

Editorial

On 1983 Dec 17, Lamar Waldron and Rod Whigham were at the Science Fiction & Mystery Bookstore on Highland Avenue, just North of Ponce de Leon autographing LIGHTRUNNER. The shop has a good run of English SF paperbacks that might be worth looking at. I will be leaving extra copies of ASFOAWN with them, so that fans will be able to find it when they need it.

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I have gotten a new computer, a KayPro, to replace my old Osborne. I also got a new printer, so that is why ASFOAWN has been looking a little different. The type is a bit more compressed, which means that I can get more junk in less space and save printing and postage costs.

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Richard Louis Newman (411 Shamrock Road, Brandon, FL 33511) wrote SIEGE OF ORBITOR by Leisure Books in 1980. He is now doing some fan publishing and is looking for stories of 15,000 to 20,000 words to print. The arrangement will be on a royalty basis, and only a few hundred copies will be published once or twice a year. At this point, no body will get rich but he hopes that he can turn this venture into something. Richard promises a reply to every submission. Do not forget to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE).

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As a passing thought, you might actually want to pay for your ASFOAWN subscription. I am asking \$3.00 per year, which is absurd on the face of it. I pay about \$13.00 per issue per month in postage for a total of \$156.00 per year. My printing costs vary, but we can figure it is about \$70.00 per issue for a total of \$840.00. That gives a total of at least \$ 996.00 per year to run this thing. I have 254 subscribers, so my cost is \$3.92 per person. In short, even if you deadbeats out there send in \$3.00, I will still lose about a dollar per person per year. I have enclosed a reply envelope and a subscription blank for your use. Make the checks and money orders out to Joe Celko, and do it soon. Those few of you who have paid for your subscriptions or who have sent contributions, bless you and you can ignore this whole paragraph.

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As another passing thought, this year I have been yelled at for misspelling names, including defunct organizations in the calendar, doing late mailings and messing up convention listings. I have been accused of favoring one convention over another, favoring one party in a fan feud over another, and favoring one fandom over another. On the other hand, when he was co-editor, Brad Linaweaver remarked that he thought I was too mild in making judgements about people. There is a certain perverse joy in all of this.

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Does anyone out there want to contribute their time and about \$500 to become co-editor? No? Okay, how about just doing up some articles for me? Brad and Chris Mills had some good interviews in 1983. Patsy Williams has sent me B&W photos; I wish I had the cash to run more of them. Irv Koch has helped stuff envelopes, and providing material. It is really easy on get on the "staff" of ASFOAWN; mail me something or showup at one of my little parties and type it into the computer directly.

Letters

Dear ASFOAWN:

Does Georgia have 29 "extra" fans? According to a study I made of the 1981 FANDOM DIRECTORY (sample size 713 of 8,000 entries, fan defined as someone who listed three or more interests), Georgia had 44 out of 713 fans, which is 29 more than predicted by the US and Canada average density (1970 census would give $713 / 224,600,000 = 15$ persons). I tend to believe this number is skewed (too many) because of the distribution pattern of SF as a whole -- Georgia is 44 (29 too many), Florida is 16 (6 too few), Alabama is 11 (on the money!), Mississippi is 5 (2 too few), Tennessee is 8 (4 too few), North Carolina is 26 (10 too many) and South Carolina is 5 (3 too few). On the other hand, Virginia, which could be considered part of the Southeast also was skewed at 75, which is 60 too many. Are the 29 extra fans a statistical anomaly or is Georgia really the "fan hub" of the Southeast.

--Joel West--

--Houston, TX--

[I have compiled a list of 26 local fans whom I consider to be statistical anomalies and I am making arrangements for their transport to Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, and South Carolina. Sorry for all the trouble, and we promise not to let our quota situation get out of hand again.]

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Dear Brad:

Thanks for your note and the enclosure of the article! I love the cover illustration! Grrreat! As you say, the darned article reads very well, considering how we did the project! I am deeply grateful because of your caring and doing in my behalf. I shall treasure this! Best in the summer and autumn just ahead!

--Ray Bradbury--

[This note was in regard to our interview in a prior issue, which Brad Linaweaver did]

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Dear ASFOAWN:

keep up the great work with the newsletter. It is the only way I can keep up on all the cons and meetings since I keep losing the flyers! I really appreciate the copy of "Xignals" since I am such a big fan of Marion Zimmer Bradley and of Darkover. Looking to seeing you and everybody else at Chattoon!

--Terri Woods--

[Thanks for the Christmas card and the subscription money. Bring your bikini to Chattoon and I'll show my appreciation in the jacuzzi -- Celko]

Calendar

GROUP: Atlanta Science Fiction (dis)Organization (ASFO).
CONTACT: Joe Celko, Box 10558, Atlanta, GA 30310. home: (404) 373-1801.

WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Jan 29 about 12:30 hrs at 402 Lakeshore. Lakeshore connects Ponce de Leon and McLendon, McLendon goes to Little Five Points. My house sits near Lake Claire Park.

WHAT: Usually a Sunday brunch with booze and omelets. I also try to get people to type in stuff for ASFOAWN. In the summer, we play in the garden hose. Thanks to the weather conditions, we will have hot chocolate, rum toddies and music.

GROUP: Atlanta SF Club, Inc. (ASFiC)
CONTACT: Angela Howell, 959 Waverly Court #A, Norcross, GA 30071 OR call Dr. No's bookstore and ask anyone.
COST: Club membership is \$10.00 per year dues, includes a newsletter.

WHEN & WHERE #1: 1984 Jan 1 at the Northlake Hilton in the Chandler suite.

COST #1: Admission is \$3.00 per single and \$5.00 per couple. This open to all fans and other groups.

WHEN & WHERE #2: 1984 Jan 21 for regular meeting at the YMCA at 100 Clairmont Road in Decatur. Starts at 20:00 hrs but people get there about 19:00 hrs when the doors open. The third Saturday of the month is the normal meeting date.

GROUP: Ne'at Hold of Atlanta
CONTACT: Rich Howell, Lord Holder, 959 Waverly Ct #A, Norcross, GA 30071.

WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Jan ?? Meetings are usually on the fourth Saturday of each month.

WHAT: Promote Anne McCaffrey's works.

GROUP: The Alternative Factor
CONTACT: Damon Hill (acting president), 3261 Circle Oak Dr NW, Atlanta, GA 30339 phone: (404) 432-0245. Becky Williams (secretary-treasurer) 589 Bonaventure Ave #B, Atlanta, GA 30306 phone (404) 876-0457.

WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Jan ??

WHAT: General purpose discussion group, excuse for a party, and whatever.

GROUP: Atlanta Star Trek Society
CONTACT: Owen Ogletree Jr, 345 Brannon Rd, McDonough, GA 30253 phone (404) 957-3522.

WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Jan ??

WHAT: ??

GROUP: The Atlanta Star Trek Realist Association

CONTACT: Marcia ??

WHEN & WHERE: Agnes Scott College and homes of members.

COST: \$5.00 per year, which includes a newsletter.

WHAT: Star Trek Discussion group with video and wargames subgroups.

GROUP: Psi Phi (Emory Univ SF & F Club)

CONTACT: Psi Phi (put no other name on address), Box 21205 Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322 phone: (404) 633-9251

WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Jan ??

WHAT: Emory University SF group, but they allow visitors.

GROUP: Space Atlanta

CONTACT: Calvin Bobbitt, 2947 Main St, East Point, GA 30344
WHEN & WHERE: 1983 Jan 26 at the Georgia Tech Library, Room 107 at 1900 hrs. Meets on the last Thursday of each month.
WHAT: One to two hour meetings on space exploration.

GROUP: Barony of South Downs (Atlanta) of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

CONTACT: Wilho N. Suominen Jr, 1617 Bussell Place, Norcross, GA 30093 phone (404) 449-1469.

WHEN & WHERE: Regular weekly meetings are every Wednesday 19:30 hrs on the third floor (usually room 316, but ask the guard if in doubt) of the Georgia Avenue Community Center on Hill St. Use the Hill Street Exit off of I-20 and drive South.

WHAT: On alternate weeks there are business meetings plus a class. Other weeks are "Arts & Sciences." They also have "events" which tend to be at campsites. Their local newsletter is \$5 per year from Wilho N. Suominen Jr, 1617 Bussell Place, Norcross, GA 30093 phone: (404) 449-1469 OR Nancy Fabian, 795 Lancelot Dr, Norcross, GA 30071 phone: (404) 443-2300

GROUP: L5 Society

CONTACT: Bill Gardiner, 624 Camelot Dr, College Park, GA 30337; home: 766-6821 and work: 761-2414 OR Darrell Preble, 343 Canterbury Dr, Jonesboro, GA 30236; home: 477-9143 and work: 658-2683.

WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Jan ??

WHAT: A serious space exploration group, whose fame is the advocacy of a permanent orbiting space colony

GROUP: Worldcon Atlanta, Inc. (Bid for 1986 World SF Con)

CONTACT: WorldCon Atlanta, Inc. Box 10094, Atlanta, GA 30319.

COST: A pre-supporting membership is \$5.00, which gets you the bidzine, "South on Peachtree". Tee shirts and other such goodies can be had also.

WHEN & WHERE: Room parties at all kinds of conventions, newzine coming out. The next one will be at Chattacon.

WHAT: Trying to get the Worldcon for 1986, just like the name says.

GROUP: Terminus Tardis

CONTACT:

Sue Brundige, 3141 Buford Highway Apt B, Atlanta, GA 30329 phone (404) 325-0409.

WHEN & WHERE: 1983 Jan 22 at Tucker Federal Savings and Loan Building on Buford Highway just inside I-285.

WHAT: Atlanta chapter of the Companions of Dr. Who. Talks about Dr. Who, promote Dr. Who in the USA, show episodes, and so forth.

GROUP: Complete Model Supply

CONTACT: Complete Model Supply

COST: Free

WHEN & WHERE: Every Friday from 20:00 hrs until 23:00 hrs at Complete Model Supply, Westside Shopping Center, 806 Sandtown Road, Marietta, GA 30060.

WHAT: Gaming group

GROUP: Stage Hands, Inc.

CONTACT: Stage Hands Inc, 1404 Spring St NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 phone: (404) 876-4035 for voice and TDD.

COST: Variable memberships from \$3.00, \$10, \$25 and up. Tax deductible.

WHEN & WHERE: Birthday party on 1984 Jan 20 at 19:30 hrs at the Alliance Theatre. Performances from past plays.

WHAT: These are the people who "shadow" speaking performers for the deaf.

GROUP: Atlanta Survival Games

CONTACT: Atlanta Survival Games, 2710 Rosemont Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30245. Dave Ellis (404) 923-0054.

WHEN & WHERE: Empty field on Old Peachtree Road. Take I-85 North to Exit 44; turn right; and go 0.2 miles to flashing

at light; turn left onto Old Peachtree Road and look for field on the right. Games played every Saturday and could increase to every Sunday also.
 COST: \$16.00 for rental of air gun, holster, twenty rounds of ammo (two tubes). Extra Co2 cartridges and ammo tubes are \$2.50.
 WHAT: A adult version of Cowboys and Indians played with blood capsules and air pistols.

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CONVENTION: Chattacon 9
 CONTACT: Chattacon, Box 921, Hixson, TN 37343
 WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Jan 13 to 15 at the read House Hotel in Chattanooga, TN.
 COST: memberships are \$13.00 until 1983 Dec 1 and \$16.00 thereafter.
 WHAT: This is the convention season opener for the whole Southern Convention cycle. Lots of smof, booze, room parties. A really good con. Guest of Honor is Robert Adams, Master of Ceremonies is Wilson "Bob" Tucker, Special Guest is Robert Asprin, and Special Guest Editor is Jerry Page. Also attending are Brad Linaweaver, Lynn Abbey, Perry Chapeline, John M. Roberts, John Steakley and Sharon Webb.

CONVENTION: Atlanta Fantasy Fair
 CONTACT: Atlanta Fantasy Fair, Box 566, Marietta, GA 30061. Send self-addressed stamped envelope for information and progress report.
 WHEN & WHERE: 1984 August 3-5 at the Omni Hotel and World Congress Center.
 COST: \$15.00 for all three days from 1984 Jan 1 to 1984 Feb 28. After that it is \$19.00 until 1984 Jun 30 and \$25.00 at the door. Ask about club and family rates on memberships. Saturday-Sunday and Sunday-only rates are available at the door. The hotel has a flat rate of \$49.00 for a room with 1, 2, 3 or 4 persons. There must be at least roommate of age 18 over. Send no money until 1984 Jan 1.
 WHAT: Larry Niven, Mike Jittlov (tentative), Robert Bloch, Kenneth Smith, Howard Weinstein and Forest J. Ackerman, Mike Grell, Joe Staton, Howard Chaykin, Berni Wrightson, Sharon Webb, Dick Giordano, Rick Obadiah and other to be announced.

CONVENTION: DeepSouthCon 22
 CONTACT: Chattanooga DeepSouthCon, Irvin Koch, 835 Chattanooga Bank Bldg, Chattanooga, TN 37402. Phone (404) 767-7360.
 WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Jun 21-24 at the Reid House Hotel in Chattanooga, TN.
 COST: \$10.00 until 1983 July 1, and \$15.00 until 1984 Jun 1. and \$20 at the door. If you have a badge from a prior DeepSouthCon then the door price is \$15. Hotel rooms are \$41.00 for a single, \$48.00 for a double.
 WHAT: Great Southern tradition. Joan Vinge is the Guest of Honor. Two Jacuzzis and one swimming pool. no beer in the Con suite, just at room parties. The Guest of Honor is Joan Vinge, toastmaster Karl Edward Wagner, Fan Guest of Honor is Jerry Page. Other guests are Sumtow Sucharitkul, Timothy R. Sullivan, Robert Jordan, Charlie Grant, John M. Ford, Sharon Webb, Ralph Roberts, Brad Linaweaver, John Maddox Roberts and others. Editors are Harriet P. McDougal (TOR), Jean Karl (Argo), Jan Frenkel (Bluejay), and Lou Aronica (Bentham). Artists guests are Bob Maurus and Doug Chaffee.

CONVENTION: IstaCon
 CONTACT: IstaCon, 959 Waverly Ct #A, Norcross, GA 30071. Rich Howell, Chairman; Angela Howell, Treasurer; Scotty Mathrems, programming; Ron Zukowski, operations; Laura Bulman, Secretary; Laura Taylor, Registration; Kathy Kaufmann, art show.
 WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Mar 30 - Apr 1 at the Northlake Hilton off of I-285, with the Sheraton Inn as backup hotel.
 COST: \$12.00 until 1984 Jan 1; \$15.00 until 1984 Mar 1 and \$20.00 at the door. Dealers tables are \$20.00 plus membership (fifty are available). Hotel rooms are \$45 for single or double.
 WHAT: Fantasy convention with Guest of Honor Anne McCaffrey (this will be her birthday party). Polly & Kelly Freas are Masters of Ceremony. Michael Whelan is the artist guest of honor, and Bob Maurus is the special guest.

CONVENTION: Kubla's Dirty Dozen
 CONTACT: Ken Moore, 647 Devon Drive, Nashville, TN 37220
 WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Apr 27-29 at the Executive Inn in Nashville, TN.
 COST: ??
 WHAT: Andy Offutt as Toastmaster and Vicent DiFate as Guest of Honor. This is one of the best damn regional conventions in the South.

CONVENTION: SwannCon Five
 CONTACT: Conference on the Fantastic, Department of Humanities, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
 WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Mar 22-25 at the Sheraton in Boca Raton, FL hotel phone (305) 368-5252.
 COST: Conference on the Fantastic is \$50.00 pre-registered and \$70.00 at the door.
 WHAT: This one takes some explaining. It is an academic conference for English professor and such like, mixed with a more traditional fan convention. The conference offers a set of writer and artist workshops and is made up of lots of panels. Stephen King is Guest of Honor and Leslie Fiedler is the keynote speaker.

CONVENTION: Tropicon II
 CONTACT: Tropicon Inc, Box 7194, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
 WHEN & WHERE: 1983 Dec 2-4 at the Fort Lauderdale West Motel, Fort Lauderdale, FL phone (305) 739-4000.
 COST: \$15.00 at the door. Singles and doubles are \$28.00. Poolside Buffet is \$13.00 for all you can eat.
 WHAT: Marion Zimmer Bradley is Guest of Honor. Usual convention stuff

CONVENTION: OmniCon V
 CONTACT: OmniCon V, Box 970308, Miami, FL 33197 Phone (305) 253-6842 or (305) 584-4258.
 WHEN & WHERE: 1984 Feb 3-5 in Miami, FL at the Miami Marriott, 1633 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33132.
 COST: Two day memberships for \$16.50; Three days for \$19.50. Luau buffet for \$20.00. The rooms are \$60.00 for single or double (RESERVE EARLY! and ask for OmniCon rate; this is a special in season price break)
 WHAT: Mixed convention with strong media bend to it.

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