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This and Next Month in BCSFA

Friday 21 August:	Submission deadline for September *BCSFAzine* (ideally).
Friday 28 August:	September *BCSFAzine* production (theoretically).
Sunday 30 August at 7 PM:	August BCSFA meeting—at Ray Seredin's, 707 Hamilton Street (recreation room), New Westminster.
Friday 18 September:	Submission deadline for October *BCSFAzine* (ideally).
Sunday 20 September at 7 PM:	September BCSFA meeting—at Ray Seredin's.
Friday 25 September:	October *BCSFAzine* production (theoretically).

About BCSFA

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Letters of Comment

[*Editor's responses in brackets.*]

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Monday 31 August 2015

Hi Felicity,

Is it my imagination or have you caught up on scheduling?

[*I haven't quite caught up. The July issue came out in August. If I do two issues per month I still won't quite have the October issue out in time for VCON.*]

This has pictures of the usual suspects. Since the debate over Platonism hasn't been settled in math I doubt that this will be freely accepted either.

https://plus.maths.org/content/omega-and-why-maths-has-no-toes

Chaitin on TOEs.[1]

[*That was interesting and I enjoyed it, although he lost me when he said "An example will make this clearer" and then got into equations. Fortunately the article was "intended as popular science" and still mostly comprehensible.*]

Sometimes the advantage of getting old improves the humour of situations.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEC-EofeNZs[2]

I heard the mission commander's name as Hairy Rodent but it was actually Perry Rhodan.

[Perry Rhodan *novels frequently appear at VCON's Turkey Readings. I could watch a little of this movie so I have a reference for Rhodan the next time I draw him. Neat theme song!*]

I just saw *Pandorum*.[3] The eye candy level was pretty good. Towards the end it fell apart by making one suspend far too much belief. Worth a look though. Part two would represent a nice set of problems so the ending was *Now what??* of the first water.

If you are not squeamish, try *Azumi 1*[4] on YouTube. The best one liner in it is "She's here!!" If you're not used to samurai movies it'll seem pretty bad but is relatively low level in volence.

So who wants to volunteer to help Bertrand with his homework? Looks like his plate is full right now.

1 Theory of Everything.

2 *Mission Stardust* (1967), AKA *4…3…2…1…Morte*, AKA *Perry Rhodan—SOS aus dem Weltall* ("*SOS from Space*").

3 (2009).

4 (2003).

I was amazed by the birthdays listing at so many notables on the list. I was also bemused to think someone would name a child Crotch Thunder on purpose. Maybe it was a name change through the courts later?

[*Nickname and/or filmmaking pseudonym.* ☺]

As you may have guessed, I'm a fan of documentary journalisms by Adam Curtis and John Pilger. Like anyone else their world viewpoint is biased but turning over rocks neglected by the so-called mainstream finds some good stuff.

[*I'm glad you made me aware of Adam Curtis. I've now watched his two short films about "oh-dear-ism" and am planning to watch longer things like* The Great British Housing Disaster (*1984*)*,* Pandora's Box (*1992*)*, and* The Century of the Self (*2002*).]

The difference between *Crazy Rulers of the World* and Hollywood's *Men Who Stare at Goats*[5] is quite revealing. The horrid bunglings detected at the highest levels of bureaucracies are most apparent when they start to exercise power for a coverup. PKD didn't explore that level of the mode but had a clear grasp of the effects on those lower on the scale.

One thing you see in the modern world is clear. There is no isolation where malevolence and corruption can be masked away with no consequences. Jane Austen could cover-up the tai-pans' opium peddling with a blithe phrase about a young man's income in pounds per annum, but those days are over. You bomb Libya and Syria and thousands of refugees flood into your happy unconcerned nest. I'm sure no decent person wants to see a bunch of women and children climbing through razor wire fences trying to find a better life. The answer is simple, be better to each other right where you are. It will by the sheer power of numbers make a big difference in the world.

[*Internet news team the Young Turks made a similar point yesterday.*[6]]

For those members of fandom who became overly serious about the Hugofuss: report immediately to Reverend Ivan Stang for conditioning by the Church of the SubGenius.

Both sides like to use random snippets quoted out of context and memetic tweetering to try for an emotional leg up on what they perceive as the other "side." Primates love to occasionally indulge in a shit flinging contest to alleviate their boredom. Then they retire claiming a win. Here's a news flash from Great Grandpa. Nobody won anything because it was a no win situation from inception to the dust settling.

On the good news side CJ and Jane had a good Shejicon and Sasquan. CJ is ⅓ finished with the next book. Good times with good friends is what fandom is really supposed to be about. Taral Wayne is more mobile, more upbeat about life and is having more fun these days. Lloyd Penney has a job (I consider that a fate worse than death but only retirees think that way). Steve Jackson has a Steampunk

5 (2009).

6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNvIUPJMU-A&t=472

addition to *Munchkin* and a *Car Wars* card game now. *One Piece* has a one hour episode on Sabo online at animefreaktv.com.[7]

Like Max Stirner said the world is a wonderful place once you realize how to get your own slice of the pie.

Warm regards,
Dave
Pics are from an ancient steampunk epic.

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Friday 28 August 2015

Dear BCSFans:

Got *BCSFAzine* 505 here, and I am ready to make a few comments on what I see here. It's a Friday, my thoughts are elsewhere, so wish me luck, and let's see what happens.

Reality is relative. Your reality might resemble mine, but will never match. That's why trying to convince others of your viewpoint can be so futile. I do have the Hugofuss in mind. Now that the rockets have (or haven't) been handed out, are the Puppies actually thinking of suing the Worldcon for the rockets they so definitely believe are theirs?

I see a picture of Cory Doctorow and Gardner Dozois. Who's the Big Al? The gentleman on the left side of the picture?

[*Good question. The guy on the left is Gene Wolfe. Later in the LOC Dave says Big Al is a character in* Ratchet & Clank. *My best guess is that Dave thinks that in this photo Gardner Dozois looks a little like the character. Dave?*]

Current information for Irshad Manji…"Irshad Manji is a Canadian author, educator at New York University, and advocate of a 'reformist' interpretation of Islam. Manji is the founder and director of the Moral Courage Project at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University, a course offering that aims to teach young leaders 'to make values-driven decisions for the sake of their integrity—professional and personal.' " She may not be on television any more, but she is certainly out in the media, getting her good message across.

This Friday is nearly at an end, which means the weekend is just a short time away. Hope yours is a fine time, and see you all with 506.

Yours,
Lloyd Penney

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Tuesday 8 September 2015

Dear BCSFen:

Thanks for the newest issue of *BCSFAzine*, № 506. Catching up eventually, and I hope this one is on time.

The locol…we recently had to deal with about a thousand dollars of repairs on the car. I shouldn't complain about it because we've had the car for a few years now, and this is the first major repair.

I am writing this on the first day of school of the year for many kids, and I am finding out how many friends are going back to school, I think more out of being unable to find work, rather than wanting to further their education. Fake degrees? I have found that they seem to come from fake universities, or online universities with little or no standing, so that such a degree becomes meaningless.

Fandom's had lots of internal feuds and fights, but most of what we've heard of have been in fannish history books, like lit/media, Topic A, etc., but the Puppies' Mess is probably the first feud we've seen live and in person, and publicized through social media.

[*What's Topic A?*]

So many familiar faces and names passing away. After Yvonne Craig, we now mourn Martin Milner and Judy Carne. I feel so old…

I am going to wrap this, for I am not into philosophy, or most of the other topics being discussed elsewhere. Take care, all, and see you with the next issue.

Yours,

Lloyd Penney

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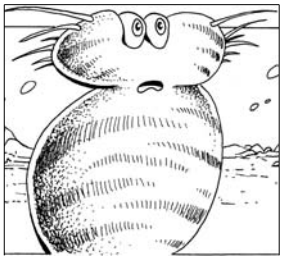
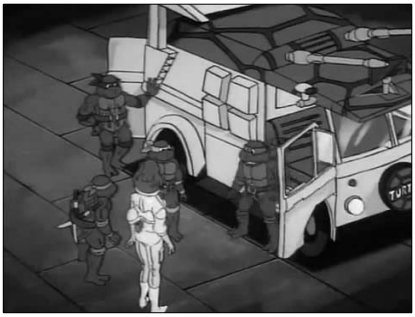
Sunday 13 September 2015

Yet another varied and interesting little fanzine from you busy Vancouverites arrived a few weeks back, so now it's time to take a break and write a brief letter of comment on what's inside.



I love Brad Foster's artistic style. That cover drawing is delightful and so describes how I sometimes feel about life on this rock spinning in space. Yes, reality can be strange, much stranger than our imaginations. This cat—at least it appears to be of feline structure—certainly has that wide-eyed, amazed look in its eyes. Me, befuddled would be the expression on my face.

[*I love his art style too. I like the idea that it was a cat. Sometimes cats do look thoughtful.*]



I had no idea there was such a thing as Zappology until I read your response to Dave Haren on page 1. Can I get a degree in that? And since I'm in Dave's letter, I like that quote from John Rawls. Even though I disagree with his opening clause. I believe a person can know his or her place in society, and can achieve that place—or any place—if a person is so inclined. It takes persistence and faith in self. Yes, many people do indeed live behind a "veil of ignorance," but only because they have chosen so. One can find their abilities if they are willing to search for them. Then again, we all know that the real answer to everything is 42. Now where did I put my blanket? It's around here somewhere…

Dave Haren really does write interesting letters, and lots of them these days. If he would hie thinself over to efanzines.com my fanzine *Askance* awaits his perusal, and I would most certainly enjoy his comments. Also, if I could get his mailing address I could send him my paper-only fanzine *Askew*, the 13th issue of which is ready for proofreading, printing, and mailing next weekend. You will naturally be getting a copy, too, Felicity. And Lloyd Penney, also Taral Wayne, R. Graeme Cameron, Murray Moore, Garth Spencer…Wow! My Canadian readership is growing. Good sign, that.

What the heck is that on the bottom of page 7? It looks like some kind of armored Lego-Bot. It sure looks weird.

[*It's a different angle of the 3D printed tank robot from page 1. It reminds me of the Technodrome* (*right*) *if the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles captured it and rebuilt it in a turtle theme, as they did with Baxter Stockman's van* (*above*).]

Hey, I think that will do it. The fanzine reviews on the last two pages reminds me that I have some loc-writing to do in order to catch up on things. So thank you once again for the fanzine, and I hope life treats you well.

All the best,
John Purcell

We Also Heard From: Brad Foster, Spider Robinson, Garth Spencer, Taral Wayne.

RANDOM NOSTALGIA

"TEKWAR"
"WORD SMITH"
MEN ON A MISSION
PHIL HARTMAN
P.N. NEWS

Calendar

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

Recurring

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 August and 5, 12, 19, and 26 September 2015 (*Saturdays*): Board Gamers: Saturday Afternoon Gaming, 12–7 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 August and 5, 12, 19, and 26 September 2015 (*Saturdays*): Saturday Jam at the Brownsville Pub, 5:30–9:30 PM at the Brownsville Pub, 11940 Old Yale Road, Surrey.—Greg Cairns

2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 August and 6, 13, 20, and 27 September 2015 (*Sundays*): Kitsilano Board Games: Lazy Sundays, 2–3 PM at Cuppa Joy, #295–2083 Alma Street, Vancouver.—Keith Lim

3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 August and 7, 14, 21, and 28 September 2015 (*Mondays*): Board Gamers: Painting Miniatures, 5–9 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 August and 7, 14, 21, and 28 September 2015 (*Mondays*): Vancouver Hack Space Craft Night, 7:30–10:30 PM at 270 East 1st Avenue, Vancouver. —Julian Castle

4, 11, 18, and 25 August and 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 September 2015 (*Tuesdays*): Board Gamers: Tuesday Night Board Gaming, 5–10 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

4, 11, 18, and 25 August and 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 September 2015 (*Tuesdays*): Vancouver Hack Space Open House, 7:30–10:30 PM at 270 East 1st Avenue, Vancouver. —Julian Castle

4, 11, 18, and 25 August and 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 September 2015 (*Tuesdays*): Hot Improv Tuesdays at Café Deux Soleils!, 8 PM at Café Deux Soleils, 2096 Commercial Drive, Vancouver.—The Fictionals Comedy Co.

5, 12, 19, and 26 August and 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 September 2015 (*Wednesdays*): Cloudscape Comics Weekly Meeting, 7:30–11:30 PM at top floor of Memorial South Park's Fieldhouse, located inside the park at 5955 Ross Street (at 41st Avenue), Vancouver.—Keith Lim/Julian Castle

5 and 19 August and 2, 16, and 30 September 2015 (*alternate Wednesdays*): Kitsilano Board Games: Wednesday Is the New Monday!, 7–8 PM at Cuppa Joy, 2083 Alma Street, Vancouver.—Keith Lim

6, 13, 20, and 27 August and 3, 10, 17, and 24 September 2015 (*Thursdays*): Thursday Hobby Build Nights, 6–9 PM at Ages Three and Up Gundam, 226–9855 Austin Road, Burnaby.—A3U Gundam

6 August 2015 (*first Thursday*): Drop-In Drawing for Adults: Pick Up a Pencil, 6–9 PM at Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond. [*No drop-in drawing in September.*]

7, 14, 21, and 28 August and 4, 11, 18, and 25 September 2015 (*Fridays*): Magic: The Gathering Friday Night Games, 5:30–9 PM at Imperial Hobbies, 5451 Number Three Road, Richmond (after 19 September 2015 at new address, Unit 115–6080 Russ Baker Way, Richmond).

7, 14, 21, and 28 August and 4, 11, 18, and 25 September 2015 (*Fridays*): Board Gamers: Friday Night Magic, 6:30–9:30 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

7, 14, 21, and 28 August and 4, 11, 18, and 25 September 2015 (*Fridays*): Friday Board Game Night—Drexoll Games, 7–11 PM at Drexoll Games, 2880 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver.—Keith Lim

8 August and 12 September 2015 (*second Saturday*): Teen Manga and Anime Group (former name Teen Manga Advisory Group), 3:30–5:30 PM at Harvey Southam Room, Lower Level, Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, 350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver. Free.—Julian Castle

11 August and 8 September 2015 (*second Tuesday*): Meeting of Automotive Model Builders Vancouver, 7 PM at Burnaby Lions Club, 7420 Mulberry Place, Burnaby.

11 August and 8 September 2015 (*second Tuesday*): Monthly Steampunk Coffee Klatch, 7:30–9 PM at Waves Coffee House—Large Private Room, #100–900 Howe Street (@ Smithe), Vancouver.—Keith Lim

13 and 27 August and 10 and 24 September 2015 (*alternate Thursdays*): Burnaby Sci-Fi Writers' Group, 7–9 PM at Metrotown Public Library, 6100 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, in Program Room or Connections Lounge.—Allan Lowson (on Richmond Writers Network Facebook Group)

13 August and 10 September 2015 (*second Thursday*): Vancouver Astronomy Monthly Meetup, 7:30–8:30 PM. [*No location given.*]—Keith Lim

13 August and 10 September 2015 (*second Thursday*): Fraser Valley Model Club Monthly Meeting, 7:30–9:30 PM at Kariton House Gallery, 2387 Ware Street, Abbotsford.—Keith Lim

15 August and 19 September 2015 (*third Saturday*): Vancouver Comic Jam, 8 PM–late (sometimes ends when Wallflower closes at 1 AM) at the Wallflower Modern Diner, 2420 Main Street, Vancouver.—Keith Lim

16 August and 20 September 2015 (*third Sunday*): Board Game Swap Meetup, 11 AM–1 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

21 August and 18 September 2015 (*third Friday*): IPMS Vancouver Monthly Meeting, 7–9:30 PM at Bonsor Recreation Complex, Second Floor "Arts Room," 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby.—Keith Lim

29 August and 26 September 2015 (*last Saturday*): Board Gamers: 12 Hours of Gaming, 12 PM–12 AM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

Already in Progress

Spring–15 September 2015: Call for submissions for Vancouver's 12th annual Hot One Inch Action, a one-night show of art on one-inch pin-back buttons. Art deadline Tuesday 15 September at noon. "Only one submission per artist each year…It's free to submit your artwork!…Artists selected to be in a show will receive 20 free copies of their button!" Submit via e-mail or "by [snail] mail for scanning. E-mail us for mailing or delivery instructions…Please keep your art smaller than letter-sized (8.5×11 inches) so it fits on the scanner." More at guidelines webpage.—Julian Castle

August 2015

August is Inventors' Month.

1 August 2015: Vanpla Summer BBQ Fireworks Night 2015, 12–11 PM at Kitsilano Beach, Vancouver.

1–2 August 2015: KuroNekoCon 2015 [*at Spokane Convention Center, 334 West Spokane Falls Boulevard*], Spokane, Washington.—Chris Sturges via Garth Spencer

5 August 2015: **Scott Tycholaz** and **Élisabeth Vonarburg**'s birthdays.

6 August 2015: **Christina Carr**'s birthday.

7 August 2015: Premiere of films *Fantastic Four*[8] (superhero/comics adaptation; Dan Castellaneta, Tim Heidecker, Han Soto, Robert "Bigg Sarge" Deon), *Shaun the Sheep Movie* (computer animation; Nick Park), and *Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection "F"* (anime).

7 August 2015: ECCW Pro-Wrestling at Elks [*Lodge*] #49, [*2272 Leigh Square*], Port Coquitlam. Fundraiser for #hulkuptobeatcancer.

7–9 August 2015: Animethon 22 [*at MacEwan University, Downtown Campus, 10045 156 Street Northwest*], Edmonton, Alberta.—*Ansible* via Garth Spencer

7–9 August 2015: Dragonflight [*at Bellevue Hilton Hotel, 300 112th Avenue Southeast*], Bellevue, Washington.—*Ansible* via Garth Spencer

8 August 2015: ECCW Pro-Wrestling at Ivan Franko Centre, [*5311 Francis Road*], Richmond. Fundraiser for Richmond Animal Protection Society.

8–9 August 2015: InCon Family Gaming Convention [*at Florence Filberg Centre, 411 Anderton Avenue*], Courtenay.—Garth Spencer

9 August 2015: Book Lovers' Day.

9 August 2015: Dude Chilling Picnic Birthday Party and *Cinema Sewer* Book Launch, 3:30 PM at Dude Chilling Park, 2390 Brunswick Street, Vancouver.—Robin Bougie

9 August 2015: Vancouver Comic Show, 11 AM–5 PM at Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver.

12 August 2015: **Lynda Ciaschini**'s birthday.

14 August 2015: Premiere of films *The Man from UNCLE* (action/comedy/remake; Henry Cavill, Hugh Grant, Jared Harris, David Beckham) and *People Places Things* (drama; Jermaine Clement, Jessica Williams).

14–16 August 2015: Anime Revolution/Anirevo at Vancouver Convention Centre, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver.

14–16 August 2015: Anime Revolution & Vanpla Build Contest, 10 AM Friday–3 PM Sunday at Vancouver Convention Centre East, Vancouver. [*No address given.*]

8 AKA "*Fant4stic*" (pronounced "fant four stick").

14–16 August 2015: When Words Collide [*at Delta Calgary South Hotel, 135 Southland Drive Southeast*], Calgary, Alberta.—*Ansible* via Garth Spencer

14–20 August 2015: Imperial Hobbies' Moving Sale at Imperial Hobbies, 5451 Number Three Road, Richmond. "Regular store hours. Telephone: (604) 273-4427. orders@imperialhobbies.ca."

15 August 2015: *Doctor Who* Comics Day.—Julian Castle

15 August 2015: ECCW Pro-Wrestling at Russian Community Centre, [*2114 West 4th Avenue*], Vancouver.

16 August 2015: **Thomas Phinney**'s birthday.

17 August 2015: National Black Cat Awareness Day.

19–23 August 2015: Sasquan (Worldcon 73) [*at Spokane Convention Center, 334 West Spokane Falls Boulevard*], Spokane, Washington. Guests of Honor: Brad Foster, David Gerrold, Vonda McIntyre, Tom Smith, Leslie Turek.—*Ansible* & *Locus* Online via Garth Spencer

21 August 2015: Premiere of film *Sinister 2* (horror; Ethan Hawke).

21 August 2015: Chic Machine at the Bennett (Formerly the Tudor), 8 PM–12 AM at the Bennett Craft and Kitchen, 187 176th Street, Surrey.—Greg Cairns

23 August 2015: Series premiere of *Fear the Walking Dead* + *Talking Dead* preview of *Walking Dead* season 6.—Julian Castle

24 August 2015: **Karen New** and **Crotch Thunder**'s birthdays.

26 August 2015: **Sarah Stierch**'s birthday.

28 August 2015: Premiere of film *Z for Zachariah* (SF; Chris Pine, Chiwetel Ejiofor).

28–30 August 2015: Supernatural Official Convention [*at Vancouver Convention Center, East Building, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver*].—Garth Spencer

28–31 August 2015: PAX Prime, Seattle, Washington. [*No venue or address given on website.*]

29 August 2015: Warmachine Tournament, 10:30 AM–5:30 PM at Imperial Hobbies, 5451 Number Three Road, Richmond.

29 August 2015: Vanpla August 2015 Meeting, 1–5 PM at Metropolis Comics and Toys, 4735 Kingsway, Burnaby.

September 2015

1 September 2015: **Stephanie Leigh**'s and **Phil Hendrie**'s birthdays.

4 September 2015: **Lezli Robyn**'s birthday.

4 September 2015: Season 4 premiere of *Continuum* (sci-fi; dystopia & time-travel) on Showcase.—Julian Castle

4–7 September 2015: Kumoricon [*at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 West 6th Street, and the Red Lion Hotel Vancouver at the Quay, 100 Columbia Street*], Vancouver, Washington.—*Ansible* via Garth Spencer

5 September 2015: Zombie Walk 2015, [*3 PM at Vancouver Art Gallery, 750 Hornby Street, Vancouver*].

6 September 2015: Read a Book Day.

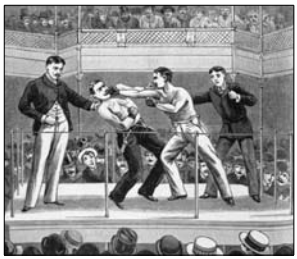
6 September 2015: Start of last four episodes of *Lost Girl* (supernatural; succumbus) on Showcase.—Julian Castle

8 September 2015: International Literacy Day.

10 September 2015: **Bruce Lord**'s birthday.

11 September 2015: **Ziv Kowarsky**'s birthday. Premiere of film *The Visit* (horror/ comedy).

11 September 2015: Season 2 premiere of *Z Nation* (zombies) on Space.—Julian Castle



11 September 2015: All Star Wrestling, 8 PM at Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver. "Loose Cannon Kenny Lush vs. Gabriel Gallo. ● ASW Tag Team Titles—Team Rush Hour (Mr. India & The Great Kasaki) vs. Team USA (Azeem the Dream & Christopher Ryseck). ● Girls Gone Wrestling Title Match—Chelsea Green (Champion) vs. Malia Hosaka. ● Girls Triple Threat Match—Violet vs. Vixen vs. Bambi Hall. ● Bad Boy Jason Cage vs. Don Ciever. ● And much more! Tickets are $20 front row and $15 general admission. Available soon at http://allstar-wrestling.com/; Bruce Guitars, 434 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, (604) 428-9118; or OT Sports Cards, 1505 West 66th Avenue, Vancouver, (604) 559-5511. Meet the wrestlers after the show at Hudson's Landing Pub, 1041 Southwest Marine Drive, Vancouver."

11 September 2015: ECCW Pro-Wrestling at Elks [*Lodge*] #49, [*2272 Leigh Square*], Port Coquitlam.

12 September 2015: National Video Games Day.

12 September 2015: The Sneaky Dragon Podcast's 200th Episode: Live!, 8 PM at Skinny Fat Jack's, 3475 Main Street (back alley), Vancouver. "Sneaky Dragon, voted tied for third best podcast in Vancouver by *The Westender* before they stopped caring about that kind of thing, is celebrating its 200th episode with a night packed with two 40 something guys talking about their pasts. Not enough? Okay, there will be special guests, music, comedy sketches and if bribes are needed then yes, there will be prizes. Please join Ian Boothby, writer for Bongo Comics' *The Simpsons* and *Futurama* comics, writer for CBC's *The Irrelevant Show* and D&D elf for *The Critical Hit Show: A Live Dungeons & Dragons Comedy Experience* and David Dedrick, creator and the smart half of the critically acclaimed *Compleatly Beatles* and the cult hit *Totally Tintin* podcasts. It's free to get in if you're cool.* Doors at 8 PM. Show at 9 PM. * Coolness will be determined by a series of tests to be named later."—Ian Boothby

12 September 2015: Vanpla September 2015 Build Night, 6–9 PM at Sakura Media, 4700 Kingsway (Metropolis at Metrotown), Burnaby. "Join us for a gunpla evening at Vanpla Build Night. Whether you are new to the hobby or veteran modeler, drop by and build in a casual open setting with a group of fun people."

13 September 2015: Vancouver Comicon, 11 AM–5 PM at Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street, Vancouver. "Special guests: Simon Roy (*Prophet*, *Tiger Lung*, *Jan's Atomic Heart*), Jason Copland (*Kill All Monsters*, *POP*), Mel Levrault (Phobiasoft), Michelle Zhu. […] Admission: $4; kids under 14: free. […] 604-322-6412."

13 September 2015: Heathen Geeks Meetup, 2 PM at Bamboo Cafe, 5103 Joyce Street, Vancouver. "Because I would like to meet other heathens in Metro Vancouver, you are invited to come have coffee with me. […] The Bamboo Cafe is […] right beside the Joyce Skytrain Station."—Garth Spencer

15 September 2015: **Mike Jackson**'s birthday.

16 September 2015: **Melissa Tookey**'s birthday.

17 September 2015: VCON 40 Volunteer Orientation, 7 PM at Fired Up Events, 7842 Express Street, Burnaby. "Are you volunteering at VCON this year? This is the place to get information, talk to your Volunteer Coordinator, and meet your fellow volunteers. The meeting place is about a ten minute walk from the Lake City Way SkyTrain station so it's easy to get to! Snacks and drinks will be available. Remember to sign up on our online form!"—Divya Kohli

18 September 2015: Premiere of film *The Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials* (SF/action; Giancarlo Esposito, Lili Taylor).

19 September 2015: **Randy Byers**'s birthday. International Talk Like a Pirate Day.

19 September 2015: Season 35 premiere of *Doctor Who* on Space. (AKA season 9 of reboot.)—Julian Castle

19 September 2015: ECCW Pro-Wrestling at Russian Community Centre, [*2114 West 4th Avenue*], Vancouver.

19 September 2015: Pirates at GETI Fest, 10 AM–3 PM at Haney Place Mall, 22470 Dewdney Trunk Road 100, Maple Ridge. "We will be bringing the much sought after Jade Dragon Pirates to GETI Fest. This pirate crew may have begun in the 1500s for the BC Renaissance Festival Cast and Crew but they live in their 1700s version for your entertainment. Only for one afternoon, we will be jam packing swordfighting, table top games, a little singing, and some trivia into our space at the event. Also being as it is International Talk Like a Pirate Day it is the perfect time to come out and spend an afternoon with us. Once the day is done, who knows. After the tent is down and we're all packed up, we may go find a pub to invade. Feel free to check in with us at the end of the event to see if we have chosen our sailing destination. GETI (Golden Ears Transition Initiative)."—Christina Carr

19 September 2015: Get Out of the Closet and Build in Public, 1 PM at Metropolis Comics and Toys, 4735 Kingsway, Burnaby. "Our September Saturday of building. […] Bring your new projects, new acquisitions, and stories. It's time to build together where people can see us!"—Stan Hyde

21 September 2015: Premiere of TV series *Minority Report* (Wilmer Valderama).

21 September 2015: Season 2 premiere of *Gotham* on CTV. Gotham before Batman. —Julian Castle

22 September 2015: **Peter Kuper**'s birthday. Premiere of TV series *The Muppets* and *Limitless* (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Bradley Cooper).

23–27 September 2015: Word Vancouver (previously Word on the Street) at locations near downtown Vancouver. Main event 26 September, 11 AM–5 PM at Library Square, 350 West Georgia Street. Free admission.—Julian Castle

24 September 2015: Premiere of TV series *Heroes Reborn* (Masi Oka).

24 September 2015: Season 4 premiere of *Saving Hope* (supernatural medical drama) on CTV.—Julian Castle

24–27 September 2015: RainFurrest 2015 [*at Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center, 17620 International Boulevard*], Seattle, Washington. Theme: Sword & Sorcery.—*Ansible* via Garth Spencer

25 September 2015: National Comic Book Day. Premiere of films *Hotel Transylvania 2* (computer animation; Adam Sandler, Nick Offerman, Steve Buscemi, Kevin James, Andy Samberg, Keegan-Michael Key, Megan Mullally, Fran Drescher, Mel Brooks, David Spade, Rob Riggle, Molly Shannon, Nick Swardson, Dana Carvey, Jon Lovitz, Chris Kattan, Robert Smigel) *The Green Inferno* (horror), and *Before I Wake* (horror; Kate Bosworth, Annabeth Gish, Thomas Jane)

26 September 2015: Magic: The Gathering: Battle for Zendikar Pre-Release, 11–5:30 PM at Richmond Rod & Gun Club, 7891 Cambie Road, Richmond. "This pre-release will be hosted at the Richmond Rod & Gun Club to make room for up to 100 players! […] Contact: Stephanie."—Imperial Hobbies

26 September 2015: VCON Hotel Walkthrough, 1:30 PM at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond. "All volunteers and concom are welcome to our walkthrough and training session. Volunteer training starts at 1:30 PM. Walkthrough will start at 2:30 PM."—Divya Kohli

26 September 2015: Vancouver's 12th annual Hot One Inch Action, 7–11 PM at Hot Art Wet City, 2206 Main Street (at 6th Avenue), Vancouver. "The tiny art of fifty different artists is reproduced on one inch [pin-back] buttons" and "displayed on the gallery wall." Buy a mixed bag of five random buttons for $5. If you want a specific button, then trade with other people at the show. Twitter tag #hot1inch.—Julian Castle

27 September 2015: **Douglas Mellott**'s birthday.

27 September 2015: Season 5 premiere of *Once Upon a Time* (fantasy) on ABC. Season 2 premier of *Last Man on Earth* (post-apocalyptic comedy; *SNL*'s Will Forte) on Fox.—Julian Castle

27 September 2015: Vanpla September 2015 Meeting, 1–5 PM at 木: Ki Tea House Cafe, #105–6888 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby. "Every month, Vanpla members get together for a build and socialize workshop meetup. Usual activities include: kits building (bring your own kits and tools), show your proud completed work, technique coaching (feel free to ask), demos and workshops, airbrushing (depending on venue, spray booth may be available, bring your own airbrush/paint/thinner/etc.), access to gunpla graveyard (salvage parts for your project free), group build/event discussion, watching anime, meet new people, chill, and enjoy. We invite everyone to join. See you guys there!"

27 September 2015: Richmond BC Writers' Club Invites You to 2015 Culture Day Open Mic, 1:30–3:30 PM at Richmond Public Library, Brighouse Branch, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond. Boardroom.

27 September 2015: Steampunk Murder Mystery—Paddlewheeler, 5:30–9 PM at Paddlewheeler Riverboat Tours, 788 Quayside Drive, New Westminster. "We get to perform one of our Steampunk Murder Mysteries on board a paddlewheeler!!!

(Note: They have created a special page for the event.) […] Due to the layout of the paddlewheeler itself we will be using the 'social format' for the story. The characters (which ones announced shortly) will be mingling with guests on the upper deck, dropping clues. Listen closely as approximately an hour into the trip someone will die and the Inspector will take you to the lower level for the 'parlour scene' where you will compare notes and get your chance to guess at who the murderer is. Prize for one lucky winner! To be announced!! (Video link starts at 'party/social' format —click beginning to see whole video.) Details: […] Loading is at 5:30 PM. Trip is 6 PM–9 PM. Tickets $35 a person. They will be sold online through their webpage. If you wish to purchase day-of and wish to find out if it is sold out or have ticket/food questions please call: 604-525-4465. Food (finger food, sandwiches, cookies, et al.) and drink (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) for sale on board. 19 years and over. […] (604) 525-4465. Please note: As the tickets are 'general sales' it could sell out fast as it will be open to the public and tourists. You are not obligated to dress up but dressing up is more than welcomed."—Christina Carr

28 September 2015: Season 2 premiere in France of *Les Revenants* (supernatural) after no new episodes since the end of 2012. Dead people re-appear, apparently back to normal. (Apparently there will not be a second season of the USA version.)—Julian Castle

29 September 2015: Season 3 premiere of Marvel's *Agents of SHIELD* (superhero universe) on ABC.—Julian Castle

News-Like Matter

Notes from July 2015 BCSFA Meeting

In attendance were Barb Dryer (secretary), Kathleen Moore (treasurer), Ray Seredin (host), Felicity Walker (editor), Michael "Fruvous" Bertrand, Julian Castle, Joe Devoy, William Graham, Stewart Smyth, and Sid Trim.

Ray saw a *Bojack Horseman* necktie at Norwescon. This led to discussion of animation, censorship, advertising, racism, violence, and pro-sociality.

I thought I smelled typewriter ribbon. This reminded Sid of videos with kids reacting to antique things, such as typewriters. Fruvous wondered if these things were also antiques to Generation X. I said that typewriters were still common throughout my childhood, although they were electric. When I visited my grandparents I borrowed my grandfather's old manual Remington. I received an electric Smith-Corona as a gift when I was about 12. In grade nine I took a typing course and our teacher, whom I will call "Mrs. Bag," complained bitterly about the students getting away with using electric typewriters when it was all manual in her day.

Stew remembered candy cigarettes. I vaguely remembered them too. You had to go to the Chinese mom & pop convenience store to get them. For William, that was

the closest store to where he lived, but for Fruvous, it was on the other side of town. He went there to get Black Bart licorice gum. My notes say "And the old Coke with real cocaine!" (What does *that* mean?)

Stew knew someone one year younger than him who only had one TV channel growing up, and still hadn't seen any *Wayne & Shuster*. Ray said that they kept making *Wayne & Shuster* up to 1989. I was surprised and didn't remember seeing any 1980s *Wayne & Shuster*. Joe and Fruvous said that we might have seen it and not known it because it looked exactly the same as 1960s *Wayne & Shuster* and used the same jokes.

This reminded Sid that NASA taped over the Moon landings—but recently found some lunar orbit footage, which is being restored by a private group. Ray said that the CBC junked its telecine machine because they couldn't replace a part. Joe said that this is the CBC cut by Stephen Harper until they have to fill airtime with old footage. I said that it's nice to see archival footage but not when modern TV personalities try to add their own spam onto it. Joe said that similarly, Michael Enright adds bitchy comments to the audio on CBC's *Rewind*.[9]

My notes say that Ray said "[*Something*] Kent, Washington, [*something*] 2019, [*something*] guppy."

There was a fire in the neighbourhood! Kathleen arrived later because she was concerned that it was in the apartment building where friends lived, but it turned out to be the laundromat at 8th Street and 4th Avenue.

Tonight Stew was dressed like Ricky Gervais.

My notes say " 'How's the Night Life in Cissalda?' by Harlan Ellison typewriter." I didn't remember the title but someone described the premise and I realized I'd read it in the UBC SFS's library.

Felicity Walker
Sunday 19 July 2015

Voting Open for 2015 Faned Awards

To get a ballot, e-mail Graeme Cameron at rgraeme@shaw.ca. Graeme writes:

"To be presented at VCON 40 October 4th, 2015 by R. Graeme Cameron.

"Anyone in the world who contributes to Canadian fanzines is eligible, and anyone in the world who reads Canadian fanzines may vote.

"Please submit your vote by September 28th, 2015."

Felicity Walker
Thursday 17 September 2015

9 A CBC radio show playing archived CBC recordings.

Mini-Reviews

Julian Castle

Mini-Review of 'Extant' (TV Series)

A mostly enjoyable sci-fi series, starring Halle Berry, with two main sci-fi elements:

(1) Androids (called humanichs), and

(2) Spores in outer-space resulting in human/alien hybrids. Set in a future where door peepholes are apparently no longer in use (or perhaps an alternate history where peepholes were never invented).

(To be fair: I haven't watched the first season of the show, but I've watched most of the second season and I don't remember seeing any peepholes.)

Mini-Review of 'Helix' (TV Series)

Sci-fi horror series where:

(a) Scientists are infected by selective stupidity, and

(b) The plot suffers from very bad writing. Writing so bad I gave up after the fourth episode.

Julian Castle
Friday 4 September 2015

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