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NEXT MonSFFA MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, April 22

1:00PM-5:00PM

St-François Room, Days Hotel
1005 Guy Street, Montreal

SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

1:00PM

STARGATE SG-1 RETROSPECTIVE:

We look back fondly at the longest running American sci-fi series in history, the popular *Stargate SG-1*.

3:00PM

THROUGH THE GATE:

An examination of the *Stargate* mythology and its underpinnings in the ancient world.

Next Month's MonSFFA Meeting

MAY 27

Sci-Fi Advertising

Game: Sci-Fi Win, Lose or Draw

Plans for 20th Anniversary Party Advance

Among matters on the agenda at recent BoA's and club meetings has been the club's 20th anniversary/Christmas party, set for December 8. The consensus emerging from discussion of the event is that the party will take place at the familiar Days Hotel and include a buffet dinner. The party will welcome current and past members and, indeed, all friends of the club. A cash bar will be set up and a DJ will spin discs. Door prizes will be handed out and a raffle will be held during the course of the evening. Some kind of souvenir of the event is under consideration.

Hotel rooms will be available for those wishing to spend the night, a good idea, to be sure, for anyone driving in who expects to drink some. MonSFFA has arranged for a special price of \$70 for a room, booking details to follow. Sharing a room with friends thus becomes quite economical.

A price of \$35 per person has been set to cover the meal and party. Tickets are to be produced and sold in the coming weeks and months.

We will publish further details pertaining to this event as they become available.

March-Meeting Bake Sale Nets Club North of \$100!

The club's March 25 meeting featured a successful bake sale fund-raiser while facilitating a swap meet at which MonSFFA traded or purchased SF/F collectibles from each other. Keith Braithwaite and Fernando "Fern" Novo provided the afternoon's programming, offering a slideshow showcasing the super-cool aircraft, vehicles, props, and costumes designed for the many

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

KENNEY, Daniel
MINEAU, Sebastien
NOËL, Kim
SMITH, Garry

Annual membership fees are due this month (April) from the following MonSFFA members:

BENNETT, Paul
BURAKOFF, Mark
METHE, Ann
WADSWORTH, Beulah
WALLING, Réne

Annual membership fees will become due next month (May) from the following MonSFFA members:

DION, Mireille
MORROW, Gordon
SICHEL, Danny
SYSAVANE, Khoba
WHITELAW, Maureen

Please renew your MonSFFA membership in timely fashion. Annual dues are \$25. Fill out the membership application form, bottom of page, include cheque or money order, made out to MonSFFA, and mail to:

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televised sci-fi adventures produced by Gerry Anderson in the 1960s and '70s.

Alice Novo and Lindsay Brown set up and oversaw our bake sale table, which opened for business at the outset of the meeting and ran throughout. There were numerous sinfully delicious snacks on offer, including a plate of colourful and tasty “starbugs” (candy treats) and some “soylent brown” (fudge). Folk were quick to load up on the many goodies. We are pleased to report that the bake sale added \$111.25 to the club’s coffers, more than four times that typically raised at our usual snack table during a meeting.

Presently, Keith and Fern introduced their topic. The real stars of such iconic Gerry Anderson series as *Thunderbirds*, *Captain Scarlet*, and *UFO* were not the Tracy’s or Captain Scarlet or Colonel Straker, but the many sleek airplanes and rockets, robust transport craft, and speedy multi-wheeled cars and trucks racing about in Anderson’s fab future. Slides of pre-production sketches and stills of the wonderfully detailed models employed by the Anderson studio were screened and it was noted that often, design touches were borrowed from the real-world craft of the nascent space program of the time. That said, most of the designs were decidedly more cool looking than realistically functional. And this is what appealed most to the young, enthusiastic fans of Anderson’s shows, who embraced the future imagined by Anderson and his team of designers precisely because that future was just so penultimately cool looking! After all, who wouldn’t want to ride around in an SPV?

Future fashion as envisioned by the Anderson team was also examined; costume design on the shows was at the same time “futuristic” and a reflection of the mod London scene of the day. The shiny purple wigs and silver jumpsuits worn by the female Moonbase operatives in the *UFO* series were a signature look, as were the fishnet T-shirts sported by both male and female crewmembers



Super-Cool FAB Future: Design Sketch of Futuristic Airliner from Gerry Anderson Studio

aboard the ocean-going *Skydiver*. Memorable, too, were the brightly coloured jackets of Spectrum’s personnel in the *Captain Scarlet* show. Each operative donned clothing coloured to match his code name—Captain Scarlet wore a bright red uniform, Captain Blue a sky blue vest, and so on.

After the mid-meeting break, members were free to circulate, nosh some more at the bake sale table, and peruse the display of sci-fi collectibles some had brought in to trade or sell.

We begin our thank-you’s re our March meeting with a nod to Alice and Lindsay for overseeing our first MonSFFA bake sale. We thank, too, all those MonSFFen who kindly contributed items to the bake sale, as well as those who partook of the snacks. Thanks, also, to Keith and Fern for providing this meeting’s programming, and finally, our usual thanks to the usual suspects who regularly help to plan and run our events.

New MonSFFA Membership Fee Levels to be Introduced

After discussions with members, MonSFFA’s executive is planning the introduction of several new membership fee levels with an eye toward increasing revenues.

First of all, take note that the standard \$25 yearly membership fee will remain available. Nothing changes, here.

Our existing “piggyback” membership, so-called, will be replaced with a family membership at \$40 per year. Up to four people living at the same address will be able to join as a family. Each member of the household will receive an individual membership card and will be considered a full member of the club, entitled to vote on club matters and enjoy all associated privileges. The household as a single unit will receive the regular mailings of *Warp* and *Impulse*, each issue to be shared among the family members. This is pretty much the arrangement now in place re piggyback memberships, except that piggyback members do not enjoy voting rights and some other privileges of full membership.

Soon to become available, a six-month membership designed to accommodate newcomers who wish to give the club a try. This six-month membership will cost \$15.

Finally, a platinum membership will be introduced at \$35 per year. Similar to Con•Cept’s “Friends of the Con” option, this platinum membership will add value to our standard membership. Details of exactly what extras will be included are under consideration as of this writing. Watch this space for further developments.

The timeline for the introduction of MonSFFA’s new membership fee schedule is also under consideration.

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