



Lambda Sci-Fi DC Area Gaylaxians



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The LSF Book Discussion Group

If you're interested in lively discussions of F&SF books (with an emphasis on elements of interest to the LGBT community), we invite you to join the LSF Book Discussion Group. Each month, we conduct fascinating round-table discussions of works by significant F&SF authors.

The LSF Book Discussion Group generally meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 PM, at Peter & Rob's home: 1425 "S" St., NW - for directions or more details, call 202-483-6369. The next meeting will be held on March 25th.

Here are the details on the next couple of discussion meetings:

March 25th - *Aye, and Gomorrah* (short story collection), by Samuel R. Delany; moderator: Rick.

April 22nd - *Boneshaker*, by Cherie Priest; moderator: Krista

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LSF Video Party March 27th

reported by Teresa

Alright, I'm having a Sci Fi/Fantasy video party at my house from Noon to 10 PM on March 27th.

I live in Takoma Park, just outside the DC border. The closest Metro station is Takoma Station. There are many buses that drive past my house: 12, 16, and 18 Ride On buses, which all are at the Metro Station. I will give rides from there, if you call my house at 301-270-6373.

My address is: 7015 Sycamore Ave. (just off of Ethan Allen Ave/410 HWY), Takoma Park, MD 20912

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LSF Gaming Party March 13th

Hi, everyone! Lambda Sci-Fi will be holding a Gaming/Potluck Party on Saturday, March 13, at Eric Bolda's place. Please bring food and/or soft drinks to share and, if you have them, board/card-type games. Gaming will begin at 2:00 PM and last until late evening or until we get tired. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Please bring games! Otherwise everyone might be forced to play *Robo-rally* or *Magic: the Gathering*.

Eric's place is at 909 S. 22nd St. #2, Arlington VA, conveniently located a few blocks from Freddie's Beach Bar.

METRO: The closest Metro stop is Pentagon City (Blue/Yellow Lines). Exit from Pentagon City station, continue south along Hayes St. and cross 15th. Then immediately turn right and walk to the steps leading up to a sidewalk cutting through the park. Stay on this sidewalk, and it connects with Ives St. Walk 4 blocks along Ives, turn right on 22nd, and my duplex is the 3rd house on the right, with the black door. (Ring the doorbell for 2nd floor.)

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Lambda Sci-Fi Is 20 Years Old This Month!!

March LSF Meeting

The next LSF meeting will be held on the **Sunday, March 14th**. The meeting will be held at James Crutchfield's apartment (1414 17th St. NW, #413), near Dupont Circle. The business meeting will begin (as usual) at 1:30 PM; and the social meeting will begin at 2:00 PM.

Please bring some munchies or soft drinks, if you can. See you there!

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Happy 20th Birthday LSF!

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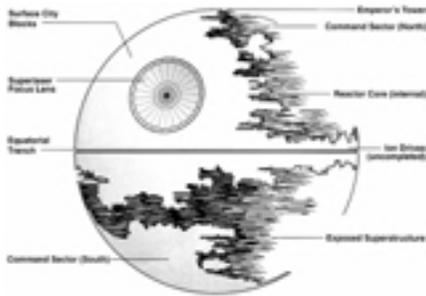
March 13 Gaming Party

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DRIVING from DC/north: Take 395 south. Use the 8A exit, then the obscure Arlington Ridge exit on the left. Turn right onto Arlington Ridge Rd. Turn left at 20th, right at Ives, and right at 22nd. My duplex is the 3rd house on the right, with the black door. (Ring the doorbell for 2nd floor.) There's plenty of on-street parking.

For more information, please contact Eric at elbolda@fastem.com or 703-521-0356.

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**A common mistake
that people make
when trying to design
something
completely foolproof
was to underestimate
the ingenuity
of complete fools.**

**-- Douglas Adams --
Mostly Harmless
(1992)**

quoted in
Science Fiction Quotations
edited by Gary Westfahl
(Yale University Press, 2005)

LSF Meeting Minutes

2/14/2010

taken by Scott

Carl said that *Smallville* recently featured the Justice Society, including Doctor Fate, Hawkman, and Doctor Midnight. Another recent episode featured Zatanna with the fishnet stocking and top hat. Whoop!

Teresa briefly chatted about the upcoming *John Carter of Mars* movie.

Johnny Depp has signed on to play Tonto in a Disney/Jerry Bruckheimer film on the Lone Ranger. The movie plans to provide an origin story. Did you know that Johnny Depp's grandmother was a Cherokee Indian?

The *Tron Legacy* movie was discussed – a sequel to the 1982 film *Tron*. The film will feature Jeff Bridges and *Babylon 5*'s Bruce Boxleitner (as Tron).

The remake of the *Crazies* horror movie focuses upon chemical waste.

In DC Comics, Bruce Wayne is dead (yeah, right), Dick Grayson has become the new Batman, and Tim Drake has become a new character called Red Robin. Damian Wayne – the child of Bruce Wayne and Talia al Ghul, and grandson of Ras al Ghul – has become the new Robin. This new Robin has been trained by the League of Assassins.

Jim described Patrick Rothfuss's *Name of the Wind* epic fantasy about a young orphan boy who grows up to be a mighty wizard, a coming-of-age story not dissimilar to Harry Potter perhaps.

Carl oogled over a photo of *Tru Calling*'s Matt Bomer.

Barrett passed around the current Israeli sci-fi newsletter *Cozen* – in both Hebrew and English.

Jim described a Saturday morning cartoon advertisement for the Watchman. Here is the link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDDHHrt614w>

Will the 2010 remake of *Clash of the Titans* with Ralph Fiennes be a scene-by-scene recreation of the Ray Harryhausen film?



It was noted that genre film *District 9* might receive an award at the Oscars.

Jake Gyllenhal has beefed up for his role in the *Prince of Persia*. It looks like he spends considerable time on screen shirtless. Look how big his chest is now!

No one has seen *Shutter Island* yet (with Leonardo DiCaprio), so it is unclear if there is a genre component to the plot.

The new Syfy Channel series *Caprica* features another gay character – the mobster brother.

Someone mentioned that Roland Emmerich will be filming Asimov's Foundation Trilogy. Does that sound scary or what?

Carl advised that LSF had received an invitation to participate in the Baltimore 2010 Pride. Costs were discussed, but no decision was made.

The *Star Trek: New Frontiers* group (aka *Phase II*) has obtained the rights to Buck Rogers. The *Phase II* folks report that new episodes will be more timely.

Carl cheerfully reported that next month LSF will be celebrating its 20th year.

The upcoming LSF book club discussions were briefly listed: *Palimpsest* in February, *Aye, and Gomorrah* in March, *Boneshaker* in April.

Carl reported that the Atlanta Outworlders have requested membership in the Gaylactic Network.

Fox is preparing a US version of *Torchwood*. The project is from BBC Worldwide, with original series creator Russell Davies – so it should be good! – well, at least the script should be good.

The meeting ended with everyone eating sugary food items.

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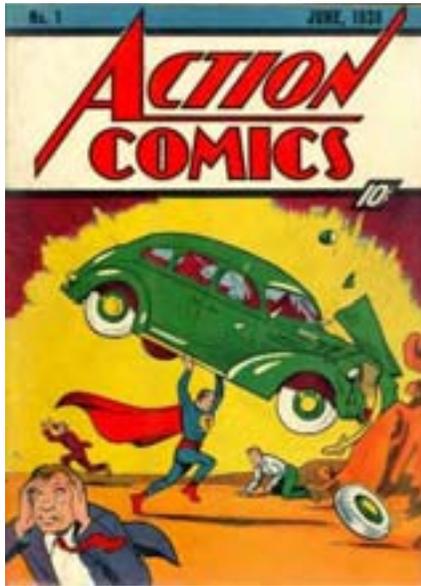
Batman vs. Superman

info passed along by Carl

Yes, indeed, superhero competition has entered the world of high finance!

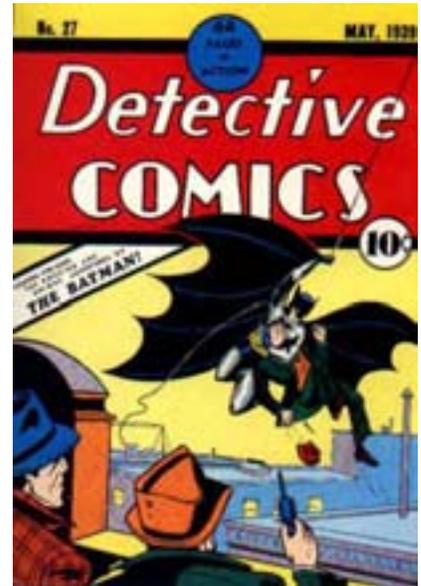
On Feb. 22, the auction site ComicConnect.com sold a copy of the 1938 Action Comics issue # 1, which featured the first appearance by Superman. The price tag was \$1,000,000. This was (for a short while) the highest price ever paid for a comic book. (Pretty hefty chunk of change, when you consider that it originally cost only 10¢.) The previous record had been in 2009: \$317,000 for another copy of the same Action Comics # 1. The auction house explained that the significant \$700K price difference was due to the fact that this year's sale involved an issue that was in much better shape ("8.0" or "very fine").

But then, just three days later, The Caped Crusader trumped The Man of Steel! On Feb. 25, Heritage Auction



Galleries (Dallas) sold a copy of the 1939 Detective Comics issue # 27 (featuring the first appearance of Batman) for a record \$1,075,500. (Its condition is also reported to be rated as "8.0".)

Kind'a makes you wish you



hadn't lost track of all those old comic books, doesn't it? (Also makes you wonder if anyone is willing to pony up that kind'a money for a Marvel title.)

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Falls Church Gets a New Comic Shop

info passed along by
Scott and Kendall

From Scott: Take a look at this brief news item from the *Washington Business Journal*:

"Falls Church to get a comic shop"

By Missy Frederick, Reporter
Monday, February 8, 2010

Falls Church appears to be getting a new comic book shop.

I noticed signage when driving home recently for Victory Comics, a new retail development not yet open on Rt. 29. According to city documents, a change of use permit was issued in November for the comic book store located at 586 S. Washington Street.

Top Shelf will keep you posted on when the store will open. It looks to be a rather sizable shop, and it's nice to be reporting on a comics store opening rather than a closing. Meanwhile, that would add up to three comics shops in Falls Church, including Anime Pavilion and Hole In The Wall Books.

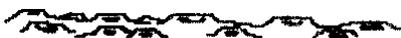


From Kendall: Ah, Google is my friend; it appears it opened THIS WEEK! Damn, and I'm working from home due to the Snowpocalypse. Well, maybe I can get to it at the end of the week or next week or in July when the world thaws....

"New Comic Book Store Opens in F.C."

Victory Comics has opened at 586 S. Washington Street in the space formerly occupied by Dinettes and Stools. The new retail store, owned and operated by local resident Jeff Weaver, opened this week. It offers new and old comic books, toys, games, and sports cards and it will soon also offer in-store gaming. It is open Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 6pm, Wednesdays (when they receive new comics) from 11am to 8pm, Fridays from 11am - 9pm and Saturdays 10am to 9pm. For more information call 703-241-9393.

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**** INFORMATION ABOUT LAMBDA SCI-FI: DC AREA GAYLAXIANS ****

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians (LSF) is an organization for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered (GLBT) people, and their friends who are interested in science fiction, fantasy, horror and related genres in all forms (SF/F/H). LSF's primary goals are to have fun, to provide a community, and to:

- promote SF/F/H, with particular attention to materials of interest to GLBT people and their friends;
- provide forums for GLBT people and their friends to share their interest in SF/F/H;
- promote the presence of GLBT elements within SF/F/H and within fandom; and
- promote SF/F/H within the GLBT community.

Annual membership fees are \$10, for which you will receive an e-mailed this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. (Hard copies of the newsletter cost an additional \$15 per year.) Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

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Con Calendar



by Carl

April 9-11, 2010 **RAVENCON 2010**. Holiday Inn Kroger Center (Richmond, VA). Author GoH: Rachel Caine; Artist GoH: R. Cat; Gaming GoH: Steve Long. Membership: \$35 from 1/1/2010 to 4/1/2010; \$40 at the door. Registration form available on-line. Make checks payable to "Ravencon 2010" and send to: Ravencon 2010, 3502 Fernmoss Court, Charlotte, NC 28269.

Website: www.ravencon.com

April 30 - May 2, 2010 **OUTLANTA CON**. Holiday Inn Select-Perimeter (Atlanta, GA). "The new Atlanta-based geek event for GLBT fans." Guests: Cecelia Tan, Lee Martindale, Kiernan Kelly, Steve Berman, and more. Membership (available on line via PayPal): \$35 until 4/15; \$45 at the door. Website: www.outlantacon.org For info: info@atlantacon.org

May 28-31, 2010 **BALTICON 44**. Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD). Author GoH: Tanya Huff; Artist GoH: Howard Tayler; 2009 Compton Crook Award Winner: Paul Melko; 2010 Compton Crook Award Winner: TBA. Membership: \$48 until 2/28/2010; \$53 from 3/1/2010 until 4/30/2010; \$60 after 4/30/2010 and at the door. Registration: registration@balticon.org
Website: www.balticon.org E-mail: balticoninfo@balticon.org

August 5-8, 2010 **ReCONSTRUCTION** (NASFiC 2010). Raleigh Convention Center; Raleigh Marriott City Center; Sheraton Raleigh Hotel (Raleigh, NC). GoH: Eric Flint; AGoH: Brad Foster. Membership: currently \$95 (will go up!). Make checks payable to "ReConStructure" and send to: ReConStructure, PO Box 31706, Raleigh, NC 27622
Website: www.reconstructionsf.org

October 29-31, 2010 **GAYLAXICON 2010**. Marriott Chateau Champlain (Montreal, QC, Canada). More details as they become available. Website: www.gaylaxicon2010.org

Aug. 17-21, 2011 **RENOVATION** (69th World Science Fiction Convention). Reno-Sparks Convention Center (Reno, Nevada). Guests of Honor: Ellen Asher, Charles N. Brown, Tim Powers, Boris Vallejo. Membership: \$140 until 4.30/2010.
Website: www.renovationsf.org Membership queries: memberships@renovationsf.org

