

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

**AUGUST MEETING** The next SFSFS meeting will be held Sunday, August 17, at the Main Library in beautiful downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Address: 100 S. Andrews Ave. / 8th Floor

Phone: 357-7444

Time: 2:00 PM

Directions: Take I-95 to Broward Blvd. Go east on Broward to Andrews Avenue (couple blocks past the railroad tracks). The library is the 8-story terraced building a half block south of Broward on Andrews. Park in the public parking garage directly to the east of the library.

Program: DIANE FARNSWORTH will give a presentation on the fannish side of media fandom.

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!** (your editor exhorts) ConFederation is almost here! Geographically as well as chronologically! If Atlanta seems far away, think about this: last year's worldcon was in Australia; next year's worldcon will be in England! Compared to that, ConFederation is in your own back yard --- and well worth any effort it takes to get there.

ConFederation, the 44th World Science Fiction Convention, will take place in Atlanta, Georgia from August 28 to September 1, 1986. It will feature more writers, editors, filmmakers, artists, cartoonists, filkers, costumers, gamers and FANS than you've ever seen together in one place. There will be the Hugo Awards Ceremony, a 60 Year SF Art Retrospective, a dazzling Dealers's Room, a massive Masquerade, a panoply of panels, an incredible Art Show, a fantastic film program, endless videos, computer and non-computer gaming, Somtow & Heather's midnight marriage ceremony (during which the groom will be carried in on litter) and so much more that it boggles the mind.

And that's just the Official Stuff! The Unofficial Stuff includes parties, dances, parties, dinners, parties, smoothing (ask Bob Tucker when you see him there), parties, and maybe even some parties. Not to mention the saunas & swimming pools, the tours of Atlanta & nearby Stone Mountain, and all them one-shots rollin' off the magic mimeo in the Fanzine Room.

In short, don't plan on getting much sleep! But DO PLAN ON BEING THERE!! And, while you're there, keep an eye out for posters telling you where the TROPICON V party will be on Friday night. The BBI is generously allowing TROPICON V to use their suite IN THE HILTON from 6 PM TO MIDNIGHT on FRIDAY NIGHT FOR A ROUSING TROPICON V PARTY. We won't know the room number until we get to ConFederation, but posters will be posted in obvious places by the heroic HANK HEATH.

See you there!

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DISCOUNT CORNER SFSFS members will receive \$5.00 off the regular subscription price of FANTASY REVIEW -- 12 issues for \$15.00 -- when they send their \$15.00 to:

FANTASY REVIEW  
c/o Dr. Robert A. Collins, ed.  
500 NW 20th St.  
Boca Raton FL 33431

SFSFS members will also receive \$5.00 off the regular yearly membership dues of the Broward Game Players Club -- one year for \$25.00 -- when they apply for membership at:

Broward Game Players Club  
c/o Bill Crane  
7619 Davie Road Extension  
Hollywood FL 33024

BBI & SFSFS AT WORLDCON The Blue Blaze Irregulars (fan club based on "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai" etc.) have reserved a suite, 2 quads, and 2 double bedrooms in the Atlanta Hilton for ConFederation. If you would like to stay with the BBI, write REAL SOON for more information to: BBI Mid Miami Squad, PO Box 144892, Coral Gables, FL 33114-4892. Or call Bob Louderbach (Official Official) at 385-4734. Approximate room rates with the BBI: \$30/night. Offer open to all SFSFS and/or BBI members. A pit will be provided for the League of Lectroids for Lizardo.

---Submitted by Silver Bullet

SPECIAL ELECTION "Due to the increasing responsibilities of my job, I have found it necessary to resign as secretary of SFSFS, effective as soon as a special election can be held to secure a replacement," wrote PAM PARSONS to B.O.D. members earlier this month, thus giving SFSFS its first opportunity to test its constitutional (or at least by-lawsian) provisions for Special Elections. Will SFSFS survive this crisis? Will the club flounder at the loss of so splendid a Secretary as the Divine Lt. Parsons? And what about Ensign Lethbridge-Teddy? For answers to these and other burning questions, see "July Meeting Revisited."

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY Thanks to the efforts of JUDY BEMIS, the SFSFS Membership Directory is finished! Those of you who attended the July meeting should have one already. The rest will be available at the August meeting. It contains a plethora of information about SFSFS as well as members' names/addresses/phone nos. and represents ~~centuries~~ months of hard work. Updates will be included in future Shuttles.

FANTASTIC NEWS Fantastic Worlds, a Texas-based SF bookstore chain, will open a store in HOLLYWOOD FL in December. Well, actually, they will expand their present location in Hollywood (STAR COMICS in Poinciana Plaza at 5902 Stirling Road) as well as their selection of SF & F books, games, comics, and doodads. The current store manager MARK BLAHA will return to Texas in early August, so if you want a chance to chat with this extremely nice person, stop by STAR COMICS before then. And stop by after that to check out their SF & F books, games, comics, and especially their doodads!



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TROPICON MUNCHIE MEETING 5 Everyone is invited to attend the next TROPICON V dinner meeting on Monday, September 15, at 6:30 PM at NANCY ATHERTON's Tropiconista hideout in Hallandale. At the risk of losing half my committee, I will declare this to be a Work Meeting, during which we will prepare the Progress Report for mailing. Would you like to be one of the few, the proud, the exhausted, the brave? Call Nancy at 458-8177 for directions!

TRIVIA ALERT! TROPICON Triviamaster JOHN MURPHY promises a free trip to the Murphy Mortuary in Transyl Pennsylvania to everyone who fails to supply fresh Trivia Questions for use in Tropicon's Trivia Free-for-All. For self-preservation's sake, send questions & answers to:

JOHN MURPHY  
10 Pelican Isle  
Fort Lauderdale FL 33301

Answers must be SHORT (two or three words) because of the contest's format & questions must be SF/F-related. You have been warned.

DON'T TAKE THE DARE The film on which Sir VINCENT of MIRANDA has been working for some time, "Truth or Dare," is now showing at a theatre and/or drive-in near you! Vince gives the film a raving review and recommends that all SFSFS members [as well as human beings of intelligence and good taste] avoid the film at all costs. Vince is relieved to report that his name will not appear in the credits. [Sounds like a potential TROPICON Saturday Night Special: lethal!]

KAT HAS KITTENS! KAT MAX has a couple of orange kittens up for adoption. Call her at 946-4803 for details. [If Richard is so sure he had nothing to do with this, why does he keep humming "Feline Groovy"?]

WRITER'S WORKSHOP The first SFSFS Writer's Workshop was a hit, according to everyone who attended. His Eminence, VINCENT MIRANDA reports that it uncovered some real writing talent in the club and plans to hold the next one as soon as he receives word from interested members. Please call Vince at 848-3068 for details on the next workshop.

SOLSTICE DROWNS Clubzine editor PAM PARSONS reports that torrential rain + leaky roof over Pam's desk = a slight delay in the Solstice publishing schedule. Solstice is currently being re-typed and will, with good luck and a stretch of drought, be out by September.

FILKERS REJOICE Judy Bemis reports that highly esteemed filker FRANCINE MULLEN and her guitar are moving to Pembroke Pines.

SFSFS CINEMA Writers, directors, actors, camerafen, ALL SFSFS members interested in working on The SFSFS Video should call DOMENIC FRAUMENI (431-8072) or BILL WILSON (983-0749) to find out how you can help.

GAMING MEETINGS In August, the Strategic Games Committee will meet every Sunday at 11:00 AM at JOHN FAST's residence in Plantation and on the first Saturday of August at 12:00 noon at the Broward Game Players Club in Hollywood. Please call KAT/RICHARD (946-4803) for directions and more information. Other Saturday games will be scheduled as needed.



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SFSFS T-PARTY Plans are afoot to print a limited edition SFSFS T-SHIRT, available to members only, using GAIL BENNETT's fantastic logo as the design. This printing will be marked "First Edition" and will be available for a limited time. The First Edition SFSFS t-shirts will cost approximately \$8.00 apiece. If you are interested, come to the August meeting prepared to pre-pay for your order. Anyone for T? *PREPAID SHIRTS PERSONALLY INSCRIBED BY GAIL! (NESFA TAKE NOTE)*

THE VAN CLUB Want to become a driving force in SFSFS? Then give JOHN MURPHY a call! John's wheelchair is not yet geared to move at 55 mph, so he needs someone/thing to drive the Murphymobile to SFSFS meetings. The Murphymobile is a cushy, all-automatic van which seats five in addition to the driver and John. The driver is encouraged to bring passengers and save gas for everyone. You also get to park close to entrances! So give John a call at 467-6367 and leave a message on his machine. John will return your call promptly.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES SARAH CLEMENS and the Right D~~i~~sHonorable VINCENT MIRANDA will write your horoscope if you ask nicely. Call them at 848-3068 for details.

A CASE OF SPACE RICHARD GRASSO, JR. donated a case of space-related print materials to the SFSFS Library. Many thanks. Richard, and good luck with the move!

WANNA NOMINATE? The Nominating Committee is still looking for a few good fen to join them in their quest for beings capable of rolling the club's many rocks, preferably uphill. Interested? Call Chairman JOE SICLARI at 392-6462 to volunteer.

T.R.I. AS YOU MIGHT. you won't find a better Doctor Who fan club in South Florida than Tardis Repairs Incorporated. This club meets monthly on a Saturday at the West Dade Regional library. As mentioned in last ~~week's~~ month's Shuttle, call Doctor Who fan and fellow SFSFSian GREG HARRIS at 661-7136 for details.

---Submitted by Doctor Wilson

WHEREVER YOU GO. the BBI is there [so that's why the zero-g facilities are such a mess!]. Recently, the Blue Blaze Irregulars have attended opening night showings of "Poltergeist II," "Labyrinth," "Big Trouble in Little China," "Aliens," and more. They've worked on the March of Dimes telethon and other charitable events. And they party a lot. Future plans include get-togethers for Howard the Duck, The Fly, a fund-raising car wash, an art exhibit, not to mention activities at Worldcon (see BBI at Worldcon, thisish). More details? Call Bob Louderbach at 385-4734.

--- Submitted by Silver Bullet

THE SFSFS TAPES Audio tape of SFSFS monthly business meetings are available from JOHN MURPHY. Call John at 467-6367 for details.

REACH FOR THE PRUNES Former General Member MARK BAUMGARTEN not only dragged his brother into this den of iniquity at the July meeting, but went so far as to become a Regular Member! Bravo, Mark!

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JULY MEETING REVISITED Thirty-five members and one guest responded with lightening speed to the last-minute notice of July's meeting date and gathered at the Broward Game Player's Club for the monthly meeting. Your editor was delighted to see the smiling face of much-missed SFSFS member JACK WEAVER, looking astonishingly healthy for someone just out of major surgery. [Tell the truth, Jack, you were just getting your ears pierced, right?] Minutes will be available to SFSFS members on request from new Secretary Judy Parsons, er, Pam Bemis, no, no, from JUDY BEMIS!

Secretary PAM PARSONS informed the club of her intention to step down from the post of Secretary and a Special Election was held (see below). Owing to these unusual circumstances, the Secretary's Report was as follows:

"Do you know how many members we have, Pam?" "Nope."

"How 'bout you, Judy?" "Uh-uh."

"Peggy Ann? Any guess?" "Well, er . . ."

A total membership of 74 was voted Most Popular Estimate, including new members ROBERT J. ACKER, MARION MAGNAN, WALT HOUSTON, MIKE BAUMGARTEN, DANIEL STANIMAROVIC, JOHN KATCHMAR, VICTORIA SULLIVAN, GLEASON SULLIVAN, DANNY SICLARI and reinstated member DOMENIC FRAUMENI. The Shuttle welcomes you aboard! [Especially DANNY & GLEASON who, as our first Space Cadets (the under-8 crowd), are just the right height to look after the zero-g facility, under JAY PACKLICK'S supervision, of course.]

Special Election, cont'd: When we last left SFSFS, it was facing its first by-lawsian crisis with a courage known only to those who have endured "King Dinosaur" on a full stomach. With such training, we could not fail --- and we didn't! A Special Election was held at the July meeting and former Deputy Secretary JUDY BEMIS was elected to serve as Secretary for the remainder of Pam's ~~sentence~~ time in office.

The Shuttle would like to take this opportunity to give Lt. Parsons a 21 photon torpedo salute for contributing so much time and energy to the club since she took office in January. Thank you, Pam. You filled the Secretarial straight-jacket nobly. And the Shuttle wishes Secretary Judy the best of luck as she dons the robe of office, though it does wonder a bit at the fact that Judy left town two days after the election. [Pam, you didn't actually explain her duties to her, did you? Before the election?!?]

Program: EDIE STERN & JOE SICLARI celebrated the 17th anniversary of our first step on the Moon with a multi-media program on the history of the space program. Joe began the program by showing George Melles' visionary film, "The Astronomer's Dream," which featured state-of-the-art FX for the time the film was made, including an interplanetary voyage by rope ladder.

Joe & Edie conducted a space fax trivia contest filled with gems such as the date Sputnik stunned the world (Oct. 4, 1957, correctly answered by HANK HEATH) and the first landing on the moon (by a Russian probe, Sept. 18, 1959, answered correctly by Joe as he read the answer from his question sheet). PEGGY ANN DOLAN won the contest by an astronomical margin, answering most of the questions before Joe



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finished asking them. Peggy was rewarded for her efforts with a spiffy pack of Space Rocks cards. MICHAEL BAUMGARTEN and TERRI WELLS tied for second place and were suitably rewarded.

A film of the Gemini 4 space walk was also shown (though VINCENT MIRANDA disputed the film's authenticity, claiming that the Chinese should get the credit for the first space wok) and a selection of space booster filksongs was played throughout the program, including several new songs inspired by the Challenger explosion. The program concluded with many members joining in on "The Eagle Has Landed," described by Joe as the anthem of the space booster movement and a suitable finale to an extremely enjoyable and informative salute to humankind's exploration of space. Well done, Joe & Edie!

### THE WRITE STUFF

SARAH CLEMENS had an essay published in Eros in the Mind's Eye, a hardback collection of essays on sexuality in fantastic literature.

SARAH CLEMENS also sold a short story, "A Good Night's Work," to TROPICON Goh Gardner Dozols, to be included in an upcoming anthology of Jack the Ripper stories.

SARAH CLEMENS is also a very happy author. [Congrats, Sarah!]

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

PSFS Newsletter, June 1986 - Newsletter of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society.

DASFax, July 1986 - Monthly newsletter of the Denver Area Science Fiction Society.

The Bluejay Fantastic Flyer, May June July 1986 - Promotional newsletter produced by the nice people at Bluejay Books, introducing new summer releases.

### GOING CONS

Trekons	Aug 16-17	Tampa
Scorpio IV*	Aug 16-17	Chicago
Triangulum '86	Aug 22-24	Milwaukee
ConFederation/44th Worldcon	Aug 28-Sept 1	Atlanta
DeepSouthCon 24	Sept 27-28.	Louisville KY
Armadillo Con 8	Oct 10-12	Austin TX
Necronomicon	Oct 31-Nov 2	Tampa
TROPICON V	Dec 5-7	Deerfield Beach FL

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EVER UPWARDS The following General Members are eligible to apply for Regular Member Status at the August meeting: CAROL GIBSON, CHIP HAUSMAN, HANK HEATH, LINDA HILL, and CLAUDE PINSONNEAULT. B.Y.O.P. or borrow some from MARK BAUMGARTEN.

COA's

RUSS DAPP'S phone number is 499-5143.  
PEGGY GEMIGNANI, 3200 NE 18th Ave. #10, Fort Lauderdale FL 33306  
JACK WEAVER's zip code is now 33071-4424.  
JOHN FAST, 5 Jacaranda Drive #207, Plantation FL 33324-2518/473-4091

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TROPICON V REGISTRATION FORM  
Please Print!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Yes! I would like to be registered as a member of TROPICON V, the South Florida Science Fiction Convention. My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

3-Day Membership: \$10.00 until October 31, 1986, then \$15.00  
Banquet Ticket: \$19.50

I would also like information on \_\_\_\_\_ Art Show \_\_\_\_\_ Dealers' Room.

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

THANK YOU!



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AT-A-GLANCE

Folk Committee meeting **CANCELLED** Aug. 7:30 PM  
Call Edie Stern (392-6462) for more info.

Fort Lauderdale

Gaming Committee meeting Aug. 2 12 PM Hollywood  
Call Kat Max/Richard Klein (946-4803) for more info.

Gaming Committee meetings Aug. 3/10/17/24/31 11 AM Plantation  
see above

Board meeting Aug. 4 7 PM Hollywood  
Call Joe Siclari (392-6462) for more info.

SFSFS monthly meeting Aug. 17. 2 PM Ft. Lauderdale  
Call Joe Siclari (392-6462) for more info.

CONFEDERATION Aug. 28 - Sept. 1 Atlanta

Tropicon meeting Sept. 15 6:30 PM Hallandale  
Call Nancy Atherton (458-8177) for more info.

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