



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

The Florida Film Festival opened later this year. Due to personal commitments I could only catch early in the Festival. I did catch *Women in Motion* a biography of Nichelle Nichols which was discussed at last meeting. I also saw the Animated and International Animated Shorts. There was a SF Feature *Clara*, about two people searching for extra-terrestrial life.

The Orlando Fringe Festival will be on May 15-27. I will keep an eye out for SFFH plays and announce on social media. One play is *Ray Bradbury's H2O* which show adapting "The Lake", "Picasso Summer", and "The Million Year Picnic".

May is traditionally *Star Wars* and we have a new feature in a few weeks.

The Nebulas will also be announced during on the weekend of May 18. Some of the short fiction is online.

Till next time.

Events

Tampa Bay Lib Con 2018
 May 11
 James B. Keel Regional Library
 2902 W. Bearss Avenue
 Tampa, Fl 33618
 Guests: Chuck Dixon (comic writer)
 Sergio Cariello (comic artist)
hcplc.org/events/libcon

Tampa Bay Lib Con 2018
 May 11
 Southshore Regional Library
 15816 Beth Shields Way
 Ruskin, Fl 33618
 Guests: Jackie Sonnenberg (writer)
 Tim Gibbons (artist)
 and others
hcplc.org/events/libcon

April 14, 2019
 Officers: Juan Sanmiguel

Members: Steve Cole, Arthur Dykeman, Harry Parkhurst

Convention
 The hotel block is filling out nicely. It will fill out at 90% easily.

A draft of the program schedule is done and will be sent to the participants for feedback later in the week.

Juan discussed with Peggy and Patty about the Chili Cook-Off and cake. The hotel cake was not good. So we will get a cake from Publix and have cake and Chili in the consuite. Steve recommended Sam's Club for cake. Juan thinks Peggy is a member and will ask her to look into it.

We still have not received a response about using our own AV equipment. Juan will actively pursue an answer to this question and keep Arthur informed.

FlaMinGo Con 14
 May 18
 Holy Trinity Episcopal
 211 Trinity Pl
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
 Gaming
 \$12 admission
flamingocon.org/

Megacon
 May 16-19
 Orange County Convention Center
 4-Day-\$99 pre-registration , \$110 at the door
 1-Day (pre)-Thu \$20, Fri \$35, Sat \$50, Sun \$40
 1-Day (at the door)-Thu \$25, Fri \$40, Sat \$55, Sun \$45
 Guests: Stan Morrison (OASIS artist)
 Bill Hatfield (OASIS panelist)
 David Tennant (10th Doctor, *Doctor Who*)
 Billie Piper (Rose, *Doctor Who*)
 Lynda Carter (Diana, *Wonder Woman*)
 and many more
megaconvention.com

May OASFiS Calendar

OASFiS Business Meeting

Sunday, May 12 1:30 Orange Public Library
(Downtown Orlando, 101 E. Central Blvd, Orlando, FL
32801, 407-835-7325). Come join us as we discuss **The Raven Tower** by Ann Leckie

SciFi Light

TBD. Please check website

To contact for more info:

OASFiS Business Meeting 407-823-8715

Events

The Orange County Library will be hosting the Orlando Book Festival on May 18, 2019. YA SFF Writer Daniel Older will be the Guest of Honor. Juan will have a table.

That same weekend will be MEGACON. Arthur said David Tennant (10th Doctor) and Billie Piper (Rose Tyler) from **Doctor Who** will be there.

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Culture Consumed

Arthur is very impressed with **The Orville** particularly with a recent episode dealing with gender politics. This is the best **Star Trek** that is not **Star Trek**. Arthur is patiently waiting for new **Doctor Who** and **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD**. The latter is coming out on May 16, 2019.

Juan discussed the following:

The Magicians – An interesting adaptation of Lev Grossman's trilogy.

Star Trek: Discovery – The second season is great fun. They do a great recreation of the **Enterprise** bridge with a modern take.

Love, Death, and Robots – This Netflix series adapts a lot of short fiction from writers like John Scalzi, Michael Swanwick, and Joe Lansdale. It was good show but it could have used more stories from women writers.

Captain Marvel and **Shazam** – A great adaptation of characters known Captain Marvel.

This Immortal by Roger Zelazny – By reading this, Juan read all the Best Novel Hugo Winners. It was about a man acting as a caretaker of a wrecked Earth and dealing with the new alien owner of the Earth.

Tiamat's Wrath by James S.A. Corey – The 8th book of **The Expanse** series. Our heroes are dealing with a human empire who have conquered the Solar System. Engaging and eagerly waiting the untitled Book 9 which will conclude the series.

Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik – A young girl takes

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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

over her father's money lending business in a medieval Russian world. She is very successful and earns the interest of the local fairy folk.

Women in Motion – A documentary film about Nichelle Nichols and focusing on her recruiting efforts for NASA in the late 70s. This effort brought more diversity to the American astronauts.

Fathom events will be showing a documentary on **Star Trek: DeepSpace Nine** and showing Tim Burton's **Batman** for its 30th Anniversary.

Steve recommended the **Starfighter** series by Steven White, the 3rd **Arabella** novel by David Levine and **Pushing Brilliance** by Tim Tigher. William R. Forstchen did a novel about a natural disaster with an Electro-Magnetic Pulse called **48 Hours**. L.E. Modesitt is wrapping up the **Imager Portfolio**.

Harry read **The Bishop's Pawn** by Steve Berry which was about the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was disappointed by it. Harry has been working on his own writing.

Arthur showed the 1000th of **Detective Comics** which is celebrating Batman's 80th anniversary. Steve asked if there were comic anthologies anymore. Juan said there was nothing from the big companies maybe from the smaller. This is interesting since **Action Comics** (Superman comic) started as anthology comic.

Book Discussion

Juan, Steve, and Patty Russell read **Just One Damned Thing After Another** by Jodi Taylor. Juan read Patty's comment on it. She liked it because of the sense of ridiculous in the series and the historical context. It was a nice break from the dystopia that is in a lot of SF now. Steve agreed and read a humorous passage about filling out forms. Juan liked it but keep comparing it to Connie Willis books about time travelling academics from

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Oxford.

The book for June will be *Calculating Stars* by Mary Robinette Kowal.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30PM

Award News

Philip K. Dick Award

(source *Locus* website)

Winner

- *Theory of Bastards* by Audrey Schulman (Europa Editions)

Special Citation

- *84K* by Claire North (Orbit)

The award is presented annually to a distinguished work of science fiction originally published in paperback form in the United States. The award was presented on Friday, April 19, 2019 at Norwescon 42 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Seattle Airport, SeaTac, Washington. Judges were for 2019 were Madeline Ashby, Brian Attebery, Christopher Brown, Rosemary Edghill, and Jason Hough (chair).



Monkey Punch

Kazuhiko Katō aka Monkey Punch created one of the most popular characters in pop culture. In 1967, *Lupin III* debuted. It is the world's greatest thief Lupin III and his team whose exploits rival James Bond. The manga series inspired 5 anime series, several television specials and feature films which continue to be produced on a regular basis. He made an appearance in Tampa for Metrocon to promote a Gundam series he was working on.



Gene Wolfe

Gene Wolfe wrote challenging prose and ambitious stories. *The Book of the New Sun* follows the life of a torturer who is exiled for compassion to a bleak future Earth. He was a World Fantasy Lifetime Achievement Winner, SFWA Grandmaster, and SF Hall of Fame member. He was Worldcon Guest of Honor in 1985 and attended the Worldcon regularly.

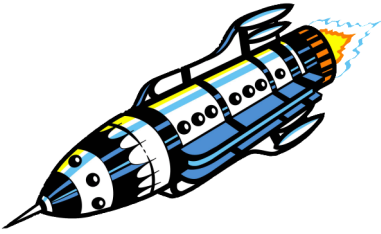


Kazuo Koike

A prolific writer in manga, Koike is most famous for his series *Lone Wolf and Cub*, the story of an assassin for hire who travels with his baby son. *Lone Wolf and Cub* was one of the first manga adapted into English and inspired creator like comic artist Frank Miller and novelist Max Allan Collins. He would write other series that would contain brilliantly bizarre plots with wild imagery. He would also do manga series on golf and mahjong. He was inducted to Will Eisner Hall of Fame.

Room rates start at \$109 plus tax for a single/double room
Membership rates are \$45 at the door
More information: www.oasfis.org/oasis

Guest of Honor: Adam-Troy Castro
May 31–June 2, 2019



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