

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

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

JULY MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Saturday, July 13, at Becky Peters' apartment.

Address: 1501 E. Broward Blvd. #704 / Ft. Lauderdale

Phone: 463-5471

Time: 8:00 PM

Directions: Take I-95 to Broward Blvd. and turn east. Take Broward Blvd. to about one mile past Federal Highway (U.S. 1). Becky's apartment complex is on the left (north) side of the street.

Program: VINCENT MIRANDA, EDIE STERN, and JOE SICLARI will give a multi-media presentation entitled, "Fly Me to the Moon: The History of Moonflight in Fact and Fiction." Might be a nice time for us all to share some of our favorite moments on the Moon. Mine? How about: "Why is a laser beam like a goldfish?"

REACH FOR THE STARS The WEST PALM BEACH SCIENCE MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM in Dreher Park (I-95 & Summit) holds open sky-watching sessions every Friday, presumably after dark. Call 832-1988 for details.

SWEET SIXTEEN STILL ON EDIE STERN and JOE SICLARI will throw a Sweet Sixteen Party at their home on Saturday, July 20, at 8 PM.

Address: 4559 NW 5th Ave. / Boca Raton

Phone: 392-6462

Directions: Take I-95 to Yamato Rd. 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. Please stop before you hit the yellow van in the driveway.

P.S. "If you have to ask 'why?' you're not invited," says Joe and everyone else who already knows why. Tee-hee.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (your editor cries out for help!) Have you always pictured yourself as The One Who Grabs the Controls and Averts Catastrophe After the Pilot Passes Out? Do you thirst for a life of glamour and adventure? Do you long to prove your worth in a truly heroic and beyond-the-call-of-duty sorta way? If so, then you're crazy enough to help me out. Read on.

See --- I'm going to be out of town for most of August, leaving the August Shuttle utterly rudderless. (Try saying that ten times fast!) So I need a Heroine or Hero to gallantly seize the controls and keep the August Shuttle flying straight and true in my absence.

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF?!? Yeah? Then call me, Nancy Atherton, at 458-8177 to receive the Shuttle flight manual, pilot's license, and key to the Captain's zero-g facility.

DISCOUNTS DAT COUNT SFSFS members will receive a 10% discount on purchases when they present their membership cards at

THE PERFECT CRIME
Gateway Shopping Center
1958 E. Sunrise Blvd.
Ft. Lauderdale
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& PURPLE UNICORN BOOKS
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920 930-9972
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From Asimov to Zelazny, from Allingham to Zangwill, you're sure to find lots of good reasons to put your SFSFS discount to work at PURPLE UNICORN BOOKS (sf) and THE PERFECT CRIME (mystery). Bring your family, bring your friends, and don't forget to bring your membership card!

FILK ALERT!!! The KINGSTON TRIO will be at FAU Friday, July 19, and a group of SFSFS filkers will be there to sing along. If a wailin' song and a good guitar are the only things that you understand, oh boy, then contact EDIE STERN (392-6462) for details.

SUNDAY SONGFEST Becky Peters will host a meeting of the Filksinging Committee at her home on Sunday, July 21. For address, phone, and directions, please see "July Meeting," p. 1. Filking will commence at 2pm.

PROFIT OF DUNE Giant sandworms were drummed up to control the fierce competition at the June meeting auction of a DUNE publicity kit donated by VINCENT MIRANDA. When the sands had settled, new member AUDRA DeCHAMPS emerged victorious, with a winning bid of \$23. Audra has obviously mastered the art of Bene Gesserit killer-bidding.

ELVIRA AWAITS YOUR BIDDING A Thrillervideo stand-up featuring Elvira in all her glory and a couple of unspecified, but no doubt spectacular, posters will be up for auction at the July meeting. Be the first kid on your block to bring Elvira home for the night! (And help the club out at the same time!)

BRADBURY THROUGH THE ETHER Radio SF is alive and kicking in South Florida! Apropos of JOE SICLARI's program at the May meeting (see Shuttle no. 3), WLRN-FM is presenting a series of radio adaptations of Ray Bradbury's stories. Entitled BRADBURY 13, it's on every Monday at 4PM.

FARNSWORTH STRIKES AGAIN At the June meeting, DIANE FARNSWORTH reported that she had distributed Tropicon IV and SFSFS flyers to libraries in West Palm Beach, Greenacres, and Boynton Beach, among others. SHE RAN OUT OF FLYERS!!! The Shuttle gives Diane a 21-phaser salute (on stun, of course) for flawless flyer flying.

BY THE BYLAWS SFSFS members attending the June meeting voted unanimously to approve the bylaws submitted with the May Shuttle (no. 3). For those of you who tossed them already, copies will be available on request. Please familiarize yourself with your bylaws. There will be a test.

GROWING INTEREST Also at the June meeting, our Treasured Treasurer, PEGGY ANN DOLAN, compounded glory points by announcing that the new service charge-free SFSFS account EARNs INTEREST! Another 21-phaser salute will be coming right up, as soon as the Shuttle recharges. ("She'll never do it, Captain!" "I'm sure you'll find a way, Mr. Scott." "Aye --- I can shut down the life-support systems on the Bridge for a start . . .")

B.O.D. VIBES Board members PEGGY ANN DOLAN, VINCENT MIRANDA, JOE SICLARI, and NANCY ATHERTON met on June 8 at the Siclari/Stern residence. SFSFS members TONY PARKER and JUDY BEMIS also attended the meeting.

The main subject of discussion was the SFSFS application for 501(c)3 [tax-exempt] status with the IRS. After a whole lot of talk, the Board agreed to study copies of applications filed by several other SF clubs and to have the SFSFS application filed by Sept. 30, 1985.

For those of you breathlessly awaiting a more detailed account of these transactions, minutes will be available on request.

JUNE MEETING REVISITED JOE SICLARI and EDIE STERN welcomed an invasion force of 28 SFSFS members to their home in June. Business meeting minutes will, as always, be available to SFSFS members on request.

NANCY ATHERTON reported a total membership of 42 1/3, including new members ANDY ANDUJAR, AUDRA DeCHAMPS, CECILIA FRISKIE, and CHRIS (that's 1/3 of CHRIS CERAOLO). The Shuttle is proud to have you aboard, even if you're not quite all there . . . (Chris, you'll have to use the 1/3-g facilities until you're a full member.)

Partial member CHRIS CERAOLO enlivened the proceedings by playing a rare cassette tape of "Doctor in Distress," a rock song featuring Colin Baker, among others, recorded as part of the titanic struggle to reverse the BBC's decision to cancel/postpone indefinitely production of Doctor Who.

COMMITTEE UPDATES: DIANE FARNSWORTH is Chair of the Membership Development Committee (surprise, surprise) and JOE SICLARI is coordinating the Clubzine Committee, which remains cheerful but Chair-less.

FEATURED SPEAKER GREG ZENTZ, President of the Astronomical Society of the Palm Beaches, managed to overcome the twin handicaps of a cloudy sky and a Vince Miranda introduction and present an exciting, informative overview of the world of amateur astronomy. With a combination of enthusiasm and expert knowledge, Greg conveyed that special "sense of wonder" which inspires amateur skywatchers to spend long nights gazing at fuzzy smudges of starlight through their telescopes.

"When you realize that that fuzzy smudge is light which has traveled for a few million years from a star or a galaxy or a globular cluster to your lense, well, you can't help feeling connected to the universe in an entirely new way."

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Greg concluded his formal talk with a q & a session which sparked discussions of everything from Halley's Comet to how to use an FM car radio to pick up radio signals from meteor showers. Since it was difficult, even for Greg, to answer all the questions about the cosmos in one evening, I certainly hope he will accept our invitation for a return engagement. A stellar performance, Greg!

GOING CONS

UNIT REUNION

Aug. 2-4

Tampa, FL

A WhoCon. For info call PAM PARSONS (782-5737/763-6116).

TREKCON '85

Aug. 24-25

Miami Beach, FL

For info call ANDY ANDUJAR (662-7093).

NASFIC

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2

Austin, TX

FALLCON

Oct. 19-20

Gainesville, FL

NECRONOMICON

Oct. 25-27

Tampa, FL

TROPICON IV

Dec. 6-8

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CONFEDERATION

Aug. 28 - Sept. 1, 1986

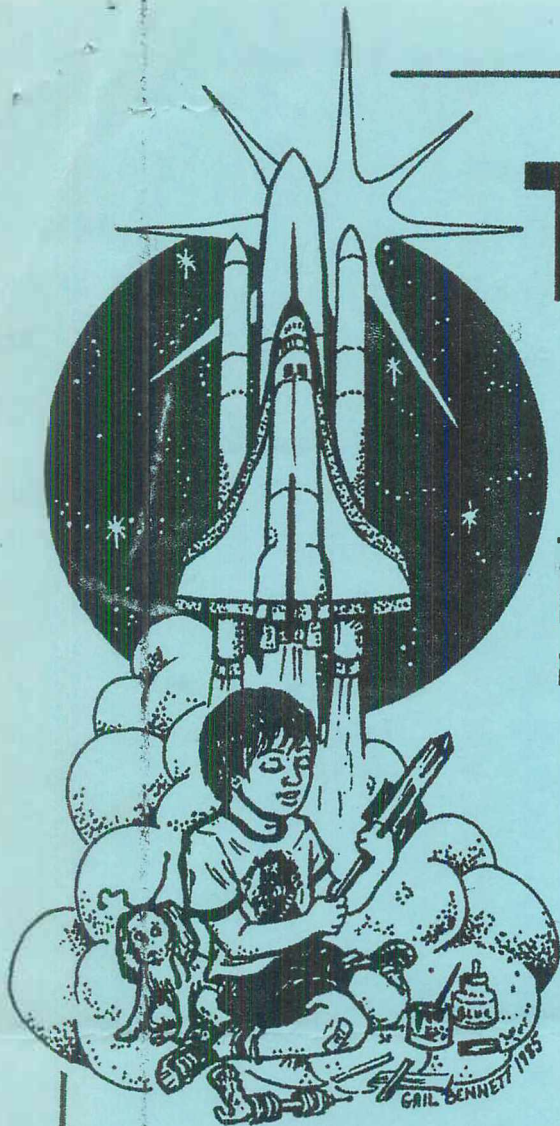
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44th World Science Fiction Convention

TONY PARKER and JUDY BEMIS (391-4380) would like to hear from anyone interested in throwing a TROPICON IV party at Necronomicon.

As you head out on the summer con circuit, remember to bring TROPICON IV flyers for the freebee tables! Contact Tony Parker/Judy Bemis (391-4380) in advance for extra flyers.

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AT-A-GLANCE

Heinlein's birthday	July 7		
Mervyn Peake's birthday	July 9		
SFSFS meeting	July 13	8pm	Ft. Lauderdale
Kingston Trio Concert	July 19		FAU
Sweet 16 Party	July 20	8pm	Boca Raton
Filksinging meeting	July 21	2pm	Ft. Lauderdale
Amelia Earhart's birthday	July 24		
UNIT REUNION	Aug 2-4		Tampa
Brian Aldiss' birthday	Aug 18		
Ray Bradbury's birthday	Aug 22		
TREKCON '85	Aug 24-25		Miami Beach
NASFI	Aug 30 - Sept 2		Austin TX

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