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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Sorry for being late but it was a busy month with Necronomicon, Time Lord Fest, and Hurricane Who.

The hotel this year was great. We had viewing party show *Doctor Who* and *Star Wars Rebels*. Sold some books at the dealers table.

I am bit behind on Worldcon report. I am planning a special issue, hopefully in mid November.

As always I am willing to take any submissions.

Next month I hope to do some reviews.

Events

MiniCon

November 1
Sawgrass Hotel and Conference Center
1711 N. University Dr.
Plantation, FL
\$10 for the day
flminicons.com

Wasabicon

November 1-2
Jacksonville Marriott
4670 Salisbury Road
Jacksonville, FL
Guests: Candy Keane (cosplyer)
Jon Bailey (voice actor)
\$30 at the door for the weekend, \$20 for Saturday,
\$15 for Sunday
www.wasabicon.com

FANdom Con

November 7-9
Emerald Coast Convention Center
1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Guests: Scott McNeill (voice actor)

Chuck Huber (voice actor)

and many more

\$35 for the weekend, \$20 Sat, \$15 for Frr & Sun

www.fandomcon.com

Rangerstop's Superhero Toy and Comic Con

November 7-9

Holiday Inn & Suites at Universal Orlando

5905 South Kirkman Road

Orlando, Florida 32819

Guest: Samantha Newark (voice actor, *JEM*)

Austin St John (original Red Power Ranger)

David Yost (original Blue Power Ranger)

Walter Jones (original Black Power Ranger)

And many more, most other Power Rangers

\$41 for the weekend

www.rangerstop.com

Comic Book Connection

November 8-9

Ramada Inn

Bay Meadows Road & I-95

Jacksonville, FL 32256

\$10 admission per day

thecomicbookconnection.com

Animate Miami

November 14-16

Miami Airport Convention Center and Doubletree Hotel

711 NW 72nd Avenue

Miami, FL 33126

Guests: Ian Sinclair (Dandy, *Space Dandy*)

Linda Ballantyne (Serena, *Sailor
Noon*)

And many more

\$55 for the weekend, \$35 for Sat, \$30 for Fri and Sun

www.animatemiami.com



Birthdays

Dave Ratti– Nov. 24



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November OASFiS Calendar

OASFiS Business Meeting

Sunday, November 9, 1:30 PM, Brick and Fire Pasta and Pizza Parlor (Downtown Orlando, 1621 South Orange Ave Orlando, Florida 32806). Come join us as we discuss the works of Julie Czerneda.

Sci Fi Light

TBD (check website). .

To contact for more info:

OASFiS Business Meeting 407-823-8715

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Nakamacon

November 14-16
Beachside Resort Panama City Beach
21905 Front Beach Rd.
Panama City Beach, FL 32413
Gathering of *One Piece* fans
Free but donations are encouraged
nakamacon.org

Miami Book Fair

November 16-23 (street fair November 21-23)
Membership rates varies, check website
Notable Guests: Ted Naifeh
Joyce Carol Oates
Jeff VanderMeer
www.miamibookfair.com

Chibi-Pa: Suki Desu

November 21-23
Sheraton Ft. Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port Hotel
1825 Griffin Rd.
Dania Beach, FL 33004
Guests: Matt K. Miller (voice actor)
Petrea Burchard (voice actor)
Darrell Gulibeau (voice actor)
\$35 for the weekend at the door
www.chibapa.com

Winter Garden Wonderfest

November 30
The Bella Room
12100 W. Colonial Drive
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Guests: Sergio Cariello (comic book artist)
Erin J. Heflin (comic book writer)
Rachel Pandich (comic book writer)
And others
wintergardenwonderfest.com

Free Play Florida

November 21-23
Doubletree Sea World
10100 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32821
Guests: Billy Mitchell (Donkey Kong champion)
and others
\$45 for the weekend, \$20 per day
www.freeplayflorida.com

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Any of these people can give readers information about the club and its functions. To be included in the list call Juan.

OASFiS meeting on October 12, 2014

Officers: Peggy Stubblefield, David Lussier Jr, Juan Sanmiguel
Attendees: Kim Darin, Arthur Dykeman, Hector Hoglin,
Guest: Bob Yazel

Four OASFiS members went to Necromicon. Arthur enjoyed the new hotel, but Dave said the con suite scuttlebutt was that many attendees liked the former hotel better, especially since at the new one, there are no restaurants within walking distance. Peggy enjoyed how spacious the current Necro hotel is, but missed the coziness of the last one. Dave also would have liked to see different types of food in the con suite. The change in the hotel policy of not allowing hot food in the rooms may have been part of the reason for lack of food choices. Many former Oasis artists showed their art at the Necro art show. Eric Flint, the Necro guest of honor, had airline problems, and didn't show up to the convention, but was invited to come next year, along with the 2015 guests of honor, Joe Haldeman and Timothy Zahn.

In OASFiS news, the Spring Picnic will be March 29th at Downey Park at the usual place and time. Patricia Wheeler will host the Christmas party December 13th at her home.

Nominations for the 2015 OASFiSboard are:

President: Peggy Stubblefield,
Treasurer: David Lussier.,
Vice President: Kim Darin and David Ratti

Juan will look into a claim that FL residents are getting a cheaper rate at the hotel than the con rate. He will also send formal invites to the guests. Juan made \$100 from his dealers table at Necronomicon. He held a party at Necronomicon. There was positive response at Necronomicon about OASIS coming back.

A discussion of new and notable TV shows brought descriptions of *Flash*, *Person of Interest*, *Forever*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Gotham*, and *Walking Dead*. Peggy saw the movie *Equalizer*, and found it as violent as Friday the 13th. Kim recommended *Gone Girl* and *Dolphin Tale 2*, in which her son had a credit as a set dresser. Juan mentioned upcoming book releases featured on *The Coode Street Podcast*. He will be sending out weekly digests of Science

Fiction news of interest from Facebook for those not connected to Facebook. Arthur said there are new *Doctor Who* comics, and classic *Doctor Who* reruns on retro television,. Bob Yazel has finished watching all of the *Dark Shadows* tv series, and discussed the history of the show.

The monthly book discussion focused on the writings horror writer Stephen King. Peggy found the StephenKing.com website to be very comprehensive. Favorite titles of those discussing his work were *Firestarter*, *Different Seasons*, *Creepshow*, *Carrie*, *Salem's Lot*, *It*, and all the Bachman novels. Least-favorite titles were: *Cujo*, *Pet Cemetary*, and all the non-horror books (*Dark Towers*, etc.). Arthur recommended *Danse Macabre*. The group debated what influence having King's son hit by a car and King's alcoholism had on his work.

Kim won the monthly raffle: a ticket to Halloween Horror Nights at Universal!

Next month's book discussion will be about Julie Czerneda's books, on November 9th, same place and time. See you there, we hope!

get that year.

I wish I could come and join you for OASIS 27! Your choice of GoH is perfect. Julie Czerneda is an old friend, and I knew her before she launched her writing career, and she lives very close to where I grew up in central Ontario.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Hallowe'en, and it's on a Friday, so there should be some kickass parties out there! Take care, and see you next issue.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.

Letters of Comment

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October 10, 2014

Dear OASFiSians:

Thanks for Event Horizon 323. The fall now seems to be a busy time for SF fans; it sure is for us. Let's see inside, and see how you folks are doing.

We were not at Loncon 3, but with the attendance and sales records it set, perhaps Worldcons are not dying after all. It also shows that the European component of Worldcon is on the rise, and Worldcon may cross the Atlantic (and Pacific!) more often in the future. Detcon was just a few hours away, but we couldn't do that, either. A few regrets, but there are good times to be had for a lot less money, and where you live.

My loc...the Peter Capaldi Doctor is taking a while to grow on some fans. I've already read some who have written, come back Matt Smith, all is forgiven! from a few. I expect that if Montreal in 2017 does win, we will be there, but to be honest, I am not expecting a Montreal win. I think eventually a Helsinki bid will

Aldnoah Zero

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In the year 1972, the crew of Apollo 17 discovered an alien artifact on the moon. It turned out to be a hypergate, providing instantaneous access to Mars. A group of humans settled on Mars and discovered an ancient energy source, called Aldnoah. Aldnoah is linked to the genes of its discoverer Rayregalia Vers Rayvers. He created a monarchy on Mars and bestowed Aldnoah power to group of colonists, who became the Martian aristocracy or Vers. The Aldnoah energy the Vers possess drives their spaceships, and military equipment that include kataprachts, large armored combat suits. The Vers Empire attacked Earth in 1999. The war resulted with the destruction of the Moon and a tense truce. In response to the war, Earth forms the United Forces of Earth, build their own kataprachts, and teach children at high school age how to use them as a part of war preparation. This is the back story of *Aldnoah Zero*, an anime series that debut in the Summer 2014 season.

The main story begins in 2014. The Martian emperor's granddaughter, Princess Asseylum goes to Earth to establish better diplomatic relations. During her visit, terrorists apparently kill Asseylum and the Martians use this as an excuse to attack Earth. Slaine Toyard, an Earth born human living with the Martians and close friend to Asseylum, senses something is not right. Slaine tries to convey his suspicions to his superiors, but they ignore his misgivings. High school student and prodigy, Inaho Kaizuka rallies with his fellow cadets and engage the Martians. Despite the Martians advanced technology, Inaho can spot weaknesses in their equipment and tactics. This gives time for Inaho, his friends, and local refugees to find a naval ship and get away from the fighting. Among those refugees is someone who resembles Asseylum.

There is great balance between character and plot in the

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series. There is always something going on but the characters are given time to develop. While the main characters Inaho, Slaine and Asseylum are in their late teens, there is good mix of ages in this story. This is unusual since a great deal of anime focuses on teen characters.

Inaho is an orphan looked after by his sister Yuki, a warrant officer in United Forces of Earth. He is a genius, and a very reserved individual. This is a nice change from American and British geniuses who are either sociopathic (House, Dexter, Sherlock) or completely inept (the cast of *Scorpion* and *The Big Bang Theory*). He is calm, observant, and when he finds a solution to a problem takes action quickly.

Slaine is an Earthling serving in the Martian forces due to his father's friendship with the Emperor. Slaine is devoted to Asseylum and will do anything for her no matter what cost is to him. All sides question his loyalties.

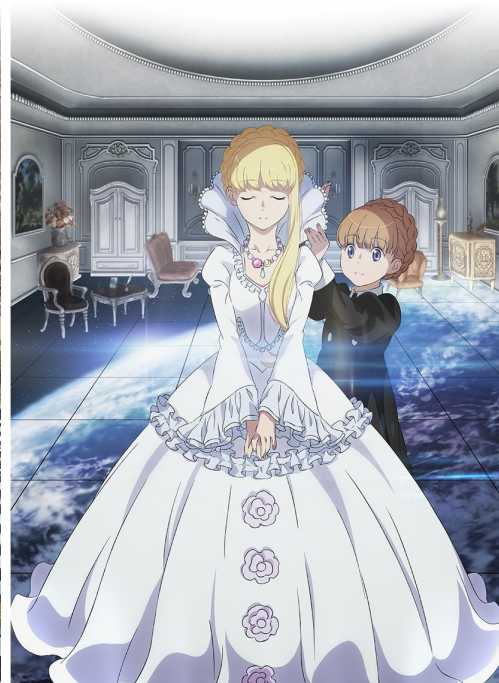
Asseylum has a fascination with Earth and wants to end the conflict between the planets. With the help of Inaho and others, she tries to contact her grandfather to end the war. She is willing to do whatever it takes to stop the war even if it means

fighting her own people.

The supporting characters also have depth to them. Lt. Marito, Inaho's training instructor, is a veteran by the previous war and is haunted by it. Magbaredge, a naval captain, takes command of Inaho and his classmates. She balances her dedication to duty with dry humor and must deal with her feelings with Marito, whom she holds responsible for her brother's death. Count Cruheto and Count Saazabaum of the Martian forces gives one the insight into the opposing side. Their motives for fighting the war are complex.

The look of this show is incredible. All the technology looks plausible and very detailed. First time lead director, Ei Aoki does a good job with the action. The battles are fast paced, but easy to follow. There is also a good mix of traditional and computer animation, used for the kataprachts.

Aldnoah Zero is available on the Crunchyroll streaming site (crunchyroll.com). The series was split in half with one part being shown in the summer and the other in the winter. The first half ended in a breath-taking cliffhanger and January came not come soon enough.



Main characters from *Aldnoah Zero* (left to right) Slaine Toyard, Inaho Kaizuka, Princess Asseylum

Necronomicon



Pictures left to right starting from the top row:
 (first row) Heather Dryer as The Baroness from *GI Joe*, Catwoman and Batman, A clockwork robot from *Doctor Who* “The Girl in the Fire Place”, Groot from *Guardians of the Galaxy*
 (second row) Regina, Wendy, Red Riding Hood, and Snow White from *Once Upon a Time*, Necro’s *Wait, Wait Don’t Tell Me* (left to right: Perry Bruns, Michael Hinaman, Teri Sears, Richard Lee Byers, K.L Nappier, Dean Dryer), Dalek

Hurricane Who 5



Pictures left to right
 (left to right) Andrew Cartmeal (Classic *Doctor Who*’s last script editor), Rob Shearman (writer of “Dalek” and prose writer), Dominick Glynn (composer on Classic *Doctor Who*)
 A pirate TARDIS

Just when you thought the window was closed on affordable Florida fan fun...



It's the convention you can still afford to attend, operated by fans, for fans! Our Guest of Honor Julie Czerneda, celebrated Canadian author and editor, is just the first of many guests in science fiction and fantasy art, literature and media. There's also our famous Art Show and Auction, Gaming, Video and Anime Room, Live Music and Comedy, Charity Auction, Costume Contest, Fandom Panels, Cool Fan Merchandise for sale, and *lots of friends!* See our growing guest list at our web site, www.oasfis.org/oasis



Pre-Register early and save big!

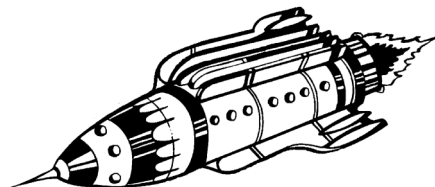
Registration at the door is \$40 for the weekend. Pre-register before **March 31, 2015** and it's **only \$35**. Pre-register before **January 1, 2015** and it's **only \$30!** Mail checks or money orders to OASFiS, PO Box 323, Goldenrod FL 32733-0323. On-line registration will open in late 2014 at <http://www.oasfis.org/oasis>

After you register, reserve your room at **The International Palms Resort**, 6515 International Drive, Orlando FL 32819. It's close to I-4 and the Beach Line, with nearby restaurants and mini-golf. If you reserve before **April 9, 2015**, it's **only \$80 per night**, single to quad occupancy, rates good 4/28 - 5/6/2015, with *free parking* for all OASIS attendees! Hotel registration starts soon.



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