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**NEXT
CLUB MEETING
IS THIS WEEKEND****Saturday, October 20****12:00PM-5:00PM****St-François Room (second floor)
Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.
Downtown Montreal**

MEETING THEME: The Halloween season is upon us again and we encourage MonSFFen to either attend this month's meeting in costume, bring in something spooky to help decorate the room, and/or donate Halloween-themed nibbles to our snack table!

PROGRAMME**12:00PM-1:45PM****SATURDAY SCI-FI CINEMA MATINÉE—THE
“B-MOVIE PURGATORY ON HALLOWEEN”
EDITION (EARLY-BIRD PROGRAMMING):**

We offer MonSFFen some of the *worst* vintage sci-fi/horror B-movies ever made, including the “classic” Plan 9 From Outer Space! Choose one for review, *if you dare!*

1:45PM-3:15PM**THE GOLDEN AGE OF PULPS:** A celebration of the energetic and colourful era of the sci-fi pulp magazine at its apex!**3:15PM-3:30PM****MID-MEETING BREAK:** Fund-raising raffle, club business, fan-film project update**3:30PM-4:30PM****FAMILY RESEMBLANCES—CHANGELINGS
IN FOLKLORE AND SF:** This presentation will consider the persistence of the changeling legend in science fiction. The “family resemblance” among these genres lies in their mutual concern with biological and social transformation.**NOVEMBER 17: Sci-Fi Book Sale!****DECEMBER 8: Christmas
Dinner/Party!****THE SUPER SCI-FI BOOK
SALE BREATHES ANEW!**

Just in time for the Christmas shopping season, MonSFFA is holding the latest in its popular series of SF/F used book sales!

Benefit from our astounding bargains! Pick up a handful or a whole box of science fiction and fantasy paperbacks and hardcovers at incredible discounts! A good book makes a great Christmas gift! Spread the word and bring a friend or two!

Our sale unfolds on Saturday, November 17, at the downtown Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St. (corner René-Lévesque), second floor.

The sale opens to the public at 1:00PM, to MonSFFA members an hour earlier, and runs until 4:00PM.

Cash sales only, please!

We suggest you bring along a few grocery bags in which to tote home all of your bargain books!

All funds raised at this sale will be directed to MonSFFA's operating budget.

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

MonSFFen met on September 8 at the club's Hôtel Espresso locale for a busy schedule of programming, beginning with Sylvain St-Pierre's look at “ret-conning,” that being the retrospective revision of everything from Klingon facial features to the origins of comic book superheroes to the race/gender-swapping of long-established characters, an increasingly trendy exercise.

After defining the term “ret-con,” Sylvain categorized the various motivations for the practise, such as for reasons of marketing, of modernizing for today's audiences, or of updating from an historical or scientific perspective, and included a couple of related examples in illustration of each. Ret-conning, whether applied in limited or significant fashion, extends across genre and media, from novels to comic books to television series and movies.

But is ret-conning really necessary, or constructive? It's a mixed bag; in some cases, yes, in others, not so much! Sometimes, the process succeeds in refreshing an outdated property in order to breathe into it new life,

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while in other instances it seems little more than a blatant marketing ploy or a sop to some form of political correctness.

Cathy Palmer-Lister was up next with a brief talk on the subject of space junk. Abandoned satellites and old rocket boosters, not to mention the bits and pieces of damaged or destroyed man-made objects floating about in random orbits around the Earth, has become quite the problem! We are littering our space lanes with the detritus of past space missions and endangering our modern satellite communications systems and space-based scientific research platforms, like the International Space Station.

As larger pieces of junk collide with others and break up into smaller fragments, more and more junk results, the scraps propelled into ever more haphazard trajectories. Cathy offered a number of charts detailing the sheer number of pieces floating around up there at various altitudes.

She also noted a few of the proposed solutions to the problem, which include the use of recoverable and reusable boosters in future, and the deploying of large nets to capture the free-flying debris.

The meeting closed with Keith Braithwaite and Lindsay Brown's slideshow of their trip last year to Ticonderoga, New York, to visit replicas of the original Star Trek sets housed in a nondescript building in the middle of this small, Adirondack town.

A dedicated group of Star Trek fans, guided by a copy of the original blueprints of the sets they'd obtained from a Hollywood professional who had worked on the Gene Roddenberry-created TV series in the mid-1960s, built these replicas initially for the group's ambitious Star Trek: New Voyages Web series. Today, their faithful recreation is an officially sanctioned tourist attraction.

Keith and Lindsay pronounced their immersive experience of walking the decks of the Enterprise, from Transporter Room to Sick Bay to Engineering to the famous Bridge and more, as the closest one could come to actually boarding the fabled, fictional starship! Running through hundreds of photos and a few quick videos they'd shot, the two described their adventure, pointing out the meticulously attention to detail displayed by the folk who researched and erected a near-perfect duplicate of the original television studio sets.

Well worth the two-hour drive to Ticonderoga for any Star Trek fan!

We thank Sylvain, Cathy, Keith, and Lindsay for their contributions to the afternoon's programming, and acknowledge, too, those who helped to plan and run this meeting.

Briefly:

▶ The long-running Walking Dead television series opened its 9th season recently, and will see series star Andrew Lincoln leave the show by season's end! His character, Rick Grimes, is expected to be killed off. Another popular character, Maggie Greene/Rhee, played by Lauren Cohan, will appear only in a limited number of episodes this season and is also expected to depart.

▶ Director James Gunn, recently booted from Marvel's Guardians of the Galaxy franchise under a cloud of controversy, has been hired by Warner Bros. to helm DC's Suicide Squad 2!

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