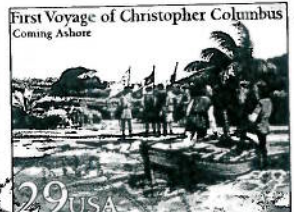


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Fullerton Savings, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile West off the
Orange Freeway.

EDITORIAL

What do tennis elbow, tendonitis, and tension headaches all have in common? Why, they all call atTENtion to the fact that the OCSFC will be TEN years old this year. (The method for determining exactly when we started is known only to the wise ones, do not question it!) You'll want to be in atTENDance for the club party to be held at our June meeting. The OCSFC serves all of Orange County and provides all of your science fiction needs! "What are my science fiction needs?", you say. You need to see movies, we have a movie night each month; you need to read books, there are always books for sale at the meeting and we have a book discussion group for further enjoyment of the books; you need to see people who are important in the world of SF, we have the greatest programs in the world, usually at no cost to attendees. You need to be kept up to date on the news in the world of SF, we have this newsletter and in addition we always have everyone bring their latest news at the beginning of each meeting. In short, we have a pretty good thing going here and it is good to pause here and reflect on that.

Submissions to The Orange Pulp

Send your short story, article, or other items for publication consideration to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May	27	Orange County Science Fiction Club Meeting 7:30
June	10	Movie Night
	21	Jedi Knights Regular Meeting
	24	Orange County Science Fiction Club Meeting 7:30
	27	Behind The Orange Curtain Bookstore Crawl
July	8	Movie Night
	19	Jedi Knights Regular Meeting
	25	Jedi Knights 15th Anniversary Party
	29	Orange County Science Fiction Club Meeting 7:30

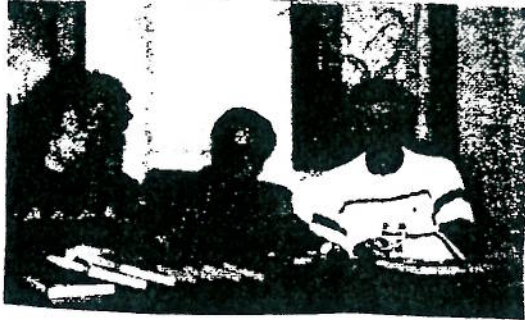
For JEDI KNIGHTS information call (714) 826-5625

For movie night information call the Galactic Archives (714) 693-0673 on the movie date

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

OCSFC Meeting of March 25, 1992

Our guest for this meeting was Tim Powers, and what a terrific guest he was! He talked about life in Santa Ana, dealing with dead people, police, and landlords. He also talked about writing Science Fiction and how his stories always contain an element of fantasy. Tim also discussed the publishing industry and made some good points about selling science fiction, for example: first you've got to write something. He also made some good points about selling SF *over the transom* and why publishers might consider using these manuscripts. For a list of Powers books see the March issue of the 'Pulp.



OCSFC Meeting of April 29, 1992

Pete Miller and Brent Turner talked about Nikola Tesla and his many contributions in the area of electronics. Pete and Brent then proceeded to demonstrate some of Tesla's ideas with Tesla coils that they had built. The Tesla coil builds up very high voltages high enough to ionize the air and create lightning. With these high voltages they were able to light "burned out" fluorescent lamps and even transmit power a short distance through the air. Finally they demonstrated a Van de Graff generator which builds up static electricity the way a shoe on a rug builds it up, but to much higher voltages.

NEXT MEETING

Our May guest will be Barry Short of 21st Century Comics. The topic (I think) will be Science Fiction comics.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

In June we will be having our 10th anniversary party. Invitations will be sent to all of our previous guests and everyone on our mailing list. Light refreshments will be provided.

Our July meeting will feature a representative from Alcor. This is the company that is involved in cryogenics, in particular, the freezing of bodies to be awakened some time in the future. This should be a very interesting meeting.

August should be rather quiet. With a lot of people going away on vacation, we are planning an open meeting for that month. This will be about one week before worldcon in Orlando.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Our April movie provided quite a problem. As I went to write this article I could not remember what movie we went to see. I knew that we went to see a movie and I knew who went along, so I asked two of them what movie we saw. They couldn't remember it either. "Maybe it was *Freejack* , "No I think it was *Lawnmower Man*" , "No we saw that the month before". "It was probably about an alien who deletes part of peoples memories and it wasn't just a movie!" Finally, I got the newspaper from that week and looked to see what was playing. We went to see *Thunderheart*. It was about Native Americans and government agents with a small amount of spiritualism thrown in. It was a truly unmemorable movie, you'll want to see it again and again (heh heh).

MOVIE NIGHTS CONTINUED

In May we saw *Split Second*. The story takes place in a future London which is always flooded because of the loss of the ozone layer and global warming. (I spent the whole movie feeling guilty) ((not really)) The story concerns a serial killer and the police trying to catch him (it). [WARNING: reading further will spoil the movie for you] The killer turns out to be some kind of creature living in the underground (subway), you never really get a good look at it and, as I recall, you never really know for sure that it died at the end. [I knew you would go on reading]. The consensus of our members was that it was \$6.00 wasted.

We usually go to a movie on the second Wednesday of each month. Call Mac McMahon at The Galactic Archives (714) 693-0673 for information on these events.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our book for discussion this month is *The Difference Engine* by Gibson and Sterling. Imagine that Charles Babbage was able to build his computer in the late 1800's. This is a story set in that world. The book is 429 pages long, so if you start now you won't finish unless you're a really fast reader.

Our book discussions usually take place after the main meeting at the restaurant across the street.

THE HUGO NOMINEES

Here is an abbreviated list of nominees that I got from Tom Veal through Compuserve
Best Novel:

Barrayar, Louis McMaster Bujold
Bone Dance, Emma Bull
Xenocide, Orson Scott Card
All the Weyrs of Pern, Anne McCaffrey
Stations of the Tide, Michael Swanwick

Best Novella:

"And Wild For To Hold", Nancy Kress
"Beggars in Spain", Nancy Kress
"The Gallery of His Dreams", Kristine Kathryn Rusch
"Griffin's Egg", Michael Swanwick
"Jack", Connie Willis

Best Artwork:

Tom Canty, cover of *White Mists of Power*
Bob Eggleton, cover of *Lunar Descent*
Bob Eggleton, cover of *IASFM Jan '91*
Don Maitz, cover of *Heavy Time*
Michael, Whelan, cover of *The Summer Queen*

Best Movie:

The Addams Family
Beauty and the Beast
The Rocketeer
Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country
Terminator 2

John W. Campbell Award:

Ted Chiang
Barbara Delaplace
Greer Ilene Gilman
Laura Resnick
Michelle Sagara

TEN YEARS OF OCSFC

by Dave Silva

One day, in March of 1983, list in hand, I was prowling through the SF shelves at the Book Harbor, in Fullerton. There was another guy with a list looking at the same row of books I was, he was, slim, dark haired with a thin moustache. We started talking about collecting and hit it right off, then he told me there was a new science fiction club in Fullerton that had been started by two collectors named Greg and Graham. His enthusiasm convinced me it was worth a try, so I went to the next meeting. I wish I could remember his name, because he changed my life for the better, but I never saw him again.

Back then the meetings were held every two months. I went to the March meeting and have been going ever since. There would be maybe eight people at and one time there were as few as five. There was no programming, we would talk about all phases of science fiction and some of us would bring books to sell or trade.

Before the Orange Pulp was established in November of '86 Greg Funke sent out a one page flyer to remind people of the meetings. Soon we established a hard core group of regular members, sort of an Orange County First Fandom. Greg Funke, Graham Volker, Marcia Starke, Neil Lyles, Elise Edgell, Jeff Stein, Ken Williams, Bill Hilburn and Myself were there through the early years. Most of us are still active in OCSFC.

Jeff Stein provided the first program at the May 1984 meeting. He had a projector and some old SF films...one was "From the Earth to the Moon", an early French silent film. At this point we were a "Science Fiction Interest Group", not a club. We decided to grow we needed to offer prospective members more. So in June of 1984 we started meeting monthly, instead of every two months. Also, about this time we became the Orange County Science Fiction Club and Greg tried to schedule some kind of program at least every other month.

We had a diverse range of programs; from filk singing to flying saucers. We had science fiction in comic books by the West Coast Comics, the National Space Society and the Orange County Astronomers Club. Bill Hilburn, who owned the Book Bin, became our program director early in 1985 and under his organizational ability OCSFC grew to over fifty members. Certainly one of the best speakers we ever had was Dean Koontz. That was in September 1985, he was just establishing himself as a big name author and from that meeting I became an instant fan of his.

October 1985 was a big month, that was our first major club excursion. We carpoled from Fullerton S&L up to the Ackermansion, where we were the guests of Mr. Science Fiction, Forest Ackermann. Later that month we had a Halloween party at Ross and Elise Edgell's house. Before I started the Orange Pulp I maintained a scrapbook of club photos and flyers, which I will bring to the next meeting for those who are interested.

One of the memorable events in club history was the all day excursion to the JPL open house on June 14, 1987. There were nineteen of us in the club photo we took at JPL. We began to expand into activities beyond just the monthly meetings. There were club parties, a trip to Pendragon art gallery, dinner at Medieval Times and a trip with Willis McNelly to the special library at CS Fullerton. Mac McMahon and Marcia Starke started the monthly OCSFC movie night. And just last year Catherine Curley came up with the Book of the Month. One of the things I enjoy most about the club is going to Cons and sharing the good times there with other club members.

Marcia Starke has done a great job since taking over as program director. So many of the local authors have generously given of their time. Rhondi Salsitz, Tim Powers, Jim Blaylock, Cheryl Franklin, Larry Ditillo, Barbara Hambly, Octavia Butler and all the others, thank you for ten years of enjoyment.

The Library Corner:

Long Awaited Sequel to *Bimbos of the Death Sun*

by Estelle Williams

Bimbos of the Death Sun introduced us to Jay Omega, engineering professor and science fiction writer, and to his acerbic ladyfriend, English professor Marion Farley. A convention—the Rubicon to be exact—is the scene of this Edgar award winning mystery. The victim is hated cult author Appin Dangannon. The suspects run to the usual: con organizers, known and unknown authors, bigname fans, computer wizards, filkers, war gamers Trekkies and costumers.

Fandom is again the background for Jay and Marion in *Zombies of the Gene Pool*. Invited by a colleague to an unusual convention, a re-union of a once famous group of 1950's science fiction writers called the Lanthanides, Jay and Marion become involved in the mystery surrounding a thirty year-old time capsule and a dead reunion crasher. But what does the title mean? The answer awaits.

McCrumb knows her genres and pays affectionate tribute to fandom in both of these highly satisfying mysteries.

Editors Note:

Estelle is the Librarian at the Haskett reading center located on Broadway between Magnolia and Dale in the city of Anaheim. I recently visited this library and am very pleased with the selection of books. New SF books are displayed prominently on the new books shelf and there is even a shelf of children's science fiction books in the children's section (where I saw *Mr. Bass's Planet* by Elenore Cameron which I enjoyed as a child). The library also has a book donation program in which they will put your name in a book plate in the donated book. Ask Estelle for details on this program.

