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NEXT MonSFFA EVENTS ARE THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, June 12

GARAGE SALE FUND-RAISER

9:00AM-4:00PM

909 Nelan Street
Greenfield Park (South Shore)

*See second item, right,
for information*

Sunday, June 13

BOWLING!

*All Club Members and
their Friends Welcome*

11:45AM-4:00PM
AMC Forum Sports
Bar/Bowling Alley

AMC Pepsi Forum (old Forum),
Atwater Avenue, across street from
Alexis Nihon Plaza (Atwater Metro)

See lead item, right, for details

NEXT MONTH:

Annual Club Barbecue
Sunday, July 25
(Details to be announced)

*MonSFFA Meeting
Schedule Resumes:*

AUGUST 15
Fancraft Workshops

Bowling in June

In lieu of a June MonSFFA meeting, the club has opted to go bowling (see "Events Column", left). On Sunday, June 13, we'll meet *promptly* at 11:45AM just outside the AMC movie theatre complex on the main floor of the AMC Pepsi Forum (the old Forum), Atwater Avenue, across the street from Alexis Nihon Plaza (Atwater Metro). We'll then proceed upstairs to the AMC Forum Sports Bar/Bowling Alley for an enjoyable afternoon of tenpins and casual conversation between frames. We have booked a couple lanes and expect to bowl a couple games, at least. Cost is \$7 per person per game; each individual is responsible for his or her own expenses.

A prize will be awarded whoever records the afternoon's highest score!

All club members and their friends are welcome, including any folk who might prefer to sit out the games and simply enjoy good company. Food and drink can be purchased from the restaurant.

Garage Sale Fund-Raiser

The club is going to try a novel suggestion, proposed via our suggestion box, for an outside-of-meeting fund-raiser, that of holding a neighbourhood garage sale (see "Events Column", left). MonSFFA Theresa Penalba has kindly offered her South-Shore suburban home—909 Nelan Street—as the locale for this sale.

A brief planning session was held off the top of MonSFFA's May 16 meeting to finalize our plans. Club members Keith Braithwaite, Cathy Palmer-Lister, and Alice Novo will join Theresa at her home on the morning of Saturday, June 12, to staff the effort. Our team will open for business at 9:00AM and operate for much of the day, wrapping up no later than 4:00PM. Yard and street-corner signs will be produced to advertise the event and the team will provide from among them a number of tables and chairs with which to set up on Theresa's driveway. The club will supply a cash box with a change float of some \$30.

**DOES YOUR NAME APPEAR
BELOW? WATCH THIS SPACE
TO KNOW IF YOUR ANNUAL
MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP
FEES ARE DUE.**

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

DODDS, Georges
SYSAVANE, Khoba
WALLING, René
RINZ, Joshua
WHITELAW, Maureen

**Annual membership
fees are due this month,
June, from the following
club members:**

**BELLEMARE, Josée
METHE, Ann
NORMAND, Jean-Pierre
SILVERMAN, Barbara**

Annual membership fees will become due next month, July, from the following club members :

BENNETT, Paul
PEATMAN, Sean
MONTESANO, Giulio
MORROW, Gordon

Please renew your MonSFFA membership in timely fashion. The annual fee for a standard membership is \$25. Fill out the application form, below, include payment (cheque or money order made out to MonSFFA), and mail to:

**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
Laval, Québec, Canada
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Thank you for renewing your membership.

MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name / Nom: _____ Age / Âge: _____

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MonSFFen, meanwhile, had been asked to bring in to the club's May meeting their donations of items for the sale and we were pleased to receive several table's full of merchandise, both SF/F-related and otherwise. We thank our many donors for their contributions to the cause.

It was agreed that all proceeds from this garage sale are to be directed to MonSFFA's general operating fund. Should this undertaking prove profitable, the club anticipates holding other such garage sales later in the summer. Any merchandise unsold this time out will be stored for later use in one of these or another fund-raising enterprise.

Note: should the forecast call for rain, the sale will be *cancelled*. We'd then look at rescheduling for another day.

May Club Meeting Includes Fund-Raiser

MonSFFA's May 16 meeting offered a scale-modelling workshop and included our Sci-Fi Fair/Bake Sale, a modest in-meeting fund-raiser.

Following a brief planning discussion regarding the neighbourhood garage sale MonSFFA plans to hold on June 12 (see previous item for details), Mark Burakoff and Dominique Durocher took a moment to outline the basics of their hobby before opening their kit boxes to demonstrate the how-to's of both plastic and paper modelling. Several small kits were made available to the novices in the group who wanted to try their hand while Mark and Dominique circulated, providing helpful tips on a variety of techniques to those MonSFFen who had brought in kits on which to work. This popular workshop will return as part of the fancraft event we're organizing for August.

The latter part of the afternoon was devoted to the club's Sci-Fi Fair, a fund-raiser with the emphasis on *fun*, featuring several SF/F-themed carnival midway-like games. MonSFFen enjoyed the challenge of taking out Jar Jar Binks from across the room with a Nerf sniper rifle. There was a line-up pretty much the whole time! A second game had folk racing against the clock to "beam" tribbles from the

Enterprise to a Klingon battlecruiser. The tribbles, here, were tiny arts-and-crafts puff-balls and the transporter a pair of chopsticks! Finally, using but a drinking straw to gently coax a miniature sailing vessel across a Lilliputian sea, players had to navigate around treacherous islands to bring their ship safely across the ocean without shipwrecking her against the rocks.

Participants earned points for playing the games, and bonus points for each success. The fun went on for a good hour and at the end that time, the players who had accumulated the most points got their pick of several premium prizes of DVDs, books, and decorative Genre figurines.

A bake sale also ran throughout the meeting, serving up a variety of tasty cookies, cupcakes, and other snacks.

Total income from fund-raising at our May meeting exceeded \$130, which will help buttress club finances. We hope to add still more cash to the pile with our neighbourhood garage sale this month.

The club thanks our programme participants this meeting, as well as all who helped to plan and run the event. Special nods to Keith Braithwaite, Berny Reischl, Mark Burakoff, Alice Novo, Cathy Palmer-Lister, Marquise Boies, and Julia Sinclair, who contributed time and effort to the meeting's fund-raising ventures.

Reminder No. 1: Your Finest Artwork, Costumes, Scale Models Wanted

We remind MonSFFen that we will be photographing examples of their finest fancraft at our August 15 meeting, devoted to fancraft. Club members will recall that we plan to produce a MonSFFA calendar next year highlighting the best creative work of our group.

In order to arrive at the best results, we plan to set up a proper photo area at the meeting and snap MonSFFen wearing their most striking SF/F costumes, for example, or several angles of a club member's precisely detailed spacecraft model. We'll also be looking for drawings and paintings of sci-fi subjects rendered by those artists in our group. 3D artwork such as wood carvings, sculptures, and

props are sought, as well. We hope to spotlight in our calendar a good variety of fancraft in different mediums.

Any members having clean, good quality photos or digital reproductions of their works may provide us with these at the August meeting. Note that as we are selecting photos to be featured in the calendar, we are looking for well composed shots, properly in focus and expertly lit, against a neutral backdrop. So, a dramatically illuminated close-up of your *Enterprise* model set against a black velvet curtain is preferred over a simple snapshot of the model on a display table in the art show. A picture of a MonSFFAn in costume standing in the middle of a busy convention corridor almost certainly won't cut it for our purposes, but a professional shot of that costumed club member, posed before a plain backdrop in the photography area post-masquerade probably would. You get the idea. We want the focus to be on your costume or model or sculpture, unobstructed by any distractions in the background.

Reminder No. 2: Your Childhood Photos Wanted

Be also reminded that we are collecting photos of MonSFFen in their adolescence for use in a game club co-VP Lindsay Brown has devised. Each club member is asked to either provide us with a digital copy of a photo of them as a young child, or the snapshot itself so that we may scan it. We'd like to have your childhood pictures in hand by the end of the August 15 MonSFFA meeting.

Reminder No 3: Please Renew Your Memberships on Time!

Finally, we remind all MonSFFen of the importance of renewing their club memberships on time in order that the club be able to maintain healthy cash flow and meet expenses.

The annual cost of a basic membership remains \$25. A family option is available at \$40 annually. Either of these can be bumped up to our premium "Platinum" level for \$35 and \$50, respectively.

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