



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 usually 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 book discussion will be held on September 22, 2016.

Here are the details for the next few book discussions:

Sept. 22 – *The Scorpion Rules*, by Erin Bow (moderator: Claire).

Oct. 27 – *The Plot Against America*, by Philip Roth (moderator: Rob).

Dec. 1 (combined Nov./Dec. session) – *Luna: New Moon*, by Ian McDonald (moderator: Carl).

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LSF Gaming Party

Saturday, Sept. 10th

by Peter Knapp

What: A gaming party – there's plenty of room for gaming, so please bring your favorite games (cards, board, etc.).

When: Saturday, Sept. 10th; 1:00 PM – ??

What to bring: Bring your favorite table game (or two). Also, please bring munchies and/or soft drinks.

Dinner: For those who are interested, we'll order pizza. To get in on the pizza order, please bring \$8 in exact change. If you don't want pizza, you can order take-out or go forage for food. There are a lot of food choices in the Midcity (14th and "U") Corridor. Also, delivery menus will be available at the party.



Where: Home of Peter and Rob, 1425 S St NW, Washington, DC 20009. Their home is in the Midcity (14th and "U") neighborhood, near Dupont Circle and Logan Circle.

Directions (with Metro and parking advice) at:

<http://lambdascifi.org/club/PeterRob.html>

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Smithsonian Star Trek Events in September

info passed along by Peter

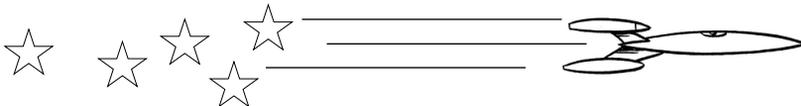
The Smithsonian Air and Space Museum is celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Star Trek* (Sept. 8th) with three events in September. Two of the events are free but require advanced tickets; the third "21 and over" event is a paid admission event.



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<<<<< September 2016 LSF Meeting >>>>>

The next LSF meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 11th**. The meeting will be held at Peter and Rob's home, **1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC**. The meeting will begin at 1:30 and the "group watch" will begin at 3:00 PM. Hope to see you there!



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Star Trek Events

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Sept. 8 (Thurs, 8 PM) – Celebrating “The Man Trap” – The Air & Space Museum (on the Mall) and the Udvar-Hazy Center (Chantilly) will simulcast the first ever Star Trek episode. (8 PM was the show’s original timeslot.) The screening will include an introduction and post-show Q&A from a panel featuring Roddenberry’s son Rod. Free tickets are required and may be reserved at the website.

Sept. 9 (Fri, 8 PM) – Boldly Go 50 Celebration – The Air & Space Museum (On the Mall) will show a double-feature: Smithsonian Channel’s new documentary *Building Star Trek*, followed by *For the Love of Spock* (director Adam Nimoy’s profile of his father). Free tickets are required and may be reserved at the website.

Sept. 10 (Sat, 8 PM) – Museum Moonshine: *Star Trek* in Our Lives – The Air & Space Museum (on the Mall) will host a “21-and-up” event, with adult beverages (Romulan Ale?) and a botanical garden inspired by the series (from the North American Orchid Conservation Center). “Selfie stations will be set up to let the internet know what you look like in a Trekkian oasis, and you get the chance to schmooze with museum experts and other special guests.” Tickets are \$35 (\$30 for Smithsonian members), and include light refreshments and alcoholic beverage samples.

Perhaps most importantly, the 11-foot, 200-pound model of the *USS Enterprise* (from the original series) has been restored and will be on display throughout the whole weekend.

For more information and to reserve/purchase tickets:

<http://dcist.com/2016/08/the-smithsonian-boldly-celebrates-5.php>



A Letter from the Gaylaxicon 2016 Convention Chair

There are only about three more weeks before the pre-registration rate of \$65 closes for Gaylaxicon 2016 and prices go up to at-the-door (Sept. 16th is the deadline). Register now at:

gaylaxicon2016.org

While you’re there, you can purchase your ticket for the Saturday night banquet, and book your room at the DoubleTree Minneapolis Park Place (where this year we have expanded our space for programming, dealers, art show, and registration).

We have a great lineup of Guests of Honor: Eleanor Arnason (author); Gordon Bellamy (video game designer); Zack Karlsson (video game executive); David Maxine (music producer and publisher); Eric Shanower (artist); and F. Wesley Schneider (RPG designer).

We also have a long list of additional professional authors and artists, both local and not, who are attending the convention, including: Jeff Butler (video game designer), Kyell Gold (furry author); Ginn Hale (author); Catherint Lundoff (author); Lyda Morehouse (author); Barbara Schultz (artist); Warren Rochelle (author and poet); Ellen Kuhfeld (au-



thor); May Kuhfeld (author); Marc DeBauch (artist); Terrance Griep (author); Melissa Scott (author); Amy Griswold (author); Naomi Kritzer (author); and others.

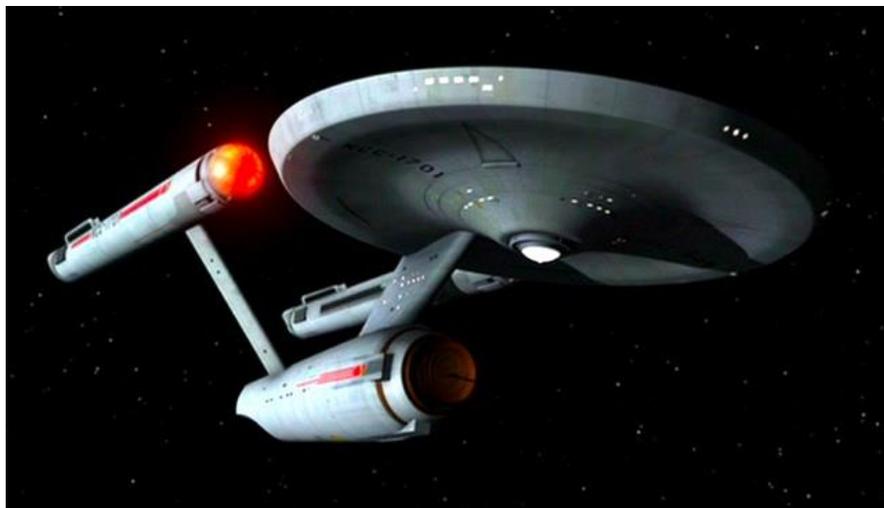
Events will include: the Friday evening Opening Ceremonies, followed by the Meet the Pros reception; our Saturday evening show, following our banquet; and our Sunday evening movie night.

We’ll have lots of programming, for which we’re taking suggestions (see website) and will be soon asking for panelist volunteers. Gaming will again be in the Season Suites and will be open throughout the con, and stocked with lots of games for you to enjoy throughout the convention.

Our fabulous con suite will be filled with good food, hot and cold beverages, and conversation, as well as the annual Chocolate Symposium.

We are looking forward to seeing you all; and please be sure to spread the word about what a great convention Gaylaxicon is.

- Don Kaiser
Chair, Gaylaxicon 2016



These are the voyages...

**Minutes of the August
LSF Meeting**
taken by Scott

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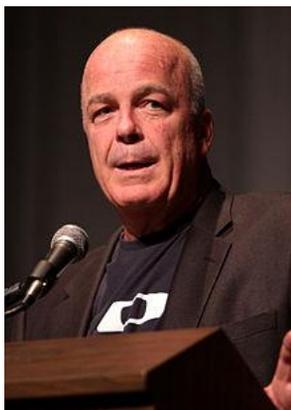
Conventions: Teresa noted that ComicCon is now holding its own literature award. She also announced the upcoming WashingCon (a gaming con). Next year's Otacon is relocating from Baltimore to the Washington DC Convention Center. Peter and Rob attempted to attend the popular BrickFair Convention out at Dulles, but could not get in.

Movies: Lots of chatter about the latest *X-Men* film. (So, is Nightcrawler the son of Mystique?) Some LSF members saw *Suicide Squad*; some of the scenes in the trailers are not included in the movie. Nice to see Geoff Johns (of DC Comics) is now in charge of the DC movie universe. Molly spoke up for the *Batman vs. Superman* movie; David did not like the Lex Luthor character, whose motivations didn't make sense. Mixed feelings about *Star Trek: Beyond*; Peter liked the plotpoint of young Spock seeing the photo of the older Spock with the original crew. A preview for *American Gods* was shown at ComicCon.

TV: *Supergirl* has joined the CW. A four-show crossover is planned for *Supergirl*, *Flash*, *Arrow*, and *Legends of Tomorrow*. Rob has enjoyed *Legends of Tomorrow*. Some images of the starship from *Star Trek: Discovery* have surfaced; the first episode will be shown on CBS and the remaining episodes will be show on CBS All Access. A TV series based on George RR Martin's "Wild Cards" universe is being planned. The premise: an alien virus emerges on Earth at the end of WWII; some people die, some people gain superpowers, some people become Joker-like?

Upcoming LSF Events:

- Gaylaxicon 2016 is being held the same weekend as the LSF meeting, **so the October LSF**



Jerry Doyle
1956 – 2016

Jerry Doyle, best known for his role as "Michael Garibaldi" in the *Babylon 5* TV series, passed away in July, about a week after his 60th birthday, in his Las Vegas home.

In 1978, Doyle earned a B.S. in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, while also receiving flight training. He became a corporate jet pilot and a stockbroker on Wall Street. Then, in 1991, he moved to Los Angeles and began his acting career. Doyle's first TV role was on the series *Moonlighting*, as a potential replacement for the Bruce Willis character. This was followed by a recurring role as a lawyer on the soap opera *The Bold and the Beautiful*. He also appeared in such series as *NYPD Blue*, *JAG*, *Sliders*, *Martial*

Law, and *Beverly Hills 90210*.

In 1993, Doyle starred as security chief Michael Garibaldi in the TV movie *Babylon 5: The Gathering*. He became a staple of the *Babylon 5* series that followed (1994-1998), and reprised his signature role in 1999 in the made-for-TV movie *Babylon 5: A Call to Arms*. Doyle quipped that, as Garibaldi, he was "a Mick from Brooklyn playing a Wop from Mars". From 1995 to 1998, he was married to his *Babylon 5* co-star Andrea Thompson (telepath "Talia Winters").

Following his work on *Babylon 5*, Doyle ran unsuccessfully as a Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives. Doyle was also an American talk radio host (*The Jerry Doyle Show* on the Talk Radio Network), a right-libertarian political commentator, and founder of the news/content platform EpicTimes (2013). He also published a book titled *Have You Seen My Country Lately?* (2009).

J. Michael Straczynski released the following statement: "Regardless of whatever was going on in his life, whether it was marital issues, a broken arm, forced couch-surfing with Bruce and Andreas or other problems, he never once pulled a prima donna on us; he showed up every day on time, knew his lines, and insisted that the guest cast live up to the standards of the main cast." ΛΨΦ

meeting will be cancelled.

- Upcoming LSF Book Discussions: Noelle Stevenson's *Nimona* (August); Erin Bow's *Scorpion Rules* (Sept.); Philip Roth's *The Plot Against America* (October); Ian McDonald's *Luna: New Moon* (Nov/Dec).
- LSF Gaming Party at Peter and Rob's home on Saturday, Sept 10th.



Finally, the first two episodes of Netflix's *Stranger Things* were shown. Well received! ΛΨΦ



* * 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 copy of this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. (Hard copies of the newsletter cost an additional \$15 per year.) Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

Meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of each month at a private residence. The next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 11th, at Peter and Rob's home, 1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC.** Hope to see you there!

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians is an affiliate of **the Gaylactic Network**, an international organization for gay people and their friends who are interested in science-fiction and fantasy.



* * Con Calendar * * by Carl



October 7-9, 2016 **CAPCLAVE 2016**. Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg (Gaithersburg, MD). Membership: \$60 from 8/1 thru 9/30; \$65 at the door. Author GoHs: Sarah Beth Durst, Tim Powers. On-line registration.

Website: www.Capclave.org

Oct. 7-9, 2016 **GAYLAXICON 2016**. Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Minneapolis-Park Place (Minneapolis, MN). Guests of Honor: Eleanor Arnason (author); David Maxine (Hungry Tiger Press); Eric Shanower (*Age of Bronze*). Registration: \$65 thru Sept. 12th; \$80 at the door. Registration is on-line.

Website: <http://www.gaylaxicon2016.org/>

Nov. 18-20, 2016 **PHILCON 2016**. Crown Plaza Hotel (Cherry Hill, NJ). Principal Speaker: CJ Cherryh; Artist GoH: Dave Seeley; Special Guest: LE Modesitt. Membership: \$55 through 11/6/2016. Checks payable to "Philadelphia Science Fiction Society" and send to: Philcon Registration, PO Box 8303, Philadelphia PA 19101 Website: www.philcon.org

Nov. 25-27, 2016 **CHESSIECON 2016**. Radisson North Baltimore [formerly North Baltimore Plaza Hotel] (Timonium, MD). Membership: \$55 until 11/15; \$60 at the door. GoH: Sarah Pinsker; Artist GoH: Tabitha Ladin; Music GoH: S.J. Tucker; Special Guest: Elizabeth Schechter. On-line registration via PayPal; or make check payable to "Thanksgiving Science Fiction Society" and send (with membership form) to: TSFS, Inc., PO Box 83032, Gaithersburg, MD 20883-3032

Website: <http://chessiecon.org/>

Information: info@chessiecon.org

Feb. 17-19, 2017 **FARPOINT 2017**. Radisson Hotel North Baltimore (Timonium MD). Membership: \$80 pre-registration for the weekend (daily rates available). Guests: Enver Gjokaj ("Agent Daniel Sousa" from *Agent Carter*), more TBA. Checks payable to "Farpoint Enterprises" and send to: Farpoint Enterprises, 11708 Troy Ct., Waldorf, MD 20601. Register and pay on-line at: www.FarpointCon.com/register Website: www.FarpointCon.com

March 24-26, 2017 **(RE)GENERATION WHO3**. Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace (Baltimore MD). Membership: Pre-registration \$80; \$90 at the door; VIP packages available. Guests: Sylvester McCoy (7th Doctor), Michelle Gomez (Missy), Peter Purves (1st Doctor Companion Steven Taylor), Katy Manning (3rd Doctor Companion Jo Grant).

Registration through the website: <https://regenerationwho.com/>

May 26-29, 2017 **BALTICON 51** (including The 1632 Minicon). Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace (Baltimore MD). Membership: [more information as it becomes available] GoH: Eric Flint; Artist GoH: Donato Giancola. Checks payable to " and send to PO Box 686, Baltimore, MD 21203-0686

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