

# The SFSFS Shuttle



## The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

**MEETING** The August meeting of the South Florida Science Fiction Society will be held Saturday, August 8, at the Broward Game Players Club in Hollywood.

ADDRESS: 7619 Davie Road Extension

PHONE: 435-2832

TIME: 7:00 pm. (meet-to-eat at 6 pm.)

**DIRECTIONS:** Take I95 to Sterling Road. Go west on Sterling Davie Road Extension (the intersection has a McDonald's, a Mobil station, & a Winn Dixie. Turn left onto Davie Road Ext. Follow it for about one mile as it curves southwest. The Game Player's Club is on the right hand side of the road in a small shopping plaza with a 'Plaza 76' sign. The club is the second store from the back. Buzz the buzzer to be let in.

**PROGRAM:** Attendees will experience the type of decisions that are made by Worldcon committees and their consequences by playing the game 'If I Ran the ~~1st~~ ... Con', Developed by Massachusetts Convention Fandom, Inc. for SMOFCON 3, Dec. 3, 1986. We will divide into a small number of teams, each of which will play the role of a Worldcon committee. Each committee will be presented with various scenarios and be asked to choose courses of action during each of the game's phases: bidding, pre-con planning, and at the con. The game will take at least 2 hours to play, and we encourage you to arrive early to read the rules.

**TROPICON VI** had a meeting on June 13 before the business meeting. The convention now has (besides our GOH George RR Martin) confirmed guests Ingrid Neilson, Joseph Green, Gary Alan Ruse, and Ginger Curry. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8 at 6 pm at the Broward Game Player's Club, before the August Business meeting. Joe hopes to arrange a hotel tour in early August - please call him at 392-6462. ASAP, if you wish to be involved with this.

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!** As I put the finishing touches on the shuttle while here in the tranquil Eye of Orion, I am still planning on putting together a staff! As a 'staff' car bit the dust and could not beam over the crew to the last meeting, we are scheduling a meeting after the regular meeting Aug 8. Please come, writers, artists, etc are needed!



\*\*\*\*\* BUSINESS MEMBERS \*\*\*\*\*

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

Book Club

5312 N University Dr.  
Lauderhill, FL 33321  
Ph. 748-7500

Contact: Howard Cohen

Discount: \$2 off on annual membership: \$9.95 (discount price)

Shop Talk: The Book Club will present a Psychic Fair, Aug 1 from 11 am to 6 pm. There will be psychic readings by several individuals to be held throughout the day employing the Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and handwriting analysis methods. Individual psychics will charge their own fees for the readings. Howard also notes that the Book Club will go direct with Random House the company distributing TSR, Del-ray and Ballentine books. Also LOCUS, and Fantasy & SF are now available so stop in and wet your literary curiosity.

Broward Game Players Club

7619 Davie Road Extention  
Hollywood, FL 33024  
Ph. (305) 435-2832

Contact: Bill Crane

Discount: 10% off annual membership: \$27.00 (discount price)

Shop Talk: From a galaxy not so far away the BGPC presents Cantina Party Night on July 25. So go against the forces of the Empire or just have a good old 'skywalking' time, but hurry (knowing this newsletter) it's probably today!

BURGER FRESH

Pompano Fashion Square Mall  
2001 N Federal Highway  
Pompano Beach, FL 33062  
Ph (305) 782-8393

Contact: Jack or Joanne Shultz

Discount: 25% on any item or meal (specials not included)

Shop Talk: Well move over Jack, let me introduce your lovely wife, Joanne since every time one of our members visits Burger Fresh we are treated not only to the only 'Good food in town' but to a person who really cares. Move over 'Roxanne' the song to sing is 'Joanne.' SHOW YOUR CARD for discount on any items or meals not on special.

Software Cellar

50 E Oakland Park Blvd.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334  
Ph. 563-0333

Contact: Mitch Silverman

Discount: 25% off retail price on all software

Shop Talk: The Software Cellar sells software, hardware, and accessories for the following computers: Apple, IBM, McIntosh, Commodore, and Atari (8 Byte/ST). Store hours are Mon - Fri 9 am-7 pm. Sat 10 am-6 pm.



EVER UPWARDS - The following general members are newly eligible to upgrade to Regular Member status: Danil McDermott, Richard Tetrev, Arlene Wicks.

GAMING - The gaming committee is scheduled to meet on Sundays (location TBA) at 6 pm. The current game involves fantasy sceneries set on three different worlds. New comers are welcome, the design allows for people who have never played or have played little role-playing games to experienced players. For more information, call Kat at 472-5298 (before 10 pm) and about locations.

FILKSINGING - The following committee is currently on Worldcon hiatus. The next meeting of this group will be either Sept 12 or 19, whichever is not the day of September business meeting.

CREATIVE WRITING - is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 16, location to be announced. Call Terri (564-4143) or Jay (583-8739) for more information. Don't forget to bring 3-4 pages of writing!

MEDIA RESEARCH Will be held on July 31 (Friday) at The Realm at 7:30 pm.

#### 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 representative novels for the discussion.

#### August

Novel: The Flowers of Algernon by Daniel Keyes Video: Charley (movie)  
Discussion: Psychological 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 Orange, 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.

## Science Fiction Discussion Group - 1988

For 1988 the Discussion Group leaders would like some suggestions for books to read. With the first year behind us, there is now some potential common area of reference. There will be meetings every other month in 1988. We will have one or two books per session depending on whether the group selects an additional reading.

There will be no session in December. The December readings will tentatively be scheduled for January. Please give your input to Edie Stern or Joe Siclari at 392-6462.

Also please tell them which locations for the discussions you prefer - at the Book Club on University Drive in Tamarac or at someone's home (usually Edie & Joe's).

### The Bring Leslie Fish to Tropicon Fund

In an effort to entice Leslie Fish to **Tropicon**, I am collecting funds to defray the cost of her visit. Please contact me, Edie Stern, or bring your hard earned cash to the next **SFSFS** meeting. If Ms. Fish doesn't accept our offer, the money will be returned. The phone number to call is 392-6462. For those unfamiliar with filk music, Leslie Fish is one of the most accomplished songwriters and performers in the field. She is the author of "Hope Eyrie", "The Engineer's Hymn", "Banned From Argo", "Iron Mistress", and has set a whole lot of Kipling to music. For persuasive arguments, see Fran Mullen, Judy Bemis, or me.

### May Program Corrections (as printed in the last shuttle)

We noted a number of errors in the report of the "May" program which we would like to correct for the record. We appreciated the detailed review of the program. However, for those not able to attend the meeting, we feel that it is important to provide accurate information in the summary. First, the program was held on June 13.

Other corrections to be noted:

1. The editor of *Amazing* was Hugo Gernsback, not Victor Gernsback.
2. It was Horace Gold, not John Campbell who emphasized more sociological science fiction in the field, in *Galaxy*, not *Astounding*.
3. The editor of *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction* (not *Fantasy*, which was the title of another 50's magazine) was Anthony Boucher (along with McComas), not Balcher.
4. Correct spellings of the other editors named are Michael Moorcock, and Gardner Dozois. Michael Moorcock began editing the *British New Worlds* in 1964 (not 1960), and the magazine itself started in 1946.
5. The significance of 1912 lies in the publication of "Under the Moons of Mars" by Normal Bean (printed as Norman Bean), now known as *A Princess of Mars*, by Edgar Rice Burroughs. We spoke of the significance of the pulp and other magazines dating back past the turn of the century.

- Edie Stern & Joe Siclari



SFSNS Discussion GroupRELATED READINGS - July, 1987:

July readings: Myers' *Silverlock* and Heinlein's *Citizen of the Galaxy*

John Myers Myers (Has also written more than a dozen books about the Old West)

*Silverlock* (1949)  
*Harp and the Blade, The Moon's Fire-Eating Daughter, The* (1981) (Sequel to *Silverlock*)

Robert A. Heinlein (winner of four Hugo Awards for Best Novel) (Selected as Guest of Honor at three World Science Fiction Conventions, more times than anyone else. Recipient of the first Grand Master Nebula Award from Science Fiction Writers of America.)

"Juveniles:" - Heinlein's juveniles are exceptional examples of writing quality fiction for young people that can be equally enjoyed by adults. Of particular note are *Space Cadet*, *Rolling Stones*, *Tunnel In the Sky*, *Citizen of the Galaxy*, and *Have Space Suit - Will Travel*.  
*Rocketship Galileo* (1947)  
*Space Cadet* (1948)  
*Red Planet* (1949)  
*Farmer In the Sky* (1950)  
*Between Planets* (1951)  
*Rolling Stones* (1952)  
*Starman Jones* (1953)  
*Star Beast* (1954)  
*Tunnel in the Sky* (1955)  
*Time For the Stars* (1956)  
*Citizen of the Galaxy* (1957)  
*Have Space Suit - Will Travel* (1958)  
*Podkayne of Mars* (1963)

Heinlein's Hugo-winning novels:

*Double Star* (1956) (Hugo)  
*Starship Troopers* (1959) (Hugo)  
*Stranger In a Strange Land* (1961) (Hugo)  
*Moon Is a Harsh Mistress, The* (1966) (Hugo) (We both believe that this is Heinlein's best novel.)

For a list of other Heinlein, see the May Readings list.

SF DISCUSSION GROUP The August meeting will be on August 7 at the Book Club at 7:30 pm with Norton's GALACTIC DERELICT and Pohl's GATEWAY as readings and a discussion focusing on the exploration of previous civilizations' technologies. The September 18 meeting (location TBA) will have as readings Hartwell's AGE OF WONDERS, and either Gunn's ALTERNATE WORLDS or Aldiss' HELLICONIA SPRING.

### GOING CONS

Conspiracy	Aug 27-Sept 2	Brighton, England
(45th World Science Fiction Convention)		
CactusCon	Sept 5-8	Phoenix, AZ (1987 NASFIC)
Trekon Orlando '87	Sept 5-6	Orlando, FL
September Party V	Sept 18-20	Panama City, FL
OrlandoCon '87 (Comics)	Sept 26-27	Orlando, FL
Orlando Vulcon '87 (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 '87 (Star Trek)	Oct 17-18	Dania, FL
Gatorcon	Oct 23-25	Gainesville, FL
TROPICON VI	Dec 4-6	Ft. Lauderdale, FL

CONTACT! These are listings of Fanzines or Newsletters received by SFSFS.

F.A.C.T. (Fandom Association of Central Texas) 1987 'Directory'  
TRANSMISSIONS Vol. 10 Number 18 & 19 Newsletter of Nova Odysseus,  
United Gulf Coast Fandom

THE INSIDER #132, Newsletter & Pool Party notice from the St. Louis SF Society

STONE HILL LAUNCH TIMES #5 Newsletter of Tampa, FL SF Club with some Necronomicon notes about how to get the benefits of 501(c)3 status without the paperwork (Take note, Bill and Peggy Ann!)

INSTANT MESSAGE #421 & 422, Newsletter of the New England SF Assn includes the NESFA Roster and information about next year's Boskone (inquire ASAP if you think you want to attend)

OASFiS Newsletter #3 (Orlando Area SF Society) which still has incorrect information about Tropicon, but which includes discussion of an OASFiS sponsored convention in the planning stages to be held sometime in 1988

WESTWIND May & June 1987 plus The Green Book: Two club zines and a membership listing from the Northwest Science Fiction Society

FOSFAX June 1987, clubzine of the Falls of the Ohio SF Association  
BCSFAZINE #169 & 170, clubzine of the British Columbia SF Association

DASFAX Vol 19 #6, clubzine of the Denver Area SF Association

GALACTIC DISPATCH June 1987, official monthly publication of the SF Association of Colorado Springs

CORFLU 5 FLYER (addressed to Solstice) - Fanzine fan's convention held next year in Seattle, WA, April 29 - May 1, 1988



ON THE BOOKSHELF - the advance information of September's literary releases are provided by wonderful Howard Cohen, manager of The Book Club:

IT by Stephen King - previously a bestseller in hardcover, now in paperback. A monster feeds on his victim's most dreaded fears.  
 QUEST FOR CAMBER by Katherine Kurtz - this is volume 3 of the History of King Kelson. A bestseller.  
 WINTER IN EDEN by Harry Harrison - The awaited sequel to the popular West of Eden novel  
 HORSECLANS #17: MAD-MAN ARMY by Robert Adams - A Florida writer  
 ROBOT CITY II: SUSPICION by Isaac Asimov and McQuay - Murder mystery about Robots and men.  
 WHEN THE CHANGE WINDS BLOW by Chalker - A new series describing a wind that has the power to alter anything it touches. Recommended

Don't forget the Aug & Sept issues of LOCUS, FANTASY & SF, and Asimov's SF now available at the Book Club. See business section also.

JUNE MEETING REVISITED 16 members and many guests (10 signed in) attended the July 11 SFSFS meeting, which was combined with the South FL Amateur Astronomical Society. Secretary Judy Bemis reported a total Current membership of 86, broken down as follows: 40 general, 5 Honorary, 4 business, 5 child, and 32 regular members (11 of which were founding regular members). Treasurer Peggy Dolan reported a SFSFS account balance of \$1,264.71 and a Tropicon account balance of \$3,226.13.

PROGRAM - Bruce Haigh, Director at Large of SFAAA and Ron Beauregard, President of SFAAA gave a fascinating discussion/lecture on astronomy and telescopes. Bruce pointed out many bright stars and constellations and memory aids to help find them. Ron discussed the 2 fixed telescopes that their club has; a Brandon 6.5" (16.51 cm ?) Refractor which was donated to the club from an astronomer at the University of Puerto Rico and was owned by Mr. Brandon personally in the 1930's; and a Cassegrain 12 1/2" Reflector made by the club. We viewed Saturn (including Titan and the Cassini Division) through the Refractor and M31 (a globular cluster) through the reflector. The South Florida Amateur Astronomical Association is an 85 member club whose primary interest is astronomy (sights, photography, etc.). They have a fixed building (The Fox Astronomical Observatory) in Markham Park and meet there on alternate Saturdays and at other times. For more information, write them at: SFAAA, Markham Park, 16001 W. State Rd 84, Ft. Laud, FL

SHUTTLE STAFF: Editor: Kat Max Assist. Editor in charge of the Business Member, Media, and On the Bookshelf sections: Rich Klein  
 TBA Artist: Gail Bennett E-Stencils: Hollywood Hills Methodist Church  
 Press Gang: Judy Bemis, Tony Parker and an early thanx for anyone else who will be present to help now and in the future.

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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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# AT-A-GLANCE

- \*\*\*\*\* Gaming meets every Sunday.  
Call Kat Max (472-5298) for details. 6 pm Plantation
- July 31 Media Research 7:30 pm Plantation
- Aug 7 Call Rich Klein (472-5298) for program. 7:30 pm Lauderdale
- Aug 8 SF Discussion 6 pm Hollywood
- Call Joe (392-6462) for more information.
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- Aug 8 SFSFS GENERAL MEETING 7 pm Hollywood
- Call Bill Wilson (983-0749).
- Aug 8 Shuttle Staff Meeting after meeting Hollywood
- Call Kat (472-5298) for more info. Let's try one more time!!
- Aug 16 Creative Writing Committee TBA TBA
- Call Jay (583-8739) or Terri (564-4143) for information.
- This is a tentative schedule.
- Aug 28 Media Research 7:30 pm Plantation
- Call Rich Klein (472-5298)
- Sept 12 or 19 Filksinging TBA TBA
- Call Edie (392-6462) for details
- Sept 18 SF Discussion Group TBA TBA
- Call Joe (392-6462) for information.

Those planning on going to Conspiracy, have a safe and fun trip!

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