



Voyageur

The Anticipation newsletter

Issue 5: Friday Evening

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Why is This Newsletter Called *Voyageur*?

Because we named it after a really cool guitar made out of 64 pieces of Canadian history—see <http://sixstringnation.com>.

Prix Aurora Awards

Best Long-Form Work in English / Meilleur livre en anglais:

Marseguro, Edward Willett (DAW Books)

Meilleur livre en français / Best Long- Form Work in French

Les vents de Tammerlan, Michèle Laframboise (Éditions Médiaspaul, coll. Jeunesse-Plus)

Best Short-Form Work in English / Meilleure nouvelle en anglais

“Ringing in the Changes in Okotoks, Alberta,” Randy McCharles (Tesseract Twelve, Edge Science Fiction)

Meilleure nouvelle en français / Best Short-Form Work in French

« Le Dôme de Saint-Macaire », Jean-Louis Trudel (Solaris 167)

Best Work in English (Other) / Meilleur ouvrage en anglais (Autre)

Neo-opsis magazine, Karl Johanson, Ed.

Meilleur ouvrage en français (Autre) / Best Work in French (Other)

Solaris, Joël Champetier, Editing

Artistic Achievement / Accomplissement artistique

Looking for Group, Lar deSouza (online comic)

Accomplissement fanique (Fanzine) / Fan Achievement (Fanzine)

The Original Universe, Jeff Boman, (Ed.)

**Fan Achievement (Organizational) /
Accomplissement fanique (Organisation)**
World Fantasy 2008, Randy McCharles,
(Chair)

**Accomplissement fanique (autre) / Fan
Achievement (Other)**
Heather Dale Concert,
Joan Sherman (Organizer)

Sidewise Awards

Given for alternate history and parallel reality fiction.

Long Form: *The Dragon's Nine Sons*, by Chris Roberson

Short Form: “Sacrifice” by Mary Rosenblum

About those Parties

Remember that every member of Anticipation is welcome at all the parties listed on the party boards or in the newsletter. This means You. Do please remember to wear your con badge.

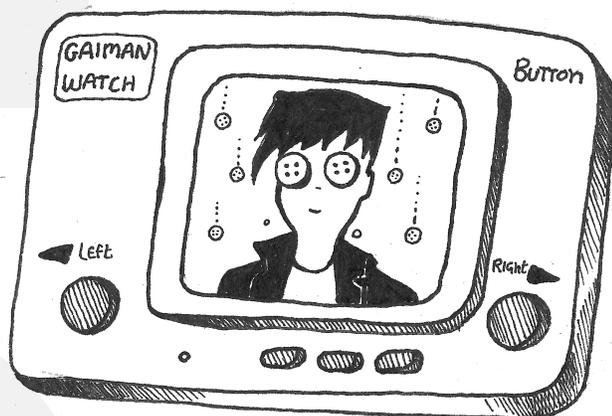
We were short of space last ish so forget to mention that many of tonight's parties have added attractions such as Secret Mystery Guests, Unusual Foodstuffs, Erotic Trivia and Bacon. James Bacon.

Important Notice (Fire)

After our explanation of how to handle ice, a hotel manager has told us that one of you left a sandwich maker on and unattended in their room. It overheated, causing a fire hazard. **Don't leave cooking implements unattended and turn them off when not in use.** The facilities team say “please don't burn down the hotel”. We agree. Coming up next time, do's and don'ts for earth and air.

Gaiman Watch

The info desk wants to remind you that you can get tickets for Neil's Monday signing at 09:00 Monday at 210A. Neil's Kaffeeklatch is by lottery; see their table.



Programme Corrections

Remember that most programme corrections are on the pink sheets; pick them up from the info desk or programme track rooms.

The 12:30 Saturday programme item 3-137 should read “Verb Noire: Faces of Fandom, a presentation on the importance of race and representation to the future of SFF.”

Julie Czernada's Kaffeeklatch at Saturday 14:00 has been cancelled.

Jody Lynn Nye and Bill Faucett's signing has moved to 14:00 Saturday, in the Autographs area.

Gratuitous Plug

We've been asked to plug BristolCon, 25-26 September in Bristol, UK. Guests Alastair Reynolds and Charles Butler.

See How the Other Half Lives

For everyone who's been wondering what's been going on in the French panels, simultaneous translation will be provided for English-speaking visitors to the panels in P-513D tomorrow. Between 11:00 and 18:30, the panels in French will be translated by professional interpreters; wireless headsets will be available.

—Jean-Louis Trudol

Former Worldcon Chairs

The traditional gathering for a photo opportunity will take place on Sunday at 11:00 in room P-518BC, at the first break point when the Business Meeting can take a recess. Please be there for the photo shoot, and please pass the word to other former Chairs who may not have heard about the session.

—Kevin Standlee

Human Battleships

Fleet TARDIS (commanded by Elliott Mitchell) overcame Fleet Andromeda (commanded by Paul Metz), and in the second game David Schlossiv's Seaview was pounded to shreds by Rick Arino's SS Minnow. Tamie Inoue ably ran the game, which everyone very much enjoyed.

—Lew Wolkoff

The Webcomics You Should Be Reading

Your trusty reporter walked all the way to room 524, the second most distant in the Palais, so you didn't have to, for this standing room only item. Panel was Joe Pearce, Tom Galloway, Claude Lalumière and Howard Taylor. An interesting bit of trivia—the first webcomic was *Doctor Fun*, which began in September 1993.

If you are looking for a quick, short hit of humour, try: *Book of Biff*, *Jesus and Mo*, *Wondermark*, *XKCD* or *Penny Arcade*.

For longer, involved plots, the panel suggested: *Girl Genius*, *Freak Angels*, *Finder* and *Sin Titulo*.

A general roundup including suggestions from the audience: *Something Positive*, *Questionable Content*, *Narbonic*, *Kevin and Kell*, *Sinfest*, *The White Board*, *Exterminatus Now* and that hoary old favourite, *Sluggy Freelance*.

—Giulia de Cesare

Spelunking the Underground Empire

You can access the secret underground passage between the Delta and the Palais by heading downstairs at the North-East corner of the Palais or by passing through the restaurant queue at the Delta. In both cases there are clear signs for *those who know how to look for them*. XYZZY. Or you could just follow the trail of fans.

Service Above and Beyond

We think the con should award a prize to the gopher who walks between the Delta and the Palais the most times in a day. Anyone care to start with a nomination?

What is it that the people of Quebec remember?

Our Readers Write

Following a torrent of distressed email we are happy to clarify that both women and men overwhelmingly voted against the business meeting proposal to arbitrarily add women to the Hugo ballot. For future reference, please note that *Voyageur* is produced in an environment that also handles jokes.

Another reader asks "Why isn't the newsletter also in French?" Parce que notre français est merde.

Specially for Science

On Saturday afternoon, Dr Hipkin of the Canadian Space Agency will do a presentation on exploring the red planet. Those of you who may be interested in finding out more about the CSA may be interested in knowing that the CSA has an exhibit at the McCord museum downtown called eSpace.

The award winning short documentary Naming Pluto will be screened at 19:00 on Saturday in P-511D), followed by a discussion with a panel of astronomers.

—Henry Balen

The punning title "scanning for life" for a poetry panel resulted in most audience members showed up expecting a panel on the search for extraterrestrial life.

—Scott Edelman

Real Mountaineers Go Over the Top

Tom Abba tweets: All of you in Montreal —take an hour or two, walk up Mount Royal and take in the view. Spectacular, and good for you. Meanwhile, Lyndie Bright suggests that if you want to take it at a slightly more leisurely pace, there's an (orange) metro train to Mount Royal, where you can transfer to bus #11 up hill; the ride is an half hour loop, with buses 20 minutes apart.

A tourist pass is \$17 for 3 days unlimited rides.

Write for the Newsletter!

Now that we've told you all the key notices, we have plenty of space to run your stories, reviews, anecdotes, and so on; we've still got eight more issues to fill. We can't report on the con because we're hidden in a dungeon and are only let out for parties. Tell us about the cool stuff that's going on please!



This issue produced by Alison Scott, with illustrations by Sue Mason, assistance from the Cabal. I just want to point out that *Gaiman Watch* was Steven's idea. Quebecers, remember to wear your name badge. Since when has grey been a pastel colour?