

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

APRIL MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Saturday, April 11, at the Broward Game Players Club in Hollywood.

Address: 7619 Davie Road Extension

Phone: 435-2832

Time: 7 PM (meet-to-eat at 6 PM)

Directions: Take I-95 to Sterling Road. Go west on Sterling to Davie Road Extension (the intersection has a McDonalds, a Mobil Station, & a Winn Dixie). Turn left onto Davie Road Extension. Follow it for about one mile as it curves southwest. The Game Players Club is on the righthand side of the road in a small shopping plaza with a "Plaza 76" sign. The club is the 2nd store from the back. Buzz the buzzer to be let in.

Program: "SF BBSing: How to Get a Handle on the System." An introduction to Computer Bulletin Board Systems, and how to use them to communicate with science fiction fan nationwide. Presented by BILL WILSON, JAY PACKLICK, & BRUCE FELDMAN.

SNEAK PREVIEW OF FUTURE MEETINGS May 9th: Novelist & freelance writer GINGER CURRY at a Boca Raton location to be announced by JOE SICLARI. / June 13th: "The Well-Read Fan, Part IV" by JOE SICLARI & EDIE STERN, at the Broward Game Players Club.

TO BOLDLY GO where no baby has gone before! Straight into the arms of proud mama BARBARA and papa PHIL TORTORICI!!! Bouncing baby NICHOLAS SCOTT arrived March 10, tipping the scales at 5 pounds, 10 ounces, and dazzling all present with his wit, charm, and eloquence. The Shuttle tips its wings to salute the new arrival and beams multiple congrats to the proud parents.

NEWS ITEM PAM & HANK got married Friday 3/20. [The opportunity for embellishment here would be much too good to pass up if I wasn't in such a hurry to get this to Bill before Christmas. As it is, all the Shuttle can do is dip a quick wing and beam fond wishes for a bright future to both of you!]

NEEP-NEEPS UNITE The first meeting of the Computer Committee will be held on Sat. April 4 at 4:00 pm at BRUCE FELDMAN'S house at 3140 NE 11 Terrace in Pompano. There will be a demo of some computer graphics after the meeting. For information and directions, please call 781-0736. If you own a Commodore 64 you may want to bring a blank disk.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (your editor speaks) But not for long! Because your humble editor is dashing off this hastily scribbled Shuttle hastily in order to get it out before Bastille Day. She is, therefore, including the bits & dribbles given to Mr. Jay at the March meeting AS WRITTEN. Ha! Now you'll get to see what Shuttle editors are faced with every month! And a gallant crew they are! Thanks for February, CAROL!! Gotta run!

DISCOUNT CORNER SFSFS members will receive \$5.00 off regular yearly membership dues of the Broward Game Players Club -- one year for \$25.00 -- when they apply for membership at:
Broward Game Players Club
7619 Davie Road Extension
Hollywood FL 33024

SOFTWARE CELLAR, located at 50 E. Oakland Park Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334, will give 25% off on retail to card-carrying SFSFS members. Phone: 563-0333.

COA's

KAT MAX & RICHARD KLEIN, 8949 NW 9th Place, Plantation FL 33324
Phone: 472-5298

BRUCE FELDMAN, 3140 NE 11th Terrace, Pompano FL 33064
Phone: 781-0736

HANK HEATH & PAM PARSONS, P.O. Box 292890, Davie FL 33329

KAT MAX, RICHARD KLEIN, CAROL GIBSON, LINDA HILL, JOHN FAST, The Realm, 8949 NW 19th Place, Plantation Fl 33324. Phone: 472-5298.

CARLA LYNNE NELSON, 1612 Osprey Lane, Lutz FL 33549.

NANCY, PLEASE CHECK ALL SPELLING MEDIA RESEARCH - The next exciting meeting will be held at the Realm (A.K.A. Rich, Kat, John, Linda, and Carol's residence) 8949 NW 9th PL, Plantation, on April 24, 1987 at 7:30 pm (Friday). The presentation will be the Twilight Zone episode "A Matter of Time" and for the main feature, Time After Time. Discussion will be on "Anacronism . . . Morality of the Present Tense." Work on production of SFSFS's first video, "The Sisuphys Stone" is on the move. Parts in this film are still open, including cameraman, extras, etc. This is an opportunity for the acting hams, serious performers, or anyone curious about film production to join in their own club's presentation. For more information call RICH KLEIN at 472-5298.

THE RETURN OF THE GAMERS The move is on and our gallant crew (or a good portion of them) have joined together at the New Realm, 8949 NW 9th PL, Plantation. The meetings will be held on Saturdays at 1:00 pm through the month of April. Any ideas for games, characters, etc. will be discussed at this time. For more info call KAT MAX at 472-5298 (after 8 on weeknights.)

CREATIVE WRITING COMMITTEE has its First Official Meeting at 2:00 PM on Sunday April 12th, at the home of Jay Packlick: 650 E. Melrose Circle, Ft. Lauderdale. Directions: Go north from Davie Blvd. at SW 35th Ave. (opposite the PUBLIX) to Melrose Circle. Turn right and it's the 10th house on your right. All planning to attend should bring with them at least two pages of fiction/prose written between now and the meeting (BYOM). For more information, contact Capt. Zero-G himself at 583-8739.

PUNCH EJECT "I regret to inform the Club that due to my inability to get to meetings on a regular basis, other projects, and a general lack of interest, I have withdrawn my offer to provide duplicate audio tapes as of January 1, 1987. Sorry, guys!" sez JOHN MURPHY.

NEW HOME FOR TROPICON VI!!! TROPICON VI, the South Florida Science Fiction Convention, has found a new home at the Holiday Inn-Oceanside, on the beach in Fort "Where the Fans Are" Lauderdale. Room rates are \$42/night (1-4 beings!) and Banquet tickets are \$19.00 (more-than-you-can-eat buffet).

APRIL SHOWERS BRING fresh ideas to the next TROPICON VI munchie meeting on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 PM at NANCY ATHERTON'S digs in Hallandale. Yes, I'm moving the meetings around to different days, to give everyone a chance to attend. Bring a friend. And your dinner. For directions, call Nancy at 458-8177.

THE CONCOM THUS FAR . . . When we last left TROPICON VI, we had a Chairperson (Nancy Atherton) and a bunch of flamingo feathers. As of the March meeting, the concom formed itself into something that looks like this:

Treasurer	PEGGY ANN DOLAN
Art Show	BECKY PETERS
Dealers Room	GAIL BENNETT
Registration	CAROL GIBSON & LINDA HILL
ConSuite	JUDY BEMIS
Costume Party	PEGGY GEMIGNANI
Gaming	KAT MAX
Publicity	CAROL PORTER
Programming	JOE SICLARI & EDIE STERN
Program Book	GAIL BENNETT
Progress Report	JAY PACKLICK
Trivia Contest	BILL WILSON
Video/Film	??????????????

Congratulations, TROPICON! A winning team if I ever saw one!

FROM FRANNY'S FILKY FILES March 14th found about 9 or 10 SFSFS'rs at BECKY PETER'S apartment, singing their little hearts out. Not as large a group as usual, but a spirited bunch. Chuck and I were late, as usual (it's getting to be a bad habit), but noone complained, thank goodness. There were only two instrumentalists there (if you don't count the kazoo players). DINA was sorely missed. It's pretty important to this guitar player to have plenty of help . . . it saves the fingers, especially since none of us practice in between sessions. And each of us has his own inimitable style, and favorite songs. However, we kept the music rolling, singing from the prepared packets of favorites, and newer songbooks. The latest favorites are "Never Set the Cat on Fire", by Frank Hayes, and "Carmen Miranda's Ghost", by Leslie Fish.

By the way, what would it take to start up a Filk Guest of Honor at Tropiccon? I'd love to hear and see Leslie Fish, Frank Hayes, or Bill Sutton (he lives in Atlanta). Anyone else have any favorites they's like to hear? We could probably get them for transportation and room expenses. I might even be talked into helping out with some of the expenses (I'll do most anything to expand my filk collection). Just thought I'd throw that out there, and see how people feel.

Hope to see you at the next Filksing . . . By the way, when is the next one?

--- FRANNY

MURPHYMOBILE SEEKS PILOT JOHN MURPHY needs a driver to get him and his van to meetings. The van is all-automatic, a breeze to drive, and luxuriously comfortable. It also seats 5 in addition to John & driver, so you can CAR POOL! If you can lend a hand, give John a call at 467-6467 and leave a message on John's answering machine. He will return your call promptly.

IT'S A CONSPIRACY! A local travel agent is preparing a group package for reduced airfares to London for Conspiracy (World Science Fiction Convention in Brighton). We need a minimum of 10 travelers to make a group rate possible. If you are seriously interested, please contact GAIL BENNETT (584-4258) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MARCH OF DIMES GAIL BENNETT is walking in the March of Dimes walk-a-thon on April 4th and would like sponsors. Please call her at 584-4258 if you'd like to support this worthy cause.

WHAT A CARD! New membership cards are in and will be sent out with this Shuttle.

TIME FOR A CHANGE The deadline for changes in membership profile for the Membership Directory is the end of April. Mail any changes you'd like made directly to Judy Bemis, 1745 NW 4th Ave., Boca Raton FL 33432.

HELP! BILL WILSON needs assistance in mailing publicity notices to news/cable tv/etc. after each monthly meeting (to announce the next meeting). SFSFS will reimburse all those who help in the way of stamps and _ _ _ _ _ favors.

MEDIA RERUNS Ten people met at the Media Research Committee meeting and discussed A Clockwork Orange, mind control, etc.

MARCH MEETING REVISITED Eighteen members and 5 guests attended the SFSFS monthly business meeting. Minutes will be available to SFSFS members on request from JUDY BEMIS. Secretary JUDY BEMIS reported a total membership number of 75, including new General Member LYNN MURPHY. (Sorry, Lynn, no time for zero-g intructions. Can you hold on till next month?)

PROGRAM: A member of the Broward Futurist Society, a local chapter of the World Futurist Society, discussed the future. The electronics revolution, biotechnology, micro electronics, nuclear and other weapons technology, the growing gap between rich and poor nations, changing roles within our society, the video revolution, global economics, pollution, overpopulation, and at least two or three other subjects were presented from the point of view of the BFS and prompted a lively, sometimes heated, debate from attending SFSFS members. On the whole, a thought-provoking program.

The BFS is planning an adult education course "Rapids of Change" at BCC north campus and would like to know if any SFSFS members would like to assist in planning a future fair. If so, give BILL WILSON a call and he will tell you how to contact the BFS.

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GOING CONS

Corflu	April 3-5	Cincinnati OH -
Fanzine convention		Covington KY
Disclave '87	May 22-24	Washington, D.C.
Deepsouthcon	June 11-13	Huntsville AL
Westercon	July 2-6	Oakland CA
Conspiracy	Aug 27-Sep 2	Brighton, England
45th World Science Fiction Convention		
CactusCon	Sep 5-8	Phoenix AZ
1987 NASFIC		
ArmadilloCon	Oct 9-11	Austin TX
RovaCon	Oct 9-11	Salem VA
Necronomicon	Oct 16-18	Tampa
TROPICON VI	Dec. 4-6	Deerfield Beach FL

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

Stone Hill Launch Times, v. 1, no. 2 - Tampa club's publication

The NASFA Shuttle - Entertaining monthly newsletter of the North Alabama SF Assn, Inc.

Instant Message, no. 416 - Bi-monthly newszine of the New England Science Fiction Assn.

FOSFAX, no. 113, Jan 1987 - Monthly newszine from the Falls of the Ohio SF Assn., Louisville KY.

Westwind, Feb 1987 - Newszine of the Northwest SF Society.

Transmissions, v. 10, nos. 10&11 - United Gulf Coast Fandom's newsletter.

Robots & Roadrunners - Fanzine from Alexander Slate of San Antonio TX.

Insider, March 87 - Monthly newsletter from the St. Louis SF Society.

Anvil, #43 - Fanzine from Charlotte Proctor.

Progress Report - Midsouthcon 6, Memphis TN, March 27-29 1987. Lucy Synk Artist GDH.

ONE LAST NOTE Your editor just heard today of the death of JOE SICLARI's father. On behalf of the club, I send sincere sympathy to Joe and his family during this difficult time.

SHUTTLE CREDITS Editor: N.T. Atherton and a host of note-scribbling club members, foremost among whom is, with many blessings on his head, JAY PACKLICK:

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Apr. 4	March of Dime Walk-a-Thon	Sponsor GAIL BENNETT!
Apr. 4	Computer Committee	4 pm Pompano Beach
Apr. 9	TROPICON VI MEETING	6:30 pm Hallandale
Apr. 11	MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING	7 pm Hollywood
Apr. 12	Creative Writing	2 pm Ft. Lauderdale
Apr. 24	Media Research	7:30 pm Plantation
Saturdays in April	Gaming	1 pm Plantation
Apr. 30	Deadline for changes in Membership Directory (p. 4).	

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