



TRIPLANETARY GAZETTE

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Program Changes – Late Friday

One new item, and participants added to program items:

4PM Friday	Charles Stross, to "Rumors at the Speed of Light"
5PM Friday	Reading for Steve Nagy (New)
11AM Saturday	Harry Turtledove, to "Golden Duck Awards"

C'mon Barbie Let's Go Party

Rooooor your Swoooooors Friday Fashion

All Parties are Sheraton North Tower.

Anybody who tells you different is a COWARD and a TRAITOR.

Friends of Liad Lounge	9PM-12:30AM	1208
Liquid Hot Magma (Tanya Huff Party)	8PM-MIDNIGHT	1205
Val & Ron's 2005 Britain Trip	9PM-?	1138
Brotherhood Without Banners (GRRM fan club)	9PM-LATE	1108
Sime~Gen	8PM-MIDNIGHT	1042
I-Con 23	9PM-1AM	1041
Wheatland Press	5PM-7PM	1008
Red Dwarf Smegfest	10PM-1AM	1008
Writers of the Future	8PM-LATE	10 th Floor
Norwescon 28	9:30PM-?	942
Frogsmart's Tron Party	9PM-?	916
Xerps in 2010	9PM-LATE	908
Albacon 2004	9PM-?	841
League of Evil Geniuses	9:30PM-?	808
Michael Ottings's Klingon Birthday Bash	8PM-MIDNIGHT	716
Boxboro Fandom	9PM-?	708
Nippon 2007 and Columbus 2007	9PM-1AM	Commonwealth
Interaction & LA Con IV	9PM-?	Fairfax
Con Suite	10PM-MIDNIGHT	Constitution
Queer Fandom	6PM-1AM	Berkeley
Circler Press	8PM-1AM	TBA
Chuck & Colette's Wedcon	9PM-?	They Didn't Say

Video Program Changes

Note: Republic B is next to Republic A, despite not being on the map in the program guide.

Adds:

- 3PM Friday, Republic B: *Babylon 5: In the Beginning*
- 7PM Friday, Republic B: *Frank Herbert's Children of Dune* miniseries
- MIDNIGHT Friday night, H208: *Project Moonbase* – a Heinlein script
- 1AM Saturday, Republic B: *Star Trek: The Next Generation* – The Best of Patrick Stewart

Friday Afternoon

Masquerade Photo Area Passes

Masquerade fan photo signups are taken at the Masquerade Desk by the Costume Exhibit in the Concourse. Even those registered by email **must** check in, give their membership numbers, and pick up their passes! No pass, no place in the photo area!

Additional autographing at SFWA table

There will be two additional daily autographing sessions at the SFWA table in the Dealer's Room.

Friday, 3-4PM: Mark Tiedemann

Friday, 4-5PM: Karen Travis

Boxboro Fandom Confuses Many, Selves

Six Plastered in Pre-Party Planning Pugilistic

Ghouls, zombies, and other undead fen are summoned to help celebrate Boxboro Fandom's 25th birthday with 'Boxboro Fandom: Beyond the Grave' starting at 9PM in Sheraton Suite 708. A Baaad Beatles Songfest will immediately follow the party ... it's last call!

Please be careful of your badge and clip!

It is recommended that you put a piece of tape around the clip to help keep it securely closed. There is a replacement fee for a lost badge!

Mini-Gaylaxicon

Kinda Surprised The Boys Would Admit That

Gaylaxicon 2005's queer fandom party lists the following special events:

6:30-9PM: Four queer-themed episodes of *Star Trek: Hidden Frontier*

9PM: Chocolate Symposium – a Gaylaxicon tradition! Bring chocolate to share and enjoy a wide variety of chocolate creations!

10PM-1AM: We're working on various special guests to do surprise readings throughout the night. Come join us, since you never know who might pop in!

Lost Something?

Have you tried Hari Krishna?

Remember to come to the Lost and Found to claim your lost items. Lost and Found is located at the Information Desk in Hynes Hall C/ the Concourse. Items found so far include cheques, Massachusetts driver's licenses (2), CDs, membership badges (2), a cell phone, eyeglasses, a security card, a walking tool, and a hardcover book.

Furry Fandom Feed

The mice are not an hors d'oeuvre. They're a garnish.

Furry Fandom Feed! Meet next to the dragon outside registration by 6:15 tonight (Friday); dinner will be at 6:30PM at the Wisteria House.

WSFS Preliminary Business Meeting Report

3 September 2004: Lead Time for Worldcon Site Selection Up for Grabs; Large Body Count Expected

Lead time for Worldcon site selection may be reduced from three to two years by the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS) Business Meeting, which will convene at 10AM Saturday in H210. A motion to do so was given preliminary approval at Torcon 3 and will take effect if ratified here at Noreascon 4. The matter is expected to be hotly debated, as it was passed by only 5 votes last year. The preliminary business meeting on Friday set debate time for this item at 30 minutes.

All members of Noreascon 4 are automatically members of WSFS and are eligible to attend the business meeting and participate in policy making for future Worldcons.

Other items due for ratification Friday are:

- requiring public notification of extensions of Hugo eligibility beyond the normal "1st prior year";
- clarifying difference between "nominees" and "works" for moving items from one Hugo category to another;
- setting a default rate for supporting memberships for North American Science Fiction Conventions (NASFiCs);
- establishing procedures for tie votes in site selection and dealing with incapacity of a selected Worldcon committee to fulfill its obligations.

New Constitutional amendments to be introduced for 1st consideration this year are:

- revising the wording for the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugos to explicitly mention "theatrical features" under Long Form and "television programs" under Short Form;
- establishing formal procedures for moving Hugo nominees between categories;
- in a lengthy (but non-controversial) amendment, creating a process to deal with breaking ties in Hugo or site-selection elections.

Two motions adopted at the preliminary business meeting were:

- Works originally published outside the USA and first published within the USA in 2004 shall be eligible for Hugos in 2005;
- Three specific books had their Hugo eligibility extended for another year due to limited distribution in the year of original publication.

Much of the work of WSFS occurs in committees that meet between Worldcons. These include:

- The Mark Protection Committee, which extended WSFS's exclusive right to service marks like "Worldcon" and "Hugo" for another decade and successfully defended against a possible encroachment on the latter by the Richard Hugo House of Seattle;
- The Hugo Eligibility for the Rest Of the World (HEROW) Committee, which considers whether works initially published outside the USA should have extended Hugo Award eligibility;
- The Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee (true), which fiddles with the official wording of WSFS documents;
- The Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee, which compiles the official lists of previous Worldcons, their guests, Hugo winners, and related data;
- The Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee, which maintains the operations manual for these shindigs.

All of these committees are being reconstituted for the coming year. People willing to serve should contact Donald Eastlake 3rd, the presiding officer of the business meeting, prior to the Saturday session.

All previous and seated Worldcon committees except Torcon 3 provided financial reports. Three of those committees had accounted for all of their funds and gave final reports; Torcon 3's new board of directors is reviewing its finances. Several seated Worldcons and the Mark Protection Committee thanked Chicon 2000, Millennium Philcon, and ConJosé for timely delivery of pass-along funds.

All WSFS meetings at Noreascon 4 will be adjourned in memory of George Flynn, whose long-time service to WSFS was much admired and appreciated by all.

First Citizen of Fanitopia

Politics, Fannish Style

At First Night, spirited campaigning and voting ruled the evening. After trailing Robert Heinlein in early returns, Mary Shelley led by one vote at mid-evening, and two votes by the end. The final tally: Shelley 104, Heinlein 102, Wells 53, Verne 49, Doc Smith 33.

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Thursday Party Reviews

Bill and Dave's Excellent Stairwell Adventure

It was a good night for easing into WorldCon Partying and we started by cutting our Noreascon 4 teeth at the Philcon 2004 party. This was a good party throughout the night with very active conversations. We then walked down the hall to the LJ and Bloggers Party where we found volunteer Kate working hard to keep the serving plates full of salami and other delicious treats. As we finished our blogger beers, we took our leave of party hostess Mary Kay and made our way to the 3rd floor parties.

Nippon 2007 and Columbus 2007 shared a large room to conduct their bid parties. Nippon 2007, as always, had a terrific spread of interesting Japanese snacks and as well as a wonderful green tea bar. The powdered green tea (*maccha*) was the best in our humble opinion and the Sapporo beer that followed it was tasty and refreshing. Columbus 2007 provided a good spread of snacks and dips and a series of musical duos. Dave thought their crab avocado dip to be surprisingly good.

We then traveled on to the Torcon 3 Thank You and Very Dead Dog Party. Thankfully Torcon 3 was serving the smoked salmon that had made them famous at their bid parties in years past. We also enjoyed vanilla ice cream served with real Canadian maple syrup.

Thanks, Eh!

After finishing our bowls of ice cream we went on walkabout Down Under. The Australia 2010 bid had a good solid party and everyone enjoyed the koala clip-ons the hosts were handing out. The line of fans waiting to pre-support was impressively long, a good sign of things to come from the Aussie bid.

Finally we tottered on over to the Sheraton South Tower to visit the Kerry-Edwards Support Party. We found everyone already engaged in intense political discussions following the president's GOP acceptance speech. We declined to weigh in on any issue being discussed, not wanting to use our lofty position as official party reviewers to affect any of these dialogues.

While the convention's First Night party was fantastic and the Con Suite had steady traffic throughout the evening, the joint Columbus 2007/Nippon 2007 effort was, in our humble opinion, the best of the evening, with a tip of the hat going to our friends from Japan for the very creative green tea bar — we thank everyone for their efforts to make last night a good start for Noreascon 4 partying!