

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

FEBRUARY MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Saturday, February 21, at the Broward Game Players Club in Hollywood.

Address: 7619 Davie Road Extension

Phone: 435-2832

Time: 7 PM (meet-to-eat at 6 PM)

Directions: Take I-95 to Sterling Road. Go west on Sterling to Davie Road Extension (the intersection has a McDonalds, a Mobil Station, & a Winn Dixie). Turn left onto Davie Road Extension. Follow it for about one mile as it curves southwest. The Game Players Club is on the righthand side of the road in a small shopping plaza with a "Plaza 76" sign. The club is the 2nd store from the back. Buzz the buzzer to be let in.

Program: BECKY PETERS will take us on a tour of "The Many Worlds of Andre Norton."

WE'RE HONORED! TROPICON V Guest of Honor, the godlike GARDNER DOZOIS, became an Honorary Member of SFSFS on Dec. 8, 1986, adding his name to those of our other distinguished HM's: FORREST J ACKERMAN, LEE HOFFMAN, VINCENT DIFATE & ROBERT BLOCH. The Shuttle welcomes Gargy with a heartfelt, "AIEEEEEEEEEEE!!!"

CONSENT TO ADVISE NASA spokesperson NICHELLE NICHOLS graciously accepted our invitation to serve on SFSFS's Advisory Board after appearing as Guest Speaker at the January business meeting. See "January Meeting Revisited" for details. (And if you think I'm going to risk permanent tire-tread marks on my toes by making any "Beam me up" jokes, you got the wrong editor, chump!)

THE LAST SHUTTLE?!!? This horrifying thought could become even more horrifying reality if you fail to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ASAP!!! No kidding, kids, this is the last Shuttle you'll hold in your tiny paws unless you send your membership renewal form and fee to our sainted Treasurer, PEGGY ANN DOLAN, 4427 Royal Palm Ave., Miami Beach FL 33140.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (your editor speaks) HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Welcome to SFSFS all ye New Members & Welcome Back all ye Vets! It's your old Captain, taking the helm after a close encounter of the Tropicon kind, and pleased as punch at the precise flight paths followed by Guest Editors JAY PACKLICK, CAROL PORTER, and KAT MAX during my leave of absence. They boldly went where only a couple of SFSFSians have gone before and lived to tell about it. If you'd like to try your hand at flying the old rustbucket, meet me in the zero-g and ... nah, better if you gimme a call at 458-8177 and arrange to pick up the flight manual and Captain's Key. Sorry, but you may not borrow my decoder ring!



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CHRISTINE KITTLER, 510 SW 16th St., Ft. Lauderdale FL 33315  
Phone: 463-4959

HANK HEATH, P.O. Box 292890, Davie FL 33329

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HEARKEN ALL HACKERS! DINA PEARLMAN reports that the FAU University Tower Academic Computer Center is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Mon-Thurs. 8AM - Midnight  
Fri. 8AM - 4:30 PM  
Sat. 9AM - 5 PM

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A BLOODY GOOD IDEA The Blue Blaze Irregulars will sponsor a blood drive Feb 6 (noon-4:30pm) and Feb. 7 (9:30am-11am) at the Oceanside Holiday Inn, 3000 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, during Omnicon. Call 735-9600 or 385-4734 for details.

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JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM Consider yourself highly intelligent (or at least able to count) if you were confused by the dates listed for TROPICON VI in the last Shuttle. The correct dates are: December 4-5-6, 1987. It will be held at the Ocean Resort Hotel in Deerfield Beach, Guest of Honor will be GEORGE R.R. MARTIN, Artist GoH will be GAIL BENNETT, and NANCY ATHERTON will wear the Chair's crown of flamingo feathers once more. Negotiations are currently under way to include a No-Hurricane Clause in the hotel contract.

TROPICON VI COUNTDOWN BEGINS The FIRST meeting to brainstorm ideas for TROPICON VI will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday, Feb. 9, at NANCY ATHERTON'S Hallandale hideaway and EVERYONE IS WELCOME to attend. Hitherto unseen photos from Tropicon V will be unveiled and bright ideas on how to improve Tropicon will be most welcome. Bring your own bright ideas & munchies. For directions, call Nancy at 458-8177.

TICKLED PINK about TROPICON VI flyers? Me, too! Thanks to GAIL BENNETT'S whirlwind artistic skill, 1st edition flyers are already available for distribution. In fact, you should see one in this Shuttle! If you're going to conventions, club meetings, bookstores, or other places likely to attract potential Tropiconistas, please give NANCY ATHERTON a call at 458-8177 for a supply of flyers to take along.

TROPICON V IS LAID TO REST The cake read "R.I.P. Tropicon V" for a very short time before Tropicon V Committee and staff members inhaled it at the Dead Flamingo Party on January 11. The purpose of the party was to thank all of you who worked so hard at Tropicon V and, to those of you who couldn't make it, I can only say: the cake was delicious! Er, I mean, to everyone who carted, guarded, set up, cleaned up, and generally put the whole thing in motion and kept it going: please accept Billions and Billions of THANKS from your Chair. (Your coffee table thinks highly of you, too.)

EYE-BRAIN COORDINATION Media fans who like to think AND watch are invited to join the Media Research Committee. The MRC will meet the last Friday of every month at 7:30 PM at the MAX/KLEIN Video Lair in Pompano Beach. Each meeting will include either a feature film or a television episode followed by a discussion of the material just seen. February's feature is "Highlander" and the discussion topic will be the treatment of immortality in SF films/tv shows. Other areas to be explored include producing a club video, the video tape exchange, and creating the Media Encyclopedia series. If you enjoy using your brain as well as your eyeballs, give RICHARD KLEIN a call at 946-4803.

WAY TO GO, JOE! Special thanks from Chairman BILL WILSON and all SFSFS members to JOE MOTES, Chairman of TREKCON '87, for so generously allowing us to hold our January meeting at Trekcon and for helping Bill to arrange the appearance of NICHELLE NICHOLS as Guest Speaker.






# TROPICON VI

THE South Florida Science Fiction Convention

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**MURPHYMOBILE SEEKS PILOT** JOHN MURPHY needs a driver to get him and his van to meetings. The van is all-automatic, a breeze to drive, and luxuriously comfortable. It also seats 5 in addition to John & driver, so you can CAR POOL! If you can lend a hand, give John a call at 467-6467 and leave a message on John's answering machine. He will return your call promptly.

**GAMER'S CALENDAR** The Strategic Game Development Committee is meeting the 1st of each month at the Broward Game Player's Club; every Saturday at KAT MAX/RICHARD KLEIN's residence in Pompano Beach; and every Sunday at JOHN FAST's residence in Plantation. Gamers are asked to arrive at noon. Gaming starts at 1PM. Call KAT MAX for details at 946-4803.

**B.O.D. VIBES** Newly elected and highly respected Chairman BILL WILSON received a round of applause as he called his very first Board of Directors meeting to order on Jan. 13, 1987. Attending this historic meeting were PEGGY ANN DOLAN, NANCY ATHERTON, JAY PACKLICK, and JUDY BEMIS. DIANE & JOHN KATCHMAR, displaying a near-heroic sense of duty, drove all the way down from the Far North to attend the last 45 minutes of the meeting. The main subjects of discussion were the 1987 SFSFS budget, continuation of the Quest for 501(c)3 status, and committee appointments. Minutes of the meeting will be available to SFSFS members who request them from Judy Bemis.

## 1987 Committees & Chairs

Advisory Board	Bill Wilson (deputy: Joe Siclari)	
Board of Directors	Bill Wilson (deputy: Joe Siclari)	
Creative Writing	Jay Packlick	
Discount Program	Bill Wilson	
Filksinging	Edie Stern	
Library	Diane Katchmar	!!!!
Media Research	Richard Klein	BILL
Meeting Space	Bill Wilson	WINS
Membership Directory	Judy Bemis	!!!!
Parliamentarian	Tony Parker	
Programs	Bill Wilson	
SF Computers	Bruce Feldman	
SF Discussion Group	Joe Siclari & Edie Stern	
Shuttle (Newsletter)	Nancy Atherton	
Solstice (Clubzine)	Edie Stern & Joe Siclari	
Strategic Game Development	Kat Max	
Tropicon VI (1987)	Nancy Atherton	
Tropicon VII (1988)	Edie Stern	

Chairs are still needed for the following Committees:

Auctions/Fundraising

Publicity

Special Events

Writer's Workshop

If you would like to lead the troops on any of these committees, please call Chairman Bill at 983-0749. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!



SFSFS DISCUSSION GROUP meets next on Feb. 20 at the SICLARI/STERN domicile in Boca Raton (392-6462 for details). The tentative reading list is as follows:

February	Brin, David Asimov, Isaac	The Postman I, Robot
March	LeGuin, Ursula K. McCaffrey, Anne	The Left Hand of Darkenss Nerilka's Story
April	Holdstock, Robert LeGuin, U.K.	Mythago Wood Always Coming Home
May	Heinlein, Robert Card, Orson Scott	Starship Troopers Ender's Game
June	Sagan, Carl Niven & Pournelle	Contact Footfall
July	HUGO NOMINEES or Heinlein, Robert Myers, John	Citizen of the Galaxy Silverlock
August	Norton, Andre Pohl, Frederik	Galactic Derelict Gateway
September	Hartwell, David Hubbard, L. Ron	Age of Wonders Battlefield Earth
October	Bear, Greg Sucharitkul, Somtow	Eon The Dawning Shadow, pt. 1: The Light on the Sound
November	Silverberg, Robert Gibson, William	Dying Inside Neuromancer
December	Heinlein, Robert Sterling, Bruce	The Past Through Tomorrow Schismatrix

Joe'n'Edie request suggestions for additions to this list, esp. outstanding new books that other members may not yet have read or heard about. Phone them at 392-6462 with your ideas.

JANUARY MEETING REVISITED Thirty-four windblown members and 3 guests gathered by the pool of the Holiday Inn-Calder for the SFSFS monthly business meeting. Minutes will be available to SFSFS members on request from JULY BEMIS.

Secretary JUDY BEMIS reported a wimpy total membership number of 50 (which is typical at this time of year because of all youse guys who haven't renewed yet - hint, hint), including new General Members ARLENE WICKS and RAY ROTROFF. The Shuttle welcomes you aboard! (Are we including zero-g instructions in the new Membership Directory?)

In a brilliant stroke of B.O.D.-building, SFSFS members elected BECKY PETERS as an at-large member of the Board of Directors (by acclamation). Members also approved the 1987 Budget and roared with approval at the appointment of JAY PACKLICK as Chair of the Creative Writing Committee.

PROGRAM: Thanks to the blissfully organized and creative planning of Chairman BILL WILSON and the generosity of Trekcon '86 Chairman, JOE MOTES, SFSFS members were treated to a very special program this month: a poolside chat with NICHELLE NICHOLS, an articulate and informative spokesperson for NASA.



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January Meeting Revisited, cont'd.

Nichelle discussed her involvement in the Space Program, dating back to 1975, when NASA became concerned about the dearth of women & minority applicants for astronaut training. Nichelle's enthusiastic support of the Space Program, combined with her popularity as Lt. Uhura on the "Star Trek" television series, made her the perfect choice to serve as spokesperson for NASA.

Nichelle traveled throughout the U.S., speaking at professional science conferences and universities; giving television, radio, newspaper, and magazine interviews; constantly promoting the Space Program and acting as a symbol of NASA'S committment to opening its doors to all qualified applicants. During this time, Nichelle also made a film for younger viewers, entitled "Space: What's in it for Me?"

The numbers reveal the success of her mission: before she came aboard, NASA had only 1400 applications, a meager handful of which were from women/minorities. After Nichelle's tour of duty, NASA was swamped with 8000 applications, 1600 of which were from women.

Nichelle's passion for space was evident throughout her talk. When asked if she ever thought about going up in the shuttle, she replied, "I've thought about nothing else!" She told of a confrontation in which a young man accused NASA of being elitist. "Yes," she agreed, "we are elitest. We want only the BEST!" Nichelle discussed the practical benefits of space exploration, such as spin-off advances in medicine and computer technology, but emphasized that, for her, the real benefit is the opportunity "to find out what's out there; to know ourselves better."

SFSFS members were delighted to have had this opportunity to know Nichelle Nichols better. Many thanks to Ms. Nichols for including SFSFS in her busy schedule. And, again, many thanks to our Fearless Leader, BILL WILSON, and Trekcon Chairman, JOE MOTES for making the meeting possible.

GOING CONS

Sercon	Jan 30-Feb 1	Oakland CA
Omnicon '87	Feb 5-8	Ft. Lauderdale
Boskone 24	Feb 13-15	Boston
Wiscon 11	Feb 20-22	Madison WI
8th Int'l Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts	Mar 18-22	Houston TX
Disclave '87	May 22-24	Washington, D.C.
Orcon	July	Orlando
ArmadilloCon	Oct 9-11	Austin TX
Necronomicon	Oct 31-Nov 1	Tampa
TROPICON VI	Dec. 4-6	Deerfield Beach FL

If you are going to any SF convention between now and December, please give NANCY ATHERTON a call at 458-8177 for a supply of TROPICON VI flyers to place on the freebie table. THANK YOU!



CONTACT! The following items were sent to SFSFS by clubs and cons around the country and are available to any member who wishes to expand his/her knowledge of the fannish world outside South Florida:

An Envelope Full of Egoboo - An effusive and altogether blushingly complimentary letter about TROPICON V from RAY HERZ, which was read aloud at the December meeting by Nancy Atherton, and which she hopes to print in full in a future Shuttle, when there's more room than there is in this one. THANKS, RAY!! We needed to hear all that!!

Robots and Roadrunners, v. 2, no. 1, Dec. 86 - Quarterly clubzine of the San Antonio Science Fiction Assn. sent by editor Alexander R. Slate. Welcome to the Shuttle, R&R!

The NASFA Shuttle, Jan. 87 - Entertaining monthly newsletter of the North Alabama SF Assn, Inc. (We're working to improve our staple diet.)

Instant Message, no. 413 - Bi-monthly newszine of the New England Science Fiction Assn. Contains the 1986 TAFF ballot.

FOSFAX, no. 111, Jan 1987 - Monthly (?) clubzine (?) of the Ohio SF&F Assn. (sorry, Judy, I dunno nothin' 'bout this one)

Westwind, no. 112, Dec 1986 - Newszine of the Northwest SF Society.

Green Book - Membership directory of NWSFS.

Transmissions, v. 10, no. 6&7 - United Gulf Coast Fandom's newsletter.

Archon flyer - July 10-12

Progress Report - Norwescon's Alternacon, Mar 26-29, Seattle.

Progress Report - VCON, in Vancouver, Brit. Columbia, May 22-24.

TO NEW MEMBERS It occurs to me that if I stumbled into SFSFS at this point in time, I might be feeling more than a little befuddled. You, too, huh? Well, DON'T PANIC!! The monthly meetings are ALWAYS ga-ga because there's so much to do. It's okay if you find them confusing/intimidating, because they are! So, for what it's worth, a word of advice: try going to a committee meeting on something that grabs your cortex. Like to read & discuss SF lit.? Join the Reading Group. Love films? Join the Media Research folks. Want to see an SF con from the inside? Come on over to the TROPICON meetings. Committee meetings are smaller and less hectic than the monthly meetings. They give you a chance to get to know the really neat people in the club a few at a time. And something tells me that that's why you joined in the first place: to share your love of SF with beings who can tell their sense of wonder from their sense of smell. Welcome to SFSFS: we're lucky to have you.

SHUTTLE CREDITS Editor: N.T. Atherton;

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## AT-A-GLANCE

- Feb. 1 Gamers Meeting Noon Hollywood  
Feb. 8, 15, 22 Gamers Sunday Meetings Noon Plantation  
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 Gamers Sat. Meetings Noon Pompano Beach  
Call Kat Max/Richard Klein (946-4803) for details.
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- Feb. 21 Monthly Business Meeting 7 PM Hollywood
- Feb. 27 Media Research Meeting 7:30 PM Pompano Beach  
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