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Meeting Announcements

The March Meeting and Video Party will be hosted by Carolyn O’Neal. Our usual merrymaking will be interspersed with work on the Zine Sale.

March Birthdays

March 24	Tom Towns
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Editor’s Announcement

We are exchanging newsletters with the Prydonians of Pryncton as PDFs (via email). If any Several member would like a PDF instead of, or in addition to, their paper newsletter, please email me (Dee Beetem).

Message From the President

by Jamie Ritchey

March and Revelcon. The terms have become synonymous to me. There has been a lot of work, getting ready for the con this year, but it should result in a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to it. Join us at the Orphan Zine Table. We have a lot of good times, greeting and conversing with lots of folks from all over.

See you there.

News and Reviews

Several Room at Revelcon

By Dee Beetem

This year Several Unlimited will be renting a hotel room that we'll provide as a service to congoers who need space to throw a party, breakout panel, or whatever.

Please publicize this room to your friends so that they can make plans ahead of the con. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the Orphan Zine table and we will "trust but verify" that they keep the room in good condition.

We'll be hosting our usual Saturday Pizza Party in the Several room. I'd like to host a breakout panel on 'Crossovers' there too. Judging from the Revelcon list mailings, there's certainly enough interest in the topic!

Cavalia

By Dee Beetem

Erika and I wound up seeing Cavalia—since Margaret McNickle was given two tickets as a temporary employee and very kindly gave them to us. It's a show out of Quebec that's billed as "Cirque du Soleil with horses"—surreal sets, with running and riding and people doing acrobatics. And all 40+ horses were stallions or geldings—no mares! (Is that sexist or what?) Ask Margaret or Laurie Keeper (who went to the same performance we did) for more information and expertise—they both know a lot more about horses than I do. The show was certainly impressive, though.

Upcoming Events

REVELcon 17, March 17-19, 2006

Houston, Texas

<http://www.majorcrimes.freeservers.com/REVELcon.htm>

For more information, write:

Revelcon 17

C/O E.D. Pearlman

P.O. Box 130602

Houston TX 77219-0602

To register, email:

Revelcon2006@sbcglobal.net

Mail art & art show info requests to:

Friends of Fandom REVELcon Art Show

Attn: Margaret A. Davis

PO Box 541822

Houston TX 77254-1822

(281-580-8975)

Or email madavis1@gmail.com

AggieCon 37, March 23-26, 2006

Oldest & largest student-run science fiction convention in the U.S,
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Texas A&M Memorial Student Center

College Station TX 77844

For more information:

AggieCon (958460)

PO Box 5688

College Station TX 77844

Or call (979)268-3068

<http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/>

❖ **Writing GoH:** Steven Brust

❖ **Comic Artist GoH:** Brian Stelfreeze

❖ **Media GoH:** James Charles Leary

❖ **Media GoH:** Peter Mayhew

And many more regional artists and authors!

ApolloCon 2006, June 23-25, 2006

Houston's General Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Con

DoubleTree Hotel Houston
Intercontinental Airport
(Formerly Hyatt Regency Houston
Airport)
15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Houston, TX 77032

For more information, write:

ApolloCon
P.O. Box 541822
Houston TX 77254-1822
Or email info@apollocon.org

❖ **GOH:** Peter S. Beagle

❖ **Artist GOH:** Alain Viesca

❖ **Fan GOH:** Tim Miller

❖ **Filk GOH:** Steve MacDonald

Panels, Art Show, Masquerade, Dealers Room, Filking, Book Exchanges, Film Screenings.

Website of the Month

Now Anyone Can Write LOTR Fanfiction!

<http://elffetish.com/instasue.html>

<http://elffetish.com/instaslash.html>

These Mad Lib style Mary Sue and slash instafics are both presented on the Elf Fetish site. The really weird thing is, I discovered a link to this on Elayne Riggs' blog—which is permalinked on Altercation—which is a major blog on MSN News. In other words, slash fiction is now at three degrees of separation from MSN News. I find this disturbing...

MacGyver's Back... sort of

<http://www.priceless.com/film/film.html>

Superbowl Sunday premiered the return of MacGyver, he of the duct tape and Swiss army knife. MasterCard's commercial, "A Narrow Escape" featured MacGyver doing what he does best.

The commercial featured Richard Dean Anderson, and MasterCard has it on their website. The site also feature behind-the-scenes interviews and mini-documentaries about the creation of this commercial.

Warning -- since this is streaming video, it may be very slow for dialup users. Now's the time to crash in on your friends with broadband...

Calendar and Maps

<p>March 10, 2006</p>	<p>Several Unlimited Meeting Carolyn O’Neal 114 Beverly Lane Bellaire TX 713 667 4929</p>
<p>March 17-19, 2006</p>	<p>Revelcon 2006 Galleria Courtyard by Marriott Houston TX</p>
<p>March 24, 2006</p>	<p>Video Party Carolyn O’Neal 114 Beverly Lane Bellaire TX 713 667 4929</p>

