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

## MonSFFA'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

### CLUB BARBECUE Sunday, July 25



**10:30AM-4:00PM,  
Parc Angrignon, Lasalle**

MonSFFen, their families, friends invited! Bring your own picnic blankets, games, food and drink; club will supply cooking grill. *Warp 74* will be available for pick-up. Rain date: Sunday, August 1, same time, place. (See also lead item.)

### NEXT MEETING Sunday, August 15

**1:00-5:00PM, St-François Room,  
Hôtel Espresso (formerly Days  
Hotel), 1005 Guy Street, Montreal**

**FANRAFT:** MonSFFen try a few SF/F-themed crafts in workshops running concurrently throughout afternoon. Also, photo shoot re club calendar (details, see item in main section).

## 2010 MonSFFA Barbecue

MonSFFen, their families and friends are invited to the club's annual summer barbecue, scheduled this year for Sunday, July 25. Should the weatherman call for rain on that day, the event will be postponed one week, until the following Sunday, August 1.

We expect to occupy our usual spot at Parc Angrignon in Lasalle. Look for us on the picnic grounds just behind the Angrignon Metro station, a couple hundred feet or more from the parking lot next to the park's petting zoo (farm). We plan to secure a few picnic tables and set up around 10:30AM. Bring along a Frisbee, soccer ball, or any games that you may wish to enjoy, plus your own food and drink—the club will supply a cooking grill. Also, *Warp 74* will be available for pick-up.

Do join us for a pleasant day in the park. And don't forget your sunscreen!

## MonSFFen Attend Wild Hunt Wrap Party

MonSFFAn Josée Bellemare reports that she and about a half-dozen of her fellow club members trekked up to St-Eustache in April for a special party at the invitation of Claude Gauthier, who was one of the production crew on the recently released feature film *The Wild Hunt*. This critically acclaimed, locally produced movie is about a group of live-action role-players who take their fantasy game just a tad too far. Claude visited MonSFFA during our April 18 meeting to talk about the film and invited club members to the production's wrap party the following weekend.

"It was a lot of fun," reports Josée of the soiree. With the "Bicolline" LARPing event near Shawinigan serving as a setting in the movie, many folk were in costume for the party. A fighting demonstration was staged and Josée and company enjoyed the food and drink on offer, and a special screening of the film.

## Bowling for Serenity

In place of the usual June MonSFFA meeting—scrubbed this year to avoid conflicting with the busy downtown party surrounding the return of Grand Prix auto racing to Montreal—

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

DODDS, Georges  
METHE, Ann  
NORMAND, Jean-Pierre  
RINZ, Joshua  
SYSAVANE, Khoba  
WALLING, René  
WHITELAW, Maureen

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

**BENNETT, Paul  
MORROW, Gordon  
PEATMAN, Sean**

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

NOVO, Alice

Please renew your MonSFFA membership in timely fashion. The annual fee for a standard membership is only \$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  
H7R 1Y6**

Thank you for renewing your membership.

## MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly. Cut out form and mail as per directions.

## AMonSFF FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION

Complétez lisiblement. Découpez le coupon et postez tel qu'indiqué.

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the club organized a bowling sortie. MonSFFen were invited to an afternoon of tenpins, food, drink, camaraderie and conversation on Sunday, June 13. The selected locale was the AMC Forum Sports Bar/Bowling Alley in the AMC Pepsi Forum (the old Forum) on Atwater, conveniently on major bus and Metro routes and judged sufficiently distant of the downtown core to steer clear of all the Grand Prix hubbub.

About 10 club members met in the Forum's street-level lobby at 11:45AM before proceeding upstairs to the bar/restaurant/bowling alley. MonSFFA's party secured two lanes and bowled a couple of games while enjoying various libations, servings of chips-and-dip, chicken wings, and such. The MonSFFen were beleaguered at several junctures, however, by problems with the ball return mechanism on their particular lanes, delaying play and eventually prompting a change of lanes. It was without doubt these interruptions that upset the group's collective concentration enough to throw off everyone's bowling proficiency. Despite a number of strikes and spares rolled, many of the scores were not pretty, but Dominique Durocher recorded the afternoon's highest and collected the promised reward for so doing, a finely crafted *Serenity* key chain.

A good time was had by all.

Our thanks are extended club President/Emperor Berny Reischl for making all the arrangements.

## Garage Sale Fund-Raiser Adds Coin to Club's Coiffers

MonSFFA's neighbourhood garage sale was all set to go on the morning of Saturday, June 12, when persistent drizzle and a gloomy forecast prompted a postponement of the fund-raiser until the following Saturday, June 19. The weather cooperated this time, allowing our team to run the sale for much of the day and raise \$128.75 for the club. With this and the Sci-Fi Fair/Bake Sale fund-raiser held at our May meeting, over \$250 extra has been added to MonSFFA's bank balance in a little over a month.

This garage sale fund-raising effort came about as the result of a suggestion received from club co-VP Lindsay Brown in March. Of the numerous suggestions proposed by MonSFFen for an outside-of-meeting

fund-raiser, the club chose to try Lindsay's notion of a neighbourhood garage sale first. The idea was to collect donations of secondhand items from club members and put on a sale at a willing MonSFFA's home. All proceeds would benefit the club.

South-Shore resident Theresa Penalba got things off the ground by volunteering her driveway and at MonSFFA's May meeting, folk responded to the club's request for donations to the cause by bringing in several boxes and bags worth of both SF/F-themed merchandise and ordinary household and garden items. A handful of her fellow MonSFFen were recruited to join Theresa in setting up and staffing the event: Keith Braithwaite, Alice and Alex Novo, and Cathy Palmer-Lister.

We thank our garage sale team for their time and effort and reiterate our appreciation for the many donations of merchandise provided by MonSFFen.

There remains a goodly quantity of unsold stock and so we are looking at perhaps holding another such garage sale later in the summer. Stay tuned.

## August Meeting: Club Members' Finest Artwork, Costumes, Scale Models Wanted

We will be photographing examples of the finest fancraft produced by our members at the club's August 15 meeting, devoted, as it happens, to fancraft. MonSFFen 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 will set up a proper photo area at the meeting and snap MonSFFen wearing their most striking, skillfully fashioned SF/F costumes, for example, or several angles of a club member's precisely detailed spacecraft model.

But I already have great shots of my costumes and models, you say! If so, bring them in to the August meeting. Please note that these images should be clean, good quality photos or digital reproductions of your fancraft. As we are selecting images to be featured in the calendar, we are looking for well composed shots, properly in focus and expertly lit, against a neutral backdrop. We want the attention to be on

your work, unobstructed by any distractions in the background.

We'll also be gathering drawings and paintings of sci-fi subjects rendered by those artists in our group, as well as 3D artwork such as wood carvings, sculptures, and props. Again, good quality prints or digital photos of these are welcome. We hope to spotlight in our calendar a wide variety of fancraft in different mediums.

## MonSFFA Members' Childhood Photos Wanted

We are also collecting at the August meeting photos of club members in their adolescence for later 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.

## Summertime and the Livin' is Easy

With summer upon us, please understand that the club's executive and advisors take the time to relax a little over these couple months. Just as we trust that MonSFFA's members and friends are enjoying the summer break—a few long weekends, vacations, Montreal's many festivals—those of us charged with running the club are also partaking of downtime and taking it easy.

And so does the pace of MonSFFA slow to a leisurely canter. The club's Web page is not as regularly updated during the summer season, for example. Applications for membership and membership renewals may take a little longer than usual to process. But rest assured that MonSFFA's team of volunteer-organizers will attend to these and other club-related duties just as quickly as their summer schedules permit.

## No August Impulse

*Impulse* will not publish in August this year. The issue you are now reading will serve as a summer edition (July-August) and includes details of MonSFFA's 2010 summer schedule of activities. Mark these dates on your calendars and refer to the club's Web site for any updates.

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