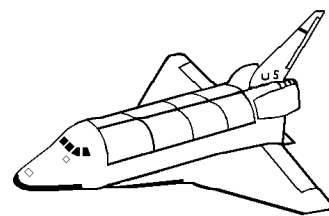


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October 2005

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*The First Concom Meeting for Con†Stellation XXV:
Cygnus will Probably be Scheduled for January 2006*

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The next **NASFA meeting** will be **15 October 2005** at the **regular time and location**.

The **October program** will be a postmortem discussion of Con†Stellation XXIV.

Due to an early *Shuttle* deadline, the location of the **October after-the-meeting meeting** is undetermined at press time. Though it won't go in the mail any earlier than usual, this issue of the *Shuttle* had to be put to bed the better part of a week early (and with fewer man-hours than usual) because Con†Stellation XXIV was held on the weekend that would normally be used to finalize the *Shuttle*. The next issue should be back to the normal deadline — and hopefully the normal length.

September Minutes

Get real — the September meeting was a cookout, there are no minutes.

NASFA Calendar

OCTOBER

- 04 Rosh Hashanah.
 - 06 Final Con†Stellation XXIV Concom Meeting — at the hotel.
 - 07–09 Con†Stellation XXIV: Lepus — Huntsville AL.
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Our 25th Year of Publication!

Best Novella*Breath*,
Christopher Fowler, Telos Publications
Best Novel (The August Derleth Fantasy Award).....*The
Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower*,
Stephen King, Hodder & Stoughton
MACARTHUR FELLOWSHIP

The MacArthur Foundation has announced their 2005 class of MacArthur Fellows — the so-called genius grants <www.macfound.org/programs/fel/winners_overview.htm>. New York-based sf-fusion author Jonathan Lethem received one of the \$500,000 grants. At least one previous MacArthur award has gone to an sf author — Octavia Butler in 1995.

Letters of Comment

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Toni Weisskopf 16 September 2005
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I just wanted to send a letter of congratulations (also a loc, I guess, though with a different “c”) on 25 years of *NASFA Shuttle* publication before that year runs out. I still have the first year of zines somewhere in my fan room. The continuity 25 years of publication of a fanzine represents is something to be proud of. I have to say, too, thinking about past zines, that much as I appreciate our regular loccers, I do sorely miss Harry Warner. I guess that’s why they say getting old sucks, that parts of your world start splintering off and going away. At least the *Shuttle* endures!

[Thank you for the congrats, Toni. As you probably recall, I haven’t edited the *Shuttle* during it’s entire run, though I have served longest of any editor. While we make no pretension of being a major zine of any sort, I think our little clubzine has served the sf community reasonably well, albeit mostly on a local/regional level. -ED]

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I have this amazing talent of looking in my in box of electronic zines, and wondering if it’s too late to loc the *Shuttle*, and it’s either the day of the deadline or the day before. Almost

never early, sometimes even late, but usually right on the deadline, and I’ve got to rush it. Well, here’s an attempt to rush in a loc on the September *Shuttle*.

I really had no intentions of going to the NASFiC, but a couple of the committee members are from Toronto, so I learned much about it, and about its management. It was billed as a large convention, but came across as a small one, and while expectations were low, they were at least met. I haven’t read many reports on the convention itself. If I go to a major convention, I think I’ll stick with Worldcons. After we announced that we wouldn’t be going to any more Worldcons again, we’re now saving for Los Angeles for 2006. And maybe, Chicago for 2008.

I am praying that none of you have been that much affected by Katrina and Rita. Up here, we got the remnants or offshoots of both hurricanes that drenched us twice. I hope all have reported in, although I am still waiting to hear [that] Guy and Rosy Lillian are okay.

Greetings to Pie-Eyed... another episode to wind things up. I always like stories where the dragon is the hero. I’m sure you’ll have more tales for us soon. Will Prof. Tolkien be upset with your preview, do you think? I remember thinking that with the *Hobbit* having Smaug the dragon, why didn’t *Lord of the Rings* have any hints as to where there may be dragons?

With the autumn here, there’s now the demands on time to get preparations ready for Ad Astra and Gaylaxicon in Toronto this coming spring. Yvonne and I are working on both, and to be honest, can’t wait for our preps to be done. After 25 years of working on cons, we are thinking of retiring next year, but nothing is certain, including us.

Time to wrap up; I’ll try to have a better loc ready for next time. Take care, all, and see you then.

[The deadline for this issue was somewhat early because of Con†Stellation, but I’m glad you snuck in under the wire. Neither Katrina nor Rita had any great effect in North Alabama (though in the former case I’m relying in part on secondhand reports since I was in Seattle when remnants of the big K blew through here). Guy and Rosy reported that they were fine after both storms. Guy spent a lot of time collecting and disseminating information on Gulf Coast fans, especially after Katrina. Autumn in Huntsville means that it’s time for Con†Stellation. I enjoy the con being this time of year since it’s more comfortable to do the physical labor (especially during setup and teardown) now rather than during the scorching-hot summer or during winter’s cold. The weather, though, has been stubbornly maintaining an illusion of summer, with highs in the mid-to-upper 80’s (around 30° C or above). Thankfully, as I type this a few days before the con, the prediction for the weekend is for highs around 70 (low 20’s C) — so it will perhaps feel like fall at last. -ED]



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