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NEXT MonSFFA
MEETING IS
THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, February 17

11:00AM-5:00PM
St-François Room, Days Hotel
1005 Guy Street, Montreal

**SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING
11:00AM**

BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING:
MonSFFA's BoA convenes to
finalize 2008 programming and
discuss club business.

1:00PM

PLANET XXX: A look at love,
alien style, as variously depicted
in SF.

3:00PM

**SCARY MONSTERS, SUPER
CREEPS:** We examine the craft of
scaring an audience. (Note: plans
to invite local cult horror movie-
maker SV Bell to speak at our
meeting fell through as he was
unavailable on this date. We hope
to welcome him to a MonSFFA
meeting later in the year.)

**NEXT MONTH'S
MonSFFA MEETING:**

MARCH 30

—Star Trek—

**Animated Series and
Remastered Original Series**

2008 Executive Faces Difficult Year

With rough seas ahead, MonSFFA opted for a steady hand on the tiller in 2008—last year's Executive Committee have been returned to office for another year. President Berny Reischl, vice-president Keith Braithwaite, and treasurer Sylvain St-Pierre probably make up the most experienced of any MonSFFA Executive to date. This will serve us well as the club tackles dramatic operating cost increases related to the rental of our meeting room, an issue we expect will override just about all others in the coming year.

The Days Hotel has again increased function space rental rates this year and our treasury simply cannot sustain these elevated costs for much longer. Already struggling with last year's price hike, MonSFFA is now faced with somehow raising still more cash, cutting meetings, or abandoning the hotel altogether for another, less expensive meeting hall, if indeed such a locale can be found. No walk in the park but we are confident of having put in place the best possible Executive to deal with the situation.

We wish Berny, Keith, and Sylvain well as they prepare to pilot the club through another year.

2008 MonSFFA Meeting Schedule Revisions

The Days Hotel has informed MonSFFA that a possible booking conflict may require us to reschedule our September 21 meeting. We'd be looking at holding the meeting a week earlier. Pending further word from the hotel, however, our September meeting date remains as is.

Our planned October 26 meeting has been scrubbed as meeting rooms are unavailable on that

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MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP
FEES ARE DUE.**

The annual membership fees
of the following MonSFFA
members are *overdue*:

BLOOM, Hendrik
ETTINGER, Sheila
HUOT, Geneviève
NADEAU, Marc
SHAINBLUM, Mark

**Annual membership fees
are due this month, February,
from the following MonSFFA
members:**

**BROWN, Lindsay
KRIMP, Nick
LUPIEN, Denise
LUPIEN, Leslie**

Annual membership fees
will become due next month,
March, from the following
MonSFFA members:

D'ORTUN-BOYER, Lynda
HAMMOCK, Christopher
THIBODEAU, Claude

Please renew your MonSFFA
membership in timely fashion.
Annual dues for a regular
membership are \$25. Fill out the
application form, bottom of page,
include payment (cheque or money
order made out to MonSFFA), and
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**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
Laval, Québec, Canada
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date, or on any other in October. We are considering alternate activities for that month.

The remainder of our meeting schedule remains unchanged: February 17, March 30, April 20, May 25, June 22 (field trip), July 20 (summer barbecue), August 24, November 16, and December 6 (Christmas party).

January MonSFFA Meeting

MonSFFA kicked off 2008 with a newsletter workshop, overseen by *Warp* editor Cathy Palmer-Lister. MonSFFEn present were recruited to write articles, pen reviews, and such for the next issue of *Warp*, the club's newsletter/fanzine, while others were asked to proofread submissions. Cathy introduced an informal nostalgic theme in the wake of MonSFFA's 20th anniversary celebrations, held in December. A few of the club's old-timers were interviewed, reminiscing on the club's early days.

Following the mid-meeting break, Berny Reischl cued up a selection of fan films he'd culled from the Web, including a clever *Star Trek* spoof presented in the style of an old black-and-white silent movie, complete with melodramatic

acting, printed dialogue panels, and piano accompaniment. Of particular interest were several funny, well-acted shorts produced by a Montreal-based troupe of filmmakers/actors calling themselves GalactiCast, who deftly applied green-screen techniques to rather good visual effect. *Lost*, *Blade Runner*, *King Kong*, *Power Rangers*, even TV's Dr. Phil were the subjects of the group's farcical sci-fi parodies.

The club membership present also selected MonSFFA's Executive Committee for the coming year (see lead item).

Our thanks to all who contributed to our January meeting.

Printed Version of January Impulse Included with February Mailing

We again apologize for the delay in delivering the printed version of last month's *Impulse*. While the online version was distributed as always, production delays prevented the printed version from reaching our subscribers' mailboxes in the usual timely manner, just before the scheduled January club meeting. A number of MonSFFEn picked up their copies at

that meeting last month; the rest have received their due copy by post along with this month's *Impulse*. Better late than never.

Reminder: MonSFFA Address Change

We are still receiving items of mail at the club's old address. As the post office will soon cease to redirect our mail, we remind club members and correspondents that MonSFFA changed its mailing address late last year. We are no longer at the Place du Parc postal box we had used for many years. Please remember to henceforth address all mail to MonSFFA's new coordinates:

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Emru Townsend

We are in receipt of solemn news that longtime friend of MonSFFA Emru Townsend is ill and in need of a bone marrow donor. Our thoughts are with him and his family.

As we understand it, finding a compatible donor is, unfortunately, no easy task. Emru's sister, Tamu, has provided the following Web site addresses and encourages folk to consider registering as bone marrow donors. "The 11 million potential donors worldwide can help save a life," she says.

Hema Quebec:
<http://www.hema-quebec.qc.ca>

Canada Blood Services:
<http://onematch.ca/registry>

National Marrow Donor Program (US):
<http://www.marrow.org>

National Blood Service (UK):
<https://secure.blood.co.uk/bonemarrow.asp>

MonSFFA Moment A Moment in the 20-Year History of MonSFFA

1988 **MonSTA becomes MonSFFA:** This club began as a Star Trek fan club, the Montreal Star Trek Association, MonSTA. However, soon after the launch of the club in late 1987, it became apparent that the interests of members extended well beyond Star Trek. At the urging of then-club executives Kevin Holden and Capucine Plourde, MonSTA's members voted to expand the club's sphere of interest beyond Star Trek to encompass all of the science fiction and fantasy universe. Thus, in 1988, MonSTA became MonSFFA, the Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association.

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