



THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Official Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

■ Robert A. Heinlein Dies

Once again, it is our sad duty to report the passing of another SF great. Robert A. Heinlein, respected and well-known author in the field of science fiction, died May 8th of heart failure in his home in Carmel, CA. He was 80 years old.

Heinlein had been a writer of science fiction novels and short stories for approximately 45 years. His works include *Stranger in a Strange Land*, *The Past Through Tomorrow* (a collection of short stories), *Friday*, *The Cat Who Walks Through Walls*, *Glory Road*, *Starship Troopers*, most recently *To Sail Into the Sunset*, and many others. His most famous character, Lazarus Long, is noteworthy for having an extremely long life span.

Heinlein was well known for his libertarianism and his views on the military. He was a close friend of Isaac Asimov's, a friendship which developed from their service in World War II. He also served as a Guest of Honor at several World Cons.

Heinlein's passing leaves a large gap in the field of science fiction which probably never will be filled. He will be deeply missed.

■ Next SFSFS Meeting

The next meeting will be June 18th at 2 p.m., at the Imperial Point Library in Ft. Lauderdale.

Kat Max will deliver a lecture on gaming. The library is located at 5985 N. Federal Highway, just south of Cypress Creek Road in a small shopping mall next to the Book Stop. Take I-95 to Cypress Creek Road. Go east until Federal Highway. Go right. The library will be on your right.

If you need directions, or any other information, the library's phone number is 492-1800.



■ June Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be on June 8th, at 7:30 p.m., at Peggy Dolan's house, 4427 Royal Palm Ave., Miami Beach. Call her at 532-8008 for directions. The agenda will be budgets. Budgets are due by the end of May. If anyone needs help with a budget, they should contact Peggy, who has copies of last year's budgets available for you.



■ Solstice Vacancies

It's not too late! There are still openings. Please give contributions for *Solstice* to Linda Hill. Or send them to SFSFS, P.O. Box 70143, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307. All contributions are much appreciated. See your name in print!

■ Writers Meeting

The June Creative Writing Meeting will be held June 26th at 2 p.m., place TBA. The July meeting will be on July 24th at 2 p.m., place also TBA. Call Terri Wells for info and directions. Her new number is: 491-8027.

■ SFSFS Gamers, Unite!

The gamers meet under the guidance of Peggy Gemignani. For more info, call her at 771-4658.

■ TRI Meetings Update

The June meeting of TRI (Dr. Who Club) will be on Saturday, June 18th, at 12 noon at the West Dade Regional Library. The July meeting will be on July 16th at 12 noon. Please give any letters or articles for the club's newsletter to Carol or Mark.

*****More news inside.....



Literary Discussion

The June Literary Discussion Meeting will be held at 3689 Coral Springs Drive, in Coral Springs, at 7:30 p.m.. The subject will be military Science Fiction. Call 344-4841 for directions.

TOPIC: MILITARY SCIENCE FICTION

Joe Haldeman	<i>The Forever War</i>
" "	<i>All My Sins Remembered</i>
Robert Heinlein	<i>Starship Troopers</i>
H. G. Wells	<i>The War of the Worlds</i>
Stanislaw Lem	<i>The Invincible</i>
Michael Moorcock	<i>The Warlord of the Air</i>
" "	<i>The Land Leviathan</i>
Gordon R. Dickson	<i>The Dorsai Series</i>
Fritz Leiber	<i>The Big Time</i>
" "	<i>Destiny Times Three</i>
Barrington J. Bayley	<i>The Fall of Chronopolis</i>
Fred Saberhagen	<i>The Berserker Series</i>

The July meeting will be on July 9th at the Pearlman/Bennett residence, 3705 E. Shore Rd., Miramar, FL. The subject will be Foreign SF. The August Meeting will be August 19, time and place TBA. For more info and directions, call Dina Pearlman at home (989-0290) or at work (355-5280). If the latter is a toll call, call the FAU operator and ask to be transferred to ext. 5280. If anyone knows of any conflicts with the August meeting (cons or otherwise), Dina would like to know.

JULY TOPIC: FOREIGN SCIENCE FICTION (NOT ENGLISH)

Gerald Klein	<i>The Overlords of War</i>
Michael Ende	<i>The Neverending Story</i>
Kurd Lasswitz	<i>Two Planets</i>
Hans Dominik	???
Dmitri Bilenkin	<i>The Uncertainty Principle</i>
Mikahil Bulgakov	<i>Heart of a Dog</i>
" "	<i>The Master & Margarita</i>
Isaac Asimov	<i>Soviet Science Fiction</i>
Henry Kuttner	<i>Robots Have No Tails</i>
Various	<i>Perry Rhodan Series</i>
Vladimir Ashenski	???
Arkadit Boris Strugatsky	<i>Roadside Picnic</i>
" "	<i>Noon: 22nd Century</i>
" "	<i>Definitely Maybe</i>
" "	<i>Hard to be a God</i>

Whoops Department.

NOTE: Due to fumblefingers, working too late at night, cosmic rays, or whatever lame excuse comes to mind, there were a number of errors in the last *Shuttle*. Gerrold Adair's name was incorrectly spelled. Sorry about that! Also, Doug Wu was voted in as a general member, not as a regular member, as reported here.

May Meeting Revisited

The May meeting was held at the South Regional Library in Pembroke Pines. Sixteen members were present. Bill Wilson announced his resignation from the position of deputy chair, but stated he would continue to help with the club. It was voted that any business members who had not renewed with the club not be listed in the club's newsletter (AKA *The Shuttle*). Copies of the minutes are available upon request from Kat Max or Carol Porter.

THE PROGRAM: Judy Bemis and Tony Parker took us through a trip with newszines of the 40's up to the present day, including examples from various science fiction clubs and individual people interested in science fiction through the early and latter days of the professional magazines, *Locus* and *The Science Fiction Chronicle*. Many amusing anecdotes were also told by Judy and Tony about the goings on behind the scenes when a newszine is published. Many thanks to Judy and Tony for an interesting program!

EVER UPWARDS: Janet L. Sorenson, Melanie Herz and Ray Herz were voted in as general members.

News Updates.....

There is no replacement for Bill Wilson, yet.

Becky Peters is the new Deputy Treasurer.

The SFSFS Library has moved into the storage facility, but is not ready for borrowing, yet.

Dominick Fraumeni's new number is 925-2720.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

(Your Editor Speaks) Apologies for getting this issue out later than I wanted. Most all the material was in on time this month, but my own work schedule held things up, due to a tight deadline on a story requested by an anthology editor, and having to read page proofs on my new Signet Books novel due out this October. Which brings us to an Important Announcement. My writing schedule has (fortunately) taken an upswing, and with my current projects piled atop my regular full time job, it is no longer possible for me to do the *Shuttle*. This is my last issue as editor. My sincere thanks to Carol Porter, Judy Bemis, Tony Parker, Terri Wells, Peggy Dolan, Kat Max and Joe and Edie, for their support and help. Arrangements will be made to turn over the controls to the next volunteer. It's been fun. Hope you all have enjoyed the flight. G.A.R.

HEINLEIN

A special obituary by Mitch Silverman

Robert Anson Heinlein died Sunday, May 8, 1988, at his home in Carmel, California, of heart failure. Heinlein's SF career started in 1939 with the short story "Lifeline," and continued through *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*, published in paperback shortly before his death. Many SF critics feel that Heinlein was the single most influential SF writer. Heinlein, along with John W. Campbell, his mentor, pioneered "hard" or technologically-oriented sf.

Heinlein won four Hugos, for his novels *Double Star* (1956), *Starship Troopers* (1960), *Stranger in a Strange Land* (1962), and *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* (1967). Heinlein was Guest of Honor at three Worldcons, in 1941, 1961, and 1976. He was awarded a Grand Master Nebula by SFWA in 1975 for his lifetime contribution to science fiction. Mundanely, Heinlein received the Boy's Clubs of America award in 1959, an award given by the children in the organization---which would perhaps partly explain the recent marked growth of science fiction fandom.

Those are the facts of this obituary. The emotion is something that I cannot commit to paper---but if you have been influenced by Heinlein as I have, then you know what I mean.

Heinlein was a vocal advocate of blood donation, often requesting that sf fen "bleed" before he would sign copies of his books. I don't know what arrangements Virginia Heinlein (Robert Heinlein's widow) has made for a memorial, but the Gulfstream Community Blood Center has set up an account in Heinlein's name. Donations of blood or money in Heinlein's memory will be accepted at any Broward and Palm Beach county Blood Center.

OASIS Update

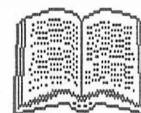
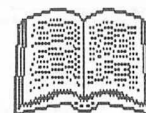
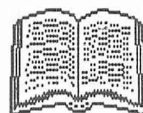
The Orlando Area Science Fiction Society presented its first convention May 21-22 with a large and fun showing. GOH was writer Joe Haldeman; Artist GOH was Mary Hanson Roberts; and a Special Guest was writer Andre Norton. Other guests included Gay Haldeman, Vince Miranda; writers Robert Adams, Tom Maddox, Joseph Green, Sarah Clemens; artists Gail Bennett, Phil Tortorici, C. L. Swann, and Ingrid Nielson.

The group's first convention, it was a success

with over 200 attending. Events included panels, readings, gaming, video room, costume contest, filking, a barbeque, an artist drawoff with three artists participating, and a special lunch with the GOH and his wife. Many congrats to the Orlando gang for a job well done.

SFSFS Library Update

Carol Gibson should be contacted regarding the SFSFS library collection, and not Rich Tetrev, as reported previously.



Quiz Results Pending

Last month we ran a Trivia Quiz concerning the various actors who have played the Frankenstein monster over the years, and the productions in which they appeared. Entries have just started coming in, and already there are two submitted which are sooooo l-o-n-g, they would fill the newsletter by themselves. We can't verify the lists in time to announce the winner in this issue, as planned, but we are continuing to check the entries, and will notify the winner directly as soon as possible. The winner's name will be then announced in the July issue of the *Shuttle*, as will the nature of the token prize awarded. Bear with us....



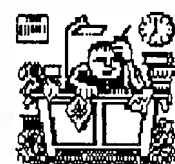
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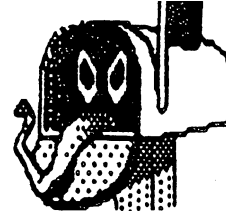
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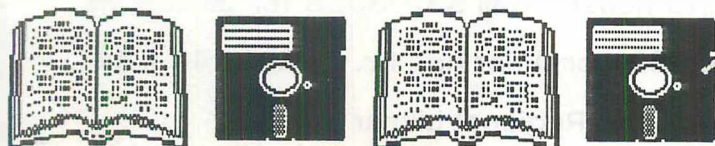
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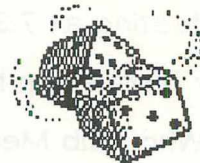
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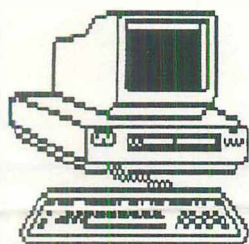


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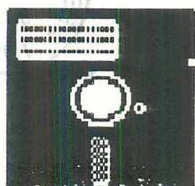


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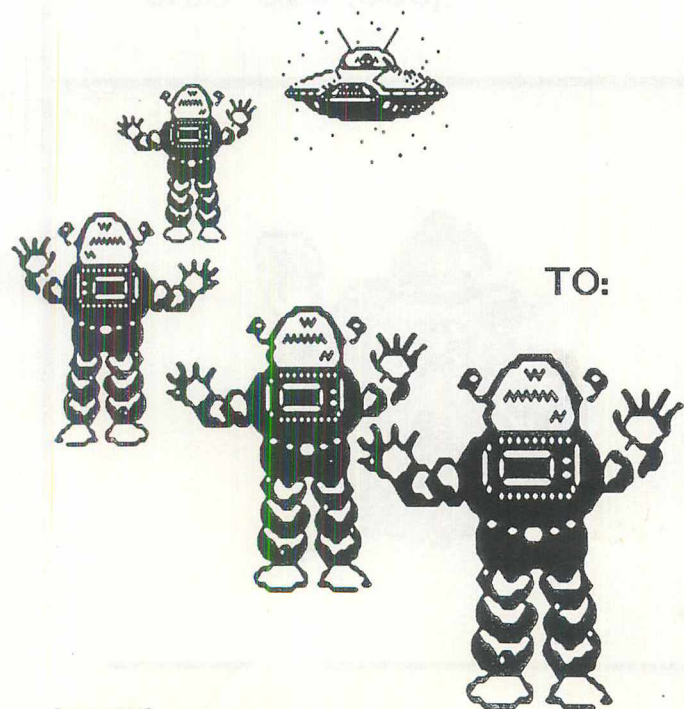
AT A GLANCE

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- June 17 Literary Discussion Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 3689 Coral Springs Dr. Call 344-4841.
- June 18 TRI, Dr. Who Club Meeting, 12 Noon, West Dade Regional Library.
- June 18 General Business Meeting, 2 p.m., Imperial Point Library, Ft. Lauderdale, 492-1800.
- June 26 Creative Writing Meeting, 2 p.m., place TBA. Call Terri Wells at 491-8027.
- July 9 Literary Discussion Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 3705 E. Shore Rd., Miramar.
- July 15 The Traveling Fete, the Holiday Inn on Merritt Island.
- July 16 TRI, Dr. Who Club Meeting, 12 noon, West Dade Regional Library.
- July 24 Creative Writing Meeting, 2 p.m., place TBA. Call Terri Wells at 491-8027.

Tropicon VII Volunteers!

Meeting Notice: June 15, 8:00 pm,
Carol Porter & Stu Ulrich's home;
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Hollywood. Phone: 961-4689.

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