young adults.

## **GENERAL**

CoKoCon is a general sf/f convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and

WesternSFA. Our 2019 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (Aug 30 to Sep 2) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North (MetroCenter off I-17 at Peoria Ave). 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 (single thru quad) and suites are \$102. Membership will be capped at 500. All details on our website:

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