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NEXT MonSFFA MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, August 20

11:00AM-5:00PM

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

SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

11:00AM

BOA MEETING: A quick Board of Advisors meeting is planned to make adjustments to meeting programming for the remainder of the year.

1:00PM

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS: We've prepared a number of workshops on various SF/F-themed crafts. After a brief introduction of each, we'll break off into groups to learn the how-to's of costuming, scale model-making, computer graphics, wood burning, beading—pretty much everything but the kitchen sink! The entire afternoon is devoted to these workshops, so there'll plenty of time for members to explore all of this SF/F-themed creative crafting!

NEXT MONTH'S MONSFFA MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 17

Fund-Raising Auction

Perfect Weather Blesses MonSFFA BBQ

MonSFFA held it's annual summer barbecue this year on Sunday, July 30, at our usual locale, Parc Angrignon in Lasalle. Some two dozen club members and their families and friends enjoyed a warm, sunny day moderated by a gentle, cool breeze. We could not have asked for better weather!

Our group occupied several picnic tables under a copse of shady trees adjacent a wide expanse of meadow. Conversation revolved around some aspect or other of SF/F as we shared a spread of summery salads, snacks, and refreshments while hamburgers and hotdogs sizzled on the grill. A few folk had their young children in tow and the kids pursued each other across the field in an improvised game of tag, or joined the circle of MonSFFen tossing a *U.S.S. Enterprise* Frisbee about. Afternoon wind conditions proved favourable for the launching of a couple of small, battery-powered radio-controlled airplanes supplied by Mark Burakoff. Kids young and old took turns at the stick and piloted these featherweight craft far and high, just missing, on a couple of flights, crashing into nearby trees or splashing down in a small lake. Several of our complement capped the day with a visit to Parc Angrignon's petting zoo, just a stone's throw from the picnic grounds.

MonSFFA's 2006 Summer Barbecue was a wonderfully fun and relaxing day at the park for all in attendance.

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:

DUROCHER, Marc
MARTEL, Stéphane

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

BRAITHWAITE, Keith
KRIMP, Nick
MAGNUSSEN, Colleen
MOIR, Dorothy
MOIR, L. E.

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

ASPLER, Joseph
NADEAU, Marc

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:

MonSFFA
P.O. Box 1186, Place du Parc
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If you have already done so, ignore this notice. We thank you for renewing your membership in MonSFFA, Montreal's premiere SF/F fan club.

MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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In thanking everyone who turned out, we offer a special nod of appreciation to club president Berny Reischl for again organizing the event, as well as a nod to those members who pitched in to help.

Hazy, Lazy Days of Summer

We expect that our many members and friends are enjoying these hazy, lazy days of summer. With the warm weather comes Montreal's many festivals, days spent at the pool or beach, evenings quaffing a cold one sitting under the awning of a downtown *terrasse*, and of course, vacation. We at MonSFFA headquarters are no less inclined to take it easy during the summer months and for this reason, we trust you will understand that things move a little less quickly than usual over the July-August period. We do not

anticipate participating in any of our regular movie premieres, for example, until, probably, mid- to late-September. The club's Web page likely will not be routinely updated during the summer, and applications for membership or membership renewals received at our P.O. box *may* take a bit longer than usual to process. Rest assured, however, that our team of volunteer-organizers *will* attend to these and other duties just as quickly as their summer schedules permit.



MonSFFen gathered in Parc Angrignon on July 30 for club's annual barbecue (Photo, Sylvain St-Pierre)

costs. MonSFFen wishing to donate to the auction SF/F booty such as books and comics, videos and DVDs, collectibles, etc. are asked to bring these in to the club's August 20 meeting.

- The weekend following the club's Parc Angrignon barbecue (see lead item), MonSFFAn Wayne Glover hosted what has become an annual pool party for club members wishing to *further* enjoy what summer has to offer. A good time was had by all.

- We've received positive response to the recent interview with MonSFFA president Berny Reischl published in the *Montreal Mirror* and expect to welcome a few new members to our ranks as a result. Berny trumpeted the club to the *Mirror* reporter, offering that one of MonSFFA's strengths is the hands-on creativity of its members and an infectious sense of fun. *Yay us!*

Briefly:

- Reminder: MonSFFA has added a small fund-raising auction to its 2006 calendar. A portion of the club's September 17 meeting has been designated for this purpose. Set aside a few extra dollars to bid on items! All funds raised will be directed to defraying the club's operating



Mark Burakoff preps RC plane for flight as Lindsay Brown, Danny Sichel look on (Photo, Sylvain St-Pierre)

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