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The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

JULY MEETING The next meeting of the South Florida Science Fiction Society will be held at the Fox Astronomical Observatory, in Markham Park.

ADDRESS: 16001 W State Road 84 DATE: Saturday, July 11th TIME: 8:30 pm.

DIRECTIONS: Take State Road 84 west, way west, to a point about 8.3 miles west of the University Drive intersection. There's a small green sign on the right side of the road reading 'Markham Park, next right.' Make that right and pass through the entrance gate of the park. Then make a left. Next turn to the first right. This short road leads to a circular drive. Park near this circular area. The observatory is right on the north side of the circle. State Road 84 is under a lot of construction, so be sure to leave enough time to navigate the minor detours on your way here.

PROGRAM: 'A Tour of the Galaxy!' Members of the South Florida Amateur Astronomer's Association will guide us thru the night sky for a first hand view of constellations, the planets, star clusters, nebulas, and more. We will be using two large telescopes set up in the observatory. Bring your own lawn or folding chairs, and your own telescopes or binoculars if you have them. to set up on a patio area. Refreshments will be provided, not to mention a can of misquito repellant.

Because this program will be held in an open area, our activities are ... WEATHER PERMITTING. Should it be raining or very cloudy at the site, the meeting will be rescheduled for July 25th, same time and place. If in doubt, call Chairman Bill at 983-0749.

A LOOK AT THE FUTURE

Next month's Aug. 8th meeting will be held at the Game Players Club. Tentatively scheduled is a role playing program on running a SF con.

TROPICON VI needs volunteers! Anyone willing to help in this major event, please call Joe Siclari at 392-6462 or Gail Bennet at 584-4258.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! 72222 Oh, good day! Or should I say month. The shuttle is having a bit of a refitting lately and a whole crew added. We now are putting together a staff. For those who would like to write articles on SFSFS events you attended and what's next for the club's adventures, please give me a call at 472-5298 (not after 10 pm) and become a regular reporter! I would like to thank all who have so far contributed to this and the last Shuttle! Great job!

The following entrepreneurs are general members providing discounts (and other activities) to all club members. Please see below for the latest details.

Book Club

5312 N University Dr. Lauderhill, FL 33321 Ph. 748-7500 Contact: Howard Cohen Discount: \$2 off on annual membership; \$9.95 Shop Talk: The Book Club will be presenting programs July and August. July 9 (Thursday) at 7:30 pm, Barbara Erskine will have an autograph session and talk about her novel 'The Lady of Hay' about past life regression. July 27 (Saturday) program will be a demonstration in spirit channeling. August 1-2 will be a Psychic Fair 11 am through the evening For more information on any of these events call the above number.

Broward Game Players Club

7619 Davie Road Extention Hollywood, FL 33024 Ph. (305) 435-2832 Contact: Bill Crane Discount: 10% off annual membership at \$27.00 Shop Talk: Lucas films comes alive again as the BGPC presents Cantina Party on July 25. Come as your favorite alien. There is a professional make-up artist available. Call Bill for details.

BURGER FRESH

Pompano Fashion Square Mall 2001 N Federal Highway Pompano Beach, FL 33062 Ph (305) 782-8393 Contact: Jack Shultz Discount: 25% on any item or meal (specials not included) Shop Talk: Burger Fresh is a franchise based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. However it has locations in both Tampa and Orlando. Burger Fresh offers unfrozen charbroiled burgers, the best onion rings anywhere, and many salads such as the homemade steamed seafood entre. Stop by and visit Jack and company, and explore the unartificial delights. Oh, while your there ask Jack to sing the song 'Roxanne.' Beware he saw the movies 'Alien' and 'The Bodysnatchers!'

Software Cellar

50 E Dakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334 Ph. 563-0333 Discount: 25% off list price on all software Shop Talk: The Software Cellar has sofware for most systems. Call for more information MEDIA RESEARCH The committee on May 29th transported itself to 'The Realm' for perhaps the longest meeting in its relative history. And speaking of relativity, the discussion topic: Anachorism, morality of the present tense was a huge success. John Fast provided the mood for the discussion by reading a sensual yet ghastly time travel short storu 'Is There A Demon Lover in the House' by Roger Zelazny. Following the movie 'Time After Time' the discussion was based on the twelve laws of Time Travel derived from the academic press magazine 'Extrapolation' and Robert Heinlein's short story 'All You Zombies.' Also intersecting were ideas and situations from Star Trek, Dr. Who, Time Tunnel, and other temporal morality modes of communication that only a true SF fan would stay up to 3 am to discuss. Thank you Carol Gibson, Linda Hill, etc, wink, etc, wink....

Our June meeting will be held unless notified by the elf in the gray world, at 'The Realm' (8949 NW 9th PL, Plantation - off Pine Island Road) on June 26 at 7:30 pm. The agenda will be the renewed progress of the video production feature, the on-going videotape exchange, Tropicon's video room, and the popular video discussion. The topic will center around future governments, three dimensional characterization, and what makes for good leadership qualities in any society. The feature presentation will be conducted by Kat Max. She will introduce you to the adventures of Blake and his crew of rebels. Here is a tentative schedule for the remainder of the year:

July

Novel:Hawkmistress by Bradley Video:Ladyhawke (movie) Discussion:The similarities and differences of various sub-genres of fantasy.Also the effects of music on the mood of the viewer. Carol Gibson will present representive novels for the discussion.

August

Novel:The Flowers of Algernon by Daniel Keyes Video:Charley (movie) Discussion:Pschological SF.Also should SF be a part of the literary mainstream.

September

Novel:Wildcards by George R.R. Martin Video:The Origin Of Spiderman Video:The Fear Video:Superman I (movie) Discussion: History of the Superhero. The Marvel influence on the genre. Also, the literary roots and justification for super humans.

October

Novel: Nightwing by George R.R. Martin Video: Sapphire and Steel Discussion: When SF is not SF? The boundries between related genres SF, horror, and fantasy.

November

Novel: TuF Voyaging by G.R.R. Martin Video: Last Defender of Camelot Video: More Troubles, More Tribbles Video: Mark of the Rani(Dr. Who) Discussion: Ethical ecological engineering, mythmaking, and George R.R. Martin.

December

New Year's Eve Video Party

Discussion: features missed such as the Highlander, A Clockwork Drange, and Blake Seven will be presented at Tropicon. So make sure you get a front seat!

For information or suggestions contact Rich Klein (472-5298) or teleport to 'The Realm' by using Maxwell's equations on the date of enlightenment. Good night Zen; with Blake good luck for me and don't to park Liberator in the lot next to the mailbox with the oak trees. <u>FILKSINGING</u> will be on June 27(Sat), at Francine Mullen's residence, 1611 SW 120th St, Pembrook Pines, at 7:30 pm. Call 435-9572 for information and directions.

THE RETURN OF CREATIVE WRITING COMMITTEE The Creative Writing Committee and Procrastinator's Support Group Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19th at Terri Wells' abode, 2626 NE 10th Terr, Wilton Manors, Contact either Terri (co-chairperson) at 564-4143 or Jay (chairman) at 583-8739 for information and directions. Have 4 pages of prose prepared for supportive presentation (please?).

GAMING The gaming committee will be meeting on Sundays at 'The Realm' at 1 pm for Advanced Dungeons and Dragons. Don't let the name fool you beginners are welcome. The address is 8949 NW 9th PL, Plantation. Call Kat at 472-5298 (before 10pm) for any information. New ideas are also welcome.

COMPUTER COMMITTEE Will be meeting at Bruce's home 3140 NE 11 Terr, Pompano, at 7:00 June 29th (Monday). For more information call him at 781-0736.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE Thanks to all of you who gave suggestions and ideas for future SFSFS programing at the May meeting. Those of you who missed that meeting are still encouraged to send us your ideas. Write to me directly: Bill Wilson, 3242 Arthur Terrace, Hollywood, FL 33021-5018. All comments will be seriously considered as our Society continues to grow thru the year.

SF DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting on 7/19 at 7:30 pm for location contact Joe or Edie at 392-6462. Readings: Heinlein's CITIZEN OF THE GALAXY and Myer's SILVERLOCK. Also the Hugo nominees will be discussed.

FUTURE DISCUSSIONS To get a head start on rest of the year here is the current list of the rest of 1987 readings. 8/7 7:30 pm. Readings: Norton's GALACTIC DERELICT & POHL'S GATEWAY 9/18 7:30 pm. Readings: Hartwell's AGE OF WONDERS, Gunn's ALTERNATE WORLDS, & Aldiss' HELLICONIA SPRING 10/16 7:30 pm. Readings: Bear's EON & Sucharitkul's DAWNING SHADOW, PART 1: THE LIGHT ON THE SOUND 11/13 7:30 pm. Readings: Silberberg's DYING INSIDE & Gibson's NEUROMANCER 12/18 7:30 pm. Readings: Sterling's SCHISMATRIX & Heinlein's PAST THROUGH TOMORRDW

SAVE OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS S.O.F.A.R. Campaign - Protesting the recent FCC decision on sexual innuedo [a popular Italian suppository] Anyone interested in contributing funds to S.O.F.A.R. call WINZ-AM for the information.

WANTED Writers for articles in the Shuttle! Qualifications are people who love to write. Come to a meeting of the NEW staff at the Realm on July 11, before the Business Meeting. For more information or if you cannot make the meeting call Kat or Rich at 472-5298.

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ADDITTIONAL READINGS - June, 1987:

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Larry Niven & Jerry Pournelle *Mote In God's Eye, The (1974) Inferno (1976) Lucifer's Hammer (1977) Oath of Fealty (1981) VIII av for will are a construction - & construction •Footfall (1985)

Of course, both Niven & Pournelle (winner of the 1973 John W. Campbell Award as Best New Writer) have written numerous stories and novel on their own. Most notably: Niven's Ringworld (1970) (Hugo & Nebula winner), *Protector(1973), Neutron Star (1968) (collection) (title story 1966 Hugo winner), World of Ptaavs (1966), A Gift From Earth (1968), Ringworld Engineers (1980), and The Integral Trees (1983); Pournelle's The Mercenary (1977) and the Jannisarries books.

Carl Sagan *Contact (1985?)

Non Science fiction: (It should be noted that Sagan has had a long interest in extraterrestrial life and intelligence.) UFO's: A Scientific Debate (editor with Thornton Page) Communication With Extraterrestrial Intelligence (editor) Intelligent Life in the Universe (with I. S. Shklovskii) (1966) Mars and the Mind of Man (with Bradbury, Clarke, Bruce Murray & Walter Sullivan) Other Worlds The Cosmic Connection: An Extraterrestrial Perspective Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence (1977) Murmurs of Earth: Voyager Interstellar Record (with others) (1978) Broca's Brain: Reflections on the Romance of Science (1979) Cosmos (1980) Cold and the Dark, The: The World After Nuclear War (with others) Comet (with Ann Druyan) (1985)

First Contact stories (a selected list) Both of this month's readings. Niven (with & without Pournelle) H. G. Wells John W. Campbell, Jr. (as Don Stuart) Murray Leinster

Groff Conklin, editor Arthur C. Clarke

> Fred Hoyle Noel Keys, editor Fritz Leiber Brian Aldiss

(see above with *) War of the Worlds (1898) "Who Goes There?"(1938) Out of the Silent Planet (1938) "First Contact" (1945) "The Ethical Equations" (1945) Invaders of Earth (1952) Childhood's End (1953) 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) Rendezvous With Rama (1973) The Black Cloud (1957) Contact (1963) The Wanderer (1964) The Dark Light Years (1964)

and the second second sectors. ON THE BOOKSHELF Here is a continuing list of new literary releases for the summer provided by Jeff Simms of the Book Club: 'Mr. Scott's Guide to the Enterprise' 'Brega - Path' by Dennis L. McKiernan - from the author of the famed Irontower trilogy; sequel to 'Trek to Kraggen' - Core. 'An Alien Heat' by Michael Moorcock - a classic reprint; cover art by 'Chapterhouse Dune' by Frank Herbert - his last novel is also the combination of his Dune cycle; this could be a bestseller don't miss 'Across the Sea of Suns' by Gregory Benford 'The Firechild' by Jack Williamson - A genetically made girl who is now being hunted by the government. 'Godslayer' by Micky Z. Reichert - a very promising new writer makes his debut. His story has a Vietnam soldier who must readjust to magic and swords nather than guns in a hostile fight between the Gods. 'The Questing of Kedrigern' by John Morressy - A former SwanCon guest. His humorous sequel describes the futher complexities of being For any more information on these and other releases contact good old Howard and don't hesitate to ask for any special requests. (PS LOCUS and SF CHRONICLE coming in August) GOING CONS Westercon July 2-6 Dakland, CA Conspiracy Aug 27-Sept 2 Brighton, England (45th World Science Fiction Convention) CactusCon Sept 5-8 Phoenix, AZ (1987 NASFIC) September Party V Sept 18-20 Panama City, FL Vulcon (Star Trek) Oct 3-4 Orlando, FL ArmadilloCon Oct 9-11 Austin, TX RovaCon Oct 9-11 Salem, VA Necronomicon Oct 16-18

Tampa, FL Vulcon (Star Trek) Oct 17-18 Dania, FL Gatorcon Oct 23-25 Gainsville, FL TROPICON VI Dec 4-6 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

CONTACT! These are listings of Fanzines or Newsletters received by

NESFA Bylaws- April 87 -New England SF Association

Transmissions- Vol 10 #16 & 17 - (Newsletter) United Gulf Coast Fandom Galactic Dispatch- Dec 86, Feb 87 - (Fanzine) SF Association of Colorado Springs

The Insider- #131,130 May, June 87 - (Newsletter) St. Louis SF Society Fantastic Worlds Catalog- May -Comics Store Anvil- #44 - (Fanzine) Birmingham SF Club

Stone Hill Launch Times- Vol 1 #4 -(Newsletter) Stone Hill SF Association, Tampa, FL Instant Message- #420 - (Newsletter) New England SF Association DASFAX- (Newsletter)-Denver Area SF Association . . BCSFAzine- May 87 - (Fanzine) British Columbia SF Association Smoke Signals- #8 May 87 -Chimneyville F&SF Society/Schedule reminder

WORLDCON 87 A local travel agent is preparing a group package for reduced airfares to London for Conspiracy (World Science Fiction Convention in Brighton). You would be flying into Gatwick airport Dust 26 and returning September 2. This package will cost \$578 per person. For more information, call Michelle Aberhorn at 966-0996 for details.

MAY MEETING REVISITED Twenty four members plus six guests attended the SFSFS monthly business meeting at the Broward Game Players Club. Minutes of the meeting are available to SFSFS members upon request to. Judy Bemis. There are a total of 84 SFSFS members at this time. PROGRAM: Once again club members Joe Siclari and Edie Stern presented the very entertaining 'Well-Read Fan Part IV.' The lecture was an informative survey/history of SF magazines dating back to 1912 with the major emphasis on influence editors and writers. They began the lecture explaining that SF Magazines were very important to the continuing evolution of SF because editors would often give new writers with fresh ideas a chance to break into the field; while letting the established writers experiment with new ideas. The first such editor was Victor Gernsback who created the magazines 'Amazing,' 'Amazing Quarterly,' and 'Science Wonder Stories.' It is also believed that he may have created SF Fandom because of having introduced a letter column in 1927's 'Amazing.' He also gave another important editor John Campbell his start as well. Unlike Gernsback's gadgetry Campbell introduced socialogical (realistic relationships) to SF in his Astounding Magazine, and his contributions (along with some interesting tidbits like the gradual phasing in of 'Astounding's' new title 'Analog'). Other influencial editors in the field were Anthony Balcher (FANTASY 1949), H. L. Gold' (GALAXY, 1950), Michael Morcock (NEW WORLDS, 1960: author of the Elric Series), and finally the latest member to this list Gardner Dozier (Isaac Asimov SF Magazine) last year's Tropicon Guest of Honor.

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The South Florida Science Fiction Society is a non-profit organization established for educational and literary purposes. Monthly deadline for submission of information to the SFSFS Shuttle is the general meeting of each month. For more information, write SFSFS, P.O. Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143.

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