

THE SOUTHERN FANDOM CONFEDERATION BULLETIN



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Throughout the *Bulletin*, you will find comments in italics and enclosed by curly brackets *{like this}*. Those are comments from the editor, R. B. Cleary, unless otherwise noted.

Web Links

The SFC web site is: www.southernfandom.com.

Convention listings are from the Southern Fandom Resource Guide: www.scenic-city.com/sfrg.

Southern Fandom Classic Yahoo! Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthernFandomClassic/>

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Type	Full Page	Half Page	¼ Page
Fan	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
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SFC Handbooks

This amazing 196 page tome of Southern Fannish lore, edited by T. K. F. W. Reinhardt, is now available to all comers for \$5, plus a \$2 shipping and handling charge if we have to mail it. The Handbook is also available online, thanks to the efforts of Samuel Smith, at www.smithuel.net/sfcbh/. The SFC Handbook Errata page is:

www.smithuel.net/sfcbh/hberrata.html.

T-Shirts

Sizes	Quantity (Animals)	Quantity (States)
Medium	0	3
Large	1	1

T-Shirts are \$10 each plus \$3 shipping and handling fee if we have to mail it. The first selection has a color design of cute animals on white fabric. The second selection has black design of cute icons of states on peach fabric.

SFC Patches

These snazzy color SFC Patches are only \$5 plus \$1 shipping and handling fee if we have to mail it.

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CLEARY COMMENTS

by R. B. Cleary

Welcome to my last time as Editor of the *Southern Fandom Confederation Bulletin*. As of March 16, 2008, Warren Buff is the new President of the Southern Fandom Confederation. The next issue will be edited by him. He has much to offer to the SFC. Please help him out with as much as you all have helped me. Please update your contact information from mine to his:

Warren Buff, 2825 B Conifer Dr, Raleigh, NC 27606

I was elected in June of 2002 and finished office in March 2008, putting out 15 issues in five years and some months, starting with an October 2002 issue. A lot of good times (and some bad) have resulted and a lot of work has been done by many people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who has contributed to the *Bulletin* and helped SFC and myself over my years in office.

Note that the SFC Bulk Mail permit expires in April and will not be renewed. This means the next issue will be sent out to fewer folks to save mailing costs, so be sure to renew your dues as soon as possible. Also, please let Warren Buff know if you prefer to get the *Bulletin* in PDS form from the web-site instead hard copy.

SFC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

by Tom Feller

March 16, 2008, High Point, North Carolina

10:10 AM. President Randy Cleary calls the meeting to order. Vice-President Julie Wall stuck her head in the room to say good-bye before heading to the airport. Secretary Tom Feller was present, and Treasurer Janet Hopkins was absent.

10:11 AM. Mike Rogers made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

10:12 AM: Randy announced that he was unable to publish his last issue of the *Bulletin* before the DSC, so he will put it out after the DSC. He announced that the bulk mailing permit expires in April.

10:13 AM: Sam Smith wrote a check for the NASFA club dues. Sam and Mike Kennedy made donations. There was no official treasurer's report. Randy updated the status of the treasury since the last report on December 15. Dues have come in but the last issue has not been paid for. Randy estimates that there is over \$900 in the treasury.

10:14 AM: Randy reported on his dealings with Staples for printing the bulletins. He considers them to be the best value in Huntsville, Alabama, where he lives. Randy explained that the cost of a bulk mailing permit has gone up and recommended not renewing. Instead he recommended trimming the mailing list and mailing first class. He also recommended lowering institutional dues to \$50 from \$75. Mike Rogers made a motion to that effect and the motion carried.

10:20 AM: Randy discussed advertising rates and recommended reducing them. Mike Rogers made a motion to change the fan rates to \$10 for quarter page, \$20 for half page, and \$40 for full page. Motion carried. Randy then discussed pro rates. Mike Kennedy made a motion to change the professional rates to \$20, \$40, and \$80. *{Motion carried.}*

10:25 AM: Randy announced there are plentiful supplies of handbooks and patches, but there are only five t-shirts left. There was discussion of producing a new SFC t-shirt, and the next president will be authorized to explore options.

10:29 AM: Randy thanked the members for their help during his tenure as president. Mike Rogers made a motion of appreciation, which was approved by acclamation.

10:30 AM: Mike Rogers volunteered to coordinate the update of the *SFC Handbook*.

10:31 AM: Randy discussed SFC lanyards. No motions were made.

10:32 AM: Bill Savage volunteered to help revamp the SFC web site.

10:34 AM: Julie Wall, Janet Hopkins, and Tom Feller agreed to stand for re-election. Randy did not stand for re-election. Mike Rogers nominated Warren Buff. No one else was nominated. Warren was elected by acclamation.

10:35 AM: Meeting adjourned.

TREASURY REPORT

by Randy Cleary

Balance as of December 15, 2007*	\$919.77
Expenses	
SFC Bulletin Vol 8 #14 Total: \$243.29**	
Copying (3500 copies + 250 staples + tax)	-\$183.17
Bulk Mailing	-\$50.92
Foreign Mailing	-\$9.20
Income (Dues, Etc.) Collected by Me	+\$550.00
Balance as of March 17, 2008*	+1226.48

*{*Does not include \$31 in the SFC cash box. **Not paid out yet.}* ♥

CONVENTION REPORTS

by Tom Feller

Libertycon-

We were late leaving Nashville because of some errands, but we managed to get on the road by 4 PM. With the time change, we arrived at the hotel in Chattanooga around 7 PM. We missed opening ceremonies but I did get to participate in the ice cream social. We did not attend any programming that night, but did visit the artist reception, the Xerps in 2010 party, and the Constellation party.

We tried to sleep late the following morning, but were still up in time to attend an 11 AM panel. Travis Taylor and Greg Matloff, both scientists, were supposed to brief us on what to expect in scientific breakthroughs in the next few years, but they veered off into other subjects. For instance, Taylor is working on an introductory textbook to rocketry. He also mentioned the discovery of a fungus growing in the ruins of the

Chernobyl nuclear plant that appears to convert radiation into food, much like a green plant uses chlorophyll to convert sunlight. They predicted that by 2050, there will be a base on the moon, although not necessarily permanently inhabited. They expect the Russians to lead in space tourism, charging individuals \$100 million for lunar flybys.

We next sat in on Toni Weisskopf's slide show about upcoming titles from Baen. They have had success in recent years reprinting out-of-print works by deceased authors such as James Schmitz and Andre Norton, but have had difficulty negotiating the rights to others. For instance, the estate trustee for Henry Kuttner has refused all offers.

Finally, we went to the guest of honor speeches. Timothy Zahn was the Toastmaster, so he provided us with a tongue-in-cheek history of toast. Jack McDevitt, the author guest of honor, said that he got an idea for a new book at the con that weekend and also commented that one of the nice things about conventions is that if you make a remark about H.P. Lovecraft, for instance, everyone in the room knows whom you are talking about. That is not the case with a more general audience. Vincent DeFate, artist guest of honor, gave a short slide show in which he showed examples by artists that influence him, such as Chesley Bonestell and Frank Frazetta.

Instead of a dealer's room, they have a dealer's alley in which the huckster's rent individual sleeping rooms. I bought a book by William Gibson for an article I was writing from one of them. Then we tried to take a nap before getting up to attend a party given by a fellow from Louisiana, who was not connected to any convention or club. He just wanted to throw a party and serve some jambalaya.

The main event of the evening was the performance of three one-act radio plays by the Atlanta Radio Theatre Company. The first was an installment of "Rory Rammer, Space Marshall" by one of their members. It is a spoof of the old 1940's radio serials. Then they did a straight adaptation of Robert Heinlein's "All You Zombies". Finally, they did a comedy set in David Weber's Honor Harrington universe, although it featured another ship. It was kind of a "Mister Roberts" in space and was quite funny, especially the prayers by a chaplain with too much imagination.

We then visited the Outsidecon and Xerps parties. The Xerps party still had food left over from the night before, so they threw a second one. We did not hang around the convention Sunday, but got on the road shortly after we got up.

Outsidecon/Deepsouthcon-

I normally don't work on this convention, but since it was also a DeepSouthCon, I volunteered to edit the program book. (The DSC by-laws require that the by-laws be printed in the program book and that there be written notice of the time and place of the business meeting. Outsidecon normally doesn't have a program book.)

Anita and I left the house in the early afternoon on Friday.

We are wimps and stay in the hotel in the park rather than a cabin without indoor plumbing. The first two people we saw when we arrived were Rich Dengrove and George Wells, DSC regulars who were sitting in rocking chairs outside the hotel's entrance. After visiting with them for a few minutes, we checked in, put our luggage in the room, and proceeded to Group Camp One, where the convention actually took place. Besides Outsidecon, its claim to fame is that it was the site of the outdoor scenes for the classic film *Ernest Goes to Camp*.

Registration is "informal" at Outsidecon, and we dropped off the program books at the main lodge. We spent the time before dinner visiting with people and noticed there was one dealer, who had set up a tent outside the lodge. Later that

weekend, we bought two candy dishes shaped like dragons. All meals and snacks are included with an Outsidecon membership, and we ate dinner there. Frank and Millie Kalisz held their Xerps in 2010 party in one of the cabins, and we had brought two folding chairs knowing there would be none provided. We did not drink any skippies, however. Although it is a beautiful drive in the daytime, the road back to the hotel is long, dark, and winding at 2 o'clock in the morning and you have to watch for the almost tame deer wandering about.

Saturday morning, Anita and I took advantage of the hotel room's balcony and coffee maker and sipped coffee while enjoying the view of the park's lake. Eventually, we got cleaned up, dressed, and drove back to the camp.

We did not get there in time for

breakfast, but there were plenty of snacks and soft drinks. It was the first rainy day in Middle Tennessee in months, so Anita and I set up our folding chairs on the lodge's porch, where we enjoyed the cool breeze and spent the day talking to people. Except for lunch and the one-shot fanzine, we really didn't move around much until dinner.

Several planned program items were cancelled due to no shows. First the special guest, Clifton Gibbs, did not show. Since it was raining, he assumed that the whole event was cancelled. Mr. Gibbs owns a farm in Kentucky that contains an archaeological site that does not fit into the prevailing theories of Pre-Columbian Native American civilization. A theater group who were supposed to perform a play never arrived either.

The food was excellent, as usual, and the awards were given out afterward. The Phoenix Award went to Tom Dietz, a Southern author who has written about 18 fantasy novels. The Rebel went to Bill Payne, who worked on Kublakhan, Outsidecon, and other conventions and SCA events for many years before his health forced him to curtail his fannish activities. Bob also awarded Rebels to Dutch Stacy and Mickey Kilgore, who run two excellent conventions (Fantascicon and Hallowcon) in Chattanooga each year and volunteer at others. Gary Robe awarded the Rubble to Frank and Millie Kalisz whose speciality drink called "Skip and Go Naked", usually



abbreviated as “skippy”, a combination of limeade, beer, and vodka, has caused my hangovers among Southern fans as well as fans from other parts of the country.

Mickey and Dutch did not rest on their laurels, but held their regular Black Wolf Tavern party at a shelter near the lodge. They served mixed drinks and hosted the Molly Maguires, a Chattanooga Irish band that plays at many area conventions.

Sunday morning, Anita and I had to get moving a little earlier than usual, because of the business meetings. As the Secretary of the Southern Fandom Confederation, my only official duty is to take minutes at the annual business meeting, so I felt obligated to attend. All the officers agreed to serve another term, and Warren Buff volunteered to become president next year.

The DeepSouthCon business meeting was pretty simple. No one had filed the paperwork to appear on the ballot for the 2009 DSC vote and no one seriously opposed a write-in bid by Hypericon, a Nashville convention. ♡

ANNOTATED FANZINE LISTINGS

by Tom Feller

Please send zines for listing to me at PO Box 140937, Nashville, TN 37214-0937. All these zines are available for trade unless noted. Also unless otherwise specified, when writing for a sample issue, send \$1 to cover postage. A SASE is likely to be too small.

Alexiad, Vol. 6, #'s 4 & 5 and Vol. 7, #1, published by Lisa and Joseph Major, 1409 Christy Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204-2040. Book, magazine, candy, horse race, television, and movie reviews and letters.

Feline Mewsings, #30, published by R-Laurraine Tutihasi, 29217 Stonecrest Road, Rollings Hills Estates, CA 90275-4936. (This is an apazine written for the Fantasy Amateur Press Association (FAPA) and contains Laurraine's mailing comments. However, it is available outside the apa as well for \$1.50 per issue.) Book and movie reviews.

Fosfax, #'s 213 & 214, published on behalf of the Falls of Ohio Science Fiction and Fantasy Association. Edited by Timothy Lane and Elizabeth Garrott, PO Box 37281, Louisville, KY 40233-7281. Available for \$15 for four issues. Book, candy bar, and poetry reviews and political commentary from a libertarian point of view. Taras Wolansky reports on the 2005 Glasgow Worldcon in #213 and the 2006 Anaheim Worldcon in #214. David Herrington reports on Capricon in #214.

Instant Message, #'s 794-797, newsletter of the New England Science Fiction Association, PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809. Edited by Claire Anderson. Club and Boskone news.

It Goes on the Shelf, #29, published by Ned Brooks, 4817 Dean Lane, Lilburn, GA 30047-4720. Ned comments on the items he collects.

Lofgeornost, # 89, published by Fred Lerner, 81 Worcester Avenue, White River Junction, Vermont 05001. (This is another apazine written for the Fantasy Amateur Press Association (FAPA) and contains Fred's mailing comments.

However, it is available outside the apa as well.) Fred reports on his activities, books he has read, and trips he has made.

NASFA Shuttle, Vol. 27, #12, & Vol. 27, #1, newsletter of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association, PO Box 4857, Huntsville, AL 35815-4857. Edited by Mike Kennedy. Subscription: \$1.50 per issue, or \$10 for 12 issues. Besides club and Constellation news, there are reviews of movies, zines, and books, and letters.

The National Fantasy Fan, Vol. 7, # 3, published by Craig Boyd, PO Box 7488, Little Rock, AR 7217-7488. Official newsletter of the National Fantasy Fan Federation. Available for \$18 per year; no trades. Checks should be made payable to William Center, but sent to Dennis Davis, 25549 Byron St., San Bernardino, CA 92404-6403. Club news, letters, and book and movie reviews.

OASFIS Event Horizon, Vol. 20, #'s 8-10, newsletter of the Orlando Science Fiction Society, PO Box 592905, Orlando, FL 32859-2905. Edited by Juan Sanmiguel. Available for \$12 per year. Club news and reviews. Juan reports on the Florida eXtravaganza in #10.

Opuntia, #'s 63.5 & 64A, published by Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 2E7. Available for \$3 per issue. Dale writes on a variety of subjects.

Vanamonde, #'s 713-732, published by John Hertz, 236 South Coronado Street, No. 409, Los Angeles, CA 90057. These 2 page perzines were originally published for APA-L, the weekly apa. They all have John's mailing comments to other members of the apa. John eulogizes Nelson Bond in #713, Jack Williamson in #720, and Lee Hoffman in #731.

Visions of Paradise, #'s 120-121, published by Robert Sabella, 24 Cedar Manor Court, Budd Lake, NJ 07828-1023. Book reviews, articles, and Robert's diaries for June through August.

Electronic Zines

ANIME SACRAMENTO NEWSLETTER, edited by Laurine White, lybwhite@concourse.net. (Plain text format.) Club and anime news.

COBWEBBY BOTTLES, published by Rafe MacGregor, rafeG@aol.com. (Microsoft Word format.) Sherlock Holmes news and reviews of genre fiction.

NASHVILLE SF CLUB NEWSLETTER, edited by Reece Moorehead, skywise@bellsouth.net. (Plain text format.) Club and SF news.

THE REVENGE OF HUMP DAY, published by Tim “Uncle Timmy” Bolgeo, tbolgeo@att.net. (PDF format.) Jokes and fannish news, especially Libertycon.

VEGAS FANDOM WEEKLY, published by Arnie Katz, crossfire4@cox.net. (PDF format.) Las Vegas Fannish news, letters, and fanhistorical articles by long time fans.

WOSSNAME, Newsletter of the Klatchian Foreign Legion. Edited by Annie Mac, WOSSNAME@yahoogroups.com (Plain Text, but requires participation in Yahoo groups.) Terry Pratchett and Discworld news.

ZINE DUMP, published by Guy Lillian III, GLHIII@yahoo.com. (Microsoft Word format.) Zines reviews.

Web Sites

Baryon at www.baryon-online.com. Published by Barry Hunter. Book reviews.

Challenger at www.challzine.net. Published by Guy Lillian. On-line version of Guy Lillian's Hugo-nominated fanzine.

eFanzines at <http://efanzines.com>. Published by Bill Burns. Downloadable versions of many of today's leading fanzines, archives of older fanzines, and links to many fannish sites.

Emerald City at www.emcit.com. Published by Cheryl Morgan. Requires Adobe Acrobat Reader or Microsoft Word. This site hosts downloadable versions of her Hugo-winning zine as well as her web log.

File 770 at www.File770.com. Published by Mike Glycer. On-line version of Mike's Hugo Award-winning fanzine.

It Goes on the Shelf at <http://home.sprynet.com/~nedbrooks/home.htm>. Published by Ned Brooks. Includes back issues of Ned's fanzine by that name and other sites of interest to Ned.

Rafe McGregor at www.rafemcgregor.co.uk/. Sherlock Holmes and other genre fiction reviews.

Scifi Dimensions at www.scifidimensions.com. Published by John Snider. Reviews and interviews.

Stargate Atlanta at www.stargateatlanta.com. Club and Stargate news.

Toonopedia at www.toonopedia.com, published by Don Markstein. On-line encyclopedia of cartoons.

VideoVista at www.videovista.net. Video Reviews.

Web Logs

Arthur Hlavaty at www.livejournal.com/users/supergee/.

Eric Jamborsky at <http://causticly-speaking.blogspot.com/>. His film oriented blog is <http://cinemaventure.blogspot.com/>

Robert Sabella at <http://adamosf.blogspot.com/> and <http://visionsofparadise.blogspot.com/>. The former is more personal and the latter more serious.

Joy V. Smith at <http://journals.aol.com/pagadan/JoysJournal/>

{Also received: Ethel the Aardvark #133-134, PO Box 212, World Trade Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, 3005 Australia; Knarley Knews #127-128, 1525 16th Ave, Grafton, WI 53024-201; Living Free #139, Jim Stumm, Hiler Branch, Box 29, Buffalo, NY 14223 } ♡



NEWS

{News gathered from various fannish resources such as Uncle Timmy's e-mail newsletters (THE REVENGE OF HUMP DAY, tbolgeo@comcast.net), ASFS Yahoo! Group,

groups.yahoo.com/group/ASFS, Southern Fandom Classic Yahoo! Group groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthernFandomClassic and the like.}

PATRICK ROBERTS RIP

Patrick Roberts collapsed unexpectedly and died Tuesday, January 29, 2008. He is survived by his wife Felicia, his children, Derek and Nicole, and his parents, Patricia and Jim Roberts. He ran the SFFHS_ArtShows group on Yahoo. 2008 DragonCon Art Directors, John and Anne Parise said, "Patrick has been a driving force for Fandom and the DragonCon Art Show these many years. He has always had big ideas and passion about all things Fandom and Art. The DragonCon Art Show is the Show it is today because of his hard work and dedication. We will miss his ridiculous analogies, his loud laugh and outrageous ideas. He lived life head on and never apologized for it. We will miss him. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at: DCartDirectors@comcast.net."

JOESEPH GRILLOT PASSES

Robert Neagle informs that Joey Grillot passed away Christmas morning 2007 after a bout with pneumonia. He was a noted projectionist, film historian, and fan extraordinaire active in New Orleans fandom.

2008 DUFF WINNERS

Long time southern fans, Steve and Sue Francis won the Down Under Fan Fun (2008). They will attend Swancon 2008, the 47th Australian National Convention and the 33rd annual West Australian Science Fiction Convention.

NEW SFC PRESIDENT ELECTED

Warren Buff, 2825 B Conifer Dr, Raleigh, NC 27606, has been elected on March 16, 2008 as the new president of the Southern Fandom Confederation.

PHOENIX, REBEL AND RUBBLE WINNERS FROM DSC 2008

On March 15, 2008 at StellarCon 32/Deep South Con 46, in High Point, NC, the Phoenix, Rebel and Rubble awards were presented. The 2008 Phoenix Award was presented posthumously to Jim Baen, founder and publisher of Baen Books. The 2008 Rebel Award was presented to Kelly Lockhart, longtime Southern fan and editor of the very popular Southern Fandom Resource Guide website, among his many, many fan activities. The 2008 Rubble Award (faux award created by Gary Robe) was awarded to Bob Embler, Chairman of Outside Con and the 2007 DeepSouthCon, for picking the one rainy weekend of the Tennessean summer to almost drown the DSC.

DEEPSOUTHCON 2010

DeepSouthCon 48 will be hosted by ConCarolinas in 2010 at the Charlotte Marriott Executive Park

(www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cltn-charlotte-marriott-executive-park/) and the room rates will probably be under \$100. The convention will be chaired by Frank Parker. Note that next year's DSC will be held in Nashville by Hypericon, www.hypericon.info.

HANK REINHARDT WEB SITE

Julie Wall announces there is a new website in the memory of Hank Reinhardt, www.hankreinhardt.com. If you have any material that you would like her to add, please send it to her at jlwall@usa.net. Comments and suggestions always welcome, as well. ♡

SOUTHERN CLUB LIST

ALABAMA

Huntsville Anime Appreciation Society – basil@haas-online.net; www.haas-online.net; Meets at *Haven Comics* on Slaughter Rd in Madison every Saturday, 6:30 PM
North Alabama Science Fiction Association – PO Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857; www.constellation.org/nasfa/index.html; Meets in BookMark, 11220-J South Memorial Parkway SW, Huntsville, every 3rd Saturday, 6 PM

ARKANSAS

Little Rock Science Fiction Society – Little Rock, Arkansas; info@lrsfs.org; www.lrsfs.org; Meets at the coffee shop of Barnes & Noble Bookstore, on Chenal Parkway in west Little Rock every 1st Saturday, 7:30 PM

FLORIDA

The Guardians of Gallifrey – 170 Broadmoor Ave, Lake Mary, FL 32746; 407-321-5953; drwhoville2001@yahoo.com; www.angelfire.com/space/ntime; Meets somewhere every 3rd / 4th Saturday/Sunday.
Orlando Area Science Fiction Society – PO Box 592905, Orlando, FL 32859-2905; oasfis@sff.net; www.oasfis.org; Meets in the Orange County Public Library every 2nd Sunday at 1:30 PM
South Florida Science Fiction Society – PO Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143; sfsfs@sfsfs.org; www.sfsfs.org; Meets somewhere every 3rd Saturday at 2 PM
Stone Hill Science Fiction Association – PO Box 2076, Riverview, FL 33569; raggedyann@stonehill.org; www.stonehill.org; Meets somewhere every 2nd Sunday.

GEORGIA

Atlanta Gallifreyans – Meets 3rd Saturday, Doraville Community Center, 3770 Central Ave, Doraville, GA 30340; www.atlantagallifreyans.org
Atlanta Science Fiction Society – PO Box 98308, Atlanta, GA 30359-20098; 770-844-2256; info@asfs.org; www.asfs.org; Meets at Sandy Springs Library every 2nd Saturday at 2 PM
Georgia Filkers Anonymous (GAFIA) – contact@gafia.org; www.gafia.org; Meets monthly in Georgia.
Outworlders – president@outworlders.info; www.outworlders.info; Atlanta, GA; Meets various places weekly.

Southern Organization of Live-Action Reenactment – c/o Scott Neeley, 4835 Baker Plantation Drive, Acworth, Georgia 30101; president@solarinc.org; www.solarinc.com

KENTUCKY

Burroughs Bibliophiles – George T. McWhorter, Curator, Edgar Rice Burroughs Collection, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, Louisville KY 40292; 502-852-8729; www.taliesan.com/panthans/erb2.htm; george.mcwhorter@louisville.edu
Falls of Ohio Science Fiction and Fantasy Association – PO Box 37281, Louisville, KY 40233-7281. Meets every 2nd Sunday.
Lexington Science Fiction and Fantasy Association – 1825 Liberty Road #418, Lexington, KY 40505. lexfa@lexfa.org; www.lexfa.org; Meets somewhere in Lexington every 2nd Sunday.
Louisville Science Fiction And Fantasy Readers Group – Meets 4th Monday at Hurstbourne Barnes and Noble, 801 S. Hurstbourne; www.sfreader.oseland.net; sfreader@oseland.net
Western Kentucky University Speculative Fiction Society – Annette Garrico, WKU Chem Dept, #1 Big Red Way, Bowling Green, KY 42101; www.geocities.com/Pentagon/5813/wkusfs.html; Meets weekly.

LOUISIANA

Babylon 504 – 5109 Oak Bayou Ave, Marrero, LA 70072-4962; eric_benson@compuserve.com; [//ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/eric_benson/babylon504.html](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/eric_benson/babylon504.html); [//groups.yahoo.com/group/area504/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/area504/); Meets at member's house every 3rd Saturday.
Science Fiction Xchange – Contact Harriet; 318-798-1277; [//groups.yahoo.com/group/SFXchange](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFXchange); dupuy@shreve.net; Meets at Podnah's BBQ (1146 Shreveport/Barksdale Hwy) every 1st Sunday at 2-4 PM
Star One Delta – PO Box 45577, Baton Rouge, LA 70895; StarOneDelta@yahoo.com; www.staronedelta.org; Meets in Bluebonnet Library every 3rd Sunday at 2 PM

NORTH CAROLINA

The Guild: The UNCC Sci-Fi & Fantasy Club – Charlotte, NC; www3.uncc.edu/theguild

Research Triangle Science Fiction Society – PO Box 90821, Raleigh, NC 27675; www.trinoc-con.org; Meets in the RTP monthly.

The Science Fiction Fantasy Federation – SF3, Box I-1, Elliott University Center, UNCG Greensboro, NC 27412; www.uncg.edu/student.groups/sf3/; Meets 7:30 PM every Wednesday night during academic year in Elliott University Center.

TENNESSEE

Anime Nashville – 615-883-6677; anime@animenashville.org; www.animenashville.org; Meets every 2nd (Tower Records, Opry Mills location) and 4th Thursday at 7 PM (member's home).

Knoxville Area Speculative Fiction Association – Knoxville, TN; kasfa@yahoogroups.com; www.kasfa.org

Middle Tennessee Science Fiction Society – C/O Anita Feller, PO Box 68203, Nashville, TN 37206-8203; Meets in Green Hills Public Library (3701 Benham Ave., Nashville, TN 37215) every 2nd Wednesday at 7 PM; [//groups.yahoo.com/group/MidTennSFF/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MidTennSFF/);

Mid-South Science Fiction & Fantasy Association – Meets every 2nd Monday at the Main Public Library (3030 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN); www.mssffa.org

Scholars of the Three Pipe Problem – 5017 Maywood Drive, Nashville TN 37211; 615-327-1047; nashvillehawk@nashvillescholars.net; www.nashvillescholars.net; Meets in The Sherlock Holmes Pub downtown Nashville monthly.

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Fandom Association of Central Texas – PO Box 26442, Austin, TX 78755; forinfo@fact.org; www.fact.org; Meets monthly somewhere.

Friends of Fandom – PO Box 541822, Houston, TX 77254-1822; 713-790-0707; CandaceVP@aol.com; www.cam-info.net/fof.html

MSC Cepheid Variable – PO Box J-1, Texas A&M University, 1237 TAMUS, College Station TX 77844-1237; jaran625@yahoo.com; [//cephheid.tamu.edu](http://cephheid.tamu.edu); Meets Tuesdays 8:33 P.M. in Rudder Tower, room 501.

Several Unlimited – PO Box 1766, Bellaire, TX 77402-1766; jamie.ritchey@att.net; www.severalunlimited.com; Meets every 2nd Friday.

Ursa Major Science Fiction Literary Association – PO Box 691448, San Antonio, TX 78269-1448; UrsaMajorSciFi-owner@yahoogroups.com; groups.yahoo.com/group/UrsaMajorSciFi/; Meets monthly.

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Virginia Tech Science Fiction and Fantasy Club – PO Box 256, Blacksburg, VA 24063; president@vtsffc.org; www.vtsffc.org; Meets in Randolph 209 every Thursday at 7:30 PM that classes are in session.

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Committee for the Advancement of Role-Playing Games (CAR-PGa) – c/o Paul Cardwell, 1127 Cedar, Bonham, TX 75418; members.aol.com/waltonwj/carpga.htm

Christian Fandom – www.christian-fandom.org

International Costumers Guild – Corresponding Secretary c/o Karen Heim, 2845 Lemp, St. Louis, MO 63118-1713; corr-secretary@costume.org; www.costume.org

International Fantasy Gaming Society – PO Box 3577, Boulder CO 80307; clerk@ifgs.org; www.ifgs.org

International Federation of Trekkers – PO Box 242, Lorain OH 44052-0242; ops@iftcommand.com; www.iftcommand.com

The Klingon Assault Group – Star Trek fan organization; www.kag.org

Mythopoeic Society – PO Box 320486, San Francisco, CA 94132-0486; correspondence@mythsoc.org;

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National Fantasy Fan Federation – 25549 Byron Street, San Bernardino, CA 92404-6403; n3f_info@yahoo.com; www.simegen.com/fandom/n3f

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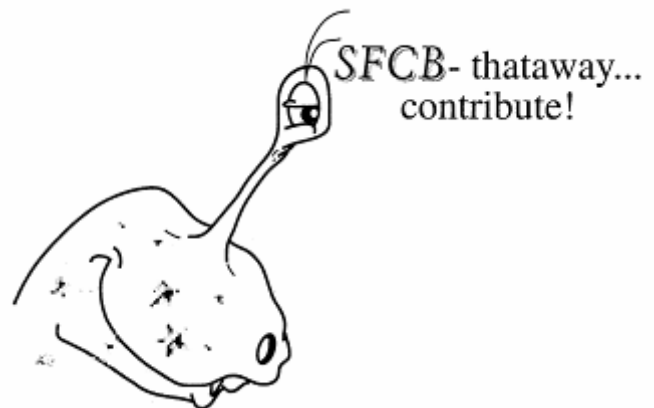
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Society for Creative Anachronism – PO Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036-0789; directors@sca.org; www.sca.org

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SOUTHERN CONVENTION LISTINGS

by M. Lee Rogers

Welcome to the *Bulletin's* convention list. This edition covers the next six months of 2008. If you are interested in science fiction, fantasy, comics, gaming, anime, mystery, or related genres, you should try a convention to see if you like the experience. Talk to others who have attended to find out what a particular con is like. If you would like your convention listed, please send E-mail to your humble scribe, whose address is mleerog@bellsouth.net for a little while longer (AT&T will eventually change the domain name).

There can be little doubt that March is the yuckiest of months. Winter is not yet over. The days, while longer than in the depths of Christmastide, are still fairly short. The weather is mostly dreary and nasty. Few things worth mentioning happen in March. It's a month that ought to be taken out and shot.

In the past, few SF conventions happened in March. Times have changed and a lot of cons happen in March now. This March is even more exceptional with DeepSouthCon falling so early in the year. Will the Ides of March be mentioned anywhere in the program? Who will win the Rebel and Phoenix Awards? Will the ConCarolinas folks use their home-court advantage to win the 2010 DSC? We'll know soon enough.

Your scribe has now survived a year after his heart problems. While his condition is not 100%, it is good enough to let him function in most everyday activities. He knows he will never realize any athletic fantasies, but that was unlikely to happen at his advanced age even if the heart had not protested. If any of you wish to protest the scribe's continued good health, blame the cardiologist who inserted the stents. It's all his fault.

For those who may care, the scribe finished his move to a new abode just in time for the next Great Depression to wreak havoc on these United States. Snail mail should be directed to:

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March 20-23: Frolicon 2008, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, Norcross, GA (Atlanta, Gwinnett County). \$50 until 3/10/07, \$60 at the door. Must be at least 21 years old to attend. An "adult" SF convention according to their information. An introductory class in S&M will be taught. www.frolicon.com.

21-23: FantaSciCon 2008, Comfort Inn, I-75 at Ringgold Road, East Ridge, TN (Chattanooga). \$45 at the door. Guests: Jerry Page, Christina Barber, Mark Helwig, Joe Dickerson. The theme for this year's con is Outlaw Heroes. Activities include a Spatial Olympics and a murder mystery. They are looking for volunteer bartenders. www.fantascicon.com/index.html.

27-30: AggieCon 39, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. \$30 at the door. Media GoH: Ellen Muth. Artist GoH: Carl Lundgren. <http://aggiecon.tamu.edu>.

28-30: JAMPCon, Chattanooga Choo-Choo, Chattanooga, TN. \$25 to 12/31, perhaps more at the door. Guests: Samantha Harte, Illich Guardiola. Anime convention. The hotel requires a \$100 refundable deposit payable before registration and refunded at checkout, which they do not require for other SF and related conventions. If the hotel feels that way about the likely guests, why do they even book the con? It will be interesting to see if the convention

survives and prospers, which we always hope for any SF or related effort. www.jampcon.net (be prepared to wait a while if you're on a dial-up connection).

28-30: MidSouthCon 26, Holiday Inn Select on Democrat at Airways (airport area), Memphis, TN. GoHs: Eric Flint, Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton. Toastmistress: Selena Rosen. \$40 until 3/1/08, \$45 at the door. Another classic Southern SF convention. www.midsouthcon.org.

28-30: Technicon 25, Blacksburg, VA. GoH: George R.R. Martin, Ursula Vernon. Fan GoH: Jerry Conner and Denise Rich. Programming Location: McBryde Hall at Virginia Tech. Hotel: Microtel Hotel and Suites, Christiansburg, VA. \$15 through 3/14/08, \$20 at the door. www.technicon.org/tcon25/.

April 11-13: CoastCon 31, Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Quality Inn Biloxi, Biloxi, MS. \$35 to 3/9, \$40 at the door. Guests: David Gerrold, Gigi Edgley. www.coastcon.org.

18-20: Conglomeration 2008, Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Louisville, KY. Trek con, which is not difficult to figure out when the home page has a picture of the original Starship Enterprise. GoH: Walter Koenig, A. C. Crispin. Artist GoH: Eric Fortune. \$30 to 4/1, \$40 at the door. www.conglomeration.org.

25-27: Ravencon 2008, Crowne Plaza West, Richmond, VA. \$30 to 12/31, \$35 to 4/18, \$40 at the door. GoHs: C. S. Friedman, Stephen Hickman. Fan GoH: Erwin "Filthy Pierre" Strauss. SF/fantasy/mystery con. www.ravencon.com.

25-28: CorFlu 25, Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. US\$60/UK£35. This one is totally outside the SFC core area, but it deserves mention as an important gathering place for SF fanzine fans. If you're too young to know what "corflu" means, ask an old-timer or look up "mimeograph" on Wikipedia. www.corflu.org.

May 16-18: Mobicon XI, Best Western Ashbury Hotel & Suites, Mobile, AL. \$35 to 5/1/2007, \$40 at the door. Guests: Larry Elmore, Davey Beauchamp, Sharon Green. www.mobicon.org.

23-25: Rocket City FurMeet: Deep Six, Radisson Suites Hotel, Huntsville, AL. \$35 to 5/15, \$40 at the door with premium memberships available. GoH: WerePuppy. A "furry fandom" con for anthropomorphic animals and the people who love them. The Web site has a silly "Imperialists vs. the Resistance" shtick. Attendees under 18 must have a "signed and notarized" parental consent form on file with the convention. The restrictions are even tighter for kids under 13. Just what are they doing with all of those stuffed animals? www.rcfm.net.

23-25: Oasis 21, Sheraton Orlando Downtown, Orlando, FL. \$30 to 4/30, \$35 at the door. GoH: David Gerrold, Special Guest: John Scalzi, Artist GoH: Paul Vincenti, Filk GoH: Bill and Brenda Sutton. SF, gaming, filking, video, masquerade. www.oasfis.org/oasis/.

23-26: Balticon 42, Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, Baltimore, MD. \$46 until 2/28/07, \$51 3/1/07 to 4/30/07, \$59 at the door (exactly \$1 more than last year). GoH: Connie Willis, John Jude Palencar. Ghost of Honor: Douglas Adams (the "Ghost

- of Honor” bit is getting stale, people!). Balticon has a podcast site if you want to check it out. www.balticon.org.
- 30-1: **The Wrath of Con**, Marriott Bay Point Resort and Spa, Panama City, FL. \$50 and up. Guests: Jerry Doyle, Richard Hatch, Dr. Travis Taylor. Sounds like a media convention. www.wrathofcon.org.
- 30-1: **ConCarolinas 2008**, Marriott Executive Park, Charlotte, NC. \$25 to 5/24, \$35 at the door. GoH: Robert Picardo, Mike Resnick. They are bidding for the 2010 Deep South Con bid to be decided at StellarCon. www.concarolinas.org.
- June 6-8: Sci Fi Summer Con**, Crown Plaza Atlanta-Marietta, Marietta, GA (Cobb County). \$20 to 5/20, \$35 at the door. Mostly a media con, but the Atlanta Radio Theater Company will perform. www.sfscon.tripod.com.
- 6-8: **OMG!!Con 2008**, Executive Inn Riverfront Hotel, Paducah, KY. Guests: Greg Ayres, Bob and Emily DeJesus. \$30 to 3/31, \$35 to 5/31, maybe higher at the door. Anime convention. www.omgcon.com.
- 13-15: **CON.TXT**, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Silver Spring, MD. \$90 to 3/31, \$100 after, probably higher at the door. Your scribe had to look up this particular sub-fandom. The con bills itself as a “slash” con, which seems to refer to female fans creating erotic fan fiction about male characters (inspired by Kirk/Spock romances from Star Trek fans). The site implies that the con has branched out into a more typical fan-type convention. On the other hand, the core concon is all female if the picture is to be believed. Draw your own conclusions. www.con-txt.net.
- 26-29: **Midwestcon 59**, DoubleTree Guest Suites, Sharonville, OH (Cincinnati). \$25 to 5/25, \$35 at the door. Technically it’s not a Southern convention, but Cincinnati is on the border and Midwestcon is such a traditional part of SF fandom that no one cares. Midwestcon is a relaxicon in its truest sense. The motto here is, “No boring panels, no long-winded speakers.” The Cincinnati Fantasy Group has been running this shindig since 1950, so they must be doing something right. www.cfg.org/midwestcon/.
- 27-29: **Hypericon 4**, Days Inn Stadium, Nashville, TN. \$25 currently, probably higher at the door. GoH: Joe Lansdale, Alex McVey. Fan GoH: Debra Hussey. www.hypericon.info.
- 27-29: **ApolloCon 5**, DoubleTree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport, Houston, TX. \$30 to 5/1, \$35 at the

- door. GoH: Allen Steele. Artist GoH: Brad Foster. Fan GoH: Anne K. G. Murphy. The Web site portrays a standard con for SF and related fandoms. www.apollocon.org.
- July 11-13: LibertyCon21**, Comfort Inn, I-75 at Ringgold Road, East Ridge, TN (Chattanooga). \$30 to 6/27, \$45 at the door. GoH: Harry Turtledove. Artist GoH: David Mattingly. MC: Eric Flint. Attendance is limited to 450; the hotel is sold out. A bit of trivia: the cover of Turtledove’s recent book *Settling Accounts: The Grapple* shows a fuzzed-up picture of Chattanooga’s Walnut Street Bridge. The Atlanta Radio Theater Company (ARTC) will perform at the con. www.libertycon.org.
- 18-20: **MetroCon Year 6**, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL. \$44 to 3/31, \$48 to 6/20, \$75 VIP membership. Guests: Scott McNeil, Johnny Yong Bosch, Greg Ayres, Lauren Goodnight. Anime convention. www.metroconventions.com.
- 19-20: **BabelCon**, Holiday Inn Select, Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. \$30 pre-reg, \$35 at the door. “Where science meets fiction.” www.babelcon.org.
- August 2-3: Ancient City Con 2008**, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL. \$15 to 7/19, \$20 at the door. The “ancient city” refers to St. Augustine, where the con was held previously. www.ancientcitycon.com.
- 6-10: **Denvention 3** (66th World Science Fiction Convention), Colorado Convention Center, Denver. CO. \$200 and up, and you can be sure it will be more later. GoH: Lois McMaster Bujold. Fan GoH: Tom Whitmore. TM: Wil McCarthy: Ghost of Honor: Robert A. Heinlein. You cannot call yourself a science fiction fan until you attend at least one Worldcon. www.denvention.org.
- 29-1: **Dragon*Con**, downtown Atlanta, GA. \$65 to 5/15, \$75 to 7/15, \$90 at the door. “America’s largest, multi-media, popular arts convention focusing on science fiction and fantasy, gaming, comics, literature, art, music, and film.” A whole slew of media and literary guests. Hotels are the Atlanta Hyatt Regency, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta Hilton, and Sheraton Atlanta. This is the major media convention of the year in Southern fandom. www.dragoncon.org.
- 29-31: **Mephit Furmeet**, Memphis, TN. \$35 pre-reg. A furry fandom convention. www.mephitfurmeet.org. ♡

LETTERS OF COMMENT

December 27, 2007: **Joy V. Smith**, Pagadan@aol.com

Thanks for the review of *Delicatessen* and the news and memorial tributes to Hank Reinhardt. Btw, I didn’t see Oasis in the convention listing. (I just got an Oasis 21 con update today. I’ll send it to you.) *{It’s listed this issue.}*

Re: LOCs. Sheryl, how did the rest of your day go at jury duty? Re: winged Corgi piece. It was probably a Pembroke (we have a Pembroke). In case you’re interested, the main differences are that Cardigan Welsh Corgis have bigger ears, a tail, and more color combinations. Btw, some family members went to *National Treasure II* (mindless entertainment that made no sense), but watch for the Corgi picture on the Queen’s desk. And how did you like the Spiderwick book?

I enjoyed Timothy Marion’s description of his print zine, *So It Goes*. Sounds beautiful.

December 31, 2007: **Henry L. Welch**, welch@msoe.edu

Thanks for the latest *SFC Bulletin*. You’ve had an impressive run and good for you to have considered the matter of a successor before you bowed out. Some might say that this too controlling, but I think this is important in volunteer organizations.

Good luck culling your mailing lists. I have been very aggressive with *TKK* over the years and have a relatively small list (generally under 70), but it is rather stable and I hear from

the recipients regularly. Because this was my original goal I'm disappointed, but happy.

January 18, 2008: **Sheryl Birkhead**, 25509 Jonnie Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

I'm off the hook for jury duty for three years. If I had actually been called for and sat on a jury that would have been bumped up to five years. As it was, one trial soaked up about 100 of the pool members, which left about 35 of us after lunch. The courthouse where I went is the only one in the county that offers *jury trial on demand*—which is an instantaneous jury trial being called in from any other courthouse. At about 2:45 we were all called back into the main room and told not to go anywhere...that an instant jury trial had been called in. So, we all sat back down and waited...and waited. Finally, at about 3:45 we were told the attorneys had re-thought things and wanted more research before the actual trial and we could all leave. It was a lot of hurry and wait, but it's over now for a while.

After almost a month without the crotchety old laptop, I finally coaxed it into working again. Ironically, two things went wrong at the same time and it took this long to realize no one thing would fix matters. Taking it to be worked on would probably have cost at least \$50 and then add in the cost of the two parts I needed. Instead, I found both parts online (after a lot of scrounging—this is a old laptop) and paid a total of \$58—then gambled that what I thought would fix things would...luckily it did. Back to the issue at hand!

Remember, all who are eligible, start thinking about the Hugo nomination ballot. Fill in all those blanks, especially in the fan categories and show appreciation for our own!

Uh...er...the cover is certainly striking, if not exactly cheery! *{Thanks!}*

Thank you for serving and best wishes to Warren for an enjoyable reign. With any luck the financial suggestions will help keep the club's finances safely in the black.

Hey, now that Tolm Saddler has moved to Kentucky, perhaps he'll be prodded into sending a trade copy of the *Reluctant Famulus* (this last issue reverted to the original name, but I have no idea if he will stick with that—*TRF* at any rate).

I went to see *Enchanted* right after Christmas with friends and their kids. The line was long and it appeared that all the small theaters in the grouping were filled. I enjoyed myself and it was a pleasant way to spend a few hours. Other than that, there aren't any new films I have added to my "seen" list.

My sympathy to us all for the losses that occurred over the past year, fandom is lesser for them. I never met Hank, but I did get the change to read about him in southern zines, especially Toni's zines. The term "larger than life" leaps to mind.

I still am unable to open files and take a look at most ezines. Every now and then I can open one with no rhyme or reason as to why certain ones open most others do not. This means that as more and more zines go electronic, there are fewer and fewer that I can actually open and enjoy. Someday...

I'm with Lloyd on the *Nice Distinctions* mailing list (except mine is a paper list, not an e-one)—but then I stop to wonder if maybe the story is just that recent issues just have not appeared lately. It's difficult to know which is the case.

January 23, 2008: **Lloyd Penney**, 1706-24 Eva Rd., Etobicoke, ON CANADA M9C 2B2; penneys@allstream.net

Thank you for the latest *SFC Bulletin*, Volume 8, No. 14. This is part of a massive catch-up I've been trying to get through, and I'm getting through it.

Interesting news...congratulations to you, Randy, on your years as the SFC President. Can't do it forever, and I'm sure you've got other things you'd like to do. Anyone who cares enough to keep an organization going for fandom is someone much needed, and someone in a continuously shrinking number. I guess this is your last issue of the *Bulletin*...will Warren Buff take over the editor's position as well as the presidency, or will he need a new editor as well? *{Warren will be ~~sucker~~ Editor and President.}*

Our condolences to you all on the death of Hank Reinhardt. Many cities have a fannish character, larger than life and involved in everything. We'd like them to live forever, and there's a painful gap in evidence when they pass away.

I would like nothing better than to keep getting paper copies of this fine fanzine, but finances are always a concern. I know it's more expensive to get my copy across the border, so if you need to save some money each year, e-mail me my copy from now on. I make a point of responding to every electronic zine I receive, and I usually travel with a USB flash drive loaded with e-zines.

Hello, Joy... anyone can go to an International Space Development Conference, as long as you pay the membership fees. No special qualification; the ISDC is the space advocate's Worldcon. Best thing I suggest to do is Google it up. I believe it's in Washington, DC this year, and in Orlando, Florida in 2009.

Tim Marion's letter...you're right, Tim, I meant Tom Sadler, and not Tom Feller. I think Tom Sadler still produces fanzines, but putting them to paper is getting increasing out of financial reach. If Tom S. does produce zines again, they will be e-zines, and will probably place them on eFanzines.com. I know what you mean, Tim, a paperzine is always preferred, but I understand the financial facts, and will go electronic, as long as there's a Sadlerzine available.

My full-time employment I crowed about in my last zine...well, it went away. I was let go to allow the boss to balance the 2008 budget. I guess it saves on benefits, too, not keeping me. Right now, I am working a three-month temp assignment at Panasonic Canada.

Sheryl Birkhead asks if we'll be assisting with the Montréal Worldcon...yes, we will. Yvonne is part of the space and science programming team, and may also work finance. I've offered to run their fanzine lounge, but there are higher priorities to look after right now.

All done. There are our usual springtime conventions here, and then, we head down to Las Vegas in April to attend Corflu Silver, the fanzine convention. We're going down a little early to enjoy Vegas and celebrate (a little early) our 25th wedding anniversary, which is officially on May 28.

Enjoy your retirement, Randy, and many thanks for all your hard work. *{Thanks for all the LoCs!}*

{Thanks for all the help folks. Keep those LoCs, Reports, Reviews, News, Illos, etc. coming for the new President.} ♡

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