

# WindyCon 35

The Urth list — 21 messages, 7 voices, 30 Sep 2008

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**Nigel Price — 30 Sep 2008, 14:08**

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**John Watkins — 30 Sep 2008, 14:11 · in reply to Nigel Price**

**On a related note, does anyone know if Wolfe will be attending any other conventions or otherwise travelling to promote An Evil Guest?**

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Nigel Price — 30 Sep 2008, 15:19 · follows brunians at brunians.org

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brunians at brunians.org — 30 Sep 2008, 16:25 · in reply to Nigel Price

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Nigel Price — 10 Oct 2008, 23:10 · follows brunians at brunians.org

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hammstu at sbcglobal.net — 10 Oct 2008, 23:11 · follows Nigel Price

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All the best

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nigel Price

Sender: urth-bounces at lists.urth.net

To: The Urth Mailing List

ReplyTo: The Urth Mailing List

Sent: Oct 10, 2008 7:10 PM

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Matthew Keeley — 10 Oct 2008, 23:43 · in reply to Nigel Price

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brunians at brunians.org — 10 Oct 2008, 23:49 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

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Matthew Keeley — 11 Oct 2008, 00:54 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

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Well then, I share your folly in spirit.

I have nothing even approaching disposable income until I graduate and get a job. Which should be easy in this economy...

I've only been to Chicago once. Became friends with a girl from Barrington - then I started reading Wolfe, and found out that my friend shared a town with Wolfe. Heck, I remember the great man even mentioned her high school as "within walking distance" of his house in one interview. I'm not really in touch with her anymore and as far as I know she never read Wolfe. Shame.

-Matt, overly nostalgic

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Nigel Price — 11 Oct 2008, 10:40 · follows Matthew Keeley

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overlap

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James Wynn — 11 Oct 2008, 20:56 · in reply to Nigel Price

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Nigel Price — 11 Oct 2008, 23:04 · follows James Wynn

James Wynn asked re the session on "Post-Historic Warfare" at WindyCon...

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Will do. As you gather, it's not in our hands, though we have requested that it's held on the Saturday.

If you're booking your travel arrangements, I should come on Friday night, else you run the risk of missing the session.

Nigel

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Nigel Price — 12 Oct 2008, 13:06 · follows Nigel Price

Stephen Case wrote...

a) I'm with James. Does anyone have more specific information regarding WindyCon and when Wolfe would be speaking? I've never been to one of these, so I'd like more info. Do you have to register for the entire thing if you just want to hear a particular session? I'd be coming from Kankakee, so it would be doable . . .

You can register for just a day or for the whole three-day convention, but you can't register for just a single session. If you register by mail before Friday, October 24, 2008 it costs \$45.00 for adults and children aged 12 or older. If you pay at-the-door when you get there, registration for

the whole convention is \$55.00.

According to the website, one-day registration is available at the following rates:

Friday only: \$25.00

Saturday only: \$45.00

Sunday only: \$15.00

Not much of a saving if Saturday is the day when you really want to go!

I've no idea when a detailed timetable for the convention will become available.

The theme of the convention is "Military SF", which didn't sound very appealing to me, but I've been impressed by the variety of topics listed for programme items on the website. Some of them sound very interesting. One of my unanswered questions is whether Wolfe will be taking part in any of the other panels. Obviously, if he is, I want to go to those sessions!

Nigel

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Stuart Hamm — 12 Oct 2008, 18:42 · in reply to Nigel Price

Still kicking myself that I didn't make more of an effort to get up to Seattle...

I'll get to one of these things...

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--- On Sat, 10/11/08, Nigel Price <nigelaprice at talktalk.net> wrote: From: Nigel Price <nigelaprice at talktalk.net> Subject: (urth) WindyCon 35 To: urth at lists.urth.net Date: Saturday, October 11, 2008, 3:40 AM

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Nigel Price — 20 Oct 2008, 09:27 · follows Stuart Hamm

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Or the past.

Children have made excellent soldiers at least since the development of lightweight repeating firearms (say a hundred - hundred fifty years). Sailors too: David Farragut had his first command at age 12.

The Amazons were twelve year old girls on ponies with bows and arrows, sabers and spears. The practical alternative to female infanticide.

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Really looking forward to practicing Stoic indifference that whole weekend.

I might as well get something out of it....

Say Nigel, just out of curiosity, not totally off the very current subject and since things are a bit boring around here lately, I had a go-round with two locals (one a Welshman) here about Article 9 of the US Constitution (aka the Second Amendment). Mr Jones (not his real name) is unashamedly against people having weapons, which is somewhat bizarre when you consider that he lives in a town where literally everyone except him is armed and has had one murder in the past twenty years. My compatriot was performing the proctoprobosciscid (proboscoproctexploratory?) exercises that Americans tend to when confronted by someone speaking RP, which was a minor annoyance. I'll chastise him later.

Anyway, you're from the Motherland, and so almost certainly well-programmed to fear and loath arms and the armed though you may (as exceptional Englishmen and Welshman and even the occasional Scotsman do occasionally) have deprogrammed yourself to a greater or lesser extent. You're also a Gene Wolfe fan and so at least familiar with the opposing (and correct) viewpoint. What's your take on all that whole matter?

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Nigel Price — 20 Oct 2008, 22:51 · follows brunians at brunians.org

In reply to Brunians at Brunians.org's previous message in this thread...

Sorry that you won't be able to join us in Chicago, Josh. I didn't want to clog things up with my reply to your invitation to discuss the firearms question, so I've replied off list.

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Gene Wolfe and Scott Card were both at the Brighton WorldCon ("Conspiracy") I attended back in the 80s. I hadn't read any Wolfe back then and, sadly, didn't get to meet him on that occasion. I did go to a number of panels on which Card was one of the speakers, though. It's perfectly possible that he had Wolfe did meet at that convention, and must have done on various occasions since.

Nigel

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James B. Jordan — 27 Oct 2008, 23:35 · in reply to James Wynn

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Nutria

At 03:56 PM 10/11/2008, you wrote:

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Matthew Keeley — 28 Oct 2008, 00:52 · in reply to James B. Jordan

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Post-Historic Warfare — Our panelists take a look at warfare in Gene Wolfe's Book of the New Sun and tie-ins with Gene's experiences as a soldier in the Korean War and beyond.

M. Andre-Driussi, N. Price, G. Wolfe

<http://www.windycon.org/windy35/Departments/SaturdaySchedule.aspx>

I too would love to hear / see a recording, if such a thing were possible.

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Nigel Price — 28 Oct 2008, 11:11 · follows Matthew Keeley

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I don't know what arrangements, if any, the convention organisers are making to record or video panels. I'll try and find out. I was planning to take along a mini-disk recorder, though, and make audio recordings of the sessions with a view to putting either transcripts or MP3 recordings up on Ultan's Library. Permissions may be an issue, but I hope that that will be straightforward, at least for the Saturday session.

I'll be sure to let you know how it goes!

Nigel