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### This Month in BCSFA

- Saturday 1 November @ 7 p.m.: **Discordian Meetup Group / Royal Swiss Navy / Garth Spencer's Evil Mad Scientist Conspiracy Meeting** at the Grind Gallery and Café, 4124 Main Street and King Edward. In Vancouver, that is. Be there or be mundane.—Garth
- Thursday 12 November @ 7 p.m.: **November book discussion** at the Grind Gallery & Café. Book to be discussed will be *Nine Layers of Sky* by Liz Williams.
- Friday 13 November: **'BCSFazine' deadline**—see Felicity's contact information in the indicia above.
- Sunday 15 November @ 7 p.m.: **BCSFA meeting / party**—at Kathleen Moore's, 8311 Number One Road, Richmond. Basement suite, around side/back. No parking in rear driveway; use street in front. Call 604-771-0845 for directions.
- Friday 27 November: **'BCSFazine' production.**

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## Letters of Comment

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Saturday 17 September 2009

Dear Felicity:

Just past the deadline as usual. That's a habit I have, but I do try to meet them, honest...

[No problem!]

Here's some commentary on the newest *BCSFazine* issue 437.

I hope VCon 34 was a success for all. I don't know of anyone who gets to all the cons they want to go to, and this would have been a great one to attend. Maybe 35 or 36? Gotta save my shekels. I hope there will be a full report on the con in the next issue.

[I don't have time to write a con report this month, but I hope to soon. Meanwhile, how about if I run some photos?]

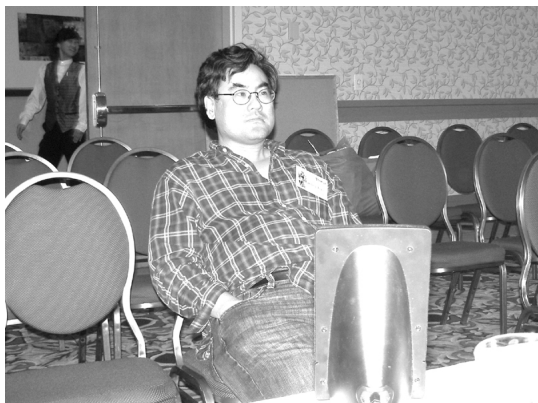


How was Lar deSouza as a guest?

My LOC...as before, there's an Ad Astra meeting tomorrow, plus on the 25<sup>th</sup>, there is The Bazaar of the Bizarre, a goth/Steampunk/Hallowe'en shopping opportunity, with 40 different vendors, some of whom are regularly seen at local SF conventions. This should be a fun day. By the way, is anyone in Vancouver going to Steamcon in Seattle next weekend? If Steampunk is truly coming to Vancouver, have fun with it. Look it up on Google and FaceBook, and you will suddenly have more inspiration than you can handle.

[I like the colour scheme of Steamcon's website and used a tile of their paisley/clockwork background to accompany their calendar listing last month.]

Thanks for publishing the article about raising funds for the fan funds...anyone at BCSFA want some of my zines? Easily done, in exchange for a donation to CUFF. Current administration (because she was the CUFF delegate in Montréal) is LeAmber Kensley of Winnipeg.



The TAFF ballot is now available. The candidates are Frank Wu, and Anne KG Murphy and Brian Gray as a couple.

I'm racking my brains to see what else I can include here, but I can't, so I will just say that I quite enjoyed this current issue, and I will look for the next issue, real soon.

Yours,  
Lloyd Penney

## Calendar

Note to print readers: underlined events have an associated URL. Links included in the PDF version at <http://www.efanzines.com/BCSFA/>.

### November 2009

November is [National Novel Writing Month](#) (AKA NaNoWriMo) and Peanut Butter Lovers' Month.

1 November 2009: Day of the Dead and Plan Your Epitaph Day. Birthday of special effects artist Dennis Muren (*Terminator 2: Judgment Day*).

2 November 2009: Birthday of comics artist/writer Steve Ditko.

3 November 2009: Premiere of new *V* TV series on ABC. Birthday of manga artist Osamu Tezuka, actor/director/special effects/make-up artist Tom Savini (*Dawn of the Dead*), voice actor Jim Cummings (Thrakkorzog), and *Mystery Science Theater 3000* writer/actor Kevin Murphy.

4 November 2009: King Tut Day (87<sup>th</sup> anniversary of discovery of King Tutankhamen's tomb). Waiting for the Barbarians Day.

5 November 2009: Guy Fawkes Day. Birthday of comics writer/artist/historian Jim Steranko and *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* actor Armin Shimmerman.

6–8 November 2009: [AKI-Con](#)—anime and manga festival at the [Holiday Inn](#), 3105 Pine Street, (downtown) Everett, WA, 98201; 425-339-2000. Memberships: Friday—\$15; Saturday—\$20; Sunday—\$15. Guests: Michael McConno-

hie [*Transformers* (Tracks and Cosmos); *Robotech* (Rolf Emerson); *Fist of the North Star* (Shin)]; Melodee M. Spevack [*Fist of the North Star* (Julia)]; Ichidan! Cosplay Group; Soul Candy: Otaku Rock (anime cover band); Velocity Demo Team (martial arts); New Destiny Productions (manga); Phoenix Ash (J-rock band); Curtis “Takahata101” Arnott (amateur voice actor/cosplayer); Blue Bow Space (cosplay); Stephanie Yanez (singer); Polo (vocals and guitar); Cositus (visual kei band). Live demonstrations, dealers’ hall, gaming, anime viewing room, how to draw manga, artists’ alley, contests, photo booth, cosplay group meetups, panels, manga kissaten (library). Contact: [info@akicon.org](mailto:info@akicon.org) or [register@akicon.org](mailto:register@akicon.org).—Garth Spencer

6 November 2009: Premiere of movies *The Men Who Stare at Goats* (army psychics), *The Box* (adaptation of Richard Matheson story “Button, Button”), and *The Fourth Kind* (alien abductions). Birthday of *Mystery Science Theater 3000* writer/actor Trace Beaulieu.



7 November 2009: [Howloween 2009](#) (furry event).

10 a.m. to half-hour after midnight at [Compass Point Inn](#), 9850 King George Highway, Surrey, BC, Canada, V3T 4Y3 (about 100 meters South of King George skytrain station). Hotel reservations: 1-800-663-0660. Special event hotel room rate \$89/night plus taxes. When reserving a room, say you are attending the Howloween event on Nov. 7 for special rate. Special rate can be applied upon check-in as well. Admission: \$20. For more information see <http://www.howloween.ca/>.—Julian Castle

**A WINNER IS YOU!** 7 November 2009: Birthday of Nintendo president Hiroshi Yamauchi.

8 November 2009: Fursuit and furry bowling. Noon to 3 p.m. at [Revs Bowling Centre](#), 5502 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby, BC (about 120 meters West of Holdom skytrain station). Arrangements have been made to have a section of 10 lanes for furry bowling. \$40 for 90 minutes per lane, 6 people per lane. Organize your own groups and pay up front. Change space provided.—Julian Castle

8 November 2009: Birthday of game manufacturer Milton Bradley, novelist Bram Stoker, typographer Hermann Zapf, and screenwriter Richard Curtis (see October's "Media File").

9 November 2009: Birthday of astronomer/writer Carl Sagan, comics writer Bill Mantlo, and *Star Trek: Voyager* actor Robert Duncan McNeill.

10 November 2009: Birthday of copywriter/game designer Shigesato Itoi (*Shigesato Itoi's No. 1 Bass Fishing*), screenwriter/producer Debra Hill (*Escape from New York*), producer/director Roland Emmerich (*Stargate*), and writer Neil Gaiman.

11 November 2009: Birthday of novelist Kurt Vonnegut.

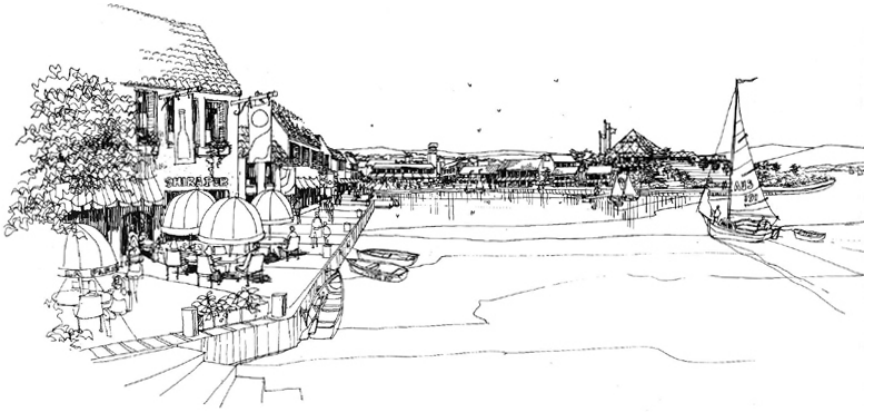
13 November 2009: Premiere of movies *2012* (disaster), *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* (furry).

14 November 2009: Babylon 5 Vancouver is holding "[The Gathering](#)" from 6–9 p.m. at La Fontana Caffè, 3701 Hastings Street (at Boundary Road), Burnaby, BC.—Keith Lim

14 November 2009: Young Readers Day. Co-founded in 1989 by Pizza Hut and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Birthday of composer Wendy Carlos (*Tron*) and *Doctor Who* actor Paul McGann.

14 November 2009: [Otafest Lite](#), 10 a.m.–8 p.m. at the University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2N 1N4. Admission: \$10. A one-day anime festival run by the University of Calgary's anime club, Dedicated Anime Otaku, designed to be like the earlier, smaller Otafests from ten years ago.

15 November 2009: [Vancouver Comicon](#), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street, Vancouver, BC. Special Guests: James Stokoe (*Wonton Soup*, *Comic Book Tattoo*), Kelly Everaert (*Jungle Tales*, *Trilogy of Terror*), James Lloyd (*Other Stuff*), Matthew Ocasio (*The Matter*), Andrew Salmon (*Sherlock Holmes*, *Secret Agent X*), Robin Thompson (*Champions of Hell*, *Hemp Island*), Marley Zarcone (*Popgun*), Mary Karaplis, Carrie McKay, Beth Wagner, Critical Hit Comics. Dealer Tables: \$40/centre; \$50/wall. Admission: \$4.00. Kids under 14: free. For more information, please e-mail [lswong@uniserve.com](mailto:lswong@uniserve.com) or call 604-322-6412. | Also, the Vancouver International Film Festival is taking place from now until October 16, and below are links to their animated and manga-inspired films offerings: <http://www.viff.org/Manga.htm> and <http://www.viff.org/Animation.htm>.—Leonard S. Wong



15 November 2009: Birthday of author J.G. Ballard.

16 November 2009: Button Day. Have a Party with Your Bear Day. Birthday of writer/philosopher Terence McKenna and writer/actor Griff Rhys Jones (*Morons from Outer Space*).

17 November 2009: Birthday of scriptwriter/director/producer Steven E. de Souza (*Knight Rider*).

18 November 2009: Occult Day. 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of animated short *Steamboat Willie* (and official birthday of Mickey Mouse). 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of publication of first *Calvin & Hobbes* comic strip. Birthday of writer Alan Dean Foster and comics writer Alan Moore.

19 November 2009: Ashton Green's birthday. Birthday of *Forever Knight* actor Nigel Bennett, *ST:Voy* actor Robert Beltran, screenwriter Sam Hamm (*Batman*), and *ST:DS9* actress Terry Farrell.

20 November 2009: RainRat's birthday. Premiere of movies *Planet 51* (computer-animated comedy) and *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* (vampires and werewolves). Absurdity Day. Birthday of screenwriter Larry Karaszewski (*Ed Wood*).

21 November 2009: Birthday of writer/director/actor Harold Ramis (*Ghostbusters*) and *ST:DS9* actor Alexander Siddig.

22 November 2009: Start Your Own Country Day. 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the "Max Headroom" video piracy incident. Birthday of *Monty Python's Flying Circus* writer/actor/director Terry Gilliam and comics writer Roy Thomas.

23 November 2009: Cashew Day. 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the premiere of *Doctor Who*.

24 November 2009: Evolution Day (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of publication of *The Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin). Birthday of publisher/writer/BNF Forrest J. Ackerman, producer Irwin Allen (*Lost in Space*), writer Spider Robinson, and *Star Trek: The Next Generation* actress Denise Crosby.

26 November 2009: 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the “Ashtar Galactic Command” video piracy incident. Birthday of writer Frederik Pohl and cartoonist Charles M. Schulz.

27 November 2009: Premiere of movie *The Road* (post-apocalyptic). Birthday of writer L. Sprague de Camp, voice actor James Avery (The Shredder), director Kathryn Bigelow (*Strange Days*), and actor/writer Bill Nye the Science Guy.

27–29 November 2009: [Orycon 31](#)—Portland, OR (general SF and the quintessential SF convention in Oregon). [Portland DoubleTree Hotel](#), 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland OR 97232. Memberships: \$55 until 31 October; then \$60. Hotel: \$99 per night, plus extra for a second bed; parking: FREE! GOH: author—Patricia Briggs; editor—Lou Anders; artist—Lubov; special—Chris Lester.—Garth Spencer

27–29 November 2009: [Tomodachi Fest 2](#) in Boise, ID. “Tomodachi Fest is Idaho’s cute little anime convention. By design, Tomodachi Fest is a place where friends can get together and spend the weekend having fun. Tomodachi Fest features original events like our DokiDoki Dance contest, Tomodachi Elections as well as classic anime convention events and events developed for Anime Oasis. There are four cosplay events: Anime Swimsuit Contest at the pool, Unrestricted Cosplay (18+ only), Battle Cosplay, and the classic stage event cosplay. Our Video Game room features full size arcade machines and projector based console gaming.” Memberships: \$35/three-day; \$20/one-day. Combination ticket-badges (“tidges”) available through [the website](#) until 2 November or by mail: Anime Oasis, 123 Sunnyside Dr., Caldwell, ID 83605. GOH: Vancouver (BC) actor Michael Coleman (*Dragon Ball Z*, *Millennium*, *MegaMan: NT Warrior*); Ichidan (performing arts/cosplay group); Jared Tisher (yo-yo virtuoso).—Garth Spencer

28 November 2009: Birthday of director/producer Joe Dante (*Amazon Women on the Moon*) and comedian/anchorman Jon Stewart.

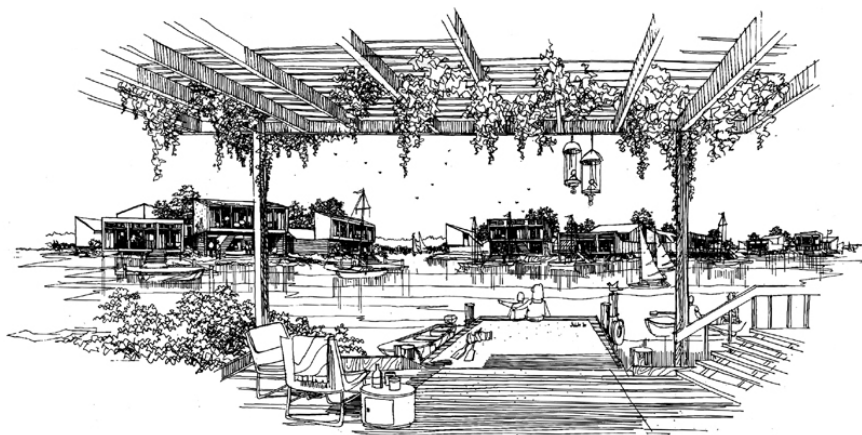
29 November 2009: 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of debut of *Pong* arcade game (at Andy Capp’s Tavern in Sunnyvale, California). Birthday of writer C.S. Lewis.



30 November 2009: Birthday of comics writer/artist Keith Giffen.

## December 2009

31 December 2009–2 January 2010: [M.E.W. \(Manga and Exotic Worlds\) Convention 2](#) in Vancouver, WA. Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, 100 Columbia Street, Vancouver WA 98660. “M.E.W. Convention is a New Year’s cross genre celebration two days and nights long. From manga and anime to the realms of sci-fi and fantasy, no fandom is left behind as we celebrate all of the exotic worlds imagination has to offer. Dancing, music, black light karaoke, costume and cosplay contests, panels, artist and writers workshops, RP (role playing), board games, CCGs (collectible card games), PC and video gaming, are just a few of the things that you will find held within the walls of M.E.W. Con.” Memberships \$35 before 6 December; after and at the door \$40 (single-day memberships \$15 Friday/Sunday and \$20 Saturday). Register through [the website](#) or by mail: M.E.W. Convention, 4570 SW Mueller Dr H305, Beaverton, OR 97007. GOH: “M.E.W. Convention is proud to present A-Key-Kyo, Nambie Pambies and Sachibelle live in concert, returning guests of honor Robert Axelrod and Michael Hopcroft.”—Garth Spencer



## January 2010

15–17 January 2010: [Rustycon 27](#). A science fiction & fantasy convention. Seattle Airport Marriott. Author GOH: James P. Blaylock. Artist GOH: Theresa Mather. Fan GOH: David-Glenn Anderson. Multi-track programming on: science fiction and fantasy, literature, art, and science; author signings and readings; dealers’ room, art show and auction; costuming; 24 hour gaming; dances,

24 hour video and in-room channel. Memberships: \$45 until 11/29/2009. Contact: [membership-exec@rustycon.com](mailto:membership-exec@rustycon.com) or Rustycon 27, PO Box 27075, Seattle, WA, 98165-1475.—Garth Spencer

15–17 January 2010: [The Official Twilight Convention](#) in Seattle, WA. Presented by Creation Entertainment. Location: The Westin Seattle, 1900 Fifth Ave.; phone (206) 728-1000. Guests: actors Peter Facinelli, Chaske Spencer, Alex Meraz, Bronson Pelletier, and Kiowa Gordon; founders of Twilight Lexicon (website). Programming: photo ops, autograph sessions, Q&A, costume contest, vampire ball, vampire makeovers, concert, centerpiece contest, celebrity brunch/charity auction, and trivia games. Prices: range from \$69–\$269 for the weekend and \$20–\$40 for single days. Photo ops, autographs extra (\$20–\$65). Convention block hotel rooms \$129 per night.—Garth Spencer

29–31 January 2010: [Conflikt/Confilkt 3](#) in Seattle, WA. “Guest of Honor: Tom Smith. Interfilk Guest: October Country. Toastmaster: Andrew Ross. Special Event: Saturday morning brunch with the guests. Get to know our GOHs a little better! *and* get a unique bonus CD. Plus the usual weekend of music and mayhem: concert spots, one-shots, workshops



and panels, Dealers Room with plenty of filkish things for you to buy, bardic and chaos circles/ovals/rectangles, Smoked Salmon Filk, Interfilk Auction, and more! Interfilk Auction: Secret Wenches, doing their very best wenching to part you from your money. Their very best is very good! Hotel: Holiday Inn Seattle-Renton, One South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057; (425) 226-7700. Rates for Conflikt convention members: \$100.00 plus tax for single-quad occupancy. You must call the hotel directly at (425) 226-7700 (not the Holiday Inn 800 number) to get the group rates. When you make your reservation you must state that you are with Conflikt to get the group rate! Membership rates: Pre-Reg membership (through November 29, 2009): \$50.00; children 12 and under: free; supporting (non-attending) membership (includes songbook/CD): \$25.00; brunch ticket (includes CD): \$30.00; child brunch ticket (12 and under, *no* CD): \$20.00.”—Garth Spencer

## February 2010

5–7 February 2010: [Gottacon 2010](#). Victoria’s Gaming Convention! Pearkes Arena, 3100 Tillicum Rd., Victoria, BC. “Doors open at 5 p.m. Friday and don’t close until 7 p.m. Sunday for around the clock gaming! Trading card games, role-playing games, board games, video games, minis, workshops & panels. Over 20,000 sq. feet of gaming! Large vendor area central to all gaming.

Demonstrations of new and existing products. Workshops and discussion panels. Tournaments and events in a wide variety of game centres. Prize draws and gamers' auction. Ticket prices: full weekend, pre-registration—\$30; full weekend, door registration—\$40; Friday or Sunday only admission—\$15; Saturday only admission—\$20; family day/weekend admission—\$50/\$100 (maximum four people per family, max. two adults 18+); children eight and under get in FREE (maximum two free children admissions per adult). When you wanna con, you GottaCon!"—Garth Spencer

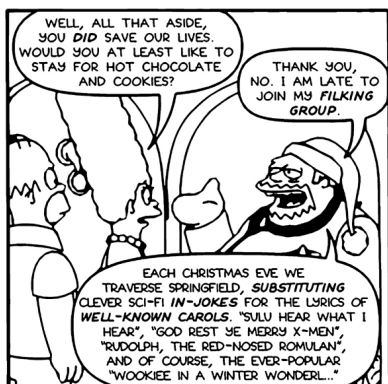
11-13 February 2011: [Life, the Universe, and Everything 28](#), The Marion K. "Doc" Smith Symposium on Science Fiction and Fantasy, at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT. "LTUE is a three-day symposium with panels, workshops, presentations and papers on writing, art, literature, media, science on aspects of speculative fiction. Attendance is FREE. Guests of Honor: Brandon Sanderson (author of the Mistborn Trilogy and the Alcatraz books); Marty Brenneis (special effects wizard), formerly of ILM, now with Kerner Studios. Special guests: Howard Tayler, Schlock Mercenary; James Dashner, 13<sup>th</sup> Reality; Dave Wolverton (David Farland), Runelords; L.E. Modesitt, Jr., Recluse. Participating guests: David Glenn Anderson, RFFUtah, teac; Aleta Clegg, author, teacher; Robert J. Defendi, winner of Writers of the Future, author of many RPG handbooks and scenarios; Newton Ewell, artist; I-Sci-Fi; Lesli Muir Lytle, author; Joshua Keele; Kevin Keele, artist; Steve Keele, artist; Lynn Kurland, author of *Star of the Morning* and *To Kiss in the Shadows*; Eric James Stone, author, winner of Writers of the Future; Eric Swedin, author of *The Killing of Greybird: A Novel* and professor at WSU; Howard Tayler, creator of the Schlock Mercenary webcomic; Dan Willis, author of *Wizard's Return* and *The Survivors*; Kathleen Dalton-Woodbury, author; Julie Wright, author of *To Catch A Falling Star*."—Garth Spencer

## March 2010

5–9 March 2010: [Potlatch 19](#) at [Hotel Deca](#), 4507 Brooklyn Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98105; phone 1-800-899-0251. "An all-volunteer, non-profit, literary event for the readers and writers of speculative fiction. At Potlatch, people talk to each other and participate in panel discussions about reading and writing speculative fiction. You'll find conversations at the program events, in Nanoprograms (spontaneous member-generated programming), in writers' workshops, in the consuite, in the halls, and in elevators. Proceeds from Potlatch benefit Clarion West—an intensive six-week workshop for writers who are preparing for professional careers in science fiction and fantasy." Book of Honour: *Lord of Light* by Roger Zelazny. Memberships: \$65 now, more at the door; register through [web-site](#) or by mail: Potlatch 19, c/o Suzanne Tompkins, P.O. Box 25075, Seattle, WA 98165.

April 2010

1–4 April 2010: [Norwescon 33](#) in SeaTac, WA. “Norwescon is one of the largest regional science fiction and fantasy conventions in the United States. While maintaining a primarily literary focus, Norwescon is large enough to provide a venue for many of the other aspects of science fiction and fantasy and the interests of its fans such as anime, costuming, art, gaming, and much, much more. Norwescon is the host convention for the prestigious Philip K. Dick Award, given to a distinguished original science fiction paperback published for the first time during the award year in the U.S.A.” DoubleTree Hotel, 18740 International Boulevard, SeaTac, Washington, 1-206-246-8600. Convention room rates: \$114 per night for up to four people. GOH: Writer—Vernor Vinge; Artist—John Jude Palencar; Special—Cory Doctorow; Publisher—Tor Books. Memberships: \$50 through 31 December 2009; register through [website](#) or by mail: Norwescon 33 Pre-Registration, PO Box 68547, Seattle, WA 98168-0547 (instructions on website).—Garth Spencer



2–4 April 2010: [Sakura-Con 2010](#) in Seattle, WA. Washington State Convention and Trade Center, 800 Convention Pl., Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 694-5000. GOH: actors Brina Palencia, Luci Christian, Richard Epcar (*Lupin III*, *Gundam*, *Robotech*, *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*, *Transformers: Robots in Disguise*), Chris Patton (*Aura Battler Dunbine*); musical guest Dazzle Vision. Panels, gaming, dances, contests.—Garth Spencer

3–4 April 2010: [Cthulhupalooza II: Son of Cthulhupalooza](#). 1 p.m. (Saturday)–12 midnight (Sunday); location TBA. “[Second Level Wizards](#) present a Cthulhu film showcase, live performance by The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets and more. The first Cthulhupalooza included a Rock Band contest, a screening of the HPLHS’ *The Call of Cthulhu* film, and a live performance by The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets. This year we will have more films, more diversity, and another live show by The Thickets. If you have a film you’d like to submit or an idea for a performance or activity at this year’s Cthulhupalooza, please contact the Second Level Wizards ([info@secondlevelwizards.com](mailto:info@secondlevelwizards.com))!”—Keith Lim

24–25 April 2010: [Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo \(CCEE\)](#). Calgary, Alberta, Canada—Round Up Centre. “Join 10,000+ fans and meet your favourite pop culture celebrities and creators! Experience Western Canada’s largest pop

culture convention! Come join over 10,000 fans of comics, sci-fi, television, anime, gaming, horror, toys, animation and more! Meet your favorite creators and celebrities, enjoy special panels, photo ops, charity auction, costume context and an exclusive artbook, just to name a few! Interested in becoming an exhibit-or or volunteer? Visit our website for more info, sign up for our newsletter or join our Facebook group!”—Garth Spencer

## **May 2010**

May 2010: [Otafest](#). “Experience the wild side of Asia! Chopsticks not included.” Website currently redirects to Otafest Lite (see 14 November 2009). —Garth Spencer

14–15 May 2010: [UFOFest](#), 11<sup>th</sup> Annual UFO Festival, in McMinnville, OR at McMenamins Hotel Oregon. UFO speakers, costume parade, live music, childrens’ programming.—Garth Spencer

21–24 May 2010: [Keycon 26](#) in Winnipeg, MB at Radisson Inn Downtown. Memberships currently \$40.—Garth Spencer

28–31 May 2010: [Miscon 24](#) in Missoula, MT at Ruby’s Inn. MisCon, P.O. Box 7721, Missoula, MT 59807, (406) 544-7083. GOH: author Harry Turtledove, artist Sarah Clemens, filker Eben Brooks.—Garth Spencer

## **June 2010**

4–6 June 2010: [ConComCon 17](#)—ConComCon, or “C-Cubed,” is a conference for convention organizers held each June in the Pacific Northwest. Registration: US\$40 all year. Please send your name, address, phone number, e-mail, and a check for US\$40 (made out to “SWOC”) to: ConComCon 17, c/o SWOC, Box 1066, Seattle, WA 98111. Hotel: Marriott Seattle Airport, 3201 S. 176<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle, WA 98188. Rooms are \$115.00 a night.—Garth Spencer

12 June–25 July 2010: [Northwest Renaissance Festival](#) in Spokane, WA. Memberships \$9.50 per day or \$50 for all six weekends. Auditions, rehearsals, Pirate Revel, Creepy Hallow, historical roleplaying, live music, jousting, weddings. Contact: Northwest Renaissance Festival (NWRF), 6493 Hwy 291, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026, (509) 276-7728.—Garth Spencer

## **July 2010**

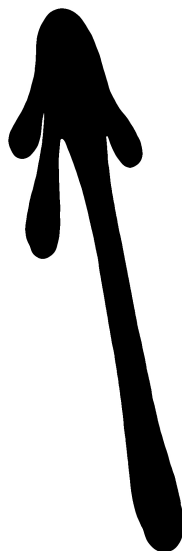
1–4 July 2010: [Westercon 63/Confirmation](#) in Pasadena, CA at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel, 168 S. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101, (626) 584-3112. Memberships \$60 until 31 May 2010. Register through the website or by mail:

Westercon 63, 15931 Kalisher St., Granada Hills, CA 91344. GOH: pro Rudy Rucker, fan John D. Berry, artist Marc Schirmeister.—Garth Spencer

8–11 July 2010: [Gatecon 10](#) in Vancouver, BC at the Sheraton Wall Centre. Guests include Beau Bridges, Lou Diamond Phillips, Corin Nemec, Vanessa Angel, Erin Gray, and John de Lancie. Memberships US\$249. “[Legendary Gathering](#)” (US\$45) takes place 7 July 2010, same venue.—Garth Spencer

## August 2010

7–8, 14–15 and 21–22 August 2010: [Washington RenFaire](#) in Buckley, WA. “Feel the ground tremble to the pounding hooves of great war horses charging down the list, carrying armored knights jousting for king, queen, country, or the hand of a fair maiden. Hear the ring of clashing steel shatter the tranquility of our 16<sup>th</sup> century village. Be a part of the magic at the Washington Renaissance Fantasy Faire in Buckley, Washington at the Maris Farms...just a short drive from Seattle, Tacoma, Bremerton, Olympia and other communities around the Puget Sound area. Enjoy jousting and equestrian events, sword fighting, gypsy dancing, Celtic dancing, wandering minstrels, and story telling. There will be children’s games, medieval musical performances, magicians, puppet shows, caber toss and much more! Also, The First Knight Academy will teach the art of sword fighting to all who wish to learn! Additional entertainment to include face painting, costume rental for all ages, Highland dancers, bag pipers, live chess competition, jesters, audience interaction—and you!” Maris Farms at 24713 Sumner-Buckley Highway, Buckley, WA 98321. For additional information, please call 1-800-587-0172 or [info@washingtonrenfaire.com](mailto:info@washingtonrenfaire.com).—Garth Spencer



13–15 August 2010: [Anime Evolution](#) at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. “Vancouver’s premiere Asian popular cultural event where audiences and industry interact directly in an informal setting. The three-day convention brings together art, animation (anime), comic books (manga), video games, film and music in a celebration of Asian popular culture and multimedia. Convention attendees can attend Q&As and workshops with voice actors, directors, artists, animators, comic books publishers and game developers. Video screenings, video game rooms, a cultural festival and live performances by DJs, bands and improv actors are sure to keep guests thoroughly entertained.”—Garth Spencer

## **News-Like Matter**

### **Engage Science Fiction Is Accepting Submissions**

ENGAGE BOOKS™ is currently accepting submissions of science fiction stories for our imprint Engage SF. While we will consider all submissions of a speculative nature, preference will be given to stories with compelling characters, ideas and events that keep our staff turning pages. Submit your full length novel (60,000 to 80,000 words) or short story (5,000 to 7,500 words) to:

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Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope or email address. For queries please contact [submissions@engagethebook.com](mailto:submissions@engagethebook.com).

Forwarded by Garth Spencer  
Friday 2 October 2009

### **Seattle 2012—A Bid for Westercon 65**

When: Fourth of July Weekend, 2012. Where: Seattle, WA.

The vote for the 2012 Westercon will be held at Confirmation, the 63<sup>rd</sup> West Coast Science Fiction Convention, in Pasadena CA, in 2010.

We hope to see all of you there voting for us. Along the way on our journey to Pasadena we will be at many other conventions in many other cities around the Western half of North America.

We hope that we will see you at our bid parties and various events. Please stop by and show your support for bringing the 65<sup>th</sup> Westercon to Seattle in 2012.

Please pre-support us: <http://www.swoc.org/westercon65>.

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Forwarded by Garth Spencer  
Friday 2 October 2009

### **‘BC BookWorld’ Funding**

I just received this. Please forward to as many writers and readers as you can. And send a letter of protest to the government:



“The provincial government has suddenly rescinded *all* funding to *BC BookWorld*, the most-read publication about books in Canada. Notice of this pre-Olympics decision to break a 22-year-old relationship with the newspaper came from Andrea Henning, executive director of Arts & Culture, during a brisk phone call, without any explanation or paper trail, and with less than a month’s notice.

“On the same day, the BC Publishers’ Association and the BC Magazine Publishers’ Association similarly learned all their funding had been removed. To avoid more bloodletting, literary arts groups have formed the Coalition for the Defence of Writing and Publishing in BC.

“You’re a writer, so by all means, write a letter to the Premier or your MLA—or to us—if the spirit moves you, to protest these draconian measures. But, more importantly, if you want *BC BookWorld* to serve authors for another 22 years, become a supporter/subscriber. If you are willing to spare the cost of two movie tickets, we can save *BC BookWorld* as a public institution that serves 100,000 readers throughout the province, via more than 900 outlets.

“It’s not charity. It’s a good deal. Send a cheque for \$25 made out to PACIFIC BOOKWORLD NEWS SOCIETY, and we’ll mail *BC BookWorld* to your home or office address throughout 2010. In essence, I am asking one thousand authors to collectively replace Gordon Campbell’s government.

“It’s a case of double jeopardy. If we’re not making the newspaper, it’s unlikely my colleague David Lester and I will be able to maintain our free reference site—for and about more than 9,000 BC authors—at [www.abcbookworld.com](http://www.abcbookworld.com) (for which we have never received a penny).

“That’s the gist of the situation. It’s up to you. Show us that Gordon Campbell made the wrong decision. Send your supporter/subscriber cheque (\$25) today to PACIFIC BOOKWORLD NEWS SOCIETY, 3516 West 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6R 2S3.

“Alan Twigg, Publisher”

[Margriet Ruurs](#)

Forwarded by [Eileen Kernaghan](#)

Tuesday 13 October 2009

“This Is Not a Motto”

## BCSFA Christmas Dinner



**Royal Swiss Navy**

The December BCSFA meeting will be the 2009 BCSFA Christmas dinner, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in New Westminster. The exact date will be picked at the November BCSFA meeting, but will probably be sometime during the third week-end of December, before Christmas.

BCSFA Meeting

Sunday 18 October 2009



## Cthulhupalooza II Postponed to 2010

To all guests of Cthulhupalooza II: Son of Cthulhupalooza:

Hi kids, sorry to tell you that we're postponing Cthulhupalooza II: Son of Cthulhupalooza until after the Olympics. The good news is that this should allow us to make the event a much larger and more awesome event. We're still looking for horror films, and they don't just have to be Lovecraftian, so if you've made a student film or won a Bloodshots 48 hour horror film competition, we want to hear about it.

This also means that the only chance you'll have to see The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets in 2009 is this Hallowe'en night at Pub 340. More info at <http://imuproductions.com/mainframe.html#oct31-340>

[Toren Atkinson](#)

Monday 26 October 2009

## Book View Café Celebrates with Kerr Fans and 15 Days of Devery

Book View Café (BVC) will be joining in the excitement as fans of member Katharine Kerr will be celebrating the successful conclusion of her Cycles of Devery series. The event is called "15 Days of Devery" and highlights the fact that the final book of the series (*The Silver Mage*, scheduled to be published on March 28) will be the fifteenth.

Details for the celebration are below. BVC plans to add their support with an announcement on their front page (<http://www.bookviewcafe.com>) and links to the LiveJournal community, [devery15](#).

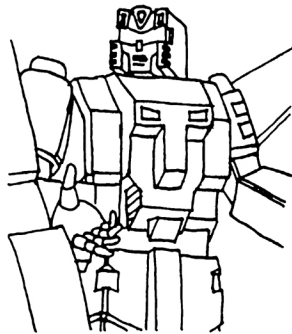
From the 15 Days of Devery Committee:

15 Days of Devery is an online celebration of the successful conclusion of Katharine Kerr's vision for this Celtic knot of inter-braided novels. The 15 Days stands for the 15 titles that constitute the cycle's sequence.

A community at LiveJournal, [devery15](#), has been set up as a clearinghouse where links will be noted. If you post any Devery related material on your blog, anywhere (not just LiveJournal), please send the link to: [rhi.rose@gmail.com](mailto:rhi.rose@gmail.com). She'll be collating the links.

For further information, join the [devery15](#) community at LiveJournal or go over to the 15 Days of Devery page on [Deep Genre](#), where you can ask questions, join the discussion, and make additional suggestions.

We encourage you to post about your experience reading these books, as well as to post your congratulations to the author and her grand vision. You can post about how and when you first



read one of the books, what attracted you to the series, which of the Deverry heroes ranks #1 in the Hotness Factor, the overarching themes and structure of the series—or anything else about the Deverry world and books that has affected you. We hope you all will share your own unique views of Katharine Kerr's achievement.

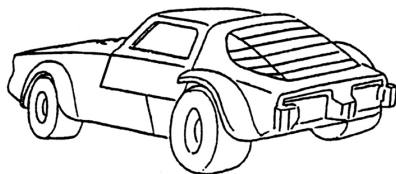
We're very excited by the successful completion of this Grand Fantasy Vision, so we're throwing a big party to celebrate! All of you are special guests. Please come! Post often! Bring your friends, your dog, your cat and your dragon too!

[Sue Lange](#)

Tuesday 27 October 2009

## Clancy Brown as Lobo?

The latest rumour about Guy Ritchie's *Lobo* adaptation is that Clancy Brown will play the alien bounty hunter and all-around bastich. The creative team behind the movie feels that with all the special effects covering the actor, there's no point in paying a huge



movie star; it's better to follow the example set by casting Ron Perlman as Hellboy and get a seasoned character actor who can pull off the role. Brown's previous genre credits include *The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension* (Rawhide), *Highlander* (The Kurgan), *Superman: The Animated Series* (voice of Lex Luthor), *Starship Troopers* (Sgt. Zim), and *Carnivàle* (Brother Justin Crowe), to name just a few highlights.

## A Note from Cosmic Ray

Sorry, BCSFA members (and others who like reading *BCSFazine*), but I'm rather busy this month buying a new Cosmic Ray HQ.

The good news is, it's only five blocks east and three blocks north from the present HQ, it costs about 1/3 less per month, a transit bus goes near it about every seven minutes even on Sunday nights, and there'll be a little more room for the return of BCSFA Video Nights.

The bad news, I need about two months for the move, so there will be no Media Files or my report on VCon 34 until the January 2010 edition of *BCSFazine*.

Please enjoy your Christmas holidays and I'll be seeing you in the new year.

Cosmic Ray Seredin

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## The Doctor Stands Aside for Merlin

If you thought, like I thought, that BBC1 was pushing aside *Doctor Who*: “The Waters of Mars” from its 18:15 Halloween night time slot for some sporting event, you’d be greatly wrong.

The good Doctor will be standing aside to let Merlin’s adventures continue.

Under BBC1’s original plan for “The Waters of Mars,” it would have aired in the same time slot as the conclusion of an exciting *Merlin* second series two-part story, “Beauty and the Beast” (the Beast being the very lovely Lady Catrina who is attempting to win the heart of King Uther, but, in fact Catrina—and her servant Jonas—are powerful trolls and only the young warlock can save Camelot).

As for the Doctor’s exciting adventure in “The Waters of Mars”: the only thing BBC1 is saying that it will air sometime in November, with the North American airing a week or so after that.

I have to start packing again, so be seeing you.

Cosmic Ray Seredin

## Zines Received

***Opuntia* 68.1B** (October 2009)—Published by Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 2E7. This issue is a reviewzine.

“Alternate History Reviews”: reviews *Other Earths* anthology—Dale finds some stories deserve AH label more than others. “This Peaceable Land” by Robert Charles Wilson (Civil War and abolition of slavery never happened; black Canadian writer and his white photographer set off for the South and have to pretend white photog is the boss) and “Donovan Sent Us” by Gene Wolfe (England lost World War II because Roosevelt lost election, but Winston Churchill is being smuggled into America to stop the Bund) sound the most interesting.

“The Greatest Wealth Transfer”: reviews *Guide to Investing in Gold and Silver*. Disturbing facts in this article to remind us of our owners, outside limit of our sight, feeding off us, perched on top of us, from birth to death. We should all buy a little physical gold just in case our money becomes worthless; can’t trust big players to not carelessly crash the system.

“We Shall Gather by the River”: reviews *Mr. Monk in Outer Space* by Lee Goldberg, a novel about TV detective Adrian Monk at a convention for fictional TV series *Beyond Earth*—from Dale’s review, sounds mildly unflattering to *Star Trek* fandom, but interesting setting; and reviews *Dalek I Loved You* by Nick Griffiths, a highly personal account of one *Doctor Who* fan’s hobby (also reviewed in a recent *Ethel the Aardvark*).

“Checklist of Fiction About Conventions”: sorted by convention type (science fiction; mystery; other), then alphabetical by title.



“Zine Listings”: zines received by Dale, accompanied by contact information and short description. Includes better summary of *Challenger* #30 than mine last issue, plus listings for *BCSFAzine* and Garth Spencer’s *Royal Swiss Navy Gazette*. I’d like to check out

*Worst Future Ever* (published by John Donahue), which looks back at how the past saw the future, and to catch up with *Probe* (published by Science Fiction South Africa club)—found some back issues of this from the late ’80s/early ’90s at VCon a few years ago and liked it.

Illo: another screenshot of the final score from a card game, this time with players named “Real Mail,” “Telegraph,” “Eek Mail,” and “Telephone.” I’m curious to know what these screenshots mean.

“Seen in the Literature”: interesting things noticed by Dale in scientific journals. Among best topics: what would happen if gamma-ray burst hit Earth; whether people with stronger bargaining positions are quicker to anger; why Polynesians had to make long sea voyages; why cultural information not necessarily best understood in same terms as genetic information; how height affects mood; benefits of cooperation in population expansion of early modern humans.

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- \_\_\_ You contributed.