



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Getting ready for Megacon next month. Need to get some new flyers. Going to scout out the winners of the anime music video contest for the OASIS anime video presentation (need to work on my own video for April!).

Remember contact Peter if you want to tour the Sheraton. There is one tour schedule on the February 4 at 6PM.

Another call for any SF related clip art.

See you next month.

**Events
Megacon**

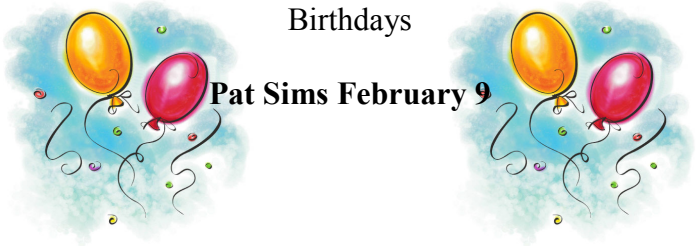
February 24-26
 Orange County Convention Center
 \$45.80 (3 day), \$20.24 (1 day)
 Groups (25 min) (people:\$40.00 (3 day), \$17 (1 day)
 Guests: Mike Conrad (OASIS artist/Former GOH),
 Stan Morrison (OASIS artist/Former GOH),
 Paul Vincenti(OASIS artist),
 George Perez (comic artist),
 Sal Buscema (comic artist),
 Mira Furlan, Tracey Scoggins,
 Jason Carter (*Babylon 5*)
 Marina Sirtis, Crico Lofton (*Star Trek*),
 Julie Benz (*Buffy/Angel*)
 John Schneider (*Smallville*)

Programming: Joss Whedon track, anime costume Contest, and anime music video contest.

For more info: www.megaconvention.com

Birthdays

Pat Sims February 9



OASFIS January meeting minutes 1/8/06

Meeting called to order at 1:40 pm by President Peter Popovich

Attendance: Peter Popovich, Patricia Wheeler, Roger Sims, Gail Sullivan, Marine Fourrier, Jay Eichebelger, Arthur Dykeman, David Ratti, Deborah Canaday, Mike Taylor, Colleen O'Brien, Dick Spelman, Steve Cole, Susan Cole, Hector Hoglin, Pat Russell, Juan Sanmiguel, Mark Roth, Mike Conrad, Yvonne Wisdom, John L. Coker III, and Tony Digiacoimo. (Apologies for any misspellings).

The meeting continues at the Alafaya branch of the public library due to our regular room at the Central Library still being unavailable.

Officer Reports:

President: Peter gave his first report as President. He report that OAFSIS collected \$441 at the Christmas party in new and renewed memberships and convention memberships. Peter is in the process of identifying opportunities for growth. The convention is moving along.

Vice-President: Pat Sims was unable to attend today due to illness.

Treasurer: Roger Sims gave information passed on by former treasurer Jim as to the state of our finances: Club funds - \$485.36

Previous convention funds - \$3,654.96

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Savings account - \$55.66

Secretary: Nothing to report

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February OASFIS Calendar

OASFIS Business Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 1:30 PM, Alafaya Library.
Come join us as we discuss ***Startide Rising*** by David Brin

SciFi Lite

Friday, February 17, 7:00 PM, The Roadhouse Grill at 2881 S. Orange Avenue (just South of Michigan Street and approx. 1 mile East of I-4) . Come join us as we discuss ***Amulet of Samarkand*** by John Stroud

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SciFi Lite & Social Calendar

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Old Business:

Colleen has contacted the St. Patrick's parade organization for Winter Park and has expressed our interest in participating in the parade which will occur on Sunday March 12th. A vote was taken and it was decided that the club would walk/ride in the parade. Our monthly meeting that is scheduled for that day will be held in conjunction with the parade somewhere in Winter Park..

Web site hosting and need for voice mail are still being mulled.

New Business:

Central Library is reopening the rooms on the third floor this month. It was decided that we would start having our monthly meeting back at Central Library beginning April of 2006. Our last meeting at the Alafaya branch library will be in February.

Jay proposed that the club put together a team to donate computer time to assist in scientific research such as for SETI. More information will be e-mailed to the club members.

The Spring picnic is scheduled for Sunday April 23rd to start at 1pm at Downey Park.

Sci-fi Lite is meeting at the Roadhouse Grill at Orange and Michigan on Friday January 20th at 7pm to discuss the book ***Going Postal*** by Terry Pratchett, have a good dinner and pleasant conversation.

Convention News:

Peter continues to look for volunteers to help at the convention.

Any of these people can give readers information about the club and its functions. To be included in the list call Juan.

Peter would like to set up a walk-through for whoever is interested at the hotel where the convention will be held. Quite a few people were interested in seeing the hotel and it was decided to set up the tour on the soonest possible Saturday. Peter will e-mail everyone when he has more information.

Book Discussion:

Jhreg by the GOH (Steven Brust) of our 2006 convention was discussed. Of the 8 or 9 people who had read it, it was well reviewed. The early lack of morality of the hero of the book was discussed as was the very detailed world created by Brust.

The book for February is ***Startide Rising*** by David Brin.

Meeting was adjourned at 3pm and the majority of the attendees went to Chilis for an early dinner/late lunch.

In the News

2005 Top 15 Movies

Note that only 3 out the top 15 are not SF/Fantasy/comic related.

1. Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith
2. Batman Begins
3. Sin City
4. War of the Worlds
5. King Kong
6. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
7. Serenity
8. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
9. Mr. & Mrs. Smith
10. Constantine
11. Kingdom of Heaven
12. Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
13. Wedding Crashers
14. Fantastic Four
15. Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Awards (from *Locus Online*)

Philip K. Dick Award

Nominees for this year's **Philip K. Dick Award**, given annually for distinguished science fiction published in paperback original form in the United States, have been announced. First prize and any special citations will be announced on Friday, April 14, 2006 at [Norwescon 29](#) at the Doubletree SeaTac Hotel in SeaTac, Washington. The list here is alphabetical by title.

- *Cagebird*, Karin Lowachee (Warner Aspect)
- *Cowl*, Neal Asher (Tor)
- *Natural History*, Justina Robson (Bantam Spectra)
- *Silver Screen*, Justina Robson (Pyr)
- *To Crush the Moon*, Wil McCarthy (Bantam Spectra)
- *War Surf*, M. M. Buckner (Ace)

The Philip K. Dick Award is sponsored by the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, and the award ceremony is sponsored by the NorthWest Science Fiction Society

The British Science Fiction Association Awards

The BSFA awards are presented annually by the British Science Fiction Association, based on a vote of BSFA members and -- in recent years -- members of the British national science fiction convention (Eastercon).

The shortlists for the BSFA awards for the best novel, short fiction and artwork of 2005 were announced on 22 January 2006, and are set out below. The awards will be presented on Saturday 15 April at the 2006 Eastercon, [Concussion](#), which will be held in Glasgow. For links to the nominees check the following web-site: www.bsfa.co.uk/index.cfm/section.awards

Novel

- [9Tail Fox](#) -- [Jon Courtenay Grimwood](#) (Gollancz)
- [Accelerando](#) -- [Charles Stross](#) (Orbit) ([Free ebook edition](#))
- [Air](#) -- Geoff Ryman (Gollancz)
- [Learning the World](#) -- [Ken MacLeod](#) (Orbit)
- [Living Next Door to the God of Love](#) -- [Justina Robson](#) (Macmillan)

Short fiction

- ['Bears Discover Smut'](#) -- [Michael Bishop](#) ([SciFiction](#), 26 October)
- 'Bird Songs at Eventide' -- Nina Allan ([Interzone](#) #199)
- 'Guadalupe and Hieronymus Bosch' -- [Rudy Rucker](#) ([Interzone](#) #200)
- ['I, Robot'](#) -- [Cory Doctorow](#) ([Infinite Matrix](#), 15 February)
- 'Imagine' -- Edward Morris ([Interzone](#) #200)
- ['Magic for Beginners'](#) -- [Kelly Link](#) ([Magic For Beginners](#); also [F&SF](#), September)
- 'Soft Apocalypse' -- Will McIntosh ([Interzone](#) #200)
- ['Two Dreams on Trains'](#) -- [Elizabeth Bear](#) ([Strange Horizons](#), 3 January)

(There are more than five nominees in this category because of a tie.)

Artwork

- [Cover](#) of Neal Asher's novel [Brass Man](#) -- Steve Rawlings (Tor)
- [Cover](#) of Brandon Sanderson's novel [Elantris](#) -- [Stephan Martinière](#) (Tor)
- Cover of [Interzone](#) #200 -- Pawel Lewandowski
- ['Megara'](#) -- [Max Bertolini](#) (cover of [F&SF](#), January)
- [We3](#) chapter 2 pages 2-3: 'Run!' -- Frank Quitely (Titan Books; with Grant Morrison and Jamie Grant)
- 'Weapon Shop' -- Kenn Brown (cover of [Interzone](#) #198)

The Orlando Area Science Fiction Society
Presents

OASIS 19

May 26 - 28, 2006

Guest of Honor

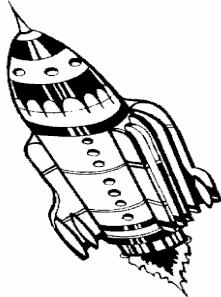
Steven Brust

Artist Guest of Honor

Elisa Mitchell

Filk Guest of Honor

Carla Ulbrich



Also Appearing

- Piers Anthony**
- Ben Bova**
- Richard Lee Byers**
- Craig Caldwell**
- Adam-Troy Castro**
- Mike Conrad**
- Vince Courtney**
- Glenda Finkelstein**
- Owl Goingback**
- William Hatfield**
- Mary Hanson-Roberts**

- Robert Koenn**
- David McDaniel**
- Jack McDevitt**
- Jeff Mitchell**
- Ann Morris**
- Stanley Morrison**
- Steve Parady**
- Paul Vincenti**
- Ed Wysocki**

Hotel Information

Sheraton World Resort
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Orlando, FL 32821
407-352-1100

\$85/night, single quad
Through 5/11/06

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