

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

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

DECEMBER MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Sunday, December 15, at the Broward County Main Library, in downtown Ft. Lauderdale.

Address: 100 South Andrews Ave.

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: 357-7444

Time: 2:00 pm

Directions: Take I-95 to Broward Blvd. Go east on Broward to Andrews Ave. The library is the 8-story, terraced building one block south of Broward. PARK in the Public Parking Garage directly to the east of the library.

Program: SARAH CLEMENS will present a program on Fantasy Art. We also plan to hold a lively ~~gripe session~~ discussion entitled, "TROPICON IV: Where Did We Go Wrong and Right?" All weapons must be checked at the door (especially those worn by concom members . . .)

HEEEEEERE'S TROPICON!!! TROPICON IV, the South Florida Science Fiction Convention, is almost at hand. For those of you who have been vacationing in Luna City, TROPICON IV will be held Dec. 6-8, at the Holiday Inn - Fort Lauderdale West (Commercial & 441). It is the premiere event of the SFSFS year and EVERYONE IS INVITED! See p. 3 for juicy details and last page for TROPICON IV Registration Form.

DUES ARE STILL DUE In other words, TANSTAAFSFSFS! All 1985 SFSFS memberships expire Dec. 31, 1985. Dues for 1986 are due Jan. 1, 1986 (\$10 General, \$15 Regular). Feel free to renew in advance (at meetings, TROPICON IV, or through the mail). A renewal form is included in this Shuttle. GENERAL MEMBERS: please read SPECIAL NOTE by renewal form before filling it out!

NAG, NAG, NAG I promise to stop just as soon as all membership surveys are in our grubby little fists. We need this info for the Membership Directory. And we'd really like to get the MD out to you before the Millennium. PLEASE fill in and return your survey to the SFSFS address. If you need another blank form, call JUDY BEMIS at 391-4380. THANKS to everyone who has done so already!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (your editor speaks) Many thanks to sub. ed. JUDY BEMIS for piloting the Shuttle while I was at Windycon. Great job, Judy!

One of the nice things about being away is coming back again. As I stood there at the Picnic, surrounded by club members, I realized how good it felt to be back in your company, seeing your smiling faces and hearing your laugh-filled rapid chatter. So, before I get swept away in the rush of TROPICON IV, I'd like to pause a moment and say thanks to you all for being such terrific people; for making SFSFS a very special place to be. Mercy buckets, mes amis!

[And I mean it, Judy --- if you don't give that key back, I'll HAVE YOUR EARS!!!]

DISCOUNT CORNER SFSFS members will receive a 10% discount on purchases when they present their membership cards at:

THE PERFECT CRIME

Gateway Shopping Center

1958 E. Sunrise Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale

764-2525

Mon. - Sat. 10am - 5pm

The Holidays are coming --- are you ready for them? Your club discount will make this gift-giving season a snap! Stop by THE PERFECT CRIME and find the Perfect Presents for all the book-lovers in your life!

THE ARTISTIC ALIEN ARRIVES Break out the champagne and pile on the congrats: SFSFS member JOSE SANCHEZ has launched v. 1, no. 1 of his artizine, The Artistic Alien. As the title indicates, it is a showcase of SF and Fantasy artwork done by a number of artistic aliens including our own PHIL TORTORICI. For more info on The Artistic Alien, write:

The Artistic Alien

Jose Sanchez, ed.

5915 SW 7th St.

Miami FL 33144

THE INVISIBLE ACTIFAN JOSE SANCHEZ has been one of the most enthusiastic and active members of the club since he joined, submitting lots of illos for the Clubzine, the Shuttle, and the TROPICON IV Program Book. So why is he never at the monthly meetings? Simple: NO TRANSPORT! If you can give Jose a lift to meetings (and TROPICON IV?! ) please write to him at the above address. He will be ecstatic and we will all finally get to meet the man behind the pen!

THE BEST The Sept. 22 issue of the Miami Herald's Tropics magazine named Hittel's Book Store as THE BEST used bookstore in South Florida!!! Which should make us all proud, as its owner, ROB HITTEL, is a fellow SFSFS member. The Best Used Bookstore can be found at 3020 N. Federal Hwy. in Ft. Lauderdale.

The same article cited HOT DOG HEAVEN (101 E. Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale) as having THE BEST hot dogs in South Florida! Which tickles your editor pink, as it is owned and operated by her husband, MARC STAR!

It is astounding how the Miami Herald unerringly put its finger on the Favorite Fannish Pasttimes of reading and eating!

CONGRATS CONTINUE to CHRIS CERAOLO, whose first submission ever was accepted by the fanzine Southern Knights. And now, the question on everyone's lips: Will success spoil Chris Ceraolo? More importantly: Which third of her story did they accept? !?

DOWN BUT NOT OUT BILL WILSON was hospitalized earlier this month, but was feeling well enough by the time of the Picnic to brave the waves in one of the ships in the SFSFS Armada. Then again, maybe it was all those painkillers . . .

TROPICON IV - JUICY DETAILS Have you purchased your TROPICON IV membership yet? If you don't, here's just a peek at what you'll miss:

ROBERT BLOCH - Guest of Honor and author of Psycho;

MICHAEL WHELAN - Winner of six Hugo awards as

Best Professional Artist;

SOMTOW SUCHARITKUL - Author of Mallworld and the Inquestor trilogy;

TIM SULLIVAN - Author of the "V" novels, The Florida Project and The New England Resistance;

and many other interesting and delightful guests. You'll also miss the film and video program, the Art Show (with a special display of Whelan prints), the panel discussion, author's readings, writer's workshop, Banquet . . . what are you waiting for? Send in your TROPICON IV Registration Form today! PLEASE

NOTE: SFSFS membership DOES NOT include TROPICON IV membership!

TROPICOUNTDOWN UNDER WAY The last meeting of the TROPICON IV Committee will be held Sat., Nov. 30, at 1 pm at the Siclari/Stern residence in Boca Raton. Please refer to previous Shuttles or call Chairman Joe for directions.

392-6462

TROPICRASH SPACE NEEDED The following Nice People would like to share hotel costs at TROPICON IV:

Diane Farnsworth 965-2657

Sandi March 253-7270

Wanna save bucks on room rates? Call these folks SOON !

CLUBZINE UNVEILED It is Sunday, Nov. 10, 1985. The clocks show 1:10 pm. PAM PARSONS rises above the murmuring crowd on a dais of ebony and gold (okay, so she climbed up on a picnic table . . .). Pam raises her hand to speak. Boldly, bravely, with a serene majesty all her own, she makes the thrilling announcement: "The name of the Clubzine is . . .

SOLSTICE!"

She flourishes the cover, done by GAIL BENNETT, and the crowd goes wild with joy and relief. They have a zine of their own, with a name of its own, and a cover illo magnificent enough to make da Vinci envious. They will not have to live with The SFSFS Potato; Pam has a perfectly good excuse to pub the zine only twice a year; and they all send in submissions happily ever after.

WINNER REVEALED The winner of the Name-the-Clubzine contest, the brilliantly inventive member who submitted the incredibly appropriate, catchy, yet dignified, title, is none other than, er, um, . . . me, NANCY ATHERTON. Guess I'd better rephrase that, huh, gang? Would it help if I mentioned the blank check I enclosed with my submission? GANG?!?

SUN RISES ON SOLSTICE A Solstice party will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 pm, at the home of JUDY BEMIS and TONY PARKER, in Boca Raton. This will be the Big Push to get the first issue of Solstice collated, addressed and mailed before TROPICON IV. This will also be a lot of fun. Call Judy at 391-4380 for directions to her home. (If Judy ever takes over editorship, will she call herself "Judy Sun-Bemis"? Oooh, sorry . . .)

HAVE VAN, NEED DRIVER Help! JOHN MURPHY needs someone to drive him and his wheelchair to meetings. His van is a home way from home, with an automatic transmission and power-everything. The driver would have to have insurance similar to that needed when renting a car. PLEASE let John know you're willing to lend a hand. Call him at 467-6467 and LEAVE A MESSAGE. John will return your call promptly.

D-DAY PLANNED KAT MAX and RICHARD KLEIN plan to hold a Doctor Who Day at their home in Boca Raton. Activities so far include a videofest and a Doctor Who role-playing game. Ideas? Suggestions? Call them at 391-6576. Please let the phone ring a long time. I guess these two tend to trip over their scarves a lot.

MURDER MOST FUN TERI WALD will host a Murder Party at her home in Coral Gables on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 8 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and help discover who killed whom and why. Should be a blood-curdlingly good time. Call Teri at 441-1817 to let her know you're coming and to get directions to her home.

NOVEMBER MEETING REVISITED The First Annual SFSFS Picnic and Rain Shelter Dash was a resounding success, due in great part to the efforts of Picnic organizer, SUE TRAUTMAN. Thirty-two sentient beings homed in on the SFSFS beacon --- or followed the copious smoke-signals from the barbecue --- for a full day of festivities at Quiet Waters Park. The Rain Shelter Dash was cancelled, however, due to lack of precipitation. IT WAS A GORGEOUS DAY! (How did you manage that, Sue?)

No official business meeting was held, so minutes will NOT be available to SFSFS members upon request. (I've waited all year to say that . . .)

TROPICON T-shirts in abundance were a pleasant sight beside the lake, as were the seldom-seen, but always welcome, faces of JACK WEAVER and ROB HITTEL (with mucho adorable son JOHN toddling along). MIKE COWART brought a dramatic flair to the art of frisbee-throwing and GREG ZENTZ introduced a variation on the sport, known as "frisbee-splashing."

The picnic tables groaned under the weight of an assortment of incredible edibles and members groaned with dismay as they were held hostage by a pair of tone-deaf wandering minstrels, who finally wandered away, thank Apollo. JUDY BEMIS helped keep the hot dogs and hamburgers flowing, while BECKY PETERS, resplendant in her sunhat, discovered the joys of ice-cold chocolate fudge soda.

The SFSFS Armada was launched by those intrepid sailors CHRIS CERAOLO, PAM PARSONS, BILL WILSON, DOMENIC FRAUMENI, JOE SICLARI, EDIE STERN, DANNY SICLARI, PEGGY GEMIGNANI, and His Magnifitude, VINCENT MIRANDA. Buckles were swashed and cries of "Avast, ye blighters!" competed with those of "Get your oar out of my nose!"

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL GENERAL MEMBERS OF SFSFS General Members who have been active in SFSFS for at least 6 months and who have attended at least 3 meetings may apply for Regular Member status. Applications for Regular Member status will be voted upon no later than the second meeting following the date the application is received by the Secretary. A conversion fee of \$5.00 will be due no later than the second meeting following the date the application is approved.

SFSFS  
Annual Membership Renewal Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check where appropriate:     General (\$10.00)  
    I would like to apply for Regular Member status.  
    Regular (\$15.00)

Please renew my membership in the South Florida Science Fiction Society.  
My check for 1986 dues is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Please make checks payable to: The South Florida SF Society.  
Mail to: SFSFS, 4599 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33431.

TROPICON IV REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for TROPICON IV. My payment is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the items circled below:

3-Day Membership: \$15.00  
Banquet Ticket: \$17.50 **MUST** be purchased by December 5!!

Art Show:            \$15.00    \_\_\_\_\_ full panel  
                             \$10.00    \_\_\_\_\_ half panel  
                             \$7.50     \_\_\_\_\_ quarter panel

Make checks payable to: South Florida SF Society  
Mail to: Joe Siclari, 4599 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33431

Faint, illegible text at the top of the page, possibly a header or introductory paragraph.

Second section of faint, illegible text, appearing to be a list or series of entries.

Third section of faint, illegible text, continuing the list or series of entries.

Fourth section of faint, illegible text, possibly a concluding paragraph or footer.

November Meeting cont'd TERE WALD headed the Hug Patrol and KAT MAX, RICHARD KLEIN, JOHN MURPHY, TONY PARKER, DIANE FARNSWORTH, BECKY NOVAK, BRIAN TRAUTMAN, and DINA and HILARY PEARLMAN added their special touch of good cheer to a day that was already full of sunshine.

PEGGY ANN DOLAN recorded the proceedings for posterity with her trusty camera (and reports that the negatives will be available . . . for a price). And NANCY ATHERTON, as usual, found herself out on a limb.

A splendid time was had by all. It was particularly heart-warming to see the old members instructing the new on how to use the zero-g facilities. If you missed the Picnic, don't worry: zero-g sessions will be available at TROPICON IV. SEE YOU THERE!!!

GOING CONS

TROPICON IV	Dec. 6-8	Holiday Inn - Fort Lauderdale West
TROPICON IV	Dec. 6-8	Holiday Inn - Fort Lauderdale West
TROPICON IV	Dec. 6-8	Holiday Inn - Fort Lauderdale West
TROPICON IV	Dec. 6-8	Holiday Inn - Fort Lauderdale West
TROPICON IV	Dec. 6-8	Holiday Inn - Fort Lauderdale West

That's TROPICON IV, Dec. 6-8, at the Holiday Inn - Fort Lauderdale West, 5100 N. State Road 7 (US 441 and Commercial Blvd.). Reserve your room today!

CONTACT! The following items were sent to SFSFS by clubs and cons around the country and are available to any member who wishes to peruse their pages:

Transmissions, v. 9, nos. 1-3 - Clubzine of Nova Odysseus. (How about bringing some copies of A Guide to the Commonwealth to TROPICON IV?)

SF Convention Register, Oct-Nov 1985 - Bimonthly compilation of convention listings edited by Erwin S. Straus (aka Filthy Pierre).

The Artistic Alien, v.1, no. 1 - Monthly (?) artzine published by SFSFS member Jose Sanchez.

Instant Message, no. 390 - Bimonthly newszine of the New England Science Science Fiction Society.

SHUTTLE CREDITS Editor: Nancy Atherton; E-Stencils: Joe Siclari; Press Gang: Judy Bemis, Chief Gangster and Gangsters-at-Large, Tony Parker, Kat Max, Richard Klein, Pam Parsons.

---

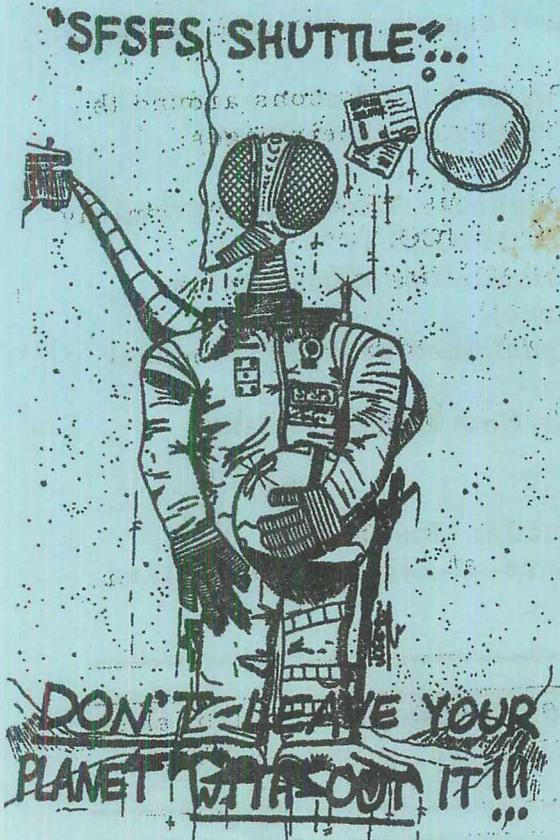
The South Florida Science Fiction Society is a non-profit organization established for literary and educational purposes. For more information, write: SFSFS, 4599 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33431.

---

AT-A-GLANCE

B.O. D. meeting	Nov. 12	7:30pm	Boca Raton
Teri Wald's Murder Party	Nov. 23	8:00pm	Coral Gables
Solstice Collating Party	Nov. 24	2:00pm	Boca Raton
TROPICON IV meeting	Nov. 30	1:00pm	Boca Raton

TROPICON IV*****	Dec. 6-8****	HOLIDAY INN-FORT LAUDERDALE WEST	
Filksinging Committee meeting - at TROPICON IV	Dec. 6	HOLIDAY INN-FORT LAUDERDALE WEST	
SFSFS monthly meeting	Dec. 15	2:00pm	Fort Lauderdale
Alfred Bester's birthday	Dec. 18		
Bob Shaw's birthday	Dec. 31		



SFSFS, 4599 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton FL 33431

Joe Siclari & Edie Stern  
4599 N. W. 5th Ave.  
Boca Raton, FL  
33431