

Durn Wrong Hourly

The Spoof Newsletter of Torcon 3 Sometime During the Con

Highlights from the Hugos and Other Awards

John Hertz, winner of the Big Heart Award flashed the most gleaming smile of the evening. When asked how he achieve such a gleam, he tilted his beany cocketishly and answered “Remember ladies, just a touch of petroleum jelly on the teeth, it works wonders!”

Neil Gaiman wielded his new Hugo with an artificial hand last night, having lost the use of his natural hand earlier in the day at a seven hour signing session at Chapters Books. Neil expressed his sincere appreciation to the folks in the GT suite for whipping together a robotic hand on such short notice.

Viewers were very impressed by the special effects and photography in Peter Jackson’s filmed Hugo acceptance speech. Jackson reportedly did a first take that said “I didn’t think we’d win, so I didn’t prepare anything. But thanks!” But the initial screening audience response suggested a rewrite was necessary.

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Members

Baker’s Dozen Worst SF Films Ever

1. Plan Nine From Outer Space
2. Sheena, Queen of the Jungle
3. Highlander Spew: The Sickening (There should only be one)
4. Space Trucker
5. Fire Maidens From Outer Space
6. Dracula vs Billy the Kid
7. Teenage Graveyard Tramps
8. Red Sonya
9. The Core
10. Cannibal Women from the Avocado Jungle of Death
11. Galaxina
12. Howard the Duck
13. Star Wars Kid

(Submitted by the B-flick Masters of the
Univers)

Boring Stuff @ Worldcon #1 - Newsletter Publishing

Anyone in need of reduced stimulation may head over to the Newsletter office to help with the handfolding of the newsletter.

Events of Interest for Today

11:59 p.m. Monday’s daily schedule will be released

Lost and Found

It seems the Gamers have been disappointed at being relegated to the nethermost regions of the convention center. Programming has asked them to understand: “We put you in the dungeons to help the GMs get their players into the right mood.”

Lion King tickets mysteriously went missing from the volunteer lounge. They were last reported seen in the hands of someone wearing a purple ribbon, but colours are hard to see in the dark...

The Torcon Programming staff has lost several hours of each day starting Monday, reward offered for a timely return or equivalency in alcohol.

Mystery Uncovered in Art Show

Fans who were surprised not to see Frank Kelly Freas artwork on the cover of their Souvenir Book, were glad to find it in the Art Show. The staff has had a hard time preventing them from taking it with them. As a compromise, the first person willing to pay \$12,000 for the artwork will be able to staple it to their book.

Energy Crisis Resolved!

After seeing Julie Czerneda in action. Ontario Hydro engineers were heard to say “If we can tap her, the world’s energy problems will be resolved.”

Business Meeting votes on Site selection change.

Due to the intense debate on the lead time question the WSFS business meeting has decided to let bids decide when they declare wether they are bidding for two years out or three years out.

An alternate motion entitled “Vote with your feet” was defeated when the business meeting walked out.

A motion was proposed to permit a bid for “Columbus and Yokohama in 2007” which would be based in both cities and linked by web-based videoconferencing using Japanese time, panels would be held from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Columbus time. The chair ruled this out of order on the grounds that it was properly a bid, not a motion.

Wrath of Con

Alex von Thron, observed in radio communication with Program Ops reminded us of the line: “Captain they’ve put things in our hears to control our minds!” Seeing committee members speaking to the empty air makes us think we’re watching an outtake from *Sixth Sense*. It’s the only way anyone could talk to “Milton Rothman, chair of the first Torcon” as reported in Dam Write Daily No. 2

G.R.R. Martin Runs Worldcon Size Selection

At last night’s Hugo Presentation, Guest of Honour G. R. R. Martin complained that he

had never had The Big One, even though Fred Sanford had. Noted Worldcon measurement expert Kevin Standlee, of last year’s ConJose WorldCon committee, declared, “It’s all San Andreas fault.”

Sunday Gardner Dozois was overheard at the NESFA Press table explaining to Pat Cadigan, “It’s not the size, it’s what you do with it.” As Gardner proceeded to explain “It feels like thousands of tiny fingers…” The person behind the NESFA table said that was more they needed to know.

Meanwhile local studio propmasters have offered a reward for the return of missing weaponry from their martial arts production. They described the weapons as a blunt metal blade surrounded by four dangerous wooden points.

The Breastfeeding of Fandom

With the great number of babies attending the convention either in person or in utero, the Volunteer department would like all of their names (or names under consideration) to pass along to LACon VI.

Party Reviews

All reviewers sent to write about room parties have gone missing in action. Fun times are the prime suspected cause.

Panelist Update

The Academie Francaise has recently dropped the word “paneliste” from the French language. Program participants will therefore be refered to as “fafounin” from now on.

New Fan Fund Announced

The Toronto Detroit Fan Fund (aka the TD Fund) will be raising bus fare for a worthy fan

to travel between the two cities. Fund organizers will be approach the Toronto Dominion Bank (TD Bank) to be corporate sponsor.

A proposal for LEFF (the Lake Erie Fan Fund) which would go halfway from Toronto to Detroit is still under consideration.

The Saskatchewan-Arkansas Reciprocal Sending Fund has been cancelled due to a medical emergency.

What every fan wants to know about Doctor Who

Is he on first?

New bid Announced

New York in 2014 has been announced in honour of the 75th anniversary of the first Worldcon. Bid chairman Jeffrey Beeler proposes the Chelsea Hotel as the core hotel. A concurrent NASFiC bid in Bayonne, NJ, will be held for fans unable to afford New York.

Prix Aurora Award

The Prix Aurora Award organizers are happy to report that no recipient has dropped the award or accidentally sat on one. This is the first time an Aurora Ceremony does not require paramedics.

Sorely disappointed for not having won the Aurora for *Hominids*, Robert Sawyer did get a consolation prize: the Hugo.

Tragedy at Torcon

Dozens of drowned gummy bears were found throughout the party floor on Saturday evening. Toronto’s gummy coroner has been contacted to investigate.

Alien Language Workshop

After establishing First Contact, the two language groups have decided to form a bilingual confederated state. Rumour has it that the minority language groups is planning a referendum to separate.

KaffeeKwest

To assist the volunteers at the KK table please bring with you caffeine free diet soda, 100% pure, no concentrated apple juice or Darjeeling tea, properly served (figure it out).

MENSA Attends Torcon

After having asked several Torcon3 members to pass their entrance test, MENSA decided to pack up and leave, grumbling that fans are too smart to join MENSA.

Film Track Update

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the entire Dune mini-series will be done with hand puppets.

New Hugo Nomination

The Pocket program is being promoted as a worthy entry for fiction, Best Novella. (but not the Big One)

Hotel Problems

Convention members staying at the Renaissance Skydome like the hotel. Due to some overcrowding, they have been offered a rollaway on First Base. The service is good, having to get up at 6:00 a.m. to let the groundskeeper mow the lawn is getting tiresome, and, “No, we are not sharing a room with Doctor Who.”

And now for the serious part of this newsletter

Yes, we’ve heard that one before, Andre

The *Durn Wrong Hourly* Staff

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Almost, but not quite, after the Con

Hugo Shocker Torcon Pocket Program

The Torcon Pocket Program was accidentally misclassified at the last minute and placed in the Best Novel category (also known as the Big One). While missing from the initial ballot, Hugo staffers claim “it was always there.”

Erroneously reported as a “Slam Dunk” by the *Ram Rong Dally Dilly*, it had 2 strong competitors – The Collected Newsletters and Signage. Tickets given to members so they could collect the missing (presumably printed) book before the end of con are now being auctioned off at registration.

The Whole Spoof

Durn Wrong Hourly is proud to be the unofficial hoax newsletter, written anonymously by some attendee with multiple brains and fewer computers. We wish to thank our opposition for the tip of the hat they made in their version of the “truth.”

Big Head Award

This editor believes the rock troll deserves the big head award. He (it?) was wrongly cheated out of the award. His big crystal teeth have nothing to do with this opinion, really...

Robert Sawyer Sex Scandal Revealed

We just wanted to show you we can also make jokes about Rob.

Program Update

While there are thousands of daily changes, Programming staff wishes August 25

th) will end Tuesday, September 2nd at 10:00 AM. They then hope to start managing the con effectively.

Division vice heads, and certain staff members are in full agreement to promptly end the convention today at 4:00 PM and go for a long, stiff drink. Division heads are welcome – but only if they’re buying.

Boring Stuff @ Worldcon #2 - Newsletter Reading

Reduced stimulation was had by all who read the hand-folded newsletter. It was however pointed out that for a full experience of a dull dreary routine, people should head over to the newsletter office and offer to fold more newsletters.

NoReasonCon

Boston Fandom, renowned for their ability to top whatever anyone else does, announced that “If you think Torcon was complete chaos, wait until next year!”

It Just Seems Longer

Self-proclaimed official measurer of Worldcon inter-facility distances, Kevin Standlee, has finally delivered his verdict. Measuring from the front door of the Royal York across from Union Station to the entrance of the MTCC, Kevin reckons it to be 505 Standlee units (=Kevin’s stride, about 0.8 m). According to Kevin, this is about the same as the trudge between the San José McEnery Convention Center and the Fairmont San José at ConJosé last year.

Monday Night Party Listings

The “Toronto in 20??” party will be held in room 2-124 of the Fairmont Royal York. The theme of the party is “We might get it right next time!”

Minneapolis in ’73 continues the bid for the 1973 Worldcon by hosting the Dead Dog Party in Consuite space on the first floor of the Royal York starting at 6 pm.

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