

I M P U L S E

LE BULLETIN D'INFORMATION DE L'ASSOCIATION MONTRÉLAISE DE SCIENCE-FICTION ET DE FANTASTIQUE, L'AMonSFF

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NEXT CLUB MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, July 20, 11:30AM-5:00PM
St-François Room (second floor)
Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.
Downtown Montreal

MEETING THEME: It's the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing! Bring in for our display table your moonshot souvenirs, books, toys, etc.

PROGRAMME

11:30AM-12:30PM (Pre-Meeting Session)

UTOPIA PLANITIA SHIPYARDS COMPETITION:
 MonSFFA's 2019 group project continues as our build teams finish assembling and begin detailing and painting their scratchbuilt model spacecraft!

1:00PM-2:30PM

ONE GIANT LEAP: 50 years ago on this very date, Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, marking the culmination of President Kennedy's challenge to his nation to put a man on the moon and return him safely to Earth! We remember, evaluate, and celebrate this monumental achievement, discussing it, too, from the point of view of sci-fi fans, for whom science fiction had become reality!

2:30PM-2:45PM

MID-MEETING BREAK: Fund-raising raffle; brief discussion of recent club business

2:45PM-3:30PM

VISIONS OF THE FUTURE: An appreciation of the work of NASA space artist Robert T. McCall.

3:30PM-4:30PM

MUSIC IN SF/F: An exploration from numerous perspectives of music in science fiction and fantasy.

MonSFFA's Summer Barbecue-in-the-Park
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 10:30AM-4:30PM



Parc Angrignon, Lasalle (Angrignon Metro)
 See complete details, right;
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INVITATION TO CLUB'S ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ

MonSFFA's Summer Barbecue-in-the-Park, traditionally held in July, will this year be held on Sunday, August 11! We've made this change so as to accommodate plans for our scheduled 50th-anniversary retrospective of the Apollo 11 moonshot on July 20, which, as chance would have it, happens to be the exact historical date on which that first moon landing took place back in 1969.

We take this opportunity to invite all club members, their families, and friends to join us for our annual Summer Barbecue-in-the-Park, 2019 edition!

Be sure to check the club's Web site the evening prior to the event for any word of cancellation due to impending rain. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be postponed until the following Sunday, August 18, same time and place.

So, if the rain stays away, we will gather on the 11th at about 10:30-11:00AM under or nearby our usual stand of trees in Parc Angrignon, Lasalle (Angrignon Metro). You'll find us behind the Metro/bus station and just a short walk from the parking lot adjacent the now-shuttered "Farm", or petting zoo (see map, Events Column, left).

Bring your own food and drink; MonSFFA will supply a small cooking grill. We usually commandeer a couple of picnic tables for the day, but you may wish to cart along a folding chair of your own, or a picnic blanket, and perhaps a card or board game, ball, or Frisbee. And don't forget your sunscreen!

Do join us for a pleasant afternoon of easy conversation, refreshing drink, and tasty fare amongst the company of fannish friends!

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:

DUROCHER, Marc
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 MOIR, L. E.
 NOVO, Alice
 PICARD, Shawn

Due Last Month, June:

BELLEMARE, Josée
 TOUSIGNANT, Yves

Due This Month, July:

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Due Next Month, August:

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Summertime, and the Livin' is Easy...

We 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 are sometimes unavailable for club commitments. Rest assured that the club still gets done what it has to get done, only at a more leisurely pace than usual.

July 20 MonSFFA Meeting to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of Moonshot

On July 20, 1969, the lunar lander Eagle touched down on the moon, an astounding exploratory and scientific feat achieved from conception and design to testing and realization in less than a decade! A few hours later, Astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human being to set foot on other world, followed shortly thereafter by crewmate "Buzz" Aldrin. The event was watched back on Earth by a worldwide television audience of some 530 million!

MonSFFA will remember and celebrate this monumental achievement in space exploration and scientific and technological advancement at our July meeting, the date of which just happens to be the 20th, the 50th anniversary, to the day, of this grand milestone in human history!

See "Events Column," Page 1, for details.

June Field Trip: MonSFFen Enjoy Frolicking Otters and Other Zoo Animals

A group of MonSFFen ventured to the wilds of the West Island on Sunday, June 9, to visit the Ecomuseum, a zoological park.

The day was hot and sunny, and we feared that perhaps the animals might shelter themselves from the heat and quietly sleep their day away. While the black bears and a few other critters did just that, the rest of the over 100 species indigenous to Quebec—wolves, foxes, lynx, deer, caribou, racoons, hedgehogs, rabbits, assorted birds, and a pair of particularly playful river otters—were out and about! MonSFFen were able to get a good look at them all and snap numerous photos.

In addition to the nature walk through the various, newly renovated enclosures, there were indoor exhibits, as well, showcasing various reptiles, amphibians, and fish, which we checked out after a snack break in the cafeteria. A perusal of the gift/souvenir shop wrapped up our safari.

We then convoyed down the road a short drive to the Colisée Kirkland Theatre, where we took in

a couple movies, most of the group opting for the new Godzilla film with a couple of us choosing the X-Men finale Dark Phoenix. Though enjoyable enough, neither movie impressed greatly, according to our people, post-screenings.

We had organized carpools for the outing and wish to thank those club members who provided rides to their fellow MonSFFen.

A most enjoyable day!

Ghosts and Spaceships Feature at May Meeting!

MonSFFA's May 11 meeting opened with a talk on ghost hunting, covering the recognized characteristics of ghosts as outlined by a number of well-known paranormal investigators and ghost hunters, as well as the schedule of documentary-like television programs about ghosts available on cable these days, citing those most egregiously phoney.

Panelists Lindsay Brown and Katreina Mace played believer and skeptic as they examined and debunked some (but not all!) of the most famous ghost sightings, photographs, and notorious cases, like that of Montreal prostitute Mary Gallagher, brutally murdered and decapitated by her friend and fellow prostitute Suzy Kennedy following a dispute over a client, and whose ghost is said to return to a Griffintown street corner every seven years in search of her missing head!

A listing of Montreal's haunted hot spots and the local guided "ghost walks" available was presented in conclusion, along with a display of ghost-hunting equipment (a number of highly sensitive electronic recording devices).

During the course of the afternoon, Mark Burakoff, having set up his home 3-D printer, answered questions on and gave a demonstration of 3-D printing, producing a few plastic widgets for use by the build teams who began working, during the latter part of the meeting, on scratchbuilding model space ships from an assortment of plastic bottles and caps, empty food containers and cardboard cereal boxes, and other discarded household articles that MonSFFen had collected over the previous few months for the purposes of this exercise.

This meeting saw us launch the club's group craft project for 2019, which we dubbed the Utopia Planitia Shipyards Competition, a friendly reality TV show-type contest set to unfold over three one-hour workshops, the first of which immediately followed our explanation of the project and outlining of the competition's rules.

We thank ghost aficionados Lindsay Brown and Katreina Mace, 3-D printing expert Mark Burakoff, and Keith Braithwaite for organizing and overseeing the space ship-building contest. Mark and Dominique Durocher also contributed, here, offering advice and tips on model building. We acknowledge, too, the efforts of those MonSFFen who helped to plan and run this, our May 2019 club meeting.

Briefly:

- ▶ We are very sorry to hear of the recent loss of long-time MonSFFA member Wayne Glover's beloved father. Sadly, Arthur Glover passed away on Wayne's birthday. Our thoughts are with our friend and his family at this most difficult time. Wayne has been absent MonSFFA for a time, focusing on helping to care for his ailing parents. He informs us that a celebration of his father's life will be held at noon on August 25 at the Two Mountains Heritage Club, 503 Rue Cedar in Deux-Montagnes (J7R 1H1).
- ▶ We note, too, the passing of Blake's 7 star Paul Darrow (Kerr Avon) at age 78.
- ▶ Correction: last issue, when thanking those who contributed to our April meeting, we mistakenly referred to the event as our March meeting. Impulse regrets the error.
- ▶ This edition of Impulse has been designated our July-August 2019 issue; Impulse will not publish in August. Our next issue will be released in September, shortly before the club's scheduled September 14 meeting.

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