



Goat Droppings

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February 7-10, 2013

Pre-registration: \$55
Through January 15, 2013

SALE!

Take \$5 off your membership
when purchased online between
12/26 and 12/31. Use code
XMAS at checkout.

\$70 for full weekend at the door.

Online Registration is
available!

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**Capricon 33
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 33: Artificial Intelligence

Capricon 33: *Artificial Intelligence* is coming. Where will you be when the machines awake?

Hopefully at the Westin North Shore with us and our fantastic Guests of Honor! We welcome Author GoH **Daniel H. Wilson**, Artist GoH **Karen Ann Hollingsworth**, and Fan GoH **Helen Montgomery** — and of course, we welcome all of you back to Chicago and Capricon 33!

Are we planning and plotting? You bet we are! Here's a preview:

- The **Geek Prom** Returns! Return to the '80s with your skinny ties and zippered parachute pants and come dance Friday night away!
- 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
- Capricon 33 is hosting a Qualifier for the **Catan North American Championships 2013**, see page 2.
- We will once again be having a **food drive** and a **book drive** at Capricon. More information on Page 2.
- Over 30 hours of **Anime**, plus a **Pajama Party** on Thursday night!
- Return of **Klingon Karaoke!** Return of the **Euchre Tournaments!**
- Prepare to be assimilated...at the **parties!** Best in the Midwest is what we say!
- **Life-size "Coffee With Dr. Lucky"** in the Capricon Café, along with author readings and musical performances. Join us for Toast & Jam in the Café on Sunday morning as well.
- Multiple rooms of **programming** running all day and well into the night! We're working to bring two local theater companies to Capricon to talk about staging science fictional plays, plus literary, media, costuming, gaming, fannish, and science programming! Programming for teens in the Teen Lounge! Kids' Programming too!

What do you need to know in order to survive the uprising of the machines?

- **Pre-registration closes January 15.** Register online right now! Stop reading! Go! Go now!
- The Hotel room block closes on January 17, 2013. \$105 / night for a marvelously comfy room at the Westin. Reserve your room online today!
- Information on exhibiting in our **Art Show** is up on the website, or email artshow@capricon.org
- Information on getting a table in the **Dealers Room** is on the website! Based on the list we've seen thus far, the shopping this year shall be glorious, but there are still a very few tables available. 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.
- Fan tables for your group are still available. Email us at 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 and let them know.
- We are working on programming and have extended the deadline to **register as a program participant** to January 3, 2013—it's our holiday gift to you. Fill out the Program Participant survey online or email program@capricon.org
- Want to throw a **party**? Fantastic, because we want you to throw one! It's great when a plan comes together, isn't it? Suites are \$149 / night, and we have a few left. Email parties@capricon.org to reserve your party space now!

Children's Programming is seeking donations of old electronics and mechanical bits that the kids can take apart (please make sure there are no dangerous parts), tools, colored duct tape, and robot bits. Please contact them at kidsprogram@capricon.org if you have things that you can donate.

CNAC Catan Qualifier

Capricon 33, in conjunction with Mayfair Games, is proud to host a Qualifier for the Catan North American Championships 2013 to the attending members. Players will compete to win a trip to GenCon Indy 2013 to play for a seat in the CNAC. The trip to GenCon Indy will include double occupancy hotel, a four day badge to GenCon Indy, and \$150 towards transportation cost.

There will be two chances to qualify for a seat in the Semi-Finals to be held on Sunday. A three-round tournament will be held on both Friday and Saturday. The top 16 players from the combination of those two days will advance to the Semi-Finals. Players do not have to play both Friday and Saturday, we will take your best day's score. You can play one or both days. Whichever day has your highest score, Friday or Saturday, will be your score taken for rankings. Rankings will be by win/loss record with ties broken by points scored.

Only three (3) games will be played Friday and three (3) games played on Saturday. Semi-Finals will be Sunday morning at 10 AM. The top 16 players will play one (1) game at four tables of four players. The winner from each of the four tables will then play one (1) final game to determine the overall Capricon 2013 CNAC Qualifier Winner!

1st Chance – Friday, February 8 at 4 PM

2nd Chance – Saturday, February 9 at 11:30 AM

Semi-Finals – Sunday, February 10 at 10 AM

Finals – Sunday, February 10 after the Semi-Finals

Players must be 18 years or older. Please email catan@capricon.org with any questions!

It's Easy Being Green!

Psst...save the earth, save humanity from the machines!

- If you're traveling by car, try to carpool!
- Look into public transportation to get to the convention. Check out www.transitchicago.com for more information.
- Instead of using multiple disposable cups throughout the weekend, bring your own re-useable water bottle or coffee mug.
- Bring your own bag for use in the Dealers Room.
- Donate an item (or more!) to our food drive or book drive. Items can be dropped off at the Info Desk.

Thank you for helping make Capricon lean and green!

Phandemonium Euchre Club

The Euchre Club meets on a bimonthly basis, Sundays at 5:00pm. Information can be found on our blog: www.capricon.org/blog



Join us at Capricon 33 for our Euchre tournaments on Friday and Saturday evenings in the 16th Floor Lounge. Times are still to be determined, but Friday will likely be early evening, and Saturday around 10pm.

Our next meet up will be at 5:00pm on **April 21, 2013** at **The Grafton**, 4530 N. Lincoln, Chicago. Shuffle up and deal!

Feeling "Board"?

Each year Capricon's parent organization, Phandemonium, elects two new members to its Board of Directors. The board not only appoints the Con Chair for each Capricon, but looks for different ways to serve our fannish community between conventions. We've held a bi-monthly book club since 2004, along with Euchre Club, and dinner outings called F.E.A.S.T. (Fans Eating All Sorts of Things). But we're always looking for new ideas.

That's where you come in. Contributions from fans like you are what make Phandemonium better, stronger, faster. So why not take an active part and become a board member? As such you can help make a good organization even better.

If you'd like to be considered for the Phandemonium Board of Directors or if you'd like more information, contact me at boardpresident@phandemonium.org. The submission deadline is 1/15/2013.

Jerry Gilio

Board President, Phandemonium Inc.

Capricon's Book Drive: The Science Fiction Outreach Project

A team of science fiction fans is planning to go to Dallas Comic Con, May 17-19, 2013, and give away six thousand **FREE BOOKS!** The Science Fiction Outreach Project has done this at WonderCon in 2011 and C2E2 in 2012. This team of fans, affiliated with the World Science Fiction Convention (LoneStarCon 3 in San Antonio, 2013), is now heading to Dallas to reach out to the science fiction and fantasy readers at DCC who pass through the exhibit hall. Along with a free book, these readers will be given information about the amazing things going on in the fannish community, including Worldcons and regional conventions.

Many fans have often contemplated a trimming of their book collections. Don't just recycle your books — donate them to this project so they can be the lure for new fans! **Books can be dropped off at the Info Desk.** We need **SF / Fantasy / Horror only** please. Children's books and YA books are very welcome.

For more information on the Science Fiction Outreach Project, visit them on Facebook (Science Fiction Outreach Project—USA).

The Ides of Phandemonium



You know you miss us during the rest of the year. We miss you too. So much so that we decided we had to get together more often.

On the 15th of each month (or darn close to it), we'll be hanging out at various restaurants / pubs around the Chicago area, rotating between the suburbs and the city proper. Join us for **The Ides of Phandemonium—Et tu, Capricious?**

Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00pm —Brixie's, 9526 Ogden Avenue, Brookfield is our next Ides get-together.

On **Friday, February 15**, at 6:30pm, join us across the street from Capricon at the Ram Brewery for the Zombie Goat Party.

Future dates and locations are TBD. Keep an eye out on our blog at www.capricon.org/blog for more details.

Follow Capricon On the Web!

In an effort to stay in touch with our members and to keep you all informed of the latest news and happenings with Capricon and Phandemonium, we have several online options that you can utilize.



Our blog is the main place where we'll post items of interest about Capricon, Phandemonium, or Science-Fiction in general. You can find the blog at www.capricon.org/blog

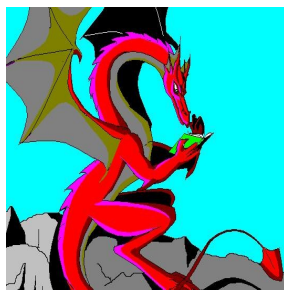
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To add us as a friend on Facebook you can use the following address: <http://www.facebook.com/addfriend.php?id=1437232679>

Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/CapriciousGoat>

Questions? Email capricious@capricon.org for the answers!

Phandemonium Book Club



Welcome to the Phandemonium Book Club! We've been having a great time since 2004, and hope you'll join us! We meet bimonthly at **Cosi Restaurant**, 1740 North Sherman, Evanston, IL 60201. We usually meet at 7pm.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 13, 2013. We will be reading *Bridge of Birds* by Barry Hughart.

We will be holding our special February meeting at Capricon (time / room TBD), reading *Robopocalypse*, by our Guest of Honor, Daniel H Wilson.

In March, we'll be back at Cosi, and we'll be choosing our March read at the January meet-up. For up-to-date information, check the Capricon blog: www.capricon.org/blog

Fannish Events

Need more fannish goodness in your life? We're here to help you find it.

Upcoming Worldcons (and a Eurocon):

LoneStarCon 3: August 29—September 2, 2013 in San Antonio, TX. www.lonestarcon3.org

Loncon 3: August 14-18, 2014 in London, England. www.loncon3.org

Shamrokon: August 22-24, 2014 in Dublin, Ireland. www.shamrokon.ie

Hugo Awards:

Nominations for the 2013 Hugo Awards will open in January 2013. In order to nominate for the Hugo Awards, you must have been a member of Chicon 7, or be a member of either LoneStarCon 3 or Loncon 3.

Regional Conventions*:

ConFusion: January 18-20, 2013 in Dearborn, MI. <http://confusion.stilyagi.org>

Marcon 48: March 29-31, 2013 in Columbus, OH www.marcon.org

Minicon 48: March 29-31, 2013 in Minneapolis, MN www.mnssf.org

Windy City Pulp & Paper: April 12-14, 2013 in Lombard, IL www.windycitypulpandpaper.com

Anime Central: May 17-19, 2013 in Rosemont, IL. www.acen.org

Spectrum Fantastic Art Live 2: May 17-19, 2013 in Kansas City, MO. www.spectrumfantasticart.com

ConQuest 44: May 24-26, 2013 in Kansas City, MO. www.conquestkc.org

WisCon 37: May 24-27, 2013 in Madison, WI. <http://wiscon.info>

DuckKon 22: June 28-30, 2013 in Wheeling, IL www.duckkon.org

CONvergence: July 4-7, 2013 in Minneapolis, MN www.convergence-con.org

** Not meant to be an exhaustive list. Apologies if we missed your con.*

Out of CON-text

"If I step on you, it's Sondra's fault." - Helen Montgomery

"I walked into the room and I swear, the wig moved on its own."
- Sondra de Jong

"Or, I can put my junk in a Pringles can." - Jason Robinson

"I just needed a big bulbous head." - Dave McCarty

"We have to leave. There's a corpse on the table." - Barb

"Random squeaks on a Wednesday night don't count." - Jesi P.

"I'll bring the duct tape tonight." - Leane Verhulst

"I'm totally buying part of your head." - Helen Montgomery

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