

Former Pulsar Editor Carl Mork 1956-2001

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Business Meeting—December 8th

PorSFis holds a formal meeting on the second Saturday of each month—and it usually has a program. After the meeting we adjourn to a social place for snacks, drinks and socialization—called Afters (that's the gathering's name, not the place) And as always, everyone is welcome to all PorSFis goings on!

This month--Tara Harper! Gee, maybe she'll talk about her new book! ☺
That will be at PSU, Smith Hall Room 323 at 2pm! ☺

Afters At the Market Street McMinnamins...unless someone has a better tasting alternative.

alt.porsfis December 29th, 2001

Thanks to all the people who volunteered as hosts in 2001! If you want to be a host in 2002, please let us know! (And you know, we can do this more than once a month...honest!)

Sue Renhard and Dave Moreland were in November

Mike and Sharon Parker have the fifth Saturday in December

John and Lea have volunteered for January!

So, you are asking yourself, where is it, when is it, and what should I bring? Well, it starts (generally) around 6:30pm, it's at Mike and Sue's and you should bring something to share. Prepare for excellent conversation and a general good time ☺

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Mike wrote:

The date is December 29th. We can start it at 6:00 p.m. Same plan as last year - wine, cheese, hot tub & sauna party with maybe a movie thrown in. Bring wine (or non-alcoholic beverage) to share, cheese (spreading or slicing type), gourmet crackers or bread if desired (some will be provided) and your own towel for drying off or sitting on in the sauna. We will provide plastic

wine glasses, cups, plates, napkins, serving platters, coffee, tea (herbal or regular), and some soft drinks.

Also, in the spirit of the season, a food bank donation barrel will be by the front door for donations of non-perishable foods. Please bring at least one small item for donation.

rec.porsfis December 3rd

What the heck is it? It's Game Night! Every month, it will be on the Monday before our regular business meeting (the Monday after the first Saturday, for those of you who prefer to add than subtract).

There will be no rec.porsfis in December, Please Volunteer to Host! ☺

Presidential Ramblings:

First Item: Carl Mork July 2nd 1956 – November 17th 2001

We recently lost one of our long time members, Carl Mork. If anyone would like to say a few words at the next meeting, or would like to print something in the Pulsar to honor his memory, please do.

Second Item: Elections!

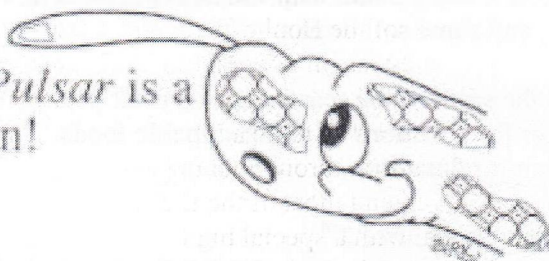
Time to decide who shall lead us next year. Nominations will be taken at the December meeting and ballots will be distributed with the January Pulsar.

We're looking for at least two nominees for President, at least one for Treasurer, and at least one for Secretary.

Third Item: Christmas Family

Unfortunately no one stepped up to volunteer to organize this, so we did not support a family this year. However, the moneys collected will be donated to the Adopt-a-Family organization to help out in whichever way they see fit.

Any fan of *Pulsar* is a
trufan!



Fourth Item: A Big Thank You

Many thank you's to all of you wonderful people who have been hosting alt.porsfis. It really does make a difference, and I know we all appreciate it, and you! ☺

Fifth Item: We still want More!!

Go forth and recruit! All species, races, creeds, colors, and planets of origin are welcome ☺

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Memberships are still just \$20 a year, \$30 for the whole family! What a deal!

Sixth Item: So, how was Your Orycon?

I had an absolute blast at this year's Orycon, personally. Some of my friends weren't able to attend, and others were so busy I scarcely saw them, but I made a few new friends, and lots of new acquaintances...the only downside was I think I caught the flu from one of the many old and new friends I hugged there!

Let's see. Opening Ceremonies was my main focus Friday night, as that's the department I ran. People laughed, so I consider it a success (and am already planning next years!) Unfortunately, I didn't make it to many of the panels, or to filking, this year. I kept flitting about, talking to friends and getting in people's way ☺

The art show was lovely, though seemed a bit sparse in spots...I did managed to get one of the pieces I bid on, so I'm happy ☺ The dealer's room was

crowded with people and with wares whenever I wandered through there...I did manage to pick up the Bonhoffs' latest CD and a couple of other items I'd had my eye on, so it was, in my opinion, quite a success ☺

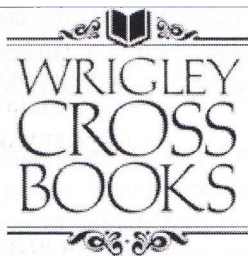
The PorSFis party seemed to be a big success as well! We had a nice flow of people and conversation throughout the evening, no one spilled anything major on the carpet, and most of the food got eaten! Thanks to organizers Dancer and Angel, with a special big thanks to Dancer for the extra work she did, setting up the music, and supplying us all with Tibetan Saffron Rice ☺ And an additional thanks to Melanie Schaber for helping Dancer and I out when the Hotel messed up our reservation ☺

The Turkey Reading did not go as well, especially since it was scheduled opposite the party and the notice that we'd moved it didn't seem to get posted. Oh, well. Maybe that's for the best! ...But there's always next year!

Would anyone else like to share how their Orycon went?

Seventh Item: Group Events

We're looking for more things to do as a group. ☺ Any suggestions are, of course, highly appreciated. Would anyone like to help organize movie outings?



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This month's cover is by Dancer Cloninger

Interior art: Dancer Cloninger p.5; other fillos by Sheryl Birkhead

Calendar guru: Mike Parker

Feedback

You know, feedback is always appreciated. I know you all love what we do and write...but working in a vacuum is a little hard. If you want, you can even email me at president@porsfis.org and I'll print it in the next Pulsar.

John Bartley is **GEEKING FOR DOLLARS**

He is offering to perform computer consulting and related services—and to donate the proceeds (when referred by a PorSFis member) to PorSFis. TFN, of course. ('Til Further Notice) Phone is 503-BAR-TLEY (503-227-8539) or email john@503bartley.com

Postcard from Sheryl Birkhead, artist sublime :)

Oct 19th Greetings--didn't see any note that you need more fillos—so I'll hold off. Just let me know. Cute cover!! (Ed: She did send fillos, after all ☺)

20th--Hmm--Is the line across the bottom of the cover a comment on the cover's content? Turkey Reading...? Or is a Turkey going to read or is someone reading his/her turkey (so to speak)...? Ah, full of possibilities.

Yes--Sept 11 should have put a lot of life in perspective for many--always say that thank you, I love you, I appreciate you—because you just never know...maybe you never will get that chance to say it later--and...despite fans being slans, we are *not* mindreaders—you gotta *say it*. I just got the first issue of a new 'zine and wrote a thank you --and asked if the faned wanted fillos etc. He wrote back and admitted he'd had that as an ulterior motive when he sent the 'zine. Now, had I not asked he might never have asked.

Aha--now I see--*that* kind of Turkey.

Yeah--I'd LOVE to see LOTR *and* Harry Potter--but I think commuting is out of the question.

Some of those analogies are real *gems*!

A lesser analogy than the airflight. Think of how really *irritated* you get when you get behind a motorist doing 35 in a 35 mph zone—but one you usually shoot through at 50...yeah, really miffed—until you see that radar gun—then there's a rush--on gratitude.

As always,
Thanks,
Sheryl

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EVENT CALENDAR

I'm revamping the calendar a bit, as it is difficult to do as it was, in this new format. But we can't leave it out ☺

Nov 26th Memorial Service for Carl Mork (1956-2001) Past Editor of the Pulsar and Officer of the Portland Science Fiction Society.

Nov 27th "Willow: Special Edition" released on DVD

Nov 29th Launch of space shuttle Endeavor to International Space Station
5:05 pm

Nov 30th Uffington Horse Concert PPAA Hall 8pm

Dec 3rd Birthday of author Harry Harrison

Dec 5th 5th Anniversary of Mars Pathfinder Launch

Dec 7th 60th Anniversary of Attack at Pearl Harbor, start of WWII

Dec 8th **PorSFis Meeting 2pm Room 232 Smith Hall, Guest—Tara Harper!**

- NOVA Meeting, 5pm Tigard City Hall
- Dec 10th Hannukah begins
- Dec 13th Geminids meteor shower peak
- Dec 16th Asteroid 1998 WT24 Near-Earth flyby (0.013 AU)
- Dec 18th Birthday of author Michael Moorcock
- Dec 21st Winter Solstice
- Dec 22nd Asteroid 1998 WD31 Near-Earth flyby (0.072 AU)
NOVA Meeting, 5pm Tigard City Hall
- Dec 25th Christmas Day
Asteroid 2001 AD2 Near-Earth flyby (0.098 AU)
- Dec 26th Kwanza begins
Boxing Day
- Dec 29th **alt.porsfis—Wine, Cheese, Hot Tub & Sauna Party at Mike & Sharon Parker's**
- Dec 30th Birthday of author Somtow Suchartikul (sp?)
- Jan 1st Happy New Year! Use it well ☺
- Jan 5th NOVA Meeting, 5pm
- Jan 11th Rustycon 19 begins
Twelfth Night begins (Madrone)
- Jan 12th PorSFis Meeting, guest TBA
- Jan 26th alt.porsfis, 6:30 pm at John and Lea's (Liberty Hall)

*Tic... **TOC**---be the first
one on your block to contribute!*

Become a columnist for the Pulsar! Yes, see your name in print, share your knowledge with your content-starved compatriots, and earn the eternal gratitude of the editor!

How do you sign up? Why, it's simple. Call, write, or e-mail me, Debra Stansbury, editor of the Pulsar, and tell me what kind of a column you'd like to write and how often. Come on, it's FUN! (It's not like we're asking you to, say, edit the newsletter, or anything) ☺

Travel Tip #4



Be Sure You Know What You Order When Traveling

CONVENTION CALENDAR

Wondering what conventions are coming up in the next few months? So were we ☺ John Andrews pulled together this list for your edification....

RUSTYCON 19

January 11-13, 2002

Doubletree Hotel Bellevue, Bellevue, WA. GoH: David Gerold, AGoH: Ellisa Mitchell, FGoH: Ann Prather. Memberships: \$40 to 11/30/01, \$50 at-the-door. Rustycon 19, Box 84291, Seattle, WA 98124-5591
rustycon@hotmail.com www.rustycon.com

RADCON 3B

February 15-17, 2002

December 2001

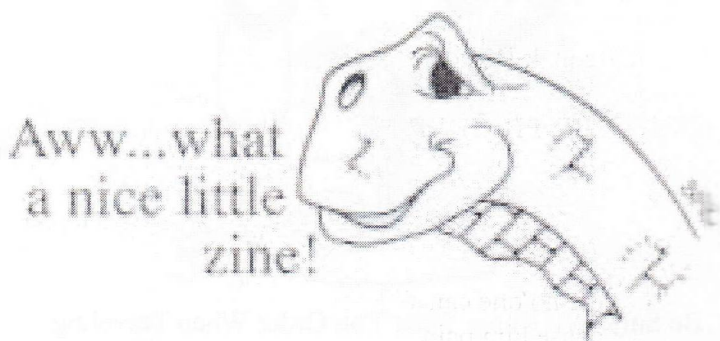
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Pasco Doubletree Hotel, 2525 N 20th, Pasco, WA, (509) 547-0701. GoH: Kay Kenion, AGoH: Theresa Mather, SgoH: Les Johnson & CatTails, FGoH: Edgar & Norma Lincoln. Emphasis: Gaming. Membership: \$25 At-the-door. RadCon PMB 1622527, West Kenneick, WA 99336-3126

NORWESCON 25

March 28-31, 2002

SeaTac Doubletree Hotel, 18740 Pacific Hwy S, Seattle, WA 98188, (206) 246-8600, fax (206) 431-8687. GoH: Jack Vance, AGoH: Brom, FGoH: Andrew I Porter. Spotlight Publisher: Wizards of the Coast. Norwescon 25, PO Box 68547, Seattle, WA 98168



SAKURACON 2002

April 26-28, 2002

Seattle Airport Hilton & Conference Center, 17620 Pacific Hwy S, Seatac, WA 98188-4001. Emphasis: Anime. SakuraCon, 900 Meridian Alocaion East #19-407, Milton, WA 98254-7019 (253) 503-2233 x 1675.

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WESTERCON 55/CONAGERIE

July 4-7, 2002

Los Angeles Airport Wyndham Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. GoH: Harry Turtledove, AGoH: Ross Chamberlain, EGoH: Beth Meacham, FGoH: Robert Lichtman. Memberships: TBA. Westercon 55, SCIFI Inc, Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409 www.westercon.org/55/

WORLDCON 60/CONJOSE

August 29-September 30, 2002

McEnery Convention Center, San Jose, CA. GoH: Vernor Vinge, AGoH: David Cherry, FGoHs: Bjo & John Trimble, TM: Tad Williams. Imaginary GoH: Ferdinand Feghoot. Memberships: Attending: \$160 to 12/31/01, Supporting: \$35. ConJose Box 61363, Sunnyvale, CA, 94099-1363
info@conjose.org www.conjose.org

Future Conventions

World Fantasy Convention, Minneapolis, MN October 31-November 3, 2002

Westercon 56, SeaTac, WA July 3-6, 2003

Worldcon 61/Torcon3, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 28-September 1, 2003

Worldcon 62/Noreascon 4, Boston MA, September 2-6th, 2004**CARL HENRY THOR PILCHER MORK (1956-2001)**

My Brother rests

by James Pilcher

My brother rests where no one can slight him
 no casual insult can cause him pain
 no anxieties will ever plague him
 no doubts can rob his manhood
 no hospital does he need
 no pills, no injections, no canes or chairs
 No time to feel a pain in his chest
 no weakness in his knees
 no burglars to bust into his van
 no one to part him from his heart
 Did you feel yourself soaring as you crossed over?
 Fly my brother, to your rest
 We remain here to breathe the air
 and remember the gentle soul beneath the gruffness.
 Fly away, we will join you when we are called.

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From www.sfw.org

Le Guin and Marley share Endeavour Award

Ursula K. Le Guin and Louise Marley share this year's \$1,000 Endeavour Award which was presented November 9 at OryCon science fiction convention.

Ursula K. Le Guin won for *The Telling* and Louise won for her fifth book, *The Glass Harmonica*. In addition, Marley and Le Guin each received an engraved glass plaque created by Kent, Washington, artist Ashley J. Harper.

The Endeavour Award honors a distinguished science fiction or fantasy book, either a novel or a single-author collection, by a Pacific Northwest writer that was first published in the year preceding the award.

Posted November 12, 2001

Brad Foster wins Rotsler Award

Brad Foster is the winner of the Fourth Rotsler Memorial Fanzine Artist Award. The award was be presented at Loscon 28 on Thanksgiving Weekend.

Presented by The Southern California Institute for Fan Interests, the Rotsler Award honors the lifetime work of outstanding fan artists and the memory of esteemed fan artist William Rotsler. Foster was selected as a Rotsler Award recipient in recognition of his current science fiction fan activity as well as his outstanding contributions over the last few decades.

The annual award consists of \$300 cash and an award plaque. Mike Glycer, Richard Lynch, and Geri Sullivan served as this year's award judges.

Brad and his wife plan to use the award to help pay for a trip to Disney World early next year.

Posted November 26, 2001



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AOL Time Warner terminates iPublish

December 4, 2001

Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America President Norman Spinrad learned today that AOL Time Warner has terminated its iPublish subsidiary when a meeting between himself, the CEO, Editor in Chief, and Science Fiction Editor to discuss SFWA's problems with iPublish's contracts and modus operandi was canceled.

"While SFWA's differences with iPublish over contractual and other matters were public and well-known," Spinrad declared, "the canceled meeting was intended to seek their amelioration through negotiation and compromise, and the atmospherics seemed promising. We regret that iPublish was terminated before it could take place. It was never the intent of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America to destroy the company."

iPublish.com at Time Warner Books was established in June, 2001. SFWA objected to the terms of iPublish which were considered to be extremely harmful to authors.

At this time the iPublish web site is still intact, with no reference to any changes to the program.

Daniel Reitman is now practicing at Meadowland Legal Services, 17112 S.E. Powell Boulevard, Suite 2, Portland 97236, (503) 674-5111.

Carl Henry Thor Pilcher Mork

November 18, 2001

We grieve the passing of Carl Mork, a long-time PorSFis member and a talented artist. He will be missed.

Carl enjoyed gaming and science fiction. At Orycon, you could often find him in the Gaming room. For those who visited the art show at local conventions, Carl exhibited copper repousse' prints under the name of Charles Martel. He had maintained a booth at the Saturday Market for many years where he and Marilyn (his mother) sold handmade paper art, copper repousse', and embossed fine art prints. Carl was also a weaver of some distinction and produced many fine tapestries. He was 45.

--Linda Pilcher

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PORTLAND CHRISTMAS REVELS

As posted to the Steps (AnTir's General Mailing List)

Greetings,

Perhaps members of your SCA group may find their holidays enhanced by attending the Portland Christmas Revels. This is the sixth year the Revels will celebrate the holiday season with a lively and beautiful stage show full of medieval pageantry, seasonal music and song, ritual and traditional dance, and a good dose of fun and foolishness.

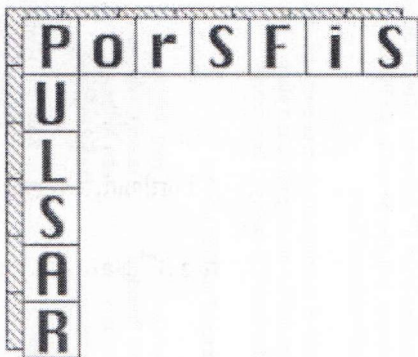
This year's performance is entitled "The Celestial Fools"; it will take audiences to a medieval town just at the shortest day of the year. There, the solstice revelry is interrupted by three fools from the east, bringing the wise folly of 13th century Turkish philosopher/humorist, Mullah Nasrudin and the Jewish tradition of the Wise Men of Chelm. But it's not all music, dance and comedy. When Death comes to steal away the sun, moon, and stars, the Fools are charged with getting them back. And they do, delighting the audience with their efforts.

Performances begin Friday November 30th and end Sunday December 30th. More information about Revels can be found at the web site

<www.portlandrevels.org>

Tickets may be ordered by calling 503-235-3488.

The person posting says any SCA folks who come to the show, please, wear garb. It will enhance the experience ☺



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The editor is Debra Stansbury.

Deadline is the 3rd Saturday of every month. Contributions are always welcome, and may be sent to the PO Box above, or to the editor direct at president@porsfis.org

PorSFis meetings are open to everyone. Check the Timeline for meeting times and places. Membership per year: \$20 individual, \$30 family (1 newsletter)

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