

I REMEMBER TORCON 2

by Ro Nagey

I am now ensconced in the hotel room here in Hilo - as soon as the computer's battery recharges, I will stroll onto the balcony and write "I REMEMBER TORCON 2" - perhaps between brief snacks on mangoes and papayas snagged at the local open-air market.

So, where to begin...

The easiest way would be to say that I reached Toronto with all the naiveté and energy of a neofan, on the cusp of breaking up one disastrous relationship and about to embark on an even more disastrous one, I had a pocketful of hard-earned cash and no credit cards, I was full of ideas, hopes, and wonderment...

I was a typical college kid.

Much to my amazement, one simply couldn't walk into the Royal York and get a room. Apparently, this Worldcon thing had LOTS of members. And they had reservations...which meant they had rooms. I didn't.

A drive around the area found me a hotel of no doubt once-glorious repute. However, its repute had been ailing for some time. I could get a room, yes, as long as I didn't mind having to use a communal bathroom. The room was gloriously appointed - an army hospital bed and a dresser...the phone was also communal. Oh, and plenty of fresh air, no need for air conditioning...not in Toronto...not in August!

I wasn't worried about the con itself - after all, I had already been to two whole conventions. I had fandom figured out.

Then I ran into a MASS of humanity that was Torcon 2 - there were, probably, an infinite number of people there. Swirling, massing, darting, laughing, drinking...and everyone seemed to know everyone...except me.

I made one of the 14 smart decisions I made in my life. I volunteered to work registration. For whatever reason, they drafted me on the spot. I sat there proudly, the last barrier people had to cross to get their memberships.

One guy, who pronounced his name Vaughn Boday showed up...and I told him that the only name like that was for the famous artist Vaughn Bode [in my mind, pronounced Bode] - and I blushed red when I realized that this god of cartoonery was standing in front of me.

Sitting at registration, I got to see the hordes form, swell and break. Everyone needed a badge and that meant that they had to come by me. It was a great way to get a handle on what to inspect once I went inside.

The cashier was this perfectly wonderful lady of some years...her hair had that beautiful and oddly appropriate, alien blue tinge to it, that the elderly are wont to consider fashionable. We chatted as we worked. My attention wandered at some point and I saw in the distance this UNBELIEVEABLY hairy human being in an Australian bush hat walk towards our table...the fact that he had this humongous boa constrictor wrapped about him really wasn't that incredible...but the bushiness of his hair and beard was.

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I didn't think to warn the cashier. As this apparition in hirsutery walked by, the snake became fascinated by something about the cashier. As the guy walked by, the snake uncoiled itself so its head remained but inches from this retired woman's face. The snake's tongue flicking in and out, its head darting to and fro. As the snake was attached to the person, eventually it disappeared. I will always remember that dry intake of breath that seemed to go on forever, the woman pawing my elbow, pointing at her purse and saying "My pills, my PILLS!!!!!"

Later, Lester del Rey came up. I knew who he was. He was a very distinctive person. At this point, I had developed a devil-may-care approach to my job and I solemnly informed him that the REAL Lester del Rey had already been here - a towering individual, clean shaven, and young. I think Lester was pissed only a little by my use of the term young to describe this fictional person. However, he laughed and I laughed and we both agreed that I had done enough volunteer work and I immediately resigned.

I learned that to seriously party, one should either A, be a really cute girl, or B, ask everyone you know where the parties are. A. was not an option. B required that one start at breakfast and continue throughout the night. If someone was passed out at a party or the halls, you'd go through their pockets - not for coin, but for the all-important party lists and engraved invitations [ok, mimeoed invitations].

Most of all, I remember some wonderful warm human being who, upon learning where I was staying [I had since found out it was a hooker hotel] - offered to let me spend the night in his room. Ah, nirvana! A night in a luxurious suite in the regally appointed Royal York. After a night's do, I knocked on the door and was let in. Whereupon I discovered that this wonderful warm person was that way with, apparently, everyone he met. The carpeting was obscured by the mass of humanity on the floor.

"You can sleep over there by the bathroom - but don't put your head by the bathroom door...someone might step on it during the night."

The one thing I regret is that, to this day, I have no idea who it was who let me use his room. I wish I did. I'd like to thank him.

WE WANT YOU!

The quest to bring the Worldcon back to Toronto after a 30 year absence relies entirely on the work of volunteers. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the bid, we have the following email addresses at torcon3.on.ca:

- admincommittee** -- 14 members of the administrative committee
- admin** -- alias for admincommittee
- committee** -- alias for admincommittee
- events** -- Hope, Lloyd, Marah
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- pubs** -- Peter & Athena J., Larry
- info** -- general mailbox forwarded to interested parties (on request)
- members** -- membership mailbox forwarded to interested parties (on request)
- bidcom-announce** -- announcement list for entire bid committee
- talk** -- open discussion list



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Results of the Annual General Meeting

The structure of co-chair of the bid has been changed to chairman and vice chair. Also, A new position has been created, that of Merchandising Manager (Quartermaster).

Chairman - Larry Hancock

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Larry Hancock, Peter Jarvis, Ken Smookler, David Warren, Raymond Alexander.
Recording Secretary to the Board: Yvonne Penney (this is not a voting position).

Where the Bid has been/will be spending its time...

Just some of the conventions the bid has had a presence at since the Worldcon in Baltimore...

Confusion, Boskone, Minicon, The Pulp Show, Eeriecon, FilkOntario, Lunacon, Corflu, and Marfest. Pictured right are Vice Chair Peter Jarvis and Co-Electronic Communications Chair Ajay Bushan with representatives from Toronto Trek, & inConsequential on a panel at Marfest.

Expect to see the bid at Toronto Trek, inConsequential/Canvention, Con*Cept/Boreal, Smofcon, Midwestcon, Readercon, , and of course ConuCopia and Aussiecon.

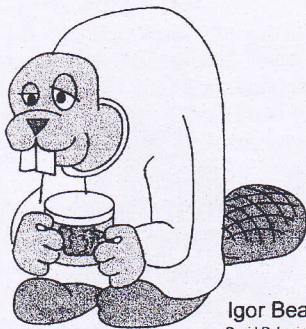


The Toronto in 2003 Bid is Y1K Compliant!!!

Y1K? Yep, 1000 pre-supporters...

In issue 4 it was reported that the bid had secured 684 pre-supporters. The bid committee is please to announce that thanks to the flood of pre-supporters in Baltimore, we surpassed the 1000th mark at Bucconeer. Since the Worldcon the number of pre-supporters has grown to over 1200.

The Bid Committee is working hard to continue the growth in support. Who knows? The Bid may be Y2K compliant before the end of the year....



Igor Beaver
David D. Levine 7/98

Beard Today.... Shorn Tomorrow???

On a completely different, and humourous note, the bid has received several copies of a petition signed by numerous Toronto pre-supporters (including Joe Haldeman, Andrew Specht, & Tom Veal) pledging to upgrade their presupports to Eager Beaver status, otherwise known as Friends of the Bid, as soon as Michael Glicksohn, shaves his beard in a public, fannish venue.

The bid cannot condone the eradication of the luxuriant and fine follicular formation (which the Incisors Report firmly believes is a permanent and integral part of Toronto fandom).

When shown the petition, Mike's response was that he found it "...extremely amusing. I am in no way offended by it and if it gets people talking about the bid I am completely in favour of it.". When asked if he would pick up a razor, a chuckling Mike stated "...there ain't no way I'm shaving off my beard for the sort of picayune numbers being tossed around!". Sorry folks!

2003 Reasons to Visit Toronto & Southern Ontario Project

6 Canadian Banks handle currency exchanges quickly & easily, 9 Extremely favourable foreign exchange rates against the Canadian Dollar, 11 *over 2 000 000 sq. feet of meeting & convention space*, 12 The Bruce Trail, 13 The Don Valley, 17 The Humber Arboretum, 19 The Queen Elizabeth Parkway, 20 Historic Fort York, 21 *Over 32 000 hotel rooms*, 24 World's First Multiplex Cinemas Opened Here, 29 Casa Loma, 31 over 35 hotels in the downtown area, 33 Union Station, 39 Markham Museum, 41 Roy Thompson Hall, 59 Toronto Pops Orchestra, 63 The Martin Goodman Recreational Bike Trail, 69 Condom Shack, 73 Capital of Ontario, 75 The world's most ethnically and culturally diverse city, 84 The Harbour Front, 85 Design Exchange Museum, 90 Honest Ed Mirvish, 93 "Hockey Knights in Canada Mural Yonge Subway", 104 The RC Harris Filtration Plant, 107 Scarborough Bluffs, 109 Wind proof Umbrellas at Rainmakers, 114 The Niagara Escarpment, 116 Super Dave Osborne show filmed here, 132 Skydome, 139 Historic Gibson House, 145 Black Creek Pioneer Village, 160 Canadian Football Hall of Fame, 166 Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre, 181 High Park, 190 Barbie on Bay, 191 George's Trains, 192 Kidding Around, 193 Mastermind, 194 Top Banana Toy Store, 195 Treasure Box, 198 Mystery Dinner Theatre at the Royal York, 203 Flatiron's Store & The Christmas Market, 225 Oakville Museum, 230 You can rent a bike on Centre Island, 232 The Japanese Paper Place, 233 Just Bears, 235 the CN Tower - one of the 7 Wonders of the Modern World, 241 Thomas House & Post Office, 253 The Beaches, 258 Designer Fabric Outlet, 264 Hollywood of the North, 265 The Merrill Collection, 266 University of Toronto, 272 Over 70 Ethnic Groups in Toronto, 276 The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, 288 Suttles & Seawinds of Nova Scotia, 293 The Loonie, 294 The Doubleloonie, 296 The Holland Marsh, 299 Space: The Imagination Station, 301 Lambton Woods, 302 Ontario Wine Route, 303 DeSousa Winery, 304 Walkers Winery, 305 Sunny Brook Farms Fruit Winery, 306 Toronto Police Museum and Discovery Centre, 319 Cullen Gardens & Miniature Village, 347 UFO once sighted over Scarborough, 365 The Marine Museum, 390 It's in Canada, 396 Ontario Parliament Buildings, 402 Ontario Science Centre, 415 The Gooderham & Worts Complex, 433 Canadian Beer!, 443 Saitoh Canada, 444 Spadina House, 450 Niagara-on-the-Lake, 455 Spadina, 474 Olde Town Toronto Tours, 483 Crawford Lake Conservation Area, 485 The Toronto Maple Leafs NHL Team, 489 Actor's Lab Theatre, 490 Alumnæ Theatre, 491 Annex Theatre, 492 Bathurst Street Theatre, 493 Bayview Playhouse, 494 Canadian Stage Company, 495 du Maurier Theatre Centre at Harbourfront, 496 Factory Theatre, 497 Music Gallery, 498 Leah Posluns Theatre, 499 O'Keefe Centre, 500 The Poor Alex Theatre, 503 The Riverdale Farm, 514 Larger than Life Figures - In Eaton Center, 515 Canada's Biggest Maple Tree: Comfort Giant, 529 Most Green Zones in a Major City, 537 Planet Hollywood - Toronto, 544 Pearson International Airport, 550 Maid-of-the-Mist in Niagara Falls, 551 Toronto's Theater District, 556 Keg Mansion & its Ghost, 560 Casey's Restaurant, 563 Home to Ed the Sock, 567 *Glass Floor in CN Tower esp. during a Jays Game*, 583 Bay Street, 590 Toronto Stock Exchange, 592 *The Selby Hotel Ernest Hemingway's Toronto home still a favourite haunt with artists & writers*, 598 Royal Secrets of the World, 617 Grenadier Pond, 621 Baseball Hall of Fame, 625 *Townsend Canada's City of the Future (in the '70s)*, 628 Phantom of the Opera, 629 Hudson's Bay Outfitters, 633 Hollywood Canteen - Cinema Shop, 636 *Yonge Street World's Longest Street*, 640 Colborne Lodge Historic Home, 646 ***Tour of the Universe*** (rated Top 10 in North America by Omni!), 650 Allan Gardens, 651 James Gardens, 652 The Greenhouse at Edwards Gardens, 655 Parkwood - The R.S. McLaughlin Estate, 657 The Rivoli, 660 Niagara Falls, 664 Bronte Creek Provincial Park, 669 The Royal York Hotel, 676 Clean Subways, 678 *Fort George Niagara-on-the-Lake*, 691 Picadilly Place, 694 Leslie Street Pit, 698 Art Gallery Ontario, 704 Hockey Hall of Fame, 711 The Canada Sports Hall of Fame, 712 BCE Place, 721 Albert Britnell Bookshop est. 1893, 729 *Indigo Books Music & Café*, 745 The Royal Alexandra Theater, 749 The Toronto Puppet Center, 753 Opulence Boutique, 760 Niagara Falls, 762 HMCS Haida - Tribal Class Destroyer, 770 The Shaw Festival, 785 The Ontario Agricultural Museum, 791 New City Hall with Flying Saucer, 808 Ontario Place, 833 *The Toronto Film Festival the world's second largest next to Cannes*, 843 Toronto Street Cars, 844 The Last Joy Gas Station, 845 Nicholas Hoare Bookshop, 846 Modern Luggage, 857 Spadina Garment District, 866 Allen Gardens, 869 Hockey Hall of Fame Museum, 880 Canada's Largest City, 881 The Harbourfront Antique Market, 894 Winter Garden Theater - Last Remain Stacked Theaters in the World, 911 Mount Nimo Conservation Area, 914 The Guideline, 923 *Ontario Agricultural Museum Milton*, 929 Old Toronto Stock Exchange, 937 Large Science Fiction Community, 939 Marie Louis Paris, 948 Toronto site of First non-US Worldcon, 977 International City, 992 Toronto Zoo, 994 The Bata Shoe Museum, 998 The Beer Store, 1003 Ontario Supreme Court rules: Women can legally go bare breasted in public!, 1006 The Exchange Rate: 4US Beers = 1 Canadian!, 1009 *Invaded by Americans in 1812 long overdue for repeat visit*, 1016 *World's Largest Lilac Collection at the RBG Hamilton*, 1018 Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area, 1024 Ontario Science Centre, 1034 Toronto Eaton Center, 1044 Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls, 1052 Toronto Raptors NBA team, 1065 It's in Ontario, 1066 York Quay, 1068 Red Path Sugar Museum, 1071 The Canadian National Exhibition Grounds, 1072 Humber Arboretum, 1084 IMAX Theater, 1090 Toronto Subway System, 1095 The Horse Shoe Tavern, 1099 Maple Leaf Gardens, 1102 Flatiron Mural at King & Gooderham Building, 1107 *Square One Mississauga*, 1119 The Humber Bump, 1125 Lavender & Laces, 1128 Georgian Bay Islands National Park, 1133 Museum for Textiles, 1156 African Lion Safari, 1160 The Dragon City Complex - Chinese Shopping Mall, 1187 Kid's Cosy Cottons, 1194 *Dundum Castle Hamilton*, 1200 Sport Fishing Center (Toronto is a Sport fishing Mecca), 1218 Great Canadian News Co., 1230 The Niagara Fruit Belt, 1236 Toronto Island Airport, 1248 Canadian Geographic Boutique, 1268 Sparkles night Club on top of the CN Tower, 1276 *Warplane Heritage Museum Hamilton*, 1280 Fraser Steen Clothier of Men, 1281 Old Toronto City Hall, 1295 Toronto Islands, 1317 *Toby's Good Eats a Toronto Landmark*, 1321 Financial Capital of Canada, 1328 *Ontario's Oldest Trees Rattlesnake Point*, 1333 5th Largest Italian Population in the world., 1339 The Trinty-Bellwoods Park Archaeology Dig Site, 1343 *Whitehern House Hamilton*, 1346 The Worlds Biggest Bookstore, 1350 *Safe city can walk the streets at night*, 1358 International Academy of Design, 1368 Top of Toronto restaurant on top of the CN Tower, 1381 GO Transit, 1382 Spruce Lane Farm, 1394 The Exchange Rate, 1400 *TTC winner of "Best Transit System" 5 years in a row*, 1405 Canadian National Exhibit, 1414 *Canadian Automotive Museum Oshawa*, 1431 The Toronto Blue Jays, 1433 The Royal Ontario Museum, 1435 The Canadian Pacific Store, 1447 Phantom of the Opera musical, 1453 ***The City of Churches***, 1465 Art Gallery of Ontario, 1467 Canada's Wonderland Amusement Park, 1484 Beaches Jazz Festival, 1485 The Gardens in Niagara Falls, 1492 Marineland, 1497 *The Thomas Foster Memorial Uxbridge*, 1511 Pantages Theatre, 1524 Kung Fu: The Legend Continues Filmed here, 1527 The Scottish Company, 1532 Montgomery House, 1538 Canadian National Exhibition, 1546 Silversteins Bagels, 1553 Toronto's Wellesley Cottages, 1557 Barenaked Ladies, 1559 Penny Loafers Shoe Shine Company, 1561 Rattlesnake Point Conservation area, 1564 Metropolitan Toronto Police Museum and Discovery Center, 1572 Market Square, 1590 CBC Building, 1606 The Floating Mansions of Lemonville, 1610 Sherway Gardens, 1611 Queens Quay Terminal, 1612 Queen Street West, 1613 Bloor/Yorkville, 1614 Bayview Village Shopping Centre, 1615 Commerce Court, 1616 Corso Italia, 1617 Cumberland Terrace, 1618 First Canadian Place Shopping Centre, 1619 Greentown on Danforth Ave. Between Chester & Jones, 1620 Hazelton Lanes, 1621 Atrium on the Bay, 1622 Holt Renfrew Centre, 1623 Ontario Place, 1624 The Mens Saton, 1625 Manulife Centre, 1626 The US, 1627 Shops of the Royal York, 1628 St. Lawrence Market, 1629 Yorkdale Shopping, 1632 Canadian Opera Company, 1639 *Canada's Largest Selection of Hand Painted Italian Maiolica at Muti Yorkville Avenue*, 1643 Young Peoples Theatre, 1646 Discovery Gallery for Kids at the ROM, 1648 McMichael Canadian Collection, 1650 YTV, 1652 Children's Own Museum, 1654 Massey Hall, 1665 Speaker's Corner, 1682 *The Grange Historic Home Oldest Remaining Brick Home in TO*, 1686 Elizabeth Milan Hotel Day Spa, 1690 The Toronto Skyline from Toronto Islands, 1691 Nathan Phillips Square, 1702 National Ballet of Canada, 1713 Osmosis Everyday Aromatherapy, 1718 Segram's Museum in Kitchener Waterloo, 1724 The Photo Passage, 1726 The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, 1728 Bay of Spirits Gallery, 1733 DeLeon White Gallery, 1743 The Cookbook Store, 1747 *Toronto's "Smallest" house built 1885*, 1754 Martin Goodman Trail, 1766 Duck & Orange Peel Soup at the Kowloon, 1768 The Ticket House, 1791 Cabbagetown, 1794 *Queen's Park Provincial Legislature*, 1804 Premiere Dance Theater at Harbour Front, 1812 Niagara-on-the-Lake, 1837 *Only Hydrofoil on the Great Lakes here in Toronto*, 1856 McMichael Collection, 1875 Stratford, 1917 The George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, 1948 TORCON, 1973 TORCON II, 1974 Mikhail Baryshnikov defected from Bolshoi in 1974 to Toronto, 1979 Chinatown, 1992 The 401

"A Fannish Guide To Toronto" The Incisors Report has and will continue run reminiscing articles on Torcon 1 and Torcon 2. With the next issue, a new series will also appear thanks to Bid Committee member Cliff Goldstein. He has volunteered to pen a series of articles under the heading of "A Fannish Guide to Toronto". The articles will cover topics such as: gaming, costuming, books (comic, S.F. et al), filking, bheer (and single malt scotches), art (supplies, galleries etc), Toronto websites and other local Toronto cons.

If anyone has any general ideas or specific examples of the above, please drop Cliff a line via the bid address or directly by eMail at af271@torfree.net

