

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

APRIL MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Sunday, April 20, at the Broward County Main Library in downtown Ft. Lauderdale.

Address: 100 S. Andrews Ave. / 8th floor Board Room

Phone: 357-7444

Time: 2 PM

Directions: Take I-95 to Broward Blvd. Go east on Broward to Andrews Ave. The library is the 8-story, terraced building, one block south of Broward. PARK in the Public Parking Garage directly to the east of the library.

Program: "The History of Fantasy Art" by guest speaker Sarah Clemens.

COMET CELEBRATION There'll be an all night party celebrating Halley's Comet at Buehler Planetarium April 4 following the 8 PM and 9:15 PM shows. While waiting for the comet to rise at 12:30 AM, groups in attendance will see "StarTrek" (don't know which one) and "Universe" (ditto). Bring your own snacks, binoculars, telescopes, and folding chairs. Rain date is April 10. The Planetarium has a Halley's Comet Hot Line at 475-6680 and is on the Broward Community College Central Campus, 3501 SW Davie Road, Ft. Lauderdale.

SF & F CELEBRATION Author and new SFSFS member GARY ALAN RUSE will be the speaker in a program entitled, "Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy" at the South Regional/BCC Library on Thursday, April 10 at 2:00 PM. Gary will read from his latest novel, Morlac: The Quest of the Green Magician, discuss writing SF & F, and field questions from aspiring writers in the audience. The Library is located at 7300 Pines Blvd. (=Hollywood Blvd.) in Pembroke Pines. Call 963-8896 for directions.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (your editor speaks) A Significant Birthday has come and gone unnoticed. Which is good, in that it means that SFSFSians are too busy rolling the club's many and varied rocks to be bothered with historical trivia. And which is bad, in that we may stand accused of (oh, horrors!) Ignoring Our Roots.

But never fear, the Shuttle is here! To remind you that, on March 4, 1986, the South Florida Science Fiction Society celebrated its First Birthday. Yes, it was one short (ha!) year ago that Chairman Joe grabbed my shackles and said, "C'mon, Nancy! Let's found a club! It'll be fun! An' after that, I've got this really neat fence that needs painting . . ." The rest, as they say, is history. So doff your beanies, one and all, and wave your tentacles proudly as the Shuttle gives SFSFS a twenty-one photon torpedo salute! All together, now:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR SFSFS!
(ooh, that was wet!)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

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SARAH CLEMENS & HIS MAJESTY, VINCENT MIRANDA, 4700 Jeffery Ave., West Palm Beach FL 33407.

EVER UPWARDS MIKE COWART is eligible to apply for Regular Member Status at the April meeting. B.Y.O.B-L.

MOVE OVER, BILL AND GARY 'cause you have company! Yes, as of the March meeting, JOHN MURPHY, KAT MAX, & RICHARD KLEIN are voting, Regular members, having upgraded after six months of active General membership.

SOLSTICE STAFF BLOSSOMS For good ideas and much-needed help above and beyond the call of duty, JOHN MURPHY has been named Assistant Editor of Solstice.

NO DALEKS ALLOWED but everyone else is invited to play "The Game of Rassillon" at the Gaming Workshop of the Strategic Games Development Committee. The workshop will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 12:30 PM at the beautiful Broward Game Players Club, 7619 Davie Road Extension, in Davie. The Club's phone number is 435-2832, but you can call Kat Max or Richard Klein for directions at 781-0381.

CALLING ALL VIDEOHOLICS The Media Research Committee next commits itself on Sunday, April 27, at 2 PM. Watch and share your favorite movies, videos, television, and SF radio drama. Enlighten yourself to little known facts. Become an informed fan. Also, we'll discuss a possible club video project. . . SFSFS Cinema! The meeting will be held at Bill Wilson's place, 3242 Arthur Terrace, Hollywood. Call Bill at 983-0749 for directions and to find out what to bring.

--- submitted by MRC Chair, Bill Wilson

SICK BAY The recent spate of nasty weather has taken its toll on the noble rolls of SFSFS: BILL WILSON, PEGGY ANN DOLAN, JACK WEAVER, GARY ALAN RUSE and BECKY PETERS have all been ailing and the Shuttle send them the club's best wishes for a speedy recovery. The Shuttle Award for Most Interesting Illness is shared by JACK "Bacterial Pneumonia" WEAVER & BECKY "Pleurisy" PETERS. Congradulations?

LIBRARY DONATION? Found: one copy of the Katherine Kurtz novel, The King's Justice, left behind at the South Regional Library after the March meeting. Ownership claims may be phoned in to NANCY ATHERTON (458-8177).

WAY TO G.O.H.! Writer, anthologist, and editor GARDNER DOZOIS will be Guest of Honor at TROPICON V. Winner of back-to-back Nebula Awards for his short stories "The Peacemaker" (1984) and "Morning Child" (1985), he has received numerous Hugo nominations and is currently the editor of Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine. Gardner is also a Real Nice Guy and TROPICON V is delighted to be honoring him. [I can't wait 'till December!]

HOME, HOME, ON THE BEACH Surf's up! TROPICON V, the South Florida Science Fiction Convention, has found a splendid new home at Howard Johnson's Ocean Resort Hotel in Deerfield Beach (20 minutes from the Fort Lauderdale airport). Sun, sea, sand, waving palms, a raw bar across the street --- near a shop that sells "Sea Things"! Who could ask for more? How about room rates of \$38 double or single and OCEAN VIEW ROOMS for everyone who reserves early enough? You got it! It slices, it dices --- in short, it looks pretty good, gang. Questions? Queries? Toss them at NANCY ATHERTON (458-8177) and she will do her Chairperson's best to answer. And stay tuned to the Shuttle for further details.

TROPICON V MUNCHIE MEETING II Everyone is invited to bring their din-din to the next TROPICON V meeting, to be held Monday, May 5 at 6:30 PM at NANCY ATHERTON's Hallandale habitat. Nancy will again provide (almost) everything but the food. Call Nancy (458-8177) for directions. Feel free to bring a pal, too!

WORLDCON UPDATE ConFederation, the 44th World Science Fiction Convention, will take place August 28 - Sept. 1, 1986 in Atlanta, GA. Guest of Honor: Ray Bradbury; Fan Guest of Honor: Terry Carr; and Toastmaster: Bob Shaw. Membership rates are \$55 through March 31, then \$65 through July 15. For more info, ask Nancy Atherton or Chairman Joe at the next meeting or write: ConFederation, Suite 1986, Roswell Road, Atlanta GA 30305. Better yet, save ten bucks by sending your check for membership now --- ask questions later.

If you've never been to a Worldcon before, DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!! If you have been to a Worldcon before, please explain to those who haven't why they will hate themselves if they stay at home. Many SFSFS members are planning to attend ConFederation, so rides and crash space are likely to be available, cutting costs dramatically. START SAVING NOW. It will be worth every penny!

MUSIC TO MY EARS Diana Gallagher's final tape, "COSMIC CONCEPTS More Complete," is professionally produced and a delight for all filkers (and music lovers (editorial distinction made in deference to Signor Miranda)). It is available from Diana for \$10 (includes handling). Send check or money order to:

Diana Gallagher
4101 Oxford Road
Prairie Village KS 66208

---submitted by Cub Reporter, Becky Peters

VAN-TASTIC! Many thanks to JOE SICLARI & EDIE STERN for driving the Murphymobile to the March meeting. Anyone willing to perform in a similarly gallant manner should give JOHN MURPHY a call at 467-6367 and LEAVE A MESSAGE! John will return your call promptly.

MARCH MEETING REVISITED Thirty-nine propellor beanies spun merrily at the South Regional Library during the monthly business meeting. Minutes will be available to SFSFS members upon request.

Secretary PAM PARSONS reported a total membership count of 64, including new members CHIP HAUSMAN, EDWARD HOGLUND and some guy named GARY ALAN RUSE. The Shuttle salutes our new recruits! (Do I have to install an Author's Section in the zero-g facilities now? Sheesh . . .)

Before launching into the main program of the day, Chairman JOE SICLARI asked members if they would be interested in touring an FP & L power plant in the near future. The response was positive enough for Joe to agree to investigate setting up a tour, possibly of the nuclear power plant at Turkey Point. Further details will be in an upcoming Shuttle.

NANCY ATHERTON informed the assembled throngs of the Plight of the Electro-stencil Machine, which has turned certain unnameable parts of itself to mush in the service of SFSFS. Members voted to have the machine repaired as soon as possible, with SFSFS funds.

Program: Guest speakers EDIE STERN & JOE SICLARI presented "The Well-Read Fan, Part II," an oral Recommended Reading List with lots of audience participation. Edie & Joe began the program with a romp down memory lane, recalling the books and stories which led them into a life of SF, and went on to present their choices for 10 Most Influential Books (and One Play) and 10 Most Influential Authors:

Books

1. Frankenstein
2. The War of the Worlds
3. The Time Machine
4. Princess of Mars
5. The Skylark of Space
6. Brave New World
7. Odd John
8. 1984
9. Stranger in a Strange Land
10. Dune

Authors

1. Mary Shelley
2. H.G. Wells
3. A.E. Van Vogt
4. Robert A. Heinlein
5. Isaac Asimov
6. Arthur C. Clarke
7. Ray Bradbury
8. Andre Norton
9. Frank Herbert
10. Harlan Ellison

Play

1. R.U.R.

Edie & Joe stressed that the books were not necessarily the best SF ever written, but were highly influential in forming the various sub-genres grouped under the SF banner. Frankenstein was the first work to thoroughly explore the impact of modern technology on human beings; The War of the Worlds was the first influential alien invasion novel; The Time Machine, the first time travel novel; The Skylark of Space introduced interstellar travel and, with it, space opera; etc. It was very interesting and sparked much lively discussion during and after the formal presentation. Well done, Edie and Joe!

THE WRITE STUFF

Nancy Atherton's TROPICON IV con report (with photos!) was printed in Locus [March, 1986].

BECKY NOVAK is accepting submission for the quarterlies Mileage (for Harrison Ford fans) and Spying Times (for spy fans) at P.O. Box 1652, Fort Lauderdale FL 33310.

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

PAM PARSONS is accepting submissions for the SFSFS Clubzine, Solstice, at the SFSFS address: SFSFS, Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale FL 33307.

GOING CONS

MaCon Opus Con I	Mar. 28-30	Macon GA
MiamiCon	Apr. 5 & 6	Miami
Whose 7	May 2-4	Tampa
GlyptoCon	May 9-11	Cleburne State Rec. Area 30 m. South of Ft. Worth TX

The 1st Annual Pre-historic Armadillo Relaxacon.

Trekon '86	May 10 & 11	Miami
Disclave	May 24-26	New Carrollton MD
ConFederation	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Atlanta GA

The 44th World Science Fiction Convention.

TROPICON V	Dec. 5-7	Deerfield Beach FL
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If you are interested in sharing rides/rooms at ConFederation, contact PHIL TORTORICI at 586-0528 or collar him at the next meeting. He's the one with the missing TMNT comics (sorry, Bro!).

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, Feb. 1986 - Bimonthly newszine of the Fandom Assn. of Central Texas, Inc. Thisish includes a delightful Tropicon IV con report written by Ferk, who included such wonderful details as the correct pronunciation of "SFSFS"! No small discovery. Thank you, Friendly Texans! BRSFL News!, v. 1, no. 41 - Newszine of the Baton Rouge Science Fiction League.

DASFax, Feb. 1986 - Monthly newsletter of the Denver Area Science Fiction Assn. Includes a reprint of Ray Bradbury's "The Bike Repairman."

Instant Message, nos. 396-397 - Bimonthly newszine of the New England Science Fiction Society.

Westwind, Feb. 1986, no. 103 - Clubzine of the Northwest Science Fiction Society, with a beautiful centerfold by Karen Lee Carmack.

Transmissions, v. 9, nos. 11 & 12 - Clubzine of Nova Odysseus. (Aw, c'mon, Gramps, lighten up . . .)

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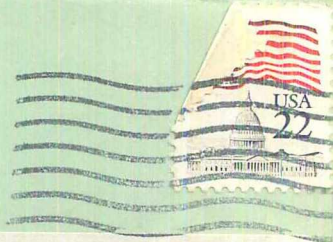
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AT-A-GLANCE

- Apr. 5. Gaming Workshop 12:30 pm Davie
Call Richard Klein (751-0381) for directions.
- Apr. 20 SFSFS monthly meeting 2:00 pm Ft. Lauderdale
- Apr. 27 Media Research Mtg. 2 pm Hollywood
Call Bill Wilson (983-0749) for directions.
- May 5 TROPICON V meeting 6:30 pm Hallandale
Call Nancy Atherton (458-8177) for directions.

April 12 Filksinging Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Boca Raton
Call Edie Stern (392-6462) to confirm that you are coming.
Also — new songs will be handed out at this meeting.
Attention all TimeLords! Due to a slight temporal distortion
"The Game of Rassilon" will be played on April 19th
and "The Search for the Mongrelmen" will be played
on April 5th. "The Search for the Mongrelmen" is an
exciting AD+D adventure, no experience required.
No Daleks there, either! (Or are there???)

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