



The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

**NOVEMBER MEETING** The next meeting of the South Florida Science Fiction Society will be held on Saturday evening, November 14th, starting at 7 pm, at:

THE BOOK CLUB  
5312 North University Dr.  
Lauderhill, FL 33321  
Ph. (305) 940-0819

Directions: From the north take I-95 south to Commercial Blvd. Go west to University Drive, and turn left. From the south take I-95 north to Oakland Park Blvd. Turn left, and go west to University Drive. Turn right onto University and go north about two miles.

The BOOK CLUB is on the east side of University Drive, about a block south of Commercial Blvd. It's located in a wood decor plaza called Boulevard Shoppes II, and is marked with large white letters.

Program: Professional author Tom Maddox will discuss his works in the SF genre. He has written the cyberpunk novel SNAKE EYES, and appeared in the Sept '87 issue of Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine with the entry "Spirit of the Night." He is also a professor of English at Nova College, in South Florida.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED** A slate of candidates picked by the Nominating Committee will be announced at the Nov. 14th general meeting. In accordance with the by-laws, other regular members seeking nomination to a SFSFS office may do so under the following conditions. To be nominated from the floor, a candidate must give written or oral consent at the meeting, be nominated by a regular member, and have two seconds to the nomination by regular members. Good luck to all.

**TROPICON VI** is looking better than ever with our ever expanding guest list. Latest additions include author William Forstchen, Ken Mitchroney (comic artist of SPACE ARK and MYTH CONCEPTIONS), and Tom Maddox. Get your memberships F\*A\*S\*T! Memberships are only \$12 for all three days until October 31st. After that the rate goes up to \$15. Join us for a weekend of fantastic fun in fandom. Banquet tickets are \$19 and must be purchased by November 30th. Write to us at the SFSFS PO Box for a flyer with the complete details.

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**DISCOUNT CORNER** SFSFS welcomes our newest business member, the **PAPERBACK EXCHANGE**, which specializes in used books of all types. Show your SFSFS membership card and receive a 20% discount off your total purchase. Representative of the **PAPERBACK EXCHANGE** is Carole Leigh. Check this out at:

1659 N.E. 163rd Street  
North Miami Beach, FL 33162  
Ph. (305) 940-0819

**BOOK CLUB** SFSFS members can show their card and get \$2 off the regular annual **BOOK CLUB** membership (\$9.95 instead of \$11.95). That membership entitles you to 20% off all books, and a 40% discount off books on the New York Times' Best Seller List. You'll also receive the **BOOK CLUB's** monthly newsletter of literary events.

5312 North University Drive  
Lauderhill, FL 33321  
Ph. (305) 748-7500

**BROWARD GAME PLAYER'S CLUB** offers a 10% discount off their annual membership (regularly \$30) to all card bearing SFSFS members. Also, contact Bill Crane for the latest information on events sponsored by the BGPC.

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

**BURGER FRESH** will give a 25% discount on any item or meal (not including specials) to SFSFS members. Stop by and meet managers Joanne & Jack Shultz at:

2001 North Federal Highway  
Pompano Beach, FL 33062  
Ph. (305) 782-8393

**SOFTWARE CELLAR** offers a 25% discount off the list price on all software. Have any computer or software questions? Ask SFSFS member Mitch Silverman, who works there.

50 East Oakland Park Blvd.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33062  
Ph. (305) 563-0333

**SPECIAL THANKS** to both the Broward Game Players Club and the Book Club for providing us with meetings space this year. It's been about two years now since we outgrew our member's living rooms. Our monthly general meetings often number more than thirty in attendance these days. Without the support of these two business members, we might well have become known as the South Florida Sardine Society. Again, many thanks!



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DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS The following corrections are in reference to information listed in error in the September issue of the SFSFS Shuttle. The November SFSFS meeting is as listed on the front page this issue (not Nov. 15 as printed last ish). Doug & Kathy Wu are interested in forming a committee to represent the interests of our northern area members (not a whole separate SFSFS chapter). Magicon pre-supporting memberships are not required for admission to Magicon/Orlando in 92 bid parties. The bid-parties are open to everyone attending the conventions where they are held. WPBT/Channel 2 has not tentatively scheduled a picnic for the first weekend in November. WPBT is negotiating with local SF clubs for an event, but nothing has been determined yet. And finally, there is no SF literary discussion group scheduled for the 9th of November. There is one scheduled to be held on the 13th, as detailed next...

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? Find out, as our SF Literature Group discusses William Gibson's Neuromancer. This is the book that won the Hugo, Nebula, and Phillip K. Dick awards for Best Novel. It's the only one to win all three. It popularized the cyberpunk movement and made Gibson a major writer almost overnight.

The second novel discussion will center on Robert Silverberg's fascinating work Dying Inside. DON'T be left outside! Just drive on up (or down) to the BOOK CLUB (see front page of this newszine for directions) and join in on the talk beginning at 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 13th.

MAGICON MEETS in our area this month as SFSFS & the BOOK CLUB sponsor their November meeting. The committee meets in closed sessions at on the 15th at 1pm, then opens up to guests for a general meeting at 2:30. For more details feel free to call Magicon co-chairman Joesph Siclari at 392-6462.

GAMING A number of our gamers are in the process of moving. Therefore most of the dates and locations of our proposed games cannot be announced at this time. The exceptions are those games being held at Doug Wu's. For more information on those, contact Doug at 737-8028.

ELECTION of the 1988 SFSFS officers will be held at the December 12th meeting, 7pm, at the Broward Game Players Club. The vote will be by secret ballot for any office with more than one candidate. Positions to be voted on include Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board Members At-Large.

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FILKSINGING The next meeting of our filker's group will be on Saturday, November 7th, at 7:30pm. Location will be at the epicenter of Boca fannish activity...the Siclari/Stern residence, 4599 NW 5th Avenue, Boca Raton. Call Edie at 392-6462 if you want more information. And bring a screw-driver. Or was that for the topic of the next paragraph...?

TROPICON ART SHOW PANELS & BACKACHE MEETING will be at the Siclari/Stern's before the Filkfest on Nov. 7th. Work will begin at 11a.m. and last 'till it's done. We need your help to prepare and repair the display panels. Final art show set up will be on Thursday evening, December 3rd, beginning at 6 pm at the Holiday Inn Oceanside. That's 3000 East Las Olas Boulevard on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. We'll definitely need screwdrivers there.

YET ANOTHER TROPICON MEETING will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 6pm, before the general SFSFS meeting that evening.

TROPICON DEPT. HEADS need to submit all write-ups for the official program book to Gail Bennett, 3705 East Shore Road, Miramar, FL, 33023, no later than October 31st.

ANTS ON STRIKE Due to a work stoppage in the insect kingdom, the SFSFS picnic has been postponed. We couldn't find suitable replacement-scab ants. They just weren't willing to cross the picnic lines. Without the bugs, we might as well eat inside. Seriously though, we simply ran short on time. So, picnic plans are on hold. Once we get a few things straightened out, we'll break out the baskets anew.

CREATIVE WRITING group meets on Sunday, November 22nd, at 3pm at Jay Packlick's abode, 650 East Melrose Circle, Ft. Lauderdale. Jay requests you bring 3 or 4 pages of your own written material to be discussed. Otherwise, bring lots of munchies. The quality of the munchies can mitigate the lack of quantity of the writing. Call Jay at 583-8739.

WILD CARDS Railroad Martin, our Tropicon guest of honor has graciously consented to allow a "wild card" amateur game to take place in the game room of Tropicon. John Fast will DM the game. In addition, the Tropicon costume party will feature a wild card prize for best joker, ace, or deuce. We hope to see lots of "Wild Cards" there.

--- Submitted by Peggy Gemignani



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JOINING THE RANKS Welcome to new general members Elaine Ashby, Greg Spivey, and Scott Karneth. We hope you each find our Society as exciting as the 90 some odd rest of us have.

MEDIA RESEARCH AT LARGE will meet this month on Friday, October 30th, 7:30p.m. at Bill Wilson's residence (3242 Arthur Terrace, Hollywood). To coincide with Channel 39's 3-D Halloween presentations, our program will cover 3-D movies... including Ch. 39's 3-D feature GORILLA AT LARGE. You'll need your own 3-D glasses, which can be purchased at almost any 7-11 store for \$.50. Or call Bill at 983-0749 and he'll pick up a few extra pair.

OCTOBER MEETING REVISITED 'Twas held on October 10th, 7pm at the Broward Game Players Club. Our deputy secretary reported an attendance of 32 beings, 2 of which were guests. Total membership is now 92, which breaks down to 49 general members, 32 regular, 5 honorary, and 6 child (under 8) members. Approval of minutes from previous meetings were tabled until the next meeting. The treasurer reported a total of \$1,605 in SFSFS funds and \$3,317 in Tropicon money in the bank.

SF film & video specialist John Kachmar presented an informative and often humorous look at films of the 1950s. He discussed his favorite classics along with little known flicks that were nevertheless worthy of a watching. Video clips were shown, displaying some of the best, and worst, creatures, plots, effects, and actors of that era. Thank you, John, for a very entertaining evening.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM RE-REVISITED Author, honors professor, and futurist Dr. Mary Jo Carl gave us an extrapolated view of what our society might become in the not too distant future. She presented a scenario of what an ordinary twenty-first century household and working life may be like. Included were advances in computer technology, changes in education, religion, and social structure. She discussed what advancements in science and medicine might bring, and how our legal, moral, and economic systems must evolve to deal with the changes.

### GOINGS CON

Tampa Suncon (Comics)	Nov. 15	Tampa, FL
Orlando Collectors Con (Com)	Nov. 15	Orlando, FL
Manatee Fantasy Fair (Comics)	Nov. 22	Ormand Bch, FL

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TROPICON VI Dec. 4-6 Ft. Lauderdale  
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## The SFSFS Shuttle-6

PLAYING THEIR CARDS RIGHT NECRONOMICON VI, the science-fiction convention held October 16-18 in Tampa was a major success. Guest of honor Orson Scott Card, twice Nebula & Hugo award winner for his books *Ender's Game* and *Speaker for the Dead*, proved a brilliant conversationalist. Other professional writers attending included Fredrik Pohl, Joe Green (NASA writer), Piers Anthony, Brad Linaweaver...

Panels included: Trends in SF, Religion in SF, Future Politics, Censorship, and many others.

Those attending the Pajama Party were treated to a living audio dramatization of *Space Ark 6*, with Ken Mitchroney leading a cast of about a dozen intrepid narrators. Then there was the Ygor Party, where everyone meets everyone, and everyone's named Ygor. Other events included the Masquerade (with SFSFSian Terri Wells picking up another 2nd place prize), Fan Cabaret, Trivia, Gaming, and horror stories read aloud! Could anyone ask for more? Actually, we can, and hope to see more of this stuff at next year's con. Congratulations to the Stone Hill Gang.

SEPTEMBER PARTY 5 was a small, but fun convention organized by Robert Teague, a Panama City fan. Florida fan Ken & Beth Mitchroney were the guests of honor here, where barbecues & belly dancing highlighted the weekend. This is also where ye editor got certain photographs of an Orlando area fan and fellow newsletter editor belly-dancing for *Magicon Pre-supports*. Send SASE for copies. MCF(Mailing Comment to Friend)- Ray, you know who you are.

### WORLDWIDE

*Nolacon II*, the 46th annual World Science Fiction Convention will be held on September 1 - 5, 1988 in New Orleans, LA. Guest of Honor is Donald A. Wollheim. Attending 5-day membership is \$60 until 12/31/87, and increases up to \$100 at the door. Send your memberships (or write for more information) to:

NOLACON II  
921 Canal Street, Suite 831  
New Orleans, LA 70112

*Noreascon III*, the 47th Worldcon, will be held in Boston, August 31 - September 1st, 1989. Andre Norton and Ian & Betty Ballantine are the guests of honor. According to our sources, attending membership is still \$50 until December 31st. For complete information, write to:

NOREASCON THREE  
Box 46, MIT Branch Post Office  
Cambridge, MA 02139

<Magicon/Orlando In '92 will be voted on at this Worldcon>



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CONTACT! The following newsletters and correspondence has been received by SFSFS. All are available to our members upon request to the secretary.

Westwind #120-121, Northwest Science Fiction Society. A well produced fanzine with club information it in.

Galactic Dispatch volume 13, #1 & 2. SF Association of Colorado Springs. Aug. + Sept.- They are now mailing 2 months at a time to save postage.

The NASFA Shuttle Sept. & Oct. 1987. Now edited by Nelda Kennedy. Sept. issue has a worldcon review.

Transmissions whole #s 241, 242, 243. United Gulf Coast Fandom. Issue 242 announces resignation of Robert Teague as VP at end of thiss term (and Newsletter editor, which goes with VP) and a limitation of trade policy.

BCSFAzine #172 + 173, Sept. + Oct. British Columbia SF Assn. Sept. has a plug for Magicon, noting Becky Thomson's roots in the Northwest (she was former BCSFAN & BCSFAzine editor). Oct. had some good articles and an organizational meeting announcement for V con 16.

DASFAX Sept.+Oct. Denver Area SF Association Newsletter. There getting ready for MileHicon Oct. 23-25.

STONE HILL LAUNCH TIMES Volume 1, #7, Sept; Tampa & Stone Hill SF Association. They were getting ready for Necronomicon.

Instant Message #426, 427. New England SF Association. They're getting the Noreascon Hotel problems solved.

The Insider Sept. 87, #134. Saint Louis Science Fiction Society. Includes book reviews and Saint Louis area Convention list.

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CONTACT! (Continued)

Mimosa #3 from Dick & Nicki Lynch. A fanzine with many good articles.

Smart Ash #38; Chimneyville Fantasy & Science Fiction Society; Chimneycon report, articles, and reviews.

OASFis Newsletter Meetings announcements for October, November, and tentatively December. They have named their spring convention OASIS, and have planned it for May 21-22 at the Howard Johnson Florida Center Hotel in Orlando.

FOSFAX #119, Sept. Falls of the Ohio Science Fiction & Fantasy Association. The usual wonderful clubzine, currently in the throes of a print war over solutions to racism.

ANVIL #45, August. Fanzine by Charlotte Proctor with financial support from Birmingham SF Club.

Other items of interest received...

Caddo National Writer's Center, Fall/Winter contest.

OMNICON VIII flyer, Feb. 5 - 7 at the Oceanside Holiday Inn, Ft. Lauderdale. (Is this hotel familiar?)

----Contact was submitted by Judy Bemis.



## The SFSFS Shuttle-9

TELL ME ANOTHER WON While awaiting the official nominations, this editor has uncovered that both current SFSFS chairman Bill Wilson, and secretary Judy Bemis have not opted to run for re-election. Both have stated (more or less) that it's been more fun and personally rewarding (holding office) than they ever expected. And now it's time to move around and give someone else the rare opportunity to experience officiating in SFSFS.

G.O.H UPDATE Tropicon's guest of honor George R.R. Martin is currently the Executive Story Consultant on the CBS series BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. The series is now airing on Fridays at 8pm (on Ch. 4 in Miami), and is second only to DALLAS in the Friday night ratings. He also wrote the teleplay for the series' 2nd outing entitled *Terrible Savior*. Also in release is the feature film NIGHTFLYERS, based on the novelette by Mr. Martin. This R-rated science-fiction horror film opened in South Florida on October 23rd.

TOASTMASTER UPDATE According to Locus magazine, Jack L. Chalker, Tropicon's extraordinary toastmaster, has the novel WHEN THE CHANGEWINDS BLOW currently out in the stores. It is the first of a Changewinds series.

TERMS OF ENDEARMENT SFSFS trades newsletters, our fanzine SOLSTICE, and con flyers with other science-fiction and literary organizations who do likewise. Check our "Contact" section for those groups with which we already make the exchange. If you're group qualifies to be added to this list, contact our SFSFS secretary Judy Bemis at the SFSFS mailing address.

SHUTTLE CREDITS: Editor this month: A Fan in MEED; Special thanks to the Microcomputer Education for Employment of the Disabled program at the University of Miami; Press Gang: Judy Bemis, Tony Parker...(and Judy again for making a long night's journey to deliver additional Shuttle material).

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The South Florida Science Fiction Society is a non-profit organization established for educational and literary purposes. 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, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143.  
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# AT A GLANCE

Oct. 30 Media Research Meeting 7:30 Hollywood  
Call Bill Wilson (983-0749) for more info.  
Nov. 7 Tropicon Art Panel Meet 11am Boca Raton  
Contact Joe Siclari (392-6462) for details.  
Nov. 7 Filksinging 7:30 Boca Raton  
Contact Edie Stern (392-6462).  
Nov. 13 SF Literature Discussion 7:30 Lauderhill  
Call Joe Siclari (392-6462) for more info.  
Nov. 14 Tropicon Meeting 6pm Lauderhill  
Gail Bennett (961-2831) or Joe Siclari.  
Nov. 14 SFSFS GENERAL MEETING 7pm Lauderhill  
Call Bill Wilson (983-0749) if any questions.  
Nov. 15 Magicon Meeting 1pm Lauderhill  
Opens to guests at 2:30. Contact Joe.  
Nov. 22 Creative Writing 3pm Ft. Lauderdale  
Contact person Jay Packlick (583-8739).  
Dec 4-6 TROPICON VI SF CONVENTION Ft. Lauderdale

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