One of my favorite things to do on weekends is play board games. Ever since my uncle bought The Order of the Stick Adventure Game, he would invite me and my friends over for game days. Over the years, he’s acquired a huge collection of games, all with cool, nerdy themes like Star Wars, Firefly, Dungeons & Dragons, and Call of Cthulu. We’ll spend hours rolling dice, moving pawns, throwing around fake money, and listening to various Phineas and Ferb soundtracks. I always love days like this because it gives me a chance to unwind and hang out with fun people, all while saving the world, traveling the galaxy, and occasionally utilizing my limited mathematical knowledge to solve complex addition problems.

Last summer, I discovered Table Top, a web series on Geek and Sundry devoted to board games. Hosted by actor Wil Wheaton (Star Trek: The Next Generation), it’s like the celebrity poker of board games, where funny people get together and just play. I’m addicted to it, and I find myself wanting to buy all the games featured on the show (I’ve already gotten the features from two of my favorite episodes, Fiasco and Betrayal at House on the Hill).

This Saturday, April 5 is International Table Top Day, a celebration of board games created by the folks at Geek and Sundry. People all over the world are encouraged to join or set up their own events and play games. And let’s face it: who wouldn’t want to spend the day having fun with their friends. I will be celebrating with my uncle, my boyfriend, and whoever else we can convince to join us. We haven’t determined our itinerary for the day yet, but I have a feeling that Firefly: the board game and Betrayal will see some action, along with Dr. Who Yahtzee. I’m hoping we’ll get to play some Fiasco as well. You can create your own event at the official Table Top Day website and follow the event on Twitter using #TableTopDay. In the words of Wil Wheaton, “Play
more games!"

How will you celebrate International Table Top Day?

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