

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

March Meeting The next SFSFS meeting will be held Sunday, March 22 at the Main Library in downtown Ft. Lauderdale.

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

Phone: 357-7444

Time: 2 p.m.

Directions: Take I-95 to Broward Blvd. SFSFSers will be using various means of transportation to get there. Go east on Broward to Andrews Ave. Take a right. The library is the tall 8-storied building on the corner of Andrews and S.E. 1st St. Just follow the crowd of people to the garage east of the library. Take the nearest elevator in the library to the 8th floor.

Program: Tentatively scheduled is a speaker from the World Futurist Society who will introduce us to the society of the future, and talk to us of scientific and technological developments that will lead us into the 21st century.

POST MEETING Following the meeting, there will be a Melting Pot party at the Melting Pot, a place which specializes in fondu and other delights, Sample Rd. West. Just follow the wind for the smell of chocolate (especially if you're a Chocolateaholic, like me, I'm sure you can find the place on smell alone).

SFSFS T-SHIRTS SFSFS t-shirts are still available for the very small and reasonable price of \$8.00. Inquire at the next meeting to get yours.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (your editor speaks) Well, look who's trying to fill Nancy's shoes again. (I think they're a little big; they keep falling off every time I try to take a step). I'm very grateful and thankful to Nancy and fellow SFSFS members for putting up with my nonsense once again. Thank you for your patience. I only have one question. Who put these tribble hairs in my computer? Every time I open up the door, this mass of hairs blows out, covering my glasses so I can't see. Someone is trying to sabotage The Shuttle!! And I haven't really gotten my coordinates set yet. Well, let's pull out of the docking bay and get under way.

THE COWART FAN CLUB Sixteen SFSFS members attended the Dillard High School's Shakespearian and Star Warsian performance of The Tempest, with SFSFSer Mike Cowart playing Prospero. Mike, may the Forsooth be with you.

FILKSINGING The Filksinging Committee will meet March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Becky Peter's pad at 1501 E. Broward Blvd. #704 in Ft. Lauderdale. To get there, take I-95 and go east. Take Broward Blvd. to about one mile past U.S. 1. Becky's apartment complex is on the left (north) side of the street. Becky's number is 463-5471, in case you get lost.



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BGPC The club allows SFSFS members to attend Friday midnight movies free of charge (including free popcorn), Pinnacle on Tuesday nights, and special events as announced. Available for rent there: a unit with microphone for meetings or Beta VCR and monitor. And your next wedding or special event (like a SFSFS meeting) could be held at the club on Friday or Saturday nights. SFSFS members will also receive 10% off regular yearly membership dues at the Broward Game Players Club--one year for \$27.00--when they apply for membership at:

Broward Game Players Club  
7619 Davie Rd. Extension  
Hollywood, FL 33024

MEDIA RESEARCH The last Friday of each month, the committee will meet to see a film and discussion will follow. A production is being planned for 1987. (I wonder if it will be screened by a big production company in Hollywood) Your help as actor, writer, or coffee person would be appreciated. For more info, call Richard Klein or Kat Max at 946-4803 or Bill Wilson at 983-0749.

### MEDIA RESEARCH SCHEDULE

March Suggested Novels: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, 1984 by George Orwell.  
Cartoon: Dungeons & Dragons, "Garden of Zinn."  
Short Video: Clockwork Orange.  
Discussion: Alternate political realities, mind control and violence in SF.

April Suggested Novels: Star Trek IV by Vonda McIntyre, Time Machine by H. G. Wells.  
Cartoon: Dungeons & Dragons, "The Time Lost."  
Short Video: The Twilight Zone's A Matter of Minutes.  
Video: Time After Time.  
Discussion: Anachronism and morality of present tense, SF relating to current (controversial) issues and emotions.

May Suggested Novels: The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula LeGuin.  
Video: Hearts & Armour.  
Video: Enemy Mine.  
Discussion: Him, her & it. Fantastic sexuality in film and literature.



FEBRUARY MEETING REVISITED 30 members, invaded the Broward County Library for the monthly SFSFS business meeting. According to Judy Bemis, we now have 68 total members, including 5 honorary, 28 general, and 4 space cadets(children). Minutes will be available to SFSFS members by request from Judy Bemis. We were told that we've been provisionally turned down for 501 (c) (3). Francine Mullen and Bruce Feldman were upgraded to regular member status. New members are Latisha Mullen, Sarah Clemmons, Gordon Moore (retroactive to December '86), Richard Tretrev, and Don McDermott. Congratulations to our new explorers of the world of science fiction, as interpreted by SFSFS.

Program: Becky Peters gave a wonderful talk entitled "The Many Worlds of Andre Norton," discussing Ms. Norton's works and influence on the literature of science fiction. Ms. Norton was a guest at Tropicon IV, in 1985. This well-known writer recently celebrated her 75th birthday. Thank you, Becky, for giving us a fascinating look into Andre Norton's many worlds of science fiction.

MURPHY'S VAN John Murphy, everyone's favorite trivia-master and fellow SFSFSer needs a driver for his van. Call John at 467-6467 if you can help out.

TROPICON ARISES Just when you thought the fun was over, here we go again. There will be a Tropicon meeting at Nancy Atherton's March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring any ideas, photos you took at the last Tropicon (blackmail material), and munchies. For more information, call 458-8177. Our special guests (so far) this year will include Author George R. R. Martin; and fan artist and SFSFSer, Gail Bennett.

TRI The next TRI meeting will be March 21 at 12 p.m. at the W. Dade Regional Library. For information and directions, call Greg Harris at 661-7136.

ORLANDO IN '92 Plans are being made to bring the 1992 World Science Fiction Convention to FL. Voting for the 1992 Worldcon will take place in Boston in 1989. For more information: write to: Magicon/Orlando in 1992, P. O. Box 5904, Orlando, FL 32855.

THE STORYTELLER The Hollywood Festival of the Arts had a guest storyteller, the weekend of February 21 and 22. Our own Becky Peters, was dressed in traditional garb and entertained children and adults alike with her stories. It's a small start, Becky, but who knows where you can go from there.

ROBIN HOOD MONDAYS Episodes of this ACE award-winning Showtime series currently are appearing at Arlene Wicks' house every Monday. Come by at 7:00 p.m. each Monday for lots of fun, food & weirdness. For more info, please contact Arlene Wicks at 458-3627. Please call her before you drop by, so she will know how many she has to prepare for. Her address is 1301 NE 7th St, #118, Hallandale.



SFSFS SHUTTLE:

SF Discussion Group:

At its second gathering, the SF Discussion group enjoyed a lively discussion that lasted over four hours. As expected, the readings, Asimov's *I, ROBOT* and Brin's *THE POSTMAN*, keyed off discussions ranging from the technical potential and morality of human-form artificial beings to questions on potential decadence of man after a major disaster. The quality and relevance of both works came under discussion with some interesting and surprising differences of opinion and perspective. Overall, the 19 members who participated had an informative, interesting, and sometimes controversial, discussion.

The next session of the SF Discussion Group will be held on Friday, March 27, 1987, at 7:30 pm, again at the Siclari/Stern residence, 4599 NW 5 Ave., Boca Raton. Phone: 392-6462. Directions: take I-95 to the Yamato Road exit. Go east. Make the first three right turns east of I-95. Readings to start the discussion are: Anne McCaffrey's *NERILKA'S STORY* (1986) and Ursula K. LeGuin's *THE LEFT HAND OF DARKNESS* (1969) (Hugo & Nebula winner). Maybe we'll discuss "women's stories" or anthropological roots or androgeny as the ultimate in evolution or politics in feudal societies of the future or the "physics of dragons".

[Advance notice: For April, the readings are Robert Hodstock's *MYTHAGO WOOD* (1984) (nominated for Best Novel for the 1986 World Fantasy Awards) and Ursula K. LeGuin's *ALWAYS COMING HOME* (1985) (we will play some music that was based on this novel and distributed with some editions, including the book club's.) Both books are available in paperback and from the SF Book Club.]

Pased on comments from SFSFS members, there has been a change in the readings for September. Scratch Hubbard's *BATTLEFIELD EARTH* and replace it with James Gunn's *ALTERNATE .ORLD'S: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF SCIENCE FICTION* (1975) (a very well-written and entertaining history). If you do not have or cannot find a copy of that, we will also discuss Brian Aldiss's *HELICONIA SPRING*.

SOLSTICE

We will be trying to produce two issues of the *SOLSTICE* this year (at the appropriate times, of course). So if you want to contribute and see your work in print, contact Edie Stern or Joe Siclari, this year's *SOLSTICE* editors. First deadline is March 27, at the SF Discussion Group meeting. We will accept material after 3/27 if space is available or if you have discussed it with us beforehand. Talk to us before you write anything (392-6462). We want certain kinds of material: commentary, reviews, artwork, articles. For example, Vince Miranda is writing an article on relatively unknown, quality, low-budget films of the last few years. *High caliber and/or innovative* fiction and poetry are also of interest. Otherwise, talk to Jay Packlick about the Writer's Workshops. Call us and contribute. If you don't, you will get a short issue in **very big type** written by the editors.

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GOING CONS

8th Intl Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts	Mar 18-22	Houston, TX
Disclave '87	May 22-24	Washington D.C.
Conspiracy	Aug 27-	Brighton, England
CactusCon	Sep 2	Phoenix, AZ
ArmadilloCon	Sep 5-8	Austin, TX
Necronimocon	Oct 9-11	Tampa
	Oct 16-18	
TROPICON VI	Dec 4-6	Ft. Lauderdale, FL

THE SFSFS TAPES Audio tapes of SFSFS monthly business meetings are available from John Murphy. Call 967-6367 for details.

Below are other clubs who have SFSFS newsletters or correspondence.

CONTACTS

Note from W.E. "Bill" Key - nee about future oriented courses at B.C.C. in Adult Education Division.

Texas SF Enquirer, Issue 19, December 1986, Fandom Association Central Texas, their monthly club newszine includes Taff Ballot and FACT Directory form.

Nova Odysseus, Vol. 10, #8, United Gulf Coast Fandom, their 2x monthly Newssheet.

Fantasy Review, letter about their current discount, one free issue and \$19.95 per year.

BSCFA Zine Jan. 87, Feb. 87, British Columbia SF Association monthly letter, includes Casper Awards Nomination form, Canadian Unity Fan Fund Form, and update to directory.

Westwind, Jan. 87, Northwest SF Assn., monthly fan-newszine, includes Alterracon Progress Report.

Smart Ash-Chimneyville F&SF Society, Quarterly zine, Jackson, MS #34, 35. Promises a monthly newsletter, possibly starting in February.

JPM Studios Catalog- SF Memorabilia

Flyer Midsouthcon, Memphis, TN MAR 27-29, Goh Hal Clement, TM Wilson, Bob Tucker, Artist Goh Lucy Sink

Flyer, Destiny 1, Guest Terry Nation, Dr. Who, Blake 7, Houston, TX Mar 28-29

NASFA Shuttle, Feb. 87, North AL SF Assn., monthly newsletter.

Orlando in '92 flyer.



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FOSFAX #112, Feb. 87 Falls of the Ohio SF & F Assn. One of the better "official publications" published monthly. The Febish has quite a lettercol, and is an OK fanzine with a few pages of club material included and lots of book and movie reviews.

Letter from IRS tentatively turning us down for 501 (c) 3, tax status citing Archon and giving us 7 days to respond (by 2/24).

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Info from NOLACON II, the 46th World SF Con, Sept 1-5, 88 New Orleans, LA

Instant Messge #414, w monthly except Dec, newszine of Northeast SF Assn., Boston, Ma.

Stone Hill Launch Times, Stone Hill SF Assn Newsletter Vo. 1 #1. Note date of Necronomicon 87 is Oct 16-18 '87 at Holiday Inn at I4 and Buffalo. Goh's Frederickl Pohl, Elizabeth Ann Hull, Orson Scott Card, and lists Tropiccon!!

Mimosa 2, General Fanzine from Dick & Nicki Lynch, Chattanooga, TN.

DASFAX, Jan. & Feb. 87, Denver Area SF Assn Newszine, monthly. (By the way we have a P.O. Box for trades. Please use it.)

IMPORTANT DATE September Party 5 (revamped) will be held September 18-20 at the Econo-Lodge in Panama City. Guests will be Kenny and Beth Mitchrone. We trade newsletters with them.

COMPUTER ALERT Dina Pearlman reports that FAU University Tower Academic Computer Center is now open. The hours are:

Mon-Thurs	8 AM - Midnight
Fri.	8 AM - 4:30 P.M.
Sat.	9 AM - 5 PM

Univeristy Tower is located at 220 SE 220 2nd Ave. in downtown Ft. Lauderdale (the corner of Las Olas Blvd and SE 2nd Ave.) and the Computing Center is in Room 815 on the 8th floor. The open labs have 20 PC-XTs with 640 kb and dual drives. Also, there are dot matrix printers at each XT and a letter-quality printer. In other words, something for everyone!! In two or three weeks, data lines to FIRN (Florida Info Research Network) and SERDAC (SE Regional Data Access Center) will be open. PC-XT Time is free!! For more information, call Dina Pearlman for info at 355-4280 or 355-5273, 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Mon-Fri.

DON'T FORGET!!! The deadline for any information for the next directory, renewals or new members, is the March meeting. Please send in memberships or COA before this time. Thank you for your support and continued interst in being a member of the South Florida Science Fiction Society.



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GAMESTERS OF SFSFS The third weekend in March, Hero System's Champions arrives in S. Florida. Superhero games will be set in 1997, a location to be announced. Don't forget, the brave and intrepid gamesters meet every third weekend at the Broward Game Players Club and play for long and exciting hours. Nothing interrupts their intense concentration. Why not join them. Contact Peggy Gemignani at 771-4658 for a free listing of games in your area.

OMNICON MEETING There will be a meeting of anyone interested in participating in next year's OMNICON, sometime in March. For more information, please contact Sandra March, this year's chairperson. Your ideas, suggestions, and, most importantly promises of assistance to the convention are most welcome. I'm sure Sandi would love any assistance and ideas you could offer to make this year's OMNICON a success. Her number is 253-7270.

OMNICON UPDATE Many SFSFSers worked Omnicon this year, and it was a financial success thanks to the sponsorship of WPBT and many others. Among the guests were John Nathan Turner, Dr. Who producer; Gary Downe, Dr. Who Production Manager; Lee Hoffman, Dr. Who historian; actors Peter Keating and Jan Chappell from Blake 7; Gail Bennett, fan artist and SFSFS member, and who could forget Sandra March, chief organizer and chairperson of Omnicon this year (and member of SFSFS), from WPBT staff, Mary and Dennis Souder, comic illustrators and artists alike. Awards were presented at the CON's conclusion; among the recipients were John Nathan Turner, Gary Downe, Jean Airy, Bill Wilson, and several others. WPBT's Mary Souder, received roses, thanking WPBT for its sponsorship and assistance. John & Diane Katchmar won first prize in the masquerade contest as Robotman and Space Warrior. Hope to see your Tardis at the next Omnicon!

TROPICON FLYERS If you're going to any conventions, science-fiction type bookstores, other club meetings, or any other event that you think would warrant them, in the near or distant future, please be sure to ask Nancy for a supply of Tropicon flyers. She'd like you to take them along and let other interested parties know of our much lauded and fun convention that is coming up in December. It is up to you to spread the word about TROPICON. Nancy thanks you, I'm sure.

SHUTTLE CREDITS Guest Editor, Carol Porter, Cub reporter (thank you, Terri!) Terri Wells, Press Gang: Bill Wilson, Judy Bemis

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AT A GLANCE

Gaming Committee

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Mar. 10

Tropicon Meeting, at 6:30 p.m.  
Contact Nancy Atherton at 458-8177 for  
more information.

Mar. 14

Filksinging Committee 7:30 p.m.,  
Becky Peter's pad, 1501 E. Broward  
Blvd. #704. Phone Number is 463-5471.

Mar. 20

Media Research Committee at Bill  
Wilson's, 3242 Arthur Terrace,  
Hollywood. Call Bill at 983-0749. Or  
Kat Max or Richard Klein at 946-4803.

Mar. 21

TRI, W. Dade Regional Library. 12  
p.m. Call Greg Harris 661-7136 for  
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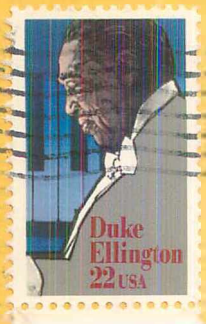
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