

Subject: Virtual CoKoCon 2021 - Lots of News
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[CoKoCon](#) is your general science fiction/fantasy convention in the Phoenix, AZ metro area with a focus on authors! Here's your update for Wednesday, June 23.

VIRTUAL COKOCON 2021 - DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

Just to remind everyone, CoKoCon 2021 will be virtual, held from September 3-6, 2021 within our CoKoCon Discord server. It's FREE to attend, but you do need to register. We recommend you do that soon on our website:

Register: cokocon.org/2021/members.html

We're adding stuff weekly to the website now as we build this virtual event, so we should highlight what's happening.

If you're interested in being in our Virtual Art Show or Virtual Dealers' Room, at no cost, please check out the Art Show and Dealers' Room pages:

Art Show: cokocon.org/2021/artshow.html.

Dealers' Room: cokocon.org/2021/dealers.html.

LIVE CHARITY AUCTION

We'll be holding a live Charity Auction at Virtual CoKoCon 2021, to benefit our charity, Joshua Tree Feeding Program, which provides nourishment to low-income HIV+ residents of Maricopa County. 100% of the proceeds will be given to Joshua Tree.

A whole bunch of books and other items have already been detailed on our website and Discord server, so check them out. Images are being uploaded.

If you have any items to donate to the live Charity Auction, please contact our Charity Auction Director, Cathy Book at charityauction@cokocon.org.

Charity Auction: cokocon.org/2021/charityauction.html

WESTERCON 75 BID WITHDRAWN

With sadness, CASFS and WesternSFA are officially withdrawing our bid to host Westercon 75 in Tempe, AZ in 2023.

This is because of the ongoing effects of the COVID pandemic. While we expect that the country as a whole and the southwest in particular will be much more open in 2023 than it is today, that expectation has sadly not translated into support for Westercon 75 thus far and choosing to continue at this point would put both our sponsoring bodies at serious risk. We cannot survive on local fans alone. We also need regional fans to be ready to travel again and it's clear that they're not comfortable doing that yet.

The prudent option, which was taken unanimously by our committee and both our sponsoring bodies, is to withdraw at this time but to ready a future bid for a time when the wider community is hopefully ready to return to a physical Westercon.

Our current plan is to submit an equivalent bid to host Westercon 77 in Tempe in 2025, once we've agreed a contract with our hotel in mid-2022.

CONVERSATIONS IN CONSUITE ON JUNE 27

And, talking of a Virtual ConSuite, we're still holding our monthly socials on our Discord server, so you can socialise and check out what we're building.

The next will be held on **Sunday, June 27**, from **2pm to 6pm** Arizona time (MST not MDT).

Everyone is welcome to join us during that window for good company and good conversation, but you'll need to visit the CoKoCon server in Discord to do so.

Most people access Discord by [downloading the Discord client](#) and installing it.

There are versions for Windows, Mac, Linux, Android and iOS, so you ought to be covered, whatever device you're using.

If you've been to the CoKoCon Discord server before, just click on our C to go back there.

If you haven't, then run Discord and [click on this invite link](#) to get there.

If you don't want to download the client, just [click on the same invite link](#) to visit us in your browser with reduced functionality.

We'll be in the Con Suite Video room. See you there!

COKOCON YOUTUBE CHANNEL

We now have a YouTube channel for CoKoCon! There's only one video up there at present, of our CoKoCon 2019 Weird Science GoH, Professor Sparks and his Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory, but more will follow, so please like and subscribe.

Right now, we're at the following unfriendly address, but we'll be able to make that something friendly once we have 100 subscribers.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMV5_NTbHzdjunawywAbovw

Also, if you have any videos of our convention that you're willing for us to post to this channel, please let us know at info@cokocon.org.

CASFS BOOK SOCIAL RETURNING TO IN PERSON EVENT

CASFS's monthly book social has been virtual throughout the COVID pandemic but it's returning to its traditional in person event as of July.

The date is Tuesday, July 20, from 7.00pm.

The venue is the Denny's at I-17 and Dunlap, where it has been held for years. The full address is 9030 N Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85051.

July's book choice is *The Stainless Steel Rat* by Harry Harrison, introducing the timeless character Slippery Jim DiGriz.

THE NAMELESS ZINE AND CALENDAR

Don't forget that we're maintaining a calendar of all CoKoCon events, as well as others from our sponsoring bodies, CASFS and WesternSFA.

The WesternSFA's monthly e-zine, The Nameless Zine, published its June issue on Tuesday, June 15 at thenamelesszine.org, featuring many sf/f book reviews.

Also, for anyone interested, the monthly CASFS meeting will be held on Zoom on Friday, June 25, from 8.00pm, with socialising from 7.00pm.

Our full calendar is on the CoKoCon website at cokocon.org/calendar.html.

GENERAL

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2021 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (September 3-6, 2021) virtually. Memberships will be free and we'll roll all current paid memberships to a future year. All details are on our website.

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Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/cokocon1/>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMV5_NTbHzdjunawywAbovw

Address: PO Box 67457, Phoenix, AZ 85081

History page and archive of newsletters: <https://www.cokocon.org/history.html>

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