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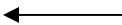
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# CC28

May 7-10, 2010  
P.O. Box 1637,  
Milwaukee, WI 53201  
[www.CC28.org](http://www.CC28.org)

Don't miss  
Costume-Con  
this year!



Drout, Author Constance G.J. Wagner, Musicians Kate Brown, Krista Padgett, Marc Gunn and the Brobdingnagian Bards brought a wealth of information and top notch entertainment.



## A LONG EXPECTED PARTY – A GATHERING OF TOLKIEN FANS

### Part 1 By Maethoriel, AKA Kelli Lynch

A gathering was held the last weekend of September, 2008 in the Shaker Village in Pleasant Hill, KY to honor Bilbo Baggins and his nephew Frodo Baggins for their respective birthdays. It was as if J.R.R. had planned the event himself.

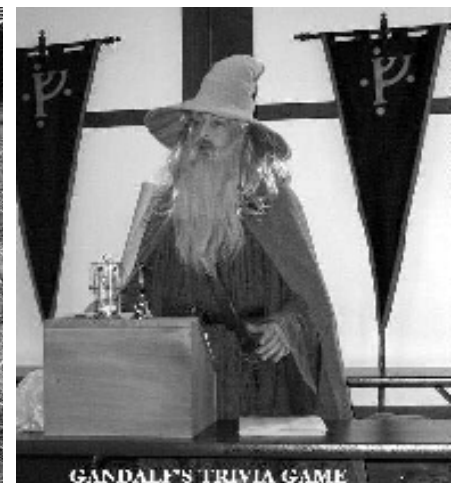
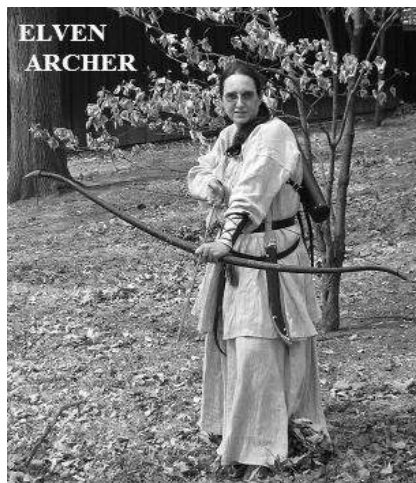
For four days and 3 nights, I felt as if I truly was in Middle-earth. The Shaker Village [www.shakervillageky.org](http://www.shakervillageky.org) with its rolling hills, abundant trees and wonderful buildings from the late 1700's was the perfect setting for a fun-filled weekend celebration.

The organizers, who included the ICG's Judy Mitchell, made sure there were activities that would appeal to the many



Thursday evening was the "bond fire" and BBQ which saw fans get together and meet, some for the first time. To the Tolkien-philes, to the Fan-Fiction Authors, to the Costumers, a Fellowship of about 250 was formed. Music, dancing, story-telling and laughter filled the beautiful night air.

Friday saw a flurry of activities, starting with First Breakfast in the quaint Shaker Restaurant. A welcoming panel introducing the guests of honor started the panels and workshops.



Weapons handling (sword and bow), Costuming from the films, Gandalf's Trivia game, "lunch at the Prancing Pony", a riverboat cruise along the "Brandywine" were just a few of the day's events.

interests the diverse group of guests would have. Tolkien artist Jef Murray, Author and Tolkien Scholar, Michael D.C.

Dinner and entertainment was held at the "Hall of Fire" with a cast of characters performing several short acts, some humorous, some serious.

There was a fashion show of Lord of the Rings Costumes which included about 50 participants.



Kate Brown, the beautiful Celtic songbird, performed lovely versions of Enya's songs from the films. Marc Gunn also entertained the crowd with his songs, Don't Go Drinking with Hobbits, and Psychopathic, Chronic, Schizophrenic Gollum Blues, among others.

The evening was topped off with a ghost walk at which yours truly stirred up some trouble and "punk'd" an audience of 30 plus. Five very brave and handsome Rangers and Elves, with weapons drawn, came to my rescue.

More to follow...

## GETTING ON BOARD THE STEAMPUNK EXPRESS:

by Patrick J. O'Connor

Soon after 2008's Windycon concluded, ISFIC, the organizers of that annual Chicagoland convention, [and many Chicago Worldcons] announced that 2009's theme would be "Steam-punk," and that this year's Artist Guests of Honor would be Phil and Kaja Foglio, writers of the "Gas-lamp Fantasy" web-comic/graphic novel "Girl Genius."



Renata & Ben O'Connor-Rose as Agatha Heterodyne & Krusp



At the Chicagoland Costumers' Guild, Renata O'Connor-Rose proposed that this year, we should prepare a group presentation, portraying characters from "Girl Genius" in recognition of Phil and Kaja's presence. Persuaded by the fun nature of the project, many of us got on board, chose characters, and began designing costumes for the Masquerade.

After several Steampunk Sewing Weekends, we were coming along nicely with the costumes for our characters, and a number of brass-glass-and-metal props for the costumes. The Foglios' win of the first Graphic Novel Hugo Award in August just intensified the group's desire to surprise, honor and impress the artists, and by September, most of our costuming projects were in "high gear," and we were working out a stage presentation to go along with characters from "Master Payne's Circus of Adventure," whom we had chosen to portray as our group entry.



P. J. O'Connor as Master Payne

The final weeks before Windycon approached, with the CCG Halloween Party at Joel and Sue Finkle's house, combining the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)



**THE (INEVITABLY INCOMPLETE) 6 - MONTH COSTUME/ COSPLAY CALENDAR:  
CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES/GATHERINGS/ETC.**

(If you have a local convention you would like included, contact me at: [icg-newsletter@costume.org](mailto:icg-newsletter@costume.org))

Start Date	Con	Region	Where is it Really?	Web
14-Jan-2010	DarkCon 2010	Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="http://darkcon.org/">http://darkcon.org/</a>
15-Jan-2010	Rustycon 27	Seattle	Seattle, WA	<a href="http://rustycon.com/">http://rustycon.com/</a>
15-Jan-2010	MarsCon 2010	Williamsburg	Williamsburg, VA	<a href="http://wiki2010.marscon.net/">http://wiki2010.marscon.net/</a>
15-Jan-2010	Arisia '10	Boston	Cambridge, MA	<a href="http://2010.arisia.org/">http://2010.arisia.org/</a>
22-Jan-2010	ConFusion	Detroit	Troy, MI	<a href="http://confusion.stilyagi.org/">http://confusion.stilyagi.org/</a>
21-Jan-2010	Further Confusion	S. Jose/Francisco	San Jose, CA	<a href="http://www.furtherconfusion.org/">http://www.furtherconfusion.org/</a> (?)
22-Jan-2010	ChattaCon 35	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, TN	<a href="http://www.chattacon.org">http://www.chattacon.org</a>
22-Jan-2010	COSine	Denver	Colorado Springs, CO	<a href="http://www.firstfridayfandom.org/cosine/">http://www.firstfridayfandom.org/cosine/</a>
23-Jan-2010	Star Trek Convention	San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	<a href="http://www.creationent.com/cal/stsan.htm">http://www.creationent.com/cal/stsan.htm</a>
29-Jan-2010	Creation Twilight Con	Nashville	Nashville, TN	<a href="http://www.creationent.com/cal/twilight_tn.htm">http://www.creationent.com/cal/twilight_tn.htm</a>
29-Jan-2010	ConJour	Houston	Clear Lake, TX	<a href="http://www.conjour.net/">http://www.conjour.net/</a>
5-Feb-2010	Genericon XXIII	Troy NY	Troy NY Rensselaer Poly.	<a href="http://genericon.union.rpi.edu/23/">http://genericon.union.rpi.edu/23/</a>
5-Feb-2010	Reenactor Fest	Chicago	Arlington Heights, IL	<a href="http://www.reenactorfest.com/index.php">http://www.reenactorfest.com/index.php</a>
5-Feb-2010	Supercon XVII	Minneapolis	Minneapolis, MN	<a href="http://supercon.info/html/about.html">http://supercon.info/html/about.html</a>
5-Feb-2010	StellarCon 34	Winston-Salem	High Point, NC	<a href="http://www.stellarcon.org/home">http://www.stellarcon.org/home</a>
5-Feb-2010	AggieCon 41	Austin/Houston	College Station, TX	<a href="http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/">http://aggiecon.tamu.edu/</a>
5-Feb-2010	Xena Convention	Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	<a href="http://www.creationent.com/cal/xebur.htm">http://www.creationent.com/cal/xebur.htm</a>
7-Feb-2010	Akron-Canton Comic-Con	Akron-Canton	Akron, OH	<a href="http://www.harpercomics.com/">http://www.harpercomics.com/</a>
11-Feb-2010	Capricon 30	Chicago	Wheeling, IL	<a href="http://www.capricon.org/capricon30/">http://www.capricon.org/capricon30/</a>
12-Feb-2010	Boskone 47	Boston	Boston, MA	<a href="http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/">http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/</a>
12-Feb-2010	Katsucon	DC/northernVA	Arlington, VA	<a href="http://www.katsucon.com/">http://www.katsucon.com/</a>
12-Feb-2010	Farpoint	Baltimore / DC	Timonium, MD	<a href="http://farpointcon.com/">http://farpointcon.com/</a>
12-Feb-2010	Twilight Convention	San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	<a href="http://www.creationent.com/cal/twilight.htm">http://www.creationent.com/cal/twilight.htm</a>
12-Feb-2010	SheVaCon	Virginia	Roanoke, VA	<a href="http://www.shevacon.org/">http://www.shevacon.org/</a>
12-Feb-2010	ConDFW IX	Dallas-Ft. Worth	Dallas, TX	<a href="http://www.condfw.org/">http://www.condfw.org/</a>
18-Feb-2010	Total ConFusion	Boston	Mansfield, MA	<a href="http://www.totalcon.com/">http://www.totalcon.com/</a>
19-Feb-2010	Naka-Kon	Kansas City	Kansas City, KS	<a href="http://naka-kon.com/">http://naka-kon.com/</a>
19-Feb-2010	ConNooga	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, TN	<a href="http://www.connooga.com/">http://www.connooga.com/</a>
19-Feb-2010	FurryFiesta	Dallas	Addison, TX	<a href="http://www.furryfiesta.org/">http://www.furryfiesta.org/</a>
26-Feb-2010	Twilight Convention	San Diego	San Diego, CA	<a href="http://www.creationent.com/">http://www.creationent.com/</a>
26-Feb-2010	SheVaCon	DC-Virginia	Roanoke, VA	<a href="http://www.shevacon.org/">http://www.shevacon.org/</a>
5-Mar-2010	Twilight Convention	Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	<a href="http://www.creationent.com/">http://www.creationent.com/</a>
7-Mar-2010	Buckeye Comic-Con	Columbus	Columbus, OH	<a href="http://www.harpercomics.com/">http://www.harpercomics.com/</a>
12-Mar-2010	All-Con	Dallas	Addison, TX	<a href="http://www.all-con.org/">http://www.all-con.org/</a>
12-Mar-2010	Kawa Kon	St. Louis	St. Louis, MO	<a href="http://kawakon.com/">http://kawakon.com/</a>
12-Mar-2010	Animation & Gaming Ohio	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	<a href="http://www.aandgohio.com/">http://www.aandgohio.com/</a>
12-Mar-2010	Megacon	Orlando	Orlando, FL	<a href="http://www.megaconvention.com/">http://www.megaconvention.com/</a>
12-Mar-2010	Mid-South Con	Memphis	Memphis, TN	<a href="http://midsouthcon.org/">http://midsouthcon.org/</a>
12-Mar-2010	Twilight Convention	Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	<a href="http://www.creationent.com/">http://www.creationent.com/</a>
19-Mar-2010	Lunacon	New York	Rye Brook, NY	<a href="http://temp.lunacon.org/">http://temp.lunacon.org/</a>
25-Mar-2010	World Horror Conv. 2010	Brighton	Brighton UK	<a href="http://temp.whc2010.org/">http://temp.whc2010.org/</a>
26-Mar-2010	CalCon	Calgary	Calgary, AB Canada	<a href="http://www.cal-con.ca/">http://www.cal-con.ca/</a>
26-Mar-2010	Suzaku	Ottawa	Ottawa, ON Canada	<a href="http://www.suzaku.ca/">http://www.suzaku.ca/</a>
27-Mar-2010	Xanadu	Las Vegas	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="http://www.xanadulasvegas.com/">http://www.xanadulasvegas.com/</a>
1-Apr-2010	Frolicon	Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	<a href="http://frolicon.net/default.aspx">http://frolicon.net/default.aspx</a>

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2-Apr-2010	Minicon 45	Minneapolis	Bloomington, MN	<a href="http://www.mnstf.org/minicon45/">http://www.mnstf.org/minicon45/</a>
9-Apr-2010	RavenCon 2010	Richmond	Richmond, VA	<a href="http://www.ravencon.com/">http://www.ravencon.com/</a>
9-Apr-2010	Ad Astra	Toronto	Toronto, ON Canada	<a href="http://www.ad-astra.org/index2010.php">http://www.ad-astra.org/index2010.php</a>
9-Apr-2010	Conglomeration	Louisville	Louisville, KY	(?)
16-Apr-2010	C2E2	Chicago	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.chicagocomicandentertainmentexpo.com">http://www.chicagocomicandentertainmentexpo.com</a>
16-Apr-2010	OddCon (OdysseyCon)	Madison	Madison, WI	<a href="http://www.oddcon.com">http://www.oddcon.com</a>
16-Apr-2010	CoreCon	Fargo ND	Moorehead, MN	<a href="http://www.fargocorecon.org/">http://www.fargocorecon.org/</a>
23-Apr-2010	Delta H Con	Houston	Houston, TX	<a href="http://www.deltahcon.com/">http://www.deltahcon.com/</a>
23-Apr-2010	Conestoga XIV	Tulsa	Tulsa, OK	<a href="http://www.sftulsa.org/">http://www.sftulsa.org/</a>
30-Apr-2010	Boréal 2010	Montréal	Montréal, QC Canada	<a href="http://www.congresboreal.ca">http://www.congresboreal.ca</a>
30-Apr-2010	Penguicon	Detroit	Troy, MI	<a href="http://www.penguicon.org/">http://www.penguicon.org/</a>
7-May-2010	Costume-Con 28	Milwaukee	Milwaukee, IL	<a href="http://www.cc28.org/">http://www.cc28.org/</a>
14-May-2010	Leprecon 36	Phoenix	Mesa, AZ	<a href="http://www.leprecon.org/lep36">http://www.leprecon.org/lep36</a>
14-May-2010	Anime Central	Chicago	Rosemont, IL	<a href="http://www.acen.org/">http://www.acen.org/</a>
14-May-2010	Mobicon 13	Mobile	Mobile, AL	<a href="http://www.mobicon.org/events.php">http://www.mobicon.org/events.php</a>
21-Mar-2010	FanimeCon 2010	San Jose	San Jose, CA	<a href="http://www.fanime.com/">http://www.fanime.com/</a>
21-May-2010	Keycon	Winnipeg	Winnipeg, MN Canada	<a href="http://www.keycon.org">http://www.keycon.org</a>
22-May-2010	Wiscon	Madison	Madison, WI	<a href="http://www.wiscon.info/">http://www.wiscon.info/</a>
22-May-2010	Spokane Comicon	Spokane	Spokane, WA	<a href="http://www.freewebs.com/spokanecomicon/">http://www.freewebs.com/spokanecomicon/</a>
27-May-2010	Phoenix Comicon	Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/">http://www.phoenixcomicon.com/</a>
27-May-2010	NakamaCon	Madison	Madison, WI	<a href="http://www.nakamacon.com/">http://www.nakamacon.com/</a>
28-May-2010	Anime North	Toronto	Toronto, ON Canada	<a href="http://www.animenorth.com/main/">http://www.animenorth.com/main/</a>
28-May-2010	Marcon	Columbus	Columbus, OH	<a href="http://www.marcon.org/">http://www.marcon.org/</a>
28-May-2010	BayCon	San Francisco	Santa Clara, CA	<a href="http://baycon.org/2010/">http://baycon.org/2010/</a>
28-May-2010	ConQuest 41	Kansas City	Kansas City, MO	<a href="http://www.conquestkc.org/">http://www.conquestkc.org/</a>
29-May-2010	Balticon	Baltimore / DC	Baltimore, MD	<a href="http://www.balticon.org/">http://www.balticon.org/</a>
4-Jun-2010	A-Kon 21	Dallas	Dallas, TX	<a href="http://www.a-kon.com/">http://www.a-kon.com/</a>
4-Jun-2010	SoonerCon	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City, OK	<a href="http://www.soonercon.com/">http://www.soonercon.com/</a>
4-Jun-2010	ConCarolinas	Charlotte	Charlotte, NC	<a href="http://www.concarolinas.org/">http://www.concarolinas.org/</a>
11-Jun-2010	Anime Mid-Atlantic	DelMarVa	Hampton, VA	<a href="http://www.animemidatlantic.com/">http://www.animemidatlantic.com/</a>
11-Jun-2010	Sci Fi Summer Con	Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	<a href="http://sfscon.tripod.com/">http://sfscon.tripod.com/</a>
18-Jun-2010	Duckcon 19	Chicago	Naperville, IL	<a href="http://www.duckcon.org/">http://www.duckcon.org/</a>
24-Jun-2010	Twicon Toronto	Toronto	Toronto, ON Canada	<a href="http://www.twicon.org">http://www.twicon.org</a>
25-Jun-2010	Cyphan	Chicago	Wheeling, IL	<a href="http://www.cyphan.com/">http://www.cyphan.com/</a>
25-Jun-2010	ApolloCon	Houston	Houston, TX	<a href="http://www.apollocon.org/">http://www.apollocon.org/</a>
27-Jun-2010	Akron-Canton Comic-Con	Akron-Canton	Akron, OH	<a href="http://www.harpercomics.com/">http://www.harpercomics.com/</a>
1-Jul-2010	Convergence	Minneapolis	Bloomington, MN	<a href="http://www.convergence-con.org/">http://www.convergence-con.org/</a>
1-Jul-2010	Westercon 63	Pasadena	Pasadena, CA	<a href="http://www.westercon63.org/">http://www.westercon63.org/</a>
2-Jul-2010	INConJunction 30	Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN	<a href="http://www.inconjunction.org/">http://www.inconjunction.org/</a>
8-Jul-2010	Gate-Con	Vancouver	Vancouver, BC Canada	<a href="http://gatecon.com/">http://gatecon.com/</a>
10-Jul-2010	Ancient City Con IV	Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL	<a href="http://www.ancientcitycon.com/">http://www.ancientcitycon.com/</a>
16-Jul-2010	MechaCon	New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	<a href="http://www.mechacon.com/">http://www.mechacon.com/</a>
16-Jul-2010	Polaris	Toronto	Toronto, ON Canada	<a href="http://www.tcon.ca/polaris/modules/tconquests/">http://www.tcon.ca/polaris/modules/tconquests/</a>
23-Jul-2010	Confluence	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	<a href="http://www.parsec-sff.org/confluence/index.html">http://www.parsec-sff.org/confluence/index.html</a>
28-Jul-2010	Twicon Las Vegas	Las Vegas	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="http://www.twicon.org">http://www.twicon.org</a>

**DISCLAIMER:** Events listed are subject to schedule changes, with uncertainty increasing for dates further in the future. Being listed here now does not ensure that the event will have cosplay, a masquerade or costuming panels by the time it convenes.

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party with last-minute development of a 9-layer music and voice sound-track along with rehearsal of a script involving all seven members portraying these characters. In a last-minute crash project, a costume was completed for my grandson Benjamin, and an additional soundtrack was developed during Veterans' Day week, for his presentation in the Junior Division, wherein he would portray the talking cat, Krosp.

Meanwhile, Sue Edmunds prepared a post-Masquerade Tea Party "in character" as Mamma Gkika, the hostess of a Mechanicsburg bistro in the graphic novel, and got everything together to provide a great party for Saturday Evening after the Masquerade concluded.



We even figured out a way to entice Phil and Kaja to this annual CCG event, so we could present them with the Mark I version of the Agatha Heterodyne Locket that accented Renata's Costume (she wore Mark II). Since the theme of the presentation was the backstage goings-on before a Heterodyne Show at Mamma Gkika's bistro, we prepared mock Playbills with an invitation to the party as "advertising" on the back, and with a special invitation promising a reward to "the first Hugo-winning Steampunk Cartoonists to turn up."

Cartoon (left) and Real (right) Agatha Locket



The weekend after Veterans' Day, we turned up at the Westin in Lombard, IL. An astonishing array of Steampunk costumes were already in evidence Friday night, and the level of the costuming and props only escalated into Saturday.



NOEL MEYER DIRK ATWATER 'THE TIME SHERIFF'

We gathered in the Masquerade Green Room, and looked around at the competition. Wow! Not going to be a walk-over, at all...

There we were. Sue Edmunds as Mamma Gkika, Barbara Wright as Mistress von Pinn, Renata O'Connor-Rose as Agatha Heterodyne, Joel Finkle as Othar Tryggvassen, Sue Finkle as Zeetha, Leah O'Connor as Countess Marie, Patrick O'Connor as Master Payne, Benjamin O'Connor-Rose as Krosp—and a six-foot long inflated Shark...



We survived the stage presentation, despite some timing slip-ups and a re-definition of our group name that gave away some of our "schtick" in advance, but it went well enough. Then, the follow-up presentation of Ben's skit in the Junior Division finished up our presentations, and we waited for the judges' decision, while Tom Smith did a spirited filk music presentation at "half-time."

Long story short: Best in Show, Best in Class—Journeyman, Best Documentation, and Best in Class—Junior for Ben's skit. I also got a special award for the locket. All in all, a pretty good night.

Then, the Tea party. Phil and Kaja arrived, were suitably honored, and we felt really great that they were there...



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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: (as of October, 2009)**

Below is a chart showing the Primary Membership Count for each chapter since Aug 2009. (Some of the figures are not officially confirmed)

CHAPTER:	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	Last Rpt
ACG:	20	0	0		Aug-2009
BRCG:	42	42	42		Jan-2009
CCG:	12	12	12	16	Nov-2009
CGWP:	0	0	0		00/00/00 No information Available
DCCS:	12	0	0		Aug-2009
FFA:	14	14	15		Oct-2009
GCFCG:	3	0	0		Apr-2009
GDVCG:	11	11	11		Oct-2009
KCCG:	16	0	0		Mar-2009
MTCG:	0	0	0		00/00/00 No information Available
NJNY:	15	0	0		Jul-2009
NLCG:	45	49	49		Oct-2009
SIW:	44	0	0		Aug-2009
SECS:	7	0	0		Jul-2008
SWCG:	16	0	0		Aug-2009
SLCG:	44	0	0		Aug-2009
T-CHAPTER	11	0	0		Jan-2009
UCG:	2	0	0		Apr-2009
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>314</b>				
<b>Newsletters:</b>	<b>229</b>				

The membership "sales" for 2009 were:

New I/HH	?
New MH	?
<b>Total New Memberships</b>	<b>?</b>
Renewing I/HH	229
Renewing MH	85
<b>Total Renewing Memberships</b>	<b>314</b>

**ICG MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

Your ICG membership benefits include voting rights and a subscription to this newsletter. Chapters that fail to report their members and submit their dues run the risk of being deactivated. Members of deactivated Chapters who wish to participate in activities as ICG members must join an active Chapter of the ICG.

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- ICG-BOD@yahoogroups.com (Board and Officers)
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Welcome to 2010!

My 2009 Windycon costume is out of hiding, now that the CCG's surprise presentation for Phil and Kaja Foglio is no longer a secret!

For the uninitiated, I'm portraying Master Payne, from the Girl Genius webcomic/graphic novel, which won this year's Hugo Award for that category.

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