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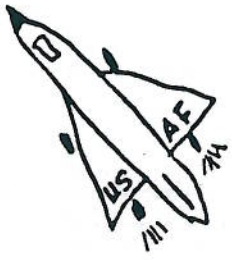

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Mar. 28th, 1990, at 7pm. Fullerton Saving, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile West off the Orange Freeway.

JANUARY MEETING

We had no formal program for January. There were books for sale and we talked about SF movies, books and book signings. Also, there was a lot of personal catching up on who was doing what, since we hadn't met for two months.

FEBRUARY 28TH MEETING

by Marcia Starke

Clint H. Woeltjen, vice-president of Virtual Reality Laboratories, was our guest at the February meeting. Clint demonstrated some new software, "Distant Suns", an astronomical aid to amateur astronomers. Paired with an Amiga 5000 computer, one could literally travel to nearby constellations, galaxies, stars, and so forth, and view aspects of them in detail. We were also joined by some

visitors from the Orange County Astronomers, who offered an evaluation of the software. They commented that one could really get your money's worth from this inexpensive product ($40-$60). Walter, one of the visitors, also taught us the difference between an eliptical orbit and a parabolic orbit.

MARCH 28TH MEETING

Our special guest for March will be Robert Q. Achzehner, an expert in the field of UFO phenomenon and a para-normal investigator. This is a subject that SF fans are naturally curious about, and tend to hold a wide range of opinions. The following is extracted from Forum magazine.

'Science' Can't—And Won't—Uncover Key to UFOs

By Robert Achzehr

Who's really guilty of the great UFO hoax? "Hoax" is a word that turns up too often at the times alleged witnesses present good photos or reports of close encounters. Of course there have been attempts to pass off doctored photos or concocted stories of contact as real, but the percentage of these hoaxes has been less than one-tenth of one percent.

When government officials or other authority figures try to debunk heavily corroborated UFO cases, a true hoax is being perpetrated on the public. By the same token, too many "scientists" act unscientifically by expressing authoritative viewpoints about subjects with which they have absolutely no knowledge or experience. Not only is this unscientific, it's dishonest.

I am convinced that the origin of the UFO phenomenon will not be found by orthodox science or its present methods. The so-called "scientific and military experts" are probably the least competent of all to pass judgement on this subject, mainly because they try to explain all things from their limited, three-dimensional frames of reference. The causes indicated by this subject obviously escape them. A person who has had only one good UFO sighting is infinitely more of an expert about the actuality of the sighting than "official experts" who declare authority mostly on the basis of their positions or college degrees. Orthodox science will only be able to tell us what the phenomenon is *not*.

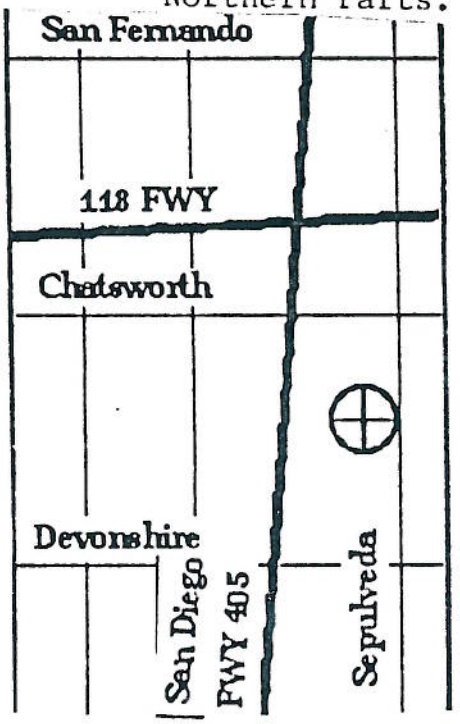
The unknown objects are there. They are intelligently controlled, and no government authority or scientific agency knows precisely what they are, where they're from or why they're here! This conclusion does not imply extraterrestrial origin—nor does it preclude it.

I am confident that our only hope for finally understanding the nature of the phenomenon will be outside the regular channels of mundane, scientific thought. I support an ontological viewpoint as the most acceptable discipline for enlightenment about any of our human experiences; with UFOs, as with other human encounters with the unknown, that involves unlearning what our schools, churches and other traditional authorities have taught us about the nature of reality.

Robert Achzehner is a southern California field investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. Questions about UFOs can be directed to him in care of California UFO, 1800 So. Robertson Blvd., Box 355, Los Angeles, CA 90035. Include name and address for personal response.

APRIL 25TH MEETING

For April, we're having an informal "bon voyage" for our friend Linda Woeltjan, who will be heading with her clan into Northern Parts.



TOM LESSER HOLDS ANNUAL CON

This year, Tom Lesser's Paperback Con is billed as **THE ELEVENTH PAPERBACK COLLECTOR'S MEETING.** It will be at the Mission Hills Inn, 10621 Sepluveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345. All dealers tables are already sold.

Time: Saturday, April 7, 1990. 9:00am - 4:30pm.

Guests: Robert Block, Robert Colby and others to be announced.

Admission: $2 all day. Free parking.

FAMOUS SF CHARACTERS AND THEIR NOVELS

compiled by Fred Cropper

1. Gilbert Gosseyn	A. Deathworld
2. Travis Cornell	B. Caves pf Steel
3. Jason DinAlt	C. Watchers
4. R. Daneel Olivaw	D. World of A
5. Gully Foyle	E. Slan
6. Ben Reich	F. More Than Human
7. Susan Calvin	G. Flowers for Algernon
8. Lone	H. Time Enough for Love
9. Charly	I. The Stars My Destination
10. Montag	J. I, Robot
11. Lazarus Long	K. Fahrenheit 451
12. Barleman	L. The Demolished Man
13. Jomie Cross	M. Mission of Gravity

(For answers see Page 6)

ORANGE SEGMENTS

The answer I got to the calender question in the last issue is once in .1071428 years.

Barbara Hambly has a paperback original just out from Del Rey, "The Dark Hand of Magic". This is the 3rd book featuring Sun Wolf and Starhawk. Faren Miller, of Locus, gave it a very favorable review.

Cheryl Franklin sold "Firecrossing", a sequel to two sets of books, to DAW. No publication date announced yet.

The irrepressable Ray Bradbury loves to dabble in musicals. This time he has collaberated with Jose Feliciano in an adaptation of "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit". It is set to run at the Pasadena Playhouse Sept. 7 - Oct. 21, 1990.

After a long reseach hiatus Jean Auel has sold a three book package to Crown and Bantam for 25 million. "The Plains of Passage", book four in her "Earth Children" series will be out this fall.

GARAGE SALE II; THE NIGHTMARE CONTINUES

By Fred Cropper and Dave Silva

I drove around the corner looking for the house number. The ad had said: **PAPERBACKS AND STUFF.** I couldn't spot a house number, but there was an open garage, with boxes piled on boxes, and digest magazines stacked on a table. I slammed on the brakes of my Fiat and backed into the driveway.

Trying to act casual as I dug through four boxes of immaculate D-series Ace science fiction that were interspersed with double mysteries. My hands started to shake and I turned my back to the owner so he woundn't notice.

There was a whole box of Ballantine First Science Fiction with all those destinctive Powers covers. MORE THAN HUMAN, THE SPACE MERCHANTS, THE OCTOBER COUNTRY with the Joe Mugnaini cover and interior illustrations. There was Avon's CHILDREN OF THE ATOM and the Hillman original of Jack Vance's THE DYING EARTH. On the table were piled the first 50 issues of F&SF, looking like they just came off the newstand rack. There were runs of MANHUNT, MIKE SHAYNE and even all six issues of ED McBAIN MYSTERY MAGAZINE, which I hadn't seen since the fifties.

I held up a copy of THE DYING EARTH and asked the owner of the treasure trove, "How much for this one?"

"Tw-tw-twenty-five cents for e-eacch paperback," he replied in a high-pitched stammer, his glasses bobbing up and down. He was about 35 and wore polyester pants that were several inches too short. I could envisage smart-ass kids asking him, "Hey Mister! Where's the flood".

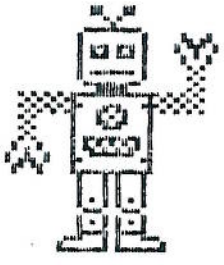
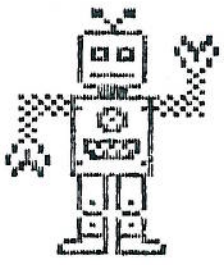
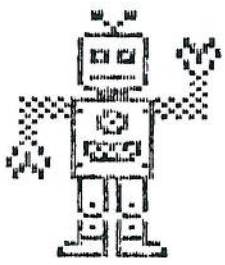
Had this guy been hiding under a rock all these years? The

last copy of DYING EARTH I had seen was $50...and it wasn't as good as this one. There was a fleeting notion that I should offer him a fair price for the whole she-bang, then I realized a fair price would be about $3,000. "I'll give you $200 for the whole lot. $90 now (pushing all the cash I had toward him) and $110 when I get back in a half hour with a truck."

"$200? Gr-gr...fine!" he grinned.

I hurried home and traded my sports car for my wife's truck(she likes a safe-looking vehicle) and I turned the same corner again, only the numbers didn't seem to run the same way. They got smaller instead of larger and the odd and even numbers were on opposite sides! The number was listed in the ad...no problem. After a half hour I gave up trying to find the ad. The ad had been thrown on my lawn and I had no idea what it was. Still, this street had to be the one.

I spent two weeks looking for that house but never found it. It was a beige stucco house. Three times I've been stopped by the police for cruising the neighbor hood in a suspicious manner. On one occassion I was forced to stand in a police line-up, praying that a 5 year old wouldn't finger me as the one who tried to lure him into a car with a candy bar. In the meantime, my wife took the truck and left me, the cat died, and my teen-age son ran off with his teacher.

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO THAT HOUSE?

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