

OSFANEWS SEPT. 73

NEXT MEETING: September 29, 7:30 Pm at John and Sandra Miesel's, 8744 N. Pennsylvania Indianapolis, In.

This will be a sort of Sept.-Oct. meeting. The meeting after this will be an Oct.-Nov. meeting Nov. 3, and after that we are supposed to be on schedule (Ha!)

Indy fandom triumphs again, in the form of the "Most Beautiful" award, given to Sandra Miesel and partner Patrick McGuire at the Torcon masquerade.

Torcon 2 was fun. I got to see David Gerrold being jumped on for anti-Librarian statements in his books; after saying that he was a male Chauvinist Pig, he backed down and placated the attackers (librarians). You haven't got it quite right, Dave.

I also aided Issac Asimov in a argument; some fan was claiming that he had too much influence because everyone looked up to him, so I came over and said that I didn't. (I am about his height.) He pronounced a benediction over us and went off with his fiancée.

The rest of the convention went as usual. Bjo's perfect record in art show direction was spoiled when someone lifted a freas. The gestetner people were helpful in printing up notices of the fact. (Not that it did any good; the thief was probably a thousand miles away by that time.) The Huckster foom was smaller than usual, due to the fact that a lot of american hucksters weren't selling. I did manage to startle George Schithers; while he was displaying the original Necronomicon (printed in Arabic), I came over and quoted a Lovecraftian chant as if I was reading it.

The parties were scattered all over the place, so that one had to be in good health to do any party-hopping. The parties did come up with one new(?) idea; portable parties. That is to say, parties that cruised the corridors and wandered into open rooms. there were a lot of closed parties, much more than usual in a big convention.

The hotel was fairly good as hotels go. Even at the end, when hundreds of people were checking out, they were very efficient.

I could say a lot more about the convention, but I want to save some of it as a surprise for you Yandro subbers.