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By Jean Martin  
Editor-in-Chief

I’m writing this editorial on Thanksgiving, which is a nice break for me from the turbulent few weeks I’ve had. Thanksgiving also comes at a good time this year to remind me to be thankful for what I have in my life right now. I’m usually a pretty grateful and generally happy person, but this past month has been very stressful and challenging. So this Thanksgiving, I am especially glad to be made aware of my numerous blessings, which include: my husband (and our recent wedding and honeymoon), my family, my friends, my good health, my (small but lovely) apartment, my job, my creative hobbies (including SF/SF), the various communities that I’m part of, the meaningful events that I go to, learning experiences so far in my life, travels I’ve done, my new iPhone 5, Wi-Fi, books, TV, movies, music, etc. Oh, and residing in the Bay Area, which I think is a wonderful place to live where I can have and do all of the above and more.

Another thing that has been difficult this past year, are the numerous people who have passed away quite suddenly and in quick succession. We have lost some actors such as Mary Tamm and Liz Shaw (both from Doctor Who) and Michael O’Hare (Babylon 5), people with major roles at Dickens Fair, some folks in the costuming community and one lady who owned a metaphysical bookstore that I used to frequent, which was not only a peaceful haven for me but also a source of methods for inner growth. The most recent loss was just the day before Thanksgiving of Vanessa Schnatmeier, one of the main co-founders of the Bay Area English Regency Society. I’d always enjoyed talking with Vanessa. We not only had dance in common, but sci-fi fandom as well. The last time I saw Vanessa was at my wedding when she told me that she was impressed at how Christopher and I incorporated so many fandoms so subtly, but so well, into our wedding.

In a way, though, all these deaths have made me realize, once again, that life is too short and that I should seize the day as the saying goes. I normally do this too, but some things in my life, while not bad, need some improvement. While it’s always scary to do something new and face the unknown, I’d rather not have regrets later in life when I look back and feel like I missed out on doing something that I wanted to do but didn’t.

Also, it has become more of a priority for me to plan for the future but also still enjoy life. It’s a tough balance to achieve, and things always change, but balance is one thing I’d like to strive for and maintain as much as possible.

Speaking of enjoying life, I did find the new James Bond movie, Skyfall, quite entertaining. I didn’t like the last two with Daniel Craig. I found him and those movies quite boring and unpleasant. However, Skyfall has all the elements I’ve liked in previous James Bond movies, most of which I have loved to varying degrees. So I definitely recommend the movie for old fans of James Bond and for anyone who likes action and adventure movies.
I’ve also been enjoying some American TV shows, which is quite unusual for me. I absolutely love the second season of *Once Upon A Time*, which picks up the excitement and intriguing storylines and characters from the first season and adds some new characters and takes the plot in interesting new directions. I’m also liking *Elementary*, which I wasn’t really expecting too much from after the brilliant *Sherlock* from the BBC. But loving anything Sherlock Holmes, and having already watched all of the Jeremy Brett episodes, all of *Sherlock*, and both Robert Downey Jr. movies, I wanted more Sherlock Holmes! Johnny Lee Miller in this CBS production is quite convincing as Sherlock and Lucy Liu is a perfect foil for him. The stories have been quite good so far and I’m looking forward to more.

Lastly, I’ve already bought tickets to the *Hobbit*, which is premiering in the U.S. on December 14. I can’t wait to see it and go back into the world of Tolkien as visualized by Peter Jackson. I think the cast is pretty strong and I’m especially excited about seeing Martin Freeman as Bilbo, Richard Armitage as Thorin and Aidan Turner as Kili. If you haven’t seen the BBC’s *Sherlock, North and South* and *Being Human*, I highly recommend them so you can see how great these three actors are. Too bad we have to wait to see the next two movies in 2013 and 2014.

Another trilogy of movies that I can’t wait to see, but have to be patient for, is the planned new *Star Wars* movies. I’m sure you’ve all heard by now that Disney has bought Lucasfilm and they’re planning on producing three movies that will be set after *Return of the Jedi*. I never thought these movies would ever be made, so these are a realization of something I’ve wanted for almost 30 years!

So lots of things to look forward to in addition to the holiday season that has just begun. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and wish you all a safe, healthy, fulfilling and happy rest of the holidays, whatever you celebrate. If nothing else, celebrate life and love!

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Happy 100th birthday Tarzan!

by John Barrows www.barrowsart.com
A Visit Back In Time: The Northern California Renaissance Faire

By Christopher Erickson
Senior Staff Writer

Willingstown in merry olde England was the place for the fall market to be open again. Willingstown is the fictional village in western England where the Northern California Renaissance Faire takes place. It was time once more for peasants, lords, ladies, knights and the general population to visit Pacheco Pass in Hollister, Calif., for a bit of 16th Century fun. This year’s festival took place on the weekends from September 15 through October 14.

Since I was going to be actually going to the real England (and Scotland and Wales), I was only able to attend the faire twice; first, during the opening weekend, and second during the fantasy weekend (also the final weekend). Still, I was able to get out and make the rounds with friends, catch a couple of familiar shows, and experience a new eating experience at the faire.

Unfortunately, I was not able to visit either of the two new areas: The Enchanted Garden and the Dockside Alley. The Enchanted Garden is a family-friendly area featuring woodland creatures and the fey from Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. The Dockside Alley catered to more adult tastes and featured bawdy songs and general naughtiness. Hopefully, they will both be back next year.

To maximize my fun, I went both weekends in Time Lord finery and invited friends along to also participate in time-travel attire. Since I kept the invite to a small group, there was not a large turnout for both events. However, there was a large

The First Doctor and The Conquistadors by Christopher Erickson
Delegation from Japan
by Christopher Erickson

Bill and Ted on their Excellent Adventure
by Christopher Erickson
Skyrim Warriors

by Christopher Erickson
array of fantasy and historical costumes that you would not expect to find in a small market village in western England. There was a family in warrior leather outfits that would fit in the battlefields of any video game or on *Game of Thrones*. There was also a group of warriors from the *Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim* game as well as a Link and Zelda from one of the *Legend of Zelda* games. There were also a number of fantasy characters such as archers, wizards, fairies, wild warriors and gods and demons. I was also joined by Bill and Ted taking time out from their excellent adventure.

There were also plenty of people in more historical period costumes from faraway lands. There were lots of Italian courtesans and I saw glimpses of Conquistadors, crusading knights, visitors from the Far East, Scotsmen from across the border, belly dancers from the Silk Road, travelers from the Arabian Peninsula and a curious Spaniard by the name of Don Quixote.

The food offerings were great as usual, but this time I decided to try some Italian food from the Trattoria di Stromboli. I went with the Stromboli (a pesto, meat and cheese-filled pastry-like dish) with marinara sauce. It was an excellent choice for the warm afternoon to boost my energy and went well with the iced tea that I also purchased.

The other wonderful offering was the High Tea with the Queen. The ceremony was performed by St. Cuthbert’s Guild, the same group that operates Cuthbert’s Tea Shoppe at Dickens Fair. The sitting area for tea was located next to the Royal Garden stage. The ceremony consists of scones, finger sandwiches and small pastries with a wonderful pot of tea. Queen Elizabeth takes her tea with her assembled subjects and
then comes around and visits each party to greet everyone. A nice parting gift is a specifically-decorated tea pot with the Tudor Rose painted on the side. I chose to do this on the last day of the faire and it was an extra-special event as it was the Queen’s actual birthday. She received a lovely pair of earrings made with iridescent beetle shells from one of her Dukes. When she visited with the family with two young daughters next to me, she told them about the real meaning of *Romeo and Juliet* as a warning to listen to your parents’ orders or you can end up in serious trouble. The father quickly picked up on this theme and was joking with the daughters for most of the tea time.

Entertainments were to be found in abundance as usual. I was not able to take in everything that I wanted to see, but I made time to visit my friends at the Silk Road Caravan for their belly dancing. There were lots of beautiful dance numbers with gorgeous costumes and wonderful music. On the last day, the Morris dancers joined them briefly and there was some duel dancing including a young girl with one of the regular dancers.

Another show that I caught some of was the Magnificent Humble Boys. They performed balancing and contortionist acts with a bit of comedy since they were to present the Muscovite Circus, which unfortunately did not show up.

The Celtic Rock Concert Series was in full force again this year with a wonderful line up of bands. I caught Tempest on the opening day of faire. They had the place packed with people listening and dancing along, as well as singing along with a cover version of “Let’s Live for Today” by the Grass Roots. I had a wonderful time dancing and singing along with

Don Quixote by Christopher Erickson
Lovely Ladies
by Christopher Erickson

Turk Visitor
by Christopher Erickson
my friends that day.

I also participated in one of the games booths that attract so much attention from people. I played the crossbow game at a booth that one of my friends works at. I shot bolts at a man in protective gear. I think I managed to hit him once in the chest and nicked him another time out of 10 tries.

The most interesting parade is on the final weekend when the participants get to have some fun. You can see some of them doing wild things, such as when I saw a man in a woman’s dress selling ale at one of the ale stands. A lot of the characters will break their roles a bit to interact with patrons on the last day as well. I managed to convince the Catholics that I was the Queen in disguise when I showed them my identification, even though I was obviously male (and a Time Lord).

The parades are always a nice sight to see. The usual parades of the Queen’s Procession and Danse Macabre were there. The best part about the “bending of rules” is the closing parade ceremony. The players all dress up in non-period costumes or will add anachronistic touches to their outfits. A number of them were in luchador masks, fantasy costumes, cowboy outfits or Victorian finery, or carried signs. One of the signs I saw was the Real Housewives of Willingtontown, another was a parody of the Sesame Street political controversy during the election (“Philip of Spain hates Protestant birds”), and another was the Queen approving her own message.

One good thing about the faire being located on the grounds next to Casa de Fruta is that there is a wonderful chance to meet up with people who you saw at Faire, and say one last goodbye or catch that quick conversation, when lots
Scones and tea with the Queen
of people meet up at the Casa de Restaurant. I have had their Kobe beef burger with avocado these past two years. The extra time staying there is worth it for the food and the conversation. It is also convenient for buying little bags of dried fruits, fresh produce, jams, fudge and sweets either before or after the Faire as well as the other diversions that are there for children.

With all of the sights and sounds now done for another year, I will have the memories to hold me over until the next year’s festival.
A Month of Steampunk

By Jean Martin
Editor-in-Chief

The Steampunk community in the Bay Area has been very active of late and there have been many Steampunk events already this past year. But this past October, there were three in one month and I managed to go to all three of them. They were all different from each other and so they were all enjoyable in their own ways. That’s what’s great about Steampunk, it has so many manifestations and avenues for expressing it.

PEERS Steampunktoberfest Ball
San Mateo Masonic Hall, October 6

The first Steampunk event that I went to in October was the Period Events & Entertainments Re-creation Society (PEERS) Steampunktoberfest Ball. Last year’s Steampunktoberfest Ball was quite successful and so the PEERS organizers decided to do another one this year. This year’s specific theme was “The Crystal Palace Steampunk Oktoberfest Ball,” which was held to celebrate Prince Albert’s opening of the 1851 Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace in London.

Serendipitously, Christopher and I saw an exhibit dedicated to Queen Victoria at Kensington Palace two weeks earlier, and there was a room with the actual outfits that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert wore to the opening of the Great Exhibition. There were also two other rooms that featured the Great Exhibition, which include actual items that were on display at the Crystal Palace, which sadly no longer exists.
Queen Victoria and Prince Albert by Jean Martin

German Lady by Jean Martin
At the ball, there was a two-story, scaled model of the Crystal Palace, which could be opened to show the different exhibits that were at the Great Exhibition. It was quite an impressive and educational model. There was also a Tempest Prognosticator, also known as a leech barometer, which had real live leeches in them. It looked very elegant and scientific at the same time, which is really the Victorian aesthetic in a nutshell.

The costumes for the ball veered toward more formal Victorian Steampunk and just straight out Victorian. Goggles and corsets could be seen everywhere. And there were, of course, guests attired in traditional Oktoberfest attire, such as dirndls, peasant blouses and shirts, and lederhosen. Queen Victoria, played by Amy Liebert, and Prince Albert, played by Gregory Seeley, were on hand to add historical authenticity to the proceedings.

And what Oktoberfest would be complete without good cheer, good food and good beer. Music was provided by Bangers & Mash and dances included 19th century waltzes, mazurka waltzes, polkas, schottisches and Victorian Steampunk set dances. There was a buffet of food prepared by PEERS volunteers and there was a bar for beer and other drinks.

For more information, visit:
www.peers.org
www.peers.org/steampunk.html
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Great_Exhibition
Steamstock
Craneway Pavilion, Richmond, October 7

Steamstock is the brainchild of Brian Gardner of Swing Goth. Brian produces regular dance events and concerts in the Bay Area, but this is the first all-day Steampunk festival that he’s organized. According to the Steamstock web site, you can “think of it as Woodstock from an alternate past, where airships filled the skies and swing was both gothic and electronic; people still wore top hats and corsets, and hippies were mad scientists.” Members of the Steam Federation, the Bay Area Steampunk Association, helped make the festival a reality.

It was a huge event that featured more than a dozen bands on two stages as well as several cirque and variety performers. There was also a vendor area with lots of creative Steampunk wares available for sale. It truly was an impressive festival, made more so by the beautiful venue, the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond. The walls of the pavilion were made of glass, which let a lot of sunlight in during the daytime and felt spacious and airy in the evening. The views of the Bay and San Francisco were fantastic while the sun was out, during the sunset and with the lights of the Bay Bridge and San Francisco at night.

The festival was slated to last from 1:00 p.m. until midnight. That seemed to be too long of a time for me so I decided to go later to catch the more well-known bands. I wanted to make sure to catch Vernian Process and managed to see their last few songs when I arrived around 6:00 p.m. They had an alternative Steampunk sound and I found the band members exciting to watch. Up next was Lee Presson & the
Nails who was already set up and ready to go on the other stage at the other end of the pavilion. I thought it was a great idea to have two stages so there was not much of a wait in between acts. Lee Presson’s big band swing music is still a lot of fun even though I’ve seen them so many times. Their songs are crowd pleasers and very danceable, as evidenced by numerous couples dancing swing, waltz and polka throughout their set.

By the way, the MC for Steamstock was Kingfish from the Hubba Hubba Revue. The next band he introduced was El Radio Fantastique who had a Cuban air to them. If Vernian Process is dark new wave and Lee Presson is dark swing, El Radio Fantastique is dark rumba. However, they were very colorful and interesting. Frenchy and the Punk was an original duo of a French female singer/percussionist and male punk rock guitarist. The combination of influences was theatrical and energetic.

Next up was Thomas Dolby of “She Blinded Me with Science” fame. I didn’t even know he was still around and I was worried when I saw him go on stage by himself that his set would be boring. However, his continued popularity is quite justified, as he put on an entertaining show when it was just himself with his keyboard. Apparently, he is now into Steampunk and even had a little Steampunk trailer complete with a TV screen and various knobs inside. During his set, lots of fans were in front of the stage singing along and cheering. He had a trio of burlesque dancers and a belly dancer to spice things up. Then he had a contest of several people saying “She Blinded Me with Science” when he finally played his most famous hit from the 1980s.
The headliner for the evening was Abney Park, who are probably the most popular and dare I say best Steampunk band around. I saw them in 2008 at the first Nova Albion Steampunk convention and have been a fan ever since. I bought their 2008 album, *Lost Horizons*, and loved it. I was a little disappointed when they didn’t play very many songs from that album or any of their older stuff. But that’s probably understandable because they have several new members in the band. However, I’m happy to note that while they do sound different now, they were even better live, and their music is much livelier and brighter. They still have traces of belly dance music and sea shanties in their songs. So I would say that I like them just as much.

During their set, they had a guest trumpet player, an aerial acrobat and a fire dancer (who used electronic lights as opposed to real flame). They really put on a great show and they held my attention from beginning to end, which is something that rarely happens to me at concerts nowadays. At
the very end, singer Captain Robert came out quickly into the crowd and pretended to be an audience member saying the band were great. It was really funny. Afterwards, all the band members were available to sell their CDs and sign autographs. I bought their 2012 release, Ancient World, and it is awesome.

Other than the watching the bands, there were a lot of things to do. I browsed through the vendor booths a few times. I didn’t buy anything except for a photo of me and Christopher at a special photo booth with a Steampunk background. I was also at the Aether Brigade table right in time as they were assembling for a photo shoot. The Aether Brigade is a Steampunk comedy troupe and art collective who are hilarious and incredibly imaginative and creative.

I also spent a lot of time saying hello to friends and taking photos of people in costume. The costumes were more casual and modern compared to the PEERS ball the previous evening. I did run into several people who were also at the PEERS event and also some people from the Steampunk movie shoot I was a part of last May. The movie is called Pressure and the producer, Ilena Ferrer, and the director, Shelly Prevost, were handing out postcards promoting their movie. I can’t wait to see it when it finally comes out!

Steamstock was a long and exhausting festival for me, even though I got there five hours after it started. Unfortunately, there was only one food truck providing food and one bar serving drinks. Fortunately, the food was Filipino and quite delicious. And patrons were allowed to leave the premises and come back if they really wanted to drive out to get food or drinks elsewhere. Still, it was a lot of fun and I’m very glad I went. I’m looking forward to next year’s Steamstock as the date is already set for July 27 at the same wonderful venue.

For more information, visit:
www.steamstock.org/
www.steamstock.org/2012/
www.steamstock.org/2012/about-swinggoth.html

Aether Brigade
by Jean Martin
Steam Fed in Front of Steam Train

by James Faraday
Steam Federation Niles Tea and Train Ride
Tyme for Tea and Niles Canyon Railway, Fremont, October 21

I’ve wanted to go on a Steam train ride for a while and so when the Steam Federation organized a costumed trip at Niles Canyon Railway, I signed up right away. I also signed up for the added bonus of afternoon tea beforehand at Tyme for Tea on historic Niles Blvd. I was a little bit Steampunked out after two Steampunk events already in October, but when it came time to go, I was excited. Besides, this event was completely different and a much smaller and more intimate one.

There were around 12 of us for tea and I got to hang out with friends and some new Steampunk acquaintances. Tyme for Tea was quite big and was all decorated for Halloween, which made the normally quaint and feminine tea shop look even more interesting. I’ve never been to this place before and I love trying new tea places out. I have to say that this is one of the best I’ve been to in the Bay Area. Everything was delicious and they had a nice variety of tea.

Afterwards, we all walked to Niles Station and met up with more Steam Fed members all dressed up in various styles of Steampunk attire. In total, there were around 30 of us. The
steam train was late and so we had to wait a long time, which gave us the chance to chat and take photos of each other.

When we got on the train, I decided to go into one of the covered open cars as the enclosed coaches seemed claustrophobic and I thought that fresh air would help me not get motion sickness. There were a lot of people on the train and our group drew a lot of attention because we were in costume.

The trip took us to Sunol Station through hills and it really made me think about how people used to travel like this in the old days and how long it took to cover such short distances. There were old telegraph lines and old unused trains that were quiet a treat to see. It was fun to step back in time and pretend that we were living in the age of Steam, a fitting end to a month of Steampunk activities.

For more information, visit:
www.facebook.com/groups/steamfederation
www.tymefortea.com
www.ncry.org/
Meeting 1162

November 5, 2012

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 8pm with dread upon the morrow
26 people attended
A party jar was established
The minutes of meeting 1161 were accepted as “Obama,
where art thou?” & the MCXL minutes were accepted as “ship
shape and Bristol fashion”
There was no Treasurer - or report
The VP reported that there is no new Drink Tank out & he
will take stuff for the James Bond issue of Journey Planet
until Friday, plus he won’t be here for the next 2 weeks
because he’ll be attending conventions
The President had nothing fannish to report

The AdHoc Outing Committee reported the Retrodome is
showing The Game Show Show 7:30 Friday & they’ll do an
outing for Clue quote-a-long for the 2pm Sunday showing

Announcements
Ken announced that Gallifrey One is sold outs
JC announced that his daughter’s team, the Lady Earthquakes, won again and are still undefeated - and he announced that they are hammering out the 4th Nerdvana podcast.

Adrienne announced that the Bay Area Ghost Hunters now have more than 900 members & she’s looking for homes for ... stuff - like possibly a mimeo machine [that she has not smelled]

Howeird announced that today is Guy Fawkes day - and a number of other significant dates

Carole announced that 3 of her 17 scarves displayed in the Convolution art show sold & that she will be on several panels at Loscon and also have art panels there

Mike announced that he went to the Woodshed and enjoyed the performance & recommends checking out www.woodshed.org

Dave C announced that Loscon is coming up - Thanksgiving weekend at the LA Marriott - where Mo will be a guest & Westercon have a fan table & a Friday night party

[evil] Kevin announced that he is supporting a new Kickstarter project looking to fun post-production costs for Real Heroes

Mo announced that Dann has moved to Tuscon to take care of his dad & he misses us - plus she’d appreciate some help moving things around before Nov 28

Lisa announced that her daughter now has the keys to her new house and that her old mobile home is now for sale

Reviews

Convolution was multiply, incredibly - exhaustively - reviewed and all agreed it was an excellent starting-up con - but they need better signage

Ric reviewed Arrow on WB as it’s his fave new show - highly recommended & Mo is also enjoying it

Bill reviewed the Ohio Valley filk festival as well-attended & he got good reactions to some of his new songs

[tall] Kevin reviewed Bristol con as an excellent 1-day con with excellent signage and Cheryl misses us all

Mo reviewed 1313 Mockingbird Lane as fun; Ken said it’s a failed pilot

We did auctions

We adjourned at 9:47 pm

And the rumor of the week was: “In my fantasy YOU all want to be secretary”
Meeting 1163

November 12, 2012

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 8pm with Chris having a Karl Rove moment
31 people attended
A party jar was established
The minutes of meeting 1162 were accepted as “Canadian plastic minutes”

The Treasurer reported that last week we took in $4.75 in the regular jar & $3.00 in the party jar
The VP reported that there is no new Drink Tank out & no new Journey Planet out either - that he had a wonderful time in Toronto & had Armenian food there - plus he won’t be at next week’s BASFA meeting & commends Air Canada’s in-seat TV

The President had nothing fannish to report
The Sports Committee is looking ahead to baseball and asked if we were interested in going to the 1st Friday game in May - which looks to be played against the Dodgers & he wants feedback about this

The AdHoc Outing Committee reported that nothing is planned for this weekend

Announcements

Tom announced that a new SF/SF is out on efanzines.com and the site is Prius-powered
JC announced that his daughter’s team, the Lady Earthquakes, finished their regular season undefeated & that their tournaments will happen this weekend - and he announced that the 4th Nerdvana podcast should be up tomorrow
Bill announced that a replica of Disney’s haunted mansion is up for sale in Atlanta, GA
A motion was made & failed
[evil] Kevin announced that LosCon is coming up & that they will have a Westercon table there & a room party & that Thinbot will be attending & announced that Keith Hartman has a Kickstarter project looking to fund post-production costs for Real Heroes & there were follow-ons
Dave C also announced that LosCon is coming up
Spike announced that there is a retro-sf themed burlesque in SF, Nov 17 - Saturday
Fred announced that Ed Stokke’s “cutting-edge surgery” had an equipment fail - so Ed is on chemo & radiation at the Palo Alto VA - you can send Ed email thru stokkeed@aol.com
Diane announced that she is cleaning out a pile of her mom’s thing and has books on astrology & the like for free to anyone interested - see her
Canida announced that game-designers Corey & Lori Cole have started a Kickstarter to fund Hero U - the Rogue to Redemption = www.kickstarter.com/projects/1878147873/hero-u-rogue-to-redemption
Adrienne announced that SMOFcon is coming up - in Philidelphia
Jan announced that her daughter’s company was eaten by a Mouse

**Reviews**

*Skyfall* was multiply reviewed and most agreed it was worth full price & the acting was credible - however Dave C & Trey felt it worth matinee

Dave G reviewed World Fantasy Con as it had a nice bag, lots of free books - a calender for NEXT year & the programming -looked- good, but he was drafted to do Hotel, so didn’t see much of it, they did have an “absolutely good” con suite - then he reviewed a *Monkees* tribute concert as very good & Ken agreed

[tall] Kevin reviewed his relationship with next year’s BristolCon & Brighton’s World Fantasy Con as they will be held - one following the other - and visiting both should be encouraged & that Cheryl is planning activities to maximize touristy time there & also reviewed Bath’s Thermae Bath Spa as 40 pounds for 3 hours & a meal there is a wonderful bargain & he enjoyed the experience - recommended & he also reviewed *The Game Show Show* as he & Lisa had a great time there - worth full price

Dave C reviewed *Frankenweenie* as a great film & worth full price & also reviewed a book *Where’s my Shoggoth* by Ian Thomas & Adam Bolton as wonderful & worth full price

Tom reviewed *January Dancer* by Michael Flynn as he couldn’t have cared less about the plot - but it was well-written & reviewed the *Celebrated Cases of Judge Dee (Dee Goong An)* - translated by Robert Van Gulik - as kick-ass detective fiction, worth full price

Jan reviewed electroni cigarettes as worth full price & reviewed a South Africa safari as really interesting for the people-watching opportunities & worth full price

Valerie reviewed *Gone* by Michael Grant as disturbingly violent and sadly popular, worth library once & reviewed *Dodger* by Pratchett as quirky, but not really funny & reviewed *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins as generic fantasy

[evil] Kevin reviewed clothes shopping as a successful expedition & worth full price H&M - the Ikea of clothes shopping & recommended

We did auctions

We adjourned at 10:10 pm

And the rumor of the week was: “short”
Meeting 1164

November 19, 2012

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 8pm - gangnam style
25 people attended
A party jar was established
The minutes of meeting 1163 were accepted as “the Twilight saga - Breaking Dawn part 2 - electric bugaloo”
The Treasurer reported that last week we took in $20.95 in the regular jar & $6.30 in the party jar
The VP reported that there is finally a new Drink Tank out & also a new Claims Department - both on efanzines.com & that a new Journey Planet will be out some day
The President advised members to take their Prozac before the meeting and then said “hi” to Erik Bigglestone - visiting us for the first time, although he was born into fandom [chorus: “Poor fellow”]
The AdHoc Outing Committee reported that the Retrodome is showing Wizard of Oz this weekend & their outing will be on Sunday, 2pm for the quote-a-long

Announcements
Ken announced that this Friday is a Legion of Rassilon meeting - 7:30 at the Carl’s Jr at 1st & Trimble
Adrienne announced that Dicken’s Faire opens this Friday & she’s doing group tickets for her meetup group & is willing to include us - contact her - & Erik mentioned he’s working it, as Fagin - recommends everyone go there
JC announced that his daughter’s team, the Lady Earthquakes, finished off their tournaments - and only lost the very last game - but they are all winners to him
Chris announced that Loscon is this week - and that many folks from BASFA will be there - some of them on panels
[evil] Kevin also announced that LosCon is coming up & that they will have a Westercon table there & a room party on Friday night & that Thinbot will be pouring drinks there
Dave C also announced that the SF Chron has an article about Star Trek conventions in today’s paper - check sfgate.com

Reviews
Chris reviewed breakfast as quite pleasant and the Spam hash as awesome and reviewed Skyfall as beautifully written and well-acted and there was a dog & that the best Blu-ray he now owns is Company
Lisa reviewed Wreck It Ralph as wonderful and worth seeing twice - worth full price & Trey followed, saying that he enjoyed it and thought it worth high matinee
I reviewed Argo as a very good adaptation of real-world events, well acted and to stay and see the end credits to hear the bit from Jimmy Carter - worth full price - Trey followed that it was not typical escapism and thought that it was well done
Dave C reviewed *Snuff* by Terry Pratchett as fun with Samuel Vimes & he greatly enjoyed it & thought it worth full price in whatever format you find it in & also reviewed a restaraunt review in last week’s NY Times as being full of questions

Mo reviewed a delightful Sunday afternoon spent at Adrienne’s father’s place, watching things get printed as really something to see

Ken reviewed *The Game Show Show* again as it ended somewhat tearfully & was still great

We did auctions

We adjourned at 9:18 pm

And the rumor of the week was: “krypto poop”
Bay Area Fannish Calendar

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: 
@sfscalendar

New listings are highlighted in red. 
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The Green Arcade, San Francisco  
www.thegreenarcade.com  
Hopkinson signs her new book, Report from Planet Midnight.  
7 p.m. | $5 |
| **Saturday, December 8** | Nalo Hopkinson  
Borderlands Books  
866 Valencia Street, San Francisco  
www.borderlands-books.com  
Drop-by signing of her new book, Report from Planet Midnight.  
3 p.m. | Free |
| **Saturday, December 8** | Writers With Drinks  
The Make-Out Room  
3225 22nd Street, San Francisco  
www.writerswithdrinks.com  
Amy Tan (The Joy Luck Club), Nalo Hopkinson (Midnight Robber), Jason Roberts (A Sense of the World), Michael Krasny (KQED’s Forum), Emanuel Xavier (Americano- Growing Up Gay and Latino in the USA), Ned Rozell (Finding Mars)  
7:30 p.m. | $5-$10 |
| **Saturday, December 15** | Psychotronix Film Festival  
Room 5015 (Building 5000 Foothill Campus, Los Altos Hills  
www.kfjc.org/promotions/psychotronix  
Antiquated commercials, neglected cartoons, previews from old movies, various short subjects which may have been intentionally educational then that are now just unintentionally funny.  
7 p.m. | $5 |
| **Thursday-Monday, January 17-21, 2013** | Further Confusion: Forbidden Planet  
San Jose Convention Center  
San Jose  
furtherconfusion.org  
Further Confusion is one of the largest international conventions celebrating anthropomorphics in all its guises. With an attendance of over 3,000 and growing, it is one of the premiere events of its kind. Further Confusion includes charitable benefits, educational seminars, art shows, panels and general social activities.  
$45 (Till December 30) |
| **Friday-Sunday, February 1-3, 2013** | Potlatch 22 & Foolscap 15  
Redmond Marriott Town Center  
7401 164th Ave NE, Redmond, WA  
potlatch-sf.org  
foolscapcon.org  
Small literary and general SF convention.  
$50 |
Friday-Monday, February 15-18, 2013
Pantheacon
San Jose Doubletree
2050 Gateway Place, San Jose
pantheacon.com
Pagan convention. This year’s theme is Co-operation, Tolerance & Love.
$55 (Till December 30)

Friday-Sunday, March 1-3, 2013
Consonance
Crowne Plaza San Jose/Silicon Valley
88 Bellew Drive, Milpitas
www.consonance.org
Filk convention. GOH: Ookla the Mook West, Merav Hoffman, Scott Snyder, “Downtown” Freddy Brown.
$50 (till January 15)

Friday-Saturday, May 3-5 2013
Corfu XXX
Red Lion Hotel
1021 Northeast Grand Avenue Portland, OR
corflu.org
Fanzine fandom convention.
$65

Saturday-Sunday, May 18-19 2013
Big Wow Comicfest
San Jose Convention Center, San Jose
bigwowcomicfest.com
Comics convention.
$ TBA

Thursday-Sunday, July 4-7, 2013
Awesome! - Westercon 66
Hilton Arden West
2200 Harvard St, Sacramento
www.westercon66.org
$65

Thursday-Monday, August 29-September 2, 2013
LoneStarCon 3
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, TX
lonestarcon3.org
The 71st World Science Fiction Convention.
$160

Friday-Monday, August 30-September 2, 2013
Celesticon
Fremont Marriott
46100 Landing Parkway, Fremont
www.celesticon.com
Celesticon offers four days of family-friendly gaming in the San Francisco Bay Area.
Hundreds of game events, along with exciting special guests, sponsor prizes and gaming, gaming, gaming...
$50

Ongoing

Daily

Cartoon Art Museum
655 Mission Street, San Francisco
www.cartoonart.org
Current exhibitions: The Art of Paranorman (through Feb 17) $6 (Closed Mondays)

San Francisco Ghost Hunt Walking Tour
 Begins: Queen Anne Hotel
1590 Sutter at Octavia, San Francisco
www.sfghosthunt.com
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays, and on November 21-22 for Thanksgiving.
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.  
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  
http://www.facebook.com/pages/SF-Games/121590681933  
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

**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

**Tuesdays**

**Principality of Mists Fighter Practice**
Twin Creeks Sports Complex  
969 Caribbean Drive, Sunnyvale  
www.westkingdom.org/as46/mar/sunnyvale-fighter-practice  
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.  
7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Free

**Wednesdays**

**East Bay Strategy Games Club**
EndGame  
921 Washington, Oakland  
www.endgameoakland.com/event-calendar  
6:30 p.m. - 11 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  
http://www.sfgames.org/  
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

### Monthly

**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.silicongulchbrowncoats.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.bawdycaste.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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**USS Northern Lights**  
sites.google.com/site/ussnorthernlights  
Contact firstjedi2000@yahoo.com for specifics.  
The 'Lights is a chapter of Starfleet International and a swell group of science fiction fans. We do more than Trek. Usually meets the third Friday of the month, with social event TBD.

**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.

**Religion & SF Book Club**  
First United Methodist Church  
1183 “B” Street, Hayward  
Meets the 4th Sunday of the month. Please contact Rev. Randy Smith at RSmith2678@aol.com for more information.

**Other Realms Book Club**  
Books, Inc.  
1375 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame  
www.booksinc.net/localinterest/291027  
Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month.

**Sci-Fi Book Group with Kym**  
Barnes & Noble  
El Cerrito Plaza, 6050 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito  
store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/event/3694215  
Meets the fourth Friday of the month.

**Legion of Rassilon**  
Carl’s Jr.  
2551 N 1st St , San Jose  
www.legionofrassilon.org  
Doctor Who fan group usually meets the fourth Friday of the month: Episodes of Doctor Who, news, discussion of recent movies, and a raffle.
**USS Augusta Ada**
Round Table Pizza
3567 Geary Blvd, San Francisco
trek.starshine.org
Augusta Ada is both a chapter of Starfleet International and a Linux and *BSD user group. Usually meets the fourth Saturday of every month.
1 p.m. Free

**Veritech Fighter Command ONE-THREE**
Round Table Pizza
4403 Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento
916-338-2300
Anime/cosplay group usually meets the last Saturday of the month at 1800 hours.
6 p.m. Free
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