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By España Sheriff

Editor

Worldcon, Worldcon, Worldcon. I could pretend to care about anything else right now but I wouldn’t be foolin’ anyone.

By the time you read this, the convention will be over, but in the here and now there is very little else in my brain, or on my various feeds, than the 69th World Science Fiction Convention. All roads lead to Reno and I’ve got my foot planted firmly on the gas pedal.

Last night, I completed my Hugo reading and submitted the ballot with one day to spare. Every year I tell myself I will be more prepared, and every year I fail, but I should be getting an ereader soon, which would have helped immensely for this particular task —unshackling me from reading the voter packet on my computer, so maybe next year will be the one I get my vote in early. Now, with two scant weeks to go before I hop on the Zephyr headed north it’s time to buckle down and complete all the other projects hanging over my head, some half-done others not even begun. Already the “I’m at the con and unprepared” dreams have started.

There are new pieces to finish for the Art Show, theoretically the most important project to me, and therefore the one I am most likely to procrastinate. Then there are the panels I am scheduled to be on. I really want to be properly prepared for them, for the audience’s sake as well as my own. Of course there are also various costumes in the works, all perpetually not-quite finished. But the project taking up the lion’s share of my time is the pair of parties Leigh Ann Hildebrand and I are throwing in celebration of Lev Grossman’s *The Magicians* and the upcoming sequel, *The Magician King*.

With all of the above this will be my busiest Worldcon ever even without taking into account all the other wonderful programming and general fun that the convention has to offer.

But just because the convention itself will be past tense when this issue goes to press doesn’t mean it won’t still be with us in spirit. The thing that a good convention does best is catalyze the mind and spirit, renewing and replenishing from the well of fannish enthusiasm and ideas. For starters if the Fan Editors panel goes at all well then hopefully some of you now seeing these words will be new readers of the zine, so hello and welcome.

Beyond that, I fully expect to come back from Reno with new friends, an impractically huge list of new (or new to me) books, comics, podcasts, artists and lord knows what else to look into, and especially a whole bunch of projects to work on hatched during the con. I love interacting with people online, but getting a few thousand humans together creates it’s own special vortex of geekdom, and the enthusiasm and ideas bounce off each other mightily in that environment. *Yipe!*, the other fanzine I write for, was born at a party at Anticipation. The Fanzine Lounge PM (aka Drunkzine Lounge) was a breeding ground for all sorts of bad ideas and the “hallway panel” effect of folks leaving a panel and ending up deep in discussion in the corridor outside is a time-honored tradition.

So expect to see a ripple effect in my future reports and editorials, and I’ll see you on the other side!
Both España and I will have longer Worldcon reviews in the next issue. However, we would like to report the most important news from the convention, the winners of the Hugo awards. The list is up on the official web site for the con (see link below).

The most exciting and dramatic bit is Chris Garcia (SF/SF Editor Emeritus) and James Bacon’s win for Best Fanzine for the Drink Tank. We are so happy for both of them and extend our formal congratulations in print here. And not surprisingly, the video of Chris’s acceptance speech has become viral on the Internet and Boing Boing has dubbed it the “Greatest Hugo Acceptance Speech of All-Time.” Someone joked onstage said afterwards that he should win a Hugo for Best Dramatic Presentation–Short Form at the next Hugos. That idea might not be such a farfetched one!

renovationsf.org
boingboing.net/2011/08/22/greatest-hugo-acceptance-speech-of-all-time.html

Just as popular as the Hugos was the Worldcon masquerade competition. There were a lot of great entries and the show ran smoothly thanks to the efforts of Kevin Roche and Andy Trembley. There was even a buffet of food and drinks in the Green Room! It was great to see people we knew from the Bay Area and we also meet some awesome costumers whom we didn’t know previously.

España, Christopher Erickson and myself were in the Intergalactic Dating Game group, which won Best in Show for Workmanship (mostly due to the very talented couple Mette Hedin and Bryan Little) and a Presentation award for Best in Class-Master. Elena and Ant rounded out our group that had the 10th Doctor as the bachelor and three Doctor Who creatures as the bachelorettes.
It was cool to see Tom Becker working behind the scenes at the masquerade. Then Chris Garcia showed up to officiate the renewal of marriage vows for Mette and Bryan (in their Silurian and Ood costumes, respectively) on stage before the awards were announced. *SF/SF* sure represented at the Masquerade!

Here are the lists of winners in the two categories of Workmanship and then Presentation:

**Award**  
**Division**  
**Description**

**Best In Show - Original**  
All  
Intergalactic Dating Game

**Best in Class - Master**  
Master  
Music of the Spheres

**Best Transformation of Materials**  
Master  
Blue Meanie Blues

**Best Dyeworks**  
Master  
The Undine

**Best in Class - Journeyman**  
Master  
Katamari Damacy

**Honorable Mention for Electronics**  
Master  
Wizard of Oz

**Best in Class - Novice**  
Master  
Tabulous

**Best Accessories - Journeyman**  
Master  
Jane MacMillan, Avatar Driver

**Best Makeup**  
Master  
Phoenix

**Best Accessories - Novice**  
Novice  
The Anubis Gate

**Best Use of Recycled Materials**  
Novice  
Baby Cyber-shade

**Honorable Mention for Patchwork**  
Novice  
Adventures of Seemore T Camel

**Best Prop**  
Young Fan  
Amy in the Tardis

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**Award**  
**Division**  
**Description**

**Best In Show - Recreation**  
All  
Intergalactic Dating Game

**Best in Class - Master**  
All  
Avatar

**Most Nostalgic**  
Master  
Blue Meanie Blues

**Most Elegant**  
Master  
Undine

**Most Humorous**  
Master  
Semi Precious

**Best Steampunk**  
Master  
Nothing To Wear

**Persistence of Vision**  
Master  
Tabulous

**Best in Young Fan**  
Master  
Baby Cyber-Shade

**Best Recreation - Young Fan**  
Master  
Princess Pacman

**Best in Class - Journeyman**  
Young Fan  
Darling Gang

**Best Accessories - Journeyman**  
Young Fan  
Phoenix

**Best Makeup**  
Young Fan  
Amy in the Tardis

**Best Accessories - Novice**  
Young Fan  
Young at Heart

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*Intergalactic Dating Game*  
by Ric Bretschneider
Worldcon in Brief

By España Sheriff

Worldcon is about three things for me; making new friends, encountering new ideas and coming out at the end inspired and full of new plots and projects, and Renovation more than came through on all three fronts.

I promise I will write a full report for the next issue, but sitting here, three days past the official end of the convention, but only a few hours after the end of my convention experience, it seems a shame to wait so long and lose a little of the energy and feel of the past weekend in the process.

The inherent madness of the casino experience heightened my Worldcon to a bit of a fever pitch, honestly, something about knowing I didn’t have to go to sleep allowed me to just barrel through even when circumstances conspired to make me have to fit 25 hours of activity into our sadly limited 24-hour Earth days. I vastly overfilled my plate and could easily have undone my whole weekend, but the combination of great friends, old and new, the second-hand energy of the fans around me, and the rather fantastic reality of knowing that food, drink and people where a mere eight floors away at any time I wanted, day or night, got me through just fine.

But more than that, I had a blast. In between the running around, stressing over details large and small, and physically overextending myself, I managed to pack in panels,
conversations, geekery and a few nice egoboos. I missed the Hugos, but was on stage at the Masquerade. I canceled one panel a day before the convention, but feel like I nailed the others and had a good time with them. I barely managed to say more than a brief hello to several old friends, but met another handful of folks I previously only knew from the pixels on my screen. Balance was upset and restored repeatedly, but always in such a way that I never quite crashed and came through dizzy but elated.

Next issue I’ll try to write something more intelligent, with details of the convention in general (Art! Signage! OMGHugos!) and my own activities (Panels! Parties! Other stuff not starting with P!), but for now let me just assure you it was a really good time and that Chicon has a lot to live up to next year. I can’t wait to see them top it.

The Geek Girl Crafts Podcast is a bi-weekly podcast made by Geek Girls for geeks who like to craft. We’ll discuss geeky topics ranging from books to movies, anime to gaming, fandom, conventions, and everything else in-between. And we’ll also cover our crafty projects, such as costuming for conventions, knitting, and our DIY projects. Come give us a listen. You can find us on iTunes and at geekgirlcraftspodcast.blogspot.com.
Worldcon Whirl

Photos by Tom Becker
Compositor
Dr. Mary Crowell in concert with Betsy Tinney, Katie Tinney & Amy McNally

Patty Wells and Norman Cates

Best in Show - Original: Night at the Sci-Fi Museum
Randy Byers collating WOOF

Boston in 2020 party

The Comfy Chair
Hugo ice sculpture

Base Designer Marina Gelineau

Best Fan Writer Claire Brialey

Chris Garcia and Linda Wenzelburger
By Jean Martin
Editor-in-Chief

Now that Labor Day is upon us and Summer is wrapping up, I’m looking back to the beginning of the season when I spent my Memorial Day weekend at two conventions: BayCon and Fanime. And then to the 4th of July weekend when I went to Westercon. Here are my reviews for these three conventions held in the Bay Area in the past three months:

BayCon, May 28

For the first time since I discovered BayCon in 2004, when I went just for the evening programming to go to a Regency dance, I did not attend the entire four-day weekend. There was a time (namely 2005 and 2006) when I looked forward to staying at the San Jose Doubletree and completely immersing myself in another world for four days. I would revel in all that fandom had to offer and felt part of this magical community where I saw and made friends, expressed my creativity and partied till dawn.

Things started to change when BayCon moved to the San Mateo Marriott in 2007. I didn’t have a room at the hotel (although I did sleep in a friend’s room after the Masquerade on Saturday night) so I didn’t get the full experience but it was still a great convention overall. 2008 through 2010 at the Hyatt Santa Clara were also fun but some of the magic seems to have gone for me. The venue just doesn’t feel like “home” because everything is so spread out, the hotel is very business travel-like and a lot of my friends don’t go anymore because the Masquerade has been changed into more of just a costume contest. We used to look forward every year to preparing an elaborate song and dance number for the Masquerade and now these skits are no longer encouraged. There seems to be a lack of costuming in general nowadays too and most of the costumes I see now are Steampunk. I love Steampunk and have a lot of Steampunk costumes (and wore one that day),

Old SF/SF Staff Reunion by Christopher Erickson
but it just makes for a generic experience when this style is so ubiquitous that one con pretty much looks like another. There also has been a noticeable absence of Browncoats at BayCon these last few years.

So, when I was trying to decide what to do this past Memorial Day weekend, I decided to just go one day, Saturday, to BayCon so that I could finally check out Fanime on another day and try to get my place ready for my fiance, Chris, who was moving in right after that weekend. Unfortunately, this meant that I had to miss the Regency dances on the evenings of Friday and Sunday, which was sad for me because, as I mentioned earlier, Regency dancing is how I discovered BayCon (and thus, other cons).

It worked out alright because I was not tapped for any programming duties, was not in the “Masquerade” and wasn’t that enthusiastic about going to BayCon as much as I used to anyway. In fact, I got there late in the afternoon and decided to just hang out in the lobby with friends who were waiting for 7:00 p.m., at which point we could all spend less by just buying night passes. This meant that I couldn’t check out the dealer room, which is one of my favorite things at BayCon. But I’m trying to save money for my wedding anyway and I
don’t have room for new stuff since I had to downsize my possessions in half to make room for Chris.

Chris and I hung out at the bar for a little bit and talked to friends and took photos. I was even able to get a photo of the old SF/SF staff, which included myself, España, Chris Garcia and David Moyce, who has been gafiating for a couple of years. It was good to see David after so long and he was even wearing his Klingon costume! I then ran into a friend who said that there weren’t that many people during the daytime so I didn’t really miss anything. The evening wasn’t that packed either and it was a Saturday night.

Still, I had a great time. First, we went to the Masquerade. We had several friends in the competition and there some great entries. My favorite was Phil and Kathe Gust’s Carnivale creations and they even danced around the ballroom floor to show off their costumes. I was shocked when they didn’t win anything as they had incredible workmanship and entertaining presentation. The Best in Show winning entry was a woman in a Steampunk costume complete with wings that was an upgraded version of the one she wore at the Nova Albion last March. She adopted her role well as she went around the room and her wings were quite impressive.

After the contest, we saw the group who always does these amazing themed costumes every year at BayCon get together for a photo op at the lobby. They were all in Steampunk Justice League costumes. They’re always an amazing sight to see and photograph. So yes, I enjoyed their costumes even
though, yet again, Steampunk dominated. I just hope Steampunk doesn’t get too old, too quickly.

Then Chris and I checked out the Klingon Slave Auction. My friend Alex, the auctioneer, asked me to escort him from the entrance to the stage area to start the show. We were preceded by my friend Stephanie in a hula dancer outfit and a couple of belly dancers. The Klingon Slave Auction is always a lot of fun and Alex is always hilarious and entertaining. David was one of the Klingons helping out. We stayed for a little bit and the headed to the party floor. There weren’t that many parties and none of them were that memorable other than the Klingon’s Black Hole Bar, which is always a treat.

Chris and I ended the evening at the Masquerade Ball where we found a lot of our friends including España. We danced to great songs played by our friend DJ Neshamah. But we left not too long after midnight as I was tired and Chris wanted to go to Fanime early the next day so we needed to go to sleep.

Next year, I’ll probably want to see more of BayCon especially some of the programming and definitely the dealer room. I still do like BayCon and it will always hold a special place in my heart as it was my first fandom con.

Fanime, May 29

I’ve always been curious about Fanime because it has such a huge following and keeps growing. But I’ve never really been that motivated to go because it’s on the same long weekend as BayCon and most of its participants are old enough to be my kids. I also have not been that much into Anime since the 1970s.

However, I had more of reason to check it out since Chris is very much into Anime and Manga and loves Fanime. He convinced me that it is a fun convention and that I would enjoy the variety and amount of costuming even though I probably won’t recognize any of them. Then my friend Mike Miyake asked me to do an interview with one of the Guests of Honor that he would tape and broadcast on the radio. Well, these reasons as well as my motto of trying anything once finally led me to the San Jose Convention Center for the Sunday of Fanime 2011.

I generally don’t like huge conventions as I feel anonymous and don’t get the sense of community that I get from smaller conventions. Surprisingly, I ran into several people I knew at the convention. And yes, there were a lot of young people in attendance but I didn’t feel out of place or anything. The costuming, as Chris said, was impressive. Although I didn’t know what most of the costumes were, I appreciated the time, talent and imagination that went into them as well as their visual appeal.

The first thing we did at the convention helped me break into the phenomenon that is Fanime. There was a room with a Steampunk programming track that was run by Gene Forrer and the Steam Federation: Bay Area Steampunk Association. I liked their presentation on Steapunk in Anime as well as the costume contest that followed. Cellist Unwoman even performed during the breaks. For a new group, the Steam Federation sure is cohesive and organized. They remind me of how the Browncoats were when they first started. So it was good for me to feel that there was something of interest for me at the con and it was great to see people I knew before I ventured out into the unknown.

Afterwards, I went to meet Mike for my interview with Japanese illustrator and designer Gashicon who created the Hangry & Angry label, two cats who are the punk version of
Hello Kitty. So it appealed to me because I like cute and edgy things. I came prepared with questions and it went really well. I wasn’t sure how it would work on the radio because she had a translator who had to translate back-and-forth for both of us. But I did find out that it was okay for radio as I got to hear the broadcast on Ken Patterson’s Thoughtline program on KFJC last July 25 (my first time on radio!). After my interview, I saw Gashicon again in the dealer room when I got to see her creations for sale. She had clothes, dolls, bags and other accessories. During the interview, she told me that there are movies, comics, fashion shows and even a J-Rock band dedicated to Hangry & Angry. She is quite popular in Japan and is now poised to conquer the U.S. and the rest of the world.

I did a systematic tour of the vendor room and I didn’t really find anything I liked, which I guess was for the best for my wallet and apartment space. There were the usual toys, t-shirts, swords, books, games, etc. It looked like any sci-fi convention’s dealer room with just a different subject matter.

What I liked more was the huge artist alley, which was really a big room just like the dealer room. They really encourage up-and-coming artists to showcase and sell their
work and I very much like it when people offer venues for creativity to flourish. We need more of this in this culture where the mainstream only goes for professional work and celebrities. Everyone’s creativity should be nurtured at any level. And where would these professionals and celebrities get their start anyway if they didn’t get opportunities in the first place?

I make it a point to buy at least one artwork at every new con I go to as a souvenir and I usually don’t buy famous people’s stuff. I prefer supporting fledgling artists or some well-known ones who are still on their way to the top of their field. Chris also buys from these types of artists but he likes more graphic novel-type art and he is a true collector as he has a lot of them.

For that day, I wore a costume portraying Lenne from Final Fantasy. Although technically a video game and not Anime, the character is an animated one and it was my first time wearing something like this. It was quite fun and a couple of people recognized my costume and took photos of me. Chris was in a Jubei Kibagami costume from Ninja Scroll. I watched the movie of this recently and liked it. I do tend to like either
Anime with mecha robots in them or the ones set in feudal Japan when there were still Samurais.

That evening, there was either the Masquerade or the Black and White Ball to go to. We decided to go to the Black and White Ball after dinner since I wanted to dance and a friend of mine was going to be performing. The Masquerade was also going to be a long show and we were getting too tired to sit through something like that. Walking toward a restaurant for dinner, we saw several teenagers all dressed up and headed toward the Ball. It looked like high school kids going to prom. Unfortunately, Chris lost his badge at dinner and I didn’t want to go by myself. I was also exhausted at that point. Large crowds and overstimulation often do this to me so we just went home. I figured we could go to it next year as I do want to see more of Fanime. Or I may opt for seeing the Masquerade instead.

**Westercon, July 2**

I went to Westercon for the first time when it was at the San Mateo Marriott in 2007. I only went for one evening and had a marvelous time. I was excited that it was going to be in the Bay Area again this year and was initially going to be a
volunteer. However, work and life got way too hectic and I had to bow down as a volunteer and wound up only going one day, Saturday, to Westercon. This year, this traveling convention was at the San Jose Fairmont. I was there last for the World Fantasy Convention in 2009, and have very fond memories of that convention and the hotel.

After Chris and I registered, Chris immediately started taking photos of people in costume. We knew a lot of people at the convention as they were regular Bay Area con-goers. We then checked out the vendor room, which was small but had a nice array of goodies. Phil and Kaja Foglio of Girl Genius fame had a booth and I bought the newly-colorized version of the first volume and had both of them autograph it. I also purchased a mini Steampunk top hat and Aviator-style sunglasses from a vendor I’ve previously seen and patronized at the Nova Albion Steampunk Exhibition.

Chris wandered off on his own while I went to the SFinSF (not affiliated with SF/SF) reading led by author Terry Bisson. Included in the panel were the Guests of Honor Phil Foglio, fantasy writer Patricia McKillip and fan Mike Willmoth. These readings are always interesting but it was even more so that afternoon with Phil reading an excerpt from the upcoming Girl Genius second novel. He projects his voice well and was very entertaining. I’ve never read any of Patricia McKillip’s work but I’ve had one of her novels for years because I was drawn to the cover done by one of my favorite artists, Kinuko Y. Craft. I had Patricia autograph my book and I will hopefully read it some day. Speaking of art, Mike is the director of the Association of Science Fiction & Fantasy Artists, and he talked about his involvement in the organization.

After dinner, we went to see the Masquerade. There weren’t that many entries but they were all spectacular. The Best in Show winner was a Wizard of Oz-inspired Dating Game, which included our friends Phil and Kathe Gust. It was hilarious and their costumes were excellent. Then we went to the party floor and hung out with some friends. The hotel is a good one for parties but it was a small convention so there weren’t that many.

Westercon will be back in our general area in 2013 as Kevin Roche and Andy Trembley’s hoax bid actually won (as España reported in issue #119 of SF/SF). So it looks like we’ll be going to Westercon again in the near future.
Lloyd Penney writes:

I am roaring ahead with lots of LOCs on many fanzines received recently, to make sure I don’t fall too far behind after the Reno Worldcon, and next up is SF/SF 119.

I’m glad we’re on your list of fanzines to send your LOCs too. We love hearing from you.

Once again, you’re having a busy fannish year. You are very lucky to have so many events to go to without even having to leave the BArea. When we meet in Reno in less than a week, you will see Yvonne’s Hogwarts costume. The one thing we can’t find here... a Slytherin tie. We’ll be hitting the dealer’s room early!

I know we’re lucky to have so many fannish events. With me, it’s a matter of prioritizing, and now that I have a fiance, there’s also more coordinating to make sure we go to the things we both want to do together and still do the things that we like to do individually. The good thing is we like to do a lot of the same things.

I can’t believe after talking about Worldcon, and meeting each other, for so long, it’s finally happened and now the con is all done. It seems like it happened way too quickly. Too bad I didn’t get to see Yvonne’s Hogwarts costume. I hope she found a Slytherin tie. If not, there are several web sites that I know of that sell them including Whimsic Alley and the official Universal Studios Wizarding World of Harry Potter online shop.

I hope everyone’s been gathering to help Kevin and Andy with the Westercon. This is what happens when you’re not
careful, you two. Were the Portland folks too busy with the Reno Worldcon to care too much about their Westercon bid?

I’m sure it’ll be a great con as probably one of the best cons I’ve been to was Costume-Con 28 that was run by Kevin and Andy. And they did a great job with the recent Worldcon masquerade too.

Hey, Chris Garcia, I quite agree with you, video games are good, but pinball is better. I even remember pachinko machines. Not sure if they are still around.

I used to have a pachinko machine growing up. It was fun. I do like old-style games such as pinball myself as current video games are just way to overstimulating with all the graphics, sounds, music and action.

I don’t have nearly as many costumes as you do, Jean, but we have our share of storage. For me, I have an extra storage locker just to hold my fanzine collection. I find that the larger conventions, like Comic-Con, Dragon*Con, Fan eXpo here, and even the local anime convention, are simply too big, too much time spent in lineups or trudging along seeing if there’s anything you can see on the dealers’ tables. I’ve been pushed, stepped on, and been bashed by too-large backpacks.

Oh wow, you sure have a lot of fanzines! I completely agree about the bigger conventions being too crowded and mostly about walking around the dealer room and lining up for panels. Not my idea of fun. But I do intend on checking out Dragon*Con one of these days, which most people say is more about the fans and more participatory than the more industry and celebrity feel of Comic-Con.

The Canadian National Steampunk Convention was intended for the Toronto area. Every year around Labor Day is the Canadian National Exhibition, which is a huge fair that signals the end of summer, and one last big party before the kids go back to school. Coming up in a week or so is the Victoria Steam Convention in Victoria, British Columbia. Canada’s too big geographically to have just one convention for the whole country.

That’s great to hear that there are a lot of regional conventions in Canada too. Victoria sounds like a lovely place to have a Steampunk convention.

It’s only a few days away... see you all in Reno!

It was so great to meet you and Yvonne and be in a panel with her. More on my Renovation experience in the next issue. Till next time!

Join our crew!
We are looking for writers to cover local events, conventions, fan groups and the fannish scene in general.
Contact Jean Martin at SFinSF@gmail.com
Meeting 1095

July 25, 2011

Trey Haddad, President
Chris Garcia, Vice-President
Dave Gallaher, Treasurer
Galen Tripp, Sergeant at Arms
Barbara Johnson-Haddad, Secretary
Held at Coco’s, 1206 Oakmead Parkway (Lawrence Expressway/101 Fwy), Sunnyvale

Began at 8:05 pm - thinking of spleens
27 people attended
The minutes for meeting 1094 were accepted as “Garcia”
The Treasurer reported that meeting 1092 took in $0.50 in the regular jar; that meeting 1093 took in $19.75 in the regular jar; & that meeting 1094 took in $6.25 in the regular jar & $5.60 in the party jar
The VP reported that there’s a Drink Tank out & there will be a new Drink Tank out “soon” - check efanzines.com & he’s planning to “nub-u-ize” his fingers; plus he is in mourning because Bob Hole is ceasing production of e2PMI
The President warned that Worldcon is fast approaching & that both he & the secretary will miss next Monday’s meeting
Star Wars night at the Giants is still Sept 4

Announcements
Ken announced that there is a 2 Legion of Rasselon meeting this Friday at the Carls Jr on 1st & Trimble; & announced that on Aug 4th he will do a radio show from 10am till 2pm on KFJC & on Aug 6th will be a Psychotronic film festival at Foothill college & announced that this Fri,Sat,Sun will have a showing of The Princess Bride at the Retrodome
I announced that I had free espresso candy for folks to try if they wanted
Adrienne announced that the Hugo deadline for voting is July 31 & that there’ll be a ghost walk special event for Renovation - check their website & announced that on Aug 6 Bay Area Ghost Hunters will have a psychic at noon at the Livermore public library, $10.00
Spring announced that Vinticon will be Oct 7-9 in Lodi
Lisa announced that Mythcon next year will be Aug 3-6 in Berkeley - check mythsoc.org for details
Andy announced that Renovation in Reno is real soon . . . yeeeeeaaaaahh . . . and that Masquerade has 14 pre-registrations so far - which is a lot for pre-reg
Dave C announced that Cargo Cult books shows up on Google maps & announced that the new SFX is out, the Captain America issue
[evil] Kevin announced that the August issue of *Yipe* will be fantasy themed and they are looking for content = editors@yipe.com
Howeird announced that today’s birthdays include Summer Glau & JLo & announced that this Sunday at 1:30pm at Shoup Park on University in Los Altos - Ye Olde Town Band will give a free concert, kid friendly
[tall] Kevin mumbled something
Chris announced that Lynda said “hi BASFA!”
Jo announced that the Westercon twitter feed is “Westercon”
Reviews
Lisa reviewed Mythcon & back again as it was fun; they stopped at a place called the Roadkill Cafe that had good food; they stopped at the Copperdale Studio and the artist is a real nice guy; the con was successful, 180 attendees and it was much fun the 2 GoHs each wanted to have a Mythcon in their home cities - plus the hotel was decent - and overall she was pleased
Andy reviewed *Torchwood* ep 3 as “sexy” and it still has interesting things going on in it; Adrienne follow-on’d that she also liked it and that episode 7 is said to be sexier
Harold reviewed *The Franchise* as someone is -still- going to have to tranquilize Brian Wilson & it’s definitely worth seeing; he reviewed *Captain America* as he enjoyed it, worth bargain matinee
Adrienne reviewed *Blackout* by Connie Willis as she was able to read it through, recommends it and is annoyed that the publishers broke a thick book into 3 booklets & reviewed *Scott Pilgrim* as OMG she would’ve enjoyed it if it had been funny
Dave G reviewed the SF Picasso exhibit as disappointing - as small [Spring: “really small”] - compared with the Seattle exhibit; Chris follow-on’d that he was also disappointed in that it lacked text for context
Fred reviewed the SF Museum of Modern Art’s Stein exhibit as he was very impressed, it was great & recommends buying the audio for the tour and budget at least 3 hours for it; Mo pointed out that the Steins are local and had a great impact upon the US art scene
Dave C reviewed *Cthulhi Reigns* by Darrel Schweitzer as torturous & reviewed the Madison, WI Doubletree as clean and very nice
Chris reviewed the film trailer for *OSS 117:lost in Rio* as the best trailer of all time; reviewed Gail Carriger’s *Heartless* as highly entertaining & reviewed Borders as they accepted his certificates
Ken reviewed the SJ Giants as very nice & Geri follow-on’d that it was great fun & well-priced
We did auctions = birthday auctions off Ken for $12.00 to Geri; sold a poster for $0.50; books for $1.00 & $5.00; a fan for $8.00; magazines for $1.00, $1.00 & $0.25, an organizer for $1.25, bags for $0.75, & cookies for $1.00
we adjourned at 9:37 pm
Rumor of the Week: “they said she had to go to BASFA and we said ‘no no no’”

Meeting 1096

August 1, 2011

Trey Haddad, President
Chris Garcia, Vice President
Dave Gallaher, Treasurer
Galen Tripp, Sergeant at Arms
Barbara Johnson-Haddad, Secretary
Held at Coco’s, 1206 Oakmead Parkway (Lawrence Expressway/101 Fwy), Sunnyvale

Began approximately 8:02 p.m.
President, Secretary and Vice President absent
Treasurer presiding
Adrienne Foster, acting minute taker
28 people attended

The minutes of meeting 1095 were read and needed a couple of corrections:
Fred said in his review of the SF Museum of Modern Art to allow at least 3 1/2 hours for a visit.
Dave C. said the book he read was Cthulu’s Reign.

With that, the minutes were accepted as mumble, mumble, mumble.

Treasurer said at meeting no. 1095 we collected $19.75 in the regular jar. $14.25 was collected in the party jar, giving it a total of $168.02.

The President’s proxy said that he had nothing fannish to report.

The VP’s proxy said his fingers were nubulized and there’s a new Drink Tank out. The proxy also added that Dave Langford has more issues of Ansible than there are of Drink Tank.

In BASFA business, a vote determining the details for the Montego BASFA meeting at Reno will take place next week.

The Sports Committee said that Star Wars night at AT&T Park has been sold out. Dave G. says he also has the opportunity to purchase additional tix for $20 at the Giants game (against the Astros) on Thursday, August 25, for BASFAns. Contact him if interested.

Announcements
Howeird announced that he has been rehired by Motorola Mobility and it’s Herman Melville’s birthday.
Kevin S. mumbled something again.

Dave C. had a few reminders to make. The first being the Psychotronics Film Festival is this Saturday, August 6, presumably at Foothill College.

He also said Ken, who was absent at the meeting, will be featuring Scopatones on his KFJC radio show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday.

Dave C. also reminded us that Renovation is 16 days away. Following on, Spike invited everyone to the bid party London in 2014 is throwing. Kevin S. said the Hugo Awards website will be live streaming the ceremony Saturday evening. I also
arranged a special Reno ghost walking tour for the convenience of Renovation members on Wednesday evening. Cost is $16 in advance, $20 “at the door.” For more details, please go to: meetup.com/Bay-Area-Ghost-Hunters/events/23587711

Kevin R. announced that Westercon 66 is now an official SFSFC production.

Dave G. announced that there is a special wine walking tour of downtown Reno on Saturday afternoons and could make a good off-site excursion during Renovation. For more information, please go to: renoriver.org/wine.html.

I reminded everyone that Psychic Irma Slage will be speaking at the Bay Area Ghost Hunters meetup this Saturday and be giving everyone short readings as well. We’re charging $10 to cover expenses. For more details, please go to: meetup.com/Bay-Area-Ghost-Hunters/events/26133681.

Reviews

Dann and MO recommended the movie Coffee & Cigarettes, which is an artsy film that features actors doing improv by having conversations over coffee and cigarettes.

I saw and enjoyed How to Train Your Dragon enough for it to be my favorite among the Dramatic Presentation—Long Form Hugo nominees. Although I’m really annoyed that Ballantine split Connie Willis’s novel, Blackout/All Clear, I found the story and characters absorbing and highly recommended it; however, the hardbound first editions together cost $52.00. (If it had sold as a single volume, it could have knocked around $15.00 off the price.)

Dave C. recommended Cowboys & Aliens. He says 2D is worth full price. MO followed on that she enjoyed the reviews for it on IO5.

MO has been catching up on the new season of Torchwood and has been really enjoying it. She likes the new mix of characters.

Howeird saw the live performance of Our Miss Gibb at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. He thought it was a very charming show. The last performance will be in Walnut Creek on Saturday and he liked it enough to go see it again. He said it’s definitely worth a long drive.

Dave G. and Spring saw Cars 2 and Dave said Spring liked it.

We did auctions.

Rumor of the Week: “Fears of the impending apocalypse were abated when Cowboys & Aliens narrowly edged out the Smurfs for the no. 1 slot in box office earnings last weekend by a mere $800,000.”

We adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Meeting 1097

August 8, 2011

Trey Haddad, President
Chris Garcia, Vice-President
Dave Gallaher, Treasurer
Galen Tripp, Sergeant at Arms
Barbara Johnson-Haddad, Secretary

Held at Coco’s, 1206 Oakmead Parkway (Lawrence Expressway/101 Fwy), Sunnyvale

Began at 8-ish pm - looking for Captain Kirk’s ego
33 people attended
The minutes for meeting 1096 were accepted as “4th dimensional space whales”

The Treasurer reported that meeting 1096 took in $2.75 in the regular jar & $3.00 in the party jar.

The VP reported that there’s a Drink Tank out with a Mo Starkey cover & there will be a new Drink Tank out “soon” along with 2 Journey Planets, a *L*I*S*P & a Claims Department - & he’s planning to do something stupid -> looking for 300 contributors for Drink Tank #300; send them to garcia@computerhistory.org.

The President had nothing fannish to report except the upcoming Garcia meltdown.

It was moved and passed to annex the Montego Bay area as a part of the Bay area for purposes of holding a BASFA meeting there, during Renovation.

The meeting NUMBER for the Renovation BASFA meeting will be “7 come 11”.

Ken did a “Sports Committee-ish” report that there will be no Creature Features night at the Giants this year & Dave G will be placing a Giants tickets order for the Giants game on Aug 25 vs the Astros tomorrow, so talk to him.

**Announcements**

Jo announced that he will be here next Monday with his van.

Dave C announced that there is a move to erect a Robocop statue in Detroit & announced that an Alaskan distillery has a salmon vodka.

[tall] Kevin announced that Worldcon starts a week from this Wednesday and runs from Wednesday till Sunday this time - says “visit the business meetings” & announced that 2100 Hugo ballots were cast - a record 46% of eligible turnout & announced that Renovation will have live coverage at their website of the Hugo awards - and that there will be text coverage as well at thehugoawards.org & for Twitter check [hash tag] Hugos & also announced that he is in the process of house buying.

Howeird announced fannish birthdays [including Dustin Hoffman’s].

Valerie announced that she is editing essays on how Harry Potter has affected our culture.

Adrienne announced that the Winchester Mystery house is holding auditions & that she is concerned about the lack of interest in the ghost walk special event for Renovation - may cancel it] & announced that on Aug 6 Bay Area Ghost Hunters will have a psychic at noon at the Livermore public library, $10.00.

Andy announced that Renovation Masquerade registration is still open & announced that next year has the San Diego Comic Con booked opposite ReaderCon.

Lisa announced that Westercon 66 will have a fan table at Renovation & would appreciate some help.

Radar announced that the 3rd annual Zombie Crawl will be in San Jose, August 31.

**Reviews**

I reviewed *Harry Potter 7.2* as it was fun, worth seeing and worth full price for 2D; Carole follow-on’d agreeing the 3D wasn’t worth it & that even allowing for changes from the book it was a good movie; Bill also mostly agreed with that.

[evil] Kevin reviewed the Shasta Estates as absolutely worth full price for senior convalescence - recommending it.

Adrienne reviewed episode 1 of *The Franchise* as fun & worth seeing; then reviewed a mockumentary called *Come Fly with Me* as funny & excellent, highly recommended.
Jo reviewed *Cowboys vs Aliens* as it was much better than he was expecting - with lots of good man-flesh and a nice nipple scene - a decent mash-up, worth full price; Chris follow-on’d that it was awesome and excellent.

Diane reviewed the Fireside Inn in Montego Bay as “absolutely do NOT go there” & then reviewed the Sea Pines Golf Resort in Los Osos as exceptionally good, extremely accessible - she wanted to bring the staff home with her and it made her want to learn golf.

Dave C reviewed the AMC Lowes at SF Metro as possibly the creepiest place he has ever seen; reviewed *Attack the Block* - an alien invasion flick - as the heroes are a London street gang & it’s worth full price & reviewed the book *Kitty & the Midnight Hour* by Carrie Vaughn as worth full price.

Chris reviewed the slow cooker as the single best thing humankind has invented & he highly recommends the triple crock pot by Crock Industries & reviewed *The Birth of Japanese American Baseball* as a wonderful documentary & really good.

Blackfeather reviewed *Planet of the Apes* as too full of plot holes for him.

Trey reviewed *Captain America* as a nearly criminal waste of Hugo Weaving - that the actor doing Cap was very good - it was worth matinee & not a waste of time.

We did auctions = birthday auctioned off Andy for $17.00 to Lisa & Bill; sold books for $7.00 & $5.00; a game for $3.00; magazines for $2.00 & $4.00, CDs for $10.00, & a bag plus 5” floppies for $0.25

we adjourned at 10:05 pm

Rumor of the Week: “Mo Starkey’s Hugo 2011 acceptance speech will be nominated as best dramatic short form for 2012”

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**Meeting 1098**

August 15, 2011

Trey Haddad, President
Chris Garcia, Vice-President
Dave Gallaher, Treasurer
Galen Tripp, Sergeant at Arms
Barbara Johnson-Haddad, Secretary

Held at Coco’s, 1206 Oakmead Parkway (Lawrence Expressway/101 Fwy), Sunnyvale

Began at very 8-ish pm - from a different angle
21 people attended
We established a party jar
The minutes for meeting 1097 were accepted as “ahem”
No Treasurer, but the proxy Treasurer report is that at meeting 1097 we took in $22.00 in the regular jar & $46.00 in the party jar
The VP was not here
The President had nothing fannish to report except that Renovation is this weekend

**Announcements**

Jo announced that he resigned from his job and that come September he starts work for Tango & that his van is here tonight.
Diane announced that she starts work tomorrow on a new job.
Mo announced that she has a large truck that has room, so see her tonight if you’d like something carried to Reno.
[evil] Kevin announced that Renovation is nearly here - that he & Andy are running the Masquerade and could use some ushers

Reviews
Jo reviewed watching a lot of Torchwood as he likes it, but there are some things he is having trouble with
Dann reviewed Cowboys vs Aliens as gangs of fun - totally enjoyable; Mo follow-on’d that the aliens were cheesy and not believable, but she recommends it & Jo reviewed it as bothersome, if you can count
Diane reviewed books - A Boy and his Tank by Leo Frankowski as she’d read more by him on the subject; reviewed Eric Flint & David Drake’s An Oblique Approach as enjoyable & John Ringo’s Into the Looking Glass as a fun read
Mo reviewed the library as fun because you can check out stuff for free & she saw Ghost Town on DVD as enjoyable - a sweet story with a good ending
Ed reviewed a book by Charlie Stross, Rule 34 as a sf murder mystery and worth full price
Fred reviewed Among Others by Jo Walton as an unusual genre - he could connect with part of it, but not connect with other parts but still recommends it - and he said Diane gives good shoulder rubs
We did auctions = a book for $0.50
we adjourned at 8:55 pm
Rumor of the Week: “the shat in the hat came back”

Meeting 7 come 11

Held 2011-08-21 At ConSuite of Renovation Worldcon
NOTE: These minutes are vaguely close to actual events but are probably not totally accurate or complete in all or possibly most details.
Fred Moulton taking minutes because no other person was doing the task.
Meeting called at about 7:14PM by Chris Garcia (Vice-President) as “Not Missing Stellan” because Stellan was there.
Number of attendees fluctuated as people arrived, left and generally wandered about.
A party jar was established.
The Treasurer then arrived and gave an update on the situation of dealers getting packed up and out of dealers room.
The Sports committe reported something.
The presiding officer explained voting and Numismatic Responsibility rules and indicated that we did not take slot machine tokens.
We said Hi to new and infrequently seen people and they said Hi.
Norman Cates reported on New Zealand con plans
Kevin (evil) reported that Tiki Dalek tweet was going viral
Lisa reported many Westercon66 memberships were sold and one was given to a nine year old
Jenson was made honorary member of BASFA
Ed told story of getting a Five dollar donation from someone he met in traffic
Stellan reported
Mo said she came in third
Discussion about stuff
Chris held up his Hugo
Auctions: Stellan for $11, Norman Cates for $12 and Kylie Ding from Perth, Australia and Terry Sears, now from Florida for $20
Rumor: “It is a Hugo, Chris has a Hugo now, Hugos are cool”.
Auctions reopened:
Terry for $?? (Can not read my own notes)
Adjourned at about 8:04

Meeting 1099

August 22, 2011

Trey Haddad, President
Chris Garcia, Vice-President
Dave Gallaher, Treasurer
Galen Tripp, Sergeant at Arms
Barbara Johnson-Haddad, Secretary
Held at Coco’s, 1206 Oakmead Parkway (Lawrence Expressway/101 Fwy), Sunnyvale

Began at very 8-ish pm - with Merv & Stellan & a Hugo
26 people attended
We established a party jar
The minutes for meeting 1098 were accepted as “shattered”
No Treasurer, but the proxy Treasurer report is that at meeting 1098 we took in $0.50 in the regular jar & $3.75 in the party jar
The VP reported that he had a massive triumph - and won the Hugo. He had a good time: videosift.com/video/Greatest-Hugo-Acceptance-Speech-of-All-Time

The President had “nothing he could possibly add to that” & we said “hi” to John Coxon [from England] & to Alan Stewart [from Melbourne]
The Sports Committee reported that the winner of the “last man standing” at the Renovation Dealer’s Room was Larry Smith with an upset, still there at 11 AM this morning.

Announcements
Ken announced that there is a Legion of Rassilon meeting this Friday at the Carls Jr on 1st & Trimble
Lisa announced that Westercon 66 got more than 50 new memberships at Renovation & there will soon be online Registration
Dave C announced that Oregon fan, Bill Trojan, passed away & announced that Albany NY fan, jan howard finder [aka Wombat] is in the Reno hospital = send cards to 1155 Mill Street, Reno, NV - the Renown Regional Hospital, room T427
Chris announced that Baltimore fan, Michael Walsh, is in the hospital with a kidney stone

Reviews
Renovation was reviewed ... lots. Diane thought it was awesome & she’s glad she went; Tom agreed with “awesome” and thought the Masquerade ran smoothly; Sandra reviewed the Peppermill’s carved ice rocket was freaking cool & that Reno pulled off a great con; Dave C reviewed it as “keno”, spent most of his time in the Dealer’s room and did okay; Yvette reviewed Dr. Demento as awesome live & was glad Programming had aps - but the weather & smoking sucked; Stellan loved the programming & said his shower tried to sandblast off his eyebrows; John [Coxon] reviewed his party as awesome, said this was his first US con & had such a good
time - and commented that casinos are confusing when you’re drunk; Chris reviewed the Peppermill’s stage as surprisingly comfortable: videosift.com/video/Greatest-Hugo-Acceptance-Speech-of-All-Time. He also reviewed the Business meeting as entertaining, the Match Game was lots of fun, the Masquerade was awesome & the chicken fried steak was “OMG good!”; Lisa reviewed the wheelchair company used as they had major problems, the Masquerade was incredible & the costumes were very good; España reviewed the art as wonderful & beautiful & Dave C then related several amusing anecdotes

Stellan reviewed Eurocon 2011 as a cute little con & very nice; reviewed Deep State by Walter Jon Williams as not as good as the one before it, reviewed being in Sweden for a year as it’s a nice little place & he missed us

I reviewed Cowboys vs Aliens as better than I expected, a lot of fun - with lame aliens & still worth full price - then Trey reviewed it as I had over-rated it

Yvette reviewed Lev Grossman’s The Magicians as she enjoyed it when the author explained that it was Narnia fan-fic

Chris reviewed Lake Tahoe as wonderful - reviewed an eating place = Fire & Ice as exciting, no botulism & there was fire & then reviewed OSS 117, Lost in Rio as French & the most amazing movie ever

Ken reviewed Dr Who Monopoly as the tokens are the same, they added a rubber tardis - have changed cards and property names but it otherwise plays the same

some other stuff happened

Alan [Stewart] reviewed Legends of Australian Fantasy as pretty enjoyable & reviewed Red Dead Heart - another anthology - as there were some interesting takes on vampires in some stories

Dave C reviewed Jonny Porkpie’s book The Corpse Wore Pasties as worth pb & Chris follow-on’d that it was both silly & awesome

Sandra reviewed The Detective & the Unicorn & Centaur of the Crime by Michael Angel as very good reads & both worth full price

Trey reviewed Nathan Lowell’s books Quarter Share, Half Share & Full Share as light space opera, nice reads & worth looking for

We did auctions = buttons for $3.00; books for $1.00, $0.25, $2.10, $1.00, $0.25, $1.00, $0.25, $0.25, $0.25, $0.25, $0.25, $0.25, $0.55, $0.25, $1.00, more buttons a book & a water bottle for $0.50

We adjourned at 9:45 pm - in memory of Bill Trojan
Rumor of the Week: “he’s human, she’s a unicorn, they’re cops”
Life is complicated; putting on an event is even more so. Please check before attending, as events are sometimes canceled or times and locations changed.

Follow the calendar on Twitter:
@sfsfcalendar

New listings are highlighted in red.
Ongoing events are toward the back.

Through September 15

The Black Futurists: Black Progress Thought to Science Fiction
African-American Art and Culture Center,
Sargent Johnson Gallery
762 Fulton, San Francisco
www.aaacc.org
Black Futurism combines elements of science fiction, fantasy and Afrocentricity. The East Bay collective, Black Diamond Shining (BDS), brings to our attention the artist who took their art form pass the existing limits and brought in many elements outside the Black experience: science fiction, elements of rock and world music, art movements, technology.

Friday-Sunday, September 2-4

Sac-Anime
Radisson Hotel Sacramento
500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento
www.sacconventions.com
Originally a strictly comic book show, this convention has grown to encompass all forms of pop-culture entertainment, with a large emphasis on anime & manga.
$25 (till June 30)

Friday-Monday, September 2-5

Pacificon Game Expo
Santa Clara Marriott
2700 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara
www.con-quest.com
Gaming convention
$50

Friday-Monday, September 2-5

CelestiCon
Hotel Sofitel
223 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City
www.celesticon.com
Gaming convention
$50

Through September 10

Evil Dead: The Musical
The Campbell Theatre
Martinez
www.evildeadthemusical.com
This hilarious live stage show takes all the elements of the cult classic horror films, Evil Dead 1, Evil Dead 2, and Army of Darkness then combines them to make one of the craziest theatrical experiences of all time. Check website for tickets and showtimes.

Saturday-Sunday, September 3-4

San Francisco Zine Fest
San Francisco County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave, San Francisco
www.sfzinefest.org
The San Francisco Zine Fest is a free, annual celebration of small-press publishing, from zines and comics to art books and beyond.
Free
Saturday, September 3

**The Space Cowboys Ball**
PEERS Event, www.peers.org
100 North Ellsworth Avenue, San Mateo
Western, 19th century or neo-19th century, Civil War or Post-Civil War costume or science fiction/fantasy costume from any universe if admired, but not required, and creative blending of past and future fashions is also encouraged. Just now, Old West, Chinese, and Indian motifs are fashionable and, of course, Browncoats are extremely welcome. There will be a no-host bar and a complimentary light buffet, your potluck contributions to the buffet are appreciated. Live music by Bangers & Mash.
6:45 p.m. $20

Sunday, September 4

**SF Giants Star Wars Day**
AT&T Park
24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco
sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com
“The Force” was strong with our Giants in 2010 and now, you can participate in a special day bringing together Giants and Star Wars fans alike! Your ticket package will include a ticket in our Star Wars section, access to our pre-game festivities and a very special Star Wars themed Giants giveaway item! Buy your tickets early as this event will sell out; enjoy a fun-filled day of Star Wars themed activity through the ballpark, while rooting on your Giants! Stay tuned for further details!
Check website for details

Saturday-Sunday, September 10-11

**Ardenwood Shakespeare Festival and Renaissance Faire**
Ardenwood Historic Farm
Fremont
www.ardenwoodfaire.com
Over 900 costumed entertainers and over 100 shopkeepers and artisans will add to the ambiance of the Faire. The Festival will be the ultimate Renaissance bash, a lively Dionysian party, where the guests enjoy turkey legs, exotic food, and drink as they banter with the myriad performers filling the streets. The event sports one-of-a-kind shows, music, and comedy.
$17

Friday, September 16

**Blake Charlton**
Kepler’s Books
1010 El Camino Real Menlo Park, CA 94025
www.keplers.com
Charlton reads from *Spellbound*, the second book in his *Spellwright* series.
7 p.m. See website for details

Saturday-Sunday, September 17-October 16

**Northern California Renaissance Faire**
Casa de Fruta
10031 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister
www.norcalrenfaire.org
Check the website for themed weekends, including Two-for-One, Pirates and Fantasy.
10 a.m. $25

Monday, September 19

**Forbidden Thrills Movie Night**
Forbidden Island Tiki Lounge
1304 Lincoln, Alameda
www.thrillville.net
Cult Movies & Cocktails, hosted by Will the Thrill. All shows free, first feature starts @ 7:30 PM, second feature @ 9:15. Free Popcorn and Trivia Prizes. Back to school shockers! *Reform School Girl* (1957) & *How To Make a Monster* (1958)
7:30 p.m. Free

Thursday, September 22

**Cinda Williams Chima**
Menlo Park Library
800 Alma Street, Menlo Park
www.keplers.com
The author reads from her YA novel, *The Gray Wolf Throne*.
7 p.m. See website for details

Saturday, September 24

**Zombies Vs Pirates Vs Ninja Walk**
TBA
Sacramento
www.sachorror.com
9 a.m. Free
Saturday-Sunday, September 24-25
From the Land Beyond
Scottish Rite Center
6151 H Street, Sacramento
www.sacanime.com/fromthelandbeyond
Sacramento’s Sci-Fi/Horror show
Check website for updates.

Sunday, September 25
The Great West End and Railroad Square
Handcar Regatta and Exposition of Mechanical and Artistic Wonders
Historic Railroad Square, Santa Rosa
handcar-regatta.com
The Handcar Regatta represents a public celebration of Mechanical Railcar Races, Visual, Culinary, and Costumed Performing Arts combined with an inclusive concept of Community Participation and Human Ingenuity embracing sustainability, alternative transportation, and good old fashioned fun.
$8 (till September 24)

Saturday, October 1
Anime Destiny
MLK Student Union
Berkeley
www.calanimedestiny.com
Details TBA

Saturday, October 1
Steampunktoberfest Ball
PEERS Event, www.peers.org
Masonic Lodge of San Mateo
100 North Ellsworth Avenue, San Mateo
Suggested costume is formal 19th century, traditional Oktoberfest, or Victorian Steampunk attire.
Bangers & Mash plays an evening of popular 19th century waltzes, mazurka waltzes, schottisches, polkas, and set dances (all set dances will be briefly taught and called). There will be a pre-ball workshop in Survival Polka, whirling rotary waltz, and mazurka waltz.
There will be a no-host (cash) bar offering the finest in both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and a German-style light snack buffet (your potluck contributions to the buffet will be most welcome!).
6:45 p.m. $15 (till September 24)

Thursday, October 6
Neal Stephenson
Book Passage
51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera
www.bookpassage.com
The bestselling author of Snow Crash and Cryptonomicon returns with a thick & chunky new thriller, Reamde: A Novel, involving an online fantasy war game.
7 p.m.

Friday, October 14
SF in SF Litquake; Urban Fantasy Panel & Discussion
Hobart Building
582 Market Street, San Francisco
www.sfinsf.org
Reading, followed by Q&A from the audience moderated by author Terry Bisson.
7 p.m. Free

Saturday, October 15
An Evening With the Munsters
The Historic Bal Theatre
14808 East 14th Street, San Leandro
www.baltheatre.com
Join Bay Area Film Events, your host Mr. Lobo and special guest Butch Patrick (Eddie Munster) for a special screening of the full-length motion picture, Munster Go Home! Then join Eddie Munster himself and Mr. Lobo for three of your favorite Munsters episodes.
7 p.m. $12

Thursday-Sunday, October 20-23
Sacramento Horror Film Festival
Historical Colonial Theatre
3522 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento
www.sachorrorfilmfest.com
The SHFF screens more films over fewer days than any other horror film festival. The festival screens all things horror including features, shorts, documentaries, music videos, trailers, and animations.
Check website for tickets and showtimes
Friday-Sunday, October 21-23
Yaoi-Con
San Francisco Airport Marriott
1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame
www.yaoicon.com
A celebration of male passion and beauty in anime and manga. The theme for this year is Cowboys. 18+
$55 (till September 21)

Monday, October 24
Forbidden Thrills Movie Night
Forbidden Island Tiki Lounge
1304 Lincoln, Alameda
www.thrillville.net
Cult Movies & Cocktails, hosted by Will the Thrill. All shows free, first feature starts @ 7:30 PM, second feature @ 9:15. Free Popcorn and Trivia Prizes. Halloween Un-spook show! Roger Corman’s The Undead (1957) plus John Carradine and Tor Johnson in The Unearthly (1957)
7:30 p.m. $25 (till October 30)

Saturday, November 12
SFinSF: Kim Stanley Robinson & Cecelia Holland
Hobart Building
582 Market Street, San Francisco
www.sfinsf.org
Reading, followed by Q&A from the audience moderated by author Terry Bisson.
7 p.m. Free

Saturday-Sunday, November 12-13
They Might Be Giants (Jonathan Coulton opening)
The Fillmore
1805 Fillmore Street, San Francisco
www.theymightbegiants.com
The original Nerd band with opening act by JoCo, of “Still Alive”, “Re: Your Brains” and fame.
9 p.m. Free

Monday, November 21
Forbidden Thrills Movie Night
Forbidden Island Tiki Lounge
1304 Lincoln, Alameda
www.thrillville.net
Cult Movies & Cocktails, hosted by Will the Thrill. All shows free, first feature starts @ 7:30 PM, second feature @ 9:15. Free Popcorn and Trivia Prizes. Sci-Fi Seafood Jamboree! Attack of the Crab Monsters (1957) & The Flesh Eaters (1964)
7:30 p.m. Free

Monday, December 19
Forbidden Thrills Movie Night
Forbidden Island Tiki Lounge, 1304 Lincoln, Alameda
www.thrillville.net
Cult Movies & Cocktails, hosted by Will the Thrill. All shows free, first feature starts @ 7:30 PM, second feature @ 9:15. Free Popcorn and Trivia Prizes. The Braniac (1962) & Curse of the Aztec Mummy (1959)
7:30 p.m. Free
Thursday-Saturday, January 12-15 and 19-22, 2012

**Machine: A Fire Opera**

The Crucible  
1260 7th Street, Oakland  
www.thecrucible.org/events/fire-operas-ballets/

Conceived and staged by Mark Streshinsky specifically for The Crucible’s performance space and capabilities, this original fire opera is based on a sci-fi short story by Derek J. Goodman, with original score by Clark Suprynowicz.

Details TBA

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**Friday-Sunday, February 24-26, 2012**

**Potlatch 21**

Best Western Executive Inn  
Seattle  
potlatch-sf.org

Literary SF convention. Alternates between SF Bay Area and Seattle.

$60

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**Friday-Sunday, March 2-4, 2012**

**Consonance**

Hilton Newark/Fremont  
39900 Balentine Drive, Newark  
www.consonance.org


$45 (till December 31)

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**Friday-Sunday, August 3-6, 2012**

**Mythcon 43**

Clark Kerr Conference Center  
2601 Warring St, Berkeley  
www.mythsoc.org

The annual conference of the Mythopoeic Society. GOH: Grace Lin, G. Ronald Murphy

Details TBA

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**Ongoing**

**Cartoon Art Museum**

655 Mission Street, San Francisco  
www.cartoonart.org

Current exhibitions *Green Lantern* through Nov 6.  
11-5 p.m. $6 (Closed Mondays)

**San Francisco Ghost Hunt Walking Tour**

Begins: Queen Anne Hotel  
1590 Sutter at Octavia, San Francisco  
www.sfghosthunt.com

Closed Tuesdays.  
7-10 p.m. $20

**VIZ Cinema**

1746 Post Street, San Francisco  
www.newpeopleworld.com/films

VIZ Cinema is a 143-seat underground cinema inside New People in San Francisco. Its programming focuses on the latest and hottest films from Japan, as well as classics, favorites, documentaries and anime.  
Please check theater for showtimes and tickets.
### Sundays

**Bad Movie Night**  
The Dark Room Theater  
2263 Mission Street, San Francisco  
www.darkroomsf.com  
Featuring bad movies old and new. September is Mockbusters! October is Zombies!  
8 p.m.  
$5

**Sakuramento Anime Society**  
Rancho Cordova Library  
9845 Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova  
www.saclibrary.org  
Meets every Sunday to watch old and new anime and anime music videos, play collectible card games, practice artwork and make AMVs.  
3-6 p.m.

**SF Games**  
Zephyr Cafe  
3643 Balboa Street, San Francisco  
vax.hanford.org/dk/games  
SF Games is a collective name for a bunch of people who get together and play board games and card games every week.  
2 p.m.  
Free

### Mondays

**Bay Area Science Fiction Association**  
Coco’s  
1206 Oakmead Parkway, Sunnyvale  
www.basfa.org  
8 p.m.  
Free

### Tuesdays

**MGI Boffers & Outdoor Games**  
Codornices Park  
1201 Euclid Ave, Berkeley  
mgiscaf.angelfire.com  
Bad weather: we meet the same time at 33 Revolutions Record Shop & Cafe, El Cerrito for boardgames.  
3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Free

**Principality of Mists Fighter Practice**  
Twin Creeks Sports Complex  
969 Caribbean Drive, Sunnyvale  
www.westkingdom.org/node/343  
SCA event. Non-members must remember to fill out a waiver form. In case of rain, call from 3pm on to determine if the facility will be closed that day. 408-534-1169.  
7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Free

### Wednesdays

**Bay Area Role-Playing Society**  
Go-Getter’s Pizza  
1489 Beach Park Boulevard, Foster City  
www.BayRPS.com  
Hosts a weekly game night. For club and game night details email GM@BayRPS.com  
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Free

**East Bay Strategy Games Club**  
EndGame  
921 Washington, Oakland  
www.michaeldashow.com/eastbaystrategy/home.html  
7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Free

**Fanboy Planet Podcast**  
Illusive Comics and Games  
2725 El Camino Real, Suite 105, Santa Clara  
www.fanboyplanet.com  
Live from Illusive Comics and Games, it’s the Fanboy Planet Podcast with your host, Derek McCaw.  
6 p.m.  
Free
**Thursdays**

*CAS: NightLife*
The California Academy of Sciences
55 Music Concourse Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
www.calacademy.org
Every Thursday night, the Academy opens its doors for NightLife, a chance for adults to explore the museum in a whole new light. Dance to some of San Francisco’s most popular DJs, enjoy food and cocktails, and mingle while you delve into the Academy’s world-class exhibits and get up close and personal with aquarium critters.
6 p.m. - 10 p.m. $12 (21+)

**Fridays**

*SF Games*
Muddy’s Coffeehouse
1304 Valencia Street, San Francisco
vax.hanford.org/dk/games
SF Games is a collective name for a bunch of people who get together and play board games and card games every week.
7 p.m. to midnight Free

**Fridays-Mondays**

*Haunted Haight Walking Tour*
Meets at Coffee To The People
1206 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco
www.hauntedhaight.com
Reservations required.
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. $20

*Fridays and Saturdays*

*Vampire Walking Tour*
Meets corner of California and Taylor, San Francisco
www.sfvampiretour.com
Led by Mina Harker. Tour is canceled if there is heavy rain.
8 p.m. $20

**Biweekly**

*PenSFA Party*
The Peninsula Science Fantasy Association meets every two weeks for a party at the home of one of their members. They also host parties at local conventions. Email commander@pensfa.org for information on attending. PenSFA standard party rules: bring something edible or drinkable to share, or pay the host $2. Don’t smoke in the house without checking with the host first. Normal start time is 8 p.m. but may vary depending on the host.

**Monthly**

*Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers’ Group*
Borderlands Books
866 Valencia Street, San Francisco
Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6 pm. Contact Jude Livingston at sfscifi@yahoo.com for more information.

*Dorkbot-SF*
www.dorkbot.org/dorkbotsf/
Dorkbot hosts regular forums for artists, designers, engineers, students, and other people doing strange things with electricity.
Free, donations welcome

*Foothill Anime*
Building 5015, Foothill College
Los Altos Hills
foothill.anime.net
Monthly event where people can get together to watch anime and meet like minded others. Usually meets the first Sunday of every month at noon.
12 p.m. Free

*Geeks Vs. Geeks*
San Francisco / San Mateo
www.facebook.com/geeksvsgeeks
www.geeksvsgeeks.com
Monthly pub trivia quiz. Usually takes place the first Sunday (San Mateo) and second Monday (San Francisco) of the month, please check Facebook or website for details.
7:30 p.m. Free
**Silicon Gulch Browncoats**  
Various locations (see website for details)  
www.silicon gulchbrowncoats.org  
Silicon Valley fans of Firefly/Serenity meet up on the first Saturday of the month.  
Noon - 2 p.m.  
Free

**Rocky Horror Picture Show**  
The Clay, 2261 Fillmore Street San Francisco/  
The Guild, 949 El Camino Real Menlo Park  
www.bawdy caste.org  
The Bawdy Caste presents the classic midnight movie the first Saturday of the month, alternating between the Clay in San Francisco and the Guild in Menlo Park.  
Midnight

**Spec Fiction Book Club**  
Keplers Books  
1010 El Camino Real Menlo Park, CA 94025  
www.keplers.com  
Meets the second Sunday of every month.  
4 p.m.  
Free

**QSF&F Book Club**  
Borderlands Books  
866 Valencia, San Francisco  
www.qsfandf.com  
Meets the second Sunday of the month.  
5 p.m.  
Free

**East Bay Star Wars Club**  
Central Perk  
10086 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito  
510-558-7375  
www.ebstarwars.com  
Meets the second Friday of every month.  
7:30 p.m.  
Free

**Fantastic Frontiers**  
www.freewebs.com/fantasticfrontiers/  
Social club for Sacramento County sci fi/ fantasy fans usually meets the second Saturday of the month. Check website for meeting times and locations.

**No-Name Anime**  
Saratoga Library  
13650 Saratoga Avenue  
Saratoga  
www.nnanime.com  
Anime screenings usually take place on the second Saturday of the month.  
Free

**Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club**  
Borderlands Books  
866 Valencia, San Francisco  
www.borderlands-books.com  
Meets the third Sunday of the month. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.  
6 p.m.  
Free

**USS Defiance**  
5026 Don Julio Blvd, Sacramento  
1566 Howe Ave, Sacramento  
www.myspace.com/d2121978  
Star Trek fan group meets the third Friday of the month.  
7 p.m.  
Free

**Micro Gods, Inc.**  
Berkeley Public Library, West Branch  
1125 University Ave, Berkeley  
mgisciaf.angelfire.com  
groups.yahoo.com/group/MGIFamilyClub/  
Family Club for fans of Science Fiction, Fantasy, Movie, Anime & Manga. Meets every 3rd Saturday, please check Yahoo group for updates.  
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Free

**SF Browncoats**  
Cafe Murano  
1777 Steiner Street, San Francisco  
www.sfbrowncoats.com  
SF Firefly/Serenity fans usually meet up on the second Saturday of the month.  
Noon  
Free
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<td>Contact <a href="mailto:firstjedi2000@yahoo.com">firstjedi2000@yahoo.com</a> for specifics.</td>
<td>sites.google.com/site/ussnorthernlights</td>
<td>'Lights is a chapter of Starfleet International and a swell group of science fiction fans. We do more than Trek. Usually meets the third Saturday of the month, with social event TBD. 7 p.m. Free</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:RSmith2678@aol.com">RSmith2678@aol.com</a></td>
<td>Meets the 4th Sunday of the month. Please contact Rev. Randy Smith at <a href="mailto:RSmith2678@aol.com">RSmith2678@aol.com</a> for more information. 7 p.m. Free</td>
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<td>Anime/cosplay group usually meets the last Saturday of the month at 1800 hours. 6 p.m. Free</td>
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by Lucy Huntzinger
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| Sac-Anime (thru Sun)  
Pacificon Game Expo  
CelestiCon | | | | | | |
| San Francisco Zine Fest (thru Sun)  
The Space Cowboys Ball  
Rocky Horror Silicon Gulch Browncoats | | | | | | |
| Evil Dead: The Musical (last show)  
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USS Northern Lights | | | | | | |
| From the Land Beyond (thru Sun)  
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