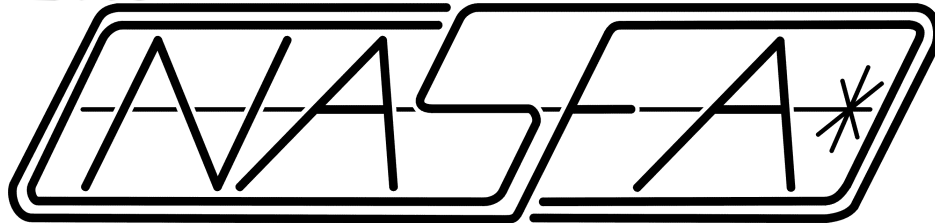


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*The Next NASFA Meeting is 6:30P Saturday
13 August 2016 at the Regular Location
Note that the this meeting is 1 week earlier than normal*

*Concom Meeting 3P at the Church, 13 August 2016
See the Announcements below for a full list of Concom Meetings*

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The next **NASFA Meeting** will be **13 August 2016**, at the regular meeting location—the Madison campus of Willowbrook Baptist Church (old Wilson Lumber Company building) at **7105 Highway 72W** (aka University Drive). Please see the map at right if you need help finding it.

PLEASE NOTE that this is one week earlier than the usual weekend to accommodate the Kansas City Worldcon.

AUGUST PROGRAM

The August program will feature Les Johnson, who will give a talk as well as reading from his new book *On to the Asteroid* <tinyurl.com/OttA-Amazon> (co-authored with Travis Taylor). The book was released 2 August 2016.

AUGUST ATMM

The August After-The-Meeting Meeting will be hosted by Maria and Adam Grim at the church. The usual rules apply—that is, please bring food to share and your favorite drink. Also, please stay to help clean up. We need to be good guests and leave things at least as clean as we found them.

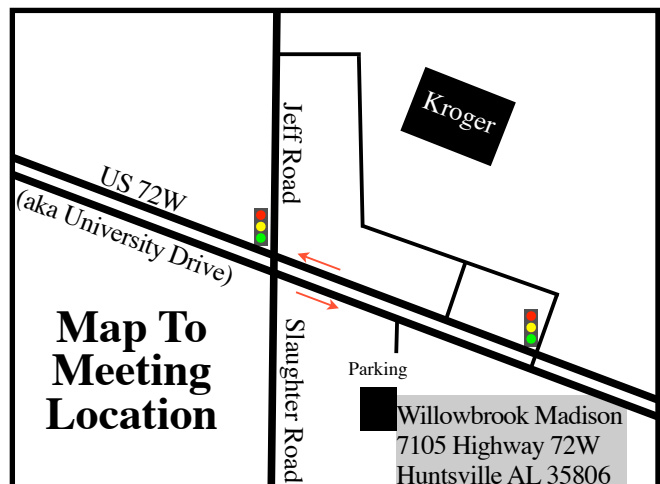
CONCOM MEETINGS

Upcoming Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meetings include:

- Saturday 13 August 2016—the same day as the August club

meeting—3P at the church.

- Saturday 27 August—3P at the church.
- Saturday 17 September 2016—the same day as the that month's club meeting—3P at the church.
- Saturday 8 October—3P at the church.
- Thursday 13 October—all day setup with pickup of material at various places around town and setup at the hotel.



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However, please stay tuned for changes (dates, times, locations) or possible additional meetings (especially special-purpose meetings).

NOVEMBER MEETING INFO

The 19 November NASFA meeting/program will be a special one. While it will be on the regular day, it will *not* be at the regular time *or* location. We will gather at the **Huntsville Museum of Art** <hsvmuseum.org>—300 Church Street South in downtown Huntsville near Big Spring Park—for a docent tour of their special exhibit “My Hero: Contemporary Art & Superhero Action.” Please gather starting at **2P**; we need to be all together and ready to go about 2:30P. There *is* an admission charge for folks who are not Museum of Art members (\$10 adult, \$8 student/senior/military/educators, \$5 child ages 6–11). Some scholarships will be available depending on need.

The After-the-Meeting Meeting will be held offsite from the museum, tentatively at Mike Kennedy’s house in south Huntsville.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

All future programs for 2016 have been set:

- September: More-or-Less Annual NASFA Auction. Please continue rounding up donations for actionable items—genre-related is good but not at all required.
- October: Con†Stellation Postmortem.
- November: See the segment above for info on the November meeting/program.
- December: NASFA Christmas Party (location TBD).

FUTURE ATMMs

We need After-The-Meeting Meeting volunteers for all future months in 2016 except probably November. In particular, we need a volunteer for the Christmas Party at or in lieu of the December meeting. Also stay tuned for a probable New Year’s Eve party.

FUTURE CLUB MEETING DATES

In addition to this month, one more future 2016 NASFA meeting has been changed off of the normal 3rd Saturday due to convention conflicts:

- The October 2016 meeting will be on the 22nd, one week later than usual due to Con†Stellation.

In addition, the *location and time* (though not the date) of the November meeting has been changed—see info above on that month.

CHANGING SHUTTLE DEADLINES

In general, the monthly *Shuttle* production schedule has been moved to the left a bit (versus prior practice). Though things are a bit squishy, the current intent is to put each issue to bed about 9 days before each month’s meeting.

Please check the deadline below the Table of Contents *each month* to submit news, reviews, LoCs, or other material.

JOINING THE NASFA EMAIL LIST

All NASFAns who have email are urged to join the NASFA email list, which you can do online at <tinyurl.com/NASFAEmail>. The list is usually low traffic, though the rate is rather variable. Generally the list is limited to announcements about club activities plus the occasional message of general interest to north-Alabama sf/f/h/etc. fans. Non NASFAns are both *encouraged* and *welcomed* to join the list, but please only do so if you’re interested in the above restricted topics.

NASFA CALENDAR ONLINE

NASFA has an online calendar on Google. Interested parties can check the calendar online, but you can also subscribe to it and have your Outlook, iCal, or other calendar automatically updated as events (Club Meetings, Concom Meetings, local sf/f/h/etc. events) are added or changed. You can view the calendar online at <tinyurl.com/NASFACal>.

News & Info

OH, ROCKY, WHAT BIG MUSCLES YOU HAVE!

In a possibly surprising move, Fox TV has remade the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* <www.fox.com/the-rocky-horror-picture-show>. It’s said to be in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the original, which is odd, since the original release was 14 August 1975 (London) in the UK and 26 September 1975 in the US (LA).

The new version is scheduled for broadcast this October.

OH, CAPTAIN, WHAT A BIG NACELLE YOU HAVE!

A film documenting the restoration by the Smithsonian of the original model of the USS Enterprise (“NCC-1701, no bloody ‘A,’ ‘B,’ ‘C,’ or ‘D.’” —M. Scott) has been posted at <vimeo.com/176999007>. The model is now on display at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC.

OH, WONDER WOMAN, WHAT BIG BRACELETS YOU HAVE!

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Wonder Woman, the USPS will be releasing a sheet with 4 designs—all as First Class “Forever” stamps—covering Golden, Silver, Bronze, and Modern Age WW incarnations. The 16-stamp pane was previewed at this year’s Comic-Con International in San Diego. The first day of issue ceremony will be 7 October 2016 at New York Comic Con.



HEINLEIN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Heinlein Society <www.heinleinsociety.org> recently announced three winners of \$1000 undergraduate scholarships.

General criteria to apply include enrollment in a 4-year undergrad program in engineering, math, physical sciences, or sf as literature. The winners are **Elias Anderson**, **Carson Butler**, and **Charles Hanson**. Butler is the inaugural winner of the “Virginia Heinlein Memorial Scholarship” which is “dedicated to a female candidate majoring in engineering, math, or physical sciences” only.

SLF OLDER WRITERS GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The Speculative Literature Foundation <speculativeliterature.org> has announced that **Debra Wilburn** and **Sharon Joss** have been awarded the 2016 Older Writers Grants. These \$500 grants are to be used at the discretion of the recipients in whatever way will “best assist his or her work.” Recipients must be at least 50 at the time of application and “just starting to work at a professional level.”



BUSY WORLDCON BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

There’s a metric cr@p-ton of business lined up for this year’s Worldcon Business Meeting—and more to come. The current agenda—now nearly final—can be seen at <tinyurl.com/WSFS2016BznsMtg>.

There are 7 amendments to the WSFS Constitution that were passed in previous years and are up for ratification or (in one case) re-ratification. There are 11 (or 12, or 13, depending on how you count them) proposed new amendments on the agenda. One of those newbies is perhaps more complicated than the others in that a committee was empaneled last year to develop a possible Best Series Hugo category—the report from that committee includes such a proposed amendment and three separate minority reports. One of those latter says basically “let’s not do this.”

Many of the old (seeking ratification) and new (seeking first passage) amendments deal with the Hugo awards in one way or

another. Several of those affect either *who* can vote in the nominating round or *how* nominations are tallied.

In addition to the old and new amendments, the agenda contains committee reports plus financial reports from several past Worldcon and one past NASFiC (Detroit). A few more financial reports are still due.

MISCELLANEOUS WORLDCON INFO

Miscellaneous info from the KC Worldcon:

- The program is available; see <midamericon2.org/online-program-schedule>. A mobile-tech version is also available.
- NASA astronauts Jeanette Epps and Stanley G. Love have been added as Special Guests.
- Hugo/Campbell/Retro-Hugo voting closed on 31 July 2016.
- Online pre-registration closed 5 August 2016. Memberships and day passes will be sold at the door.
- Mail-in voting for 2017 NASFiC Site Selection and 2018 Worldcon Site Selection closed on 6 August 2016. On-site voting—including ballots hand carried by other members—will take place the first 3 days of the convention (Wednesday–Friday 17–19 August).

NASFA Calendar

AUGUST

- 07 Purple Heart Day.
 08 BD: Jim Woosley.
 12 BD: Sue Thorn.
 13* Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meeting—3P at .Wil-lowbrook Madison.
 13* NASFA Meeting—6:30P Business, 7P Program, at Wil-lowbrook Madison. Program: Les Johnson speaks and reads from *On to the Asteroid* <tinyurl.com/OttA-Amazon>. ATMM: Adam and Maria Grim hosting at the church. **PLEASE NOTE** that this meeting is one week earlier than usual due to Worldcon.
 14 BD: Edward Kenny.
 14 Atlanta Comic Convention—Atlanta GA.
 17–21 MidAmeriCon II (74th Worldcon)—Kansas City MO.
 19–20 Onyxcon Infinity—Atlanta GA.
 21 Senior Citizens Day.
 21 BD: Deborah Denton.
 26 Women’s Equality Day.
 26–28 Akaicon—Nashville TN.
 27* Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meeting—3P; at the church.

SEPTEMBER

- 02–04 Mephit Fur Meet—Memphis TN.
 02–05 Dragon Con—Atlanta GA.
 05 Labor Day.
 09 BD: Mike Cothran.
 11 Patriot Day.
 11 National Grandparents Day,
 11 BD: Ray Pietruszka.
 12 BD: Pat Butler.
 13 Eid al-Adha.
 15–18 Bouchercon—New Orleans LA.
 16 Constitution Day/Citizenship Day (observed).
 16 National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
 16 Día de la Independencia.
 17* Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meeting—3P at .Wil-lowbrook Madison.
 17* NASFA Meeting—6:30P Business, 7P Program, at Wil-lowbrook Madison. Program: More-or-Less Annual

NASFA Auction. ATMM: TBD.

- 17 Constitution Day/Citizenship Day (traditional).
 17–18 Atlanta Anime Village—Duluth GA.
 17–18 Geek Gathering—Sheffield AL.
 22 Fall Equinox.
 23–25 FenCon 13—Dallas TX.
 24 National Book Festival—Washington DC.
 25 Gold Star Mother's Day.
 26 BD: Jenna Victoria Stone.
 29–02 Anime Weekend Atlanta—Atlanta GA.
 30–01 Handmade & Bound—Nashville TN.

OCTOBER

- 01 Toymania—Franklin TN.
 03 Rosh Hashana.
 03 Muharram.
 07–09 Monsterama—Atlanta GA.
 08* Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meeting—3P; at the church.
 08 Cleveland Geekster—Cleveland TN.
 10 Columbus Day/Native Americans’ Day/Indigenous People’s Day.
 10 Thanksgiving Day (Canada).
 12 Yom Kippur.
 12 Día de la Raza.
 13* Con†Stellation XXXIV Concom Meeting—All-day Setup. Pickup of material at various sites around town and setup at the hotel.
 14–16 Con*Stellation—Huntsville AL.
 15 BD: Robert Buelow.
 17 First Day of Sukkot.
 17 Boss’s Day.
 21–23 Salute To Supernatural—Atlanta GA.
 22* NASFA Meeting—6:30P Business, 7P Program, at Wil-lowbrook Madison. Program: Con†Stellation Post-mortem discussion. ATMM: TBD. **PLEASE NOTE** that this meeting is one week later than usual due to Con†Stellation.
 22–23 Memphis Comic Expo—Memphis TN.
 23 Last Day of Sukkot.
 25 BD: Marie McCormack.
 27–30 Atlanta Game Fest 28—Atlanta GA.
 27–30 FangCon—Birmingham AL.
 28–30 HallowCon—Dalton GA.
 28–30 Walker Stalker—Atlanta GA.
 28–30 Fanboy Expo—Knoxville TN.
 29 BrigadeCon—Online <www.brigadecon.org>.
 29–30 Fanaticon—Ozark AL.
 31 Halloween.

NOVEMBER

- 02 Día de Muertos.
 06 Daylight Saving Time ends.
 04–06 CONjuration—Atlanta GA.
 04–06 PhreakNic 20—Nashville TN.
 05 Diecast and Toy Show—Memphis TN.
 06–13 Furry Cruise—Miami, FL.
 08 Election Day.
 11 Veterans Day/Remembrance Day.
 11–12 Nerdacon v11—Columbus GA.
 11–13 AetherCon V—Online.
 11–13 Grand Ole Gameroom Expo—Franklin TN.
 12 HamaCon Minicon—Huntsville AL.
 19* NASFA Meeting—Business/Program: Meet at the Huntsville Museum of Art <hsvmuseum.org>—300 Church Street South (downtown Huntsville; near Big Spring Park)—starting 2P–2:30P. Docent tour of “My

Tom Devlin, ed.

Reality-Based Work.....*March: Book Two*, John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

Graphic Album (New).....*Ruins*, Peter Kuper

Graphic Album (Reprint).....*Nimona*, Nicole Stevenson

Adaptation from Another Medium.....*Two Brothers*, Fábio Moon and Gabriel Bá

US Edition of International Material (Asia).....*Showa, 1953–1989: A History of Japan*, Shigeru Mizuki

US Edition of International Material (Other).....*The Realist*, Asaf Hanuka

Archival Collection/Project (Strips).....*The Eternaut*, Héctor Germán Oesterheld and Francisco Solano López; Gary Groth and Kristy Valenti, eds.

Archival Collection/Project (Comic Books).....*Walt Kelly's Fairy Tales*, Craig Yoe, ed.

Writer.....**Jason Aaron**, *Southern Bastards, Men of Wrath, Doctor Strange, Star Wars*, and *Thor*

Writer/Artist.....**Bill Griffith**, *Invisible Ink: My Mother's Secret Love Affair with a Famous Cartoonist*

Penciller/Inker or Team.....**Cliff Chiang**, *Paper Girls*

Painter/Multimedia Artist.....**Dustin Nguyen**, *Descender*

Cover Artist.....**David Aja**, *Hawkeye, Karnak*, and *Scarlet Witch*

Coloring.....**Jordie Bellaire**, *The Autumnlands, Injection, Plutona, Pretty Deadly, The Surface, They're Not Like Us, Zero, The X-Files, The Massive, Magneto*, and *Vision*

Lettering.....**Derf Backderf**, *Trashed*

Comics-Related Periodical/Journalism.....*Hogan's Alley*, Tom Heintjes, ed.

Comics-Related Book.....**Harvey Kurtzman**: *The Man Who Created Mad and Revolutionized Humor in America*, Bill Schelly

Academic/Scholarly Work.....*The Blacker the Ink: Constructions of Black Identity in Comics and Sequential Art*, Frances Gateward and John Jennings, eds.

Publication Design.....*The Sandman Gallery Edition*, Graphitti Designs and Josh Beatman/Brainchild Studios

Other Awards at Comic-Con

Some of these may have been announced earlier.

Hall of Fame Award.....**Carl Burgos**, **Tove Jansson**, **Lynda Barry**, **Rube Goldberg**, **Jacques Tardi**, and **Matt Groening**

Bill Finger Award for Excellence in Comic Book Writing.....**Elliot S! Maggin** and **Richard E. Hughes**

Bob Clampett Humanitarian Award.....**Matthew Inman** <theoatmeal.com>

Will Eisner Spirit of Comics Retailer Award.....**Orbital Comics & Gallery**, Karl Asaa, Damian Keeng, and James Wilson, London, UK

Russ Manning Promising Newcomer Award.....**Dan Mora**

SCRIBE AWARDS

Also at Comic-Con, the 2016 **Scribe Awards** were announced by the International Association of Media Tie-In Writers <iamtow.org>. The winners are:

Original Novel (General).....**24: Rogue**, David Mack

Original Novel (Speculative).....*Star Trek The Next Generation: Armageddon's Arrow*, Dayton Ward

Adapted Novel.....*MANOS—The Hands of Fate*, Stephen D. Sullivan

Short Story.....*Mike Hammer The Strand "Fallout,"* Mickey Spillane and Max Allan Collins

Audio.....*Doctor Who "The Red Lady,"* John Dorney

RITA (AND GOLDEN HEART) AWARDS

Winners of the **RITA Awards** (for "distinction in romance fiction") were announced recently by the Romance Writers of

America <www.rwa.org>. Winners of genre interest include:

Paranormal Romance.....*Must Love Chainmail*, Angela Quarles (self-published)

First Book.....*Forget Tomorrow*, Pintip Dunn (Entangled Publishing)

In addition, the Paranormal Romance category in the Golden Heart Awards (a contest for "excellence in unpublished romance manuscripts") was taken by *Don't Call Me Cupcake*, Tara Sheets.

SUNBURST AWARDS NOMS

The shortlist for the 2016 Sunburst Awards for Excellence in Canadian Literature of the Fantastic <www.sunburstaward.org> has been announced. This year will see the inaugural award in the Short Story category. Winners of the Adult and YA categories will receive a \$CDN1000 cash award while the Short Story category carries a \$CDN500 award. All winners of these juried awards will receive a Sunburst medallion. Winners will be announced on 14 September 2016. By category the nominees are:

Sunburst Short Story Noms

"La Héron," Charlotte Ashley (*F&SF*, March/April 2015)

"The Glad Hosts," Rebecca Campbell (*Lackington's Magazine*, Issue 7)

"Stuck in the Past," Mike Donoghue (*Abyss & Apex*, Issue 54)

"Hide and Seek," Catherine A. MacLeod (*Playground of Lost Toys*, Exile Editions)

"Two-Year Man," Kelly Robson (*Asimov's*, August 2015)

"Get the Message," Peter Wendt (*Second Contacts*, Bundoran Press)

Sunburst Adult Fiction Noms

The Little Washer of Sorrows, Katherine Fawcett (ThistleDown Press)

Experimental Film, Gemma Files (Chizine Publications)

Signal to Noise, Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Solaris)

Daydreams of Angels, Heather O'Neill (HarperCollins Canada)

The Affinities, Robert Charles Wilson (Tor)

Sunburst YA Fiction Noms

An Inheritance of Ashes, Leah Bobet (Scholastic Canada)

Sight Unseen, David Carroll (Scholastic Canada)

The Unquiet, Mikaela Everett (HarperCollins)

The Nest, Kenneth Oppel (HarperCollins)

Boo, Neil Smith (Knopf)

EMMY AWARDS NOMS

Nominations for the 2016 Emmy Awards have been announced. Several genre shows (strongly lead by *Game of Thrones*) merited nods. *GoT* received 23 noms, including Drama Directing (2 different episodes), Supporting Actor (also X2), Supporting Actress (X3), Guest Actor, and Drama Series.

Other inarguably sf/f/h shows receiving noms include *Adventure Time*, *American Horror Story: Hotel*, *Bates Motel*, *Dog With A Blog*, *Fear The Walking Dead: Flight 462*, *Gotham*, *It's Your 50th Christmas*, *Charlie Brown!*, *The Last Man on Earth*, *The Man In The High Castle*, *Marvel's Daredevil*, *Marvel's Jessica Jones*, *Minority Report*, *The Muppets*, *Outlander*, *Penry Dreadful*, *Phineas and Ferb*, *The Powerpuff Girls*, *Robot Chicken*, *Sense8*, *The Simpsons*, *SpongeBob SquarePants*, *Steven Universe*, *SuperMansion*, and *The Walking Dead*. [And we've doubtless missed some. -ED]

Shows related to sf/f/h—and arguments could be made for several that they indeed *are* genre—that received one or more noms include *The Big Bang Theory*, *Hannibal*, *Mr. Robot*, *Sherlock* (on *Masterpiece Mystery*), and *Star Talk With Neil deGrasse Tyson*.

Winners will be announced during an ABC-TV broadcast on 18 September 2016.



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