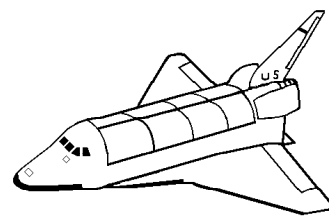


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*The Next NASFA Meeting is 18 December
1999 at the Regular Time and Location*

Watch this space for a Special Announcement next month

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The next **NASFA meeting** will be **18 December 1999** at the **regular time** (6P) and the **regular location** (room 130 of the Madison City Municipal Building). This is **election month**. See the minutes for nominations made at the November meeting. But remember, if you don't show up for the meeting you can still get stuck — nominations can always be added!

The December after-the-meeting meeting (Christmas Party) will be at Robin Ray's house — 111 Wingfield Drive in Madison. Call her at 464-9818 or just check at the club meeting for directions.

The New Year's Eve party will be at the Cucci-Pietruszka estate. Call Nancy or Ray at 772-3587 if for some reason you don't already know how to find 211 Evalyn Street in Madison.

Aussiecon Three Program Books Available

In two separate press releases, Aussiecon Three (the 1999 Worldcon) has announced (1) that Souvenir and Pocket Program Books have now been mailed to all attending and supporting members who did not attend the convention and (2) that remaining copies of the both the Souvenir and Pocket Program Books are for sale.

For the mail out, the Souvenir Book and Pocket Program Book were shipped separately for postage reasons. Changes in postage regulations was the reason for delay in mailing — the original intent was to have the books to all members before the

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NASFA Calendar

DECEMBER

- 04 Hanukkah.
- 10-12 SMOFcon 17 — New Orleans LA.
- 12 BD: Toni Weisskopf.
- 17 BD: Robin Ray.
- 18* NASFA Meeting — 6P Business, 7P Program, at the Madison City Municipal Building. ATMM/Christmas Party — Robin Ray's house.
- 19 BD: Harry Warner, Jr.
- 25 Christmas Day.
- 26 BD: Michael R. Stone.
- 26 Boxing Day.
- 31 New Year's Eve Party — Nancy Cucci & Ray Pietruszka's house.

JANUARY 2000

- 01 New Year's Day.
- 03 BD: Jim Kennedy.
- 05 BD: Debbie Mitchell.
- 06 BD: Rich Garber.
- 07 BD: Douglas E. Lampert.
- 07-09 GAFilk 2000 — Atlanta GA.
- 14-16 Chattacon XXV — Chattanooga TN.
- 15* NASFA Meeting — 6P Business, 7P Program, at the Madison City Municipal Building. ATMM TBD. NOTE: Could be moved to accommodate Chattacon.
- 17 BD: Martin Luther King.
- 20 BD: Larry Montgomery.

FEBRUARY 2000

- 02 Groundhog Day.
- 08 BD: Lin Cochran.
- 09 BD: Jack Lundy.
- 10 BD: Marcia Illingworth.
- 11 BD: Jeanna Woosley.
- 12 BD: Abraham Lincoln.
- 14 Valentine's Day.
- 17 BD: Nancy A. Cucci.
- 18-20 StellarCon 24 — High Point NC.
- 19* NASFA Meeting — 6P Business, 7P Program, at the Madison City Municipal Building. ATMM TBD.
- 21 BD: Susan Stockell.
- 21 President's Day.
- 25 BD: Nicholas Mitchell.

MARCH 2000

- 02 BD: Ronnie Lajoie.
- 02 BD: Richard McNeil.
- 08 BD: Bill Payne.
- 09 BD: Tracey Kennedy.
- 10 BD: Kerry Gilley.
- 13 BD: Anita Eisenberg.
- 15 BD: Carlo DeShouten.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day.
- 17 BD: JoAnn Parsons.
- 18* NASFA Meeting — 6P Business, 7P Program, at the Madison City Municipal Building. ATMM TBD.
- 22 BD: Jayson Woosley
- 22-26 21st International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts — Ft. Lauderdale FL.

24-26 MidSouthCon 18 — Memphis TN.

30 BD: Maurine Dorris.

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The North Alabama Science Fiction Association meets on the third Saturday of each month. (Unless there is a large nearby convention being held that weekend — in which case we usually hold the meeting on the second or fourth weekend.) The regular meeting location is room 130 of the Madison City Municipal Building. The Executive Committee meeting (if scheduled) is held at 5P. The business meeting is held at 6P. The program begins at 7P. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings. There is usually an after-the-meeting meeting with directions available at the program.

November Minutes

by Samuel A. Smith, ewoked

The November meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, November 20, 1999 in Room 130 in the Madison City Municipal Building at 6:06P by President Anita Eisenberg. Barney was the smashee of honor.

OLD BUSINESS

We have received a query: Does anybody remember who the fang dealer was at Con†Stellation a few years ago? (One of BookMark's customers wants to know.)

We have Ewoks! Tons of Ewoks! *Too many* Ewoks! ("We'll always have Ewoks.") A now-traditional "vote with your pocketbook" was held to decide just which Ewok would share the plinth with Barney. The "small Wicket" won at \$4.17, and \$12.71 in total was raised for the club. The remaining Ewoks were turned into paper airplanes and sailed into the garbage.

NEW BUSINESS

Anybody need Turkey Coupons from Jim Kennedy? (I assume that this offer has expired by now.)

Randy Cleary suggested that, the next time we intend to have a NASFA Auction, instead we have a book drive and take our used books to a local used book store for cash or credit. (Ditto for used CDs.) Randy (was?) volunteered to talk to some of the used book stores in the area about the idea.

The competition for the NASFA Christmas party has been resolved: Robin Ray will host the Christmas party on the 18th of December, and Nancy Cucci will host the New Year's Eve party on December 31st.

CONVENTION BUSINESS

Artist checks were (in theory) mailed out on November 21st (the day after this meeting).

The hotel bills this year appear to be going out with a satisfaction survey attached.

The old Con†Stellation home page got 345 hits in October and the new Con†Stellation home page got 470 hits in the same time period. The most hits in one day (120) occurred on the new site on October 29th, the first day of the convention.

According to Sam Smith (Registration), total paid attendance this year was 317, a major increase over recent years, and a bit of a problem since only 300 program books were printed.

According to Randy Cleary (Art Show head), there were 42 Art Show panels used by a total of 20 artists, 17 of which mailed in their art. The art has all been returned, with about \$3000 worth of art sold.

According to Ray Pietruszka (Treasurer), we raised \$1640 at the charity auction, and finally had a surplus this year (instead of losing money, as we have done so often in recent years).

Sam Smith and Robin Ray were awarded their prizes for the Lawn Dice tournament at the convention.

ELECTIONS

Nominations were held this month, and the election will be held in December. The nominees are:

President: Anita Eisenberg and Jim Kennedy

Vice-President: Mike Kennedy

Secretary: Sam Smith
Treasurer: Ray Pietruszka
Program Director: Mike Cothran and Nancy Cucci (anybody tell Nancy yet?)

Publicity Director: Ron Lajoie and Marie McCormack (anybody tell Ron yet?)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49P with a short game of "Whack the Ewok." The program was the traditional Con†Stellation postmortem. The After-The-Meeting Meeting was held at Pat Brooks and Roland Perry's house.

Con†Stellation XVIII Art Show and Charity Auction

by Randy B. Cleary, et al.

[This article was adapted from a report sent by Randy to ASFA (The Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists) plus separate information from Randy and several other people. -ED]

The 1999 Con†Stellation XVIII: Lupus Convention was held from 29–31 October 1999 at the Airport Sheraton Hotel in Huntsville, Alabama. Our Artist Guest of Honor was Charles Keegan, a 1998 Chesley Award nominee. This year's art show consisted of 300 pieces from 20 artists, displayed on 42 panels and 1 table. The mail-in participation was very strong this year with 17 artists mailing in their works. Over 122 pieces were sold for a total of \$2812. About 42 pieces of art went to the Saturday voice auction, which was well attended. Tim Bolgeo was our auctioneer. Randy B. Cleary was the Art Show director for the second year running.

The following awards were given by our three Art Show jurors:

Best Amateur Science-Fiction José Sánchez,
By the Roadside

Best Amateur Fantasy Stanley Morrison,
Three Headed Dragon

Best Professional Science-Fiction Charles

Keegan, *Corporate Mentality*

Best Professional Fantasy Alan Clark,
Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

Best in Show Charles Keegan, *Business of Ferrets*

Judges' Choice Kenneth Waters,

I'm Not Going to Frame It

In addition to the regular auction, a charity auction was held with the pieces intermixed at the Saturday voice auction. Items were donated by several dealers at the con, as well as Baen Books and our various honored guests. Tim Bolgeo acted as auctioneer for these items also. Well over \$1500 was raised at the auction and a total of \$1672 (including direct contributions) was subsequently deposited in the Ray/Brookshire Family Support Fund.

The largest amount of money was raised by auctioning a (fictional) Glorious Death to take place in an upcoming Honor Harrington book by David Weber. In the end, a consortium won with at \$450. To their delight, the "losing" consortium was also awarded a Glorious Death for their high bid of \$350. All of us are winners of course when we get involved.

The convention would like to thank all the contributors as well as all those who bid on the charity items.

NASFA Receivables

by Randy B. Cleary

The following items were received by NASFA over the last three months:

Alabama Arts Education Resource Directory, Alabama State Council on the Arts, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery AL 36130-1800; 334-242-4076; < staff@arts.state.al.us >; < www.arts.state.al.us > — 48 pages of Alabama's arts related resources.

Author Services, Inc., 7051 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood CA 90020 — Invitation to the 15th Annual L. Ron Hubbard Awards Event on September 24, 1999.

Bridge Publications, Inc. Promotional Material, Bridge Publications, Inc., 4751 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90029 — Promotional flyer for < www.terl-psychlo.com >.

Cargo Cult Books and Notions, September/October & November/December 1999, 2804 Stuart Street, Berkeley CA 94705; 510-549-3018; < 70701.2154@compuserve.com > — 12 (digest) pages (each) of books and notions for sale.

ConNotations Fall 1999, Stephanie L. Bannon, Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society, P. O. Box 62613, Phoe-

nix AZ 85082; < Editors@casfs.org > — This newszine had 16 newsprint pages of SF media, reviews, and convention listings.

De Profundis 325, September 1999, Scott Beckstead, c/o The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, 11513 Burbank Boulevard, North Hollywood CA 91601 — 16 (digest) pages of club happenings.

Derogatory Reference 93 & 94, Arthur D. Hlavaty, 206 Valentine Street, Yonkers NY 10704-1814; 914-965-4861; < hlvaty@panix.com > — 6 and 8 pages (respectively) of personal updates and deliberations.

File 770: 132, Mike Glycer, 705 Valley View Avenue, Monrovia CA 91016; 626-305-1004; < Mglycer@compuserve.com > — 36 pages of news of, about, and from fandom and several convention reports.

FOSFAX 196, August 1999, Timothy Lane and Elizabeth Garrott, The Falls of the Ohio Science Fiction and Fantasy Association, P. O. Box 37281, Louisville KY 40233-7281 — 86 pages of articles, features, con and trip reports, reviews, reviews, and lots of letters of comment plus lots of

spot illustrations.

Memphen 259, September 1999 & 260, October 1999 & 261, November 1999, Greg Bridges, The Memphis Science Fiction Association, P. O. Box 820534, Memphis TN 38182-0534; 901-664-6730; < msfamemphen@hotmail.com > — September had 10 pages of club happenings, book reviews, and a *Mimosa* 24 review. October had 10 pages of club happenings and reports on Contact 17, Rivercon XXIV, Conucopia, and Mephit Furmeet 3. November had 6 pages of club happenings and reportage on Icon 24.

Miami Dice Gaming Convention Newsletter, SunQuest Partners, Inc., P. O. Box 677069, Orlando FL 32867-7069; < http://www.sunquestgames.com >; < info@sunquestgames.com > — November 12–14, 1999 Miami FL.

MidSouthCon 18 Newsletters, P. O. Box 111446, Memphis TN 38111; 901-274-7355 — March 24–26, 2000 Memphis TN.

OASFiS Event Horizon 146, September 1999 & 147, October 1999 & 148, November 1999, Leslie R. Hammes, The Orlando Area Science-Fiction Society, P. O. Box 940992, Maitland FL 32792-0992; 407-263-5822 — September had 4 pages of club happenings, an OASIS 13 progress report, and a Dragon*Con report. October had 6 pages of club happenings and an Aussiecon Three report. November had 4 pages of Necronomicon reportage.

Oasis 13 Post Card, OASFiS, P. O. Box 940992, Maitland FL 32794-0992; 904-263-5822; < www.oasfis.org >; < jcr@digital.net > — May 26–28, 2000 Orlando FL.

Scavenger's Newsletter 187, September 1999 & 188, October 1999 & 189, November 1999, Janet Fox, 833 Main, Osage City KS 66523; 785-528-3538; < foxscav1@jc.net >; < http://www.cza.com/scav/index.html > — September had 24 (digest) pages of market information for small press writers and artists. Alan Clark and Yvonne Navarro interviewed on

writing. October had 24 (digest) of the usual plus Anna Boudreau interviewed. November had 28 (digest) pages of the usual plus interviews with five small-press editors. Also noted is a new policy of a trade embargo.

Science Fiction Chronicle 203, August/September 1999, Andrew I. Porter, P. O. Box 022730, Brooklyn NY 11202-0056; 718-643-9011; < SF_Chronicle@Compuserve.com >; < www.sfsite.com/sfc > — This magazine had 56 pages, including a slick color cover, of professional news, book reviews, and an interview with Michael Kandel.

The Geis Letter 66, August 1999 & 67, September 1999 & 68, October 1999 & 69, November 1999, Richard E. Geis, P. O. Box 11408, Portland OR 97211-0408 — August had 8 pages of news, movie reviews, book reviews, and feedback. September had 8 pages of the usual. October had 8 pages of obits, opinion, humor, reviews, and letters of comment. November had 8 pages of humor, feedback, opinion, and reviews.

The Reluctant Famulus 53, Summer/Autumn, 1998 & 54, Winter 1998/1999, Tom Sadler, 422 West Maple Avenue, Adrian MI 49221-1627; 517-264-4115; < tomfamulus@dmci.net > — Issue 53 had 72 pages of personal essays, lots of art (color covers), book reviews, and many letters of comments. Issue 54 had a beautiful color cover by Peggy Ranson and 50 pages of the like except the lack of the letters column. Also included was a 5 page one-shot in memoriam of Buck Coulson.

Trash Barrel September 1999, Donald Franson, 6543 Babcock Avenue, North Hollywood CA 91606-2308 — 4 pages of fanzine reviews. Oh, the irony.

Tropicon 18 Progress Report, South Florida Science Fiction Society, P. O. Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143; < http://sfsfs.org/Tropicon > — November 19–21, 1999 in Hollywood Beach FL.

Letters of Comment

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17 November 1999

Hello David Robinson here. Here is my review on Con†Stellation XVIII Lupus I thought I would do a review of it here it is.

Con†Stellation XVIII Lupus: A Review

Con†Stellation Lupus which was held on October 29–31 was really fun and I really enjoyed it. It was a bit slower paced than I like it but overall I thought that it was well planned. And there was enough to do. The Con Suite had lots of good food. But by the time I got there everything had been eaten. The dance was really fun. The only thing I would have changed was the huckster room that was a bit of a disappointment. The only thing that I thought was weird was the hotel elevators. You had to have a key in order to get to floors 3–6. They told me that was for security reasons. Overall I thought that it was a good con I hope to come next year.

[We are always interested in input from attendees, David so thanks for the review. What, in particular, disappointed you

about the Dealers Room? Regarding the elevators — sigh, as long as we're at that hotel there is nothing that either we or the hotel can do about that. The requirement for a key is imposed by the airport authorities. Our elevator hosts do provide access to the upper floors via the elevators and most people have the option of using the stairs. And since the hotel is so accommodating in all other respects we are very pleased with them on balance. -ED]

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19 November 1999

I was shocked and saddened to learn from the November issue of the *Shuttle* about the death of Walt Willis. There can be little doubt that he was the finest writer who ever was fully active in fandom. He also could qualify as the fan who did the most to create fannish legendry, too. It is hard to believe that so many of the greats of British and Irish fandom have passed away in just the past two or three years, after most of them had sprung into prominence in mid-century within an equally short period or time.

And I think I heard on the radio the other morning that Ray Bradbury had suffered a stroke but was expected to recover fully. I was listening to a newscast on my bedside radio just after waking and I wasn't fully alert yet but I think I heard his name. I've seen nothing in the local newspapers or in fanzines, the latter being unsurprising because fanzines have been very scarce in the mails of recent days.

I enjoyed very much the Francises' long convention trip report. They made Tasmania seem like a good place for a person to retire to if they person isn't afraid to tear himself away from the area where he's lived during his working years. I was pleased to read about all the ways in which Australia is preserving its flora and fauna in large tracts as well as honoring its aborigines. There can't be many nations doing as much to prevent commercialization from swamping every square foot of land and sea.

Alas, I don't quite understand the change in site selection for future worldcons, particularly the method by which the same city could host one for three consecutive years.

Carlo's convention report was also excellent. I hope he has adequate insurance coverage of his ears. They must be in grave danger from his fondness for loud rock.

I could have one-upped your 1991 chapstick this morning if I'd felt in the mood. I found at the local Goodwill store a pair of spats, still in their original box, but I resisted the wild urge to purchase them.

[Yes, Mr. Bradbury was reported to have suffered a stroke. The latest update I can quickly find — from mid November — says he is resting at home and still expected to fully recover. Oh yes, the chapstick incident. I chose not to refute the assertion that the lip balm in question was 8 years old since, well, I didn't care one way or the other. For the record, though, I'll state that it was a freebie included as part of a purchase only a few weeks before the club meeting where someone claimed to decode the lot information to indicate it was made in 1991. Since I don't use that product it didn't matter to me. I don't remember if anyone took it but if they did I suppose they can report on whether it had retained effectiveness. -ED]

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3 December 1999

The Francis' trip report sounds ghreat — they covered a

lot of territory and have some wonderful memories.

The typer needs "cleaning" and post cards never feed correctly.

It got *cold* — I turned the furnace on and it worked, but I don't trust it if I'm not home/awake — so I basked in the warmth for a few hours — ah, simple pleasures!

Walt will be profoundly missed, especially as historians recount his influence on fandom.

[I envy Steve and Sue that trip — though I suspect I'd need at least a couple of weeks to recover from a vacation with that much packed into it! I thought using a Lon Chaney stamp on a Lon Chaney post card was a nice touch, Sheryl. So, you heat up the house before going to bed then turn off the furnace and wake up shivering? Sheesh. I hope your plumbing survives the winter! -ED]

(Aussiecon Books — continued from page 1)

end of 1999. The press release included an apology for the delay.

For purchases, information is as follows: Souvenir Book (cover by Nick Stathopoulos, 106pp, A4, ISBN 0646379496); AUD\$15 postage-paid for delivery in Australia; AUD\$25 or USD\$16 postage-paid for delivery outside Australia. Pocket Program Book (cover by Phil Wlodarczyk, 132pp, B6); AUD\$7.50 postage-paid for delivery in Australia; AUD\$15 or USD\$10 postage-paid for delivery outside Australia. Payment in advance is required and may be made by credit card (MasterCard and Visa) or US dollar check (payable to "Mark Loney") or Australian dollar cheque (payable to "Aussiecon Three"). For credit cards they require the following details: card type, account name, account number, card expiration date, charge amount in Australian dollars, signature of card holder, and date of charge authorization.

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