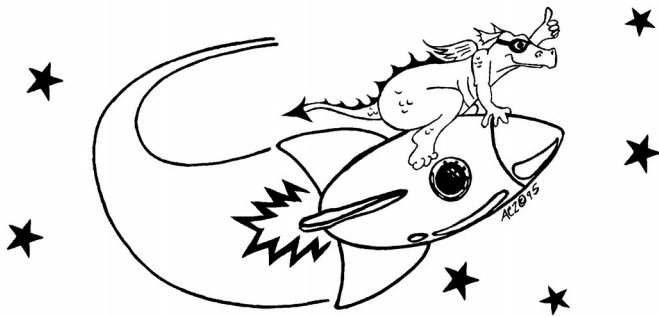


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# Balticon 55 Rocket Mail

The Vital Newsletter for a Virtual Con



**Sunday, May 30, 2021 Edition**

## Balticon Programs on Ytube

The panels that were conducted a Zoom sessions live at Balticon this weekend are going up on Ytube with the first dozen or so there and more going up all the time. Although it is more fun to attend in real time, you can catch the ones you miss on Ytube at <https://www.youtube.com/c/BaltimoreSciFi/videos>

## VB55 Masquerade Report

The Virtual Balticon 55 Marty Gear Memorial Masquerade did not happen this year because we only received one entry. The Pandemic is sucking the life out of everything. Taking a video of your costume and sending it off just lacks the magic of performing on stage with groups of your friends under the theater lights in front of an audience of hundreds of your other friends. Even the logistics of pulling off a presentation level costume was difficult when people can not gather together in safety. So, next year with everyone vaccinated all of that downer effect will be over and we can have another great Masquerade..

## VB55 Fundraising Report

For the record as of 9:00 AM on 5/30/21 the total GoFundMe donations are at \$12,830.00 gifted by the generous fans that are making Virtual Balticon 55

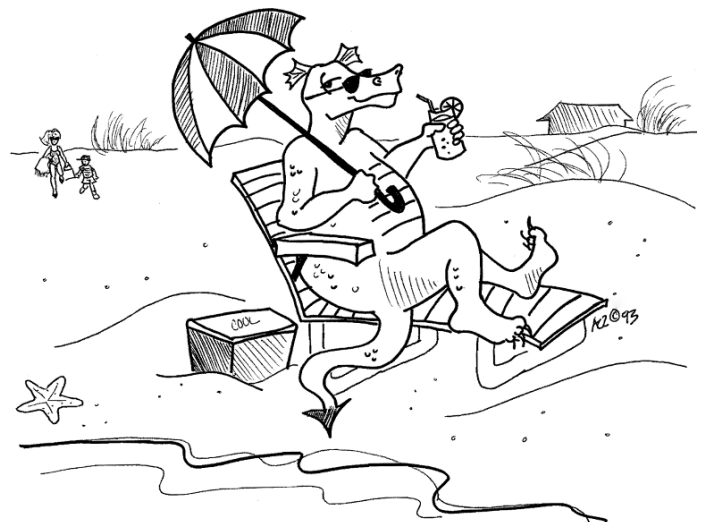
possible. This is an increase of \$1765.00 over the total donations at Balticon 54 at the same point in the con. We have also received \$325.00 so far through the paypal donation link from folks who prefer that method of donation.

## Please take Our Survey

Please take a moment to fill out the attendee survey. This survey is very important to us. It not only will help us to improve our programming, it will also help us define our demographics to help us get external funding. Because of the information we gathered at Balticon 53, our last in-person convention, we were able to win a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

This is the link to the attendee survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/53YYJ6J>



Rocketmail Reporter finds few SF Fans at beach during Balticon as they are all at Balticon ...or maybe unlike fire lizards humans don't enjoy rainy days at the beach so much.

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