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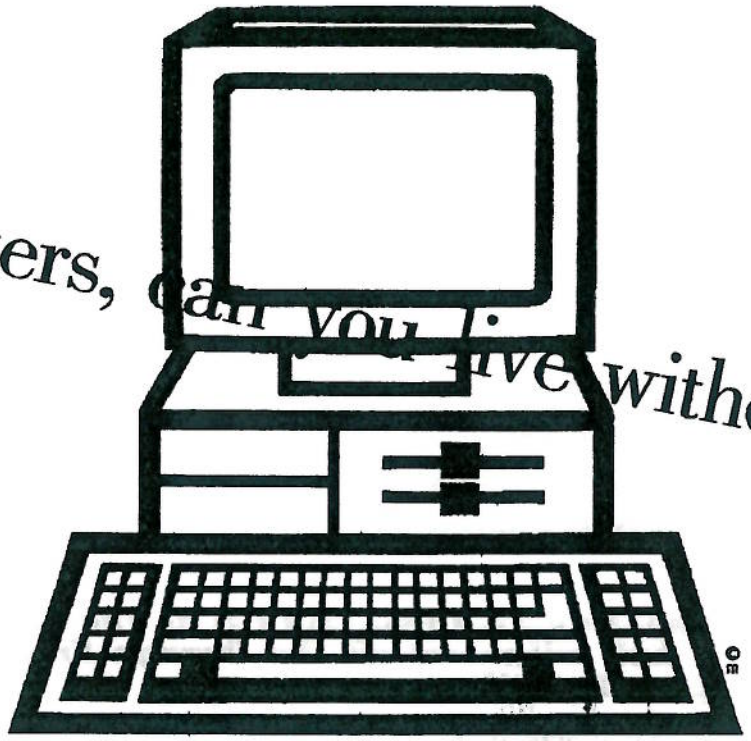

Ans: of course you can!

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**** Doors open 7:00 P.M.** (These are not Star Trek doors, do not walk up to them and expect them open at the very last second thus avoiding a bump on the head!)*

THE ORANGE PULP

NEWSLETTER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SCIENCE FICTION CLUB

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 31, 1995, 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:

Last Call by Tim Powers

* I didn't like

The Chief Speaks

We're a little late with this issue, I appologize. As you may know, I was minding my own business standing around at the airport when I was magically enchanted by the words of friendly and helpful airport personel to walk down this long tunnel. After which I found myself in a place where there were some very cold French speaking people...Ok enough of this.!!! It's just late, that's all!

Mail to the Chief

Dear Chief: The following are some words about our movie night:

Well, TANK GIRL certainly moved in/out of town so fast, we didn't get to see it. I looked in the L.A. Fishrap Monday morning (it was listed there at the Cinedome), we made our date and it was a NO SHOW! The Cinedome had made a mistake; it was not playing that night (or anywhere else..I looked at Thurs. listing...Tank Girl vanished). So, we agreed on BAD BOYS, a run-of-the mill buddy movie involving beautiful girls, a drug heist, and lots of things blowing up....summer is coming none too soon.

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Also, you may like to know Orange County now has its own MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). The HQ is in Texas, with chapters nationwide. MUFON OC has been in operation only two months. I saw a guest speaker from last year, Melinda Leslie, at the MUFON meeting last Friday night. I plan to check this MUFON thing out.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May	***31***	***Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30***
June	***14***	***This is the beginning of the good season for Movie Nights (trust me)***
	18	***Jedi Knights Regular Meeting***
	24	***Bookstore Crawl V (SF valley) A Jedi Knights event***
	28	***Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30***
July	***12***	***Let's go see another movie***
	16	***Jedi Knights Regular Meeting***
	26	***Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30***

For Jedi Knights information call (714) 826-5625

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

For OCSFC information call (714) 552-4925

Previous Meetings

Rich Gainer did a show in March about SETI (Search For Extra Terrestrial Intelligence)

At our last meeting, Ed Thomas, owner of Book Carnival talked about his store, mystery books, SF books, authors and driving to the other side of LA

May, and Beyond

Our May guest is scheduled to be artist Chris Butler. He will be bringing us a program of slides.

Actually, I don't have any more information for speakers beyond May. If they've lined any more up they will fill all of us in at the next meeting

MOVIE NIGHTS

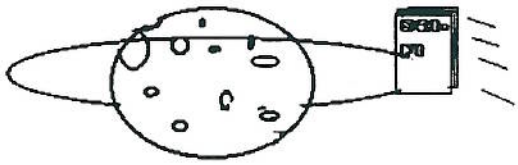
See the letter from Marcia for the April movie night. In May we wanted to see Villiage of the Damned, unfortunately I was in a place where it wasn't playing

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

SURFING THE NET

Well, actually drowning is more like it. My computer information provider (Compuserve) recently gave us internet access and 3 free hours a month to use it. I had heard that there was quite a large SF fandom population there so I decided to try it. Using my free software (MOSAIC) also provided by Compuserve I began looking through the various options. I had heard that Diane Duane and Peter Moorwood had a World Wide Web page and I decided to find it. The World Wide Web is a graphical system that shows pictures and icons and things that you can click with your mouse to read documents, or to get to other locations in the network. I finally found The Owl Springs Partnership (the DeD and PM page). Its slogan A little science, a little magic, a little chicken soup. The home page contained icons to click on to find out what is The Owl Springs Partnership, pictures of their cats, an opportunity to read The Martain Child, a nebula winning novelette by David Gerrold, a few quotes, recipiesm and other such things. And that's just one home page. I think this is going to take a long time to explore properly.

THE READING ORBIT



The book for May is Last Call by Tim Powers. Tim has been to the OCSFC on several occasions and we hope to have him back again. Since this book is around 500 pages long, we have decided to continue the reading and discussion on into June. If you have trouble finding the book, it might be in the regular fiction section of the bookstore or library. Catherine will be bringing in a short story for us to read for the next monthly discussion (July). If you have a favorite short story, let us know about it so we can all read it and share the adventure at a future meeting.

Don Dixon Slideshow

Don Dixon was our guest speaker in June '93 (my how time flies). Recently, I saw an ad for this software package and I just had to go down there and pick it up.

It's a combination screen saver and slide show put out by The Nature Conservancy. It contains 22 painted astronomical scenes which show up beautifully on my SVGA monitor.

A couple of things to note are: 1) This software is packaged like a CD ROM, in fact it contains 2 3.5" floppy disks, so you don't need a CD-ROM drive to operate it. 2) Other than Don Dixon's name on the front, there is no other information about the artist on the inside. The literature included talks about setting up and running the software, and the other image packages that are available.

The system requirements are: 256 color monitor and driver and 4 megabytes of memory in your computer. It is available from Egghead Software for about $10.00.

Hey, What's going on there?

Intersection- '95 Worldcon, Glasgow Scotland, August 24-28 A good reason to visit Scotland.

NASFIC/Dragon*con 95 Atlanta Hilton and Towers July 13-16. Nasfic is held in North America in years when the Worldcon is outside of North America. It is of Worldcon quality.

L.A. con III Aug 29- Sep 2 1996 $90 till June 30, 1995 then the price of membership goes up to $110. L.A. con III P.O. Box 8442 Van Nuys, CA 91409. Or write to the E-Mail Infobot through internet: lacon3-info@netcom.com

UNICON - I still don't know the date of this con but it should be around the first week in November

MY ALIEN LOVE by Fred Cropper

We met at Galaxy University, an intergalactic college, that catered to humanoids throughout the galaxy. Whereas alien love with humans was strictly forbidden by law, there was a lot of it going on at the university where things were much more lax. When the couple was off campus, the alien member was usually disguised as a human. Usually it didn't take much, contacts to cover a strange eye color, wigs to cover grass-like hair or no hair at all and so on. Jer-el (I called her Jerry), who came from the Pleiades, was quite human looking, except for yellow eyes which she disguised. She was the most beautiful creature I had ever seen. She had the most beautiful black hair (her own) that fell straight to her shoulders. By her second year at the university she had all the counterfeit documents to "pass". We had a torrid love affair. I assure you everything was in the right place. We were always worried we'd be found out but the beaurocracy was apparently concerned with other things at the time. We got married in New Las Vegas with only witnesses --\ no use advertising. Well, naturally Jer-el got pregnant. I was there at the delivery, They were the cutest babies you ever saw--25 tiny white worms!

THE END

COMPUTERS MADE HARD

Tired of those namby-pamby "computers are for everyone" kind of books that hold your hand and carefully explain everything along the way? This book was written by people who know that computers never make mistakes, they do exactly what you tell them to do.You just have to know what to tell them to do.

- ***Each chapter assumes that you have mastered all the other chapters***
- ***New terms are never explained. Ya gotta look 'em up***
- ***Special chapters for rocket scientists and brain surgeons***
- ***The author believes that the complete history of operating systems, punch cards, paper tapes, and long printouts must be understood before any personal computer can be understood.***
- ***Special humor section to make fun of those who just want to "point and click"***