



# Voyageur

The Anticipation newsletter

Issue 3: Friday Morning

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## Why is This Newsletter Called *Voyageur*?

...because we're English, so we put the "u" in words like colour, harbour and voyageur

## Statistics

Membership numbers at Thursday close: 2646 Warm Bodies, 45 were Thursday One Days, 3960 Total Members.

## Gaiman Signing

The Neil Gaiman signing is at 13:00 Monday, not Sunday as listed. Tickets will be available from 09:00 on Monday morning.

## Vonarberg Q&A

There will be a Q&A session with Élisabeth Vonarburg at 14:00 on Saturday. Questions can be left in the box at the kaffeeklatsch sign-up table, up to an hour beforehand.

## Press Here

On Friday, Neil Gaiman will be giving a press conference at 11:30 and Élisabeth Vonarburg at 12:00, both in Delta room 528.

## Wide Open

Anticipation officially opened at 20:00 on Thursday. MC Julie Czerneda was ably assisted by Jean-Pierre Normand's running French translation. They introduced Dr Marc Garneau, the first Canadian in space, former President of the Canadian Space Agency and now a member of parliament, who compared flying in space with reading science fiction. He was followed by a dazzling

display of acrobatic dancing by contortionist Sabrina Aganier.

Robbie Bourget welcomed the attendees in French, and her co-chair René Walling repeated the welcome in English. Guests of Honour Taral Wayne, Tom Doherty, David Hartwell, Élisabeth Vonarburg and Neil Gaiman were introduced, and each made a brief welcome speech.

--Lew Wolkoff

## Teenage Angst

The Teen Programme is mostly a bit wrong on the grid: you can get a corrected version at Programme Ops, the Info Desk (in the Palais) or Ops (in the Delta).

## Film Programme

Despite rumours to the contrary, we do have a film programme. It's in the Delta Auditorium (Mezzanine) and also in the Palais (514A and B, 513F and 517)

Volunteers are needed to help run both the film and anime tracks. Please drop by Volunteers in the Palais Room 210D for Info.

## Rafflery

The winner of the Thursday 18:30 Volunteer Raffle was Jason Wodicka of WA, USA. Jason wins a volunteer... The winner of the Friday 09:30 Raffle is Caycee Price of Ontario Canada. Please come to Volunteers in the Palais Room 210D to get your prizes.

## Ravelry

Ravelry meet-up: Friday 14:00 in the seating area by Art Show.

## Revelry

The Reno in 2011 party opens at 21:00 in Suite 532 at the Delta. At 22:00 in Room 518 you can come and meet our facilities reps: Tanna McTee (Reno Visitors Bureau), John Mourelatos (Atlantis), and Louise DeLipkau (Peppermill) will discuss all Reno has to offer and why it is a perfect city to welcome fans.

## Stretch Your Legs

Stroll With The Stars is a daily walk round town, getting gentle exercise in the company of Hugo-award winning authors. Meet at the Jean Paul Riopelle Fountain every day at 09:00 (not at 10:00 as it says in the pocket programme).

## Krugman and Stross

For 90 minutes, fans were treated to a world-class tennis match of ideas between an economics Nobel Laureate and a Hugo-winning novelist. The unforeseen secondary and tertiary impacts of information technology was a thread that ran through much of the talk. The rise of religious fundamentalism was explained as the reaction of people to forced, rapid change and a desire for certainty. Reimbursement for the creators of intellectual property, a concern for both speakers, was discussed in terms of adverse copyright laws, 3-D printing and the impact of Monday Night Football on executive salaries.

Stross and Krugman happily bounced ideas off each other, to the great amusement of both themselves and their audience.

--Lew Wolkoff

## Food Section

### Con Suite

Massive amounts of good food are available free in the con suite from 07:30 to late at night. Stop by to have coffee, bagels, muffins and Elisabeth's giant birthday cakes. Additional assistance is needed from 16:00 until midnight. Please see Joel at the Con Suite on the 5th floor in the Delta.

### Delta

The cafe on the 7th floor of the Delta is open for snack food from 10:00 to 18:00, and for more substantial meals from 11:00 to 14:00.

### Pizza

Tim and I ate at a wonderful place tonight which specialises in brick oven cooked pizzas and calzones. Il Focolaio is at 1223 Carré Phillips, which is just a short walk away. Prices were between \$10.00 and \$15.00 for a single sized pizza. They were gorgeous and so was the almond cake! They also have beer and wine, and both indoor and outdoor seating.

—*Marcia Illingworth*

### Les Glaces

Les Glaceurs, on Rue Saint Sulpice by the side of Notre Dame, sells utterly lovely cup cakes and ice creams. The Newsletter Team would be unlikely to object if some kind soul brought a box of them to our basement dungeon.

### Party! Party!! Party!!! Crash!!!!

I started with Reno in 2011, a party so large it has programming. Also balloon stars, yummy cheese bread and beer rationing. Mark Herrup explains that he's about to head off to the Yemen; no doubt experience in beer rationing will be handy. As I sip my thimble of beer, I find Steve Green, TAFF winner, and Jersey *bon viveur* Tobes are deep in conversation. Murray Moore drapes stars over me and suggests I should vote for Montreal in '77. I marvel at Patty Wells' children, one of whom looks just like a smaller straight-haired version of

Patty and one of whom clearly wants to be Wolverine. But which is which?

Raleigh is next year's NASFIC; at their party, also huge and well-provisioned, I meet Yvonne from Cincinnati, who asks me if I like beer and gives me a "Beer makes you do cool stuff" ribbon. Beer is clearly making Steve Green do cool stuff. I try spruce beer, which is *not* beer, but is the second most vile thing I have ever drunk. A thimble is plenty for four of us.

The friendly Scandiwegians have a party that's much more like those we get in the UK, with aquavit, people sitting on beds, and lots of sweat. I am greeted by a friendly Scandiwegian I do not know. "Ah, you are famous!" he said. "You once kept a bar open single-handed at a convention!" Yvonne from Cincinnati is impressed.

I spend all my remaining Canadian money on the tombola in the Japanese party. Shame it's only Thursday. Japanese tombola tickets are far more beautiful than English ones. We win stickers, postcards and little Japanese charms. The room is strewn with origami Hugos and Japanese delicacies like my favourite gooey things with red bean paste. I slurp plum wine and, for the first time, resent my mission to tour parties.

The SF Ontario party is cool, civilised, spacious and serves only soda. I cannot see Steve Green or Tobes anywhere.

As ever, the Tor party makes up for a lack of air and space with interesting people wherever you look. Every other two-storey party is quieter upstairs than down; but upstairs there is quite the throng. I realise why when I run into Neil Gaiman; once again I make my saving throw against saying 'hi, remember me from 1988' and slink away.

I sleepily step into San Antonio in 2013. Friendly Texans offer me chilli, fajitas, margaritas and tequila slammers. I am awed but cannot stay awake, not even to discuss beer with Yvonne from Cincinnati. I do hope they have another party later in the weekend.

The teen lounge is in full swing, but I am clearly Far Too Old and am thrown out. I ask my teen to report, but she is making an in-depth survey of the chocolate fountain in the Aberdeen Proving Ground party.

I finally make it to the fanzine lounge, where I find Steve Green and Tobes. But it's pumpkin time for me.

—*Alison Scott*

### More Free Stuff

The UK and Irish party (co-hosted by Odyssey2010) is at the Delta Ville Marie 2823 on Friday at 9pm and they have a consignment of Froody T-shirts and towels as well as a number of signed proofs of the first half of '*And another thing...*' the next instalment of the Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy, all to be given away. We also hear they have a selection of Scotch and Irish whiskies.

### More Programme

Have a request for the Friday night dance? Go to <http://www.vex.net/~guru/radiofreezetox> and submit your request!

Astronomy 101 and 102 (Friday and Sunday) will be on the Terrace of the 7th Floor of the Palais. Paul Abell will be giving a guide to the night sky. Also local members from the Royal Canadian Astronomical Society is assisting with supply of telescopes, they will also have materials to give away to those attending the session.

### First Fandom Awards Ceremony

Hall of Fame Award: James Gunn and Ben Indick

Posthumous Hall of Fame Award: Walt Daugherty

Sam Moskowitz Award for Excellence in Collecting: Joe Wroz

### Signings

On Saturday, Michael Swanwick (11:00), Ellen Klages (13:00) and Eileen Gunn (14:00) will all be signing at the Tachyon Publications table in the Dealers' Room.

This issue produced by Steve Davies, with assistance from Flick, Jan and the Con Suite. I knew we should have stuck to gin last night instead of drinking all that Canadian Blanche de Chambly beer in the Fanzine Lounge.