

# MEMPHEN

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## NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Nov. 14 (SUNDAY) - The home of Greg Bridges is once again the place of congregation for the MSFA. His address is 266 Garland Place. Garland is located between Cleveland and McNeil. Greg's abode is two blocks north of Poplar on Garland. The festivities will start at 6:00PM. We need suggestions as to whether we should hold a convention next year. Call ahead at 273-7455 to determine what you should bring for refreshments. Please make every effort to attend.

NOVEMBER 28 (TUESDAY) The library meeting this month will feature a film with Gordan Dickson as the narrator on THEME IN SF. Gordie, as he is known, is a prolific writer and is an excellent story teller. Come and hear this renowned s.f. artist. The meeting will commence at 6:30PM in Meeting Room A of the Main Library at Peabody and McLean. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

## DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 12 (SUNDAY) - The last autumnal meeting of the MSFA for this year will take place at the home of FRANK JORDAN, 1922 Ezell #5. The meeting will take place at 6:00PM. A recent movie will be shown at 8:00PM. Call ahead to ascertain what refreshments will be needed for the gathering. Come one, come all.

WE STILL HAVE BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS FOR SALE.

As mentioned in the last MEMPHEN the club has a large number of paperbacks, magazine, and hardcovers to sell. These are the contributions of Greg Bridges, Rick Ragan, ~~and~~ myself, and others. The proceeds from the sale of the books goes to coffers of the club. We still have on hand some copies of Wilson Tuckers' THE YEAR OF THE QUIET SUN at \$10 @, ~~xx~~ each signed by the author. See the books at Greg Bridges place at the meeting in November. AND BUY AND BUY.....

November 25th is the birthdate of Poul Anderson, author of many fine works including the adventures of Dominic Flandry.

November 26th is the birthdate of Frederick Pohl who has written such opi as GATEWAY, MAN PLUS, JEM and BEYOND THE BLUE EVENT HORIZON.

November 27th is day on which L. Sprague De Camp was born. He was the Pro GOH at Just Imagicon.



possibility of a sequel, which in itself is not a bad thing but in this age of sequels it would be nice to have a story to stand on its own two feet without being a lead-in to another book. However, I found the story overall to be satisfying.

2010: ODYSSEY TWO starts only a few years after the end of its predecessor both in publication date and in story time. Heywood Floyd, the now ex-chairman of the National Council on Astronautics is the protagonist of this story. He learns of a plan by the Soviet Union to send a ship to Jupiter to "rescue" or salvage the spaceship DISCOVERY, left as a derelict when David Bowman, its last remaining crewman was drawn into the black monolith at Jupiter. Before I go any further, Clarke has written the book so that it conforms more with the movie than the novel of the same name. After some machinations, Floyd; Chandra, the creator of HAL 9000 and its twin SAL 9000; and an engineer named Curnow are invited by the Russians to go on the ship ALEXI LEONOV to the region of Jupiter and found out, if possible, what happened to Bowman and HAL, and try to recover the ship. The story is well told and is a worthy sequel to its forerunner.

Of the two novels I found 2010 the more satisfying and more engrossing. This has been the opinion of the reviews I have read. This should provide more fuel to the friendly feud between these giants in the SF field.

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#### CARTOONS

At least that is what we will be showing at 1st meeting in NOV. (Sunday the 14th), courtesy of CLAUDE SAXON and his Super-8 sound collection. These will all be his recent acquisitions which he has not shown previously.

-THE BAND CONCERT - a Mickey Mouse cartoon, this was Disney's first colour cartoon

-Legend of Coyote Rock

-INKY and the MYNAH BIRD - This a relatively show cartoon which would appear to have a character in it that is the inspiration for the Kubla Khandor.

-UNDERGROUND WORLD - Claude's latest Superman cartoon. These cartoons from the Fleischer Studios are among the best animated productions to be done commercially done.

Claude may also have some of the other cartoons along at the meeting so others may be shown. They will be shown at 8pm.

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FANZINES received (and certainly appreciated)

ATARANTES - ed. Cliff Biggers & Ward Batty, 6045 Summit Wood Dr., Kennesaw, GA 30144. Clubzine of Atlanta Science Fiction Club, INC. Avail. for US\$12 or \$6. A well-done newsletter.

ChatSFic News - ed. Nancy Segar, Rt. 5, Box 315-A, Cleveland TN 37311 Much like our own newsletter (what you have in your hands or other such appendages).

CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED (or something similar) - published by Gary Farber, 4227 - 8th Ave. N.E. These are 2 and four page lists of recommended fan publications - Fanthologies, etc. Avail. for SASE. Often at Con Freebie tables.

FILE 770 - Mike Glyer, 5828 Woodman Ave #2, Van Nuys, Ca 91401. A fannish newszine which often scoops the slicker newszines with occasional fumble. Generally informative and amusing for only 5/\$3.

NEW CANADIAN FANDOM - P.O. Box 4655, P.S.S.E., Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T6e 5G5. ed. Robert Runte & Michael Hall. Good art, fair articles



## BOOK REVIEWS

## MALL WORLD by Somtow Sucharitkul (Rod Morrow)

MALL WORLD is a series of short stories that garnered the John W. Campbell Award for "Best New Science Fiction Writer" for the author, Somtow Sucharitkul. All seven stories in MALL WORLD take place in a future in which our first extraterrestrial visitors are the blue skinned, purple haired, humanoid Selespridar who imprison mankind by placing a force field around our Solar System just outside the orbit of Saturn until such time as Homo Sapiens achieves maturity and is fit to join the rest of the galaxy. Adding insult to imprisonment the force field blacks out the stars which serves as a constant reminder of the loss of freedom.

The Selespridar, not being total blue meanies, are very generous with their technology which allows the creation of Mallworld, a "thirty kilometer long shopping center between the asteroids and Jupiter", where you can get literally anything you want.

Each story is told from a different characters' viewpoint ranging from a "lonely, unsatisfied, bible-belt virgin, teenage girl" to Julian bar Julian XIII, the owner of Mallworld. They all share the frustration of not being able to seek their destiny in the stars, so they seek the diversions available at Mallworld.

Mallworld and the future scenario that Mr. Sucharitkul has created are wide open for many stories to come. Mr. Sucharitkul's writing style is easily read and full of subtle satire and humor.

MALLWORLD is one of the STARBLAZE editions, (available direct from: The Donning Co., 5659 Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk, Va. 23502) in oversize softcover, and illustrated by Karl Kofoed. I will add, for those of you who have read most of the stories in Isaac Asimov's SF Magazine; there is one never before published story in the book "The Jaws of Mallworld" which is one of the best in the series.

Don't miss this book!

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FOUNDATION'S EDGE by Isaac Asimov (Frank Jorda)  
2010: ODYSSEY TWO

These two much awaited books arrived within days of each other, and they were well worth the wait.

FOUNDATION'S EDGE starts about two hundred or so years after the end of SECOND FOUNDATION and involves two main characters, Golan Trevize from the First Foundation and Stor Gendibal, a Speaker of the Second Foundation. Both believe that the Seldon Plan is not working by noting that the Plan is working only too well. There seems to be no deviation from the Plan and this disturbs them as being "unnatural". One would expect some minor flaws in the workings of the Plan in five hundred year, but there are none. Trevize suspects that the Second Foundation is behind this perfection in the plan, but the First Foundation believes it has destroyed the Second. For his views, Trevize is exiled from Terminus, the capitol of the First Foundation. His ticket to return home is to find some evidence of the Second. Stor Gendibal, on the other hand can show that the Plan has been tampered with through the use of mathematics. He is also maneuvered into leaving his home planet in order to find out who is tampering with the Plan. The two stories are interwoven effectively and if there is a flaw in the book it is the conclusion of the story. It leaves too many questions unanswered and leaves open a



NOTICE TO Mid-South Fantasy Association MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO RECIEVE  
THE MEMPHEN IN THE MEMPHIS AREA

Its infortunate that this message has to be posted, but it is necessary  
once in a while to prune any organization of dead weight.

So we must reduce the size of the mailing list to reduce our cost in the  
light of reduced income.

A number of you who recieve the MEMPHEN as members of the MSFA are  
arrears in your yearly dues. This is mainly my fault since I have not  
been diligent in collecting dues. So those of you who wish to continue  
as members of the MSFA and have not paid your dues in the last 12 months,  
please do so. I have placed a red star by those name on the mailing  
labels. Also those of you who are not members, but recieve the MEMPHEN  
should become members of the MSFA to continue to recieve this zine.  
Those persons have a red circle ~~by~~ on their labels. Send any dues to

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Please make any checks to Frank Jordan, this makes  
it easier since the MSFA does not have a checking  
account and we deal on ~~X~~ only in cash.

We need to have a strong and consistent membership in the MSFA if we are  
to hold cons in te Memphis area at any time. There were only three  
persons actively engaged in the concieving and planning the con last, and  
this is not enough to run a consistantly successful con.

P.S. The dues are  
\$5 per year, a bargain  
at any rate....

\* Thanks,  
\* Frank Jordan  
\* MSFA Treasurer

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