

Dam Rong Dilly-Dally

The awful newsletter of Rotcon 3.14159

Yesterday, Slightly Before Mid-Morning But Not Quite Early Morning Either, August 32, 3002

Hugo Shocker - Rotcon Pocket Program wins Best Novel

Calling it "by far the best pure fiction we've come across in many a year," the fans of Rotcon 3.14159 awarded the Hugo for Best Novel to the convention's own Pocket Program. This is interesting for two reasons: A) It wasn't even on the ballot; and B) It hasn't shown up yet (it's expected to be delivered in time for Closing Ceremonies of Rotcon 3.14159 II, scheduled to be held St. Vitus Day weekend of 3376). Fans attempting to follow the schedules included in the Pocket Program have not been heard from since Rotcon 3.14159 began.

Other surprise Hugo winners included *The Adventures of Pluto Nash* for Best Dramatic Presentation (Short Form) and *The Lord of the Rings (The Extended Extended Version)* for Long Form. Rotcon 3.14159 itself was honoured with the Campbell Award for Best New Science Fiction Writer for the Rotcon 3.14159 Pocket Program.

The Duchy of Grand Fenwick was awarded the 2999 Worldcon in a tightly contested vote over the Duchy of San Martino. The Guests of Honour for DuchyofGrandFenwickCon I will be James Moriarty, Queen Victoria, Topo Gigio, Chad & Jeremy, and William Ashbless, with Special Guest Grand Duchess, Gloriana. The 2999 NAFSiC will be held in Intercourse, Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Royal Society For Putting Things On Top Of Other Things, Middle Atlantic Branch. The guests at ScrewYouCon will be Traci Lords, John Holmes, Ron Jeremy, John Dillinger, the US Supreme Court, Sir Harry Flashman, Lola Montez, Jenna Jameson, and Jessica Rabbit. Al Goldstein will be the Toastmaster.

The SWSFS None Of Your Business Meeting at Rotcon 3.14159 voted to amend the SWSFS Constitution to provide for a 34-year lead time for all future (and past) Worldcons, to take effect as soon as gelid weather conditions pertain in the netherworld.

Site Selection Irregularity Comes To Light

It turns out that there was a mistake in counting the votes for the 3002 Site Selection, held at the 3005 Worldcon in Little Storpington on the Swudge, UK. The actual winner was not Rotcon 3.14159 but instead New Crobuzon. Accordingly, Rotcon 3.14159 has been canceled and all fans are ordered to report immediately to SlakeMothCon. The Site Selection committee regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience their appalling and inexcusable negligence may have caused anyone.



Program Update

All panels have been canceled. Instead, Rotcon 3.14159 invites all members to a marathon showing of all 6411 episodes of every decent TV show ever canceled by Fox.

Restaurant Review

Now that Rotcon 3.14159 is over, we can reveal that the special surprise mystery restaurant to avoid was in the

Big Head

Award

The Big Head Award has been given to Robert Sawyer.

Disloyal Yourke Hotel, which has been cited by health authorities at least 67 times for its special tomato in menu. *Dam Rong Dilly-Dally* apologizes to everyone inadvertently poisoned for our failure to mention this earlier.

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Members

Head of Publications MIA

After hours of extensive and investigation, and an exhausting six day search, it was determined that the Gopher Hole doesn't have any more Joe Louis. Oh yeah, the Rotcon Head of Publications wasn't there either.

Following a series of calls and complaints about work turning up completed, with no person to blame for it, a special squad of highly trained chimpanzees was brought in to find out what happened to the scapegoat in charge.

"When I went to the newsletter office to find out if they had any more program schedules, the door was shut. I heard this awful wailing and screaming, on the other side, and when I poked my head inside, I was beamed by a flying laptop," said Rotcon patron, Ima Morhon. "Thankfully, I was carrying my Pocket Program. Without its built-in truth field, I'd have been injured."

Staff members of the department remained tight-lipped about the incident. However, a source informed us that the mysterious 'work phenomenon' was organized by a pretty young cult leader, whose army of glassy-eyed volunteers joined under the promise of punch and pie.

Fraud Stuff@Worldcon #15,394

On Monday night in room 202C, judges from the Guinness Book of World Records will be on hand to officiate a new record. Sponsored by Moscon 2025, a bid for the first Worldcon at Olympus Mons, the record for fen stuffing will be established at Rotcon 3.14159. The goal is to stuff as many fen as possible into a conference room large enough to hold a *Gigli* Appreciation panel. In order to qualify, once the room is full, it must hold a stable headcount through an author signing. All participants (including the author) must have their feet on the ground, no levitation or anti-gravity devices are permitted.

At a practice session Sunday afternoon, a headcount of 187 fen was achieved. Organizers had set up sensors in the ceiling to count fen by their heat signatures, but had to stand up on a chair outside the room and count heads when they realized that the androids in the crowd did not run warm enough to register on the sensors. Author Robert Q Slawyer signed copies of his new book *Hairy Ponter and the Order of the Pizza* during the practice session. Neil Goyman has volunteered to sign copies of his new book *Canadian Demons* during Monday's juried attempt.

Complete this sente

If you can finish all three incomplete sentences from *Dam Write Daily* #7, go to the Volunteers office (the Grenadier Room in the Crowne Plaza) to collect your t-shirt. This ain't not no hoax.

Man vs Machine

Striking a blow for freedom in the war of man vs Machine as shown lately in *The Matrix* and *Terminator* films, the newsletter folder abruptly quit. The silly humans, however, folded by hand instead just folding.

Bagel Wars

Looneycon wants to thank everyone who [ate] in our Bronx Bagels vs. Bluebakers Bagel Wars party Frid[a]y night. Remember, food with a hole in its middle can't fill you up because of all the empty space.

Canadian Wins

Robert Sawyer has won the Miss Universe Pageant.

The Whole Spoof

The staff of *Dam Rong Dilly-Dally* wishes it to be known that we are the *only* official hoax newsletter of Rotcon 3.14159, and any other so-called spoof newsletter you may see, regardless of them calling themselves "official" or anything else, just ain't so. Anything you read in that *other* so-called newsletter is *not* trustworthy and should be ignored. We are the *authorized* hoax newsletter of Rotcon 3.14159 and the only *reliable* hoax newsletter at this convention.

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Corrections

Dam Rong Dilly-Dally would like to correct the following errors from our previous editions:

The winner of the ASFALT (Association of Science Fiction Artists and Legal Technicians) Wesley Crusher Award for Best Non-Representational Sketch on a Private Hotel Room Party Napkin of the Convention Chairman is Crank Frelly Wheeze and not Rembrandt as printed in *DRDD* #247.

It is not actually possible to exit from the room where the Hugo Awards Ceremony was held, contrary to the precise directions we printed in *DRDD* #109. We apologize to all the fans who will spend the rest of eternity in Hall SeaQuest DSV of the Confusion Centre.

It turns out that it is not actually a good idea to spend all 19 days of Rotcon 3.14159 without either getting any sleep or taking a shower or eating a balanced meal or drinking something non-alcoholic, contrary to our 347 articles on "Fun Stuff At Rotcon 3.14159." To the relatives of all those Rotcon 3.14159 attendees who died from sleep deprivation or alcohol poisoning, *DRDD* offers its regrets.

Robert Sawyer did not win every Hugo Award, as printed in *DRDD* #502. So, if he would please return the Hugos he did not win, Rotcon 3.14159 would be most grateful.

The fire in the Disloyal Yourke Hotel is still burning, contrary to our report in *DRDD* #629. We're sorry about the fans who attempted to attend the Bizarro Universe in 2991 Party.

There was actually programming at Rotcon 3.14159, contrary to our reports in just about every issue of *DRDD* that there wasn't any.

It turns out that it was *not* a hoax that a large fire-breathing, man-eating dragon reportedly seen prowling the upper floors of the Confusion Centre last night following the Hugos. Oops.

Michael Swanwick did not skip the Hugos to attend a family wedding. He was at the marathon showing of all 6411 episodes of every decent show Fox has ever canceled and did not want to miss the end of the very special "Malcolm Kisses Jayne" episode of *Firefly*.

Only 19 volunteers died from ink poisoning contracted while folding all 57,386 copies of each of the 665 prior editions of *Dam Rong Dilly-Dally* following the catastrophic breakdown of our eleventh folding machine, not the 142 volunteers whose names we published. To the next-of-kin we mistakenly woke up in the middle of the night with the inaccurate bad news, *DRDD* apologizes.

The souvenir book will be here when gelid conditions prevail in the netherworld, not when the members of the Rotcon 3.14159 committee forgive each other, as we reported in *DRDD* #2. Since the latter will *never* happen.

Rotcon 3.14159 is the 933rd World Science Fiction Convention, not an experiment on the effects of pointless sadism and

random disorganization on a large crowd of unsuspecting innocent bystanders, as we reported in *DRDD* #55. Oh wait. It's both. Never mind.

To the anonymous critic: You were right. No more articles on "Escalator Repair for Dummies" from us.

Okay, okay, we're sorry. You can have your children back. Geez, some people just can't take a joke...

The Paris in 2990 Committee wants it known that all French people are not snail-eating, wine-swilling, smelling-of-garlic snobs who sneer at anyone who can't pronounce "Sacre Bleu" correctly as *DRDD* reported in over 75 issues. Only some of them are.

There is no "Crossing Front Street Fan Fund." We can be *so* gullible at times. Hopefully nobody who read the report was also taken for \$9000 like the Rotcon 3.14159 committee.

The list of the "Best 9.4 Sci Fi Movies Of All Time" printed in *DRDD* #618 accidentally listed *Battle Beyond The Stars* as the #1 SF movie. The real winner, of course, was actually *Star Wars Episode II*. How silly of us.

We apologize for every line in every article in *DRDD* #637 reading "I am a fish." That was a typo.

The volunteers who put in their hours but did not get their t-shirts are *not* "bozos and losers" as we printed. The bozos and losers are actually the people who would not let them have their t-shirts.

The ellipsis in our last issue's "Continued on Page 2..." line hid the remainder of the sentence which actually read, "Page 2 found in the newsroom office, not the one we printed."

In a further attempt to manage crowd control and limit the fen attending to just the elite few, the room numbers for all parties listed in our previous issues were printed in code. Decoder rings can be found in jars of Ovaltine.

Contrary to our reports, the free Canadian Health Service does *not* cover weight loss programs, plastic surgery, transformation to Klingon foreheads, or genetic engineering for Americans unless they have previously made ten years of tax payments to the Canadian system.

Harry Potter is not wandering around the convention wearing a full body costume that hides his scar and glasses since he is a fictional character. So, by the process of elimination, that guy wandering around must be William Shatner.

The SWSFS Business Meeting did not approve a "2-Year Lead Time," as a misplaced hyphen made it seem. They actually approved a "-2 Year leadtime," and this year's winner had to organize the convention the year before last.

Dam Rong Dilly-Dally apologizes for calling Bernie Peeves a "short, fat, squalid, leprous sheep-rapist and coprophage." Mr. Peeves is not short. *DRDD* regrets the error.

The staff of *DRDD* will not, in fact, be going to work for the *New York Times* following the end of Rotcon 3.14159. We're too unprofessional even for them.

Border Crossing

Fans who attempted to return to the U.S. have reported new border control measures imposed by U.S. customs. People will be required to prove they are real Americans by either reporting accurately the scores of the most recent baseball game with their home team or outlining the action in the final episode of Friends. SF fans who requested to use the final episode of Buffy instead were turned away. Canada has promised appropriate re-education camps.

Paula View French Say?

To meet the mandatory French laws imposed by Quebec, Rotcon 3.14159 has been extended 14 days so all the panels will be repeated in French. Attendees will be required to go to the French versions of the same panels they heard before. Panelists who do not speak French will be provided with a complimentary French-English dictionary.

Another "Big One"

Robert Sawyer has been announced as the winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics.

SWSFS Ends Misery

In a rare act of sense, the SWSFS Business meeting today voted to suspend itself indefinitely. Said chairman Kevin Stan Lee, "This is an outmoded means of governing the Worldcon. We can do better."

Safety First

Citing safety concerns, the Rotcon 3.14159 Masquerade will be held entirely without costumes. Since, as a spokecostume for the Masquerade committee points out, "People could trip over the things, or get them caught in elevator doors or escalators or hedgehogs, or they could be set on fire by lightning strikes or supernovas. It's better just to have every competitor describe what they would be wearing if we were so irresponsible as to actually let them wear their costumes where they could trip over the things or get them caught, etc. We have to look out for their best interests, the poor dears. I'm sure nobody will notice the difference."

Lost and Found

Will the person who took my virginity please return it? I'm a male fan and have a reputation to maintain. - Pasty-Faced Nerd in Gaming Room.

Found: A whole bunch of damn silly coins with birds and stuff on 'em. I'm reasonably certain this can't be *real* money. If you want it, it's yours. Look for the guy wearing the "American, Ignorant, and *Damn Proud Of It*" t-shirt.

David Brin lost the Best Novel Hugo. Could whoever has it, please return it to him?

Canada Declares War on US

Citing "America's cold-blooded murder of the English tongue," Canada declared war on the United States of America and sent their entire Armed Forces, consisting of some rabid moose, 3 armoured beavers, and 15 retired Mounties to attack the US Coast Guard base on Lake Superior. Canadian Prime Minister Jean Cretien complained about, "Rotcon 3.14159 attendees from the States repeatedly referring to Canadian dollars as, quote, 'Not real money,' refusing to insert U's when spelling words like 'colour' and 'honour,' calling the last letter of the alphabet 'zee,' and omitting the required terminal 'eh?' from their sentences. Eh?"

Cretien went on to denounce America for "being big, wealthy, powerful, influential, accomplished, and stealing too many brilliant Canadian actors like William Shatner. Eh?"

In response, many Americans confessed to either not knowing where the heck Canada is or believing that Canada is the 51st state. President Bush, who decided not to bother returning to Washington from his permanent vacation home in Texas, nevertheless dispatched Vice President Dick Cheney to an undisclosed location, which *Darn Rong Dilly-Dally* has learned is actually Rotcon 3.14159, where the Vice President was observed wearing a propellor beanie, chugging Molson Canadians, repeatedly referring to Canadian dollars as, quote, "Not real money," refusing to insert U's when spelling words like "colour" and "honour," calling the last letter of the alphabet "zee," and omitting the required terminal "eh?" from his sentences.

The United States Department of State has added Canada to its "Axis of Irrelevance."