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Vietnam and Other Alien Worlds by Joe Haldeman

This year's Boskone Book collects stories and essays by Guest of Honor Joe Haldeman. It includes four of his Confederación stories, five essays (how he tried to get on the Space Shuttle, his experience in Vietnam, and other issues) and several story poems. The book has a color dustjacket by our Official Artist, Tom Kidd. It will be available in boxed and trade hardcover editions.

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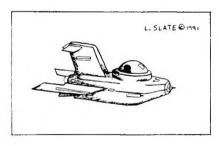
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Joe Haldeman: An Appreciation by Joan Gordon

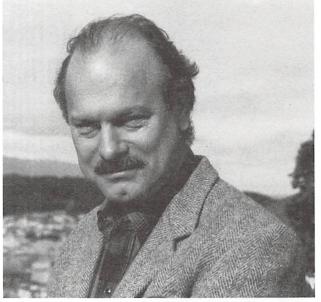
Joe Haldeman, one of our finest SF writers, is underappreciated. I know, I know, he's guest of honor here, and it's neither the first nor last time he'll have that honor. Yes, I know about his Nebula and Hugo Awards, from *The Forever War* to "The Hemingway Hoax", and I'm sure more will come. I'm quite aware that he has received academic attention as well, since I'm one of the academics who's done it. He teaches creative writing at a prestigious institution, too. But it still isn't enough.

However, before I tell you why it's not enough and what enough would be, let me tell you a bit about Joe. He was born in Oklahoma on June 9, 1943, and spent some very formative years in Alaska, where he had a pet bear which met a sad end. More importantly in my world view, he spent his adolescence in Bethesda, Maryland, attending the same junior high school I did. Not that we ever met, and a good thing it was for Gay, I like to think.

Joe started reading SF in third grade, met Gay somewhat later, joined fandom while majoring in physics and astronomy at the University of Maryland, and wrote his first two science fiction stories, "Out of Phase" and "I of Newton", just before being drafted in 1967.

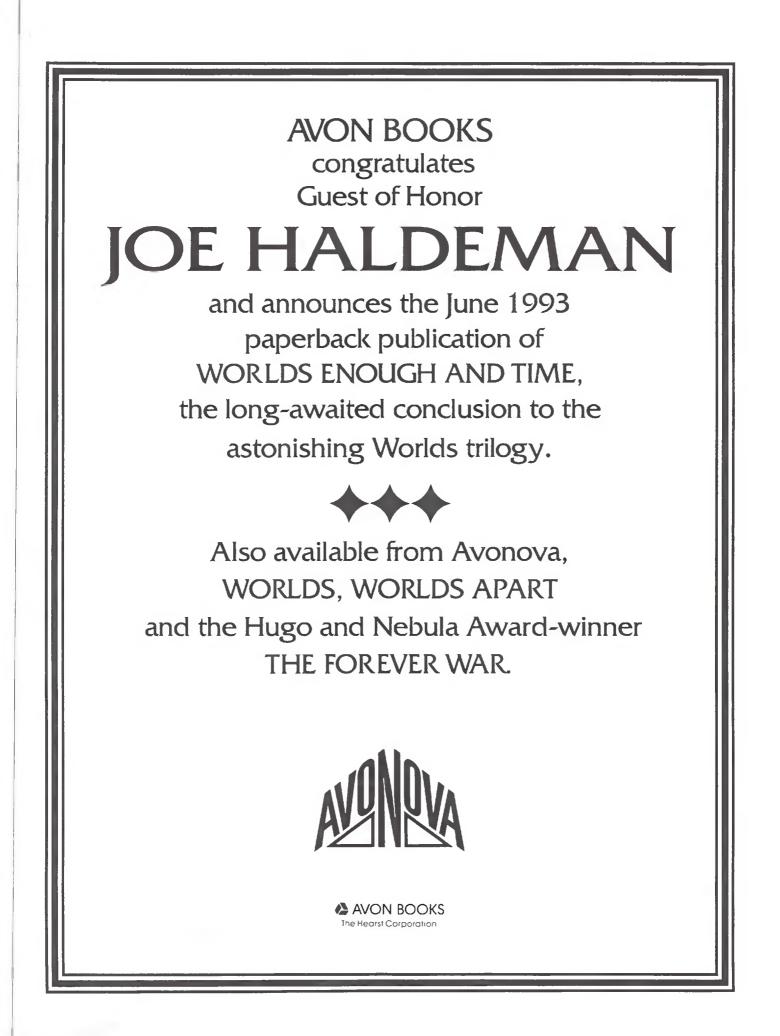
After being drafted Joe was sent to Viet Nam, where, on September 14, 1968, he was severely wounded. The whole experience—Viet Nam, the wounding, military life — colored his writing ever after. If he hadn't gone to Viet Nam, you would probably still be honoring him as guest of honor, but for unknowably different work.

After Viet Nam, Joe continued to write and began



publishing regularly. By 1975 he was teaching SF at the University of Iowa, completing an M.F.A. in creative writing there (his thesis was The Forever War, I think), and becoming famous. That was when I met him: in the SF class, where I discovered that SF could be my academic specialty as well as my obsession. I eventually wrote my Ph.D. dissertation on Joe, doing much of my research in local bars with a tape recorder running.

Though I became an academic who writes scholarly articles, and though Joe moved to Florida and became more famous, he remained my friend, which is one reason I appreciate him. I also appreciate him because, during those long tape-recording sessions, I learned how smart and humane he is. And, because in the eighteen years (can this *be*?) I have known him, I have never seen him act cruelly. But those are all personal reasons for



appreciation, and I would imagine that those of you reading this essay who know him, also appreciate him for these qualities.

No, I said — way back in the first sentence — that Joe Haldeman is underappreciated. This is so, I believe, because too many people are fooled into thinking of his work as less than serious. They are fooled by the surface simplicity of his prose, for one thing. It is, as they say, an easy read. And they are fooled by the surface simplicity of his plots: action, adventure, sex, and violence. Some readers are fooled because an easy read, a lively plot, and escape is what they're after, and they find it in Joe's work. Those readers are missing a lot, but at least they're appreciating what they've found.

But the best readers read for more than an escape — they read to explore ideas, to learn new tricks of the language, to be enriched by entering into new experiences. They read to live more fully and more deeply. A good reader is someone on whom, to paraphrase Henry James, nothing in the text is lost. Now, if you've read any Henry James, you know he is, on the surface, the opposite of Joe Haldeman: long, dense, convoluted prose and precious little sex or violence. Yet many readers appreciate him well enough to read him well. In fact, many readers, especially academic ones, find it easier to read well when the text's surface is somehow Jamesian, somehow difficult. In James, a good reader will find plenty of excitement, even some sex and violence, by reading well.

In Joe Haldeman, a good reader can explore beyond the adventurous surface to find writing techniques complex enough for Henry James, and to find ideas, experiences, and visions rich enough to nourish any of us. And the surface is still fun.

So fame, glory, and lime Jell-O are not enough for Joe Haldeman, because he has crafted every sentence of his novels, short stories, and poems to deserve more. Fame is fleeting, glory distracting, and lime Jell-O cold. But when good readers appreciate good writing, the result is more permanent, more focussed, and much warmer. And that would be enough.

Joe Haldeman, Science Fiction Fan

by Laurie D. T. Mann

If you call certain writers fans, they'll look down their noses at you and correct you instantly.

If you call Joe Haldeman a fan, he might join you for a drink.

Joe has never lost his fannish roots. He still dresses like a fan, drinks like a fan, parties all hours like a fan, and plays guitar like a fan. Sure, he's president of SFFWA and a professor at MIT, for Roscoe's sake, but he often seems to have more in common with his readers than with his fellow writers.

And I think it helps his writing and his relationships with his readers. He's never quite lost his sense of wonder, or become too jaded, or forgotten why he likes the stuff.

Joe's partner in fandom and life is his wife Gay. Joe and Gay are about the most amiable couple I've met in fandom or out. I've seen them spend lots of time with a vast array of fans and pros over the years. And they both have that wonderful ability to make you feel immediately comfortable around them.

Boskone often doesn't select fan guests of honor. I'd argue, politely of course, that Joe could bea fan guest at any con as readily as a pro guest. He was instrumental in the foundation of a college club out in Iowa, the exact name of which I've long forgotten, but they cleverly forced the acronym to be something like SIFILUS. He helped his brother, writer and fan Jay Haldeman, with Discon II, the 1974 World Science Fiction Convention. He's shepherded many into fandom and writing through the many writing workshops and courses he's led.

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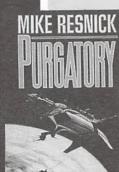
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From Baby to Kidd: An Incomplete Biography by Geary Gravel

What can you say about a little boy who secretly put aside a portion of his meager lunch money every day for an entire school year, then walked thirty miles to the state capital to turn it over to the Salvation Army?

What can you say about an adolescent who risked his own physical wellbeing by selflessly donating his liver and kidneys to a woman he didn't even know?

What can you say about a successful science fiction artist who, unbeknownst to fans, friends, and peers alike, annually doles out fully one third of his income to a special fund dedicated to providing figure drawing lessons to the homeless?

Finally, and more to the point, what can you say about Tom Kidd, who has never done any of these things?

I've known Tom for several years now, and have found him to be a good friend, a brilliant artist, and a talented Frisbee player. When asked to write his bio for the Boskone Program Book, I realized that I knew very little about his past and those crucial events and influences which had shaped the artist of today. When I voiced my concerns to Tom, he shyly offered to send me "a little autobiographical material" to help me in my task. The next morning I was awakened early to the sounds of a 24-foot U-haul being backed up to my front porch....

Six months later, I was about halfway through the small mountain of newspaper clippings, psychological case studies, and rather upsetting 3-D diagrams which Tom had given me. Though I had gained certain factual information, I still felt myself to be no closer to a true understanding of the inner Kidd. Then, late one evening, I spied the tattered corner of a small, robin's-egg-blue volume peeking out from beneath a pile of yellowed police files. My heart skipped a beat as I tugged the book free and read its faded inscription: *Tom Kidd's Baby Book.* I sat down at my desk, feeling a thrill of discovery that was probably somewhat akin to that experienced by whoever it was who discovered the Rosetta Stone whenever it was they found it at some point in the past. I held in my hands the key to Tom's life!

The neonatal years: Tom is born in a hurry; he learns to roll, creep and crawl; he laughs out loud; his head changes shape.

Thomas Wayne Kidd hit the ground running, on August 10th, 1955, the proud son of Jerry Green Kidd and his wife 'Mrs.' of Tampa, Florida. Little Tom was delivered by one Lester L. Zipser, from whose obviously pseudonymous signature the

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Write us at: MCFI/Boston in '98, P.O. Box 1010 Framingham, MA 01701-0205 initials 'M.D.' are glaringly absent. Under the heading *Notes of Special Interest*, someone has jotted in a shaky hand "born in a hurry", an indication that the proto-artist was already champing at the teething ring, impatient to begin his meteoric rise to fame.

Tom began his life at a diminutive 19 and one-half inches tall, ballooning at some later point to a respectable 5 feet 8 inches, the cause of some friction between Tom and his mother.

At only two months of age, Tom "began making known his wants, likes, and dislikes", a practice he has pursued with determination to this day. He discovered his own hands and feet a few weeks later, and made additional interesting discoveries in the days that followed, prompting Mrs. and Jerry to hear their son laugh out loud for the very first time.

Active at home to the point of infestation, Tom was rolling at 8 months, creeping at 9, and crawling at 10. By 18 months he had taken to galloping and skipping. Any requests for sedation on the part of his parents have been omitted from the documentation.

The conformation of Tom's head was singled out for special mention in early records, being referred to by his attentive mom as "originally eggshaped, now round..."

The early years: Tom puts on stockings and (much later) washes; he loves too much.

Young Tom could put on stockings at a precocious three years. The entry fails to specify whose stockings he was in the habit of donning, though a much earlier notation asserts that at 18 months he was capable of "putting on boots — anybody's".

As a toddler, Tom felt hurt by unfair punishment, but was quickly mollified by kissing, a tactic his present-day detractors would do well to keep in mind.

Tom's principal interests in life at 11 months were listed as "eating and pulling hair". He disliked being dressed or bitten. The resultant image of a naked little boy ripping hair from his playfellows and devouring it is, sadly, a familiar one to Tom's many associates in the sf community. Tom finally washed himself for the first time when he was four years old, and his popularity with his playmates soared. A mild-mannered four-year-old, Tom was able to "take a lot of abuse before fighting back". At the same time, however, the peace-loving tot had a tendency to handle his pets a bit roughly, perhaps (as the recorder charitably phrased it), because "he loves too much".

The sickly years; Tom suffers many blows to the head; encephalitis as a mixed blessing.

During his formative years, Tom was unlucky enough to receive an almost continual barrage of 'accidental' blows to his cranium. In his sixth year, he contracted encephalitis. Though the illness slowed down his academic progress, it did little to hamper his social development:

"Although Tom has trouble with his regular work, the children enjoy his antics and he regularly entertains the class." (From a Teacher's Report, June 1, 1962)

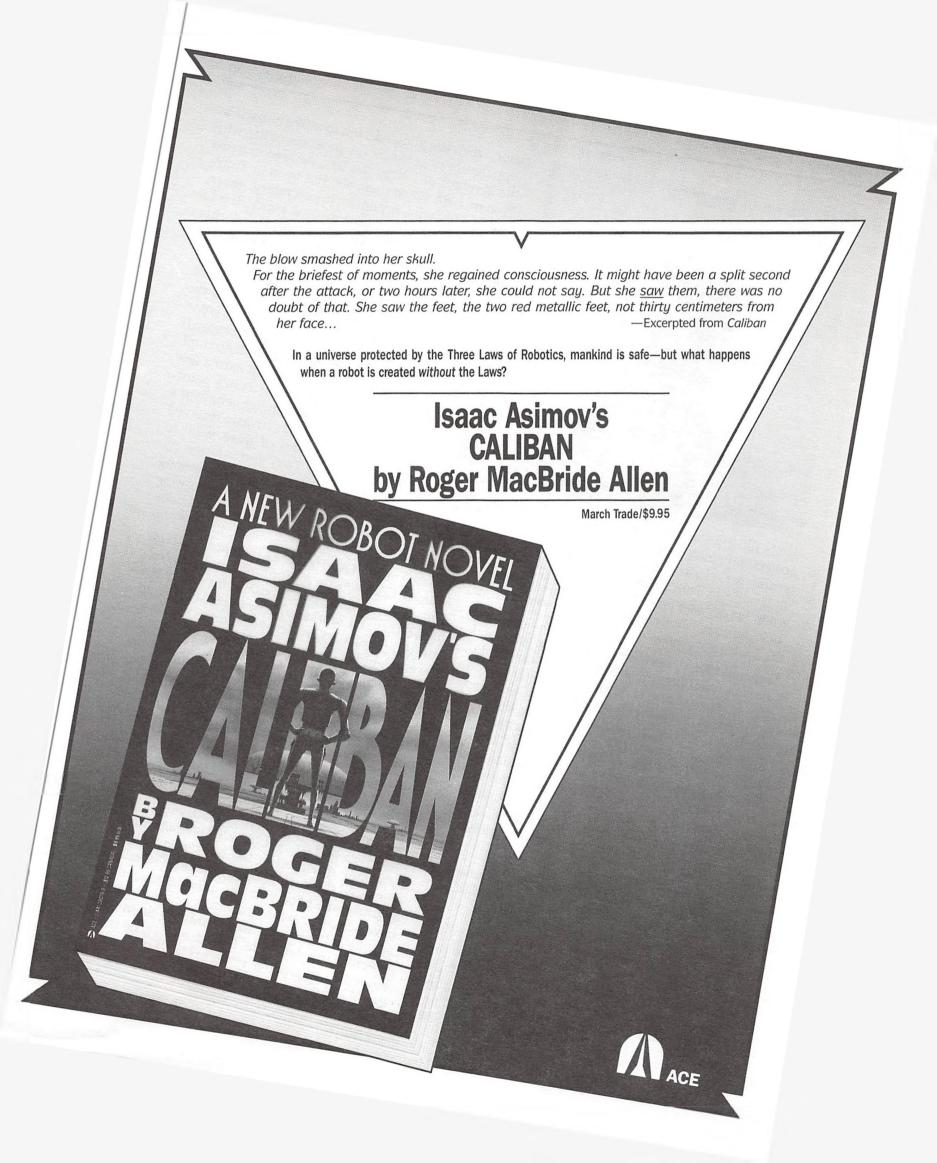
A delayed reaction to the encephalitis caused Tom to be put on some heavy-duty medication several years later. The repercussions of his illness may not have been completely negative, however. As Tom himself writes:

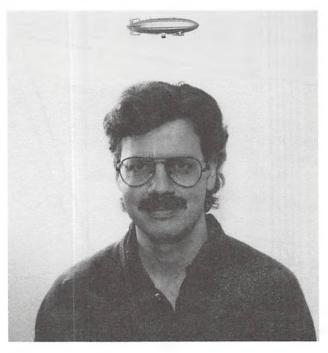
"During this period (the effect of the drugs?), I decided to become an artist."

The years of uncertain progress: Tom wins a college scholarship; Tom quits college; Tom is published in SCREW magazine.

As he grew to young manhood, Tom's creativity and drawing ability developed by leaps and bounds, culminating in his taking First Prize in the Youth Art Show at the Florida State Fair in 1974. The prize was a four-year college scholarship. Interviewed by a local paper following his victory, Tom stated that his goal was "to become an illustrator of books and magazines following graduation from Syracuse University".

After two years at Syracuse, Tom left to become a cashier at a local restaurant. His brief stay in the groves of academe had seen the commencement





of his illustration career as he produced movie posters, fanzines, and program books. A profile written for a local convention claimed that "the high point in Tom's career was a few years ago when his art was favorably compared to that of Rick Sternbach. Both artists had work stolen from the Philcon art show."

Tom alternated between low-paying jobs and stints of unemployment before deciding to relocate to New York in search of the fame and fortune that had so far eluded him. The December 1980 issue of *SCREW* magazine featured a portfolio of unusual drawings under a banner headline reading "THE HEIGHT OF HORNINESS". Tom's own name for these efforts was "Lilliputian Sex". Oddly enough, few entries can be found in his baby book beyond this date, and it is necessary to begin relying on the testimony of his colleagues and intimates for the tale of his later exploits.

The loving years: Tom meets Andrea; Tom marries Andrea; Tom teaches his cat to come when called.

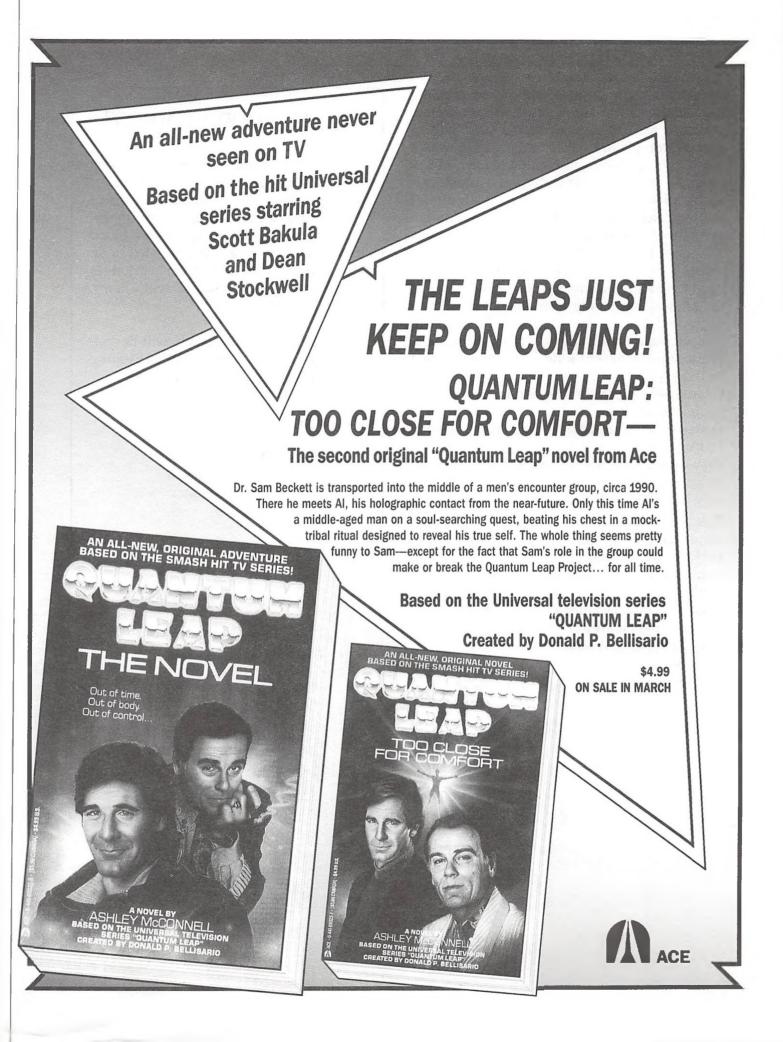
One day in December of 1979, Tom met a young woman named Andrea Montague as she was moving into an apartment in the Big Apple. The fact that this trusting soul allowed a total stranger to help her move her possessions into her new abode set the stage for the events of six months later, when she allowed Tom to move himself in. Apparently unfazed by the prospect of life with the inventor of Lilliputian Sex, Andrea married Tom in 1982. Since then, she has been in Tom's words: "My wife, my agent, my secretary, generally the person who makes me look good." It is to be noted that Andrea has shouldered this herculean burden with good-natured cheer for more than a decade.

Despite his appearance in the pages of SCREW, Tom's illustration career had not achieved the heights he had expected following his advent in New York. He and Andrea attended Noreascon II with only ten dollars left in their bank account, hoping against hope that they might earn a few hundred bucks by selling some of Tom's paintings, and thus keep Old Man Hunger at bay for a little while longer. All of Tom's canvases received bids in the art show, several of them went to auction, and a bemused Tom and Andrea returned home with over \$2000. Tom began getting work as his fame spread, and soon he was turning out top-notch covers for all of the major sf book and magazine publishers.

Today, Tom and Andrea make their home in New Milford, Connecticut. A profile of Tom in the *New Milford Times* noted that "Kidd seems to live the life of Riley. He works at home in his studio and paints most of the day. He takes enough breaks to have taught his cat to come when it's called and jump through a hoop..." Though it is unclear from the article whether it is Tom or his cat who does the hoop-jumping, the paper was quite definite about Tom's ability to juggle and ride a unicycle.

Second childhood as a career move: Tom sidesteps child labor laws by exploiting the minor within.

In the March 1991 *F&SF*, Algis Budrys concluded his review of the novel *The Wild Blue and the Gray* by calling attention to the book's cover art. "I commend the cover," Budrys wrote. "It really is an unusually good painting... The artist seems to have actually researched not only the airplanes but the balloons, and then rendered them in an effective and deft style. Unfortunately, he is unnamed — art credit is given to GNEMO, which I assume is the name of an organization..."



Actually, Gnemo is the name of Tom's young alter-ego, an imaginary waif who resides somewhere in the basement of Tom's mind, toiling without complaint to produce a growing crop of masterworks which will eventually form a book of the large coffee-table variety, and which currently afford the viewer glimpses of a beautiful and intricately devised alien world as seen through the eyes of a castaway from Earth. Tom's peers have been quick to praise his Gnemo output, with artist/writer Paul Chadwick commenting on its "painterly style reminiscent of the golden age of illustration, frequently sparkling with lighting effects and rich, atmospheric color". Cortney Skinner, illustrator and fellow airship aficionado, praises the richness of Kidd's invention, evident to those who allow their eyes to linger on the Gnemo paintings. Skinner sees this latest work as completely different from Tom's covers, proof of the results one may achieve when painting what he truly loves. "Tom's talent puts him head and shoulders above his contemporaries", Skinner observes in almost mournful tones. "I'm planning to abduct his muse."

This brief sketch has only scratched the surface of a truly remarkable life. When you run into Tom at Boskone or elsewhere, be sure to stop and stare at him for a while. It isn't every day you get to see someone who not only makes his living by doing what he's always wanted to — but actually excels at it. Such people are a rarity in this world, so take a good long look. Who knows — maybe his head will change shape again....

The Gaughan Award

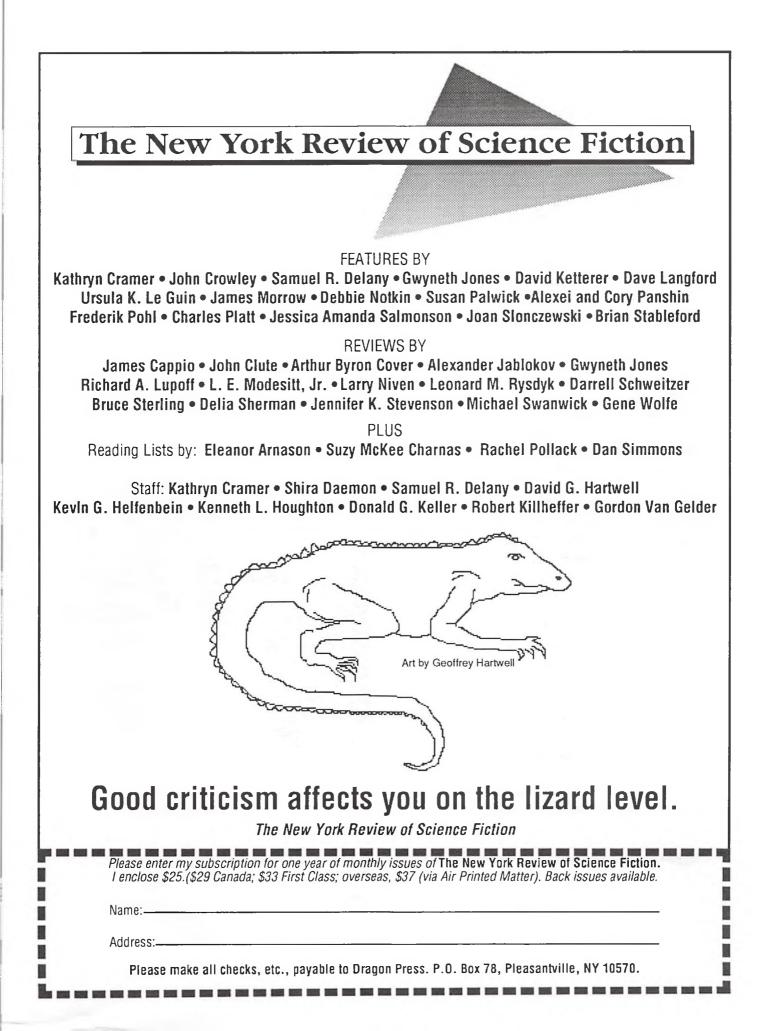
The Gaughan Award honors the memory of Jack Gaughan, a long-time friend of fandom and one of the finest SF artists of this century. Because he felt it was important to encourage and recognize new blood in the field, the award is presented to an emerging artist chosen by a panel of judges (currently Vincent Di Fate, David Cherry, and Michael Whelan).

This year's Gaughan Award will be presented during Boskone 30's Friday Evening events. Previous recipients are:

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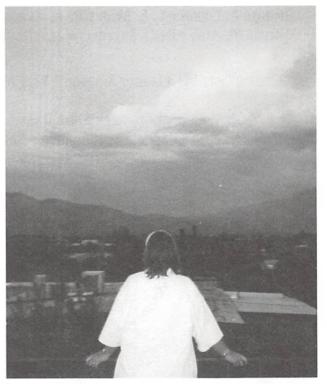


Beth Meacham by Patrick Nielsen Hayden

The first definitive picture of Beth Meacham in **L** my head shows her seated behind an editor's desk-her own desk, in fact, piled high-but leaning slightly forward, palm down, head cocked forward, grinning, eyes bright, exclaiming something amazed. And expressive—I'm not sure I've ever known anyone who gets as much sheer content into cries of "No!" or "Yes yes yes!" I'm particularly fond of one of her versions of "no"not the tired "no" all editors too frequently must resort to, but a special, subtly inflected "no" which contains volumes. Gliding over diphthongs from N to O, it conveys the sense of "You're kidding" and "Unbelievable" and "He didn't really" and "I'm flabbergasted" and, of course, "Tell me more!" This is the Reactive Beth, nerves extended into the world, always up for a good story and ready to be amazed.

From a start in the late 1970s as a clerk at New York City's Science Fiction Shop, Beth entered the editorial world as an assistant at Ace Books in 1981. Over the next three years she helped develop the careers of writers like Tim Powers, Orson Scott Card, and Greg Bear (editing books like, respectively, *The Anubis Gates, The Worthing Chronicle*, and *Blood Music*), discovered and published a long-lost Fuzzy book by H. Beam Piper, and brought Terry Carr's first line of revived Ace Science Fiction Specials through the arduous publishing process. By the time she left Ace for Tor in 1984, she'd risen to full editorial rank.

As senior editor and, later, editor-in-chief of Tor,



Beth guided the company through five years of amazing growth, in the process developing Tor's SF and fantasy hardcover program and publishing landmark books by authors like Card, Bear, Walter Jon Williams, Kim Stanley Robinson, Pat Murphy, Gordon R. Dickson, Jack Vance, and a cast of thousands. In 1988 she assembled a memorial anthology for her mentor Terry Carr, *Terry's Universe*, and it says something about Beth's belief in the editor's role as Invisible Midwife that her colleagues at Tor had to threaten to brain her

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Meacham

Executive Editor, Tor Books

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with fantasy trilogies before she would consent to have her name on the book's cover.

In 1989 Beth staged a daring, hair-raising escape from New York City and settled in Tucson as a full-time executive editor for Tor, where she remains today, in constant contact with the office via telephone, modem, and fax, doing what she loves best—editing terrific books.

What's special about Beth is that, after all these years, she still loves SF and fantasy and doesn't mind being perfectly clear about it. A couple of years ago, at a sales conference in Orlando, four Tor people—ID marketing director Ralph Arnote, editor Melissa Ann Singer, myself, and Beth piled into a rented car at midnight and drove fifty miles toward the coast on the off chance that we might get to see the space shuttle take off. Luck was with us, and we did—from a distance of only a few miles, surrounded by parked cars and spectators. The second definitive picture of Beth Meacham I have in my head is a mental snapshot taken roughly two seconds after liftoff, in which Beth can be clearly seen running down the middle of the highway toward the pillar of ascending fire, transfixed, shouting "yes yes yes yes!" as the sky fills with light and the roar washes over the crowd, completely unaware—and this is someone with the reflexes of fifteen years' residence in New York!—that she's left her purse unguarded atop the car several hundred feet behind. For all her hardnosed publishing savvy and drop-dead skills as a negotiator, this, I think, is the Real Beth Meacham, and goes a long way toward explaining why I've enjoyed every minute of working with her these last four years.



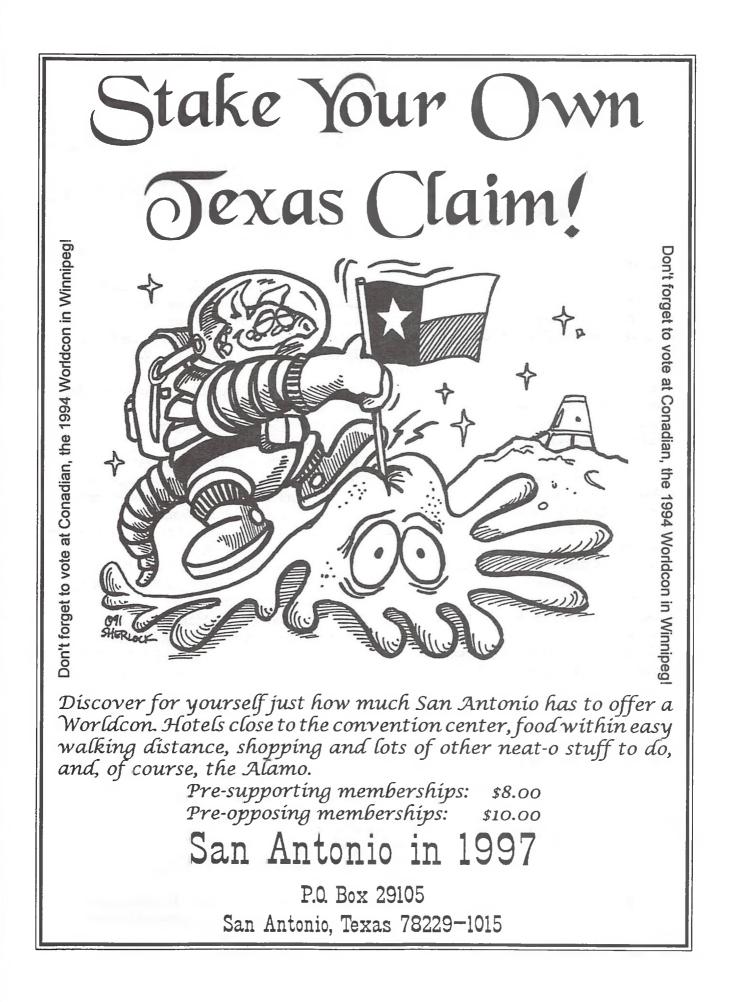
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James P. Blaylock: The Digging Leviathan

- Ben Bova: Cyberbooks, Orion in the Dying Time, Peacekeepers, Privateers, Voyagers II, Voyagers III
- Orson Scott Card: Ender's Game, Folk of the Fringe, Maps in a Mirror, Prentice Alvin, Red Prophet, Seventh Son, Speaker for the Dead, The Call of Earth, The Memory of Earth, The Worthing Saga, Wyrms, Xenocide

Michael Cassutt: Dragon Season

Chalker&Resnick&Effinger: The Red Tape War

- Storm Constantine: The Bewitchments of Love and Hate, The Enchantments of Flesh and Spirit, The Fulfillments of Fate and Desire
- Louise Cooper: Mirage, The Initiate, The Master, The Outcast

Jack & Jeanne Dann, ed.: In the Field of Fire Jay & Don Davis: Bring on the Night Gordon R. Dickson: Beyond The Dar Al-Harb, The Dragon Knight, The Final Encyclopedia, Wolf and Iron, Young Bleys Charles Durden: The Fifth Law of Hawkins Lionel Fenn: Agnes Day, Blood River Down, The Web of Defeat Steven Gould: Jumper Harry Harrison & B. McAllister: There Won't Be War Dean Ing: Systemic Shock, Wild Country James Patrick Kelly: Look into the Sun Gordon Kendall: White Wing John Kessel: Good News from Outer Space Damon Knight: A Reasonable World, The Observers R. A. Lafferty: Ringing Changes, Annals of Klepsis Tom Maddox: Halo Ardath Mayhar: Golden Dream Bruce McAllister: Dream Baby Beth Meacham, ed.: Terry's Universe Melisa C. Michaels: First Battle, Skirmish, The Floater Factor, The Last War, The Pirate Prince Pat Murphy: The Falling Woman Richard Pini, ed.: The Blood of Ten Chiefs 1, The Blood of Ten Chiefs 2 H. Beam Piper: Fuzzies and Other People Tim Powers: Forsake the Sky, Dinner at Deviant's Palace, The Anubis Gates Michael Reaves: Street Magic Michael Reaves & Steve Perry: Hellstar Mike Resnick: Ivory, Paradise, Santiago, Stalking the Unicorn, The Dark Lady, Will the Last Person..., Second Contact Kim Stanley Robinson: Escape From Kathmandu, Icehenge, Pacific Edge, Remaking History, The Gold Coast, The Memory of Whiteness, The Planet on the Table, A Short, Sharp Shock Richard Paul Russo: Inner Eclipse, The Subterranean Gallery Charles Sheffield: Cold As Ice Will Shetterly: Elsewhere Sherwood Smith & D.Trowbridge: The Phoenix in Flight S.P. Somtow: Moon Dance, The Shattered Horse, Valentine, Vampire Junction continued on page 32

Duane Elms

by J. Spencer Love

Duane Elms discovered filk at a Marcon in 1981 or 1982 when he stumbled into a filksing while looking for a bathroom. He was heard to mutter, "I can write better stuff in my sleep", and he wandered off to do just that.

Duane did not report what they were singing in that filk room, but he has certainly produced some good songs over the years. He has won two Pegasus awards (this is as close as filk comes to having a Hugo), and taken award ribbons in several Boskone filksong contests. His material has been collected in a songbook, *At the Helm*, and a tape, *St. Elmo's Fire* (guitar tracks performed by Duane; vocals by Larry Warner), and his songs have appeared on at least 19 other tapes (see discography). Some new tapes containing his work are expected soon from Wail Songs.

Duane is a perfectionist. This shows in a variety of ways; he is his own worst critic. For example, he has written over 100 songs, many of which will never see the light of day if he can help it. Initially, his voice was rather weak, but he has worked very hard and successfully at improving it, although sometimes when he is tired and the key is too high he sounds like the early Duane. There is a good side to this: he has encouraged other songwriters with weaker voices to show us their stuff. Duane also plays the guitar very well. At many filk circles, good performers (like Duane) intimidate newcomers and even old-timers quite effectively, even unintentionally.

In his real life (or reasonable facsimile), Duane does technology assessments for the information systems division of a large company. This requires that he know at least a little about a lot of topics, and this shows up in his songs. At conventions, Duane is often on panels on a wide variety of science topics.

Duane is currently working with Chris and Janet Morris on developing non-lethal options for projecting force in confrontational foreign policy. Previously, they collaborated on a non-fiction anthology, *The American Warrior*, released in October. Duane has previously been Fan Guest of Honorat Not Just Another Con, in 1991, and ToastMaster at ConCertino, in 1992. Recently, he has been seen a bit less often at filksings because of his other interests. He was married this fall. His wife, Kathryn, is a Master class Historical costumer. For about a year, they competed together in the Craftsman class, with some interesting props, such as having characters step out of the pages of a book. They won several awards, including Best in Show at Magicon, their first International competition, raising them to Master class in Science Fiction costuming.

Discography

Dredgings, Bayfilk 2, Off Centaur, 1984

Best of OVFF, Off Centaur, 1984

OVFF Concert 1, Off Centaur, 1984

Best of Bayfilk II, Off Centaur, 1984

Dreams and Nightmares, ConChord 2, Wail Songs, 1985

Mr. Author, ConChord 2, Wail Songs, 1985

There's a Filksing Here Tonight, ConChord 2, Wail Songs, 1985

Concert: On Stage, Bayfilk 3, Off Centaur, 1984

Filks That Pass in the Night, OVFF 2 (1986), Wail Songs, 1987

Cactuscon Choruses, NASFiC 1987, Wail Songs, 1987

Notes from the Desert, NASFiC 1987, Wail Songs, 1987

Free Fall and Other Delights, Off Centaur, 1987

Song of the Stars, DAG Productions, 1987

Pleasure in the OVFFing, OVFF 3 (1987), Wail Songs, 1988

Harlequinade, Nolacon II (Worldcon 1988), Wail Songs, 1989

Carmen Miranda's Ghost, Firebird, 1989

Funniest Computer Songs, Vince Emery, 1989

St. Elmo's Fire, Firebird, 1990

Unreal Estate, Firebird, 1990

Mercedes Lackey Live, Firebird

Chairman's Greeting by Greg Thokar

Dear fans, welcome!

To all our old friends and new, I invite you to share and enjoy this year's convention. We have a great set of guests and you will have plenty of opportunities to hear and meet them during the weekend. We are excited about our return to the Boston area and look forward to hosting you in our new digs.

Conventions are a marvelous time to visit with old friends and to meet new ones. The Tara provides wonderful gathering spaces with all its sitting nooks and comfortable lobbies on every floor. Also, the parties on Friday and Saturday, and the con suite, the BosConS, are fun places to meet other fans and get acquainted. Finally, the convention can always use a few extra hands, so volunteer some time to help make this a fun weekend for everyone (it really is the best way to make new friends).

Our program this year is a mix of old and new, celebrating the craft and community of sf with old events like Friday night's performance of the klezmer band accompanying the silent movie and Saturday's featured filk performer and regency dance. Some of the new events include the return of the Boskone play with Joe Mayhew's *Cross-Time Bus*, the multi-media presentation of Orsen Wells *War of the Worlds* broadcast and our latest experiment in late night entertainment — The Midnight Horror Karaoke (and Bad Beatles Songfest). And be sure to catch the continuing adventures of Rodney Farquahar in time and space throughout the convention.

Please let us know what you like and what you don't, and what you'd like to see in the future. Most of all, enjoy yourselves.

So This Is Your First Con?

If you're reading this book, and this is your first convention, congratulations: you've already survived the first fannish rite of passage—registering for the con.

Conventions can be intimidating. You're suddenly thrust into an unusual environment with many different sorts of people. You suddenly have the chance to meet some of the writers and artists you've been reading and enjoying for years. You have lots of opportunities to spend money, eat, drink, make merry, meet people, and it can all be too much!

Here are a few suggestions that may help you make it through and even enjoy your first convention.

It's common for neos [new fans; fandom has its own vocabulary, which is another thing that may overwhelm you your first time out] to stick with the person they arrived with, to sit in programming rooms for hours at a time, and to be pretty cautious. Get out, meet people, go to parties, spend time in the art show, try one of the local restaurants, and say "Hi" to your favorite author or artist. Cons can be spectator sports but they're much more fun as participatory activities.

Do all things in moderation. Don't spend the weekend eating potato chips and brownies from the food carts. Get at least one decent meal per day. (Try to connect up with a dinner group. Many fans like going out to the local restaurants in big groups. See the notice board at Information.) Spend some time in your room sleeping. If you've volunteered to work (thank you!), avoid working twelve hours a day (this is dangerous since you could wind up on the committee for future Boskones). If you haven't yet volunteered, consider doing so (at People Mover).

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The Strauss Indexes

by Anthony Lewis

This article was written by Anthony Lewis, who compiled magazine checklists for the Strauss indexes (as well as compiling a number of the NESFA indexes). The material in this article is based upon my recollections and whatever data could be culled from issues of *The Twilight Zine*, *Proper Boskonian*, and *Instant Message*. This material, in a somewhat different form, was sent to both Erwin Strauss and Mike Ward a while ago to be vetted before being printed. It is probably as close to truth as anyone will ever get on this subject. Of such is history made.

The Blackdex and the Bluedex

Indexing at the M.I.T. Science Fiction Society began in the early 1960s, originally aimed at making the Society's own growing collection more accessible to its members. The original listing of books was compiled on Hollerith cards by Marilyn Joyce Wisowaty (later Niven). Since Marilyn had been given the nickname of "Fuzzy Pink Roommate" by her roommate Fran Dyro, the work became known as the Pinkdex. The nickname soon became "Fuzzy Pink" to all other people. It is believed that this inspired Strauss in his naming of his first index—The Blackdex and the Bluedex. Erwin Sheehan Strauss, an M.I.T. under-graduate-glorying in the nickname of "Filthy Pierre"decided to make use of the data processing equipment to produce a "quick and dirty" index to the major magazines still publishing at the time (we

had all the copies of *Gamma*, so he included that also).

Data was entered on Hollerith cards and, after desultory proofreading, a hybrid output technique was used. Mimeograph stencils were taped to continuous form-feed paper and run through a line printer. This accounts for the poor quality of the mimeography.

Strauss, Erwin S. (compiler), *The Blackdex and the Bluedex*, February 1965, 232 pp., 8-1/2"x11", loose-leaf, 500 copies numbered, \$4.00. Indexes a subset of the English-language SF magazines for the period 1951-1964. Erwin Strauss compiled this work under the auspices of the MIT Science Fiction Society. Based upon the favorable response

THE BLACKDEX

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to this admittedly limited work, which sold out in about a year, he expanded it into a complete index for the period 1951 to 1965. The magazines indexed are—

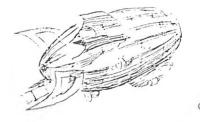
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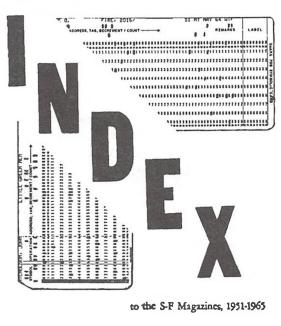
Contents: Blackdex - Works Alphabetized by Title /Bluedex - Works Alphabetized by Author.

No cover. All entries are in upper case only. The title listing is printed in black ink and the author listing in blue ink. The sections are printed inverted and interleaved. Thus, if reading The Blackdex, title entries appear on the recto page with the author entries on the verso page inverted and vice versa if reading The Bluedex.

The M.I.T. Science Fiction Society's Index a.k.a. The "Pierre" Index

Strauss compiled this work originally under the auspices of the MIT Science Fiction Society. In return for using the Society's library, some of its access to MIT facilities, and the ability to sell from its address, Strauss would turn over a portion of the profits to enable the MITSFS to enlarge its magazine collection. During the course of these proceedings the school administration decided that this arrangement was not entirely to its liking. Following legal action, Strauss retained possession of the books but was required to black out "The MIT Science Fiction Society's" on all copies sold. About this time (1967) Strauss was drafted into the United States Army. Because of this and the legal costs the printer, Spaulding-Moss, repossessed most of the remaining books, although Strauss had turned over a small number to Michael J. Ward. At the end of 1967, Ward left for California and turned over to NESFA all the indexes and 1966 supplements (see below) in his possession. In January 1968 NESFA found out that the printer had decided to destroy the books to save on storage. At the 7 January 1968 meeting NESFA approved the purchase of these books. Through its negotiator Richard Harter, NESFA remaindered the books for \$0.50 each. This money was raised by the sale of "bonds" (at 5%) to the membership, bringing in a total of \$540. NESFA continued to sell these books until they were gone. As near as can be determined Strauss sold (or turned over to Ward) a total of 486 books; NESFA obtained from the printer a total of 1462 books. This sums to 1948, as close as we are ever likely to get to reality.





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Strauss, Erwin S. (compiler), *The MIT Science Fiction Society's Index to the S-F Magazines*, 1951-1965, March 1966, but bindery problems delayed availability until May 1966, iii + 207 pp., 8-1/2"x11", bound in boards, 2000 copies, \$6.50 until 1 May 1966, then \$8.00, raised to \$12.00 March 1975; while Strauss sold this book he offered a \$1.00 discount to anyone who had bought the previous edition (*The Blackdex and the Bluedex*). Indexes the English-language SF magazines for the period 1951-1965. Entries are all upper case only.

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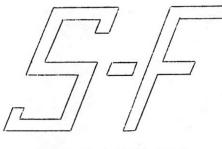
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Program Book

The 1966 Supplement

This work was compiled as a supplement to the 1951-1965 edition. After Strauss left for the Army he turned over his index to Michael Ward to sell. When Ward left for California at the end of 1967 he turned over the remainder of both books to NESFA to sell. This supplement was superseded by a new one, re-compiled from the original magazines, by NESFA.

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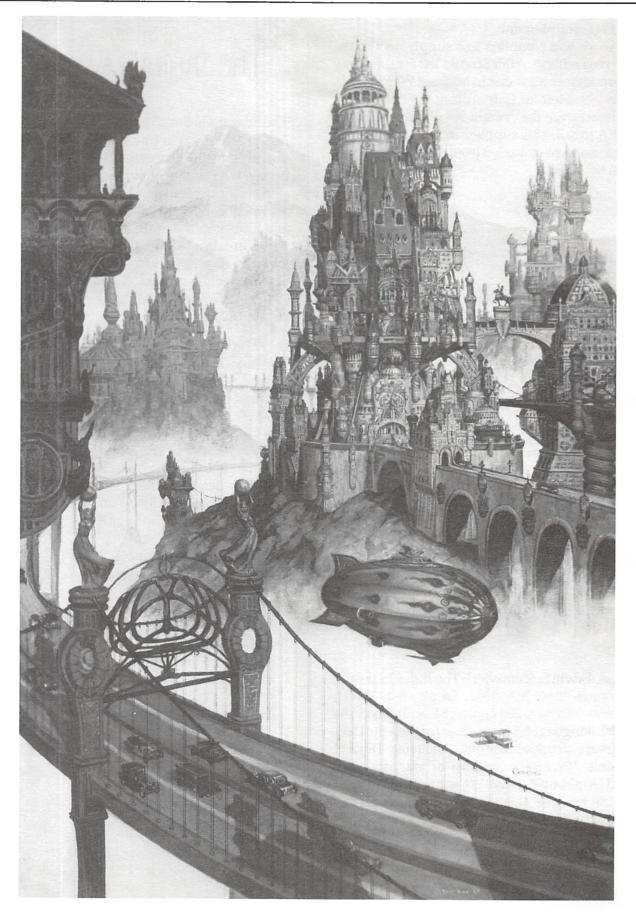
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Strauss, Erwin S. (compiler), The Index to the S-F Magazines 1966, July 1967, 56 pp., 8-1/2"x11", side-wire stitched, 200 copies, \$1.00. Indexes the English-language SF magazines for the year 1966. Entries are all upper case only. Contents: Table of Contents /Preface /Checklist of Magazines Indexed (Anthony R. Lewis) /Listing by Magazines /Listing by Title /Listing by Author. Cover design by Erwin S. Strauss.

The Skylark Award

The Edward E. Smith Memorial Award for Imaginative Fiction (the "Skylark") is presented from time to time by NESFA to some person who, in the opinion of the Membership, has contributed significantly to science fiction, both through work in the field and by exemplifying the personal qualities which made the late "Doc" Smith wellloved by those who knew him. This year's Skylark will be presented during Boskone 30's Friday evening events. Previous recipients of the award are:

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1967	Isaac Asimov, FN
1968	John W. Campbell
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1972	Lester del Rey, FN
1973	Larry Niven
1974	Ben Bova, FN
1975	Gordon R. Dickson
1976	Anne McCaffrey, FN
1977	Jack Gaughan
1978	Spider Robinson
1979	David Gerrold
1980	Jack L. Chalker
1981	Frank Kelly Freas
1982	Poul Anderson
1983	Andre Norton
1984	Robert Silverberg
1985	Jack Williamson
1986	Wilson (Bob) Tucker
1987	Vincent Di Fate
1988	C. J. Cherryh
1989	Gene Wolfe
1990	Jane Yolen
1991	David Cherry
1992	Orson Scott Card



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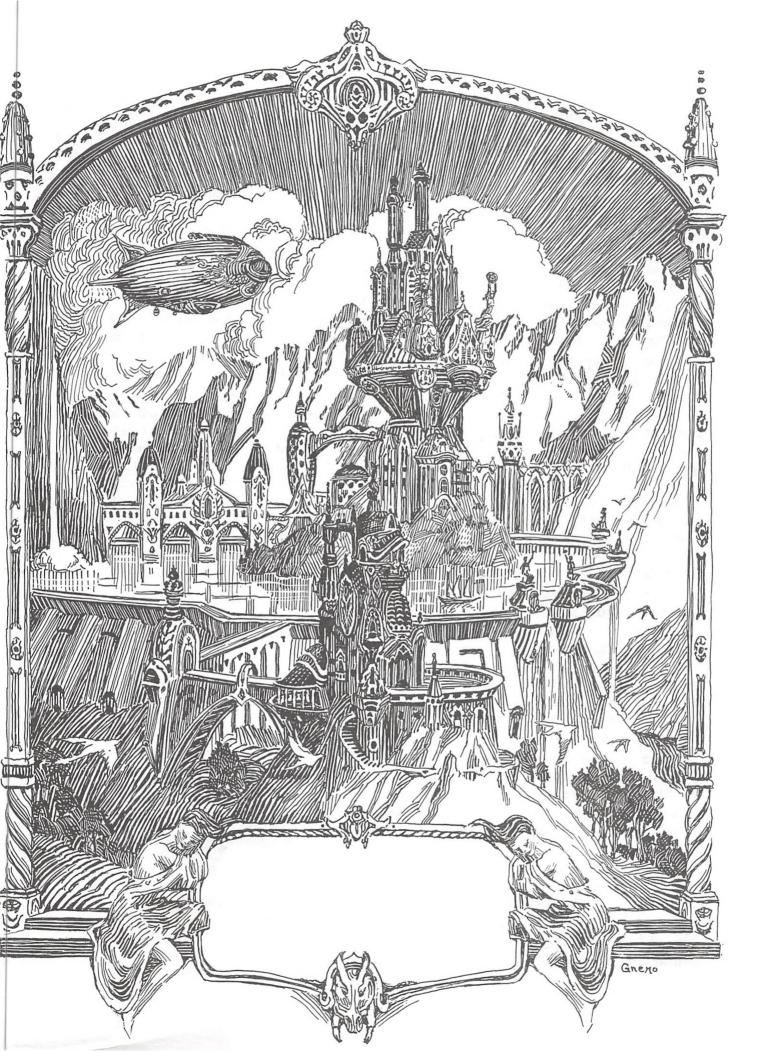
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NESFA

The New England Science Fiction Association, Inc., is a science fiction fan organization that mixes work on projects with socializing; the amounts of each are an individual choice. Projects include running SF conventions, publishing indexes to short science fiction, publishing a few books a year, publishing a fanzine, and continuing to work on our clubhouse. We run a major regional SF convention—Boskone—in January or February, and two small "relaxacons" (basically weekend-long social events): Lexicon in mid-summer and Codclave in mid- or late winter.

For Boskone, we publish a limited-edition hardcover book of material by the Guest of Honor. Recently, we also started the "NESFA's Choice" series, to bring back works that have been out of print but which we feel belong in print. The first volume was *The Best of James H. Schmitz* and the second (to be published in June) is *The Complete Short SF of Cordwainer Smith*. Subsequent volumes are in the planning stages. We publish an annual index to short science fiction (though we're a few years behind at this point). We also put together filksong books and assorted ventures such as a concordance to Cordwainer Smith.

In 1985, NESFA purchased 504 Medford Street in Somerville for use as a clubhouse. The building has undergone extensive renovation (much of it by the members, who viewed it as a great opportunity to learn all sorts of useful skills before trying them out on their own homes). The building now houses our library and is the site of our Business Meetings, Boskone planning meetings, and other work sessions.

Information about what happened and what is going to happen appears in the club newsletter, *Instant Message*, which is published twice a month. All members receive copies, and sample copies are sent to people who express interest and give us an address.

Proper Boskonian is the club fanzine, which publishes articles/reviews/etc., and is published on the "real soon now" schedule.

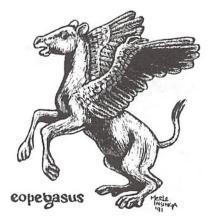
Apa:NESFA, a collection of personal fanzines, is collated at the Other Meeting and is distributed to contributors and those who help collate. NESFA membership comes in the following flavors: Subscribing memberships are open to anyone for dues of \$16.00 per year. For this you get *Instant Message, Proper Boskonian*, and a discount on some NESFA publications. People who regularly attend meetings usually become eligible for General Membership. Regular Membership is based upon recognized significant commitment to NESFA by contribution to the club and its projects, and gives the right to vote, and the responsibility to help the club run well.

We hold two kinds of meetings (along with various other kinds of gatherings). Business Meetings are where we conduct our business in somewhat formal style, and Other Meetings are social gatherings, with a few committee meetings thrown in.

The next NESFA meetings at the clubhouse are scheduled as follows : Boskone Debriefing at 1PM on Sunday, 28 February; Business Meeting at 2PM on Sunday, March 14; *Instant Message* collationat 7:30 PM on Wed., 17 March. The March Other Meeting is at 2PM on Sunday, March 28 at the home of Pat Vandenberg and Al Kent, 15 Park Ave. Extension, Arlington, MA. All are welcome! (The clubhouse phone is 617-625-2311.)

NESFA and Boskone also have active topics on GEnie. Cat 18, Top xx for NESFA and Cat 22 Top 15 for Boskone. Stop by and say "Hi".

For more information on NESFA you can write us at Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0203.



Other New England Clubs

B esides NESFA, there are a number of SF clubs in the area. Here is a list of the ones we know about, to help you find people near you with similar interests. (If you know of others not listed, let us know and we'll try to include them next year.) Some of these clubs may have tables set up at Boskone.

Arisia, Inc. 1 Kendall Square, Suite 322, Cambridge, MA 02139. Runs Arisia.

Boston Star Trek Association. Box 1108, Boston, MA 02103. Runs the Bash. CCSUniverse. CCSU, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britian, CT 06050

"The Gang" (The Rhode Island Science Fiction Club). The Kingstons, 136 Oakhurst Ave., Warwick, RI 02886. Focusing on all creative fiction:SF, fantasy, dark fantasy, horror, etc. Monthly meeting, gaming groups, special events.

The Gaylaxians. PO Box 1051, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117. Gay fan group. Runs Gaylaxicon.

HalCon SF Society. Box 295, Station M,, Halifax, NS B3J 2N7, Canada. Sponsors HalCon, in Nova Scotia, each March.

The Lunarians. PO Box 338, New York, NY 10150. Runs Lunacon.

MASSFILC. PO Box 286. Hollis, NH 03049. An SF and fantasy filk music club.

Massachusetts Convention Fandom, Inc. (MCFI). Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701-0205. The group that ran Noreascons 2 and 3 and is currently bidding for Boston in '98.

MIT Science Fiction Society. W20-473, 84 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. The MITSFS motto is "We're not fans, we just read the stuff."

Necronomicon is a new Boston-area convention devoted to Lovecraft's Cthulhu Mythos. Necronomicon 1 will be held 20-22 August 1993 in Danvers, MA. They can be reached at PO Box 1320, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117-1320.

Necon is a horror-oriented convention held each summer in Rhode Island. PO Box 528, E. Greenwich, RI 02818. **Readercon**. PO Box 6138, Boston, MA 02209. A convention, not a club, but of interest to all SF readers. Runs Readercon in Worcester in July.

Rhode Island Science Fiction Alliance (RISFA). c/oDonandSheilaD'Ammassa,323DodgeStreet, East Providence, RI 02914. RISFA is an informal SF group which meets on the second and fourth Saturdays every month.

RISFA North. c/o Beth Cohen & Topher Cooper, 15 Wellington St., Arlington, MA 02174. RISFA North is an informal SF group that meets on the first Saturday of every month.

Smith College Science Fiction Club. Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063.

Tesseract. University of NH SF Club. The Mub, University of NH, Durham, NH 03824.

UMASS Science Fiction Society. RSO 352, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Sponsors a large, movie-oriented convention, "Not Just Another Con", each fall.

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If you're having a problem with something, or if you're just confused, ask for help. Part of the job of anyone wearing a committee ribbon is to answer questions for attendees (or to at least tell them where they can get the information they're looking for). You can also check with Information. If Information is closed, check with Boskone Services.

If you liked this convention, try some of the others or some of the clubs listed elsewhere in this program book. If you live in this area, try coming to a NESFA meeting. The dates/location of the next few meetings are listed in the section on NESFA later in this program book.





