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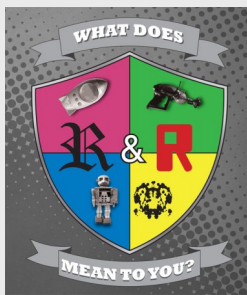
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### CAPRICON 35



February 12-15, 2015

Pre-registration: \$50  
Through Dec 31, 2014

Rates increase to \$55  
Jan 1, 2015—Jan 29, 2015

\$70 for full weekend at the door.

Online Registration is open!

Visit us today at  
[www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org)

**Capricon 35  
will be held at:**

**Westin Chicago  
North Shore  
601 N Milwaukee  
Ave, Wheeling, IL  
60090  
847-777-6570**

**[www.westin.com/  
chicagonorthshore](http://www.westin.com/chicagonorthshore)**

## Capricon 35: R & R

Capricon 35: R & R is coming! What does R & R mean to YOU?

Join us February 12-15, 2015, at the Westin North Shore with all your friends and our Respected & Radiant Guests of Honor! We welcome Author GoH **Matt Forbeck**, Filk GoH **Alexander James Adams**, Gaming GoH **Steve Jackson**, and Podcast GoHs **The Functional Nerds (John Anealio and Patrick Hester)** — and of course, we welcome all of you Returning to Chicago and Capricon 35!

Want to be part of the fun? We want you to be part of the fun! This year is all about you deciding what R & R can be—robots, rocketships, ray guns, regeneration, rainbows, rebooting, reality...what does it mean to you?

- We're planning so much **programming**—does the topic involve the letter R? We can work with that! Readings, wRiting, and aRithmetic (er, science!). Ideas for panel topics are welcome—you can submit on our website or email [programming@capricon.org](mailto:programming@capricon.org)
- The Art Show is delighted to again bring you the **Emerging Artists Program**—art students who work in the SF / F and speculative fiction genres. For more information, check the Art Show section of the website.
- Return of the **Euchre Tournament!** Return of the **Dance!** Return of **Kill Dr. Lucky!** Return of **Bad Film Fest!** Return of the **Capricon Café!**
- R & R definitely means **parties!** Revelry & Rambunctiousness! Romp & Rollick!
- The **Midwinter Faire** Returns on Thursday evening for games, crafts, and general carousing, plus pizza! Interested in helping out? Email us at [faire@capricon.org](mailto:faire@capricon.org)
- **Current pre-registration is only \$50!** Register online right now! Stop reading! Go! Go now! Then come back and read more. We put a lot of effort into this, you know.
- The **Hotel** room block closes on January 19, 2015. It's only \$106 / night for a Resplendent & Restful room at the Westin. Reserve your room online today!
- **Anime** promises Robots & Racing, Reboots & Revivals, and Rock & Rule!
- Information on exhibiting in our **Art Show** is up on the website, or email [artshow@capricon.org](mailto:artshow@capricon.org)
- Want a table in our **Dealers Room?** Please email [dealers@capricon.org](mailto:dealers@capricon.org)
- Our Exhibits area continues to grow! If you have anything to loan us that you feel represents Capricon's history, please email [exhibits@capricon.org](mailto:exhibits@capricon.org).
- Fan tables for your group are still available. Email us at [fantables@capricon.org](mailto:fantables@capricon.org).
- Volunteers are always needed to help out at the convention! If you are interested in volunteering and earning your registration fee back, email [volunteers@capricon.org](mailto:volunteers@capricon.org) and let them know.
- Consider **Registering as a program participant**. We'll be sending out the initial program questionnaire in the second half of October. If you want to make sure you receive it, please email [programming@capricon.org](mailto:programming@capricon.org) with your name, contact information, and a short biography.
- Want to throw a **party?** That's Rad, because we Request that you throw one! It's Remarkable when we want the same thing! Suites are \$149 / night. Email [parties@capricon.org](mailto:parties@capricon.org) to reserve your party space now! Requests should be Received by December 15.

Are you going to any SF / Fantasy / Anime / Comic conventions before February? If so, please help us spread the word about Capricon 35! All you need to do is take flyers with you and place them on the freebies table at that convention.

Also, if you're planning on going to Windycon, consider donating an hour or two of your time to help at our fan table. No experience is necessary, and it's fun! We also welcome anyone wishing to help at our party on Friday night.

To get flyers or sign up as a volunteer Capricon Ambassador, please email [marketing@capricon.org](mailto:marketing@capricon.org)

## Phandemonium Events

Phandemonium, the parent corporation of Capricon, has lots of other fannish events throughout the year! Please join us. Full details can always be found on our blog <http://capricon.org/blog/> or on our Facebook page (Capricious G Oat).

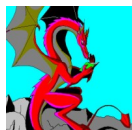
Congratulations to our Evanston Book Club, which celebrated it's 10 year anniversary (!!!) in July. Welcome to our **new** Elgin Book Club!

### Euchre Club - Meets bi-monthly on a Sunday evening

Next meet-ups: October 26, 6pm and December 14, 6pm

The Grafton, 4530 N Lincoln, Chicago

Shuffle up and deal!



**Evanston Book Club - Meets bi-monthly on a Sunday evening at 7pm (plus special meet-ups at Windycon and Capricon)**

Cosi, 1740 Sherman Avenue, Evanston

- Windycon - *Ancillary Justice* by Ann Leckie (Saturday, Nov 15 - 1pm)
- Sunday, January 11 - *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman

### Elgin Book Club—Meets bi-monthly on a Saturday afternoon at 1pm

Blue Box Café, 176 E Chicago Street, Elgin

- October 25 - *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- December 27 - *A Canticle for Liebowitz* by Walter Miller, Jr.

For more info on Capricon 35, please visit us at [www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org)

For our blog, with info on upcoming events, please visit us at [www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org) or friend us on Facebook (Capricious G Oat)

Have an Out of CON-text quote to submit?  
Email us all year long at [oooc@capricon.org](mailto:oooc@capricon.org)

## Capricon Annual Book Drive

### The Science Fiction Outreach Project

Many fans have often contemplated a trimming of their book collections. Don't just recycle your books — donate them to the Science Fiction Outreach Project so they can be the lure for new fans! We need **SF / Fantasy / Horror only** please. Children's books and YA books are very welcome. Start going through your bookshelves now and bring your donations to Capricon in February!

For more information on the Science Fiction Outreach Project, visit them on Facebook (Science Fiction Outreach Project—USA) or at their website <http://science-fiction-outreach.org>

## Out of CON-text

"I have so many knives when I'm there." - Marinda Darnell

"You really shouldn't have drinks that taste like people." - Keri O'Brien

"The bat is in the pillowcase." - Heather McConaha

"I like my men like slugs." - Anonymous

"I need to de-meat your balls." - Sondra de Jong

"I want to get to the eye chewing." - Deanna Lepsch

"I was distracted by the sperm and the cop." - Helen Montgomery

"You molested it and you don't even know what animal it was?"  
- Sondra de Jong

"Hopefully they don't violate the Code of Conduct with the gargoyle."  
- Jesi P.

"I think it would be better if you were high." - Sandra Levy

## Feeling "Board"?

Members of Phandemonium,

We want YOU! Yes, YOU! Wonder why? It's simple. Every one of you makes Capricon the convention that it is. As a member of Capricon, you are also a voting member of Phandemonium, the parent corporation of Capricon. So now, as we look for members interested in making Capricon the best darn convention out there, we want YOU!

The Board of Phandemonium is currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

1. Conchair for Capricon 36: Have you ever said, "If I ran this convention....?" or "You know what I think?" Well, then you might consider running a Capricon! The Board of Phandemonium is currently seeking qualified candidates to apply to be the **Chairperson of Capricon 36** in 2016. Please contact [boardpresident@phandemonium.org](mailto:boardpresident@phandemonium.org) for more information. We would like proposals by November 1, so we can review them at Windycon.

2. Two **Phandemonium Board Member** Positions: Every year the membership of Phandemonium elects two new people to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors. The six elected board members, along with an appointed Conchair, Secretary, Treasurer, and SMOF

(Supreme Minister of Fun) are tasked with keeping the corporation running and enabling the convention and other outside activities to take place. Would you be interested in helping to guide what other activities Phandemonium does to promote fandom in Chicago? Please email [boardpresident@phandemonium.org](mailto:boardpresident@phandemonium.org) for more information.

For full details on any of these leadership positions, please visit the Phandemonium Information section of our blog at <http://capricon.org/blog/phandemonium/>

Looking forward to seeing you all at Capricon in February!

*Helen*

Helen Montgomery  
President of the Board, Phandemonium, Inc.