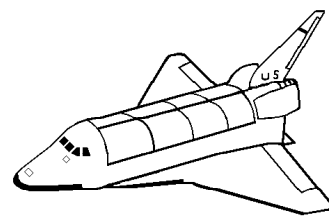


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### Oyez, Oyez

The next **NASFA meeting** will be **16 December 2000** at the **regular time** (6P) and the **regular location** (room 130 of the Madison City Municipal Building).

It's still **NASFA election time** folks. See the minutes of last month's meeting for nominations that took place in November. The election itself will take place at the December meeting (but remember there's still time to reopen nominations so you aren't safe yet ;-).

There will be **no program in December**, the better

to make time for partying at the **After-The-Meeting Meeting**. Speaking of which, the ATMM cum Christmas party will be at the Cucci-Pietruszka-Peters household starting after the business meeting. Bring a dish to share and your favorite drink.

And don't forget the **New Millennium's Eve** party at Mike Kennedy's house starting at 9P on 31 December. Please let him know if you are coming by phone (256-883-5922), by email < miked999@earthlink.net >, or in person.

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**Deadline for the January 2001 issue of *The NASFA Shuttle* is Friday, 5 January 2001.**

# November Minutes

by Samuel A. Smith, Collectible

The November meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, November 18, 2000 in Room 130 in the Madison City Municipal Building at 6:24P by President Anita Eisenberg, who brought crickets.

## OLD BUSINESS

Randy Cleary has taken our used books from the recent NASFA Auction to Booklegger, and we now have store credits of \$31.56 for sf and \$8.85 in general credit. It was decided to raffle these credits off at the December meeting — tickets will be \$1 each. Randy also has some books rejected by Booklegger on hand — 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes!

Mike Kennedy reported that the *ad hoc* committee to clean up the *Shuttle* mailing list has finally met. The net result was approximately 15 names removed from the *Shuttle* mailing list (plus numerous corrections and a few additions).

Randy Cleary gave a Con†Stellation Art Show report: “This year’s art show consisted of 207 pieces from 13 artists, displayed on 25 panels and 3 tables. The mail-in participation was down this year, with 8 artists mailing in their works (it would have been 10 but unfortunately two artists missed the mail-in deadline). There were 85 pieces sold for a total of \$1672. About 23 pieces of art went to the Saturday voice auction, which was well attended.”

Randy also announced the following awards, which were given out at the Con†Stellation Art Show:

- Best Amateur Science Fiction** ..... Beth Willinger,  
“Maroon Moon Liftoff”
- Best Amateur Fantasy** ..... R. B. Cleary,  
“New Orleans Vampire Strike”
- Best Professional Science Fiction** ..... Sharon Young,  
“Babylon 5”
- Best Professional Fantasy** ..... Theresa Mather,  
“Hemalite Dragon Feather”
- Best in Show** ..... Kenneth Waters,  
“A Choir of Ill Children”
- Judges’ Choice** ..... Beth Willinger,  
“Green Leaf Dragon”

## NEW BUSINESS

Pat Molloy and Naomi Fisher are now DUFF candidates. Steven Silver (of Chicon) is their opposition. The voting fee is \$4.

Mike Cothran noted that we need to set a meeting schedule and location for next year, and recommended moving the NASFA meetings to the new BookMark location (at 7500 South Memorial Parkway, Suite #133). After his motion, plus a second, plus much discussion, the motion to move to BookMark passed 8–4, with 6 abstentions. The NASFA meetings will move to BookMark starting in January.

After consulting a calendar of known upcoming convention dates, it was decided (quickly, as time was running out) to hold the April 2001 NASFA meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> (avoiding Kubla) and the October 2001 NASFA meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> (avoiding Con†Stellation). All other 2001 NASFA meetings are planned to be held on the third Saturday of the month (as usual).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam Smith has leftover program books and badges from this year’s Con†Stellation, if any collectors out there need any to complete their set of Con†Stellation memorabilia.

## ELECTIONS

The following ~~vietims~~ people were nominated to be NASFA officers for 2001. Elections will be held in December (it’s not too late to railroad your friends!).

- President** ..... Mary Ortwerth  
**Vice President** ..... Mike Kennedy  
**Secretary** ..... Sam Smith  
**Treasurer** ..... Ray Pietruszka  
**Publicity** ..... Doug Lampert  
**Programming** ..... Randy Cleary

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06P. The program was by Les Johnson on NASA Advanced Propulsion. The After-The-Meeting Meeting was held at Mike Kennedy’s house.

# NASFA Calendar

## DECEMBER

- 12 BD: Toni Weisskopf.  
16\* NASFA Meeting — 6P Business, 7P Program, at the Madison City Municipal Building. ATMM (Christmas Party) at Ray Pietruszka and Nancy Cucci’s house.  
17 BD: Robin Ray.  
19 BD: Harry Warner, Jr.  
22 Hanukkah.  
25 Christmas Day.  
26 BD: Michael R. Stone.  
26 Kwanzaa begins.  
26 Boxing Day.  
31 New Millennium’s Eve Party at Mike Kennedy’s house. RSVP.

## JANUARY 2001

- 01 New Millennium’s Day.  
03 BD: Jim Kennedy.  
03 BD: Karen Hopkins.  
05 BD: Debbie Mitchell.  
05–07 GAFilk — Atlanta GA.  
06 BD: Rich Garber.  
07 BD: Douglas E. Lampert.  
12–14 Chattacon XXVI — Chattanooga TN.  
15 BD: Martin Luther King.  
20\* NASFA Meeting — 6P Business, 7P Program, at the Madison City Municipal Building. ATMM TBD.  
20 Inauguration Day.  
20 BD: Larry Montgomery.

## FEBRUARY 2001

- 02 Groundhog Day.  
08 BD: Lin Cochran.  
09 BD: Jack Lundy.  
10 BD: Marcia Illingworth.  
11 BD: Jeanna Woosley.  
12 BD: Abraham Lincoln.  
14 St. Valentine’s Day.  
17\* NASFA Meeting — 6P Business, 7P Program, at the Madison City Municipal Building. ATMM TBD.  
17 BD: Nancy A. Cucci.  
19 Presidents’ Day.  
21 BD: Susan Stockell.  
22 BD: George Washington.  
25 BD: Nicholas Mitchell.

MARCH 2001

- 03 BD: Kevin Ward.
- 15 BD: “Uncle Timmy” Bolgeo.
- 17\* NASFA Meeting — 6P Business, 7P Program, at the Madison City Municipal Building. ATMM TBD.
- 21 BD: Randy B. Cleary.
- 21–25 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts — Ft. Lauderdale FL.
- 22–25 AggieCon 32 — College Station TX.
- 23–25 GalactiCon 2001 — Chattanooga TN.
- 23–25 MidSouthCon 19 — Memphis TN.
- 26 BD: Chloe Airoidi.
- 30 BD: Mark Maxwell.

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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.

## Letters of Comment

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Harry Warner, Jr. 24 November 2000  
 423 Summit Avenue  
 Hagerstown MD 21740

A day late, I want to congratulate you on your birthday anniversary. I see Bob Tucker is keeping pace with you. In just a few more days, I’ll be celebrating an 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my own: the day on which I last touched or even looked closely at a computer.

The two descriptions of Con†Stellation in the November *Shuttle* make an interesting contrast: the excited pleasures related by a newcomer to cons, Karen Hopkins, and the more world-weary narrative of Carlo DeShouten, who I suspect had a much better time than some of his paragraphs report. Their reactions to the event seem to demonstrate that the main attraction of conventions a half-century ago, the speeches and panels, are no longer what most convention goers remember best.

All those little illustrations were a big surprize to me. I should use a magnifying glass because my old eyes can’t make out some of the small details, but the reproductions are remarkably sharp and in good contrast with solid blacks, the way I like pictures on paper.

It’s a shame that the life achievement honor in the World Fantasy Awards announcement didn’t come a little sooner, while Marrion Zimmer Bradley was still alive. She was the sort of person who would have been particularly happy to receive this type of egoboo.

I was happy to find an eek-mail of comments from Mike Glicksohn, as proof that he’s still up and running. His disgust with Toronto’s educational system must be something like my feelings toward the public schools here. Every politician claims to be a backer of education in campaign talks and after they’re elected they never do one blessed thing toward introducing some education into the schools.

[Oh yes, I think Carlo had a good time at Con†Stellation. It’s easy to dwell on the things one would have like to seen/done/ etc. in at review — things that didn’t happen — and overlook the positive. Large cons can try to be all things to all people, but a smaller con like Con†Stellation has no hope of that. Even a Worldcon-sized event, of course, can’t *actually* do it, but can come much closer. RE education, it is fashionable in the United States (and perhaps in Canada, too) to speak ill of the system in general and politicians’ support of it in particular. There are undoubtedly many things wrong with education in North America but from what little I know of the (sort of) objective measures that are available do not strongly support the worst of the doomsayers. -ED]

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Sheryl Birkhead 24 November 2000  
 25509 Jonnie Court  
 Gaithersburg MD 20882

Hi — I can’t find the October *Shuttle*, but would you please give me the Greg Bear web site again? I tried gregbear.com and it was only novels (linked to Amazon.com). It would be easier if I was actually on-line so I’d have my “stuff” at the computer, but...

Ah — two views of Con†Stellation — at least it sounds as if there were no big fiascoes, always a plus! Aha — there’s a third perspective in the local.

The Presidential voting — I “heard” that the ballot originally used in the US — “way back when” — was an Australian ballot. I don’t know if that’s true or not.

Fanwise *I still* have no designated spot for zines, sketching, etc. so I am *not* at all organized. Yeah, RSN.

Hope your T-Day was stuffed.

[The Greg Bear web site I cited in October was < <http://www.gregbear.com/GREGBEAR/Bear.nsf/pages/Books> > — a subpage of the place you looked already. I readily confess I have no idea how complete the bibliography there is. I had never heard anything about a preferential ballot ever being used in the US so I can neither confirm nor refute what you heard. -ED]



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