



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Still recovering from Memorial Day weekend. Sorry for the typos in the program book. Will work on it next time. Next month some of the smaller awards will come out and maybe some more if I can find the time.
 NOTE: I just realized I misnumbered the November issue. It has now been corrected

Events

Metrocon

June 2-4
 Tampa Convention Center
 333 S. Franklin Street
 Tampa, FL 33602
 \$50 weekend
 Guests: Monkey Punch (creator of *Lupin III*), Johnny Yong Bosch, Luci Christian, Christopher Patton, Greg Ayers, Cynthia Martinez, John Swansey, Lauren Goodnight, Scott McNeill
www.animemetro.com

Houkocon

June 16-18
 Port St. Lucie Community Center
 Guests: Stephanie Chateau, Brian Clevenger
 \$15 for the weekend
Houkocon.com

Bionicon

June 23-25
 Tampa Westshore Airport
 4500 West Cypress Street
 Tampa, FL 33607
 Guests: Kenneth Johnson, Lindsay Wagner, Richard Anderson, Jeffrey Breslauer, Glenda Finkelstein
 \$40 for three days (no reserved seating)
www.bionicon1.com

Birthdays



OASFIS May meeting minutes 5/14/06

Meeting called to order at 1:36 pm by the President.

Attendance: Peter Popovich, Juan Sanmiguel, Roger Sims, Pat Sims, Frank LaBlanc, Arthur Dykeman, Michael Pilletere, Steve Cole, Susan Cole, Gail Sullivan, Patty Russell, Mike Conrad, Dave Ratti, Colleen O'Brien, Mike Taylor, Marine Fourier, Tony Digiacomo, Dick Spelman, Philip Chien

Peter Popovich inform that he was hospitalized this week. He was given a clean bill of health. Peter will not be able to do heavy lifting at the con. This has caused some delays. Everything seems to be on track for the convention.

Officer's Reports:

President: Possible new member contact the President. New member showed up. New member name Frank Le Blanc.

Passed around Apex advertisement.

Vice-President: Discussed reserving the meeting space at Central Library.

Treasurer:

Previous Conventions: \$3,523.32
 OASIS 19: \$2,579.90
 OASFIS Funds: \$ 827.94
 Total Checking Account: \$6,931.21

Scholarship Fund

(Escrow Savings Account): \$55.70

Secretary: Discussed JACON and the passing of Worldcon guest of honors. JACON had about 3,000 members. OASIS 19 had an ad in their program book. This week Frankie Thomas, LA Con IV media guest of honor died. Howard DeVore, fan guest of honor,

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May OASFiS Calendar

OASFiS Business Meeting

Sunday, June 11, 1:30 PM, Orange Public Library (Downtown Orlando, 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801, 407-835-7323). Come join us as we discuss **Spin** by Robert Charles Wilson.

SciFi Lite

Friday, June 16, 7:00 PM, The Roadhouse Grill at 2881 S. Orange Avenue (just South of Michigan Street and approx. 1 mile East of I-4). Come join us as we discuss **Peter and the Star Catchers** by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

To contact for more info:

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SciFi Lite & Social Calendar

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had passed away earlier this year.

Committees:

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Spent \$200 on the St. Patrick Day event. President thought it was worth it. Ask for volunteers for any 4 of July events. It was decided not to do one since a lot is going on right now with the convention. Pictures of the parade are on the web site.

Picnic: Susan said about 50 people showed up. Everybody had a good time. Susan suggested that we may need to throw in a budget next year if similar numbers appear next year. We even sold memberships for the convention.

Sci Fi Lite; **Forgotten Beasts of Eld** can be found in the YA section of book stores. **Peter and the Star Catchers** have been selected for June's book.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Convention Business:

We have art for the T-Shirts and program book. It has not been sent to the T-Shirt printer.

Sandy Shriver may not be able to work to sales members to full capacity. Options are to roll up into another section Gail recommended to roll in with the information table. Pat, Colleen, and Dick volunteered to help Gail with Sales to Members. Peter Popovich hashed out the hours of the convention to help decide the Sales to Members hours.

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

Discussed staff assignments for proper accreditation in the program book.

Talked about the issues with loading for Dealers Room and Art Show.

There will 14 guests/guests of guests will be at the convention site on Thursday. There will be a dinner at Bennigans. We need to get firm number on con staff that will be coming to the dinner. Twelve members of the con staff said they will attend.

Peter said most convention areas will be accessible on Thursday.

Over 70 panels were sold in the Art Show. There may be more sales coming which have not be reported yet.

Reported the sales of ads in the program book. We have sold 5 1/2. Two of the are exchanges. Editor explained his methodology. Bennigans will have an ad if it can be turned in on Tuesday. The status of the map for the program book was discussed. It will be delivered by Tuesday.

Discussed the Truck loading schedule on the Wednesday before the convention. Loading will start on 6PM.

Guardians of Gallifrey will be sponsoring desert night. The truck will be going to Julia Langston's house to pick up a TARDIS for this. The truck will then pick up Con Suite stuff at Bonny's boy-friends place in Longwood. Jay, Arthur, and Peter will take care of this.

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Gail said the ribbons are in.

The deadline for hotel reservations under the con rate has passed. Peter got names of people who have not reserved rooms in order to get an extension for the room rate.

Susan request signage for the convention. This would be used to show were facilities like the Green Room is at.

The name of the scholarship winner is needed from Valencia.

Susan needs a list of the guests of guests. She has some, but there are more. Peter will get them to her.

All the Charity Action items have been sorted. Will need space for Make Me an Offer table. This should not be much of problem.

Discussed money issues brought to our attention by Jim Rogers. All rooms have safes and refrigerator.

Hotel rooms are all nice. Juan mentioned that in hotel rooms have free wireless during JACON.

Susan brought up the fact we received a lot of stuff which is not appropriate for an SF con. She suggested to give it to club members or eBaying it. Peter gave Susan full authority to decide what do with it.

Peter emphasized the Green Room is not a staff lounge. Peter discouraged guests to leave items in the Green Room.

Mike Conrad brought up the need to advertise the convention.

Discussed the media needs for programming.

Colleen reminded people to take numbers for panel attendance. Pat and Roger will take numbers and this will managed by Gail.

Dead Dog party details was discussed. It will be held in Con Suite. It will be held after the truck is unloaded. Susan will handle the details.

Susan estimates 175-180 pre registered members which includes guests.

Mike Pilletere won the drawing for the door prize.

Book Discussion:*Ender's Game*

Juan outlined the background of the novel including negative reviews by critic Norman Spinrad. He noted that Orson Scott Card predicted blogging in the novel.

Dave liked in both short and long forms. The story was origi-

nally a novella. There seemed to be no padding in the novel.

Dick had some issues with the ending of the book. Had no problems with rereading it.

Mike Taylor said the novel focused on Ender's emotion state more than he did in the short work. Mike did not believe isolation would produce a military genius.

Discussed briefly some allegations of the relationship between Valentine and Ender. This led to an unfortunate digression in the area of slash fiction.

The idea of nature vs nurture was discussed. This was to investigate the nature of the Wiggins children.

Tony said any motivated mind through a training program can be made to do anything.

Peter discussed how Valentine and Peter Wiggins were opposites of each other. They did however complement each other.

Many members recommended *Speaker of the Dead* (second book in the series). Some like *Xenocide* (third book). The group discussed the nature of sequels.

July's book was tentatively decided as *Camouflage* by Joe Haldeman.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30PM.

Awards

Winners of this year's Nebula Awards, presented by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, were announced this evening, Saturday May 6, 2006, in Tempe, Arizona.

Novel

Camouflage, Joe Haldeman (*Analog*; Ace Books)

Novella

"Magic for Beginners", Kelly Link (*Magic for Beginners* Small Beer Press; *F&SF* Sep 2005)

Novellete

"The Faery Handbag", Kelly Link (*The Faery Reel* Viking; ed. Ellen Datlow & Terri Windling)

Short Story

"I Live With You", Carol Emshwiller (*F&SF* Mar 2005)

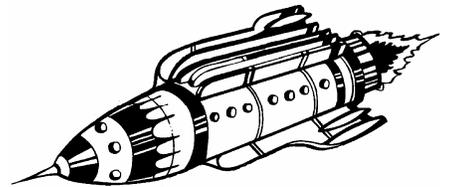
Script

Serenity, Joss Whedon

Andre Norton Award

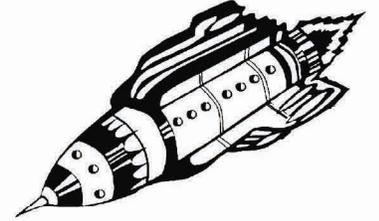
Valiant: A Modern Tale of Faerie, Holly Black (Simon & Schuster)

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OASIS 20



Confirmed Returning Guests of Honor:
Joe Haldeman (OASIS 1)
Kathleen Ann Goonan (OASIS 9)
Larry Niven (OASIS 11)
Jack McDevitt (OASIS 14)
Robert J. Sawyer (OASIS 16)

Featured
Returning Artists:
Mary Hanson-Roberts
Mike Conrad
Stanley Morrison
Paul Vincenti

Plus the usual suspects: Jeffrey Breslauer, Richard Lee Byers, Adam-Troy Castro, Loren Darnewood, Glenda Finkelstein, William Hatfield, Chris A. Jackson, Ann Morris, Gary Roen, Robert Shuster, Yvonne Wisdom, and many more!

Gaming by FRAAG

Keep tuned to www.oasis.org for more guest announcements.

Hotel Information: \$89/night, single-quad through 5/10/07. Mention OASIS for room rate. Sheraton World Resort, 10100 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32821, 407-352-1100

Weekend Memberships: \$25 until 1/1/07, \$30 until 4/30/07, \$35 at the door. Make checks payable to: OASIS, P.O. Box 592905, Orlando, FL 32859