

I M P U L S E

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**NEXT
CLUB MEETING
IS THIS WEEKEND****Sunday, November 22****11:00AM-5:00PM****St-François Room****Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.
Downtown Montreal***MEETING THEME: Come prepared to
participate in the brainstorming of ideas
for next year's programming!***PROGRAMME****11:00AM** (early-bird programming)**SUNDAY SCI-FI CINEMA MATINÉE:**Our last installment of the Matinée this
year, featuring five vintage drive-in
favourites from which to choose!**1:00PM****YOU MEAN IT CAN ACTUALLY FLY!—****CRAZY-COOL SCI-FI SPACESHIPS:**We examine a few of the weirdest,
wackiest, unlikeliest, unsightly and odd-
ball spaceship designs that the genre has
concocted in both books and on the screen.**2:15PM****MID-MEETING BREAK:** raffle**2:30PM****PLANNING FOR 2016:** We begin collecting
ideas for, and slotting panels into next
year's schedule of meeting programming;
your participation is welcome and
encouraged.**3:00PM****STOP-MOTION PROJECT WORKSHOP:**We continue pre-production work on our
on-going short film project.**2015 MonSFFA CHRISTMAS
DINNER/PARTY: DECEMBER 5**See lead item (center column)
for details**CLUB'S 2015 CHRISTMAS
DINNER/PARTY**MonSFFA's annual Christmas Dinner/Party
is scheduled, this year, for Saturday evening,
December 5. We will return again to the very
welcoming Irish Embassy Pub and Grill
downtown.All MonSFFen, their families, and the club's
many friends, are hereby cordially invited to
MonSFFA's 2015 Christmas Dinner/Party!
Do join us in celebrating the festive season!We will gather at 6:00PM on Saturday, the
5th, at the Irish Embassy, 1234 Bishop Street
(near the corner of Ste-Catherine) to enjoy a
fine meal, drinks, good company, and holiday
cheer. Tables will be reserved for our group;
please arrive on time in order to facilitate
prompt seating.Main courses available on the Pub's Holiday
Menu include prime rib, grilled tuna, turkey,
and vegetarian curry. The price of your meal,
including taxes and tip, should come to about
\$35, give or take, a bit less for the vegetarian
option. Drinks are extra.Note that the restaurant *does not accept*
debit cards; payment by cash or credit card
only, please.At our November 22 club meeting this
weekend, we will take a moment to narrow
down the meal choices the Pub has provided
to four options and communicate these
preferences to them in advance of our event,
along with the number of people we expect
will be attending.We will have a number of first-rate prizes
on offer as part of our traditional Christmas
fund-raising raffle, and our special thanks-to-
volunteer-members draw. So bring along a
little extra cash with which to buy raffle
tickets, folks!**DOES YOUR
NAME APPEAR BELOW?
CHECK THIS SPACE TO
KNOW IF YOUR ANNUAL
MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES
ARE DUE**The Annual Membership Fees of
the Following Club Members are...**Overdue:**BENNETT, Paul
BOIES, Marquise
DUROCHER, Dominique
HAMMOCK, Christopher
HECHTMAN, Ken
MOIR, L. E.
NOVO, Alice
PELLEY, Lynda**Due This Month, November:**KNAPP, Brian K.
KNAPP, Mary C.
JANSSEN, Steven**Due Next Month, December:**

DUROCHER, Marc

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Please complete the form below, include
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out to "MonSFFA"), and mail to:MonSFFA c/o
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Lastly, with those in our community less fortunate in mind, and in the spirit of the season, we encourage MonSFFen to donate to a local food bank or toy drive.

We take this opportunity to wish all MonSFFA members and friends of the club a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, Happy New Year!

Proposed MonSFFA Meeting Dates for Next Year

The club proposes the following dates for its meetings in 2016 (all are Sundays): January 24, February 21, March 13, April 17, May 15, August 28, September 18, October 16, and November 20.

These dates will shortly be submitted to the hotel. We await confirmation; stay tuned!

In addition, we have an outing of some sort planned for Sunday, June 26, and have scheduled our annual summer barbecue for Sunday, July 17. Our 2016 Christmas Dinner/Party will take place on either Saturday evening, December 3 or 10, yet to be finalized.

2016 Club Elections

The first order of business as the club begins a new year is traditionally the election of MonSFFA's Executive Committee for that year. The club's 2016 elections will take place at our first meeting of the new year, slated for January 24 (confirmation pending). All MonSFFA members in good standing are encouraged to participate.

MonSFFA elects annually a president, vice-president(s), and treasurer—who together form the Executive Committee—and charges them with the responsibility of running the club on behalf of the membership. These executives recruit advisors and appoint officers to assist them in carrying out this responsibility.

Our sitting Executive is as follows: Cathy Palmer-Lister, president; Keith Braithwaite, vice-president; Sylvain St-Pierre, treasurer.

Any MonSFFA member in good standing who is responsibly and reliably able to carry out the duties of office may run for any one of the Executive posts. Candidates may nominate themselves or accept nomination from another member in good standing. Nominations are received by the chief returning officer, or CRO, usually just before the commencement of voting on Election Day. Long-time club member Josée Bellemare is currently our chief returning officer.

All MonSFFA members in good standing are eligible to cast a ballot. Members are asked to be present at the designated place and time in order to

exercise their right to vote. Proxy voting is not permitted, except under special circumstances and by approval of the CRO (out-of-town members unable to attend the vote, for example, may have their ballots cast by the CRO in their absence, or make their choices via e-mail or other form of communication outside of the designated voting hour).

October 18 Meeting Report

A last-minute switch to an upstairs hotel suite/board room may have derailed a few of our group as attendance on this occasion was light. We heard from a couple folk who, finding the usual meeting venue closed and no familiar faces within sight, assumed the meeting had been cancelled. It had not.

An early-bird installment of Sunday Sci-Fi Cinema Matinée highlighting classic Universal horror films of the 1930s, '40s, and '50s led off. On offer were *Frankenstein*, *Dracula*, *The Wolf Man*, *The Mummy*—starring horror icons Karloff, Lugosi, Rains, and Chaney, Jr.—and the ultimate choice of those present, *The Creature From the Black Lagoon*, which was pronounced by our reviewers an entertaining movie of quality.

Sylvain St-Pierre gave a well-illustrated primer on the prolific, decades-long Perry Rhodan cycle, this being a German space opera and the most successful sci-fi book series ever, boasting some 3000 installments to date.

Sylvain was joined by Keith Braithwaite for the next presentation, a visually detailed overview of the 1960s children's television sci-fi/adventure series *Thunderbirds*, which featured a cast of marionettes and a wealth of cool, futuristic vehicles, machines, and aircraft. The discussion amongst the group covered details of plots and production, and zeroed in on the massive appeal of the show, then and now, 50 years on, which it was put forward, has largely to do with the mechanical marvels depicted and the elaborate, hair-raising rescue operations undertaken by the show's International Rescue organization.

We opted to put off our planned stop-motion short film project workshop until November and instead, to the delight of the group, screened a stop-motion lego movie that club member Paul Bennett had made with his son back in the late 1970s. Fun stuff!

Our thanks are proffered to all those members who helped to plan and stage this meeting.

Briefly

- ▶ Nous sommes tous Parisiens.
- ▶ Issue 93 of *Warp* will be available in print form at our November 22 meeting this Sunday. MonSFFen wishing a copy may pick it up at the meeting. The online version is currently available on the club's Website (MonSFFA.ca).
- ▶ *Impulse* will not publish next month, December. This issue has therefore been designated our November-December 2015 edition. *Impulse* returns in January 2016.
- ▶ We erred in last month's *Impulse*, giving the start-time of October's Sci-Fi Cinema Matinée as 11:00PM when it should have read 11:00AM, of course! We apologize for the misprint and trust that nobody showed up at our meeting venue at 11 o'clock in the evening expecting to watch a movie!

Please Note: Needed for November Meeting

MonSFFen are asked to bring in a pair of scissors to this weekend's club meeting (November 22), these being required to work on pre-production for our ongoing stop-motion film production. We request that anyone having a pliers-type hole-punch bring it in, as well.

Also, those individuals who took on character-design assignments last meeting are asked to bring in their completed sketches.

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