

During the next four years I started a model rocket club, was always anchor in tug-o-war, and eared a large stack of red ribbons in science and sports. My passion was science fiction. I read the entire section from the little library and eventually had to take the bus to a larger library.

Later that year, the most amazing science fiction film of all-time was released. It became my new favorite pastime. Everything I did in life would be themed by Star Wars for the next five years. This also led to my fascination with filmmaking and visual effects. Shortly thereafter I started filming two minute short films and special effect test reels. I often included the neighborhood kids in my films but they didn't take it seriously and would usually just waste time, film, or money. This actually worked to my benefit since visual effects work is often done in solitude.