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**NEXT
CLUB MEETING
IS THIS WEEKEND****Sunday, August 28****1:00PM-5:00PM****St-François Room****Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.
Downtown Montreal**

MEETING THEME: Alien Cuisine! Bring in a plate of extraterrestrial edibles for the snack table! Be creative; Martian cookies, alien cupcakes, space-station donuts! Decorate store-bought fare or bake from your own original recipe!

PROGRAMME**1:00PM-5:00PM**

► **FANRAFT:** We devote this meeting to a variety of presentations and concurrent workshops highlighting creative crafts and hobbies adapted to sci-fi themes—decorative arts, papercraft, illustration, costuming and prop-making, scale modelling, papier-mâché, and such! Member participation is encouraged; share with us your own particular examples of “fancraft”. Bring in the tools of your trade, and examples of your work. Show and tell!

► **STOP-MOTION FILM PROJECT:** As part of the above, filming will continue on our on-going stop-motion paper cut-out short film production. We’ll also discuss plans for future group projects; you are encouraged to put forth your ideas!

2:30PM-3:00PM

MID-MEETING BREAK: Brief discussion of club business; fund-raising raffle

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:

September 18 *Sunday Sci-Fi Cinema Matinée (early-bird programming); Theology in SF/F; Name That Sci-Fi Theme Music (game)*

**MonSFFen GRILL
MEAT, QUAFF DRINK,
SHOOT THE BREEZE!**

MonSFFA held its traditional summer Barbecue-in-the-Park this year on Sunday, July 17. The weather co-operated fully and our group was pleased to welcome newcomers to the club, all of us together enjoying a pleasant, sunny afternoon in the park.

We relished tasty cuts of barbecued meats, refreshing drinks, and a variety of delicious snacks as conversation flowed 'neath the shade of several trees under which we had established ourselves.

At the risk of a clichéd yet unreservedly appropriate appraisal, a good time was had by all!

We thank club VP Keith Braithwaite for providing us a cooking grill, with accompanying accoutrements, and tip the hat, too, to those who brought food and drink to share.

**OUR CADETS
GRADUATE FROM
STARFLEET ACADEMY**

A quickly organized field trip saw a small landing party of MonSFFen travel to the Star Trek: Starfleet Academy Experience at Canada's national aviation museum in Ottawa. The trip was proposed and details worked out at the club's summer barbecue, and subsequently, online.

On Saturday, August 6, we carpoled west down highway 417 in three vehicles to take in a most entertaining interactive Starfleet training session that offered a number of

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stations at which we cadets could test our proficiency at command, navigation, medical diagnosis, and other disciplines. We fired a phaser, learned to speak alien languages, and took the famous Kobayashi Maru test on a full-scale replica of Enterprise-D's bridge!

A history of the Federation, and biographies of its notable personages, were outlined for all and display cases showcased the various tech employed by Starfleet personnel, such as communicators, tricorders, PADDs, and phasers. (All but a few of these, and the various uniforms on exhibition, were genuine props and costumes used in the production of the many Star Trek series!) Models of Federation starships, both physical and digital, were on view, as well (including several actual shooting models). Most impressive of these was the large mock-up of U.S.S. Enterprise, some 10-12 feet in length, which opened the exhibit.

Cadets all received, on site and later by e-mail, evaluations and a Starfleet Academy certificate, recommending the particular specialty for which their aptitudes were best suited. An "alien selfie" and a video of each cadet "beaming down" from a transporter platform were included, these captured during the course of their visit.

All pretty cool stuff, and a lot of fun! We capped the day with a little shopping in the city and a restaurant dinner.

We thank Lindsay Brown for initially bringing this attraction to our attention and suggesting the outing, as well as those who helped to put together and shuttle our away team there and back.

Summertime, and the Livin' is Easy...

We again remind club members that MonSFFA moves to a more relaxed beat during the summer months as the volunteer-members who run the club are, at various times during this period, on vacation or away on weekends, and thus unavailable for club commitments. But rest assured that the club still operates smoothly, if at a more leisurely pace than usual.

We thank MonSFFen for their understanding and wish all a pleasant rest of the summer.

Recent Passings:

► We note with sadness the passing on August 13 of musician and actor Kenny Baker, best known to sci-fi fans for his role as R2-D2 in Star Wars and its sequels/prequels; he served as an R2-D2 consultant on the recent Force Awakens. Baker also appeared in Flash Gordon (1980), Time

Bandits (1981), Labyrinth (1986), and Willow (1988). He died just shy of his 82nd birthday following a protracted illness.

► Also departed from the Star Wars family in recent months is actor Erik Bauersfeld, who voiced Rebel leader Admiral Ackbar. He was 93.

► We note the passing, as well, of Babylon 5 star Jerry Doyle, in Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 27 at the age of 60.

► The screen's first Lois Lane passed away on July 3 in Tuscon, Arizona, at age 95. Noel Neill portrayed the intrepid Daily Planet reporter and Superman's girlfriend in the 1948 Columbia serial Superman, opposite Kirk Alyn as the Man of Steel. The two were paired again in the 1950 follow-up Atom Man vs. Superman. And when Phyllis Coates was unable to return as Lois Lane after the first season of the 1952-58 TV series The Adventures of Superman, Neill stepped into the familiar role as replacement, this time opposite George Reeves as Superman. She also appeared in an uncredited cameo as young Lois' mother in Superman: The Movie (1978), and listed roles in an episode of the television series Superboy (1988-92) and the film Superman Returns (2006).

Briefly:

► Note that in the event of a postal strike, mailings of Warp and Impulse will be suspended until Canada Post resumes normal operation.

► The Aurora Awards have been handed out and, regrettably, nominees Cathy Palmer-Lister and Keith Braithwaite were not among those winning a trophy. We note that it was an honour, however, to have had two of our own nominated, and we congratulate them both on their respective nods.

► News comes that Star Trek: Discovery, shooting in Toronto and launching in January 2017, will be available in Canada, airing on Space in English, and on Z in French. The series will be added to Canadian streaming service CraveTV's line-up, as well. Set about 10 years prior to the original five-year mission of the Enterprise under Captain Kirk, this new show will not focus on the captain of the ship in order to tell its story from a perspective different than has been the template for Star Trek series to date. The protagonist, a lieutenant-commander, will be a minority woman, as yet uncast, and one amongst a roster that will include other minorities, as well as LGBTQ characters. A story arc will play out over the first season (13 episodes) and have to do with an as yet unnamed event in Star Trek history that's "been talked about but never been explored." Graphic language, sex, and violence will likely be above the levels to which Trekkers are accustomed, this being a non-network show! The introduction of familiar Star Trek characters, like Spock's mother, Amanda Grayson, is a possibility, but not until the second season. Starship Discovery (NCC-1031), sporting a triangular secondary hull, rather closely resembles an unused Enterprise design envisioned by Star Wars concept artist Ralph McQuarrie in the 1970s. Alex Kurtzman and Bryan Fuller are co-creators of the series, with Fuller to serve as showrunner. Rod Roddenberry, son of Star Trek creator Gene, and Trek writer/director Nicholas Meyer are both listed in producer capacities. The unfortunate acronym for this new Trek series, STD, remains unchanged and is therefore ripe for ribald humour!



U.S.S. Discovery exits spacedock; the new series Star Trek: Discovery launches in January 2017

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