



C'mon Barbie Let's Go Party

Roxcor your Soxcor Saturday Style

All parties are Sheraton North Tower

So quitter bellyaching already, and stopit with the noise complaints. You knew what you were getting into.

Meisha Merlin	AFTER HUGOS- 12:30AM	1208
I-Con 24	10PM-2AM	1041
Hitchhiker's Blast	9PM-1AM	1008
Brotherhood Without Banners	9PM-LATE	1108
SF South Africa	9PM-LATE	1012
Speculative Art	9PM-MIDNIGHT	940
<i>(Come find out what ART has to do with SF/F)</i>		
Xerps in 2010	9PM-LATE	908
Albacon 2004	9PM-MIDNIGHT	841
<i>(It's really tonight, despite earlier Friday listing)</i>		
Gaylactic Spectrum	8PM-9PM	812
Awards Reception		
Queer Fandom Party	9PM-2AM	812
Boston Star Trek Assoc.	8PM-MIDNIGHT	708
<i>(Turn in those scattered Star Trek action figures for prizes!)</i>		
Odyssey 10 th Birthday	10PM-MIDNIGHT	ConSuite
ConSuite	10AM-MIDNIGHT	Constitution
Friends of Texas	AFTER HUGOS-LATE	Fairfax B
mini-Artisia	8PM-6AM	Berkeley

Fans Say Goodbye to George Flynn

A number of fans made their way to Warren, RI to attend George Flynn's wake Friday night and his funeral Saturday morning. The importance of SF fandom to George's life was evidenced by all the convention memorabilia displayed at the wake and by its prominent mention in the eulogy given by his brother, Jack. George is survived by his brothers Jack and Tom, sisters-in-law Joan and Andrea, nine nieces and nephews, and ten (soon to be 12) very loved grandnephews and grandnieces. We will all miss him dearly.

World Organization of Fanzine Editors

Collation for this year's WOOFF – an annual APA (amateur publishing association) published every year at Worldcon – will be this Sunday. Please get your contribution to the WOOFF box in the Fanzine Lounge by 2PM.

WOOFF was founded by Bruce Pelz. We have on display a copy of issue two (1977), featuring a cover by Marc Schirmeister. Come by and check it out!

Shotokan Karate Workshop

Come participate and learn basic traditional karate moves. No experience necessary. This workshop is especially tailored for beginners. Low aerobic activity level, no contact or sparring. Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing. Workshops are scheduled at 9:30AM on Sunday and Monday in Hall A of the Hynes.

Hugo Ceremony Live Broadcast

Tonight's Hugo Ceremony in the Hynes Convention Center will be broadcast live in The Mended Drum and room H210.

Hugo Entertainment

Tonight's Hugo awards ceremony will include Charles Ross's "The One Man Star Wars Trilogy." Charles Ross plays all of the characters, recreates the effects, sings the music, flies the ships, and fights both sides of the battles. "One Man, Three Movies, One Hour."

Scotland Accommodations Booking Quickly

Attention Fandom: Get Your Shit Together!

Just a hint to those of you going to Scotland next year for Interaction: Accommodation booking opened this weekend, and rooms are being taken up at a rapid rate. So you may want to get your membership as soon as possible, so you can book the hotel room you want.

Thank You, First Night Workers

Thank yew, thank yew, thank yew

I'm enormously grateful to all of the performers, clubs, and convention staff who pitched in to make First Night a success. Everyone who promised to come, came, and did what they promised to do and more. Thank you all very much!

Lost Diabetic Testing Kit

Lost: one diabetic testing kit, approx. the size of a deck of cards. If found, please return to C13/14 in the dealer's room. Thanks!

Out Of My Way, Mister – I'm A Scientist!

Are you part of a family that has come to the convention as a group? There are students from a local university here investigating conventions and families within them. Families beware!

Letter To The Editor

In Issue 5b, you published a review of the Four House. The name of the restaurant is actually the Pour House. No, I don't have anything better to do with my time — why do you ask?

—Adina

Well, at least we didn't call it the Whore House.—eds.

G.O.H. Terry Pratchett on sandwiches, *Where's My Cow?*, and the Fred Factor

Do not act incautiously when confronted with a little bald smiling man

Those familiar with the Discworld novels may remember Rule 1, above. Thus it will come as no surprise that the Guest of Honor speech was full of Terry's quick wit, ready answers, and strange anecdotes from history, fable, and power plants.

A few may have heard of Terry's recent health problems – high blood pressure, notably – but he assured the crowd that he is just fine now, and the operations went very well. According to his doctor, though, he kept trying to sit up during the second operation because “there was a man with sandwiches nearby.” The lesson to be learned from this? “Don't go near the sandwiches.”

This “near-sandwich” experience aside, Terry went on to describe some of the circumstances that preceded his writing career. He's said in the past that no one would believe him if he wrote a memoir of his experiences as press officer for several nuclear power plants. Yet his explanation of the “Fred Factor” – somewhere, someone will do something incredibly stupid, like flushing nuclear waste down the lavatory – was certainly plausible to anyone who's tried to run a complicated enterprise. Fred may have different names, but there's a Fred in every system.

Terry revealed the main reason why he wrote the Discworld books: for fun. “I have no big plan. I wrote the first three books in fun. I wrote the rest in fun. I did it because I really wanted to do it, because I get something out of it.” He also gave an answer to the recurring question “Where do you get your ideas?” To put it bluntly, he steals them. History is a source of plunder for Terry, from the tale of the Austrian alchemist (which provided a major part of the plot for *Feet of Clay*) to a once-popular artificial green silk that proved lethal.

His upcoming book, *Going Postal*, is about a criminal who manages to fool everyone – including himself – into thinking that he's a good guy. It has been pointed out to Terry by a friend that this may be a little autobiographical. If so, we're certainly fooled. The next Discworld novel after that, *Thud*, is very much related to the game of the same name on sale now. Terry even gave us a quick glimpse of what may happen in the book, involving Sam Vimes reading a much-chewed book titled *Where's My Cow?* to young Sam. How this bit of children's literature will inspire a breakthrough for Vimes was not clear, even to Terry, but it promises to be good (and certainly familiar to parents who are on their

127th reading of *Hamster Huey*). Another *Tiffany Aching* and the *Wee Free Men* book is also in the works, and he has said that the Discworld books, the ones of which he is most proud are the children's. (Of the “adult” books, *Night Watch* tops the list.)

Terry then answered questions – including the requisite *Good Omens* question – for close to 45 minutes, covering such mysteries as what the century following the Century of the Fruitbat is (the Century of the Anchovy, of course), how he writes such strong women (“Scratch a Pratchett heroine and you'll get scratched back”), and the origins of the Luggage (used to thwart munchkins in a Dungeons and Dragons game).

While the Guests of Honor at conventions back when Terry was a very young fan might have been “giants made of gold,” as he described them, he fills their shoes well. We certainly hope he will stay away from the sandwiches for a long time to come.

Boxboro Fandom Dismays ConCourse, Historians

Evidence-Hiding Fiasco Fails Fantastically

The Exhibits Hall is proud to announce that the recently-deceased Boxboro Fandom has temporarily bequeathed its “History of Boxboro Fandom” exhibit to the ConCourse! To learn all about the late, lamented Boxboro Fandom, visit the exhibit which starts near the Site Selection/2007 Worldcon Membership area and ends at the FANAC Scanning Station.

Friday Party Reviews

Unseen Fen Send More Tape

Friday night saw Noreascon 4 tilt into full partying mode. We started our rounds at the Circler Press party where Dave, in his snack food ignorance, was taken by surprise by a hastily chewed wasabi ball. With tears streaming from his eyes, we moved on to Chuck and Collette's WedCon. The two are getting married in two weeks, coincidentally on the same day as International Talk Like A Pirate Day. *No one dare be opposin' this weddin', Arrrrrr!*

“I once knew a guy” named Alex Potter who held his first WorldCon party, Liquid Hot Magma. Thanks for the great fortune cookies, Alex! After cooling down from the magma, we headed on to the Friends of the Liaden Lounge. The roasted garlic hummus was fantastic, and a special thanks goes to Myles for explaining the Liaden Universe to us.

Winter Fell, and we survived by imbibing Circe's Kiss served by beautiful dancing hostesses and were later graced by George R. R. Martin himself at the Brotherhood without Banners Party. There was lots of raffling and other merrymaking going on all night.

We found a number of fans planning their trip to Glasgow next year at Ontell's 2005 Britain Trip Party, and real New York egg creams graciously being mixed by maestro John Cometto at I-Con 23's party. Dave wanted then to see if any part of a famous baseball player might be attending the Sime~Gen Party, but found only fans having a good time — no baseball players or parts thereof at all.

There where a ton of fans enjoying their favorite show at the Red Dwarf/Wheatland Press Party, and more having a good time at the Writers of the Future social. We were both amazed and delighted at the total sensory immersion of the alien decorations at the terrific Xerps in 2010 blast. Frank Kalisz served us up a “Skippy” to help wash down the tasty sausage and meatballs.

After the aliens released us, we found good wine and cheese at the General Technics Party, and more blacklight goodness than allowed by law at Frogsmart's Tron event. One of our entourage enjoyed a tequila shot at the Norwescon 28 happening. Marveling at the comprehensive portrait gallery on display at the Evil Genius Salon, we mulled over the contribution each luminary had made to the cause of evil as we sipped our wine and champagne. Afterwards Bill felt like enjoying some Klingon cake and found plenty at M. J. Oetting's Klingon Birthday Party. There a Klingon guitarist soothed our frazzled party nerves.

Boxboro Fandom's hellabaloo was very very scary – as Bill lay in a coffin, Dave was carded. Both instances were frightening and bordered on the paranormal. Escaping with our lives, we continued on to the Gaylaxian Party and found fans still having fun despite the late hour. We got Scottish furry things and had a brain aptitude scan at the LACon IV/Glasgow 2005 joint party. Bill also picked up a box of Tholian female prophylactics. You know, just in case.

We ended our first tour at the Columbus 2007/Nippon 2007 joint party, still as enjoyable as Thursday night and considered the difficult decision of naming the Party of the Night. After making a second tour through the Sheraton to check for party endurance we arrived at a decision. We both congratulate Frank and Millie for the fantastic and long lasting Xerps in 2010 Party and name it the official Noreascon 4 Friday Party of the Night. We thank all the hosts and hostesses for feeding us and blame them for our hangovers — keep up the good work!

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