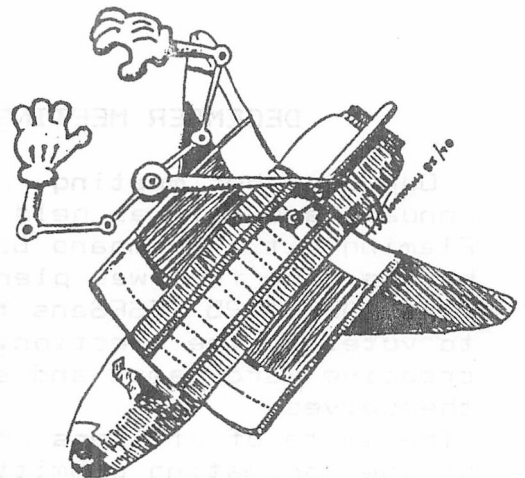


SFSFS SHUTTLE



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The Official SFSFS Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday January 26th
at 2:30 p.m.

LOC: Riverland Library
2710 W Davie Blvd
Ft Lauderdale
(305) 791-1805

PROGRAM: Mystery/SF combinations,
SFSFS Year In Review &
Future Plans.

Call Becky Peters at 305 563-5788
for further information.

FILK SING

DATE: Saturday Jan 12th @ 2:00 pm

LOC: Markham Park 16001 SR 84
in Sunrise

More details inside!!

CREATIVE WRITING

DATE: Sunday, Jan 21st at Noon

LOC: Klein Residence
3689 Coral Springs Dr
Coral Springs
Call Carol Gibson (305) 345-9326

SFSFS GROUP OUTING

Tickets are still available to
attend Andrew Lloyd Webber's
version of Gaston Leroux's
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA at the new
Ft Lauderdale Performing Arts
Center.
Call Carol Gibson 305 345-9326
for details.

TROPICON 9 REVIEW/TROPICON 10 KICK-OFF MEETING

DATE: Thursday January 3, 1991

LOC: Siclari/Stern residence
4599 NW 5 Ave Boca Raton
See page 2

TROPICON 9 Thank You Party

DATE: Saturday, Feb 9, 1991
2:00 pm

LOC: Bemis/Parker residence
1745 NW 4 Ave Boca Raton
407 391-4380

Take I-95 to Glades Rd. Go East
to NW 4th Ave. Go North.

To attend you must participate in
the Tropicon 9 review or submit
written comments prior to that.
For all Tropicon 9 workers.

DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting (aka our Annual Banquet) was held at the Flaming Pit in Pompano Beach. As before, the food was plentiful & good. About 25 SFSFSans turned out to vote. in the election, play creative word games and stuff themselves.

The slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee was approved by acclamation. For 1991, the new SFSFS officers are Becky Peters: Chair, Townsend Reese: vice-chair; Peggy Dolan: treasurer and Bill Wilson: secretary.

After the business, SFSFSans turned their hands to completing the following line: "You know you're in an alternate universe when..." Certificates of Recognition were awarded embossed with the corporate seal, and graced with Kathy Wu's artful calligraphy.

While the awards were being personalized, we worked on oddball combinations and sequels, for example - Time Enough For Love Is A Many Splendored Thing ; I Robot, You Jane (Kat Klein's - clearly an award winner); Gone With The Filkers; The Book Of The Dead - The Sequel by L Ron Hubbard ... Well, you get the idea.

Thus endeth another year.

- Edie Stern

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to new members Cynthia Plockelman, Mark Vogel, Beth Baldwin, Rose Duran-Harvey, Frederick Bragdon, Robert Tralins & Marisa Morgan.

TROPICON 9 Review TROPICON 10 Kick-Off

The meeting will be held at the Siclari/Stern residence, 5599 NW 5 Ave in Boca at 7:00 pm on January 3rd. This will be a combined meeting. We would like to provide a forum to explore some fresh new ideas so we can make the tenth Tropicon the best celebration that we can. We've had some great things happen at Tropicon and some occasional problems. We want to review these areas and brainstorm some viable alternatives. Please drop by whether you've worked on previous Tropicons or not. Perhaps we can find a small part of the con where you would like to lend a hand. Helping to put on the convention is a great way to make new friends (including some great quests!) and it's a lot of fun. The more of us that pitch in, the better the celebration.

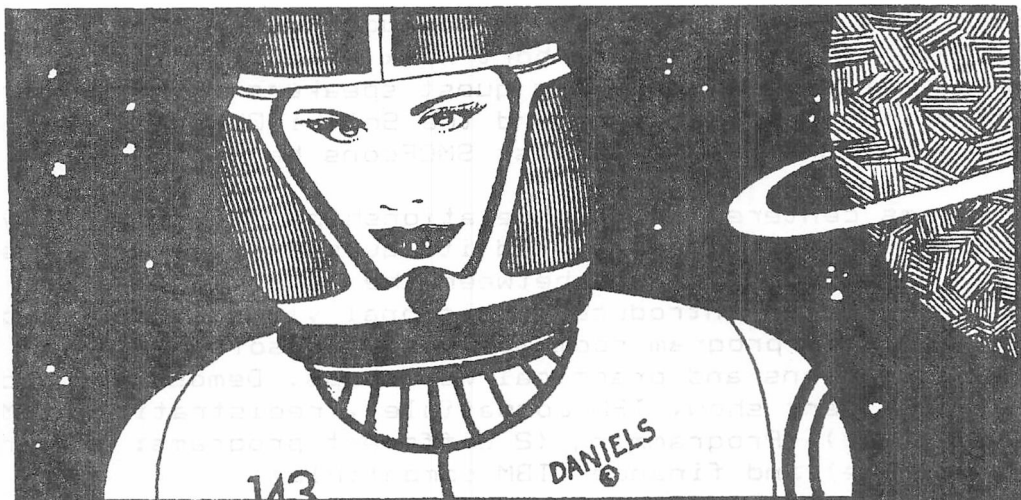
Gerry Adair and I would really like to see all of you. Stop on in at 7:00 for some pizza and pleasant company. This is the big one, don't miss out on being part of it!

Directions: Take I-95 to the Yamato Road exit. Go east. Make the first three right hand turns.
Phone: (407) 392-6462;
Joe (work) (407) 241-0620

SHUTTLE DEADLINE

We're pretty much set as far as the February issue goes for reviews & articles (LoC's are always welcome). If you'd like to submit material for the March ish the deadline is February 16. Hopefully this issue (Jan) will be the one and only "Blitzkrieg" edition that I'll ever have to crank out!

TROPICON X



Guests will be dropping in from all over the galaxy

To celebrate ten years of Tropicon.

Guest Of Honor

ANDRE NORTON

December 6-8, 1991

Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton
Griffin Road & I-95

In order to ensure an appropriate celebration many previous Guests Of Honor
will be returning for the festivities

Confirmed Prior TROPICON Guests Of Honor include:

Lynn Abbey

Forrest J Ackerman

Poul Anderson

Hal Clement

Vincent Di Fate

Lee Hoffman

Membership: \$18 until July 31, 1991
\$21 until Nov 1, 1991

Room Rates: \$61 Single, \$71 Double
Call (305) 920-3300

Make checks payable to: South Florida Science Fiction Society
To register or for more information, write TROPICON X, c/o SFSFS, P.O. Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33140-3039

SMOFcon 7 Report

SMOFcon 7 was held in the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton, December 7-9, one (too) short week after Tropicon 9. Ninety people attended, including guest speakers from the Marriott and Hilton hotel chains, and the Sci-Fi Channel. This made SMOFcon 7 one of the largest SMOFcons held.

Programs centered around "Relationships between a convention and... ", where... included its guest, its staff, the press, etc. Lively discussions between the panelists and the audience often introduced additional views on many subjects. An alternate program room was used for software demonstrations and practical workshops. Demos included Artifacts (art show, IBM compatible), registration (IBM compatible), Programming (2 different programs: IBM and MAC compatible) and finance (IBM compatible).

The attendance list spanned two continents, three countries and 22 (???) states. Tim Illingworth and Chris Cooper represented The U.K.; John Mansfield, Linda Ross-Mansfield and Terry Fowler attended from Canada. The west coast of the US was well represented with many attendees from California, Washington and Oregon. Smofs from closer parts of the US, particularly the northeast, were also well represented.

Con suite went well despite the last minute illness of two of the three consuite mavens. Boston area fans graciously presented us with a ten pound solid block of chocolate. During the course of the con, 5 pounds of it were eaten. The remaining chocolate will be respectfully consumed at the Tropicon debriefing on January 3rd. Whatever survives will be center stage at the Tropicon 9 Thank You party in February. Pastries, bagels, veggies and various liquors, coffees and other good things predominated. Thanks to the Scotland in '95 bid, unusual single malt scotch was available for sampling.

The SMOFcon manual had approximately 100 pages of program descriptions, sample hotel contracts, telecommunications survey, finance guidelines, chairman and treasurer job descriptions, procedures, etc. A post convention mailing with an additional 50 - 100 pages of convention running info will be produced after the new year. NOTE - if you did not attend, subscribing memberships will be available. A subscribing membership entitles you to the SMOFcon 7 manual with all its materials. Cost for a subscribing membership will be announced in the next Shuttle, after the manual is completed.

SMOFcon is unique in its homogenous membership. At SMOFcon 7 there was a distinct sense of community. The shared experiences of having worked on conventions, having dealt with similar problems and gathering for a common purpose made for a unique atmosphere of comradeship. And most unique of all, you could get ANYONE to help when you needed a hand.

- Edie Stern

FILK REPORT

The Filk Meeting/Party/Bash will be held once again in Markham Park at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 12th 1991. As usual, "The Chuck and Fran Traveling Filk Show" will host the meeting of the South Florida Song Filchers Society. Guests are encouraged just to attend a party in the park even if they don't sing. Look at Chuck.. He, for damn sure, doesn't sing and He has a good time!

Facilities are available for cookouts. Bring any food and drink desired. (Remember that the park officially discourages alcoholic beverages). The mosquito alert is officially rescinded, so come out and enjoy Florida at the best time of year. Rain or shine, we will be there. Dea is also planning to bring her canopy, so we should have plenty of space to stay dry.

- Fran Mullen

January Birthdays

Seabury Quinn 1/01/1889; Isaac Asimov 1/02/20; Charles Beaumont 1/02/29; J.R.R. Tolkein 1/03/1892; Ramsey Campbell 1/04/46; A.E. Coppard 1/04/1878; Eric Frank Russell 1/06/05; Vince "Stewmaster" Miranda 1/07/?; Wilkie Collins 1/08/1824; Dennis Wheatley 1/08/1897; William Peter Blatty 1/08/28; A.J. Budrys 1/09/31.
George Alec Effinger 1/10/47; Jerome Bixby 1/11/23; Clark Ashton Smith 1/13/1893; Ron Goulart 1/13/33; Joseph Green 1/14/31; Kenneth Bulmer 1/14/21; Robert Silverberg 1/15/35; Edgar Allan Poe 1/19/1809.
A Merritt 1/20/1884; Judith Merril 1/21/23; Robert E Howard 1/22/06; Walter Miller 1/23/23; C.L. Moore 1/24/11; E.T.A. Hoffman 1/24/1776; David Gerrold 1/24/44; Philip Jose Farmer 1/26/18.
George Barr 1/30/37; Gregory Benford 1/30/41; Lloyd Alexander 1/30/24.

South Florida Science Fiction Society Membership Application

Send this completed application form, along with your check for General Membership dues to: SFSFS Treasurer, 4427 Royal Palm Ave., Miami Beach, FL 33140-3039. Make check payable to SFSFS.

	General	Child*	Regular**
Jan. - Mar.	\$15.00	\$1.00	\$20.00
April - June	\$12.00	\$1.00	\$17.00
July - September	\$9.00	\$1.00	\$14.00
October - December ***	\$21.00***	\$1.00	\$26.00***

* Child memberships - 12 years or younger whose parent or legal guardian is a SFSFS member.

** Regular membership requires minimum activity participation as set in the Bylaws.

*** Includes FULL DUES for the following year.

Name _____ Date: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work - optional) _____ Birthdate _____ (year optional)

Interests: _____

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

As God is my witness, We'll be back on track next issue with:

- Tropicon 9 - The Review
- Gene Valido's "Across The Spectrum".
- Reviews of: the new Dan Simmons collection ; LAGOON by Alison Drake; the LOVECRAFT'S LEGACY anthology; BURSTER by Michael Capoblanco, THE WITCHING HOUR by Anne Rice.. and more!

Mea Culpa, qanq, the holidays did me in.

You are receiving this issue of The **SFSFS Shuttle** because:

You are a member Of SFSFS.

You are held in great esteem by SFSFS.

You've sent a LoC

You've submitted Art.

Trade for your zine.

You don't think Yakov Smirnoff is funny.

It contains a review of possible interest to you.

You are attending Tropicon 9.

The editor demanded it!

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