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This Month in BCSFA

Saturday, Jan. 10 @ 7 pm: **BCSFA meeting/party** at Garth's place

Thursday, Jan. 15 @ 7 pm: **December book discussion** at "Our Town" Café, 245 East Broadway, Vancouver, starting at 7 pm. Book to be discussed will be *Dune* by Frank Herbert.

Friday, Jan. 16 from 8 pm: **BCSFazine deadline** - see Garth at FRED (at Boston Pizza, Broadway near Granville, Vancouver, BC).

Friday, Jan. 30 from 8 pm: **BCSFazine production** - distribution starts at FRED, unless we don't hold it on Boxing Day.

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The Pobble Who Has No Toes

With this issue I'm trying something a little different: an extended list of other fan groups in the Lower Mainland besides BCSFA. This is to inform you about other fandoms besides general-interest SF fandom, or the fandom I tend to think is about printed published work.

This is by no means a complete panorama of fandom, near and far; I expect you to comment, to correct and to complete this overview.

I'm also starting a sort of contest, for people to suggest lyrics to some filksongs I never completed. If you can put the Norwescon saga into song, or the Westercon 44 debacle, I offer two Stan Rogers songs to imitate.

The Menyelothic Megooofey

Steve Green (UK TAFF candidate), December 3, 2008

Many thanks for namechecking *Critical Wave* in the latest *BCSFazine*, and for mentioning my candidature in the 2009 TAFF race. Your readers can now check out both my and Tom Womack's platforms at <http://taff.org.uk/>.

Incidentally, [*your heading*] "News From Bree" wasn't a bad guess, but "News From the Shire" might be more accurate: Sarehole Mill, which inspired Tolkien's Hobbiton, is only three or four miles from my home in Olton.

*Lloyd Penney, 1706-24 Eva Rd., Etobicoke, ON, M9C 2B2,
December 10, 2008*

Got the latest *BCSFazine*, issue 427, and I'm on a pre-Christmas tear to respond to as many fanzines as I can.

First of all, I suppose we all know by now of the passing of Forrest J. Ackerman at the age of 92. I think many of us are surprised by how the press has covered Forry's passing. There are two articles on Forry on the CBC.ca website, both by Robin Rowland. I've left comments below that article, as has Andrew Murdoch. We will all miss Forry, always a genial, smiling man, supportive of all who enjoyed science fiction, fantasy and horror.

*(I've only skimmed the press coverage, so I didn't notice anything surprising. Never having met the gentleman, I only knew about Ackerman from several reports, and from the character modeled on him in *Fallen Angels*.)*

I wonder if it might be an idea to relay to the membership copies of the clubzines in Ottawa and Montreal. They seem to have each a stable of contributors, and the membership of each seems to be relatively content with what they get in the *Statement* and *Warp*. If BCSFA members are given an example of what other clubs do in their publications, they might have a better idea of what they might be able to do for you and BCSFAzine.

((I will have to run this past the members. I have presented hardcopy zines at a few meetings and FREDs, and have yet to email copies of the digital zines to them.))

My loc...I suspect that for every person who says they are a fan or is in fandom, every single one of them has a different definition or idea of what fandom or a fan is. I also suggest that the definitions of 'nerd' and 'geek' seem to waver back and forth between something positive and something negative. Those definitions are rarely neutral, they always used to be negative, and somehow, those words have acquired a positive spin, and I'm not sure how.

((In the first place, "fan" is a word in the common English vocabulary, so it is used for and by a lot of leisure interest groups. As a practical matter, what used to be mainstream culture has fragmented into subcultures (just like fandom), which form as often around hobby groups as around occupations or ethnicities or religious communities. In the second place, social marginals called "nerds" and "geeks" were never more than a minority, even in fandom or computer science or anywhere else. They shouldn't even be a subject we associate with fandom, but for the fact that newscritters, in their never-ending search for groundless stereotypes, seized upon "nerd" as the way to characterize science fiction people.))

I never shop at Wal-Mart, which is why I laughed at the Wal-Mart clone Buy 'n Large in *Wall-E*. They owned everything, from the crappy merchandise in their stores to the transit system in the city to the starships that took the world's population away from Earth. There was the news earlier today that the Wal-Mart in Weyburn, Saskatchewan finally got union certification after 4 years. Now to see if Wal-Mart simply shuts down the Weyburn store they way they did in Quebec after a couple of Wal-Marts there also formed union chapters.

((Ay de mi ...))

Fannish news does seem to be at a premium. I put in what I can. I often find that basic information, which can also make

news, about clubs or conventions or special events are often buried in the second or third level pages of their websites. Remember a few years ago I had wondered aloud about doing a national SF/fan newsletter? Not sure that's possible now, unless we make that newsletter also include all kinds of conventions and clubs, like gaming, filk, Trek, Who, assorted media, anime and all activities that we accept as being a part of Fandom As A Whole.

((I recently tried tabulating all the clubs and websites and Facebook groups mentioned in my materials for a BCSFA members' handbook. Came to 55 entries. I'm sure I could find more, just in Canada, by combing CanadianConrunners and Made in Canada and convention lists.

((I guess I'm challenging BCSFA members to broaden their horizons, and show how much they give a damn outside their current focus. As well as testing my knowledge base against theirs.

((My touchstone for news is, news of interest and importance to the readers. But I guess people haven't felt the need for news about other fans; the fans whose interests extend beyond their immediate specialty or local group are now the minority. And I guess that's the real definition of what Arnie Katz has designated Core Fandom: those who maintain the sense of fandom as a geographically-distributed village; which, let's face it, is an old-fashioned grey-haired minority interest, now.))

Communications with Randy Byers re Corflu Zed reveals that the committee is working on the second issue of *AmaZed and CorfluZed*, their progress report/conzine, and it should have a letter column. Is there anyone from Vancouver who is thinking of going down? For ConComCon 16, Alex von Thorn and Marah Searle-Kovacevic both live in Toronto, and Marah lives a short drive south from me in Etobicoke.

((Unless someone actually read the short mention I put in recent BCSFAzines, local fans are unaware of Corflu. This should change with this issue. Whether any local fans are interested, much less about to visit, I don't know. I am in no position to attend. (Anyway I felt out of place myself, the last time I was at a Seattle Corflu.) If anyone local is engaged in a travelling convention, it is the chair of the last and future VCon, involved with the next ConComCon in Vancouver.))

The report from Rob Hilton re the past few years' history of ConVersion is an inexpensive education for anyone who wants to stage a convention, and realizes they have to incorporate. The good times take a lot of work to create, and you must do your due diligence to ensure that all legalities are taken care of. The

details sound very familiar to me, especially years ago when Yvonne and I found out what it took to incorporate Toronto Trek Celebration, and we became a temporary division of Ad Astra to satisfy the laws of that time in the limited time we had. Believe me, if there is a fannish lawyer in your midst, bring him on board to make your life dealing with incorporation and societies laws much easier. Thank you, Rob, for writing it, and to you, Garth, for printing it. I'll get out there one of these days...

((I have to confess that I ran that piece against the wishes of Rob Hilton, who wanted to present a more polished version for BCSFAzine. He just didn't produce a different draft by production time. Whether the point you took from his piece was clear to readers, I will have to wait and find out.))

Thanks for promoting "Tales From the Convention!"...if you have the story I sent you, it would look great in issue 428. If you don't have it, let me know, and I can send it again. Also, Yvonne and I were two of Steve Green's nominators for the current TAFF race. We hope we'll make the difference. Usually, to vote for the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund, you need to put in 2 pounds Sterling or US\$3, but seeing that the TAFF winner would be coming to Montreal, I'd think it would make sense to be able to vote with some Canadian cash. I'll be asking about it with the current administrators.

((Nope, I don't believe I received the story. Please send it again. I might have sent the TAFF ballot with the December BCSFAzine, but I didn't. Again, felt need and demonstrated interest are lacking here.))

I tried to view and print page 17 of the .pdf...just wouldn't go. Not sure what happened there, but Adobe just didn't like that page.

((Our copy centre ran into a similar problem at first.))

Myself, I thought the rest of the zine was just fine and thank you very much for it. Yvonne and I hope your Christmas and New Year's are more than just fine. We'll see you in 2009.

Time Present and Time Past

January 2009

January 4 (7 p.m.): **Discordian Meetup gathering** at The Grind Gallery and Café, 4124 Main Street at King Edward Avenue, Vancouver, BC. One of Garth's ideas.

January 9 - 11, 2009 - Rustycon 26 - Seatac, Washington (General SF)

Jan. 15: Deadline for speculative literature submissions to *Room of One's Own*, PO Box 46160 Station D, Vancouver, BC Canada V6J 5G5.

January 16 - 18, 2009 - Conquest NW - Bellevue, Washington (Gaming)

January 30 - February 1, 2009 - - Confilkt - Seattle, Washington (local northwest filking convention)

Confilkt, as Cindy Turner reminds me, will be held January 30th to February 1st, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Seattle-Renton in Renton, Washington.

January 30 - February 1, 2009 - Eugene Games Gala - Eugene, Oregon (Gaming)

February 2009

February 6 - 8, 2009 - BeyondCon - Gig Harbor, Washington (a costuming relaxicon that is fast becoming a costuming staple in our convention listing)

February 6 - 9, 2009 - GottaCon - Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (Gaming)

February 7th, 2009 - Science Fiction + Fantasy Short Film Festival - Seattle, WA (Film - may need to hunt around a bit on the Science Fiction Museum site to find the information)

February 7th-8th, 2009 - Game Design Expo -Vancouver, BC Canada (Gaming with emphasis on game design)

February book discussion: In February, we'll be discussing *Lord Valentine's Castle* by Robert Silverberg.

February 13 - 15, 2009 - Radcon 5a - Pasco, Washington (General SF with a gaming and relaxicon emphasis)

February 19 - 21, 2009 - Life, the Universe & Everything 26 - Provo, Utah (Academic symposium on science fiction and fantasy with an emphasis on writing.

February 27 - March 1, 2009 - Potlatch 18 - San Francisco Bay Area, California exact location TBD (General SF with a writer emphasis - and rotates between California, Oregon and Seattle)

February 28 - March 2, 2009 - Dak-Kon XIV - Courtenay, BC Canada (Vancouver Island gaming event)

March 2009

The **March book discussion** will cover *The Shadow of the Torturer* by Gene Wolfe.

March 6: premieres of *Watchmen* and *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*.

March 12 - 15, 2009 - Anime Oasis EVO - Boise, Idaho (anime)

March 13 - 15: **Corflu Zed**, Seattle, WA. (Corflu is a convention-type gathering of the fanzine fan community.) *AmaZed and CorfluZed*, the first progress report by Randy Byers, is now posted at efanzines.com See <http://corflu.org> for more information.

March 14th, 2009 - The Joy of Modeling: Vancouver, Washington (Modeling)

March 26 - 29, 2009 - GameStorm - Portland, Oregon (Gaming)

April 2009

April 2 - 4, 2009 - Stargate SG-1 and Atlantis Convention in Vancouver - Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada (Creation Entertainment for profit media convention)

April 4 - 5, 2009 - Emerald City ComiCon - Seattle, Washington (Comics)

April 9 - 12, 2009 - Norwescon 32 - Seatac, Washington (major regional science fiction convention)

April 10 - 12, 2009 - SakuraCon 2007 - Seattle, Washington (Sakura-Con is the premier Pacific Northwest Anime Convention devoted to East Asian Culture, with a particular focus on Japanese animation (anime), Japanese Comics (manga), and video gaming)

April 25 - 26, 2009 - Calgary Comics & Entertainment Expo - Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Comics)

April 30 - May 3, 2009 - World Horror Con 2009 - Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Premier horror convention)

May 2009

May 15 - 16, 2009 - 10th Annual UFO Festival - UFOFest - McMinnville, Oregon (well, as you might guess - a UFO enthusiast event taking place in the Pacific Northwest)

May 15-17th, 2009 - Zompire - Portland, Oregon (Undead film festival)

May 22 - 25, 2009 - MisCon 23 - Missoula, Montana (General SF)

May 22 - 24, 2009 - CONduit XIX - Salt Lake City (General SF)

May 30, 2009 - Spokane Comicon - Spokane, Washington (Comics)

June 2009

June 5-7: **ConComCon 16** somewhere in Vancouver, BC. Hotel TBA. (ConComCon is a convention-type gathering of the conrunning

community.) Memberships \$35. Oddly, the contact addresses, both mail and online, are in Seattle and Toronto, not in Vancouver (but we know that Danielle Stephens is their Lower Mainland representative). ConComCon is organized under the auspices of the Seattle Westercon Organizing Committee (SWOC). Write the co-chairs Alex von Thorn (Seattle) or Marah Searle-Kovacevic (Toronto) c/o either: ConComCon 16, c/o SWOC, Box 1066, Seattle, WA 98111, USA, or ConComCon 16, 151 Gamma Street, Toronto, ON M8W 4G3. email concomcon16@worldhouse.com.

June 12 - 14, 2009 - Anime Evolution - Vancouver, BC, Canada
Vancouver's Japanese Animation Convention and Asian Popular Culture Festival; at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre, Vancouver, BC.

July 2009

July 2-5: **FiestaCon / Westercon 62** at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Arizona. Guests of Honor: Artist Todd Lockwood; Author Alan Dean Foster; Editor Stanley Schmidt; Fans Jim & Doreen Webbert; TMs Patrick and Teresa Nielsen Hayden. Rooms (1-800-547-8705, booking code 2T80CO) range from \$119/nite S/D to \$139 Queen. Memberships range from \$30 supporting to \$70 full attending. Write: FiestaCon c/o Leprecon, Inc., PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285, tel. (480) 945-6890 (24-hour home office), email info@fiestacon.org, or see www.fiestacon.org.

July 17th - 19th: **BC RenFest 2009**, probably at Aldor Acres. Keep watching bcrenfest.com.

July 31st - August 2nd, 2009 - SpoCon - Spokane, Washington (General SF)

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. Author Julie Czerneda will be Master of Ceremonies. Artist GoH announced: Ralph Bakshi. Memberships now Can55/\$US55/£30/€35 supp; discounts for site selection voters, presupporters, etc. See <http://www.anticipationsf.ca/>, email: media@anticipationsf.ca or write to: Anticipation The 67th World Science Fiction Convention, P.O. Box 105, Station NDG Montréal, QC H4A 3P4.

August 7th-9th, 2009 - Fandemonium - Boise, Idaho (General SF, media and more)

Aug. 21-23: **Con-Version 25** in Calgary, AB. Hotel venue: TBA. Guests of Honour are Terry Brooks and Tanya Huff. See <http://www.con-version.org>.

September 2009

Labour Day Weekend: **3-Day Novel Contest** by Anvil Press in Vancouver.

Sept. 4-7: **The North American Discworld Convention** at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Arizona; a celebration of Terry Pratchett's series. GoH: Terry Pratchett, with Diane Duane, Peter Morwood, and Esther Friesner; more guests TBA. Rooms 1-800-547-8705, booking code 2TC4Y9) range from \$119/nite S/D to \$139 Queen. Memberships range from \$30 supporting to \$80 full attending; pay online with PayPal. Write North American Discworld Convention 2009, c/o Leprecon, Inc., PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285, tel. (480) 945-6890 (24-hour home office), or email info@nadwcon.org. For more information see www.nadwcon.org.

October 2009

Oct 2-4: **VCon 34** at the Compass Point Inn, Surrey, BC. GoHs: Author Tanya Huff, ArtGoH Miles Tweet (SF and fantasy film illustrator Hotel: Compass Point Inn, 9850 King George Highway, Surrey, BC V3T 4Y3, www.compasspointinn.com. Reservations: +1-800-663-0660. Box 78069, Grandview RPO, Vancouver, BC V5N 5W1; Phone: (778) 230-1605; Website: www.vcon.ca

Oct. 23-25: **Steamcon** at the SeaTac Marriott in Seattle, WA. A convention celebrating "steampunk" (DIY technology-tweaking, but set in the Victorian mechanical age). Writer GoH: Tim Powers (e.g. *The Anubis Gates*, *The Stress of Her Regard*, *On Stranger Tides*). For more information see www.steam-con.com

Sound and Fury Signifying Nothing / News

LET US NOW PRAISE FAMOUS FEN

Forrest J. Ackerman (Nov. 24, 1916 – Dec. 4, 2008)

Forrest J. Ackerman, editor of *Famous Monsters of Filmland* and *Spacemen* magazines and collector of the unofficial Ackerman SF museum, died at home on December 4 at the age of 92. Consternation and comment has swept fandom.

Forry, as he was nicknamed, is credited with introducing costuming to SF conventions. He invented the term "sci-fi" in 1954, and acted as agent for some of the best-known writers in the field. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2002 World Fantasy Convention.

Alan White, a fanzine fan in Las Vegas, has produced a 40-page tribute to Forry, including photos, stories, reminiscences, and memories. The tribute is available at <http://efanzines.com>.

FRAN DOES CUFF AT ANTICIPATION

"I am pleased to announce that Fran Skene is attending Anticipation, during which Fran will conduct one of her Turkey Reading fundraisers for the benefit of CUFF."

Murray Moore, Nov. 13, 2008

FILK COMPETITION

You are invited to contribute parodies of two Stan Rogers songs for consideration by the Royal Swiss Navy Marines Chorus. For some time now Garth Spencer has been stalled on filk parodies of "Northwest Passage" and "Barrett's Privateers", based on the drafts I have supplied below. (For one thing, I don't know enough about Norwescon's history to write a good filk about it. Hint hint, Steve.)

Incidentally if you have ideas for any other filksongs, based on relatively well-known popular music, by all means submit them to the editor of *BCSFAzine*.

Examples:

(to the tune of "Northwest Passage")

(Chorus)

Oh, and just one time I would make it to Norwescon
And hear the voice of Suryan yelling at Security *
Tracing one warm line through a land so mild and savage
And make it to Norwescon by the sea!

(This cries out for correction. I really don't know the history.)*

Due south from the Peace Arch gate, 'tis there 'twas said to lie
the greatest con in Puget for which so many vied;
Seeking gold and glory, leaving crumbled, broken scones
And long-forgotten used-up microphones.

Thirty years thereafter, I take passage overland
In the footsteps of brave Steven Barnes, where his workshops
began
Watching cities rise before me, then behind me sink again
This tardiest explorer, driving hard across the plain.

And through the night, behind the wheel, the mileage clicking
north
I think of Robert Runte and the others who went forth
Who cracked the Promo Barrier and did show a path for me
To race the other concoms to the sea.

How then am I so different from the first fen through this way?
Like them, I left a mundane life, I threw it all away.
To go to great Norwescon and promote for many fen
The cons that we will hold back home again.

(to the tune of "Barrett's Privateers")

Oh, the year was 1989
(How I wish I was in Fairfield * now),
When a bloody great con bid hove in sight
Picking up fanboys left and right

(My idea is to name a different place in BC every time this line comes up – as long as it isn't in Vancouver.)*

(Chorus)
God damn them all! I was told
we'd cruise the cons for American gold
We'd lose no points – shed no tears
But I'm a broken fan on a False Creek pier
The last of Fowler's volunteers!

BIFFNESS

"Nine fans turned out to see the first episode of the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* last week, as our attendance began to get a little closer to our average (which, for the statistically inclined, is 12.99 people per week.) Attendance has been way off the average this month, no doubt because somebody hasn't been posting the BIFFnews like he should. We also welcomed our second-youngest BIFF attendee to date.

"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."

Greg Slade, December 4, 2008

Caverns Measureless to Man / Other Fandoms

How much Neat Stuff is going on, at least in the Lower Mainland, that usually doesn't get covered in these pages?

Here is all I know about the following fandoms:

ANIME / JAPANESE ANIMATION

Anime Evolution is a summer anime convention, held originally at Simon Fraser University, which now has four-figure attendances.

There is a Kamloops Anime Club with the following website – www.geocities.com/kamloopsanimeclub/

CLUBS IN THE REGION

Include:

The Northwest SF Society in the Seattle area

The Outer Rim Squadron - see members.shaw.ca/outerrim

The Portland SF Society - email porsfis@yahoo.com

The Royal Swiss Navy – new website under construction

The UBC SF Society - email ubc_sfs_alumni@yahoo.com

Or see Groups.yahoo.com/group/ubc_sfs/alumni/

CLUBS FURTHER ABROAD

FREDERICTON SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY: “Along with our official meetings, members of the group congregate on Monday Nights for a gathering at Tingley’s Traditions/Quiznos on Dundonald Street, Fredericton, NB. The times vary, especially during the summer months, but generally anytime after 8:00pm until closing at 10:00pm.

“The FSFS also helps in the volunteering at Communicon, which is a local gaming convention held the last weekend in January. Though it is a separate entity from the FSFS, it is run by two of the club members and many of the club participate in one facet or another.” For details & info see <<http://www.celtic-dragon.ca/fsfswebsitemain.html>>

MonSFFA – THE MONTREAL SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY ASSOCIATION: “MonSFFA a club for fans of the science fiction and fantasy genres. We are your connection to the SF/F community, local, national and international. We have been active since 1987. Our areas of interest span the full spectrum of the SF/F universe: literature, movies, television, comics, gaming, art, animation, scale-model building, costuming, memorabilia collecting, film/video production and more!”

MonSFFA is probably the most active SF club in Canada, with a healthy membership base, event-packed club activity, the monthly newsletter *Impulse* (available for download) and a quarterly clubzine *Warp* (members only download, or discretion of editor). Their website is well worth checking out for the

downloadable fan films *Beavra*, *Moose Man*, and *The Simpleton's Life*. For details & info: <<http://www.monsffa.com/>>

Facebook for Montreal fandom: "A celebration and gathering of all past and present members of Montreal Fandom, as well as their many friends throughout the world." 35 members. <<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=3433145295>>

OSFS – THE OTTAWA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY: "The Ottawa Science Fiction Society is an organization of fans of science fiction, fantasy and other speculative fiction in its various forms, whether in prose novels or comics, television or motion pictures, hardcopy or software. OSFS is the oldest operating science fiction club in Ottawa: Founded in 1977 and incorporated in 1979.

"Our regular monthly meetings are usually held at the Dalhousie Community Centre at 775 Somerset St. W. at 2 PM on the last Sunday of each month, except during summer hiatus." "Our regular newsletter, the OSFS Statement, is published monthly. OSFS members receive hardcopies by mail." For details & info: <<http://osfs.ncf.ca/>>

Facebook for Ottawa fans & anyone interested in keeping in touch with them. 28 members. <<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=3254325206>>

SFL - SCIENCE FICTION LONDON: "Science Fiction London (SFL) evolved out of an earlier club called Star Trek Ontario, founded in 1980 by a group of Star Trek fans. Science Fiction London (SFL) is a group of science fiction enthusiasts living in and around London, Ontario, Canada. We meet monthly in London to discuss science fiction. We also get together occasionally for social events like movie days and barbecues.

"To get the most out of the meetings, you should read the book that we will be discussing prior to the meeting, assuming that the topic is a book. The schedule of upcoming meetings can be found in the Meeting Topics section of [the] Website. Please note that if the topic is a film, the meeting will include a showing of the film prior to the discussion so you won't need to prepare ahead of time. If the topic is a theme, there may or may not be reading that you should do before you attend the meeting; in that case, the details will be displayed in the Meeting Topics page.

"Our meetings take place at the Central Branch of the London Public Library at 251 Dundas Street between Wellington and Clarence Streets. Meetings about books will be held in the Tonda Room. Meetings about films will take place in the Stevenson and Hunt Room, which is beside the Tonda Room.

Both rooms are on the first floor of the Central Branch.” For details & info: <<http://sfl.london.on.ca/>>

COMICS

In the Lower Mainland, I am only aware of the Golden Age Collectibles and Comic Shop stores in Vancouver, and the Vancouver Comicons run semi-quarterly by Len Wong.

CONRUNNERS' FANDOM

It took some decades, but I established that there is a sort of conrunners' fandom. An unofficial network of fans, sometimes called the “floating Worldcon committee”, holds the annual SMOFCon in December. An attempt to form a Northwest Con League in the Pacific Northwest produced the NCL Yahoo! group, the June ConComCon (or C-Cubed), and the Seattle Westercon/Worldcon Organizing Committee. A similar inspiration has recently produced the Canadian Conrunners' Yahoo! Group, and established SF Contario.

COSTUMERS

I am only aware of the B.C. Costumers List – groups.yahoo.com/group/bc_costumers - and a travelling World Costumers' Convention, which was held in Calgary not very long ago.

FANFICTION (AND FAANFICTION)

Does anybody still write fiction about real fans, or just fan-written stories set in TV and movie story universes?

FILK FANDOM

Confilkt, Cindy Turner has reminded me, will be held January 30th to February 1st, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Seattle-Renton in Renton, Washington.

GAMERS AND GAMING

All I know about the local gaming fandom is the Vancouver Gaming Guild, at www.vancouvergamingguild.com and the existence of several game supply stores, such as Imperial Hobbies in Richmond.

MEDIA GROUPS

THE 13TH COLONY – VANCOUVER'S BATTLESTAR GALACTICA FAN CLUB "If you've ever wondered if your boss is really a Cylon, if you've dreamed of flying a Viper, or if you find yourself using the word 'frak' in casual conversation, then this is the place for you!

"*Battlestar Galactica* is the coolest show on TV, and it is made right here in Vancouver, so why not take advantage of that? If you would like to meet up with other BSG fans in the Lower Mainland, join us!" "Our motto is "We found Earth, but where can we find coffee?!" Therefore, coffee meetups are pretty regular, but we also hold viewing parties and location scouting missions." "Welcome to The 13th Colony. So say we all!

"To keep up with our adventures online, check out our blog: <http://13thcolony...>"

The 501st Legion – Vader's First, or Badlands Garrison, and The Rebel Legion Canadian Base, are conceivably Star Wars fans. Check out (respectively) www.501st.com and www.rebellegion.com. Alternatively, see www.outerrimsquad.net and www.badlands.ca.

Altered Reality Club – www.sfu.ca/ar-club

Babylon 5: NW-B5, nw-b5.com

B.C. BROWNCOATS: The B.C. Browncoats, founded April 2004, are fans of *Firefly* and *Serenity*, created by Joss Whedon. There are about 300 members. "Every Thursday from 8-10 PM we meet in the Canadian Browncoat's Chat Room. New members are always welcome, so please come and join us for a chat!"

Simply register at <http://p201.ezboard.com/bccanadianbrowncoats2932> See <http://www.browncoats.ca/> website for details & info, or The Vancouver *Firefly/Serenity* Meetup Group (Vancouver) at <http://firefly.meetup.com/12/> "Grab a drink, pull up a chair and join us online! It's free...and it's FUN!"

K.I.D.C. – Klingon Imperial Diplomatic Corps: "World's largest & most popular Klingon cultural website... dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Klingon culture and society here on Earth. On this award-winning website, you will find over 225 pages of Klingon data; info on the KIDC, Klingon rituals, ceremonies and traditions, intergalactic cuisine, Klingon fashion and costuming, ships and weaponry; as well as popular

discussion forums, numerous Klingon-related mailing lists, and more...

"The KIDC is an independent and neutral Klingon organization that does not get involved in intraclub political disputes or disagreements. We believe that a Klingon is a Klingon, no matter what organization, club or group they belong to or are affiliated with. We hope to serve as a central resource of Klingon cultural information to all Klingons, regardless of their background.

"Our headquarters is the Klingon Imperial Embassy, based in the Montreal Sector of Canada... The KIDC has many different departments and sections; one of which you will be assigned based on your qualifications and your career preference. Each of our members chooses a Klingon name and puts together a character or persona that fits plausibly within the generally accepted view of the Klingon Empire within the period of The Grand Alliance.

"Depending on your location on the globe, there are many different ways of participating in the club. We highly encourage interaction between member's characters both through role-playing and through real-life communications via regular snail mail, e-mail and participation in our many Klingon-related mailing lists as well as our Klingon Imperial Forums. Members can also become involved in Klingon cultural research, assisting with website maintenance, recruiting and promotion, organizing display tables at conventions, club fund-raising, and organizing or assisting in charitable events." For details & info: <<http://www.klingon.org>>

MELLYNANNUI is a Lord of the Rings Yahoo! list at ...
ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/mellynannui/

Muggles for Magic is the Lower Mainland Harry Potter Club at harrypotter.meetup.com/450/

STARFLEET REGION 10:

"Starfleet was founded by Star Trek enthusiasts in 1974 and has become an international fan organization whose members (4000 +) are united the world over in their appreciation of Star Trek. Hundreds of chapters worldwide link members into local fandom as well as the international organization.

"Region 10 encompasses the geopolitical areas of Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan and Yukon. Includes Starships: *USS Majestic* (Victoria, B.C.), *USS SOL* (Alaska), & *USS Bondar* (?). For details & info: <<http://www.10thfleet.org/>>

USS MAJESTIC NCC-78601 (REGION 10 STARFLEET) This *Star Trek* vessel is the flagship for Region 10 Starfleet (see non-local clubs), and is based in Victoria, B.C. About 18 members listed. "Like many ships, our crew is diverse and has a variety of interests, but for us on board *USS Majestic* our major activities include social events such as watching movies, hiking, games and short story writing." Recently began publishing a monthly newsletter titled *Majestic Mews* available online. For details & info: <<http://www.uss-majestic.org/>>

MEDIEVAL RECREATIONISTS

The B.C. Renaissance Festival was held rather successfully in August 2008 at Aldor Acres. BC RenFest 2009 is scheduled for July 17th, 18th, 19th 2009 at a location yet to be determined. Keep watching bcrenfest.com for future announcements. info@bcrenfest.com www.bcrenfest.com

The Northern Society For Creative Anachronism (PO Box 72108 Old Orchard PO, Burnaby, BC V5H 4P9) was incorporated in July 1976 under the Society Act in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, to provide a venue for reporting finances to the British Columbia Government so as to maintain non-profit status. After a few years, the NSCA made arrangements with Sport BC to provide third party liability insurance and out-of-country travel insurance.

The NSCA is not affiliated with the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). Membership in the NSCA does not imply or include membership in the SCA.

MEETUP GROUPS

DISCORDIANS – Garth is setting up a Vancouver Discordians Meetup group, with monthly face-to-face meetings at The Grind Gallery & Café, on Main Street near King Edward Avenue.

FANCOUVER: VANCOUVER SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY MEETUP – Vancouver, B.C. Founded Sept 21, 2005. 118 Members. "Meet fellow Sci-fi/Fantasy Fans near you! Come to a local Sci-fi/Fantasy Meetup to have fun talking science fiction and fantasy in literature, media, gaming and art. Who knows, maybe we'll hit a convention too!" For details & info: <<http://scifi.meetup.com/278/>>

MODEL MAKERS

MONSTER FIGHTERS ONLINE CLUB (of Monster Attack Team Canada) “This Group is for anyone who wants to talk Science fiction and Fantasy films, Figure Garage kits, Monster toys, DVDs, up-coming films, and just plain cool stuff! ...”

Every month a MOTM (Monster of the month) topic is chosen. The MOTM is announced at the beginning of each month. “Monster of the Month is designed to inspire Monster Fighters to study their enemies. Sometime during November watch the MOTM . . . then post comments, reviews, thoughts, or pictures to the clubhouse.

“We're still hungry for info on models, toys, pictures and other cool stuff devoted to those monsters. Scan the web, search the world, and deliver the results of your searches back here!”

For details & info:

<<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/MonsterFighters>>

Maritime Science Fiction Modelers: “The Maritime Science Fiction Modelers consists of about 20 model builders who enjoy the realm of Science Fiction model subjects. We now have members in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario.

“Formed in 1993 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the group gathers once a month to discuss the sci-fi modeling world, talk about new science fiction movies and television, and swap model building techniques. At our meetings, we are able to work on our latest model, or we can show off our most recent modeling triumph.

“Many members of the group are involved in promoting the model building hobby, and we have had models in several model contests, museum exhibits, science fiction conventions, local television and movie theatre lobbies.

“It wasn't until 2002 that we finally put a website together so that more than just the Maritime provinces of eastern Canada could see what we were up to. Enjoy your visit!”

For details & info see: <<http://msfm.seryan.com/>>

RADIO SF

The Ether Patrol was a community-radio SF show, founded and hosted for several years by BCSFA members. Although dormant for the last several years, there remains Yahoo! group.

HiSciFi (see www.hiscifi.com) is the HiSciFi radio show, broadcast 5 pm Fridays on CJSF Radio, 90.1 FM, hosted by Irma Arkus (irma@hiscifi.com).

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BCSFA's website is at www.bcsfa.net.

The BCSFA email list is bc_scifi_assc@yahoogroups.com,
archived at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bc_scifi_assc/

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