

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society - N. T. Atherton, ed.

JUNE MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Saturday, June 8, at the home of Joe Siclari & Edie Stern.

Address: 4599 NW 5th Ave.

Boca Raton

Phone: 392-6462

Time: 8 PM

Directions: Take I-95 to Yamato Road. Go east on Yamato and make the first right turn onto NW 4th Ave. Go to the STOP SIGN and make a right onto NW 3rd Ave. Make the very next right turn onto NW 5th Ave. and you will be heading directly at the correct house. Look for the yellow van.

Program: GREG ZENTZ, President of the Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches, will give a talk entitled, "First Lensmen: Science Fiction and Astronomy." Mr. Zentz will provide telescopes for some hands-on demonstrations. SFSFS has put in a special order for a cloudless night.

STAR GAZING At the MIAMI SPACE TRANSIT PLANETARIUM this month: "Black Wings," a traveling exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institution, dealing with the history of aviation and "The Real ET's: Where Are They?" a program which discusses possible locations for non-terrestrial life-forms. For dates, times, and more information, call 854-2222.

TROPICON IV MEETING A Tropicon IV meeting will be held at 2PM on Saturday, June 15, at the Siclari/Stern residence. For directions, please see "June Meeting" above. ALL ARE WELCOME!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (your editor speaks) By the power vested in me as Shuttle editor and by virtue of having written at least four million sets of directions on how to get to the events mentioned in the Shuttle, I declare that I-95 shall henceforth be known as "THE SFSFS TRAIL." Honestly, I foresee a 39-car-pile-up in the near future, in which everyone involved will be a SFSFS member! So let's be careful out there --- that car riding your tail is likely to contain one of us!

I would like to extend a personal and heartfelt apology to CARLA GREIFER, a SFSFS member of long standing, whose existence was unknown to me until last night because of some misfiled paperwork. I'M SORRY, CARLA!!! You are now on ALL of my lists and will receive the Shuttle regularly.

Now, let's get this Shuttle launched!

DISCOUNT CORNER SFSFS members (that's you!) will receive a 10% discount on purchases when they present their membership cards at

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS (the vital ingrediant in the Discount Program) were mailed out with the April Shuttle. If anyone did not receive a card (or pitched it with the envelope), please contact NANCY ATHERTON (458-8177) to receive a replacement.

WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN! Gary Downie's Dr. Who Cook Book, amply illustrated by our own GAIL BENNETT, will be available in local bookstores in about two weeks. Gail brought an advance copy to the May meeting and received rave reviews for her splendid illos of everything from "Vegetable Soup with Dalek Krotons" to "The Brigadier's Banquet." What a wonderful way to combine two of fandom's favorite pastimes: reading and eating!

DUNESDAY IS COMING A complete publicity kit for Dune, the motion picture, will be auctioned off at the June meeting. Minimum bid is \$10. The kit was donated to SFSFS by the munificent VINCE MIRANDA and contains Dune posters, flyers, pop-up figures, and other collectibles. (Yes, there is a Sting pop-up figure!)

FRIDAY FILK FEST The Filksinging Committee will meet on Friday, June 21, at Dina Pearlman's home.

Address: 4495 NW 3rd Drive

Delray Beach

Phone: 499-2222

Time: 7:30 PM

Directions: Take I-95 to Atlantic Blvd. in Delray Beach. Go west on Atlantic to Military Trail. Turn north on Military Trail, go past where the road narrows, and turn right onto NW 3rd Drive. Go to the end of the street (it's a cul-de-sac). The house is on the North side. (If you set these directions to music, they'll be a lot easier to remember!)

SWEET SIXTEEN PARTY EDIE STERN & JOE SICLARI will throw a Sweet Sixteen Party at their home on Saturday, July 20, at 8PM. For directions, please see "June Meeting," p. 1.

P.S. "If you have to ask 'why?' you're not invited," says Joe.

A MOVING EXPERIENCE T.M. WALD has become the proud resident of a new domicile. No phone yet, but transporter beams should be aimed in the direction of 3301 SW 29th Street, Coral Gables.

PBC OK DIANE FARNSWORTH, of Membership Development fame, secured permission from the Palm Beach County Library Assn. to distribute SFSFS and TROPICON IV flyers through the libraries. Well done, Diane!

WE CAN BANK ON IT At the May meeting, miracle-worker PEGGY ANN DOLAN (a.k.a. SFSFS Treasurer) announced that she had lined up a service charge-free checking account for SFSFS at Barnett Bank. Grateful members voted unanimously to approve opening the account. Three service charge-free cheers for Peggy!

UPGRADED MEMBERS (Does this make the rest of us "Degraded Members"?) RUSS DAPP and MARGARET GEMIGNANI are now Regular, voting SFSFS members. With a melancholy sigh, Russ informed us that, "as much as I have always wanted to be a general, I guess that I will just have to settle for being regular" adding the memorable line, "WE MUST ASPIRE TOWARDS REGULARITY." Prunes, anyone?

B.O.D. VIBES The SFSFS Board of Directors held a meeting on Monday, May 13, at Becky Peters' home. B.O.D. members JOE SICLARI, NANCY ATHERTON, PEGGY ANN DOLAN, and VINCENT MIRANDA attended, as did SFSFS members BECKY PETERS and JUDY BEMIS.

The meeting was long, hot, and productive --- minutes will be available to SFSFS members on request. The main event was a four-hour-long, line-by-line, talk-intensive overhaul of the SFSFS bylaws. (Don't you wish you were on the Board?) The revised bylaws will be submitted to the entire Membership for review.

The next B.O.D. meeting will be held at 4PM on Saturday, June 8, at the Stern/Siclari residence. For directions, please see p. 1, "June Meeting."

NO HIDDEN AGENDAS HERE In another vote at the May meeting, SFSFS members unanimously approved the Standard Agenda for SFSFS Business Meetings submitted by JOE SICLARI. A copy of the SAFSFSFSBM (no comments!) is included with this issue of the Shuttle so Committee Heads can practice reporting on cue at the monthly meetings.

MAY MEETING REVISITED BECKY PETERS once more opened her home to SFSFS members. The 17 attendees found respite from the heat in a suspiciously sumptuous low-cal raspberry confection prepared by Becky and homemade crumpets and current jelly brought by PAM PARSONS. (What was that quip about favorite fannish pastimes?)

NANCY ATHERTON reported a total membership of 39, including new members SCOTT KEARNS, PAT MASHBURN, DAN RHEA, and RAY ROTROFF and (now) rediscovered member CARLA GREIFER. The Shuttle salutes our new recruits! (See Vince Miranda for instructions on how to use the zero-g facilities . . .)

JOE SICLARI's program, "Science Fiction Through the Ether: Science Fiction and Horror on the Radio" contained such a wealth of fascinating information that I will be first in line for the text if he ever decides to write it up. His extensive tour of SF's radio history took us from Buck Rogers in the 1930's to present-day BBC productions, with many stops in between. Joe capped his enlightening presentation with a recording of Theodore Sturgeon's Saucer of Loneliness, a full-length episode from the X-1 radio series. Bravo, Joe!

TONY PARKER & JUDY BEMIS arrived laden with freshly-printed TROPICON IV flyers. They did a terrific job on the printing, so let's put their fine craftsmanship to work! Get those flyers off of your coffee table and into bookstores, grocery stores, other SF cons, and the hands of your friends. Let's spread the word about TROPICON IV!!

COMMITTEE UPDATES: PHIL TORTORICI wrote himself into the Clubzine Committee and BECKY PETERS added her voice to the Filksinging Committee.

GOING CONS TONY PARKER & JUDY BEMIS will be attending the following SF cons in 1985:

DISCLAVE	May 24-27	Washington, D. C.
ORCON	June 1	Orlando, FL
DEEPSOUTHCON	June 21-23	Huntsville, AL
WESTERCON	July 3-7	Sacramento, CA
NASFIC	Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Austin, TX
FALLCON	Oct. 19-20	Gainesville, FL
NECRONOMICON	Oct. 25-27	Tampa, FL
TROPICON (of course!)	Dec. 6-8	Ft. Lauderdale, FL

If you plan to attend any of these cons, please contact Tony/Judy (391-4380) to discuss ride-sharing/room-sharing. They would also like to hear from anyone interested in throwing a TROPICON IV party at Necronomicon.

Remember! When you go to a con --- any con --- always bring a stack of TROPICON IV flyers with you to add to the freebee table. Contact Tony & Judy in advance for extra flyers.

ONE LAST NOTE At the May meeting, Joe Siclari took upon himself the sad task of announcing the recent death of THEODORE STURGEON. The SF world, as well as that other world I keep hearing about, have lost a giant. Thank you, Ted, wherever you are, for allowing us to share in all of your worlds. We will miss you.

The South Florida Science Fiction Society is a non-profit corporation established for literary and educational purposes. For more information, write: SFSFS, 4599 NW 5th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33431.

READ BEFORE THE 6/8/85 MEETING:

These By-laws will be reviewed at the 6/8/85 SFSFS meeting. After discussion and any revisions, you will be asked to approve them. Bring any suggestions for corrections, revisions, deletions, or inclusions in writing.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

Article I: Membership

1.1 There shall be two primary classes of Membership.

(A) There shall be one class of Regular Membership which entitles its holders to all the rights, privileges, and duties of active Regular Membership in the Society including the right to vote and hold office.

(B) There shall be another class of General Membership which entitles its holders to participate in all club sponsored activities including meetings, special events and open discussions but it does not provide them with the right to vote or hold office.

(C) Special classes of Membership may be established by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. When these are established, the Board must designate requirements, rights, responsibilities and type of Membership.

1.2 A person becomes a General Member when (1) his or her application is accepted by the Regular Membership and (2) he or she pays the required dues and assessments.

(B) General members may, upon meeting the minimum requirements, apply for Regular Member status. The application will be voted upon no later than the second meeting following the date the application is received by the Secretary.

1.3 Membership requirements:

(A) Those who apply and pay for a Regular Membership before the adoption of these By-laws will be designated as Founding Regular Members.

(B) To become a Regular Member, a General Member must (1) be active in SFSFS activities, (2) have attended at least three meetings, (3) apply for Regular Member status, (4) be voted in by the Regular Membership, and (5) pay the required dues.

(C) Any person may apply for General Membership. The application will be voted upon no later than the second meeting following the date the application is received by the Secretary.

1.4 (A) All members must remain in good standing by paying dues as established for each Membership class by the Board of Directors.

(B) Whenever a Member loses his or her membership because of non-payment of dues or assessments, he or she may reapply for the same category of Membership within 60 days without the usual waiting period.

(C) The Treasurer is responsible for notifying each Member in writing at least one month before the deadline for the payment of dues or assessments. Whenever such notice is not given to Members, the deadline for payment of dues or assessments is extended until one month after written notice is actually given.

(D) The Treasurer shall utilize the Dues Schedule as set in the Operating Rules.

1.5 Dues may be imposed for particular periods of time and shall be owed for each period by all persons who are Members or become Members during such period. Assessments are advances to the Society by Regular Members that may be imposed for particular periods of time. Assessments shall be owed for each period by all persons who are Regular Members or become Regular Members during such period and, unless the assessment has been refunded, by all who become Regular Members after such period. Assessments paid by Regular Members are not refunded because their Regular Membership terminates. When refunded, assessments shall be paid back to all those who paid them, whether or not they are still Regular Members.

1.6 The amount of dues and assessments, refunds of assessments, and the expulsion of any Member shall be determined by the Regular Membership as serious matters (see Section V.1). A Regular Membership can be voluntarily transferred from one person to another, or the waiting period for a Regular Membership application may be waived, by a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote of the Regular Membership by secret ballot.

1.7 (A) Any Regular Member who has attended none of six successive meetings shall revert to General Member status until restored by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the Regular Membership by secret ballot.

(B) Whenever Members have attended no meetings for eighteen (18) months, their Memberships shall automatically expire. This provision may be waived at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

14.9 The Officers shall perform such additional duties pertaining to their respective Offices as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or by the Regular Membership.

Article IV: Management

IV.1 The "Board of Directors" as used in these by-laws and within the meaning of Chapter _____ of the Florida statutes shall consist of the three Officers, two at-large Board Members and a Board member who is a Representative of each convention or other major event (as defined by the Board) sponsored by the Society. The Board Representatives serve only as long as the convention or major event is in existence. Board Representatives will be designated according to rules as set in the Operating Procedures. No person can hold more than one position on the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided, the Board of Directors shall have general control and management of the property and business of the Society.

IV.2 In addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred upon them, the Board of Directors and the Regular Membership may each exercise any powers of the Society and do any lawful acts and things the doing of which is not otherwise prohibited by law or in these by-laws.

IV.3 (A) At each meeting of the Regular Membership, the Board of Directors and the individual Officers shall give complete reports of their official activities since the last meeting.

(B) Any decision voted by the Regular Membership is binding on the Board of Directors and on each Officer. The Regular Membership may, as a serious matter, overrule any decision already taken by the Board of Directors. The Regular Membership may, by a three-fifths (3/5) vote, overrule any decision already taken by any Officer. Where any expenditure has been incurred or made, or where any contract has been signed, on behalf of the Society, by any person authorized to do so under any provisions of these by-laws, the Society's obligation therefore may not be abrogated by any decision of the Board or Membership.

IV.4 (A) The Chairman may, in the ordinary course of business, make or authorize the making of any expenditure or obligation in any amount not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.). The Board of Directors may make or authorize the making of any expenditure or obligation in any amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.). The Regular Membership may make or authorize the making of any expenditure or obligation in any amount whatsoever.

(B) Every check, promissory note, draft, or demand for money of whatever amount shall be signed on behalf of the Society by the Treasurer. Every contract, deed, or other instrument shall be signed on behalf of the Society by the Chairman.

(C) The fiscal year of the Society begins on the first day of January and ends on the last day of December of the calendar year. The Treasurer holding office at the end of the fiscal year shall be responsible for closing the books of the Society and for the completion of any tax forms required for that fiscal year.

IV.5 All net income from a convention run by the Society shall be set aside to finance future conventions unless the Regular Membership shall decide otherwise.

IV.6 (A) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as the Board or the Chairman shall determine. Whenever the Office of Chairman is vacant, any other Officer may schedule a meeting of the Board.

(B) A quorum of the Board consists of two Officers or one Officer and two other Board Members.

(C) Each Officer shall be notified of the place, date, and hour of each meeting of the Board. Notice may be given orally, by telephone, or in writing, and is valid if given in time to enable the Officer to attend, or if given according to Section 5.4(E) of these by-laws.

(D) A meeting of the Board is valid without prior notice if all Officers are present, or if each Officer not present waives such notice by a writing included with the records of the meeting. Any action that could be taken by the Board at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if all the Officers consent to the action in writing and the written consents are filed with the minutes of Board meetings. Such written consents shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at a meeting.

IV.7 The Regular Membership may require of any Officer, and the Regular Membership or the Board of Directors may require of any agent or Deputy, a bond in such sum and with such sureties as they may prescribe for the faithful performance of said Officer's, Deputy's, or agent's duties and for the faithful restoration to the Society, in case of death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, papers, moneys, checks, and other property of whatever kind in the possession of or under the control of such Officer, Deputy, or agent and belonging to the Society.

IV.8 Standing or special sub-committees and other positions or agencies may be established or dissolved, and the authority and procedure whereby persons may be appointed thereto or removed therefrom may be defined, by the Chairman with the consent of the Board of Directors or the Regular Membership. If other provisions are not made, appointment and removal shall be at the pleasure of the Chairman. Every entity created under this Section shall keep general records of its activities and shall submit such records to the Secretary for inclusion in the records of the Society.

IV.9 (A) The Society shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of such person's being or having been an Officer or Deputy of the Society or an agent approved by the Regular Membership, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, to the full extent permitted by law, except where such person is finally determined to have been guilty of bad faith or improper conduct as such Officer, Deputy, or agent.

(B) The Society shall pay expenses incurred in defending any such action, suit, or proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the extent authorized by the Regular Membership, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the person or persons involved to repay such amount unless it is ultimately determined they were entitled to be indemnified by the Society.

Article V: Miscellaneous

V.1 The specification of any action in these by-laws as a serious matter shall mean that the action shall require a secret ballot and four-fifths (4/5) majority for adoption, except that a three-fifths (3/5) majority shall be sufficient if the following conditions are met:

(A) written notice has been given of the type of action and the meeting at which it is to be brought up; and

(B) in the case of an action against a Regular Member, to remove a privilege or disqualify the Member from holding a privilege, the Member is given written notice of the action and a reasonable opportunity to argue against it.

Nothing in this section or the rest of these by-laws shall be construed to require that any reason other than the good of the Society be given for any action including serious matters.

V.2 These by-laws may be amended by the Regular Membership as a serious matter.

V.3 Every Member when admitted and on reasonable request shall be provided with an up-to-date copy of these by-laws.

V.4 Except where the context clearly requires another meaning,

(A) "Meeting" means any meeting of the Regular Membership, including the Annual Meeting.

(B) "Three-fifths vote" or other fractional vote of the Regular Membership means that fraction of votes cast. "Votes cast" means valid votes cast for or against a proposal or candidate, and does not include abstentions.

(C) "Officer" and "Office" refers to the Officers named in Section III.1 and to the positions which they hold, or their Deputies in case of their unavailability. An Office is "vacant" if the elected Officer and the Deputy are both permanently unavailable and the Board of Directors has not yet temporarily filled the position by appointment.

(D) "Members" and "Membership" refer to all Members (Regular, General, or any Special categories defined by the Board), except in reference to voting on issues or in elections or where specified. In these cases, "Members" and "Membership" refer only to Regular Members in good standing.

(E) Written notice is "given" to any person if and when it is left with him or her in person, or is left at his or her residence or usual place of work, or if and when it is sent by mail, telegraph, or other carrier to his or her address as it appears in the records of the Society, or if and when it is sent to him or her by any other means. Any means enumerated in this subsection and used to give any notice to any person must be calculated to reach him or her within a reasonable length of time.

Adopted: June 8, 1985.

SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

Standard Agenda: Business Meeting

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll call and
Self-introduction (new members & guests)
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Officer's Reports:
Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
- V. Committee Reports
Membership Development
Publicity
Meetings & Refreshments
Programs
Discount Program
Special Events
Newsletter
Publications
Membership Directory
Clubzine
Filksinging
Other committees as established
- VI. TROPICON
- VII. New Business
New Club Activities
Discussion
- VIII. Election of New Officers (if necessary)
- IX. Next Meeting Announcement & Directions
- X. Program:
- XI. Discussions - Q & A
- XII. It Came in the Mail
- XIII. Refreshment Break
- XIV. Official Adjournment automatic at 11:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

ORCON	June 1		Orlando, FL
B.O.D. meeting	June 8	4pm	Boca Raton
SFSFS meeting	June 8	8pm	Boca Raton
Tropicon IV meeting	June 15	2pm	Boca Raton
Filksinging meeting	June 21	7:30pm	Delray Beach
HEINLEIN'S BIRTHDAY	July 7	No event planned (yet!)	
Sweet 16 Party	July 20	8pm	Boca Raton

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