



WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Sad news. Writer Michael Flynn passed away. There is a remembrance of his work in this issue.

Necronomicon happened the weekend before Ian. The OASFis Used Book table did very well. Arthur Dykeman were part of the winning Trivia Team It is always fun to see fans from the west of our state.

Check our local spooky story tellers Phantasmagoria . This year's Halloween show is focusing on undead and. Uses works from Edgar Allan Poe and H.G. Wells There will shows in Orlando and Deland. Checkout their website..

Next months the Hugo Winners.

Events

Wasabi Con

October 13-14
Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
1000 Water St.
Jacksonville, FL 32204

Guests: Beau Billingslea (voice actor)
Clifford Chapin (voice actor)
David Matranga (voice actor)
Stephanie Young (voice actor)
and others

\$60 for the weekend
wasabicon.com/

Bartow Con

October 14
Bartow Civic Center
2250 S. Floral Avenue
Bartow, FL 33831

Guests: Robin Curtis (Saavik, *Star Trek*)
Vanessa Branch (actor)

\$15 for admission
bartowcon.com

TFCOn

October 20-22
Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at Sea World
10100 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32821

Guests: Dan Gilvezan (Bumblebee, *Transformers G1*)
David Sobolov (Shockwave, *Transformers G1*)
Bob Budiansky (comic book writer)
Garry Chalk (Optimus Primal, *Beast Wars*)
Richard Newman (Rhinox, *Beast Wars*)
Victor Carolia (Narrator, *Transformers G1*)
Aaron Archer (toy designer and artist)
Alex Milne (comic book artist)
Casey Coller (comic book artist)
Josh Perez (comic book artist)
Sara Pire-Durocher (comic book artist)
and others

\$55 for the weekend
tfcon.com



Birthdays



October OASFiS Calendar

OASFiS Meeting

Saturday, October 9, 1:30 PM, This will be at Casselberry Library (Jean Rhein Central Branch Library 215 N. Oxford Road Casselberry, Florida) . This ill be on Zoom. Contact Juan for the link. Come join us as we discuss ***The Kaiju Preservation Society*** by John Scalzi

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

Spooky Empire

October 27-29
Hyatt Regency Orlando
9801 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819

Guests: Keifer Sutherland (actor)
Jason Patric (actor)
Lou Diamond Phillips (actor)
David Naughton (actor)
Andrew Robinson (actor)
Julie Benz (actor)
Rebecca Gayheart (actor)
Holly Marie Combss (actor)
Tony Todd (actor)
Cassandra Peterson (Elvira)
Rose McGowan (actor)
Michael Rosenbaum
and others

\$80 for the weekend, \$90 at the door
spookyempire.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.

Michael Flynn

I first read Flynn in ***Fallen Angels*** with Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle. In a future where America has lost touch with science, two astronauts from a space station crash on Earth and are rescued by SF Fans. It was fun book celebrating fandom.

Flynn wrote a four book series set in the near future called ***Firestar***. Mariesa van Huyten, an heiress concerned of a possible asteroid collision, decides to use her fortune to build a private space program. In doing so she also invests on educating the next generation of scientists and artists. We follow a group of students who becomes pilots, entrepreneurs, writers, and poets. There is great action and problem solving moments in this series.

In 2007, his novel ***Eifelheim*** was nominated for a Hugo. There aliens land in a small town in 14th century Germany. Dietrich tries to work with and understand the aliens using all the knowledge he has available. This was special since the novel uses in a small way the name Etzel which is my oldest brother's name.

At the Millennium Philcon, Flynn did a solo presentation on **How to Lie With Statistics**. This was to help clarify the problems with counting votes in the Florida election.



Here are some some thought on the Lodestar finalists.

Dreams Bigger Than Heartbreak by Charlie Jane Anders – The Team from the last book is engaging with the interstellar community. Tina has gone to the Space Academy. Elza is auditioning to be a princess. Rachel is trying to get back to her art. Rachel is also being pursued by the galactic authorities because of her connection to alien artifact. The story keeps moving and is heading to a conclusion.

Bloodmarked by Tracy Deonn – Bree is still dealing with her powers and the capture of a friend. She and her allies will go on the run to find the answer they need. There is a lot of action in this. Bree shows that she is a powerful and compassionate person. She will do anything for a friend. It ends on a big cliffhanger which makes us want more.

In the Serpent's Wake by Rachel Hartman – Tess and Countess Margarethe are on expedition to find the Polar Serpent in Southern Archipelago. They encounter many challenges in their search. Tess is still looking for her place in the world. The Countess is trying to get by, sometimes at the expense of turning

a blind eye to horrible things. The Countess gets better and becomes a good mentor for Tess. I may check out the next book.

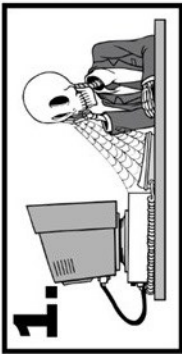
The Golden Enclaves El has graduated/escaped from the Scholomance. She helps local Enclaves from threats. Can she get back to Scholomance and find Orion? Can their be way to fix the Enclave system? This is interesting, but a challenge to read.

Akata Woman by Nnedi Okorafor (Lodestar Finalists) – Sunny and her friends must get an artifact back to a powerful being or there will sever consequences. This is a great trip adventure where many interesting things are seen.

Osmo Unknown and the Eightpenny Woods by Catherynne M. Valente Osmo is a boy who challenges the myths of his village, Littlebridge. The people of Littlebridge long ago made a treaty with the forest creatures Quidnunn, not to kill each other. Osmo's mother accidentally kills a Quidnunn and Osmo as the oldest child must go to the Eightpenny Wood and deal with the consequences. There he meets Bonk a rude half badger/half wombat and Never, a pangolin girl. Together they go to find the Eightpenny Woods and sort everything out. This was fun adventure with a great prose style. This is a great quest adventure with a few surprises.



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