

# FanActivity Gazette

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#### Editorial

I regret to report that Justin E. A. Busch apologizes for being unable to complete an issue of Fanfaronade. He does not know when he will be able to resume writing.

#### Letter of Comment

Dear George:

Thank you for the FanActivity Gazette, Volume 2, Number 1, and happy first birthday to this zine! Time for me to attempt something light-hearted...I have been editing a book all day, and I need a break...

My loc...we have been to London, Ontario for the Forest City Comicon, at Centennial Hall, and we had ourselves a very good time, and a lucrative time, too! Lessons to learn...never stay in a boutique hotel! Style completely overcame practicality in this hotel, and we will not be back. The weekend after London, we had a table in the parking lot at the local community hall in the village of Elmvale, Ontario, the Elmvale Sci-Fantasy Street Party. We had a good time, and it was lucrative as well, but we shut down early...the winds were threatening all of us in the parking lot, and when it started to blow our merchandise right off the table, we decided to pack it in. Still, a good time, and they are considering if they should have it in the local arena next year...YES!

We continue to sell tables for the local huge anime convention, and we are nearly done, but we are discovering few of the vendors are reading the contracts or anything else we send to them. We warned them that the convention centre being used, the Toronto Congress Centre, is imposing a strict vaccination and masking mandate, and we have relayed that to all vendors multiple times. Whatdya mean, I have to be vaccinated? I'm not vaccinated!, and a number of them are upset. When did this happen? Did you not read your contract, plus more than a dozen e-mails we sent out? We've been forced to send out refunds to these idiots.

I am glad to see there are still busy SF clubs around. IN Toronto, we haven't had such a club for more than 30 years, and I think it could have helped us all over the intervening years.

The FANAC Newsletter reminds me I have to spend more time on their website. There are some fanzines listed (with covers shown) I've never seen or heard of. I hope there will be more history Zooms in the fall.

The July convention list...we vended in London and Elmvale, so Anime North is next up for us, on July 15-17. The listing for something in Elmvill/Elmville on July 16 was actually Elmvale above, and can be deleted. I had to look up MapelGelCon...MapleGelCon seems to be a specialized anime convention for a "Tales Of..." series, I can't seem to find more than that, and nowhere on the website is there an actual date, so I suspect it's been cancelled or postponed for 2022.

Anyway, I have vented a little, so time to wind it up. Thanks for this issue, and I have a few other N3F zines to comment on, I believe. We'll see you then.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.

## Science Fiction Club News

### By Heath Row

From the front lines and far afield, this column reports on recent happenings among local science fiction clubs. This installment reports on events that occurred in June and July—or will occur in July and perhaps August 2022.

If you're active in a local club, feel free to send me activity reports and other updates via email at [kalel@well.com](mailto:kalel@well.com). And if you don't participate in a local club in the area in which you live, please consider joining! I would, if I lived there.

In Aylesbury, England, the **Aylesbury Sci-Fi/Fantasy Meet** gathers monthly and will meet again July 28. The Meetup tends to average about 15 participants regardless of visible RSVPs. (<https://tinyurl.com/Aylesbury-club>)

The California **Bay Area Science Fiction Association** is planning a group outing to a San Jose Giants minor league baseball game in late July—Marvel's Defenders of the Diamond Night. Members recently discussed the new season of Stranger Things, the new episode of The Orville on Hulu, and plans—including volunteer and transportation needs!—for Westercon 74 in Nevada earlier this month. BASFA members also shared commentary on and reviews of Night Sky, a recent Period Events & Entertainments Re-Creation Society dance that was Star Trek-themed, a Silicon Valley Shakespeare production of Romeo & Juliet, Star Trek: Strange New Worlds, the Russian movie Cosmoball, a recent Festival of the Living Rooms online filk fest, Gary Gibson's novel Echogenesis, A.P. Bateman's novel The Island, Ms. Marvel, H.E. Edgmon's novel The Witch King, and T. Kingfisher's novels Nettle & Bone and Summer in Orcus. The group meets weekly and offers an active Facebook group. (<https://www.basfa.org/>)

The **British Fantasy Society** held its second Golden Jubilee event in late June, offering several excellent programs online. June 25 featured several activities, including a panel discussion of the role and influence of feminism over the last 50 years in speculative fiction, featuring Tiffani Angus, Lucy McLaren, and Teika Marija Smits; a panel focusing on queer history in science fiction, fantasy, and horror with James Bennett, Cat Hellisen, Ida Keogh, and Tej Turner; and interview with Ramsey Campbell; and an exploration of the role the BFS plays in fandom featuring Peter Coleborn, Gary Couzens, and Jan Edwards. There were also readings, an open mic, and social. The BFS also offers a relatively lively email list that focuses primarily on new book reviews. (<https://www.britishfantasysociety.org/>)

The **British Science Fiction Association** completed work on Fission #2 Volume 1, which is now available for members to download. The 216-page issue includes almost 20 short science fiction stories. In conjunction with the BFS's Golden Jubilee above, the BSFA held an online panel discussing awards and themes in contempo-

rary science fiction featuring sf writers Stark Holborn and Stewart Hotston. The club also held its annual general meeting to elect a new chair, board of directors, and councilors. Current vacancies include awards and assistant events officers. (<http://www.bsfa.co.uk>)

On July 6, **Glasgow in 2024** offered the online program “New Books, Novels & Novellas,” a conversation with John Dodd and Stew Hotson. Members tabled at Westercon 74 at the Chicon Fantable. Earlier, in June, the group hosted an online event, “Somewhere over the Rainbow: Writing Queer SFF,” featuring A.K. Faulkner, Maya MacGregor, and G.D. Penman—which you can watch online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/GlasgowIn2024>. And the club is planning a role-playing game event later in July focusing on either Beautiful Space Pirates or Wildermyth. (<https://glasgow2024.org/>)

The **Kansas City Science Fiction & Fantasy Society** has scheduled its general meeting, perhaps with an author reading, for July 16. Members also held a picnic in mid-June. The club offers an active Facebook group, as well as book and movie discussion events. (<http://kacsffs.blogspot.com/>)

**Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society** members are working to relaunch a newly redesigned Web site for the club. The group’s Web pages are currently down. Member John Hertz held two book discussion events at Westercon 74 featuring Robert A. Heinlein’s *The Door into Summer* and C.L. Moore’s *Judgment Night*. A memorial for recently deceased member Karl Lembke was held at a member’s home in early July. Patron Saints recognized during the month of June included local fen Michael Bloom, Sandy Cohen, Jim Glass, Hare Hobbs, and Ted Johnstone. The club’s after-meeting hangouts continue online. The club offers at least two active Facebook groups. (<http://www.lasfs.org/>)

The **Minnesota Science Fiction Society** held its Minnstf Summer Picnic on July 2. Game parties are planned for every Friday in July, and July 16 will feature games in a local park. Online, members discussed a relative’s model kit sale, recording audiobooks, and other topics. The club offers an active Facebook group. (<https://mnstf.org>)

**Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association** held a meeting in early June, recording and documenting discussion online for members. Topics included trains in science fiction and fantasy, live improvised poetry by member Kofi, fancraft show and tell, additional discussion with B-movie monster-maker Paul Blaisdell, and what members are currently reading and watching. The club took a field trip to a nearby train museum in mid-June—and held a member picnic July 9. The club might return to in-person meetings in August and offers an active Web site and Facebook group. (<http://www.monsffa.ca>)

The **Nashville Science Fiction Book Club** gathered July 7 to discuss Craig Robertson’s *The Forever Life* and *The Forever Enemy*, the first two books in the *Forever* series. August’s title(s) have yet to be determined. The Meetup meets the first Thursday of every month at Bonfire Mongolian Grill in Hermitage, Tenn. (<https://tinyurl.com/NashvilleSFBC>)

The **New England Science Fiction Association** offers an active program of Game Days and movie nights at the clubhouse in July. Game Days will be held July 10 and 24, and there are movie nights scheduled July 9 and 16 featuring two double features: Hugo nominees *Encanto* and *Space Sweeper*, and *The Green Knight* and *Shang-Chi*. The library is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, and the Boskone and NESFA business meetings will occur July 31. In early August, the NESFA Reading Group will discuss Hank Green’s *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing*. (<http://www.nesfa.org/>)

The **North Alabama Science Fiction Association** met June 11. The group meets on the third Saturday of each month in Huntsville, Ala. (<https://tinyurl.com/NASFA-club>)

The **Northwest Science Fiction Society** in Seattle held its election and picnic social in late June. A new chair, vice chair, and treasurer were elected—congratulations, all!—and a member’s dog was even nominated for a

position. The dog did not win, however, and accepted his defeat graciously. Online, members discussed an upcoming Doctor Who movie reunion in Seattle in August. The club offers a somewhat active Facebook group. (<http://www.nwsfs.com/>)

The **Scandinavian SF Association** will meet July 14 for a member picnic and to discuss Clifford D. Simak's City. In late August, the group will meet to discuss Ryka Aoki's novel Light From Uncommon Stars. (<https://tinyurl.com/SFSF-club>)

**Science Fiction and Fantasy South Africa** met online June 18 for a talk by Grant Charlton entitled "Meta and the New World." A recording is available at <https://tinyurl.com/sfsa-recordings>. July 16, Cedric Abrahams will discuss information technology and ethics. Online, members discussed local competitions, new book releases, and self-publishing—and shared movie posters and other images of interest. The club offers an active Facebook group. (<https://www.sfsa.org.za/>)

In June, members of the New Jersey **Science Fiction Association of Bergen County's** gathered multiple times. The Final Frontier group at a Panera Bread in Ramsey, N.J., to discuss imaginary sf series such as Gilligan's Planet or This Old Spaceship. An Infinite Images discussion was held online to explore the movie Peggy Sue Got Married. The Films from Beyond discussion group gathered online for an unstructured look at classic and contemporary genre movies. The club held a special online book discussion focusing on Jim Butcher's Battle Ground. Later in June, the group discussed pets and animal companions in sf, fantasy, and horror works. July 1, the Armchair Odyssey television viewing group met online. (<https://tinyurl.com/sfabc-club>)

The **Somerville Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club** in Massachusetts will gather July 19 to discuss Sarah Gailey's novel The Echo Wife. The group meets monthly. (<https://tinyurl.com/SomervilleSFFBC>)

Members of the **Worcester Public Library Science Fiction Book Club** in Massachusetts met online July 5 to discuss Bernard Cornwell's novel The Fort. The August book selection is Karen Joy Fowler's novel Booth. (<https://tinyurl.com/WPLSFBC>)

Want to find a local club near you? Let us know; maybe we can help.  
Active in a local club? Let us know what you've been up to!

## Celluloid Sentience By Cathode Ray

This column, "Celluloid Sentience," is a spinoff of the TV-themed column "Rabid Eyes." It is a periodic listing focusing on upcoming movie and DVD (including Blu-ray and 4K) releases of potential interest to fans of science fiction, fantasy, and horror—as well as upcoming Turner Classic Movie screenings.

Release dates occasionally change, and we will do our best to update them in this listing. (Movies labeled with an \* are particularly recommended.) Please check your local listings before you go to the movie theater. And tell 'em Ray sent you! (That's got to be good for a free box of Goobers, at least!)

If you become aware of any movie or DVD release dates, send them in care of this clubzine, and we'll do our best to verify and include your submissions. And if you see any of these fantastic flicks, consider writing a review to share with other Neffers.

### Movie Release Dates

11th Hour Cleaning (Horror, streaming, July 5)

American Carnage (Horror, streaming, July 15)

The Bob's Burgers Movie (Animated, streaming, July 12)

The Case of Dakota Moore (Horror, streaming, July 1)  
 DC League of Super-Pets (Animated/Fantasy, theatrical, July 29)  
 \* The Deer King (Animated/Fantasy, theatrical, July 15)  
 \* End of Lenn (Fantasy, streaming, July 29)  
 The Ghosts of Monday (Horror, streaming, July 15)  
 Green Lantern: Beware My Power (Animated/Fantasy, streaming, July 26)  
 Hunter X (Horror, streaming, July 19)  
 Minions: The Rise of Gru (Animated/Fantasy, theatrical, July 1)  
 \* Moloch (Horror, streaming, July 21)  
 Muscle Man's Christmas Drive (Animated/Fantasy, streaming, July 25)  
 Neon Lights (Horror, streaming, July 12)  
 \* Nope (Horror, theatrical, July 22)  
 Our Time (Fantasy, theatrical, July 15)  
 Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank (Animated/Fantasy, theatrical, July 15)  
 \* The Phantom Lake Kids in: The Day the Earth Abruptly Almost Ended (Horror, theatrical, July 27)  
 \* The Princess (Fantasy, streaming, July 1)  
 Project PastaHunters 3 (Fantasy/Horror, streaming, July 16)  
 The Red Queen (Science Fiction, streaming, July 15)  
 The Reef: Stalked (Horror, theatrical, July 29)  
 \* Rubikon (Science Fiction, theatrical, July 1)  
 The Sea Beast (Animated/Fantasy, theatrical, July 8)  
 \* Spider-Man: Lotus (Fantasy, streaming, July 1)  
 The Summoned (Horror, theatrical, July 7)  
 \* Thor: Love and Thunder (Fantasy, theatrical, July 8)  
 Z-O-M-B-I-E-S 3 (Science Fiction/Fantasy, streaming, July 15)

#### DVD Release Dates

3 Demons (Horror, DVD, July 5)  
 4400: The Complete Series (TV, DVD, July 26)  
 Amityville in Space (Science Fiction/Horror, DVD, July 19)  
 Amnesia: Complete Collection (Animated/Fantasy, Blu-ray, July 5)  
 \* Ants! (Horror, Blu-ray, July 5)  
 \* The Aztec Mummy Collection (Science Fiction/Horror, DVD and Blu-ray, July 19)  
 Batwoman: The Third and Final Season (TV, DVD and Blu-ray, July 12)  
 Bite School (Horror, Blu-ray, July 12)  
 Blood Bite (Horror, DVD, July 12)  
 The Bob's Burgers Movie (Animated, DVD and Blu-ray, July 19)  
 Castlevania: The Complete Fourth Season (Animated, DVD and Blu-ray, July 19)  
 \* Cat People (Horror, Blu-ray and 4K, July 19)  
 Cyber City Oedo 808 (Animated, Blu-ray, July 26)  
 Dai Shogun: Complete Collection (Animated, Blu-ray, July 19)  
 Dashcam (Horror, DVD, July 12)  
 DC's Legends of Tomorrow: The Complete Seventh Season (TV, DVD and Blu-ray, July 19)  
 \* Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (Fantasy; DVD, Blu-ray, and 4K, July 26)  
 \* Dual (Science Fiction, DVD and Blu-ray, July 19)  
 \* Edge of Tomorrow (Science Fiction, Blu-ray and 4K, July 5)  
 \* The Eurocrypt of Christopher Lee: Collection 2 (Horror, Blu-ray, July 26)  
 \* Everything Everywhere All at Once (Science Fiction; DVD, Blu-ray, and 4K; July 5)  
 Galaxy Quest (Science Fiction, Blu-ray, July 12)  
 Green Lantern: Beware My Power (Animated/Fantasy, Blu-ray and 4K, July 26)  
 Holmes of Kyoto: The Complete Series (Animated, Blu-ray, July 26)

- \* Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (Fantasy, 4K, July 12)
- \* Lupin the Third: Prison of the Past (Animated, Blu-ray, July 26)
- \* Men in Black (Science Fiction, Blu-ray and 4K, July 19)
- \* Men in Black/Men in Black II/Men in Black 3 (Science Fiction, 4K, July 19)
- \* Mid-Century (Horror, DVD and Blu-ray, July 26)
- Mobile Suit Gundam SEED: HD Remaster Project – Collection One (Animated, Blu-ray, July 12)
- \* Monstrous (Horror, DVD and Blu-ray, July 5)
- \* Night Gallery: Season Two (TV, Blu-ray, July 26)
- \* Okja (Science Fiction; DVD, Blu-ray, and 4K; July 5)
- One Piece: Season Eleven, Voyage Nine (Animated/Fantasy, DVD and Blu-ray, July 5)
- Plague of the Dead (Horror, DVD, July 19)
- \* Planet of the Vampire (Science Fiction/Horror, Blu-ray, July 26)
- \* Pompo the Cinephile (Animated, DVD and Blu-ray, July 12)
- \* Rahxephon: Complete Collection (Animated, Blu-ray, July 12)
- \* The Return of Captain Invincible (Fantasy, Blu-ray, July 26)
- Rugrats: Season 1, Volume 1 (Animated, DVD, July 12)
- Ryoma! The Prince of Tennis (Animated, DVD and Blu-ray, July 5)
- SeaQuest DSV: The Complete Series (TV, Blu-ray, July 19)
- \* The Six Million Dollar Man: The Complete Series (TV, Blu-ray, July 12)
- \* Species (Science Fiction/Horror, Blu-ray and 4K, July 26)
- \* Star Trek: Lower Decks—Season Two (TV, DVD and Blu-ray, July 12)
- Taisho Otome Fairy Tale: The Complete Season (Animated, Blu-ray, July 5)
- \* Tarantulas: The Deadly Cargo (Horror, Blu-ray, July 5)
- \* Tenebrae (Horror, Blu-ray and 4K, July 26)
- \* Terror Out of the Sky (Horror, Blu-ray, July 5)
- \* The Twin (Horror, DVD and Blu-ray, July 12)
- \* Ultraman Zearth: Double Feature (Fantasy, DVD, July 26)
- Zero Contact (Science Fiction, DVD and Blu-ray, July 5)

## Video

### Rabid Ears: Ravings of a TV Fiend by Cathode Ray

The following movies, shorts, serials, and cartoons are scheduled for broadcast on Turner Classic Movies in July, according to TCM's Web site. All times listed are ET. Please check your local listings before tuning in.

July 2—3 a.m.: Repo Man (1984), 9:30 a.m.: Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe—The Destroying Ray (1940), 10:07 a.m.: Bomba the Jungle Boy (1949)

July 5—8:30 a.m.: Cat People (1942), 9:45 a.m.: The Curse of the Cat People (1944), 11 a.m.: The Seventh Victim (1943)

July 8—8 p.m.: Earth vs. the Flying Saucers (1956), 9:45 p.m.: The Thing (1982), 11:45 p.m.: Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978)

July 9—2 a.m.: The Velvet Vampire (1971), 3:30 a.m.: The Hunger (1983), 8 a.m.: Animation—Officer Pooch (1941), 9:30 a.m.: Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe—The Palace of Horror (1940), 10 a.m.: Animation—Popalong Popeye (1952), 10:08 a.m.: Bomba on Panther Island (1949)

July 11—4:15 p.m.: The Golden Arrow (1964)

July 14—12:30 p.m.: Atlas (1961), 2 p.m.: The Slave (1962), 3:45 p.m.: Clash of the Titans (1981), 6 p.m.: Tarzan, the Ape Man (1981)

July 15—3:30 a.m.: Death Curse of Tartu (1966)

July 16—3:15 a.m.: They Live (1988), 8 a.m.: Animation—Little Buck Cheeser (1937), 9:30 a.m.: Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe—Flaming Death (1940), 10 a.m.: Animation—Shuteye Popeye (1952), 10:08 a.m.:

The Lost Volcano (1950), 1:45 p.m.: The Boy with Green Hair (1948), 3:15 p.m.: The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959)  
 July 18—8 p.m.: Tommy (1975)  
 July 19—7:45 a.m.: The Mysterious Island (1929), 11:15 a.m.: Captain Nemo and the Underwater City (1970), 1:15 p.m.: Master of the World (1961), 3 p.m.: From the Earth to the Moon (1958), 4:45 p.m.: Around the World in 80 Days (1956)  
 July 20—12 a.m.: Curse of the Demon (1958)  
 July 21—3 p.m.: Beyond Tomorrow (1940), 9:30 p.m.: It Came from Beneath the Sea (1955), 11 p.m.: Tentacles (1977)  
 July 22—1 a.m.: Warlords of Atlantis (1978)  
 July 23—1:45 a.m.: Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964), 3:30 a.m.: 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968), 8 a.m.: Animation—The Little Goldfish (1939), 9:30 a.m.: Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe—The Land of the Dead (1940), 10 a.m.: Animation—Swimmer Take All (1952), 10:08 a.m.: The Hidden City (1950), 12 p.m.: The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)  
 July 25—9:30 a.m.: The Woman in White (1948), 3:15 p.m.: The Green Slime (1969)  
 July 26—9:30 a.m.: Hands of a Stranger (1962)  
 July 27—4 a.m.: Brainstorm (1965), 8:15 a.m.: The Satan Bug (1965), 10:15 a.m.: The Frozen Dead (1967)  
 July 28—8 p.m.: Mysterious Island (1961), 10 p.m.: Gojira (1954), 11:45 p.m.: The Monster That Challenged the World (1957)  
 July 29—1:15 a.m.: The Lost Continent (1968), 2:45 a.m.: Creature from the Haunted Sea (1961), 4 a.m.: The Giant Behemoth (1959), 7 a.m.: Mystery of the Wax Museum (1933), 6:30 p.m.: The Boy with Green Hair (1948), 11:15 p.m.: A Clockwork Orange (1971)  
 July 30—8 a.m.: Animation—Little Tinker (1948), 9:30 a.m.: Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe—The Fiery Abyss (1940), 10 a.m.: Animation—Tots of Fun (1952), 10:08 a.m.: The Lion Hunters (1951), 12 p.m.: Tarzan, the Ape Man (1932), 4 p.m.: The Time Machine (1960)

Until next time, double feature creatures, this is “Cathode Ray,” your guide to the best of what’s crawling in the aisles and on the big screen. Ticket, please!

<https://today.yougov.com/topics/politics/articles-reports/2022/01/19/elected-officials-maximum-age-limit-poll>

## Conventions for August Mindy Hunt

Each month we will provide a list of conventions from around the world.

This list is constantly being updated throughout the month. You can find our full events list as well as a calendar at <http://scifi4me.com/conventions-events/>.

During the week, we also publish articles with any schedule changes or cancellations. Visit <http://scifi4me.com/> regularly to find these.

We also provide semi-regular updates on our TV channel <http://scifi4me.tv/>

We are always looking to keep the list and calendar as current as possible. If you know of a local event, big or little, send us and email at [events@scifi4me.com](mailto:events@scifi4me.com) so we can add it and make it the most comprehensive conventions list on the internet.

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## VIRTUAL

### ON-SITE

C2E2 – Chicago, IL Aug 4-7  
Gen Con – Indianapolis, IN Aug 4-7  
Pulpfest – Pittsburg, PA Aug 4-7  
Superhero Car Show & Comic Con – San Antonio, TX Aug 4-7  
Midwest Conference of the Unknown – Cape Girardeau, MO Aug 5-7  
AnimagiC – Mannheim, Germany Aug 5-7  
Anime Magic! – Rosemont, IL Aug 5-7  
Anime-Zing! – Davenport, IA Aug 5-7  
CrunchRoll Expo – San Jose, CA Aug 5-7  
Fanboy Expo – Knoxville, TN Aug 5-7  
Game On Expo – Phoenix, AZ Aug 5-7  
Survival – London, United Kingdom Aug 5-7  
Ama-Con – Amarillo, TX Aug 6-7  
Big Lick Comic Con – Roanoke, VA Aug 6-7  
Creature Con – Concord, CA Aug 6-7  
Dublin Comic Con Summer – Dublin, Ireland Aug 6-7  
Norwich Anime & Gaming Con – Norwich, United Kingdom Aug 6-7  
Surrey Steampunk Convival – New Malden, United Kingdom Aug 6-7  
Anime Pop! – Glasgow, United Kingdom Aug 6  
Australian Catan Tournament – Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia Aug 6  
Coldwater Steampunk Festival – Coldwater, Ontario, Canada Aug 6  
Vaughan Con – Vaughan, Ontario, Canada Aug 6  
Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Aug 6

AUG 11-14

## VIRTUAL

When Word Collide – Calgary, Alberta, Canada Aug 12-14

### ON-SITE

CONVergence – Minneapolis, MN Aug 11-14  
Abunai! Convention – Koningshof, Netherlands Aug 12-14  
Anime Houston – Houston, TX Aug 12-14  
Fan Expo Boston – Boston, MA Aug 12-14  
FestiGame – Santiago, Chile Aug 12-14  
FilKONtario – Mississauga, Ontario, Canada Aug 12-14  
Long Island Retro Gaming Expo – Garden City, NY Aug 12-14  
Maturicon – Columbus, OH Aug 12-14  
Supernatural Official Convention – Arlington, VA Aug 12-14  
TFNation – Birmingham, United Kingdom Aug 12-14  
Dallas Comic Show – Dallas, TX Aug 12-14  
AniBash – Rochester, NY Aug 13-14  
Elftopia – Ooidonk, Belgium Aug 13-14  
London Anime & Gaming Con – London, United Kingdom Aug 13-14  
Pretty Heroes – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Aug 13-14  
FarleyCon – East Ridge, TN Aug 13  
Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Richmond, VA Aug 13  
Sarasotacon – Sarasota, FL Aug 13



Capital Trade Shows – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada Aug 14  
Eckman's Card, Comic, and Toy Show – San Antonio, TX Aug 14  
London Comic Mart – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Aug 14

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VIRTUAL

QuakeCon – Dallas, TX Aug 18-21

ON-SITE

Epic Nerd Camp – Darlington, MD Aug 18-22  
NecronomiCon – Providence, RI Aug 18-21  
Emerald City Comicon – Seattle, WA Aug 18-21  
Colorado Springs Comic Con – Colorado Springs, CO Aug 19-21  
Delta H Con – Houston, TX Aug 19-21  
Discoworld Convention – Birmingham, United Kingdom Aug 19-21  
Geek'd Con – Shreveport, LA Aug 19-21  
HistoriKC Fest – Overland Park, KC Aug 19-21  
Nashcon – Franklin, TN Aug 19-21  
SCG Con – Baltimore, MD Aug 19-21  
Dark History & Horror CON – Champaign, IL Aug 20-21  
AnchorCon – Clayton, NY Aug 20-21  
Eastern Rim Funny Book & Vintage Con – Baytown, TX Aug 20-21  
Film & Comic Con Glasgow – Glasgow, United Kingdom Aug 20-21  
Flame Con – New York City, NY Aug 20-21  
Japan Impact – Lausanne, Switzerland Aug 20-21  
Portsmouth Anime & Gaming Con – Portsmouth, United Kingdom Aug 20-21  
Ragnarok – Kitchener, Ontario, Canada Aug 20-21  
Shikkaricon – Philadelphia, PA Aug 20-21  
Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Buffalo, NY Aug 20  
QuestCon – Orlando, FL Aug 20  
Richmond VA Comic Con – Richmond, VA Aug 20  
Raleigh Comic Book Show – Raleigh, NC Aug 21  
San Jose Comic Con – San Jose, CA Aug 21

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ON-SITE

Eurofurence– Berlin, Germany Aug 24-28  
56-Year Mission Las Vegas – Pittsburgh, PA Aug 25-28  
Camp Feral! – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Aug 25-28  
Cologne Gamescon – Cologne, Germany Aug 25-28  
Fan Expo Canada – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Aug 25-28  
ClexaCon – Anaheim, CA Aug 26-28  
Everfree Northwest – Seattle, WA Aug 26-28  
FallCon – Calgary, Alberta, Canada Aug 26-28  
Insomnia Gaming Festival – Birmingham, United Kingdom Aug 26-28  
Station Unity – National Harbor, MD Aug 26-28  
Bristol Anime & Gaming Con – Bristol, United Kingdom Aug 27-28

Comic Con Antwerp – Antwerp, Belgium Aug 27-28  
Doki Doki – Manchester, United Kingdom Aug 27-28  
Retro World Expo – Hartford, CT Aug 27-28  
SiliCon – San Jose, CA Aug 27-28  
Tabletop Scotland – Perth, United Kingdom Aug 27-28  
Ultracon of South Florida – West Palm Beach, FL Aug 27-28

## Science Fiction Pro and Fan Birthdays

This list of fandom-related birthdays was first published by Bruce Pelz in the *Fantasy Amateur Press Association*. Andrew Porter published and updated the list for *Science Fiction Chronicle*. Updates are welcome!

Unless stated otherwise, all birthdays are in the 20th century.

### August

Raymond A. Palmer, 8/1/10; Edd Cartier, 8/1/14; Robert Holdstock, 8/2/48; Joe Siclari, 8/2/49; Hope Leibowitz, 8/2/52; Clifford D. Simak, 8/3/04; Jon De Chancie, 8/3/46; Rick Norwood, 8/4/42; Taras Wolansky, 8/4; Doug Crepeau, 8/5/40; Kathleen Goldin, 8/5/43; Spencer Pinney, 8/5/54; Gerald Kersh, 8/6/11; Piers Anthony, 8/6/34; Eva C. Whitley, 8/6/55; Todd Mason, 8/6/64; Milton Lesser, 8/7/28; Mike Hinge, 8/7/31; Jerry Pournelle, 8/7/33; Terry Garey, 8/7/48; John D. Berry, 8/8/50; Jim Hollander, 8/8/52; Jack Speer, 8/9/20; Daniel Keyes, 8/9/27; John Varley, 8/9/47; Victor Koman, 8/9/54; Tim Merrigan, 8/9/54; Curt Siodmak, 8/10/02; Ward Moore, 8/10/03; Alexis Gilliland, 8/10/31.

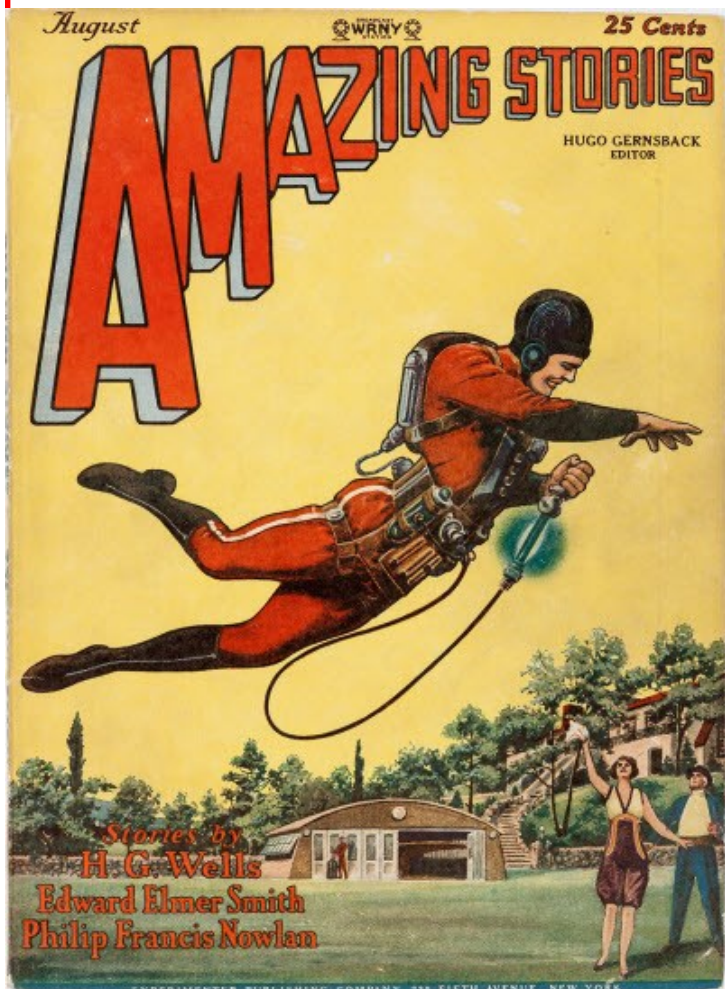
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Miriam Allen deFord, 8/21/1888; Anthony Boucher, 8/21/11; Gene Roddenberry, 8/21/21; Arthur Thomson, 8/21/27; Ron Dee, 8/21/57; Ray Bradbury, 8/22/20; Susan Wood, 8/22/48; Chuck Rothman, 8/22/52; Gavin Claypool, 8/22/54; Stanton A. Coblenz, 8/24/1896; Rich Wannan, 8/24/46; Jeff Wanshel, 8/24/47; Marilyn “Fuzzy Pink” Niven, 8/25/40; Bob Jennings, 8/25/43; Jeffrey A. Carver, 8/25/49; Paula Marmor, 8/25/50; Chris Barkley, 8/25/56; Otto Binder, 8/26/11; Allan Rothstein, 8/26/41; Sheila Gilbert, Fred Haskell, 8/26/49; T.L. Sherred, 8/27/15; Kelly Freas, 8/27/22; Ken Rudolph, 8/27/41; Robert Lichtman, 8/27/42; Ed Bryant, 8/27/45; Jean Berman, Darrell Schweitzer, 8/27/52; Bob Garcia, 8/27/58; Kevin Standlee, 8/27/65; Jack Vance, 8/28/16; Vonda McIntyre, 8/28/48; Barbara Hambly, 8/28/51; Don Wilcox, 8/29/05; Thomas Scortia, 8/29/26; Virginia Aalko, 8/29/39; Dian Crayne, 8/29/42; Robert Weinberg, 8/29/46; Michael Kube-McDowell, Ellen Green, 8/29/54; Kathryn Arwen Trimble, 8/29/64; Mary Shelley, 8/30/1797; Ray Cummings, 8/30/1887; D. Jeanette Holloman, 8/30/55; Phil Bronson, 8/31/24; Alan J. Lewis, 8/31/42; Robert Adams, 8/31/43.

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AMAZING STORIES August 1928 introduced two of the most important stories to ever appear in the science fiction genre. The cover and lead feature were devoted to *The Skylark of Space*, the first story by E.E. “Doc” Smith, one of the first modern interstellar adventures, and one of the first space opera novels ever published.



That issue also carried a novelette by Philip Francis Nowlan titled *Armageddon 2419 A.D.*, which introduced Anthony “Buck” Rogers to the world.

This tale related the adventures of a man from 1929 who fell into suspended animation inside a coal mine and woke up 500 years in the future, a future in which centuries of world-wide warfare had left the super-scientific Mongolian Han Empire in control of the entire planet. From their headquarters in the mountainous regions of Asia, the Hans had destroyed western civilization and ravaged the American nation. But there were still determined American freedom fighters who held out against their tyrannical rule, and Buck Rogers joined their cause. With his leadership skills and knowledge of 20th century military tactics he soon became a leader, and began to unite the scattered American groups and gain real success against the Han conquerors.

This gripping adventure was very popular with readers. A sequel was quickly written titled *The Air-lords of Han*, appearing in the March 1929 of *AMAZING STORIES* that completed the American victory over the oriental invaders and led to lasting world-

wide peace.

John F. Dille, owner of a newspaper syndication service that handled comic strips and feature columns read that first story and that it could be turned into an exciting daily comic strip. He contacted Nowlan, who was very interested. Nowlan had written other science fiction stories to supplement his income as a newspaper financial page journalist, and was happy to try a new career.

Nowlan wrote the strip which transcribed directly from the first story, with illustrations by Dick Calkins, an excellent artist who was also the creator of *Skyroads*, another Dille feature comic strip. The first daily appeared in newspapers on 7 January 1929, before the sequel to the first story had even appeared in *AMAZING STORIES*.

Dille used a system of numbering the comic strips, rather than dating them. This meant that they could be sold to new markets, including weekly papers, who could start the story right from the very beginning rather than stepping into the middle of an ongoing story plot as was the case with most nationally syndicated comic strips. Subsequent adventure story arcs were also numbered. Unfortunately sometimes extra strips were added, the number sequences sometimes started over mid adventure, individual newspapers sometimes used their own numbering, or other complications developed.

Toward the early 1940s most of the adventures were three months long and were numbered so newspapers could skip entire sequences in an effort to catch up and get the strip in sync with the majority of papers carrying it. Yet it was not until 1946 that sufficient papers were in-syndic for the strip to abandon the numbering system and start with standard dates on each strip. This bizarre numbering system has led to a lot of confusion among comic strip collectors and has only been finally deciphered very recently.

Nowlan polished off the Han invaders in the comic strips rather quickly, and moved on to other sci-

ence fiction situations as America rebuilt its civilization along advanced scientific terms. Many modern clichés of science fiction were introduced thru the Buck Rogers comic strip, most notably, the Flying Belt, and the disintegrating ray gun, (which miraculously only vaporized the target, but never the surrounding objects, or the atmosphere the ray traveled thru). Buck also popularized rocket pistols, interstellar rocket/submarines, meals in pill form, the invisibility producing micro cloak, the Cosmic Gyro Relatataavor, and much more. In addition the strip tried to provide future slang and futuristic costumes, particularly for the women in the adventures.

Many modern readers assume the cover to the August 1928 AMAZING STORIES issues shows Buck Rogers with a flying belt, but in fact it depicts a scene from the Skylark of Space serial. In the Armageddon story there were no surface buildings on the North American continent. All the American survivors lived in caves or underground, since any man-made structure above ground was immediately attacked and destroyed by the Han airships.

By the mid 1930s the comic strip was widely read by adults who followed the ongoing soap-opera romance of Buck and his girl friend Wilma Deering in their battles with interplanetary menaces and various bad guys, most notably with recurring villain “Killer” Kane, a handsome, ambitious, ruthless, vain and cowardly schemer who was aided by his equally dastardly female companion Ardala Valmar. Some of the villains Buck encountered wound up becoming staunch friends and allies, such as Black Barney, originally a Martian space pirate, but Kane and Ardala came back year after year until the pair were finally settled in the late 1940s.

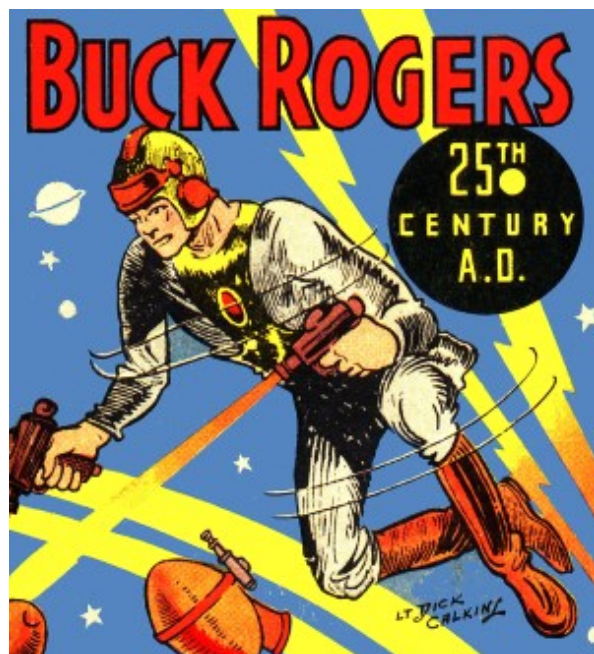
A full page Sunday strip was added in March 1930, initially focused on the interstellar adventures of Buddy, Wilma Deering’s younger brother, and his companion Aluria, a princess of Mars. Eventually they settled on the planet Venus, where they became king and queen, and endured weekly ongoing dangerous adventures, including invasions, strange monsters, internal rebellions, and extraordinary natural menaces.

This interesting Sunday experiment ended around 1938 and a standard 3-tiered Sunday strip featuring the adventures of Buck and Wilma replaced it. The daily strips and Sundays always contained separate adventures from each other

Nowlan died in 1940 and the authorship of the strip passed on to Dick Calkins, but other writers and other artists worked on the feature over the years. By the late 1940s an effort was made to streamline the story line and aim at a more mature audience. Murphy Anderson became the regular artist, succeeded in subsequent years by Leonard Dworkin, Rick Yager, and George Tuska who drew Buck from 1959 until July 1967, when the comic strip ended. There was an attempt to revive it in 1979, with art by Gray Morrow. The revival unfortunately occurred in a period when newspaper readership, and the number of newspapers being published was in sharp decline. This series ended in 1983.

The Buck Rogers comic strip proved to be very popular, spawning many spin-offs into other media, including a long lasting radio series, a Universal movie serial in 1939, Big Little Books, comic books, TV shows, novels, role playing games, video games, pinball machines and a veritable avalanche of toys and Buck Rogers related merchandise, all of which has become highly collectible today.

Beginning in 2014 Hermes Press reprinted the classic Buck Rogers daily comic strips from the beginning thru the late 1930s in six oversized hardback volumes. Unfortunately those books, and two full tabloid sized reprint of the first seven years of the Sunday strip are out of print. However copies can still be obtained thru book seller sites such as Amazon.com. And there is talk of a new revival of Buck Rogers as an internet web based comic strip and even a new television series. Buck Rogers is still a science fiction cultural icon, and will probably continue to be for many years to come.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 National Mahjong Day	2 National Ice-Cream Sandwich Day	3 Grab Some Nuts Day	4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day	5 International Beer Day	6 International Hangover Day
7 National Lighthouse Day	8 International Cat Day	9 Book Lover's Day	10 National S'mores Day	11 Presidential Joke Day	12 National Vinyl Record Day	13 National Garage Sale Day
14 National Creamsicle Day	15 Relaxation Day	16 National Roller-Coaster Day	17 National Thrift-Shop Day	18 Bad Poetry Day	19 National Potato Day	20 World Mosquito Day
21 National Spumoni Day	22 National Tooth Fairy Day	23 Ride the Wind Day	24 Vesuvius Day	25 National Banana Split Day	26 National Toilet Paper Day	27 Just Because Day
28 Race Your Mouse Day	29 International Bat Night	30 Frankenstein Day	31 National Trail Mix Day			

































