

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

FEBRUARY MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Broward County Main Library in downtown Fort Lauderdale.
Address: 100 S. Andrews Ave. 8TH FLOOR
Ft. Lauderdale

Phone: 357-7444

Time: 2:00 PM

Directions: SEE MAP.

Program: To be announced.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS The long, hard months of campaigning are over, the votes have been cast, and the results are in. It's a landslide victory for the slate nominated by the Nominating Committee! The new officers, the fearless leaders who will guide SFSFS through the coming year, are:

Joseph D. Siclari, Chairman

Peggy Ann Dolan, Treasurer

Pam Parsons, Secretary

Gail Bennett and Diane Farnsworth, B.O.D. Members-at-Large
Custom-made straight-jackets are on order and may be picked up by New Officers at the February meeting.

WORLDCON COA ConFederation, the 44th World SF Convention, to be held in Atlanta August 28 - September 1, 1986, has a new address:
CONFEDERATION

3277 Roswell Road #1986

Atlanta GA 30305

The current membership rate is \$55 and will increase as the year progresses, so become a member NOW while rates are low.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (your editor creaks) A funny thing happened on the way home from the computer store. I totalled my car on I-95 WITH MY NEW COMPUTER IN THE BACK SEAT!!! My Mazda POS is now a sub-sub-compact, my body is bruised, my brain is battered, but, thank ghod for happy endings:

MY COMPUTER IS OKAY!!!

A funny thing also happened on the way to the December issue of Shuttle: we ran out of E-stencils and had to cut the old rustbucket in half, which is why thisish is a bit longer than usual and which is why the zero-g facilities were temporarily out of order. They are now back in working condition, so PLEASE clean up the crew quarters and PLEASE RETURN THE CAPTAIN'S KEY!

DISCOUNT CORNER 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.

Fort Lauderdale

764-2525

Mon.-Sat. 10am-5pm

Do yourself, your friends, and maybe even your family a favor and check out this bookstore. Store owner RICHARD BEAUPRE is not only a SFSFS member, but a nice guy as well, and he'll be happy to help you find the books that best suit your taste. It's a Perfect way to spend a day.

AUSTRALIA CALLING

SFSFS received a strange and wonderful letter from the strange and wonderful Phil Pribaz, a fan from Downunder, asking if anyone in the club would like to correspond with Aussie fen. Phil asks that all interested fen write to her with "details of name, address, sex (oooooh), hobbies (and not just in SF) and any other interesting bits of info" which Phil will pass on to other Aussies. Sound good, mates? Write to:

Phil Pribaz

4 Drake Court

Melton Victoria

Australia 3337

TRIPODS FOR TWO!!

No, we don't want camera stands. "Tripods" is a new British SF series set 100 years in the future. Earth has been invaded and is ruled by harsh alien masters called Tripods. The series follows its hero, Will Parker, in his attempts to free Earth from its conquerors. The series is based on The Tripod Trilogy books by John Christopher.

Currently the show is being broadcast on PBS Channel 5 in Gainesville. Want to get it on the air down here? Write Channel 2 (WPBT CHANNEL 2, 14901 NE 20th Ave., Miami, FL 33181). For best results, TYPE a nice, polite, short letter. If you write like a shouting crackpot twelve-year-old, you'll be treated like one.

A petition will be available at Omnicon for those who wish to sign there as well as write. ---submitted by BILL WILSON.

HAMS FOR WHO?

The "Doctor Who" radio series, starring Colin Baker as the Doctor, is currently being aired on shortwave radio by the BBC World Service. It's a 6-part series entitled "Slipped Back." Any cheap multiband radio should be able to pick it up Sunday nights at 11:45 on 9.51MHz. ---submitted by Ace Reporter BILL WILSON.

MORE SCI-FI RADIO WNWS will present a live program on SF on Thursday, Jan. 30, in connection with Omnicon. The program will be hosted by Steve Kane and run from 3-6pm. It's a talk show, folks, so call in. And what could be more natural than mentioning the South Florida Science Fiction Society and TROPICON V (Dec. 5-7, 1986) while you're on the line . . . ---submitted by the indefatigable BILL WILSON.

BOOK LOVERS ALERT The Friends of the South Regional/BCC Library will hold a book sale Feb. 1 (9am-4pm) and Feb. 2 (1pm-4pm) at the South Regional/BCC Library. Hardbacks @ \$1.00 ea.; paperbacks @ .50 ea. Call 963-8825 for directions to this treasure trove of book bargains.

THE WRITE STUFF SFSFS has been doing its part to keep the fanzine world alive and interesting. Hence, a new department in the Shuttle: THE WRITE STUFF will highlight who's pubbing what where and when. It is assumed beyond a shadow of a doubt that everyone spotlighted here has a submission in hand for the next issue of Solstice. [The eyes of PARSONS are upon you!]

PHIL TORTORICI had an article published in Auto Dual Quarterly [Fall 2035].

DIANE FARNSWORTH had two stories pubbed in Just Deserts #1 and Melange #6.

BECKY NOVAK is accepting submissions for the quarterlies Mileage [for Harrison Ford fans] and Spying Times [for spy fans] at PO Box 1652, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33310. BECKY also scored a journalistic coup of major fannish proportions by having her article on TROPICON IV printed in 5 Mirror newspapers. Way to go, Becky!

JOSE SANCHEZ is accepting artwork for The Artistic Alien at 5915 SW 7th St. Miami FL 33144.

NEW OPERATING PROCEDURES approved by the Great B.O.D.:
All checks must be made payable to SFSFS. [Including checks for TROPICON.]

General Members eligible to apply for Regular Member status will be listed in each issue of The SFSFS Shuttle.

The Treasurer's address shall be included on all mail-in items requiring accompanying payment.

The Secretary's address shall be included on all mail-in items not requiring accompanying payment.

The Secretary will send B.O.D. meeting agendas and minutes to each member of the Board of Directors.

There shall be a class of Honorary Membership which entitles its holders to all the rights and privileges of Regular Membership in the society and which exempts its holders from the payment of dues and assessments. Former Tropicon Guests of Honor will be automatically nominated for Honorary Membership. Any other nominee must be nominated by a Regular Member for a significant contribution to the society and must be voted on by Regular Members at a monthly business meeting.

The current year's SFSFS Chairman will select the following year's Tropicon Chairman.

EVER UPWARDS The following General Members are eligible to apply for Regular Member Status at the February meeting: MIKE COWART, DOMENICK FRAUMENI, GREG ZENTZ, KATHRYN MAX, RICHARD KLEIN, AND BILL WILSON. B.Y.O.P.

DECEMBER MEETING REVISITED Twenty-four TROPICON IV survivors limped gamely through the maze of holiday decorations to attend the meeting at the Main Library. Minutes will, alas, be once more available to members upon request.

NANCY ATHERTON reported an astounding year-end membership of 75!!! including new members ROBERT BLOCH, CARLA LYNNE CARPENTER, HANK HEATH, RICHARD LICHAUCO, BRIAN McCaULEY, SANDI MARCH, AL MIZELL, JAY PACKLICK, AND JUDITH WINBER. The Shuttle is proud to welcome you aboard! [Any volunteers for the zero-g Shower Patrol?]

Before proceeding with the scheduled program, CHAIRMAN JOE asked members if they would be interested in starting a SFSFS Library. The roar of approval was deafening. So it's on. Planning for the SFSFS Library of print and non-print material has begun. There are still a few minor details to work out, of course, like who's going to organize it, run it, store it, cart it around, make sure things are returned, torture fiends who damage SFSFS property, etc., but the idea is launched. HIP HIP HOORAY!!!

TROPICON IV: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? The rest of the meeting was spent discussing Tropicon IV's strengths, weaknesses, and everything in between. Registration Head JUDY BEMIS received cheers when she reported a total membership count well over the magic two hundred mark. The cheers continued as Art Show Director BECKY PETERS announced that the Art Auction was the most successful in Tropicon history. PEGGY ANN DOLAN laughed menacingly when someone mentioned a Financial Report. A bit more time will be required before the Financial Report meets our Treasurer's high standards of accuracy, right Peggy Ann?

EDIE STERN announced that the WIOD radio interview of GoH Robert Bloch had been taped and that copies may be available at some future date. She also said that the video tapes of the con had come out splendidly and would be available for copying. KAT MAX and RICHARD KLEIN reported that the Gaming Room was a resounding success and hoped to expand it at Tropicon V. Everyone agreed that all of our guests were wonderful and that ROBERT BLOCH set a new standard of perfection as the Guest of Honor.

On the whole, it was a terrific con, with the required number of glitches and no major disasters. Everyone worked hard, learned a lot about SF and convention-running, and somehow managed to have a good time throughout. All agreed that it would be a great idea to do it again next year. ONWARD TO TROPICON V!!!

JANUARY MEETING REVISITED Yes, here we are at the South Regional Library already, where 27 SFSFSians rolled their rocks into the monthly business meeting, making this the hugest ever. Minutes will be available to SFSFS members on request (as soon as Judy types them up . . .).

NANCY ATHERTON wasn't exactly sure how many members to report because this is Renewal Time and the numbers are mucho weirdo [trans: "very strange"]. But she was more than happy to confirm the Right Thinking of new members TONI TOFFEL, GINGER CURRY, JOHN FAST, MARC SCHLESINGER, CHARLES WALTHER, BECKY THOMSON, CAROL GIBSON, LINDA HILL, and SHERYL STOLZENBERG. The Shuttle salutes its new recruits! (Does this mean I have to expand the zero-g facilities again!?!)

The first Big Event of the meeting was the Annual Elections, the results of which can be found on p. 1. The second Big Event was when BECKY PETERS arrived with the refreshments. Love those M & M's!

CHAIRMAN JOE proposed starting three new committees: Logistics [storage and transportation of SFSFS property, such as Art Show panels, display cases, etc.]; Artist's Workshop; and Strategic Game Development [i.e., Gaming Workshop]. Members expressed interest in all three and sign-up sheets were circulated for new and old committees.

NANCY told members to look for a story by Tropicon IV Guest TIMOTHY ROBERT SULLIVAN in the Jan. 1986 IASFM and JOE added that GoH and SFSFS member ROBERT BLOCH has a new story in Nightory.

In his program, "How to Research SF," VINCENT MIRANDA demonstrated how to use a wide variety of specialized reference books, while Broward County Librarian BECKY PETERS let members know of the reference tools available in the system. Very interesting, very useful, and very well done. Bravo, Vincenzo!

GOING CONS

OMNICON VII	Jan. 30-Feb. 2	Miami
BOSKONE XXIII	Feb. 14-16	Boston
PhoenixCon of Atlanta	Feb. 28-Mar. 2	Atlanta
Comic & SF Con	Mar. 2	Miami
LUNACON '86	Mar. 7-9	Tarrytown, NY
MaCon Opus Con I	Mar. 28-30	Macon GA
ConFederation	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Atlanta
The 44th World Science Fiction Convention.		
TROPICON V	Dec. 5-7	Ft. Lauderdale

CONTACT! The following items were sent to SFSFS by fans around the world and are available to any member who wishes to peruse their pages:

The Texas SF Inquirer, Sept-Oct 1985 - "The Best Little Newszine in Texas" is the bimonthly newszine of the Fandom Assn. of Central Texas, Inc.

Florida Fandom, Aug 1985 - Clubzine of (you guessed it!) Florida Fandom, based in Lake Worth, complete with cheery Christmas card. The Shuttle beams belated holiday greetings back to you!

DASFAX, Oct/Nov, Dec 1985 - Monthly newsletter of the Denver Area Science Fiction Assn.

Instant Message, nos. 388-393 - Bimonthly newszine of the New England Science Fiction Assn.

Transmissions, v. 9, nos. 2-8 - Clubzine of Nova Odysseus. [Shuttle com temporarily disrupted by some masquerader in a red suit with eight tiny reindeer. Ho Ho Ho, indeed!]

Westwind, Nov & Dec 1985 - Clubzine of the Northwest Science Fiction Society. Don't miss their 100th issue. It is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. And we are all pleased as punch that the Great Northwest trade route is open once more!

The Green Book - Membership directory of the Northwest SF Society.

The Melbourne SF Club Newsletter, v. 1, no. 5 - sent by Phil Pribaz with a call for Yank fen pals. See elsewhere thisish for details.

ONE LAST NOTE All of SFSFS was saddened to hear the news of the death of BANKS MEBANE. Banks was at Tropicon IV, as he had been at all previous Tropicons, helping to set up the Art Show, helping old and new fans feel at home, and helping to keep Tropicon one of the friendliest conventions around. It is very hard to believe that he won't be coming to Tropicon V. We'll save a place for you at the bar next year, Banks. And you will be sorely missed.

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The South Florida Science Fiction Society
Annual Membership Renewal Form

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Phone: _____

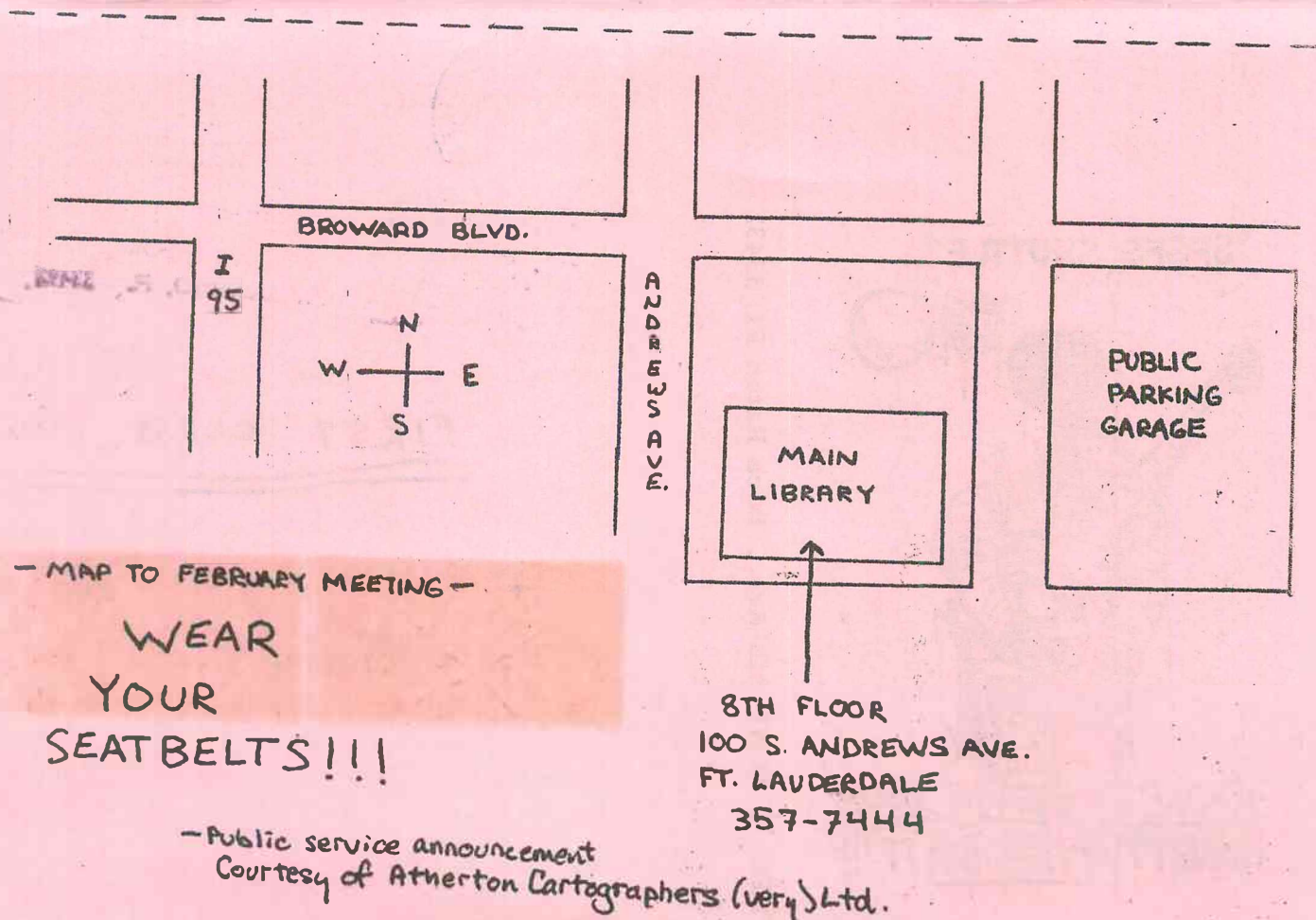
Check where appropriate:

- _____ General [\$10.00]
_____ I would like to apply for Regular
Member status.
_____ Regular [\$15.00]

Please renew my membership in the South Florida Science Fiction Society. My check for 1986 dues is enclosed.

Signature

Please make checks payable to: The South Florida SF Society.
Mail to: SFSFS Treasurer, 4427 Royal Palm Ave., Miami Beach FL 33140.
Thank you!



AT-A-GLANCE

TROPICON V meeting Jan. 25 2 pm
 Call Nancy [458-8177] for directions.

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Omnicon

Jan. 30-Feb. 2

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Feb. 9

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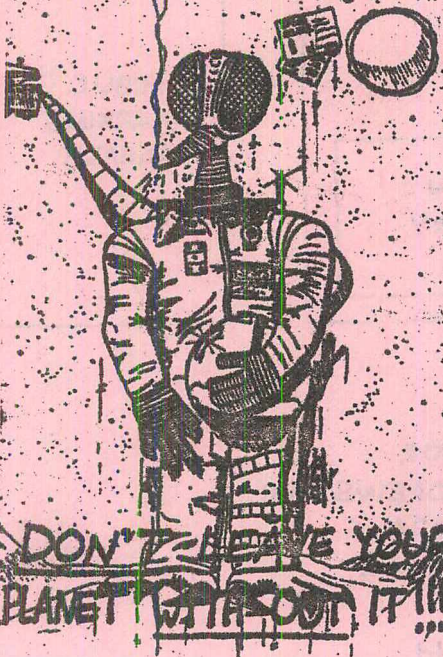
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