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THE TORONTO IN 2003 ROADSHOW

It's been a busy year since the Toronto in 2003 bid hit the road, throwing parties at conventions across the continent. We've gone to a lot of interesting places and met a lot of great people.

LoneStarCon in San Antonio was the site of our first out-of-town bid party. The theme was "Beavers in Black". Athena Jarvis brought the theme together with a suitable graphic for the party poster and with pin-on beaver tails and black bow ties, and members of the bid committee completed their attire with black shirts, black pants, and, of course, shades (The Fen in Black). Which was a lot of fun at the party, but was even more interesting when Marah Searle and Alex von Thorn had to make an emergency run to the grocery store at 10 PM, in full "BiBs" garb. Our party was packed elbow-to-elbow straight through to after one o'clock. Chicon 2000 chair Tom Veal described this as the most successful bid launch party he'd ever seen. We went through so much Canadian beer that we had three people at the bar; one person simply gathered and stacked the empties for over an hour at the busiest time. In addition to going through all the beer graciously supplied to us by Miller Brewing, at about 1:30 am we had to borrow a couple of cases from Chicon's stash. A lot of people talked about the Orbitz drinks donated to us by Clearly Canadian; some people even liked them. Overall the reaction to the Toronto bid was very positive. People liked the idea of seeing Toronto, driving to a conveniently-located Worldcon, and coming to a city with such active SF writing and fannish communities. During the formal question panel, we got asked no questions at all; other bids had to respond to concerns about hurricanes, heat waves, travel costs, and so on. Between the party and the table, we sold nearly 200 memberships at LoneStarCon, making this a very successful convention for us.



Our "eyes and ears" around the convention reported back that fans were pleased with our presence at the con – sufficiently so that no one seemed to think it necessary for another bid for 2003 to emerge to compete with the existing bids.

The next month brought a bunch of us to Montreal for Concept. We were very fortunate to have Montreal's Le Faubourg only a block from the convention hotel, so we were able to find a great selection of Quebec cheeses for the party. With the close ties between Montreal and Toronto fandom, we saw a lot of familiar faces; it almost seemed like a local party.

Hallowe'en weekend we were back in Toronto for Primedia, importantly 1997's host convention for Convention, the site of the annual Aurora awards for Canadian speculative fiction. Being busy with the party, we couldn't attend the Auroras, but that was okay because right after the ceremony, the Auroras came to us, with the winners coming up carrying their awards in an impressive procession. Babylon 5's Richard Biggs
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also stopped in at the party for a while; he was amused by our bowl of "Candy Blox" (edible *Lego*). Then he went down to the dance, but it was pretty dead, so he came back up to gather some people to liven up the dance for a while. After he left the dance, it faded out again; our party was busy throughout the evening.

In December, Hope Leibowitz and the Jarvises went east to Boston for Smofcon, the annual event for SF con-runners. We didn't throw a party, but we took notes and gathered insight on the subject of Worldcon con-running. One rumor going around was that the Berlin bid was basically defunct (confirmed this spring in David Langford's *_Ansible_*). Peter Jarvis reported a favourable reception for the Toronto bid from the attending SMOFs.

In January, Marah, Alex, Hope, and Peter Halasz hit the road for Detroit, going to Confusion. Although our suite was a little off the beaten track, we still had a good crowd; using the Jacuzzi for a giant cooler worked well, and we got a lot of suggestions for other uses. More importantly, we had great success at the membership table, selling more than twenty pre-supports. Our party became a bit of a refuge for the Confusion concon taking a break, where we could wait on them and help them recharge their batteries. Overall it was a very good convention, both lots of fun and with lots of interesting programming.

In March Marah went with Merle von Thorn to Lunacon, north of New York City, at the strange Rye Town Hilton which has different ground floors depending on which way you enter the hotel. This was a crowd which was less familiar with Toronto, but they were very Worldcon-savvy (some New York-area fans say that Worldcon is a New York event which is occasionally held in other cities). We got a lot of very specific questions about convention facilities, transportation, and attractions in Toronto. As a group, New Yorkers are hard to impress about the qualities of any other city, but we were able to show them the best qualities of our world-class city.

In April, Marah and Alex went to Baltimore for Balticon, and Hope went to Minneapolis for Minicon. Baltimore was kind of a practise run for Bucconeer. We shopped at Baltimore's historic Lexington Market, which was very inexpensive but didn't have quite the selection we wanted. But at the hotel we had a great location and a full house, again heavily populated by guests and concon. The party began with Disclave's would-be chair

Joe Mayhew holding court about the ways fandom has changed over the years, and Jack Chalker held court in the same chair at the end of the party on similar themes from early Balticons. In between, Bucconeer's Michael Nelson was kind enough to volunteer to be our greeter for more than an hour, which was a big help. Meanwhile in Minneapolis the same weekend, Sunshine and Bob Weissinger were a big help to Hope with the party there. The party was a blur to Hope, but a huge success; we sold more than thirty memberships, greatly exceeding our expectations for a con that far away. The "Candy Blox" were a big hit in Minneapolis; fans there ate the things they built.

At the beginning of May, Marah, Alex, and Hope went to Marcon, a huge convention in central Ohio. This was less successful as a venue for bid parties; we spent a lot of time explaining to the local fans just what a Worldcon was and why we were there; the Philadelphia group did



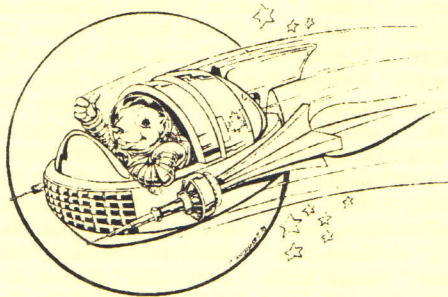
just as poorly, with both a party and a table. The convention site was very dispersed, making it hard to find good spots for party flyers. But Buck Coulson came by and shared stories going back to the Chicago Worldcon in 1952, and a couple of the Bujolds came in, as by now they know our parties are places for good food. Also we became a haven for a lot of Chicago-area fans looking for "real" fans to hang out with.

From Concept to Marcon, we've sold about a hundred pre-supporting memberships at our bid parties, not counting mail-ins. This makes a very good first year, when fandom is just beginning to get the idea of a Toronto Worldcon. We have no more out-of-town conventions planned for this year until Bucconeer, but we're planning an elaborate spread over three nights at the Baltimore Worldcon. We can always use more hands, especially at regional conventions. We've learned a lot about throwing parties, drawing on excellent references by the late Ross Paviac and others, and we're looking forward to another year of parties and other activities. We'll see you around!

Preview of the 1998 Bid T-Shirt

The first bid T-Shirt was introduced last year. The image of the 1997 shirt, designed by local artist Athena Jarvis, was the determined Beaver in a space suit floating in space. The image was white ink on a black shirt and was an immediate hit. The bid committee had to do THREE runs to meet with demand. Some shirts are still available so if you want to obtain one, do it now! Prices are: Cdn\$10.00 or US\$7.50 for members Cdn\$13.00 or US\$10.00 for non-members PLUS POSTAGE if we have to mail them. Sizes available are S to XXL & numbers are limited.

To the right is a preview of the image to adorn the 1998 bid T-Shirt, created by local artist Paul McCusker. The final image differs slightly from that shown, (larger image in relation to text), and will be printed in multiple colours: Black, White, Grey, Red, and 2 Blues, so the B&W image does not truly capture the vividness. Also, the image will be available on a rainbow of coloured T-Shirts: Black, Slate, Heather (Dark Grey), Navy Blue, Denim, Burgundy. The price of the new T-Shirt has not been set yet, but will be very reasonable. The new T-Shirts, as well as last year's WILL be available at Toronto's Ad Astra in June.



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Why 2003 Reasons to Visit Toronto & Southern Ontario?

One of the deciding factors for many potential pre-supporters and eventual Worldcon Bid voters and Convention attendees is the location. Many attendees plan their summer vacation around the con taking a week before or after to explore another part of the world.

The Bid Committee wanted a fun way to put forth all the things to do, see, & experience outside of a Worldcon held in Toronto. This is how the idea of *2003 Reasons to Visit Toronto & Southern Ontario* was born. There truly *is* so much to see, do, and experience, like reason #1467 Canada's Wonderland Amusement Park, #833 The Toronto Film Festival, the world's second largest next to Cannes, & #592 The Selby Hotel, Ernest Hemingway's Toronto home, still a favourite haunt with artists & writers. Of course, some of the reasons are on the humorous side, such as #791 New City Hall with Flying Saucer, or, as the picture to the right depicts, #1003 Ontario Supreme Court rules: Women can legally go bare breasted in public!



The *2003 Reasons* is a work in process and the Bid Committee encourages everybody to submit their reasons for visiting Toronto & Southern Ontario. It might be a great restaurant, a terrific store, or fun sight to visit. Simply send your Reasons to the Bid Committee address above or eMail them directly to Peter-Jarvis@msn.com. By the time of Chicon 2000, where the site for the 2003 Worldcon is voted on, we plan to have the 2003 reasons completed. Watch for the 2003 Reasons in our advertisements and flyers!

Pre-Supporters List It Keeps Growing & Growing...

Issue 2 of the *Incisor's Report* listed 218 pre-supporters. To date, the bid has more than doubled the number! For those of you with a mathematical inclination, that works out to more than one Pre-Supporter supporting the bid each day since the bid was started in November, 1996. The list has grown further since this *Incisor's Report* received the below names. Thank you to everybody who has thrown their support behind **Toronto in 2003!** First, for those out there who like to see geographical break downs...

<u>Location</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>#</u>
Alberta	6	Hawaii	1	Nebraska	1	Oman	1	Unknown	1
APO AE	2	Illinois	22	Netherlands	1	Ontario	166	Utah	3
Arizona	1	Indiana	5	Nevada	1	Oregon	1	Virginia	9
Australia	2	Japan	1	New Brunswick	2	Pennsylvania	11	Wales	2
British Columbia	4	Kentucky	4	New Hampshire	3	Qatar	2	Washington	14
California	31	Louisiana	1	New Jersey	13	Quebec	20	Wisconsin	9
Colorado	8	Manitoba	7	New Mexico	3	Rhode Island	2	Total: 527	
Connecticut	2	Maryland	14	New York	32	Saudi Arabia	1		
District of Columbia	1	Massachusetts	22	North Carolina	2	South Carolina	1		
Florida	5	Michigan	23	Northern Ireland	2	Tennessee	3	USA	296
Georgia	1	Minnesota	4	Ohio	23	Texas	13	Canada	205
Germany	1	Missouri	1	Oklahoma	4	United Kingdom	12	Toronto	111

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