



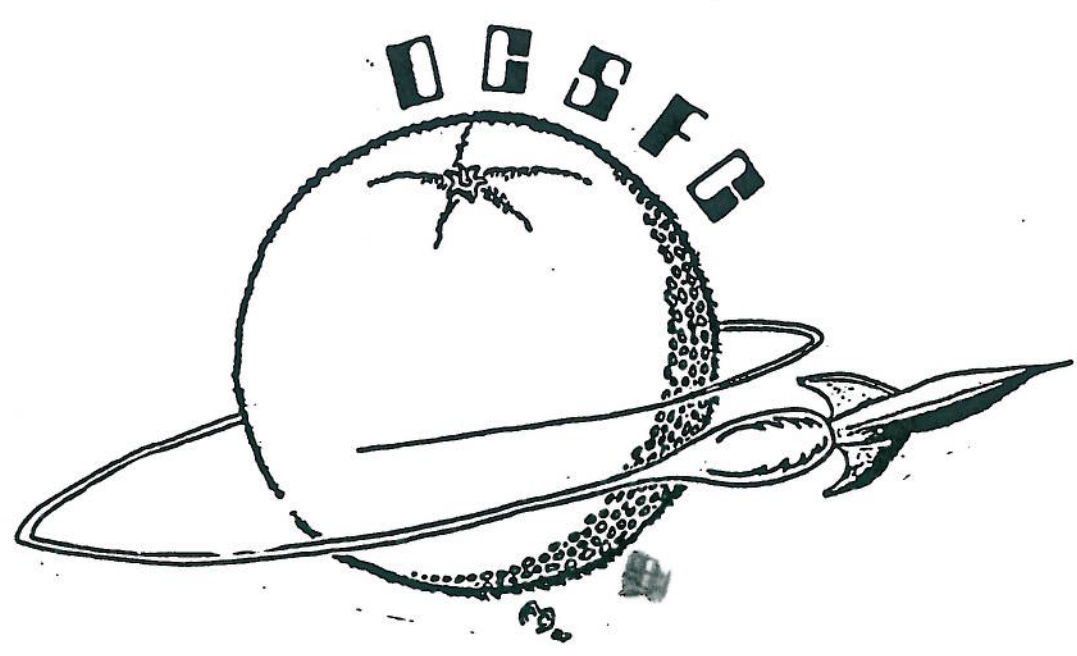
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### MAY 29TH MEETING

Rhondi Viliott Salsitz, will be our special guest for the May meeting. Rhondi's latest book, under the name Charles Ingrid, is "The Last Recall". This is DAW #460, with a Vincent DiFate cover. It is the sequel to her post-ecological disaster novel "The Marked Man", which has just been reissued.

Rhondi is always working on a new book and is a frequent con goer. She likes to keep busy. Also, she's very good at answering any questions you might have about writing and publishing.

At the May meeting we'll discuss having a bookcrawl. See article on Jedi Knights.

### JUNE 26TH MEETING

Long time fan and OCSFC member, Roy Lavender, will be our guest speaker. One of the interesting aspects of our mutual interest in science fiction is that, from a historical perspective, we are still in the early stages of SF fandom. It all started in this country, during the late 1920's. The

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first WorldCon wasn't held until 1939 and there were only a few clubs at that time. So, there people, like Roy who were active in the early days of fandom. He knew a lot of well known writers when they were fans.

Roy has been a long time member of LASFS and will shares some of his experiences with us.

## TESLA DEMO CANCELLED

The much awaited Nickolai Tesla program, scheduled for March, had to be cancelled when one of the speakers was taken to the hospital with a severe ear infection. We will attempt to reschedule this program later in the year.

## DIRECTOR MICHAEL RISSI

- APRIL MEETING

This was the first time our club has had a movie director as a guest speaker, so we weren't sure what to expect. Michael Rissi is a young director with one feature film to his credit. He has a strong background, having graduated from USC which has produced many of the best directors in the business. Most of his previous work has been in animated short films, many of which he wrote himself. Recently, he has done an orientation film for new students at his alma mater.

Michael Risse isn't a science fiction fan per se, he felt his first major effort, "Soulmaker", was a good story with strong dramatic conflict. Shot on location in Mobile, Alabama, on a \$500,000 budget, "Soulmaker", had a brief theatrical release before going to video. To Michael's credit it received good reviews and made money too. Five times recently I've checked at Blockbuster Video (which carries it. Some of the others don't.) and it was always out. Ken Williams told me he liked it and I would take his opinion over the reviews of most critics.

According to Michael, a director must co-ordinate all phases of the making of a movie. That means being able to communicate with people and constantly deal with problems. Often these problems are things you could never anticipate. For instance, he was filming an outdoor banquet scene at a park when a scruffy looking guy, with a deep drawl, approached him wanting to be hired as a stunt man. Michael

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told him they had all the stunt men they needed, but this redneck wouldn't take no for an answer. The next he knew the guy had climbed high up in a nearby tree and was yelling obscenities. They had to call in the police to get this nut down. It cost them a day of shooting. Another day of shooting was lost over a scheduled car wreck scene. City officials, and a host of locals, turned out to see the car wreck scene. One of the nice things about working in a city like Mobile was the way they support you. Having a movie shot in their town is a big deal. They bought a car for \$200, not wanting to spend a lot on something they were going to wreck, but when they were ready to shot the car wouldn't start. The crowd drifted away and they couldn't get it running until the next day.

It was an outstanding program. I learned a lot about movies and how they are made. Michael's next film may be based on a suspense story called "The Battered Mailbox". We wish michael Rissi the best of luck and appreciate his spending an evening with us.

## OCSFC MOVIE NIGHT

There hasn't be a movie night recently. This is because there hasn't been any new SF movies worth seeing the last couple of months. That will change in June. A lot of big budget summer movies will be coming out soon.

The next movie night will meet at Galactic Archives, 5219 E. Orangethorpe Av., in Anaheim Hills. Time: Wednesday 6:30pm, June 12th and July 10th.

## MINI TRIPS

On Saturday, March 23rd, four of us drove in to L.A. to see "Blue Planet", at the Imax theater. The theme of the film, spaceship Earth and the need to preserve our fragile environment, is by now so familiar that it lacks emotional impact as a piece of entertainment. You probably won't learn anything new from "Blue Planet", however, the incredible clarity of the giant 70mm screen make it well worth seeing. Afterward, we stopped at the Aerospace Museum. Its free and a good way to kill an hour, although I wouldn't pay to see it.

On April 20th, Marcia, Jeff and Sheri represented OCSFC at a S.T.A.R. meeting in San Diego. Our old friend Jefferson

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Swycaffer extended this invitation of comradeship and pizza. There was an Ice Cream Social and a Fifties Sock Hop, kind of an interclub get acquainted thing.

## JEDI KNIGHT UPDATE

The Jedi Knights will be celebrating their 14th anniversary in July. That's pretty impressive! They still meet the third Sunday of the month, but will soon be changing locations. Interested parties can call their information line at (714) 826-5625.

As you might know, the Jedi Knights aren't limited to Star Wars fans and several of their members are also members of other clubs. To briefly update their activities: In June is "Behind the Orange Curtain Fan Club Day" which will be a book crawl, ending up at Camelot for a round of Battle Boats. In July they will nominate club candidates for elections in August.

## *Orange Segments*

Cheryl Franklin has a new book out from Daw. "Fire Crossing" links the two series Network/Consortium and Seri together. There is a rumour that Orson Scott Card will be signing at the Book Carnival, in Tustin, sometime soon. Card will be promoting his soon to be released novel that will be a sequel to "Ender's Game" and "Speaker For the Dead". Both Graham and I are on Book Carnival's mailing list, so if it does come off, and you are interested in going, let us know in advance and we can give you a call.

