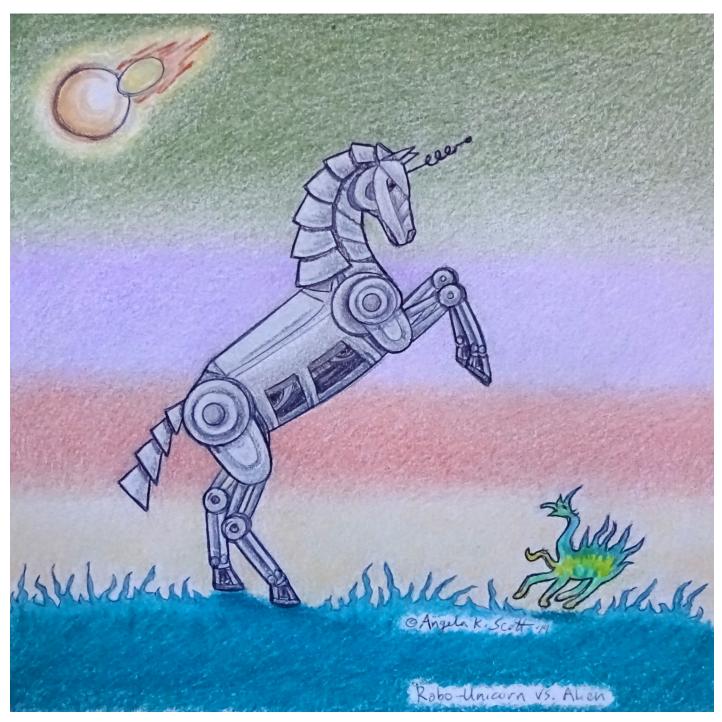
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Memorial Notice

The Editors note with deep regret the passing of long-time reviewer Tom McGovern.

His reviews were greatly appreciated.

He indicated that he equally appreciated
His opportunity to publish them with the N3F

Letters

Dear George and Jon:

Thank you for Tightbeam 295...hope I am not too late to respond, and to help getting more column-inches into the next issue. So, here goes, hope the coffee kicks in soon...

My letter...I think issue 3 of Amazing will be out soon, and I hope to be able to pick up a copy. I've been in touch with editor-in-chief Ira Nayman, and passing along some constructive criticism, but I should check to see if issue 3 is available. How many days until going back to England? As of today, it's 36 days. Looks like Brexit has been postponed to Hallowe'en (how appropriate), but now the Trumps will be in England at the same time, June 3-5. Hope he doesn't do anything to ruin our holidays. I did mention the newest Twilight Zone, but have not seen any of the new episodes...from what I read of the reviews, I am not missing anything.

Sorry, none of the anime, books or movies have I seen. That's why zines like this one are important...if I can't get to see them, at least I will have an idea of what they are about through the reviews. What am I watching these days? ST:Discovery, Murdoch Mysteries and various documentaries.

Time to go...a few things to do, and make a few last-minute plans for England. We leave May 29, and return June 19. I hope to bring back a ton of photos, and perhaps put them all on my Facebook page, we shall see what I have time for. I have to find some work as soon as I return. See you with the next issue.

Yours, Lloyd Penney

N3F Discussion

We are adding a new section *N3F Discussion*. *N3F Discussion* will be focused on the N3F and its operations. Discussion is expected on occasion to be vigorous and pointed. To avoid setting a tone for the entire magazine, *N3F Discussion* will appear as the closing section in *Tightbeam*.