

San Antonio, TX 78227

San Antonio, TX area

Celebrities, Dealers, Artist Alley, Gaming, Kids' Costume Contest, etc.

Texicon: Where the West Begins

Table-Top Gaming is Educational. Gaming con.
(Presumably June 2017)

Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area

Texicon supports all three sections of gaming: Miniatures, Role-Playing, and Board gaming. Each year Texicon will focus on a specific section.

Texicon also hosts seminars that focus on every aspect of gaming. In these seminars, experts will speak about various aspects of games and gaming. Some speakers will be seasoned gamers, others will be industry specialists.

We hope you will be brave enough to try a new game.

See also [Texicon Facebook page](#).

SoonerCon 26: Welcome to the Show

Oklahoma's Greatest Pop Culture Experience

Science Fiction, Fantasy, Gaming Con

June 23–25, 2017

Reed Conference Center

5800 Will Rogers

Midwest City, OK 73110

Oklahoma City, OK area

Literary GOH: Timothy Zahn

Artist GOH: Peri Charlifu

Toastmaster: Selina Rosen

Master of Ceremonies: Peter Pixie

Writers Workshop Clinician: Jody Lynn Nye

Featured Guests: Matt Frank, Larry Nemecek

This incarnation of SoonerCon is deliberately designed to celebrate all aspects of fandom. We don't intend to have a solely "books" or "TV" or "art" emphasis. The emphasis is on FUN.

Events include: Film Festival, Art Show, Gaming, Cosplay and Masquerade. Charity. Panel and Workshops. Video Rooms.

We are very happy to announce the creation of the **Oklahoma Speculative Fiction Hall of Fame**. Beginning in 2013, SoonerCon will induct members into the Hall of Fame, and present them with the newly created "**Nucleon Award**". Members of the Hall of Fame will be Oklahomans (and those originally from Oklahoma) who have contributed significantly to the development of pop culture and speculative fiction in both Oklahoma and the world.



This fanzine supports the American Dental Association.
Actually, my copays do, but you know what I mean.

NorthAmeriCon '17, the 12th North American Science Fiction Convention

July 6-9, 2017

The Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino

200 Convention Boulevard

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907

United States

San Juan, Puerto Rico area

Four days of programming on hundreds of topics from books to media, from art to costuming, from movies to television to anime, from science fiction to science fact, as well as an art show, masquerades, the Hugo Awards ceremony, dealer's rooms, and much more!

ArmadilloCon 39

Austin's SF/Fantasy Convention for Readers and Writers

August 4-6, 2017

Omni Austin Hotel South Park

4140 Governors Row

Austin, Texas 78744

Austin, TX area

Guest of Honor: Nisi Shawl

Toastmaster: Don Webb

Fan Guest: A.T. Campbell, III

Panels, Art Show, Gaming, Charity, Full Day Writer's Workshop, Dealer's Room, and more!

ArmadilloCon is a literary science fiction convention held annually in Austin, with several hundred attendees.

We are a place where the smartest people in the world gather to celebrate their uniqueness and intelligence. Oh, and we talk about books too.

The primary focus of ArmadilloCon is literary science fiction, but that's not all we do -- we also pay attention to art, animation, science, media, and gaming. Every year, dozens of professional writers, artists and editors attend the convention. We invite you to attend the convention especially if you are a fan of reading, writing, meeting, sighting, feeding, knighting, and all the other things folks do at a sci-f/fantasy convention.

Sponsored by the Fandom Association of Central Texas, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Glitch Con 2017: Across the Stars

"A fandom oriented convention focusing on Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Gaming, and Anime."

August 4-6, 2017

Springdale, Arkansas area

Visit Finland. Enjoy the lovely fjords. My father dated a moose once...

Glitchcon is a multi-genre convention focusing in areas such as Sci-Fi, Anime, Gaming, and Tabletop. We sport some of the best and coolest events in the region with the largest Tabletop Room where you can join in with local gamemasters or host your own game! We offer a full weekend of panels, chances to meeting the guests up close and personal, voice actor lead panels, a cosplay contest with amazing prizes, an amazing artist alleyway as well as vendor room and much much much more!

WorldCon 75, the 75th World Con

August 9-13, **2017**

Messukeskus, Expo and Conference

Centre Helsinki

Messuaukio 1, 00521

Helsinki, Finland

Holiday Inn Messukeskus

GOH: John-Henri Holmberg

GOH: Nalo Hopkinson

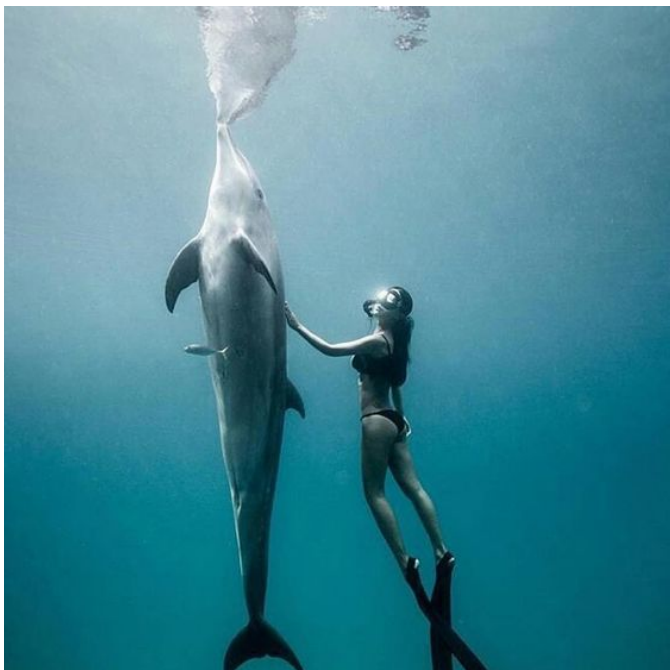
GOH: Johanna Sinisalo

GOH: Claire Wendling

GOH: Walter Jon Williams



Five days of programming on hundreds of topics from books to media, from art to costuming, from movies to television to anime, from science fiction to science fact, as well as an art show, masquerades, the Hugo Awards ceremony, dealer's rooms, and much more!



There were other events planned during this time-frame, but I edited out the vast majority of the role-playing games, cosplay, anime, and miniatures/model gaming for space purposes – not space porpoises: those are different, they stayed (as you can see here). All I can say is that there is plenty of stuff to do in this section of the United States for someone who is interested in some aspect of the science fiction community.

The big local convention, AggieCon 47, is just around the corner, so if anybody will be there, look me up. I hope to see folks that I haven't seen in quite awhile. Onward we go into the wild blue yonder.

WHAT'S NEXT?

This is an easy question to answer. The next issue of *Askance* will be its fortieth. It will also be the tenth anniversary of when this fanzine first appeared back in the Spring of 2007. To bring things around and wrap them up in a neat bow, just like that first issue the fortieth issue will feature a cover by the incomparable Brad Foster. He sent it in in mid-February, well ahead of schedule, and I was blown away. As usual, it is glorious. I can't wait to publish that issue – which will most likely appear in the first week of April, is my guess, but don't hold your breath: after all, the zine you are now reading was originally dated January 2017, but life being what it can be, the publication date was magically changed to February 2017. Well, what can you do? One must be flexible in this fanzine business, you know.

Content-wise, the usual features will be present – editorial natterings, fanzine reviews, con listing, lettercolumn, etc. – plus hopefully *Figby* will return, appearing alongside another installment of Teddy Harvia's "Chat, the 4th Fannish Ghod." Considering the significance of publishing a fanzine for ten years on a sort-of regular basis, I have given myself the old tomato: get my fannish musical done and publish that fershlugginer thing in the tenth annish. Okay. Gauntlet thrown at self, challenge accepted. My goal is to publish the full unexpurgated, unadulterated, unusual text of the fan musical I have been working on intermittently for 25 years or so, *The Sound of Fanac*. It will be complete with song lyrics, stage directions, and dialogue – well, that would help, I suppose – for possible staging at some future convention. Ghods only know which convention would be foolish enough to do so, but hey, that's their albatross to bear. I am just going to write the frigging thing and be done with it once and for all. You Have Been Warned.



And of course, one final mention of the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund selection for the Year of our Roscoe, 2017 is in order.

This fanzine is being finished on Saturday, February 18, 2017, exactly two weeks before the voting deadline of this year's TAFF election. If you have not voted already, go to the official TAFF website at www.taff.org.uk and click on the 2017 TAFF ballot link. There is still time to let your voice be heard. Naturally, I hope the people reading this fanzine will vote for me, but the other two folks in the running – Sarah Gulde and Alissa McKersie – are lovely young ladies who are not only well-known in fandom, but probably still have their original teeth. At least, I hope they do. No matter what, support the Fan Funds.

These entities are most worth the effort. We all thank you for that.

