

Anime Frontier

If you've read my blog on Anime Impulse then Anime Frontier should sound VERY similar to you. In fact, it was so similar to me that I would frequently use both events interchangeably.

TL;DR it's a 3 day event for Anime/Nintendo/Otaku topics ranging from child gambling in the form of Pokemon Cards to adult gambling with Pachinko machines. (and degenerate gambling in the form of VTuber/Nikke cards)



Boy Dinner 🌸

My experience at this event is split into 3 arcs: The week before, Saturday, and then Sunday. So without further ado, let's get started!

The Week Before

Through the power of Instagram marketing I literally saw ads for Anime Frontier everyday and with various pitches ranging from Alecks Le (VA for Zenitsu in Demon Slayer) to Gigi Murin (perhaps the greatest gift to virtual kind) appearing as guests. With my semester coming to a close and a general itch to burn a couple hundred dollars I decided to purchase a ticket. Due to the logistics of the event, I had to get a physical badge and with only 2 days until Anime Frontier I decided to pick up the badge in-person at the Kinokuniya in Carrollton (25



minutes away from work). To treat myself for that *long* drive I got some nice food.

T-1 day before the event and I've pretty much prepared everything BUT parking. Realizing I could drive 60 minutes to Fort Worth and have to scramble to find parking, there was a little bit of panic but Gemini got me. With billions of dollars invested and the greatest minds developing the best models, I was able to get a website to tell me that parking existed in Fort Worth, Texas. Amazing.

Now that everything was sorted out I could now get hyped for the following:

- The artist alley
- Hololive
- Hololive TCG
- Gigi Murin from Hololive
- Listening to some new songs on Spotify
- Going to the official Hololive TCG event

Saturday: I am now hyped

As a heads up, all of the pictures and merch I got will be aggregated together as a collage.

After a quick walk around the Fort Worth Convention Arena, I decided to engage with the Pachinko machines first. These are basically fancy slot machines with popular media plastered everywhere. After seeing tons of flashing lights and super loud explosions from the Evangelion pachinko machine, I realized videogames have done irreparable harm to the Japanese gambling industry because there was not a single modicum of interest during the entire experience.

Next up was a quick shopping trip at the Honkai Star Rail booth. I didn't take any pictures because it was identical to the Anime Impulse location. Since the shopping cart was the same I bought some extra bird plushies and only realized I took no pictures just now.

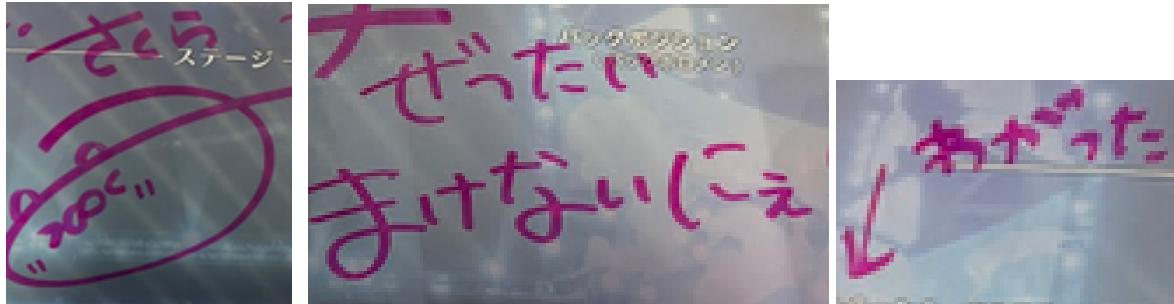
Lunch was the popcorn and Dippin' Dots in the opening picture.

Now is the main event of Saturday in my eyes: The Hololive TCG Tutorial Session. For context I learned that the Japanese VTuber agency Hololive had an official card game after watching Watame's (very high quality) video on the game. Seeing that there was an official activity to learn the game at Anime Frontier I decided to sign up and soon I was seated at a signed play mat.



I don't have too much to say about the TCG itself since it had many similar patterns as other TCGs. The main gimmick is you have a central character which your deck will revolve around - Oshis. In this example deck it's the first Hololive VTuber Sora. Ok now that I've gotten it out of the way I wanna talk about **who** signed my deskmot since I was pretty excited.





This signature is from Sakura Miko (さくらみこ) and she's another Hololive VTuber I really enjoy watching (W comedian). In addition to her normal signature she also put a few funny comments:

- ぜつたいまけないにえ - I can't do it
- わがた - Understood
- フブさん - Fubuki-san and I THINK when she was signing the mat Fubuki was on the other side of the table. However when the Hololive staff setup the table they put Marine's signature play mat on the other side



So at this point I think it's clear I like a lot of the Hololive streamers and my favorite talents are:

- JP: Miko, Watame, Mio, Fubuki, Korone, Raden
- ID: Kobo
- EN: Gigi, Cecelia, Fuwamoco, Biboo

So of course I attended the various meet and greets when the EN talents showed up. Specifically I attended a bit of the Fuwamoco event and the entirety of the Gigi + Ollie event (pictures near the end).

As my Saturday afternoon at Anime Frontier came to an end I had to figure out my Sunday plans and it basically boiled down to: Buying lots of stuff from non-first party vendors and watching Gigi live.

Sunday: We are Whaling

I in fact, did what I set out to do. Honestly I don't really have much to say.







Day one of stimulating the local Fort Worth economy.
This day was \$160 worth of merch
(HSR merch not in the pic)
((No I didn't hit any signed cards))



Day two of stimulating the economy
Lowkey forgot but I know it's over \$300



Here is Pink Hat Sun Michael (and Roboco) ((ロボ子))

With the badge and gas I probably spent like \$700?
(Need that EOY bonus)