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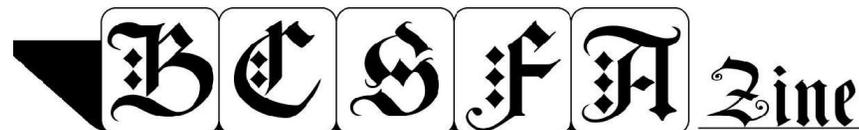
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This Month in BCSFA

- Wednesday Dec. 12 @ 7pm: North Van book discussion at WAVES Coffee Shop 107 West First St., North Vancouver Book to be discussed will be *The Black Cloud* by Fred Hoyle
- Thursday Dec. 13 @ 7pm: Vancouver book discussion at Our Town Coffee Shop 245 East Broadway, Vancouver This time, we're discussing two books, both by Arthur C. Clarke. They are *Against the Fall of Night* and *City and the Stars*. Read one, read the other or read both.
- December 14: **BCSFAzine deadline.** See Garth at FRED.
- Saturday Dec. 15: **BCSFA Christmas dinner/party** at The Old Spaghetti Factory, New Westminster. Those who would like can come Kathleen Moore-Freeman's place after dinner for hot chocolate, at 7064 No. 1 Road, Richmond, BC.
- December 28: **BCSFAzine production.** See Garth at FRED.

SCIENCE OBITUARIES

Washoe, the chimpanzee who learned sign language, passed away a couple of weeks ago. They had a memorial service in Spokane. It is notable to me that not only did she learn ASL, she taught it to other chimps.

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003986892_washoe01m.html

more info

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washoe_\(chimpanzee\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washoe_(chimpanzee))

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It was at Moscon 13 (Moscow, Idaho in 1991) where Dr Roger Fouts of the Washoe project was the Science Guest of Honor. Dragon was the Fan Guest of Honor and he brought his girlfriend, at the time, Flame. She'd been acting in a varitief of movie, at the time, including "Batman Returns". She wasn't too excited about going to Idaho for Moscon....but, there with her wild hair and tatoos, she ran into Dr. Roger Foutsthey knew each other....wow, they didn't know each other would be there. Years prior she and her sister worked (or was it volunteered) at CWU helping with the project. If my memory is correct, they did the "fun jobs" of cleaning cages, etc, and had a great time helping. So, Dr Fouts told us at the banquet he now has a signed publicity photo of flame with her wild hair, eyes and tats....for when the new graduate students ask what do "I" out of working on the project....he can point to the photo and say you can go to Hollywood, ! get wild hair and tats and be an extra in movies.

At this point, I want to say "and now you know the rest of the story".....but I won't. But I do want to let you all know I love attending science fiction conventions for these wonderful connections.

Michael Citrak, November 17, 2007

ZOMBIE DEPLOYMENT IN ANCIENT TIMES

Zombie Attack at Hierakonpolis:

<http://www.archaeology.org/online/features/hierakonpolis/zombies.html>

Just for laughs :P

Jim Cox, November 08, 2007

Art Credits

Sheryl Birkhead.....masthead

EDGE NEWS FROM OCTOBER

"After a hectic weekend at Edmonton's Convention, things went very well. There was lots of activity surrounding gaming (fitting since it was a gaming convention), and a fair bit surrounding literature. Amber Hayward, author of *Darkness of the God* and *The Healer*, was out and about signing copies of her newest released novel *Darkness of the God*. ...

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OKAL REL UNIVERSE GO COMMERCIAL

The Worlds of Lynda Williams CD is available RFF Utah published two versions -- one is PDF files; the other uses Microsoft Office 2003.

I plan on making revisions/additions after VCon. Righteous Anger -- Okel Rel Universe Book 3 is on the Aurora ballot. The Aurora is the Canadian top recognition for science fiction. Lynda also sent new materiel.

Lynda still offers a free classroom set of Okel Rel books. The revised CD in PDF format should be available early 2008. The CD is free. RFFUtah picks up all costs. To receive your copy tell me the format needed with your address dander1938 at [gmail.com](mailto:dander1938@gmail.com)

Dave Anderson, dander1938@gmail.com, October 17, 2007

RODDENBERRY.COM

Something called *Roddenberry: Transmitter* has been showing up in emails this month. Evidently this is another Star Trek-based entrepreneurial tie-in, offering a variety of crap merchandise for the delectation of Star Trek fans. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

EDITORIAL

I have a lot to apologize for. The local events in November were nothing like the ones listed in the last issue; the convention listings completely omitted Orycon and Rustycon and Norwescon; the last issue's masthead listed the October, instead of the November issue numbers; and the whole issue is late. This issue is late, too. And at this moment I have not updated the circulation list in a while.

This is an example of something that became clearer and clearer over the last decade. Many of us just have too much on our plates. I could go on about the empty tills at banks and supermarkets, or the overload on various public services, or how many people have to work two jobs to pay the interest on their debt load. Instead I'll stick to the fact that fanzine editors, typically over the past few decades, start to slow down after two or three years -- sometimes after just two or three issues -- and start apologizing for their issues getting later and later.

How do I solve the Garth Spencer Energy Crisis? A solution would be the best Christmas present I could get.

LETTERS

Sheryl Birkhead, October 15, 2007 et seq.

Hi -- sitting n the jury room, waiting to be called to sit on a jury. I'm #225 and there are 6 cases. I thought I might be off the hook (after all, $2 \times 6 = 72$), BUT the pool just called for the **3rd** case was **100** people, getting the total up to 198. As people are excused from the specific selection, they will return to this room, BUT they will cycle through the 300 people originally called before re-picking those people; so it looks as if I'm going to *voir dire*. We have a one-day or one-trial serve here, so if I get selected I'm here for whatever the duration is. But in the meantime, I dragged some zines with me, and have *BCSFazines* #412 and #413.

Nice cover and fillos by Taral. My congratulations to him on his GoHship for the Worldcon coming to Canada.

"My" cell phone is kept in the car, for emergencies (or whatever I deem important). It only costs me \$10 every 3 months. I figure that's not much for an emergency communication device in the car.

((One word: recharging.))

I don't follow media hype, but I knew "Sulu" would be on a batch of episodes of *Heroes*; however, seeing "Uhura" took me totally by surprise!

Tara Wayne, November 3, 2007

Due to the precipitous decline of the U.S. dollar in recent months, I feel I need to re-price the *Energumen* disk. I used to give Canadian customers a break by selling it in Canadian dollars at par with American, but that was when the Buck was worth \$1.30 Canadian. (And the year before that it was \$1.42 to the Loonie.) Now that the Buck is worth 91 cents, I'm losing nearly 40 cents on the dollar not just on Canadian sales, but all sales. Effective with the first of January 2008, I'm going to be asking \$20, S&H included, in either U.S. or Canadian dollars. (UK or Aussie sales add \$2 for the extra S&H.) Hopefully that will remain effective, but if the U.S. \$ sinks below .85 Canadian, there may have to be yet another price hike, for U.S. customers at least.

(So far sales have skyrocketed to 12 after the recent Ditto. Murray Moore sold a grand total of four at the con. I think this averages out to about 1 and a half a month.)

Spider Robinson, November 12, 2007

You're embarrassed? Here I am too busy to read, let alone LoC, your latest issue....and I still have the gall to send you some plugs:

- *Variable Star* is out in paperback the end of this month—and available on audiobook from Blackstone Audiobooks, read by me.
- Though not without sin, I have begun casting pods. Seek Spider On The Web either at my website or at the iTunes Store. Soon they will feature some amazing music you probably don't know—yet.
- Jeanne's off to Vegas shortly, to take up Peter Diamandis's offer of a free ride on one of his Zero-G Corp's parabolic-arcs flights, so she and dancer Kathleen McDonagh and producer James Spoto can work on the free-fall choreography for the Imax movie she's hoping to make about zero-g dance, called (surprise!) "Stardance."

Back to work!

know that they'd never get any grants if they spoke out. I don't care about grants."

This story was found at:

<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2007/10/13/1191696238792.html>

"Gore gets a cold shoulder," Steve Lytte, The Sydney Morning Herald, October 14, 2007

Forwarded by Taras Wolansky, October 15, 2007

CONVENTION ORGANIZATION, ESP. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE U.S.

Apparently the American Bar Association is working on a revision to the revised model that most states have adopted in one form or another. The last revision was in 1986 and things have changed and parts of the model act haven't done what was expected. ENRON and events of September 11th have also taken place since the last model was published. It's likely the ABA will be unveiling a new act sometime soon. Soon in this case is a relative term, though the Secretary of State of Washington was talking about some of the expected changes to non-profit groups in 2006, one can expect changes to Washington states non-profit laws sometime after the revisions are put out by the ABA, again relative is the key phrase, but if several states quickly adopt the revisions in part or in whole quickly, then more likely than not the Washington, Oregon, and Idaho legislatures will act to change current law to conform in part or in whole to the proposed revised model act. In any case the pump of change is likely to be primed in the relatively near future.

http://www.paperglyphs.com/nporegulation/legal_basis.html#model_corporation

Posted by: "Mark Adams" Maeurilius@hotmail.com
To NWConLeague, Mon Nov 5, 2007

DISCORD & GNOSIS

Garth has been trying to start a Meetup group for Discordians. So far he has simply made contact with some modern Gnostics holding monthly book discussions in New Westminster.

A correspondent named Shawn says, "It would be awesome to see folks come out. This is a casual back and forth over the book by Elaine Pagels, a noted early christian scholar, "the Gnostic Gospels", a look at the diverse early christian movement and the church that emerged from it."

To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=5704964801>

Shawn Johnston, November 7, 2007

CONTRARY VIEWS

ONE of the world's foremost meteorologists has called the theory that helped Al Gore share the Nobel Peace Prize "ridiculous" and the product of "people who don't understand how the atmosphere works".

Dr William Gray, a pioneer in the science of seasonal hurricane forecasts, told a packed lecture hall at the University of North Carolina that humans were not responsible for the warming of the earth.

His comments came on the same day that the Nobel committee honoured Mr Gore for his work in support of the link between humans and global warming.

"We're brainwashing our children," said Dr Gray, 78, a long-time professor at Colorado State University. "They're going to the Gore movie [*An Inconvenient Truth*] and being fed all this. It's ridiculous."

At his first appearance since the award was announced in Oslo, Mr Gore said: "We have to quickly find a way to change the world's consciousness about exactly what we're facing."

Mr Gore shared the Nobel prize with the United Nations climate panel for their work in helping to galvanise international action against global warming.

But Dr Gray, whose annual forecasts of the number of tropical storms and hurricanes are widely publicised, said a natural cycle of ocean water temperatures - related to the amount of salt in ocean water - was responsible for the global warming that he acknowledges has taken place.

However, he said, that same cycle meant a period of cooling would begin soon and last for several years.

"We'll look back on all of this in 10 or 15 years and realise how foolish it was," Dr Gray said.

During his speech to a crowd of about 300 that included meteorology students and a host of professional meteorologists, Dr Gray also said those who had linked global warming to the increased number of hurricanes in recent years were in error.

He cited statistics showing there were 101 hurricanes from 1900 to 1949, in a period of cooler global temperatures, compared to 83 from 1957 to 2006 when the earth warmed.

"The human impact on the atmosphere is simply too small to have a major effect on global temperatures," Dr Gray said.

He said his beliefs had made him an outsider in popular science.

"It bothers me that my fellow scientists are not speaking out against something they know is wrong," he said. "But they also

Lloyd Penney, 1706-24 Eva Rd., Etobicoke, ON M9C 2B2,
November 17, 2007

Once again, behind I am. I know I'm too late to respond to *BCSFazine* 413, so I'll wait for 414 to arrive...ah, here it is now, right on time, as opposed to me...here comes a double-barreled loc.

413...A happy frong baroo gnortz to all of you! And, a freetzhoorkon, too. With bells on it. If this is civilization, science fiction will stay fiction. Can I change species? If this is being human, I want an application form right now. Changing ethnic group just isn't enough. Try putting up a Facebook page. I joined Facebook about three weeks ago, and I agree with half of the people there, it is a gigantic time waster.

What's the consensus on the Aurora results? Looks like they were scattered across the country this time around, always a good thing. And, I think, having a ballot drop-off at Con*cept definitely helped...

Well, Peter Jarvis was the appointed CUFF delegate. I hope he will soon be raising funds to get the fund back on its financial feet, and my best to Murray Moore in getting funds back from Brian Davis. I do not blame Brian in this, he has been very ill for extended periods of time, and probably has had more on his mind than dealing with fandom.

We made our decision about Anticipation...we are going, and we have volunteered our services to the committee. Yvonne will probably work finance, and might be in charge of some programming, and I am bidding to run the fanzine lounge. We are writing up our business cases for these positions, and will submit them to the senior committee shortly.

We also had a fine time with Tommy Ferguson and his wife Leslie Altic in Toronto in September. Tommy took Leslie to some of the sights he remembered, and Tom also has family in southern Ontario. Small attendance, but it was quality if not quantity.

414... I'm almost not on this with this issue as well. I'm soooooo busy, and I'm soooooo tired...

I've kind of given up on making convention lists. I just don't have the time any more. I barely have time to write letters of comment, so multi-issue letters (like this one) will have to do for the time being. I am now happily working full-time at the CNIB's head office in Toronto, in the ePublishing department. That's in addition to my evening job at the *Globe and Mail*, so I am putting in 50- to 55-hour weeks. The money is great, it will make Christmas that much better, and it is eating up so much time. Weekends are so relaxing in contrast. This all means that I am

awfully sleep-deprived, getting four hours a night, if I'm lucky. If around Christmas, the CNIB decided they want to keep me after my three-month probationary period is done, I will happily drop the Globe and Mail, get my evenings back, get much more sleep, and have time to write more. Wish me luck in my quest...

The Auroras look like they went off without too many hitches this year, and they were scattered across the country, and that's a good thing. I'd like to participate more in the Convention business meetings, but I just can't afford to travel cross-country to participate, in terms of money and time. Let me win 6/49, and hey, I'm there... Good to see that the next two Conventions are settled, pretty well, and to the Convention committees, I would like to present the idea of a special Aurora Award to Dennis Mullin for many years of sterling service in the promotion and management of the Auroras. If anyone deserves one of those wonderful pointy trophies, it's him. I expect he would probably be in Montreal for Worldcon, so that's probably the best place to recognize him and his efforts.

A Trekfan's casket...probably looks like a warp nacelle, or more likely the photon torpedo casing from the second movie. All we need now is a launcher...

It is late Saturday morning, I got about eight hours of sleep, and I am still feeling like crap. May you all feel better soon, enjoy, see you next issue.

Nina Munteanu, October 17, 2007

My new book, *Darwin's Paradox*, is just out and I'm so excited! It's at most Chapters, Coles, Indigo bookstores or White Dwarf Books on 10th Avenue.
Sf Girl (www.ninamunteanu.com)
Nina's Blog: *The Alien Next Door* (<http://sfgirl-thealiennextdoor.blogspot.com>)
Darwin's Paradox: www.darwinsparadox.com

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Cover: Good.

Editorial: The parts of *BCSFazine* I read are the BCSFA schedule, editorial, letters of comment, convention reports, news, reviews of books, zines, or films, and the list of advertisers. I don't read convention listings for conventions outside Metro Vancouver, or publisher news. What I would like to see added to *BCSFazine* (and I think this is something that would play to your strengths, Garth) is commentary that reduces and analyzes the excess of information in the world with wit and humour. Or,

"non-money" items was \$119 for one room night, since I shared with Keycon Co-Chair D Strang for 2 nights.

I'll have more particulars in my report.

Peter Jarvis, November 4, 2007

TRANSATLANTIC FAN FUND WINNER ANNOUNCED

2008 Race - North America to Europe

Chris Garcia has won the 2008 TransAtlantic Fan Fund race by a clear majority of the 174 votes cast. Further details of voting will be announced shortly. We would like to thank the other TAFF candidates - Linda Deneroff, Chris Barkley, and Christian McGuire for standing for TAFF this year and making it a real race.

Chris will be attending Orbital, the 2008 Eastercon, next March as part of his trip. Details of his TAFF itinerary will be announced when they are available.

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Date: November 20, 2007 9:53 AM

20 November 2007

THE CHESTER SF COLLECTION

Chester Cuthbert, a longtime SF fan and SF collector in Winnipeg, donated his collection to a library this fall. On the 10th of October some members of the SF Northwest email list posted links to the Winnipeg Sun article, dated October 5th. By the time I got to it, though, I couldn't access the article without using my credit card online. (I don't do that.) The destination of the Chester collection remains a mystery.

(Background: In the 1950s there was an attempt to create a federated Canada-wide SF organization; Chester Cuthbert and his original collection were the only remnant of the Winnipeg branch, when a new group of fanzine publishers appeared in the 1970s, and Chester consented to let them use the name. The fans who started the convention Keycon were a separate group.)

Linda Ross-Mansfield (now chair of the World Horror Convention scheduled for 2009 in Winnipeg) commented at one point:

Just in case people weren't certain, if there is enough money raised in time, the next CUFF winner would go to Keycon in 2008. After that, presuming there will be no objections to their request, Anticipation in 2009, would be the next Convention after that. Hopefully there will be some good competition on these. ...

The whole concept of CUFF, or for that matter any fan fund, is to get fans involved with their own community and in contact with others so that they bring back new ideas and contacts to enrich the fan activity in their area, and hopefully with the exchange of concepts and ideas it benefits fan communities. Whereas a pro or semi pro has other funding possibilities available to them not the least of which are Canada Council Grants, and they get invited to be guests at conventions much more regularly. There is no such funding available to fans, because it is 'just a hobby' and therefore the Fan funds were created. Initially they were drawing from fanzine creators and contributors.

Linda Ross-Mansfield, November 7 & 8, 2007

On a more positive note, Robert Runte at U. Lethbridge writes:

I have started a CUFF group on Facebook to facilitate further discussion, to promote activities, fund raising and to raise awareness of CUFF. The way I see it the majority of college age students are on Facebook, so if we want this 1980s tradition to continue, us old farts have to attract next generation, which means we have to go to where they are rather than wait for them to discover us.

Robert Runte, November 10, 2007

Breaking out the money:

2007 Turkey's was \$146.25 which Fran rounded up to \$150. 2006 Turkey's was \$140, which Fran had been holding on to and passed onto me.

The CUFF Auction brought in \$219.30 and everything donated was sold (which was a big relief as I did not have to carry anything back). Of the \$219.30, \$100 was for an Anticipation membership, and \$15 for Keycon membership.

Total taken in at V-Con was \$509.30.

more simply, look at random stuff both new and old and give your reaction to it.

My Idea of News: 2007 Elron Awards - I didn't know what "ktp" stood for when I read this article. From context, I could tell that it meant "et cetera," but it took some severe Googling by both me and Joe to learn that it stood for *kaj tiel plu*.

((Esperanto! God, that takes me back ...))

"And finally, if you were a local fan, it was eventually considered a great honour to win an Elron." If someone hacked the system and won an Elron by doing something John Norman-related (a category Graeme sometimes finds challenging to, and therefore, an easier one in which to win), would it still be a great honour? Or what if John Norman moved to Vancouver? Then he could claim his Elrons were great honours!

I'm looking forward to knowing what the Brooks Agnew Arctic Expedition finds.

I posted the *Star Trek* funeral accessories story to my LiveJournal a few months ago and someone anonymously left a comment that a real science fiction fan would have themselves cryogenically frozen.

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CALENDAR

January 2008

Jan. 11-13: **Rustycon 25**, a general SF convention, at the SeaTac Holiday Inn in SeaTac, Washington. GoHs: Writers - Elizabeth Ann Scarborough, Frank Wu, Fan - "Elan Empire". Hotel: Holiday Inn SeaTac Airport, 17388 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA 98188, tel. (206) 248-1000; rooms \$107/night (single or double). If registering online (through www.holiday-inn.com / usa-intlapt), enter "R25". Memberships: \$40 adult, \$40 132 to 17's, \$20 for 7-12's. Write Rustycon 28, P.O. Box 27075, Seattle, WA 98165-1475, U.S.A.

this is a long weekend, I had announced that BIFF would be meeting, and that I would be inflicting *Bedknobs & Broomsticks* on those who turned out. Despite that warning, eight hardy souls turned up, including my E-friend Errol and his wife, who came all the way from New Zealand, just to be at BIFF. In the event, we were having way too much fun talking about our first exposure to computers, things to see in Vancouver, how to get around on buses, and Val's Elevator of Death to bother watching the video, so it has gone back into its lead-lined box, right beside H.G. Wells' *The Shape Of Things To Come* and *The Star Wars Holiday Special*. And, for the first time in a while, we trooped up the street to Blenz for BIFF Part II, where we hung out until they closed.

Greg Slade, November 14, 2007

BUFFY STAKED

Lawyers have driven a stake into the "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" sing-along.
<http://www.cnn.com/2007/SHOWBIZ/TV/10/15/buffy.singalong.ap/index.html>

Michael Citrak to SF Northwest email list, October 15, 2007

CANADIAN UNITY FAN FUND

Those of you who don't care a bit will be disinterested to know what has developed with the Canadian Unity Fan Fund. Past delegates, led by Murray Moore and Linda Ross-Mansfield, sent a polite but firm letter on Nov. 13th to Brian Davis, the last administrator.

Taral Wayne wrote about CUFF's lack of profile:

You have to try, of course, but I think Garth's own efforts to generate interest with BCSFazine over the last several years have shown that most fans are interested in the immediate social circle they belong to, and don't really give a damn what's going on outside of it. Paradoxically, the only element of fandom that might interest them beyond their social horizon is science fiction itself. If you can't get a fan in Halifax interested in fannish doings in Toronto or Edmonton, he or she will probably have an interest in, say, a change of editors at Analog, or who won the Hugo for Best Novel. In other words, the problem is the 98% of SF fans are actually SF fans! Not fans of fandom. I suspect there are maybe only two dozen of those in the country.

Taral Wayne, November 8, 2007

ccmh@bcrenfest.com and we'll post and/or correct the listing. Once more, please include BCRF in the title.

"The MySpace community is growing and so is our friends list. For those of you who have become our friends congratulations. We do hope to meet you all in person. If you have a MySpace then by all means send us a friends request. You can find us at: <http://www.myspace.com/bcrenfest> There are also more videos and photos up.

"There is also the Flickr account and the YouTube account. For Flickr my account is HungerCarr: <http://www.flickr.com>

"But YouTube it is CarrHunger: <http://www.youtube.com/carrhunger>

"Do you have spare fabric, paint, wood and various items we could use to help create the site, banners and costumes? Do you want to find a home for that extra yardage of fabric that you don't know why someone gave it to you, that sheet that doesn't match the décor, the left over half gallon of paint you used for the bedroom. Donate it to us and we'll add you to our donations page as a thank you. An email to: ccmh@bcrenfest.com may just remedy some of your clutter. Remember.. Add BCRF to your title and it won't get tossed in the spam trash."

Christina and the BCRF Team, October 12, 2007

BIFF CHRONICLES

"Seven loyal BIFFarians turned out on Friday, October 12th. I had planned to show Metropolis, as part of our "Fannish World Tour" series, but at 8:00, when we normally start our programming, there were only four BIFFians present, and the restaurant was so crowded that they had to seat other people in the section they normally keep clear for us, so we elected to free up the agenda, and revisit Germany on the tour later on, when we'll have time to give people some advance notice. ...

"BIFF, or "Burrard Inlet Fan Fellowship" happens Fridays (except long weekends and VCON weekend) from 6:30 p.m. until closing time (officially 9:00) at the Eighties Restaurant (www.80srestaurant.com), 110 West 14th Street (at Lonsdale) in North Vancouver. To keep in touch with any changes, please check the BIFF web site.

"[T]he BIFF web site has moved. The new URL is: <http://biff.realityfree.ca/>

"Please update your bookmarks, and alert the webmaster of any site you encounter which still points to the old URL."

Greg Slade, October 18, 2007

I'm always confused as to whether Remembrance Day counts as a statutory holiday or not. (It is.) In any case, even though

February 2008

Feb. 15-17: Radcon 5 at the Pasco Red Lion in Pasco, Washington. GoHs: Science – Dragon Dronet; Editor – John Helfers; Fan – Friar Michelob; Writer – Harry Turtledove; Artist – Todd Lockwood; TM – Jay Lake; etc. Hotel: Pasco Red Lion, 2525 N. 20th Ave., Pasco, WA 99301, tel. 1-800-325-4000. Rooms \$89.95/night, plus \$50 for room parties. Overflow hotel is the Best Western, tel. (509) 543-7722; single or double rooms are \$99/night, suites \$102/night. Memberships: apparently only available through <http://memberships.radcon.org>, \$30 to January 1st, 2008, \$35 thereafter. (Membership cutoff is February 2nd.)

Feb. 29-March 2: **Potlatch 17** at the Hotel Deca, Seattle, Washington. Definition: "a small, discussion-oriented, literary SF convention held regularly in Seattle, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Portland, following a rigorously irregular rotation." Book of Honor: *The Parable of the Sower* by the late Octavia E. Butler. Potlatch was originally founded in part to help support Clarion West, the six-week intensive SF writing workshop in Seattle. The 2008 Potlatch will be the kick-off event for Clarion West's year-long 25th anniversary celebration, so we'll feature a track of Clarion West alumni readings, along with at least one panel on workshops. Reservations: \$119.00/single or double occupancy; \$134.00/triple; and \$149.00/quad, plus tax. Rates include parking and continental breakfast daily. HOTEL DECA, 4507 Brooklyn Avenue NE, Seattle, Washington 98105; Phone: 206-634-2000; Fax: 206-545-2103; Toll Free Reservations: 800-899-0251; reservations@hoteldeca.com. To register on-line, go to the Hotel Deca reservations page ("Book a Room") and enter the dates you are booking and our Group/Event Code: 00034491. (<http://www.hoteldeca.com/>). General memberships: \$50 (through December 31, 2007); Student memberships: \$35 (with valid student ID at the door); Ages 6-18: \$20; Supporting: \$20. Potlatch 17, c/o Suzanne Tompkins, PO Box 25075, Seattle, WA 98165. Website: <http://www.potlatch-sf.org/> Kate Schaefer, chair@potlatch-sf.org

August 2008

Aug. 1-3: **SpoCon 2008** on the Gonzaga University campus. GoH: Tim Zahn. See <http://www.spocon.us/>

October 2008

Oct. 30 - Nov. 2: **World Fantasy Convention 2008** in Calgary, Alberta. Theme: "Mystery in Fantasy and Horror." GoHs: David Morrell, Barbara Hambly, Tom Doherty; ArtGoH: Todd Lockwood; TM: Tad Williams. World Fantasy is a literary focused convention that is in a different city every year. This is only the third time it has been in Canada and the first time it has been west of Ottawa. The convention is aimed at authors, developing writers, readers and artists. Attendance is limited to 850 attendees. The convention theme in 2008 is "Mystery in Fantasy and Horror". During the day there will be two streams of discussion panels and two streams of author readings. Major events are the Friday night autograph session and the Sunday afternoon World Fantasy Awards banquet. More details coming on www.worldfantasy2008.org

August 2009

Aug. 6-10: **Anticipation** (67th Worldcon), Palais des congrès de Montreal, Montreal, Canada. GoH Neil Gaiman, Elisabeth Vonarburg, Taral Wayne, David Hartwell, Tom Doherty. Contact C.P. 105, Succursale NDG, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H4A 3P4.

RANDOM NEWS

BAD CRAZINESS

Sci-Fi Baby Names: 500 Out-of-This-World Baby Names from Anakin to Zardoz by Robert Schnakenberg (\$12.95, 160 pages), "Published: September 2007
<http://www.quirkbooks.com/Book.aspx?BID=246>
Julian Earthfurst, October 22, 2007

BC RENFEST VIDEOS

"The two places you can find them at are:

"On MySpace you can find the first scene at:

<http://myspacetv.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=16525868>

"The rest will show in the little window on the lower right.

The rest of the festival videos should be up in the next week or so.

"On YouTube we were only able to upload the little 'thank you' video by breaking it down into parts. There are more restrictions on YouTube. I hope to get the storyline up but I don't know when as I have to break it down into 10 minute sections...

<sigh> You can find them at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CarrHunger>

"For those of you who have signed our guestbook, thank you very much. We appreciate the praise. If you have photos or video to share that would be very helpful. Please make sure you contact us via: info@bcrenfest.com

"Thank you once more for your continued support and we hope to see you all soon.

"The Web page is always being updated!!

"We are presently looking at property options and probable dates for next year. As you are on the newsletter list you will be the first when we confirm the location and dates. We are looking at some personal properties (people with land and a desire to use it for something exciting) as well as park properties and have decided to stay in the Langley Township. As for Dates - All members of the Command Team are bringing lists of events in Alberta, Lower Mainland BC and Washington State. Using these lists and considering the needs of the property of choice we will set our dates ASAP.

"We are also looking for parade opportunities. If there are any give us a shout at: ccmh@bcrenfest.com
Make sure you title your email: BCRF Parade Ops.

"The new script is being written and we will be sending out audition calls any time between December and February. When the auditions happen will depend our dates for next year. Make sure your actor friends keep their eyes open.

"At this time we do not have an entertainment coordinator but if you have a stage show and wish to share it with us during our 2008 festival please send an email to: entertainment@bcrenfest.com

Make sure BCRF is in the title and the moment we have a reliable entertainment coordinator they will connect with you.

"We are also constantly looking for interested vendors. If you are one of those please send an email (with BCRF in the title) to: vendors@bcrenfest.com

"Recently a post was put up on Craigslist calling out for Command Team positions.

<http://vancouver.craigslist.org/vol/430114020.html>

It looks as if a few of those positions are filled (and 1 just opened up) but Carla has not been able to update the posting yet. Feel free to drop staff@bcrenfest.com a line asking what is and is not taken or if we need help in your field of focus.

"Is there a free listing on the net or in a publication that we haven't found yet and had ourselves listed? Does a listing on a page look like it wasn't posted by us and the info is questionable or different from our webpage? Please feel free to let us know so that we can post or correct the posting. Please send an email to: