



RELUCTANT VOYAGERS

About This Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of *Reluctant Voyagers*, the official newsletter for those who have had too much Anticipation and can't get no Satisfaction.

Why is This Newsletter Called *Reluctant Voyagers*?

Because we didn't want to call it *Voyageur*?

Why is This Newsletter Not Called *V Ger*?

Everyone knows how they penetrated to the heart of the alien being and what they found, but not how it came to be. Somehow the long lost and incredibly primitive space probe had been transformed into an intelligent and powerful creature that prowled the interstellar void. At some time in the depths of space it must have encountered organic matter and the combination was much greater than the sum of its parts. But we will never know for sure. For it resembled nothing so much as a giant bowl of satellite parts covered in cheese curds and gravy. When the mixed humanoid and android crew saw it, it lasted only for a few minutes.

Call for Submissions

Reluctant Voyagers welcomes your reports on programme items and parties, as well as recommendations for places to eat in Montreal. We are unfortunately unable to attend any of the events being held this weekend, as we're far too busy sipping cocktails by the pool in our luxury penthouse office whilst being served the finest local cuisine by Neil Gaiman and David Hartwell clad in naught but a jewel-encrusted thong working on the zine.

Convention News

TAFF delegate Mean Steve Green won the third decennial Worldcon battle royale, eliminating Writer Guest of Honor Neil Gaiman while he was distracted by a gaggle of steampunk-dressed teens asking him where Amanda was and why didn't he bring Amanda Palmer and how's Amanda doing and where's Amanda Palmer?

There is a Jawas for Jesus tent revival planned for tonight in front of the Biodome. All are welcome, though droids are encouraged to wear extra-heavy shoes.

Double-Secret Overlord Milt Stevens announced his next project: a Worldcon bid inspired by the works of Robert Jordan. The con will start on a Friday and will never really end...

Twitter was broken on Friday. It was blamed on an over-abundance of posts from Chris Garcia while bored sitting behind a Fan Table.

The *Lost* panel was suddenly thrown off-track by a mention of Hurley-Sawyer slashfic.

Anticipation Total Beard Weight (as of August 9th, 2009)- 4,810 kilos

Tough economic times have led to downsizing of the legendary fanzine *Bento*. The traditionally quarter-page sized fanzine is now 6 angstroms by 3.5 angstroms.



RV Newsletter Staff at Work

"I thought there was some real heavy BDSM going in the back of the room, but it was just a manual typewriter."

True Rumours

James Bacon has joined the Anticipation security brigade. He was required to make an oath that he would not allow anyone to do anything that he would do.

Restaurant Report

My wife and I visited a delightfully outré eatery on Saturday evening, carefully hidden off the usual tourist track, behind the wastebins at the rear of the Delta Hotel. We were escorted through a door ingeniously marked "Staff Only" by the maître d', a shambling unshaven individual who would answer only to the name "Jacques Lardon." After explaining to us the Montreal tradition of payment in advance, he passed us two small beer bottles, which he had previously opened and tasted to ensure their quality, and left to get our meals. He did not return, but I understand such indifference (only the ignorant would call it rudeness) is typical of the best establishments and we should consider ourselves privileged to have been let through the door in the first place.

WSFS Business

Due to the success of bilingual Worldcons in Yokohama and Montreal, the World Science Fiction Society^(SM) has approved a resolution that all future Worldcons shall be bilingual, starting next year with Aussiecon which will be conducted in Austrilian and English.

Should Dragon*Con be excluded from consideration for Worldcon site selection because Georgia contains peanuts?

Should the Fan Hugo categories include at least one nominee representative of *Twilight* fanfic and/or persons of sparkliness?

Hoax Bid News

Nessie is on strike in protest of hoax robot sea and lake monsters being used instead of the real thing.

Due to the collapse of the Seattle bid, Sasquatch is now available as a convention mascot or special guest. Special arrangements can be made for climbing space needles and biplane rentals.

Hollister is ramping up another Worldcon bid, this time against Chicago. A person familiar with the bid said a major new selling point will be access via the new California High Speed Rail system. "The timing is good because the train service should be running just about the time the bid gets its act together." The bid is planning a special media campaign to deal with the allegations that it contains fruits and nuts. The first initiative will be a *film noix* festival with showings in the campground next to the apricot orchard.

Is the supreme deity weighing in on future Worldcons? Neil Rest was overheard saying "God for bid" when asked if he was going for another Bermuda Triangle Worldcon.

False Rumours

There is no truth to the rumour that Anticipation is an arm of Bloc Québécois operating under deep cover.

Ghlaghgee has expressed a great degree of relief in knowing that Scalzi is spending a week where what Americans call "Canadian Bacon" is really pit ham.

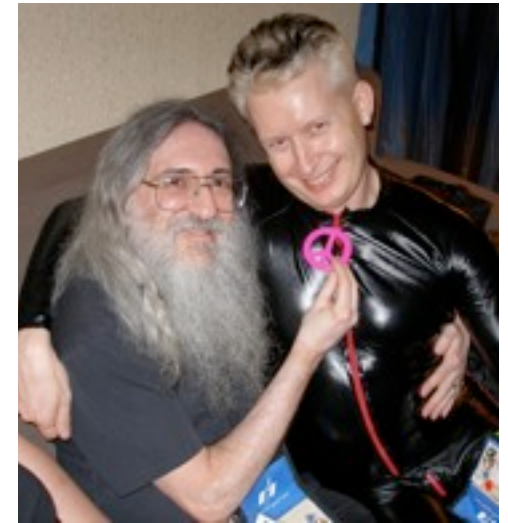
The Singularity is happening on Tuesday; don't bother going back to work.

Pink Love^(SM) is made with nuts.

Due to the Reno in 2011 bid losing its hotel contract to the Association of Hamster Veterinarians, the convention is moving to the Black Rock Desert and combining with Burning Man.

Stateless Fans Unite

Springfield, United States fans will be gathering at the Tim Horton's on Yonge St. at nine o'clock.



Security Notice

Convention Security warns attendees not to tamper with peace-bonded items.