

THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

DECEMBER MEETING The next SFSFS meeting will be held Saturday, December 12, at 7 PM at the Broward Game Players Club in Davie.

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Hollywood, FL 33024
TELEPHONE: (305) 435-2832

DIRECTIONS: Take I-95 or 441 to Sterling Road. Go west on Sterling Road to the fourth stoplight past 441 (aka State Road 7). At that intersection, there is a McDonald's, a Mobil station, and a Winn Dixie. Turn left onto Davie Road Extension, and follow it approximately 1 mile as it curves southwest. The Broward Game Players Club is on the right-hand side of the road in a small shopping plaza. The sign on the road says "Plaza 76", and the Club is the second store from the back. Use the buzzer at the door to be let in (but not before 6 PM). Come early at 6 PM and meet other members for sandwiches, snacks, etc. The club offers a wide variety of sandwiches, munchies, burgers, and soft drinks.

Tentative Program: SFSFS member Chris Ceraolo will present a talk on "SF themes in rock music". Annual elections will be held at this meeting. See slate in this Shuttle.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (the editor speaks) Elections are coming up next month; I hope as many of you as possible will be at the December meeting. Tropicon is upon us as well. Because December is our busiest month, there is a lot of important information in this issue, and many subcommittees have opted not to meet in December. Read on, MacDuff!

SURVEYS Included in this month's shuttle should be the SFSFS annual survey. We request each member to fill out a survey yearly to determine what members enjoy of what the club is doing, and to provide direction within the framework of the purpose of SFSFS as stated in our Articles of Incorporation. We also use the information to update the membership directory.

DUES ARE DUE Just a reminder that memberships expire December 31, 1987. Dues are due by January 1, 1988 (\$15 General, \$20 Regular). It's OK to renew in advance (at meetings or through the mail to Peggy Ann Dolan). Non-renewals WILL NOT get the January Shuttle! A renewal form is included in this issue. Please use it.

TROPICON VI We have lots of wonderful things planned for TROPICON-VI. Club. Membership does not automatically give you convention membership. From November 1 on the membership fee is the at the door rate of \$15.00. Get your money in. We seriously hope all club members will help out with our biggest project of the year. There will be many special and different programs and surprises.

DISCOUNT CORNER The following businesses provide discounts (and other activities) to SFSFS members in good standing.

BOOK CLUB SFSFS members can show their card and get \$2.00 off the regular annual BOOK CLUB membership (9.95 instead of \$11.95). That membership entitles you to 20% off all books, and 40% off books on the current 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.

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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.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33062
Ph. (305) 563-0333

PAPERBACK EXCHANGE will give a 20% discount off your total purchase to SFSFS members in good standing (show your card at the register when checking out). This store specializes in used books of all types. The representative of PAPERBACK EXCHANGE is Carole Leigh.

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

SLATE OF NOMINEES The Nominees for SFSFS BOD '88 are in. Carol Gibson was nominated by the nominating committee for Chairman, Peggy Dolan for Treasurer, and Tony Parker and Susan Trautman for at-large BOD members. There was a nomination from the floor with the required 2 seconds for Mark Baumgarten for at-large BOD member. A secret ballot vote will be held at the December meeting to determine the at-large officers for '88. Congratulations to all of the nominees and good luck!

FILKERS There will be lots of filksinging at TROPICON. Currently, there are plans for a Filk Concert on Friday night at 11 PM, and informal filking every evening. Note that you must pay to attend the convention to be allowed at filksings. Leslie Fish, noted filk/folksinger is going to be a guest at Tropicon, so the singing should really be spectacular. We are still soliciting contributions for the "Bring Leslie to Tropicon fund".

DOCTOR WHO SPECIAL EVENT On December 19, Channel 2 (WPBT, Miami) is sponsoring a Doctor Who fundraiser to buy new episodes (Hartnell through McCoy). This fundraiser will take the form of an on air Doctor Who marathon (showing Doctor who episodes all afternoon) with requests for funds between episodes. The station will also have the Doctor Who memorabilia trailer at their station, and John Nathan Turner and Nicola Bryant (Peri) will be there available for autographs, etc. Channel 2 is looking for SFSFS volunteers to help on site. (This would make an interesting club project.) If interested in helping or for more information, call Gail Bennett (961-2831) or Bill Wilson (983-0749).

NOVEMBER MEETING REVISITED Twenty-four members and ten guests signed the attendance list of the November 14 general business meeting held at BOOK CLUB. Business meeting minutes will be available to SFSFS members on request, as usual.

New member Duncan S. Cruickshank IV was voted in at the meeting, and John Fast and Richard Tetrev were upgraded to Regular (voting) members. Fun fines collected \$5.50. Credit to be given later.

PROGRAM: Guest speaker Tom Maddox, professor of literature and writing at Nova College, a part of Nova University, and published SF writer spoke about his work and subgenres in Science Fiction. He started writing seriously after returning to the Pacific Northwest. ICE was an idea that was imbedded in an early story of Tom's that William Gibson read and requested permission to use. He has recently gotten well enough known and financially secure enough that he writes what he wants to or needs to, and writes about his obsessions. He discussed the writers group around William Gibson and Bruce Sterling, and the Cyberpunk movement (which he contends is not a style of writing, but a computer program running in the hardware of SF). He contended that the interesting thing about it is that it has attracted the attention of people outside the "SF ghetto". We want to thank Tom for a very interesting program.

CRASHERS ANYONE? Sandi March is looking for a roommate for Tropicana. Call her at 463-8421.

JANUARY PREVIEW The January meeting will be held on January 9. The speaker will be Will Eisner, thought by many to be the "Grand Master" of comic art.

NEW MEMBERS The following people have joined SFSFS since the publication of the last membership directory:

Elaine Ashby; 22 Camden Drive; Greenacres, FL 33463
 Duncan S. Cruickshank IV; 115 E. Sunrise Ave.; Lantana, FL 33462
 (305) 582-8820
 Dwight R. Douglas; 2463 Lincoln St.; Hollywood, FL 33020
 Michael Gibson (Child member of Carol Gibson)
 Ray Herz; 905 W. Espanola Way; Melbourne, FL 32901
 (305) 725-2383
 Scott A. Karneth; 2917 N.W. 56th Ave., Apt. A-1
 Lauderhill, FL 33313 (305) 733-9175
 Dan Rhea; 3791 N.W. 78th Ave., #30; Davie, FL 33024
 Gregory Spivey; 6024 Rose Terrace; Plantation, FL 33317
 (305) 581-0472
 Kathy Wu; 520 N.W. 7th St.; Boynton Beach, FL 33435
 (305) 737-8028

ROOMS AVAILABLE Reserve a room for TROPICON VI ASAP. You will enjoy the con more without having to worry about driving somewhere to sleep. You won't miss something because you're behind the wheel. Reservation forms are in the Progress Report, or call the hotel at (305) 463-8421 and mention TROPICON VI to get the discount rate.

TROPICON BANQUET Tropicon attendees are encouraged to purchase banquet tickets before the November 30 deadline. The all-you-can eat buffet style banquet costs only \$19.00 per person and guarantees your seat for the guest speeches and accompanying festivities.

WORLDCON PRICES ON THE INCREASE Effective 1/1/88 both NOLA CON II, the 1988 Worldcon in New Orleans and NOREASCON III, the 1989 Worldcon in Boston are raising their prices for an attending membership. Attending membership payments for NOLA CON II postmarked 12/31/87 or before are still \$60 while memberships purchased after 12/31/87 will cost \$70 to 7/14/88 (and \$100 at the door!). Similarly, NOREASCON III attending memberships may still be purchased for \$50 through 12/31/87, but will cost \$60 afterward. Nolacon II; 921 Canal St. Suite 831; New Orleans, LA 70112.

Noreascon III; MCFI; Box 46, MIT Branch PO; Cambridge, MA 02139.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS The three candidates for at-large board member have submitted the following statements:

MARK BAUMGARTEN: I am running for the position of Board Member At Large of SFSFS. The reasons I want this position are as follows: I want to become more involved in SFSFS. In the past, I have worked on Tropicon and I've been in this club for almost 2 years. Also, I want to participate in the decision making process of the club. I would really appreciate your vote. Thank you for your support.

TONY PARKER: As an active science fiction fan since Suncon in 1977 and as a founding member of SFSFS (as well as a participant in the predecessor (dis-)organization, the Coral Springs Science Fiction League, Social Drinking Society, and Traveling Fan Variety Show, in Exile), I believe I have the experience to provide needed continuity to a club that is undergoing some change of leadership this coming year. At the same time, while I have done quite a bit of work for the club and Tropicon (including helping Judy with some of the secretarial tasks on occasion), I have never had the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. I hope I will have that opportunity in the new year.

SUSAN TRAUTMAN: I am one of the founding members of SFSFS. I have seen it grow from a few to many members, and even to having some permanent meeting locations now. I would like to help it continue to grow by being on the Board of Directors next year. I would also like to see more of a blending of media and books because both in their way are each a great part of what science fiction is and will probably continue to be.

LITERARY DISCUSSION GROUP There will not be a December meeting of this group, due to planning for Tropicon, the December Business meeting, and the holiday season. The tentative readings for January, subject to approval of the new chair, will be what were to be the December readings: Bruce Sterling's SCHISMATRIX and Robert A. Heinlein's THE PAST THROUGH TOMORROW.

CREATIVE WRITING COMMITTEE There will also not be a December meeting of this group, due to planning for Tropicon and the Holiday season.

CONTACT: The following items were sent to SFSFS by clubs & cons around the country and are available to any member who wishes to peruse their pages:

BCSFAzine #174 Nov. British Columbia SF Assn. Mentions having received a Magicon flyer with prices for supporting memberships and T-shirts.

STONE HILL LAUNCH TIMES Nov. Stone Hill SF Club; Tampa, FL. Has a Necronomicon "official report", and a thank you for our Necronomicon review. They also have a listing for Tropicon. (arrived with postage due \$.10 for oversize)

OASFIS NEWSLETTER Nov. Orlando Area SF Society. Mentions Tropicon in "Upcoming Conventions".

FOSFAX #121 Nov. Falls of the Ohio SF Assn., Louisville, KY. This month has a long interesting letter column, a note that they'd received Shuttles #31 and 32, book reviews, etc.

WESTWIND #122 Oct. Northwest SF Society, Seattle, WA. Notes that there will be a new Green Book (their directory) in Dec. Also has book, movie, TV, and Worldcon reviews. Also contains a plug for Magicon.

INSTANT MESSAGE #428,429 Oct. 18, Nov 8. New England SF Assn., Boston, MA. Contains Staff list and other info about Boskone 25 and other club activities.

TRANSMISSIONS Vol. 11 #4 United Gulf Coast Fandom, Panama City, FL. They mention a clubzine, TELEMACHUS, which is in the process of gathering materials from club members, and a dearth of trades since their necessary cutback.

PSFS Newsletter July-Oct. Philadelphia SF Society. These have been collecting because they were going to the vice-president's home instead of the club box. Philcon info was included. There was discussion on maintaining the service mark for "Philcon". This is mostly minutes and a local calendar.

ALSO RECEIVED: Note from SFC president acknowledging recd. of September SFSFS shuttle (Part 1 of club history should be in Solstice #3 when published.).

Flyer from DraConIs, Mar 18-20, Louisville, KY. GOHs McCaffrey and Ecklar.

Flyers from Nolacon II, NOSF3 (See Going Cons), Peli-con Nov 27-29 '87 in New Orleans, LA, Swampcon 7 Apr 22-24 '88 in Baton Rouge, LA, Fal-con 1 Feb 19-21 '88 in Meridian, MS, Coastcon XI Mar 25-27 '88 in Biloxi, MS, and Dallas Fantasy Fair Nov 27-29 '87 in Dallas, TX.

MEDIA RESEARCH COMMITTEE The next meeting will hopefully be on December 31, a New Year's Eve party. There will be more details on this next month.

GAMERS Currently, the only games are at Doug and Kathy Wu's. Kathy has expressed an interest in having some games at BGPC again; this is being looked into.

TROPICON VII Edie Stern, Chair for the convention announced that the Guests of Honor for Tropiccon VII will be Writer Poul Anderson, and fan Walt Willis.

PUBLICITY Joe reported that a person from the Palm Beach Post wants to do an article on SFSFS activities in Palm Beach county, including perhaps a picture on the cover of the magazine section for Dec. 4. The Ft. Lauderdale News/SunSentinel ran a feature article on SFSFS/Tropiccon. When you see it, please keep a copy for the SFSFS secretary.

GOING CONS (Conventions a SFSFS member is attending)

TROPICON VI *****DEC. 4-6*****FT. LAUDERDALE, FL!!!
This is ours, guys!

NOSF3	Jan. 22-24, 1988	New Orleans, LA
BOSKONE XXV	Jan. 29-31, 1988	Springfield, MA
OMNICON VIII	Feb. 5-7, 1988	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
LUNACON 31	Mar. 11-13, 1988	Tarrytown, NY
9th Int'l Conf on Fant.	Mar. 16-20, 1988	Dania, FL
(Academic Conference)		
NORWESCON 10	Mar. 24-27, 1988	Tacoma, WA
MAGNUM OPIUS CON 3	Mar. 25-27, 1988	Columbus, GA
CORFLU 5	Apr. 29-May 1, 1988	Seattle, WA
OASIS	May 21-22, 1988	Orlando, FL
DISCLAVE	May 27-30, 1988	New Carrollton, MD(?)
NOLACON II	Sept. 1-5, 1988	New Orleans, LA

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Annual Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone #: (H) _____ (W) _____

Check where appropriate: _____ General (\$15.00)
_____ I qualify and would like to apply for regular member status (\$20.00)
_____ Regular (\$20.00)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Pompano Beach, FL 33064
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02139-0910

PRESSING CREDITS I would like to take this opportunity to thank Terri Wells for helping me during my term as Secretary. She handled the job of Mail Clerk while I was in England, and at least 2 times since when I could not pick up mail slips while the branch was open. She has also been present on almost all occasions when there was collating/ mailing work to be done.

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E-Stencils: Bill Wilson & Hollywood Hills Methodist Church
Mimeography: PRESS GANG: Judy Bemis, Chair
Tony Parker, Terri Wells

AT A GLANCE

TROPICON	VI*****Dec. 4-6*****	Holiday Inn Oceanside Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Filk Mtg.	Dec. 4 (Part of TROPICON)	Holiday Inn Oceanside Ft. Lauderdale, FL
SFSFS General Meeting	Dec. 12	BGPC
Media Research Mtg/Party	Dec. 31	TBA

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