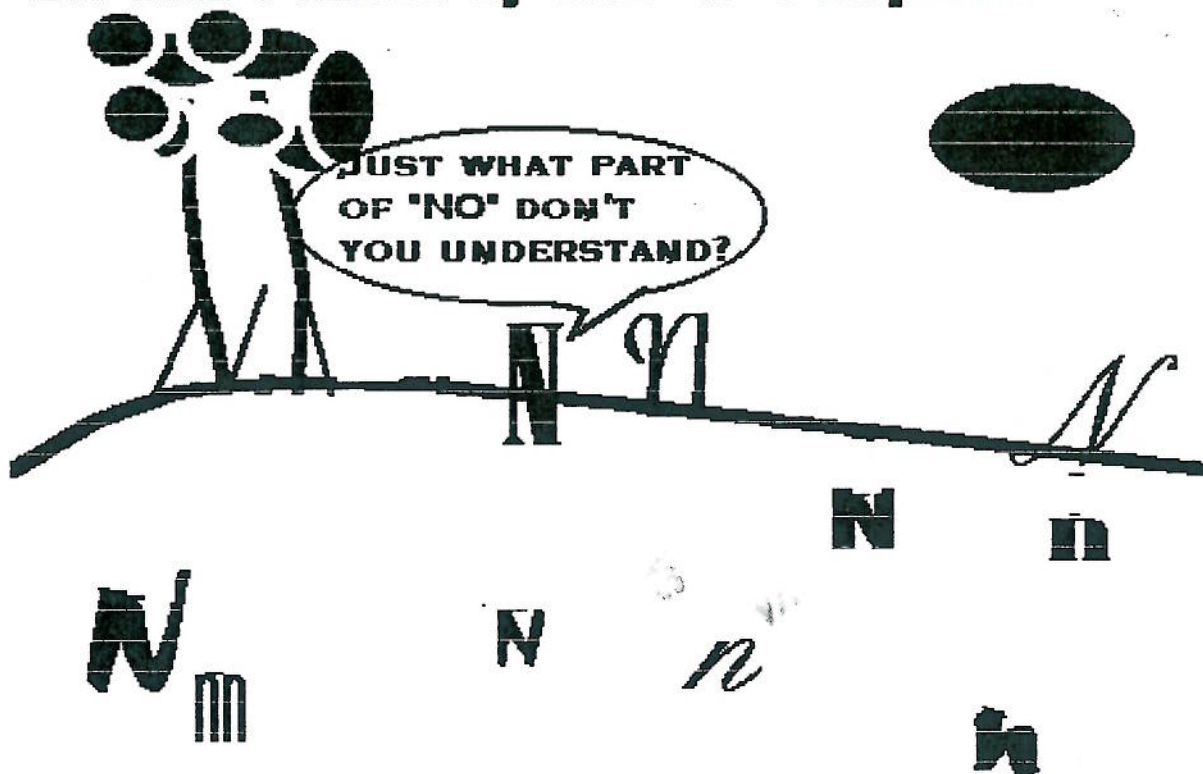


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* Doors open 7:00 P.M. (Unaudited)

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 24, 1993, 7:30 PM at The Usual Place, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile west off the Orange Freeway. (SE corner of Chapman and St. College in Fullerton)

The Reading Orbit Discussion Novel: **Barnacle Bill The Spacer**
by **Lucius Shepard**

From the PULPit (rantings on orange paper)

Well, it's the end of another year. I hope everyone enjoyed the meetings of the OCSFC and The Orange Pulp. We always look to next year as being bigger and better, but since I have nothing new planned, you can expect more of the same old thing. (he said with a grin).

Are You A Winner?

Check the address label on the front cover of this issue of "The Pulp". If it does not indicate that your subscription has expired then...You win!, you do not have to renew your subscription 'till some other time. If you aren't one of the lucky winners, then please see Ken Williams at the meeting to renew your subscription. It's only \$6.00 for another year.

Notice: There will be no meeting in December as is our usual policy, The next meeting after our November meeting will be January 26, 1994. We may or may not have a movie night in December depending on lots of stuff

Once again, stealing Jim Shaun Lyon's message about LOSCON:

It's just around the corner.....

LOSCON 20 Celebrating Our Twentieth Anniversary

Thanksgiving Weekend, November 26-28, 1993 The Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel, Burbank, California (just north of L.A.)

Guests of Honor: ROGER ZELAZNY (Pro GoH) PAUL TURNER (Fan GoH) RICK STERNBACH (Artist GoH)

Other confirmed guests: Larry Niven, Dr. Jerry Pournelle, David Gerrold, S.P. Somtow, Kevin J. Anderson, J. Michael Straczynski, David Brin, Harry Turtledove, Octavia Butler, Donald F. Glut, Forrest J. Ackerman, Steven Barnes, Sheila Finch, Larry DiTillio, John Vornholt, William F. Wu, Julius Schwartz, William Rotsler, Carl Macek, Keith Kato, George Clayton Johnson, Mel Gilden, Rick Cook, Larry Carroll, Roger Armstrong, David Ross, Daryl Mallett, Brad Linaweaver, Michael Kurland, Marc Scott Zicree, Len Wein, Bill Warren, Marv Wolfman, and Vonda N. McIntyre. (plus a score of others, over 110 program participants)

Masquerade / Dealers' Room / Art Show / Con Suite / AIDS Charity Auction Fannish Film Festival / Two Rock Dances / Regency Dancing / Autograph Sessions Japanimation / 24 Hour Gaming / 24 Hour Filking / Brewing Seminar Mike Glycer's "Brain The Size of a Planet" / Ice Cream Social & Cookie Crunch Plus our full-color cover 20th Anniversary Souvenir Program Book (okay, I edited it, I'm biased...)

Memberships only \$35 at the door... we take cash, check, MC, VISA! (Dealers Room and Art Show are sold out.)

The theme this year... TAKE THIS CON AND STUFFIE IT. Bring a *stuffed animal* for yourself and one to donate... we will be donating them to the local St. Joseph's Hospital children's ward for the holidays.

Cheers, JSL (Public Relations, Loscon 20)

SUBMISSIONS TO THE ORANGE PULP

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov	24	Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30
	25	Thanksgiving, Eat that turkey!
	26-28	Loscon 20, The Burbank Airport Hilton
Dec	8	OCSFC Movie Night, maybe (call for info)
	19	Jedi Knights Regular Meeting
	29	(note: no OCSFC meeting this month, do whatever you want! but don't come here)
Jan	12	OCSFC Movie Night
	16	Jedi Knights Regular Meeting
	22	Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30

For Jedi Knights information call (714) 826-5625 (NEW NUMBER!)

For Movie Night information call the Galactic Archives (714) 693-0673

For OCSFC information call (714) 552-4925

USS Spruance (909) 860-5067

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Our September meeting featured Alec Orrock discussing Japanese Animation and bringing a whole pile of videos to show. Too bad we only had time to see only small parts of each. We learned about Japanimation from its early days with "Astro Boy" up to the present time.

As promised, our October meeting featured our own Marcia Starke talking about, what else: UFOs. She even brought one along to show us (I know it was a UFO because it said so). Marcia also brought along some books and a map to show us where the UFO activity was. She made a very important point. Whether you believe in UFOs or not, it makes life a little more interesting to be able to talk about them.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Janet Alvarez spent her time at Magicon sitting at the artists table making and selling dragons. At our November meeting she will show us how she does it.

November is also the month that we bring books to sell, and swap. This is a good time to clean those old first editions out of your library and pick up some new books for later perusal.

FUTURE MEETINGS

My current information is that nothing is firmly scheduled for next year yet, however, I saw Greg running around UNICON hunting up speakers for us. January is the meeting where we try to bring in ideas for the upcoming year. If there is any activity that you would like the club to participate in then let us know by the January meeting.

MOVIE NIGHTS

October

In October we went to see Demolition man. This movie, with Sylvester Stallone, had been advertised to be an action-adventure. Instead, it had only a small amount of action and received many complaints. What it was was good science fiction. Taking on serious subjects that contemporary SF writers are using like cryogenics and a future utopian society ruled by a kindly but evil leader, the movie is also humorous, talking about the future of such things as fast food, bathroom tissue, and Arnold.

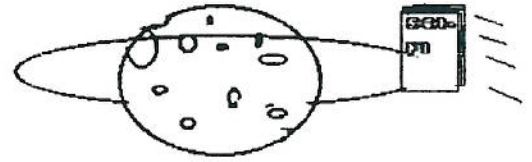
NOVEMBER

OUR NOVEMBER MOVIE WAS "NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS". STATE OF THE ART STOPMOTION ANIMATION PRODUCED AN ENJOYABLE FAIRYTALE-LIKE STORY SET IN A TOWN THAT SEEMS TO HONOR HALLOWEEN AS ITS PRINCIPAL HOLIDAY. ONE DAY JACK, OUR HERO, FINDS OUT ABOUT CHRISTMAS TOWN AND DECIDES TO DO IT FOR HIS TOWN TOO, GETTING THE TWO HOLIDAYS TOTALLY CONFUSED. YOU MAY CONSIDER THIS TO BE A MUSICAL, WHICH LIKE MOST MUSICALS HAS LOTS OF SINGING AND DANCING AND IS A LITTLE SHORT ON STORY LINE.

The club movie night is usually the second Wednesday of each month, but due to film schedules and our schedules it has become very tentative. It is important to call ahead if you want to attend the movie with us.

THE READING ORBIT

Our September book was *Steel Beach* by John Varley. A 1993 Hugo winning novel. This is the first book I have ever read off a computer. They need to do quite a bit of work on making it more comfortable to read a book electronically before it will be popular, but I think that that day is coming.



October- *Wolves of Memory* by George Alec Effinger. In this short novel GAE tells the story of a man in a future time, in a society which is run by a benign/dictatorial/humorous computer called TECT. Courane is sent off to a far away station to become a test case for the computers experiment. Here we learn what it is like to have a disease which robs you of your memory and then kills you.

November- *Barnacle Bill The Spacer*. This is a 1993 Hugo winning novella. If you're a fast reader you can get through it by the time of the meeting.

Since there's no meeting we saved *Glory Season* by David Brin for our January Meeting.

MORE STUFF

UNICON V-

Although OCSFC had no official participation in this small con, I saw a large number of OCSFC'ers there. I'm glad to see this con growing so well. There was an active dealers room, a masquerade, and even a panel discussion. All for free! The Jedi Knights Graciously provided snacks at "Admiral Sn'Ackbar".

LOSCON-

Friday November 26-November 28 at the Burbank Hilton (by the Burbank Airport). See the article elsewhere in this issue.

Signing by Harlan Ellison-

Saturday December 11, 1993 at Aladdin Books 122 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton. From 2 - 5PM Harlan Ellison will be signing copies of his novella "Mefisto in Onyx" published by Mark V. Ziefing Books with dust jacket art by Frank Miller. I am told that Mr. Ellison will also sign other books, however, there will be (currently unspecified) restrictions. I'm told that the cost of the novella is \$16.95. For further information call Aladdin Books at (714) 738-6115.

Con-Dor-

We had a lot of fun at this convention last time. Con-Dor will be held February 25-27 at the Town and Country on Hotel Circle in San Diego. If you haven't bought your membership yet you will have to pay the full price at the door. The flyer that I have does not list the full price, but it should be around \$25-\$30. Room rates will be \$69 for a single or a double. For more information write Con-Dor P.O. Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175 or call (619) 447-6311

FREDERIK POHL: SCIENCE FICTION'S RENAISSANCE MAN

by Dave Silva and Fred Cropper

Fred Pohl has done just about everything that can be done in Science Fiction. When he was a teenager, back in the 1930's, Fred was a founding member of the Futurians, hanging out with other precocious kids like Isaac Asimov, Cyril Kornbluth, Don Wollheim, and Henry Kuttner. At 19, he became a literary agent for his friends and was the editor of *Super-Science Stories*, the first of many SF magazines and books he would edit over the next fifty years. Fred Pohl was also a Madison Ave. advertising executive, a frequent guest of radio talk shows, an advisor to NASA, a best selling non-fiction author of the book "Chernobyl", and of course a many time Hugo and Nebula winning author of science fiction novels and short stories.

In his autobiography, "The Way The Future Was", Pohl says that, when he started a new semester in high school, he would read through all the assigned text books in the first few weeks of class. This is certainly revealing of Pohl's unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Also, this tells a lot about a person who is editor of a nationally distributed magazine by the age of 19.

Undoubtedly, Pohl's career as an editor must have cut into his literary output, prodigious as it is. In the mid-1950's he edited the "Star", series of original anthologies for Ballantine. He succeeded Horace Gold as editor of *Galaxy*, which was Pohl's favorite market for stories. After nine years at *Galaxy*, he became the editor of *IF*, which was *Galaxy's* sister publication. He won Hugos as best editor three years in a row at *IF*, from 1966-68. One of his several marriages was to Judith Merrill, who besides being a fine SF writer, was the first woman to play a major role as an editor in the SF field. However, as much as they had in common the marriage didn't last long.

Pohl's most famous novel, "The Space Merchants", Ballantine 1953, was one of several collaborations he did with, his long time friend, Cyril Kornbluth. Originally a novelette, in *Galaxy*, titled "Gravy Planet", Pohl drew on his experience in advertising to portray a society run by large corporations, where consumption is king "The Space Merchants", after 40 years, remains a biting funny satire of American Society. Kingsly Amis, in his book, "New Maps of Hell", rates "The Space Merchants" as the best science fiction novel ever written (at least until 1960). Pohl and Kornbluth also won the 1973 Hugo for their short story, "The Meeting".

While acting as editor for Bantam's SF line, Pohl wrote the nebula winning novel "Man Plus". "Man Plus", recounts the physical modification of the man to be the first colonist on Mars. It is not only first rate extrapolation, but has a stinging sense of humor. A lot of readers favorite Pohl book is "Gateway". The first, and the best, in a trilogy, "Gateway" is about an ancient race called the Heechee, who have left strange relics around the universe and mysteriously deserted it to live a timeless existence inside a black hole.

Needless to say Fred Pohl, besides being a really likeable person, is one of our favorite authors. And after 50 years in science fiction he's still writing good stories.

