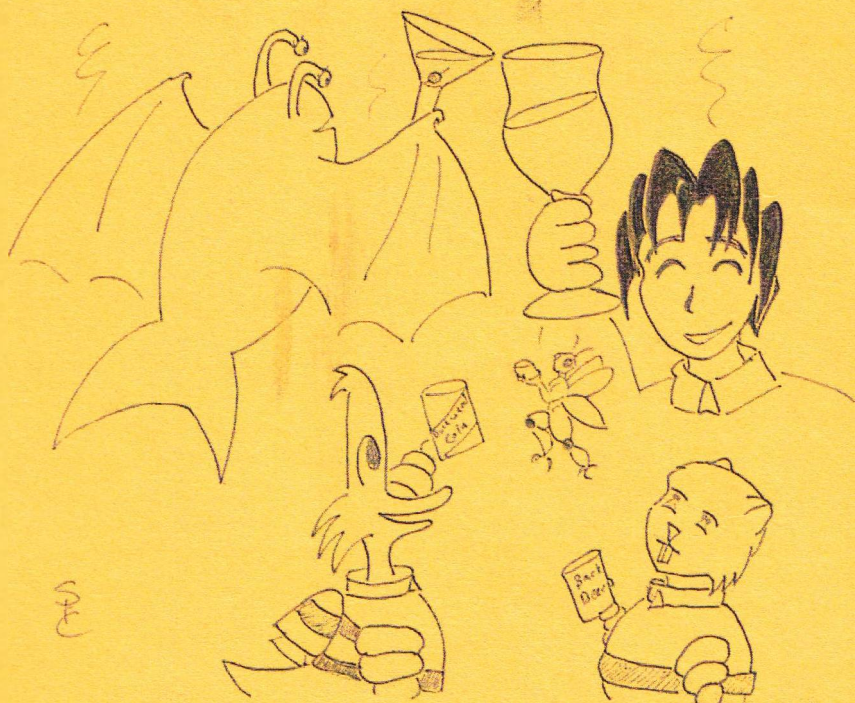


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To Dear Friends present and absent
A Very Happy New Year!

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Business Meeting—January 12th

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!

The meeting will be at PSU, Smith Hall Room 323 at 2pm! ☺ Dancer, VP Extraordinaire, has suggested a more relaxed, partyish atmosphere for the meeting as so many will not be able to attend (including me, your President)

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

alt.porsfis January 26th, 2002

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!)

Mike and Sharon Parker had the fifth Saturday in December
Sue Renhard and Dave Moreland are in January...something about a birthday, Sue?

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 Dave and Sue’s and you should bring something to share. Prepare for excellent conversation and a general good time ☺

Since it will be Sue’s birthday, come and share this day with her—she says “Presents not necessary, but I won’t poke people in the eye with a sharp stick if they bring one!” ☺

Dave & Sue's House
6212 SE 91st Ave.
503-775-9866

Directions: We're on Tri-Met Route #14. We're just south of Foster, and mere blocks from 205.

From I-205, take Exit 17 (Foster Rd.),

Turn West (left if you're coming from the south, right if you're coming from the north) onto Foster.

Get into the left lane (careful if you're coming from the south, don't get right back onto the freeway), watch for the giant Lincoln head penny (the "New Copper Penny" restaurant).

Turn left on 92nd, get directly into the right lane (the one that looks like it won't go through), otherwise you'll end up in another left-turn only lane. This will get you past the light on Woodstock (Foster and Woodstock are one-way streets at this point).

The first street past Woodstock (going south) is Tolman, turn right. Obviously the next street you see will be 91st, if you take a right, we'll be on the right (east side).

WARNING: These are small house lots, many driveways, not much curb space for parking. The neighbors are very testy about the parking situation. If you block someone's driveway, **YOU WILL BE TOWED!**

rec.porsfis On hiatus...

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 until further notice, Please Volunteer to Host! 😊

Presidential Ramblings:

Pre-item plug: Vote for me! 😊

First Item: Elections!

Please fill out your enclosed ballots and either turn them in at the meeting, or send them in to John Andrews at the address marked. 😊

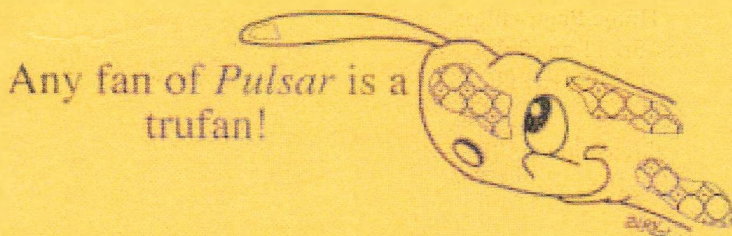
Second Item: The Lateness of the Pulsar

I would like to apologize for how late this Pulsar is. Circumstances being what they are, and with wrestling with election issues, it was rather unavoidable. But it's better now—honest!

However, I am still looking for anyone willing to take the Pulsar on rotation with me. Please contact me if you're interested!

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 (thank you to all you generous people!) are being donated to the Adopt-a-Family organization to help out in whichever way they see fit.

**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!!

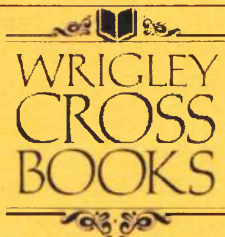
Go forth and recruit! All species, races, creeds, colors, and planets of origin are welcome ☺

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

Sixth Item: 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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The Vice President Speaks (or rather, Wrote back when this was relevant....sorry!):

Hello all! This is your not so illustrious VicePrez.

I have a question for all of you. As many of you know, RustyCon and the SCA's 12th Night and the Porsfis Business meeting all happen to land on the same date. As it stands I couldn't get anyone for a guest lecturer AND I know a number of you will be off at the other two events instead.

So here's the question. In lue (loo?) of a *real* business meeting, would anyone complain if I turn the meeting into more of an alt.porsfis venue? I plan to bring munchables of several varieties (read, 'Dancer plans to cook. Flee, flee while the getting's good!) and maybe scrounge up a stereo and some cds. Does this meet with your approval, oh voting populous? Please respond to me at Yomochi_Stormdancer@yahoo.com, since I can't read the ML on my Excite account is on walkabout.

Acknowledgements:

This month's cover is by Dancer Cloninger

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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

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 ☺

- Jan 1st Happy New Year! Use it well ☺
 New Years Day Brunch at the home of Marc & Patty Wells
 Release of game "Final Fantasy X" for Playstation 2
 Release of game "Warcraft III" for computer
- Jan 2nd Release of book "Vitals" by author Greg Bear
- Jan 3rd Quadrantids meteor shower peak
 Earth at Perihelion (0.983 AU from Sun)
- Jan 4th Birthday of author Samuel R. DeLaney
- Jan 5th NOVA Meeting, 5pm
 Lord of the Rings costume and trivia party at Jantzen Beach Barnes and Noble - 1 p.m.
- Jan 6th End of exhibit "A T-Rex Named Sue" at OMSI
- Jan 8th 60th Birthday of physicist Stephen Hawking
- Jan 10th Comet P/2001 R1 LONEOS Near Mars Fly-by (0.014 AU)
- Jan 11th Rustycon 19 begins
 Twelfth Night begins (Madrone)

- Premier of movie "Brotherhood of the Wolf"
- Jan 12th PorSFis Meeting, Party
Creationcon (Star Trek/ SF) at PDX Holiday Inn. Guest: Dominic Keating (Enterprise)
- Jan 13th Birthday of author Ron Goulart
- Jan 14th "Return of the Light" Planetarium show at OMSI
- Jan 15th Release of season one of "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer" on DVD
Release of movie "Tron" on DVD - 20th Anniversary
- Jan 17th Closest flyby thus far of moon Io by Galileo spacecraft
End of OMSI Omnimax "Film Festival"
- Jan 18th Start of Omnimax film "Amazon" at OMSI
Premier of movie "The Adventures of Pluto Nash" with Eddie Murphy
- Jan 19th SCA Board of Directors Meet & Greet, 3pm-Mid Mt Hood Masonic Lodge
"Legend of the Rangers" (Babylon 5 telefilm) premiere on SciFi network at 9:00 p.m.
- Jan 22nd Asteroid 4660 Nereus Near-Earth Flyby (0.029 AU)
Sci-Fi/Fantasy book club meets at Jantzen Beach Barnes & Noble – 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 24th Birthday of author David Gerrold
- Jan 26th alt.porsfis, 6:30 pm at Dave & Sue's (Sue's Birthday!)
Birthday of author Philip Jose Farmer
Birthday of author Frederick Pohl
- Jan 27th 1st Orycon 24 Meeting **12 Noon!** at the Roundtable on Foster 35th anniversary of Apollo 1 fire tragedy
- Jan 29th Release of movie "Atlantis The Lost Empire" on DVD
Release of game "Star Trek - Bridge Commander" for computer
- Feb 1st Release of game "Colonial Marines" for Playstation 2
- Feb 2nd Stromgard's Founders Revel
Birthday of author Thomas Disch
25th Anniversary of burnup of Salyut 4 Space Station
- Feb 8th CONspiracy 2002 in Mission, British Columbia begins
Premier of movie remake of "Rollerball"
Premier of movie "Below"
- Feb 9th PorSFis Meeting!

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- Feb 12th Premier of movie "Vampire Hunter D Bloodlust" on DVD
Feb 13th Release of game "O.R.B". for computer
Feb 14th Planned launch of Space Shuttle Columbia to service Hubble Space Telescope
Release of game "Dungeon Siege" for computer
Feb 15th RadCon 3B at Pasco Doubletree Inn in Pasco, WA begins
Premier of movie "Peter Pan II"
Feb 20th Birthday of author Richard Matheson
Feb 22nd Birthday of author Joanna Russ
Premier of movie "The Queen of the Damned"
Premier of movie "The Mothman Prophecies"
Feb 23rd alt.porsfis
Feb 29th 50th birthday of author Tim Powers
Mar 9th PorSFis Meeting!
Mar 23rd 24th Birthday Party (PorSFis Officially turns 24 on April 1!)

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CAMPAIGN TIME!

For President:

Shava Nerad has graciously agreed to run against me for the office of President. This is the campaign "speech" she sent for the Pulsar...

Please don't vote for me! I don't want to be president!

I bring to the job of vice president the lessons of many years in NESFA and on Boskone and Noreascon committees. I promise to use this experience to avoid at any cost the kind of horror, contentiousness, and lack of humor seemingly inherent in those bodies in the 80's...

...Unless you vote me in as president, in which case I promise you a year of NESFA style wrangling, sniping, and general interpersonal mayhem.

In any case, I give you a true and archetypical campaign promise to try to keep Debra sane, so far as that is possible.

So, don't vote for me! (But I'm happy to help out some, and would be honored to serve as VP...;)

For Secretary:

Dancer Cloninger (current VP) emailed:

I'm throwing in my glove. Or I would, if I had one. Since it's been pointed out that I'm more likely to get hired by the State Department if I actually TRY for an officer's position in PorSFIS, I would like to announce that I'm running for the office of Secretary. ::listens to the crickets in the distance:: I see. Well, fellow PorSFiteS I'll give you some sort of spiel in the Jan and March meetings. Just thought I should let you know in advance.

'Dancer VEEPing for not too much longer

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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) ☺

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....

RADCON 3B

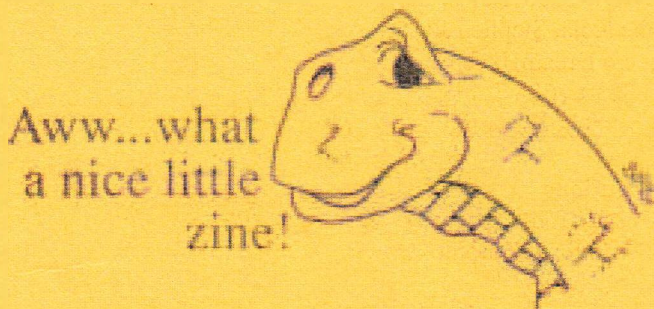
February 15-17, 2002

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. lappleby@backtalk.org with a subject of SakuraCon 20

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

WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION 2002

October 31-November 3, 2002

Hilton Minneapolis and Towers, 1001 Marquette Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403 (612) 376-1000 Rates: TBA GoHs: Dennis Etchinson, Jonathan Carroll, Kathe Koja, Stephen Jones, Dave McKean. World Fantasy Convention, c/o DreamHaven Books, 92 West Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55408 (612) 823-6161 wfc@dreamhavenbooks.com www.dreamhavenbooks.com/wfc.html

Future Conventions

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

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

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Minutes
Monthly Meeting
December 8, 2001

The guest was Tara K. Harper. She shared wild and improbable, but true, stories of her death defying adventures, many of which are worked into her stories. She also announced that her new agent is Don Moss.

Business:

2002-03 officers were discussed.

Alt.porsfis will be December 29 at the Parkers. This will be a wine and cheese party with hot tub and sauna. Bring your own towel.
Clothing will be optional for soakers and steamers.

Hosts for 2002 alt.porsfis are wanted. Lea Rush and John Bartley have volunteered for several.

There was no rec.porsfis for December. Locations are needed for future rec.porsfis. It was suggested that a restaurant (if enough participants were likely) or Western Oregon Wargamers could be used.

There will be no holiday family because no one volunteered to coordinate. Instead, donations will be given to Adopt-a-Family.

The first OryCon meeting will be January 27, 2002, at 12:00 (noon), at the Round Table at 60th and Foster.

Content is requested for the Pulsar. December was very light. Using rotating editors for the Pulsar was suggested, if volunteers are recruited.

The target date for Con 8.1 is May 2003. Site is TBA. PorSFis members will get a \$5 discount.

The future focus and direction of PorSFis was discussed. Members were asked to ask themselves: Do I like the direction PorSFis is headed? If not, what can I do? Everyone's help is needed. What is our purpose? How could we meet our goals? Are we meeting our goals?

New sponsorships are needed. Suggests were requested.

The Secretary was requested to send notices of meetings to newspapers, community calendars, newsgroups, etc.

Art is needed for T-shirts.

Ads in convention program books were discussed. Decided to aim more for Progress Reports.

The death of Carl Mork on November 17, 2001, was announced.

Nominations:

The following nominations were made at the meeting:

President: **Debra Stansbury** and Sam Butler. Sam declined. (After a plea via the email list at porsfis@yahoogroups.com **Shava Nerad** stepped forward, please see her campaign speech before voting)

Secretary: **Daniel Reitman** (After a plea via the email list at porsfis@yahoogroups.com **Dancer Cloninger** stepped forward)

Treasurer: **John Andrews**. John indicated he would prefer to step down in favor of another candidate. (Even after a plea via the email list, John remains the sole nominee)

Nominations will remain open until the January Pulsar is printed (was until December 15th, 2001).

Next meeting:

Because Debra Stansbury will be unavailable for the January 12, 2002, meeting, Dancer Cloninger will preside. Entertainment is to be TBA. (See VP's Note for more details).

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

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Classroom vacancies are limited; enrollment ends 1/21 and early enrollment is encouraged to avoid your being shut out of a class.

If you miss a session, you can make it up in a later series; however, the Final Exercise can't be scheduled until you have taken all other sessions.

Winter session:

1. Saturday, 9A-4P: 1/26, 2/02, 2/09 & 2/16.

Spring sessions:

2. Sat, 9A-noon: 3/16, 3/23, 4/06, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4 & 5/11
3. Wed, 6:30-9:30P: 3/13, 3/20, 4/03, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/01 (& 5/11 12:30-5PM)

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