

Random Notes

- An English visitor, having had problems getting their Chip and Pin ATM card to work in US ATMs, reports having success with the ATMs at the nearby Chase Bank.
- Across the river, within a block of each other on N. Rush Street, are three restaurants suitable for fans with large appetites. Buca de Beppo features large portions of Italian food. Texas de Brazil is an all you can eat Brazilian churrascaria steakhouse. Heaven on Seven offers an all you can eat Cajun buffet (all at the table must participate) of fried chicken, catfish, jambalaya, and other dishes.
- Houlihan's on Wacker, below the Hyatt, has a breakfast buffet, drinks not included, for \$9.95.

Diamond Star Project (Not A Neil Diamond Cover Band)

Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Plaza Ballroom, Catherine Asaro will be performing the *Diamond Star Project*, a multi-media event combining rock music, dance, and readings from her book *Diamond Star*.

Performing with her will be Greg Adams, the keys player and band leader for the Diamond Star Ensemble which performs with Catherine in the Baltimore/Washington DC Area. As

special guest artists at Chicon, Catherine and Greg will be performing with the Chicago band Blue Soul, a rock and jazz band with David Berger on guitar and vocals, Michael Fiorino on bass, and Jack Skalon on drums.

Peter Sagal Update Update

We have been informed that although Peter Sagal will be attending Chicon over the course of the

weekend, his professional commitments do not allow him to participate on a predictable timeline, so he will not be appearing on any scheduled programming items. It's possible that he may participate in programming items or events on the spur of the moment.

In other news, a Møose once bit my sister ...

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More Than Just Godzilla

If you'd like to learn more about science fiction in Japan, come to the combined *SF In Japan Update* panel and the *Seiun Awards* Friday 1:30-3:00 in Columbus E-F. This replaces the *SFWJ50* panel Monday at 9 a.m.

The Seiun Awards are the Japanese equivalents to the Hugos. Ironically, "seiun" most closely translates to English as "nebula".

Neil Reference #2 OF 3 Collect Them All

Friday at 1:30 and 2:30, Chicago's famed Moebius Theater will present performances of two of Neil Gaiman's short stories, *Troll Bridge* and *Snow, Glass, Apples*.

They will also be performing the plays on Sunday.

Credits

Tom Galloway, Lew Wol-koff, Jan van't Ent, Michelle Melendez, Gary Blog

My God, It's Full Of Fans!

From First Night at the Adler Planetarium.

Members enjoying the stars or otherwise getting spaced out: 1360.

How many "My God, It's Full Of Stars!?" 6587.

Number of "BWA-HA-HA!"s by Chiconites? 42

And Now, A Word From Willow Rosenberg

"I think this line's mostly filler."

There's No Business Like WSFS Business...

WSFS (World Science Fiction Society), the governing body of the Worldcon, will be holding its annual business meetings at 10:30 a.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. Sunday in Columbus C-D. All Worldcon members are automatically members of WSFS and have both the right to be heard in the meetings and to vote on any matters that come to a vote.

This year's agenda is relatively light. The three main items are:

- 1) Final ratification for the addition of Best Fancast to the Hugo Awards (Hugo changes, and other significant matters, must be passed in two successive years to be ratified).
- 2) A "sunset" approval vote on the Best Graphic Story Hugo (when created, it was specified it would have to be re-ratified this year to be permanent).
- 3) A proposal for a new Young Adult Hugo Award, which if passed at Chicon must also be passed at next year's Worldcon to be added to the Hugo Awards.

Quantum Quest and Neil Armstrong

Friday at 6:00 p.m. in Columbus EF you can see the short animated educational film *Quantum Quest: A Casnini Space Odyssey* and hear a discussion about it by its creators. Of unfortunate particular interest at this time is that the film includes the voice of the recently deceased Neil Armstrong.

In addition to Armstrong, the film includes the voices of two Kirks (both Chris Pine and William Shatner), two Darth Vaders (Hayden Christensen and James Earl Jones), two Jedi (Mark Hamill and Samuel L. Jackson), and several other well known actors, both from science fiction and non-science fiction roles.

Dr. Harry Kloor, a personal friend of Neil Armstrong, will discuss Neil's role in the film and share memories of his conversations with Neil on space and science fiction.

There will also be time for the audience to share their experiences with Mr. Armstrong as well as their thoughts on his passing.



Voting The Chicon Party Ticket

Chicon will present awards at Closing Ceremonies for Best Overall Party, Best Food, and Best Themed Drink (all from Chicon 7, not whatever debauchery you perversets engage in outside of the con. And yes, we mean perversets. If you don't get the joke, read two Asprin and call us in the morning). One

vote per person per night, unless you happen to die on the same day after you voted, in which case, by Chicago law, you may vote again.

Ballots are at Registration and on the party floors. Ballot boxes will be on party floors in the evenings, otherwise at Registration and in the

Convention Office (Skyway 261) and Operations (Skyway 269).

PRs, Get Your PRs Here..

Copies of Chicon 7 Progress Reports 1-4 are available at the Registration Desk.