

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society-N.T. Atherton, ed.

MAY MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Saturday, May 11, at Becky Peters' apartment.

Address: 1501 E. Broward Blvd. #704
Ft. Lauderdale
Phone: 463-5471
Time: 8:00 P.M.

Directions: take I-95 to Broward Blvd. and turn east. Take Broward Blvd. to about one mile past Federal Highway (U.S. 1). Becky's apartment complex is on the left (north) side of the street.

Program: JOE SICLARI will give a presentation entitled, "Hi Fi Sci Fi: Science Fiction on the Radio." Joe will use tape recorded episodes to illustrate the ways in which SF has been presented in dramatic form over the air waves.

TROPICON IV MEETING A Tropicon IV meeting will be held Saturday, May 4, at the home of Joe Siclari & Edie Stern. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Address: 4599 NW 5th Ave.
Boca Raton
Phone: 392-6462
Time: 4 P.M.

Directions: Take I-95 to Yamato Road. Go east on Yamato and make the first right turn onto NW 4 Ave. Go to the STOP SIGN and make a right onto NW 3rd Ave. Make the very next right hand turn onto NW 5th Ave. and you will be heading directly at the correct house. Look for the yellow van.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (your editor speaks) I risk being dubbed the SFSFS cheeleader for saying so, but I thought the April meeting was a rousing success. RAH! RAH! The energy level was high enough to light Becky's entire apartment complex and good ideas were flowing at FTL speeds. That's 2/3 of the ingredients needed to make SFSFS work, as detailed in the famous Atherton Formula for SFSFS Success:

Ideas + Energy + ACTION = Tangible Results (Clubzine, Tropicon, etc)
Now all we need is a nice big dose of ACTION and the universe will be ours!!!
(Whoops --- just flashed back on all that talk about space opera. Sorry.)

By the by: Shuttle deadline = monthly meeting. If you have a newsy item, get it to me before or at the monthly meeting and I will include it in the following Shuttle. Newsy items include: special t.v. shows (Trekathons, Who Fests) or movie showings (Star Wars marathon) or speakers in the area (did you know that Vonnegut was here recently?) or radio shows (Bradbury series on WLRN) or plays (Little Shop of Horrors) or con listings. That sort of stuff.

I hope to include a section listing who's going (or wants to go) to what con. [Wonder if a WhatCon is like a WhoCon?] We could save bucks on crash space & driving if we coordinated our con-going efforts, yes? So let me know what's going on --- and the Shuttle will let everyone know!

WHODUNIT? THE PERFECT CRIME! Richard Beaupre, of The Perfect Crime - A Mystery Bookstore, has joined the SFSFS discount program. SFSFS members will receive a 10% discount on purchases when they present their membership cards at

THE PERFECT CRIME
1958 E. Sunrise Blvd.
Gateway Shopping Center
Fort Lauderdale
764-2525
Monday-Saturday 10AM - 5PM

Remember - the same discount is available at PURPLE UNICORN BOOKS, in Dania at 233 N. Federal Highway (U.S. 1). Call 930-9972 for store hours and bring your SFSFS card with you to receive a 10% discount on a fine selection of books.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS will be available at the May meeting and will be mailed to those of you who can't make it to the May meeting. This card is your passport to discounts at THE PERFECT CRIME, PURPLE UNICORN BOOKS, and all future participants in the SFSFS Discount Program. For best results, just add signature.

FULL CITIZENSHIP STILL AVAILABLE In case you didn't know, there are two levels of membership in SFSFS: General and Regular. General Members pay \$10/year in dues. Regular Members pay \$15/year in dues and may VOTE and HOLD OFFICE.

General Members can still become voting, Regular Members by sending in a \$5 membership conversion fee by May 11, 1985. Send it to SFSFS, 4599 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton, FL, 33431. Please make checks payable to "SFSFS." Or you can bring it along with you to the May meeting.

After the May meeting, General Members will have to wait one year to apply for Regular Membership. Why wait to have a voice in SFSFS decisions? Become a voting, Regular Member now!

MONTHLY MEETING MOVED Because everybody and their cousin seemed to have problems with holding SFSFS meetings on the third Saturday of each month, club members voted to move the monthly meeting to the SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. Which means that the next meeting is coming up soon. Which means I'd better start writing faster or I'll never get this Shuttle launched on schedule! (But since when has any shuttle launched on schedule?) (Just kidding, Peg!)

TREASURER STEPS DOWN T.M. WALD resigned her post as SFSFS Treasurer in early April, due to the increased demands of a new job. We thank Teri for the work she has put into SFSFS already and we wish her the best of luck.

NEW TREASURER STEPS UP PEG DOLAN, of Miami Beach, is the new SFSFS Treasurer, elected by acclamation at the April meeting. We wish her the best of luck, too!

B.O.D. BUILDING Also at the April meeting, the InVincible VINCENT MIRANDA was elected to the SFSFS Board of Directors as an at-large member. Vincent's ascent to the Great B.O.D. received unanimous approval.

APRIL MEETING REVISITED BECKY PETERS graciously opened her home to 24 stalwart souls (two of whom were also named "Becky" --- maybe we should have called it RebecCon I). NANCY ATHERTON reported a total membership of 34, including new members Richard Beaupre, Sarah Clemens, Robert Hittel, Sabrina Jarema, Vincent Miranda, and Pam Parsons. The Shuttle welcomes you aboard! (Now, about using that zero-g toilet . . .)

Highlights of the very busy Business Meeting are strewn throughout this Shuttle and, as always, minutes will be available to SFSFS members on request (as soon as Judy writes them up). No list of highlights would be complete, however, without mentioning VINCE MIRANDA's multi-media presentation on the origins of cinematic space opera. His talk was as informative as it was enjoyable and, although I did not get a chance to see the video section, a Highly Placed Source tells me that it was well-received by all. Multo grazi, Vincenzo!

Spring fever was definitely in the air as fresh ideas began shooting forth from the assembled fertile imaginations and members worked feverishly to form Committees. Committees (and ideas) include:

CLUBZINE COMMITTEE

Chris Ceraolo	Pam Parsons
Diane Farnsworth	Ray Rotroff
Domenick Fraumeni	Joe Siclari
Sandy Fulbright	Becky Spurlock

The Clubzine is the showcase for SFSFS writing and/or artwork. Stories, cartoons, poetry, con reports, and other creative, non-newsy, contributions will be included. Still needs a name!

FILKSINGING COMMITTEE

Dina Pearlman & Edie Stern, Co-Chairs		
Judy Bemis	Sandy Fulbright	Ray Rotroff
Chris Ceraolo	Sabrina Jarema	Becky Spurlock
Diane Farnsworth	Tony Parker	Doug Wu
Domenick Fraumeni	Pam Parsons	

Filksinging is: Vince Miranda's favorite art form; the fine art of setting new words to old tunes or creating all-new musical masterpieces; preferably with an SF/fannish slant; preferably shared with other filkers; preferably out of range of Vince Miranda's hearing.

MEETINGS COMMITTEE Becky Peters, Chair

Chris Ceraolo	Joe Siclari
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The Meetings Committee arranges locations and refreshments for the monthly SFSFS meetings and is ABSOLUTELY VITAL to our well-being. (Yay, refreshments!)

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Peg Dolan	Domenick Fraumeni
Diane Farnsworth	Becky Novak

The MDC lets people know about SFSFS, brings in new members, develops and distributes informational material, and, in general, promotes the club. Actually, gang, we are ALL on this committee informally.

NEWSZINE COMMITTEE Nancy Atherton, Chair
Judy Bemis Tony Parker

What's a newszine? You're looking at one. The Shuttle is the club's bulletin board and carries items such as meeting announcements, classified ads, con listings, dates, places, times; info on other SF events, clubs, etc.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE Vincent Miranda, Chair
Jeff Allen Diane Farnsworth Joe Siclari
Chris Ceraolo Domenick Fraumeni

These folks put together the programs for the monthly meetings, including guest speakers, discussion groups, films, workshops, etc.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE Sue Trautman, Chair
Domenick Fraumeni Joe Siclari
Pam Parsons Kathy Wu

Plans and coordinates Special Events (surprise!) such as SFSFS outings to the Kennedy Space Center, the Planetarium, MetroZoo, the Moon, Alpha Centauri, etc.

TROPICON COMMITTEE
Jeff Allen Sandy Fulbright Pam Parsons
Judy Bemis Vince Miranda Ray Rotroff
Diane Farnsworth Becky Novak Sue Trautman
Domenick Fraumeni Tony Parker Doug Wu

Tropicon IV is a SFSFS-sponsored SF convention, to be held Dec. 6,7 & 8, 1985 in Ft. Lauderdale.

If you missed the April meeting --- or missed the sign-up sheet as it made the rounds --- DON'T PANIC!!! There's room on the Committees for one and all, and the more ideas, the better. The April meeting was very hectic, very exciting, and ---if we do what we say we're going to do--- very productive. I'm looking forward to hearing everyone's reports at the May meeting. Clubzine gotta name yet?

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