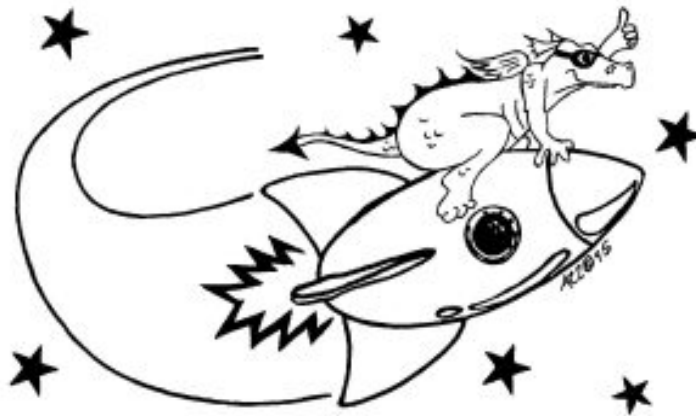




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Balticon 58 Rocket Mail



Program Schedule

Saturday, May 25, 2024 Edition

Rocket Mail distributes by seven each morning on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The QR code on the left links to the page where all Rocket Mail editions will be available once published. The QR code on the right links to the current schedule.

Get a Clue!

Did anyone notice the body outline by registration? Join the fun and query members of *Clue!* walking around as part of the con this year. Check with the info desk (by registration) for more information.

Program Updates & Announcements

- 1:00 PM Saturday "Concert: Darren Zeiger" CANCELED
- 1:00 PM Saturday "Concert: Moss Bliss" is now a full hour until 2:00 PM
- 2:30 PM Saturday "How NOT to Die of Pneumonia" CANCELED
- 2:30 PM Saturday NEW! "Changing Technology in Zoological Science" Homeland
- 4:00 PM Saturday "Introduction to Speculative Poetry" Jayrod and Mari Ness REMOVED
- 4:00 PM Saturday NEW! "Joke Swap with Bill Mayhew" Con Suite
- TIME CHANGE! "Concert: Ben Newman" is now at 11:30 AM Monday was 1:00 PM Sunday
- 2:30 PM Sunday "Artist Guest of Honor Interview" C D Brown Added
- 2:30 PM Sunday "Concert: Salacious Crumbles" CANCELED
- 2:30 PM Sunday NEW! "Concert: Songs of the Music Staff" Kent
- Darren Zeiger and Dr. Jack Iwashyna will not be able to attend B58

Opening Ceremonies

Mark L. Van Name officiated and introduced many people. L. E. Modesitt, Jr. started his Saga of Recluse series after attending a Balticon long ago. Alex Jennings, last year's Compton Crook Award

Winner, presented Kemi Ashing-Giwa, the 2024 Compton Crook Award for her novel, The Splinter in the Sky. Others introduced were Editor Guest of Honor Sheila Williams, Music Guest of Honor Alyssa Yeager of Rhiannons Lark, Artist Guest of Honor Omar Rayyan and Con Chair Sam Lubell. Dr. Beatrice Kondo presented the Robert A. Heinlein Award to Tom Doherty, who shared memories of publishing with many of the great SF writers in the last fifty years. His comments received a standing ovation.

We also remembered members lost this year: Ray Galacci, Bill Laubenheimer, Muriel Hykes, Steve Miller and Dr Harold Bob. They will be missed.

Survey Helps Balticon

Maria Thompson is conducting a survey about the events you attend. If you participate, that helps to get grant money for the con in future years.

Box Office Report from MovieTrekker

Thursday, May 23rd: Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (\$3.5m). Garfield (\$1.9m). IF (\$1.7m, \$42.6m total). Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (\$1.69m, \$109.4m total). The Strangers: Chapter 1 (\$861k, \$15.7m total). The Fall Guy (\$707k, \$66.3m total)

Sports Scores

MLB: Fri: Orioles 6 @ White Sox 4; Mariners 1 @ Nationals 6. Sat Games: Orioles @ White Sox 2:10 MASN; Mariners @ Nationals 4:05 MASN2. Os are now in 2nd place; Nats are now in 3rd place.

UFL: Sat Games: St. Louis Battlehawks vs. Arlington Renegades 12 PM on ABC. Birmingham Stallions vs. San Antonio Brahmas 3 PM on ABC.

NHL Playoffs: Thur: Western Conference Championship, game 1: Oilers 3, Stars 2 (Double Overtime) Fri: Eastern Conference Championship, game 2: Rangers 2, Panthers 1 (Overtime) (now split 1-1) Sat Game: Oilers @ Stars game 2, 8 PM on TNT

NBA Playoffs: Thur: Eastern Conference Championship, game 2: Celtics 126, Pacers 110 (Boston 2-0). Fri: Western Conference Championship, game 2 Timberwolves 108, Mavericks 109 (Mavs lead 2-0). Sat Game: Celtics/Pacers game 3, 8:30 PM on ABC.

Farpoint Con News

Farpoint has just announced their 2025 convention will be at the Doubletree Hotel in Pikesville, Maryland. Tickets go on sale TODAY at noon.