



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Experimenting with production techniques seeing what works better. Will see what works. Nothing planned for the next months. So it will be interesting to see what the new year brings

OASFiS November meeting minutes 11/13/05

Meeting called to order 1:40

Attendees present: Pat, Roger, Juan Gail, Arthur, Steve, Marine, Dick, CJ Fourier, Deb, Mark.

Pat thanked Juan for sending meeting email, taking minutes, and sending the EH on time.

Vice President and Secretary have no reports.

Treasurer's report : Nothing has changed since last meeting.

New Business:

Central Library is not ready for meeting rooms. Will continue using the Alafaya Branch in the near future..

Juan read out Peter report. It discussed recent conventions Peter participated and promoted OASIS at. He discussed the need with help on OASIS administrative tasks of the convention. Flyers were left to be distributed. New flyers will be out in December.

Juan ask about the old and new formats. Ask opinions of same.

Juan discussed having a fan table at Vulkan.

Pat asked about the Necro parties.

Marine made some recommendations on advertising the room party. Using poster and banner to announce the party. Have a greeter at the party. The needs of signage both at promotions and at the con were discussed. Flyers will be taken to other conventions.

Pat asked if the tech committee met. Juan informed that he has access to the web site. Gail discussed the welcome package to website.

SciFi lite will meet next Friday. Larry Niven's *Protector* and Wen Spencer *A Brother's Price*.

Nominations:

Gail wanted to be removed as a candidate for vice president.

Gail made a motion to close the nominations Dave second. It was passed unanimously.

Social Committee report:

Halloween party was successful but had a lot of left over food.

Holiday party will be on December 17, at Dick Spelman's at 1PM. There will be a limited number of hot dogs and hamburgers. Dick will provide Coke related drinks. There will be a book gift exchange. Steve and Susan will be giving away books. We discussed the Cole's attempt to get rid of their excess books. Pat will coordinate the other food contributions. Directions will be in the EH.

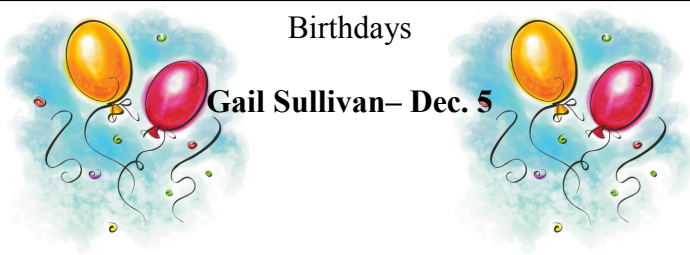
Picnic

The pavilion has been reserved. It will the Sunday after Easter.

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Birthdays

Gail Sullivan– Dec. 5



December OASFiS Calendar

Holiday Party and Elections

Saturday December 17, 2005 1PM at Dick Spelman's House, 7681 Sundial Lane Orlando, FL 32825 (more detailed directions in this issue).

To contact for more info:
OASFiS Business Meeting 407-823-8715

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Gail will be organizing the Avalon Park Garage sales. It will be next Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22PM

November book club discussion- Shards of Honor by Lois McMaster Bujold. Dick explained the background of the universe. Steve gave some background of the plot. This book told the story of the meeting of Cordelia and Vorkosigan. Mark and Juan discuss the feasibility of ethnic monolithic planetary colonies. Roger broke in and summed up the plot to a few sentences. Many liked the writers works. Dick mentions Bujold's use of humor. Mark likes the fully developed characters in Bujold's works. Roger asked about the end and Steve said it was a coda about the villain. Steve followed up it showed the face of the damage caused by the combat.

Discussed the selection of the January book. It was suggested to select a book by Stephen Brust (OASIS 19 writer GOH). *Jhreg* is primary choice. The membership will investigate other books availability.

In the News

Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA)

Harlan Ellison will be the next SFWA Grand Master. William F. Nolan will be Author Emeritus. They will receive their awards at the next Nebula weekend in Tempe, Arizona May 4-7, 2006

Otaku in Space

Japanese Internet investor Daisuke Enomoto, set to become the world's fourth "space tourist", plans to dress as Gundam (a popular anime) character Char Anzable during his \$20-million dollar flight. All the self-professed Gundam-otaku requires is the approval of the Russian Space Agency, which operates the space-tours for Space Adventures Inc. Enomoto, former board director of Live door, a popular Japanese blog community (the 37th most popular website on the Internet according to Alexa), is set to make his trip into space in late 2006.

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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.

Conventions

HUNYCon
December 30-January 2
Collegiate Village Inn
2121 W. Tennessee Street
Tallahassee, FL 3
\$35 for 4 days, \$25 for Sat-Sun
Gaming convention



Letters from Necronomicon

Necronomicon Day 1

Just visited the site of the apparation and rode my bike on the path around the Courteany Causeway which is my routine at Necro. Nothing like riding a bike near saltwater.

Well got in yesterday around noon. Necronomicon this year is in downtown Tampa. Like any downtown area it takes getting used to. The good thing is most of stuff one needs is now easily available by foot. Convention spaces are pretty cool in the Hyatt.

I got settled in most of the afternoon. Checked out the dealers room and art show. Talked to a few of the artists. Helped Joey Reynolds set up his table and talked *Doctor Who* for a little bit. Later I bought a copy of *Faces of Fantasy* from Joey for \$5. I felt a bit bad since I know they are rare and could go higher on eBay. Then went to the meet and greet. Got to talk with Timothy Zahn and Peter David informally. Informed Peter David that his character Fallen Angel was in the big DC Encyclopedia. This was a shock to David since some editor at DC said the book was not in the DC universe and that may have hurt sales. Then I went to check out the what's on TV panel (regular panel at Necro). I helped Michael Hinman discuss what was on the boob tube. Later that night I helped him out with his **Why is My Show Cancelled** panel. We discussed the reasons why a show gets kicked off the air. As usual we both got off topic but fortunately we got reeled in. Went to ice cream social and OASIS party. Both were well attended. OASIS even got some memberships. Checked out the panel on are there any new monsters. Lloyd Kaufman from Troma was on it and it was amusing. Afterward I talked to Richard Lee Byers about the new *Kolchak* and *Threshold*. Saw the end of Rocky Horror before calling it a night.

Well heading of to a Peter David Panel. More later.

Necronomicon Day 2

First thing I did was head out to panel on humour with Peter David. It was interesting how difficult it is to figure what will and will not work humor-wise. Next thing was a panel on *Robotech*. It was hosted by Mark Dumchowski. I asked Mark if he had the trailer for *Robotech: The Shadow Chronicles*, a new DVD that will coming out soon. Mark said no and I went up and downloaded it from www.animemusicvideo.org. While waiting for a crowd to show up we reviewed the fan trailer and my own anime music video. Once people showed up the panel discussed the importance of *Robotech* to anime fandom and then there was a trivia contest. I won but I gave one of the prize, a *Macross* Valkyrie toy to the second place winner and kept the other prize, a Necronomicon T-Shirt. I chilled out for the bigger event the big Trivia contest. I was in purple team with Tim, Kelly and Teri and called ourselves Mischief Managed (this was after Teri's shirt). We won by just one point. After three years I retook the title. Now I should ponder if I should retire while I am the champ. I then went to the Guest of Honor Q & A. It was interesting since Lloyd Kaufman and George Lowe where just wild. There were joking throughout the whole thing. Peter David showed he could his own and got most of the questions. Then I headed out to church and got some pizza before Masquerade. This year we got a real Green Room.

Anne got some help to print out the entry forms with a big font so she could read them during the Masquerade. With help from Dawn I got to corral the Masqueraders in the order of their presentation. I became the midway stop and told them when to head out on stage. It went well and fast. We were out by 9:30. Best entry were the DC Universe group. The recreated Nightstar, Zantanna, Deadman, Dr. Fate, Spectre and Space Ghost. These is the same group who did Marvel super-heroes in the last couple of Necronomicon Masquerades. Went to see the last half of the **Fantasy Writing Basics: Novel** panel with E. Rose Sabin and MCA Hogarth.. Then I went to the OASIS party and talked with Anne Morris. Then went to a panel on Anime vs American animation. This was Ben McSweeney, Paul Vincenti, and Mark Dmuchowski. There was no host (Moderator) so I took that job. It went well, discussing the pros and cons of animation industry on both sides of the Pacific. One thing I should have done was get everybody off the stage since Mark could not get up on there on his wheelchair. This limited his participation although I did ask him to chime in whenever. After the panel JACON regular Daryl and I talked to McSweeney about the animation industry. McSweeney is animator in Florida. After that I went back to party for a bit and then checkout the late nite dance. The dance was late because there was a *Pirates of the Caribbean* event (a Rocky Horror type affair). The music was OK. After I while I went back up to OASFis party and then headed to bed.

Necronomicon Day 3

Checked out the dealers room and art show and got a few things. One was an old copy of *Tough Guide to Fantasy Land* and book Neil Gaiman wrote about superheroes in Britain. Then went to a panel on **Superheroes Beyond Comics** with Peter David. Some insights into writing superheroes both in and out of comics. Peter David did a good job of explaining the lawsuit Neil Gaiman filed against Todd McFarlane over the rights of Miracleman. What was interesting McFarlane never had them in the first place. I like it when heard that Neil dedicated the *1602* hardback to Todd since he used the profits from that book for the suit. Then headed out to the **Enemy Within**. A new trivia contest where one of the contestants knows all the answers. Part of the fun is to guess who the enemy is. We all got it wrong because we assumed the one with the most right answers was it. It turns out we were wrong and it was somebody who was a lower scorer. Then got Peter David to sign his page of *Faces of Fantasy*. Then checked out Peter David on panel about First Amendment issues. Peter David was there with Wade, a Stone Hill (club which sponsors Necro) member and prosecutor, and writer who owned a comic shop that needed the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund's (CBLDF) help. Some of this was familiar to me since I am member of the CBLDF still interesting hearing other perspectives on these issues. Then talked to Anne Morris before heading out to Orlando.

Award News

The 2005 World Fantasy Awards were presented Sunday afternoon, November 6, at the World Fantasy Convention in Madison, Wisconsin.

LIFE ACHIEVEMENT

- Tom Doherty
- Carol Emshwiller

NOVEL

- Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell**, Susanna Clarke (Bloomsbury)

NOVELLA

- "The Growlimb", Michael Shea (*F&SF* Jan 2004)

SHORT FICTION

- "Singing My Sister Down", Margo Lanagan (**Black Juice** Allen & Unwin Australia)

ANTHOLOGY (tie)

- Acquainted With The Night**, Barbara & Christopher Roden, eds. (Ash Tree Press)
- Dark Matter: Reading The Bones**, Sheree R. Thomas, ed. (Warner Aspect)

COLLECTION

- Black Juice**, Margo Lanagan (Allen & Unwin Australia)

ARTIST

- John Picacio

SPECIAL AWARD, PROFESSIONAL

- S.T. Joshi (for scholarship)

SPECIAL AWARD, NON-PROFESSIONAL

- Robert Morgan (for Sarob Press)

The INTERNATIONAL HORROR GUILD announced the AWARDS for work from 2004 during a presentation at the World Fantasy Convention on Thursday evening, November 3, 2005 in the Capitol Ballroom of the Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison, WI. PETER STRAUB and GRAHAM JOYCE hosted the event. Judge Ann Kennedy presented the previously announced Living Legend Award to GAHAN WILSON. Peter Straub accepted on his behalf.

Recognized for achievement in the field of horror/dark fantasy during 2004 are:

NOVEL: Ramsey Campbell. **THE OVERNIGHT** (PS Publishing, UK)

FIRST NOVEL: John Harwood. **THE GHOST WRITER** (Harcourt, US; Jonathan Cape UK)

LONG FICTION: Lucius Shepard. **VIATOR** (Night Shade)

MID-LENGTH FICTION: Daniel Abraham. "Flat Diane" (*The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, Oct/Nov 04)

SHORT FICTION: Don Tumasonis. "A Pace of Change" (**ACQUAINTED WITH THE NIGHT**)

COLLECTION: Brian Evenson. **THE WAVERING KNIFE** (Fiction Collective Two)

ANTHOLOGY: **ACQUAINTED WITH THE NIGHT**, edited by Barbara and Christopher Roden (Ash-Tree Press)

NON-FICTION: DM Mitchell. **A SERIOUS LIFE** (Savoy, UK)

ART: [Tie] Darrel Anderson and Rick Berry

FILM: **SHAUN OF THE DEAD**. Directed by Edgar Wright, written by Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright

TELEVISION: **LOST**, created by J.J. Abrams and Damon Lindelof (ABC)

ILLUSTRATED NARRATIVE: **THE BUG BOY** by Hideshi Hino (DH Publishing)

PERIODICAL: **The Third Alternative** (TTA Press)

OASFiS 2005 Ballot

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- Peter Popovich
- Dick Spelman

Vice President

- Juan Sanmiguel
- Pat Sims
- Dick Spelman

Treasurer

- Roger Sims
- Dick Spelman

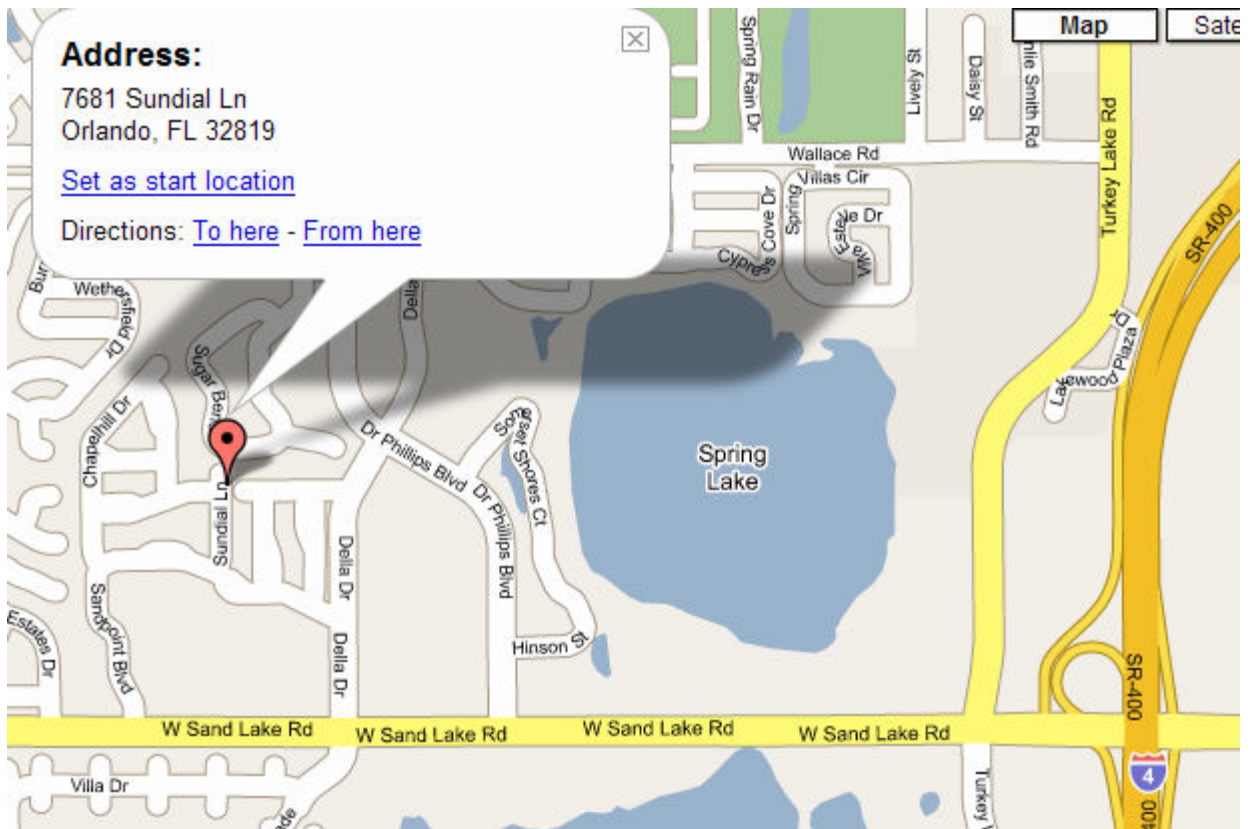
Secretary

- Patricia Wheeler
- Dick Spelman

OASIS 20 Con Chair

- Peter Popovich
- Dick Spelmen

Ballots can be brought to the party or mailed to the club PO Box (on the back of the EH) or emailed to me.



Directions to Dick Spelman's house:

From I-4, take exit 74A (Sand Lake Road) and head west in the middle of the three lanes. Proceed to the third cross street (stoplight at Della opposite Barnes & Noble's) and turn right. At the first turnout, take a left into Sand Point homes. At the third intersection (stop sign) turn right and proceed to 7681 Sundial Lane on your right, just past the swimming pool on the left.

Please park in visitor parking along two sides of the swimming pool or in Dick's driveway; street parking is not permitted.

Vulkon Notes

Programming is pretty light at Vulkon. At the Vulkon last month there were a few items which I think were worth noting.

Nothing really happens of Fridays at Vulkon. The convention does not open until 7:00PM. The only things going on are registration, dealers room and about two panels. One of those panels was held by a lovely named Heather and its topic was the return of *Doctor Who*. I saw Heather before the panel started and told her I was just in Scotland and got to meet some people who had written for the show. This was fun and we told people the current status of the show. The panel informed that there is as yet no official American release of the show, however region 1 DVDs of the series are being made for Canada. The panel strayed a bit to discuss other British shows like *Red Dwarf* and *Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. Unfortunately no one could tell me where I could find the recently released "City of Death" DVD (It eventually came to a Best Buy near me a week after the official release date).

The next day saw my old Genie chat buddy Chris Ceraolo (aka Skates) discussing *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. She had a lot of promotional materials such as posters and book marks. Chris also had trailers and mini documentaries about the film which will probably come to a DVD near you. She did a good job fielding questions of the film. Chris said there would be some references to events to *The Magician's Nephew* (which is chronologically but was written after *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*). Hopefully Chris will get to do more of these.

Nick Rhodes looked into an overlooked portion of Trek history. He did a multimedia presentation about the *Star Trek* animated series between 1973-1975. The series appeared as part NBC Saturday morning line up. It was produced by Filmmation and had former Trek story editor D.C. Fontana as associate producer. Gene Roddenberry acted as a consultant. David Gerrold and Larry Niven contributed stories to the show. All the original actors did the voices of their characters. The show kept the quality of the original and was able to more effect wise with animation. Nick's presentation explained the development of the show. I was a big fan of the animated series and got to see most of it. Nick did a very good job presenting the history of the show. Learned some things I did not know such as Roddenberry decision to disavow the series from the Trek official canon. Nick finished his presentation by showing "Bem" the only episode I never saw (the series was released on laser disk and may one day come out on a licensed DVD).

With Vulkon non guest programming, its more quality than quantity.

SFSFS announcement

South Florida SF Society (SFSFS) is planning a Book Drive. A lot of libraries, both public and school, lost their collections due to the recent hurricanes and we're going to be collecting books to donate toward getting them up to speed. SFSFS will have information as soon as they get some details worked out. This includes all books, not just SF.

I will email SFSFS president for more details. I regularly go to South Florida to visit my family. Some arrangement to transport book could be arranged.



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Request from the editor

If anyone has some clip art CDs they no longer need, please donated them to your editor. It helps with eliminating blank space.

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Guest of Honor

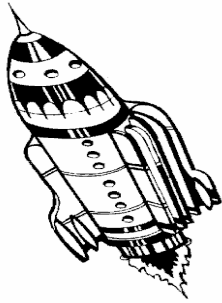
Steven Brust

Artist Guest of Honor

Elisa Mitchell

Filk Guest of Honor

Carla Ulbrich



Also Appearing

Piers Anthony
Ben Bova
Richard Lee Byers
Craig Caldwell
Adam-Troy Castro
Vince Courtney
Glenda Finkelstein
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