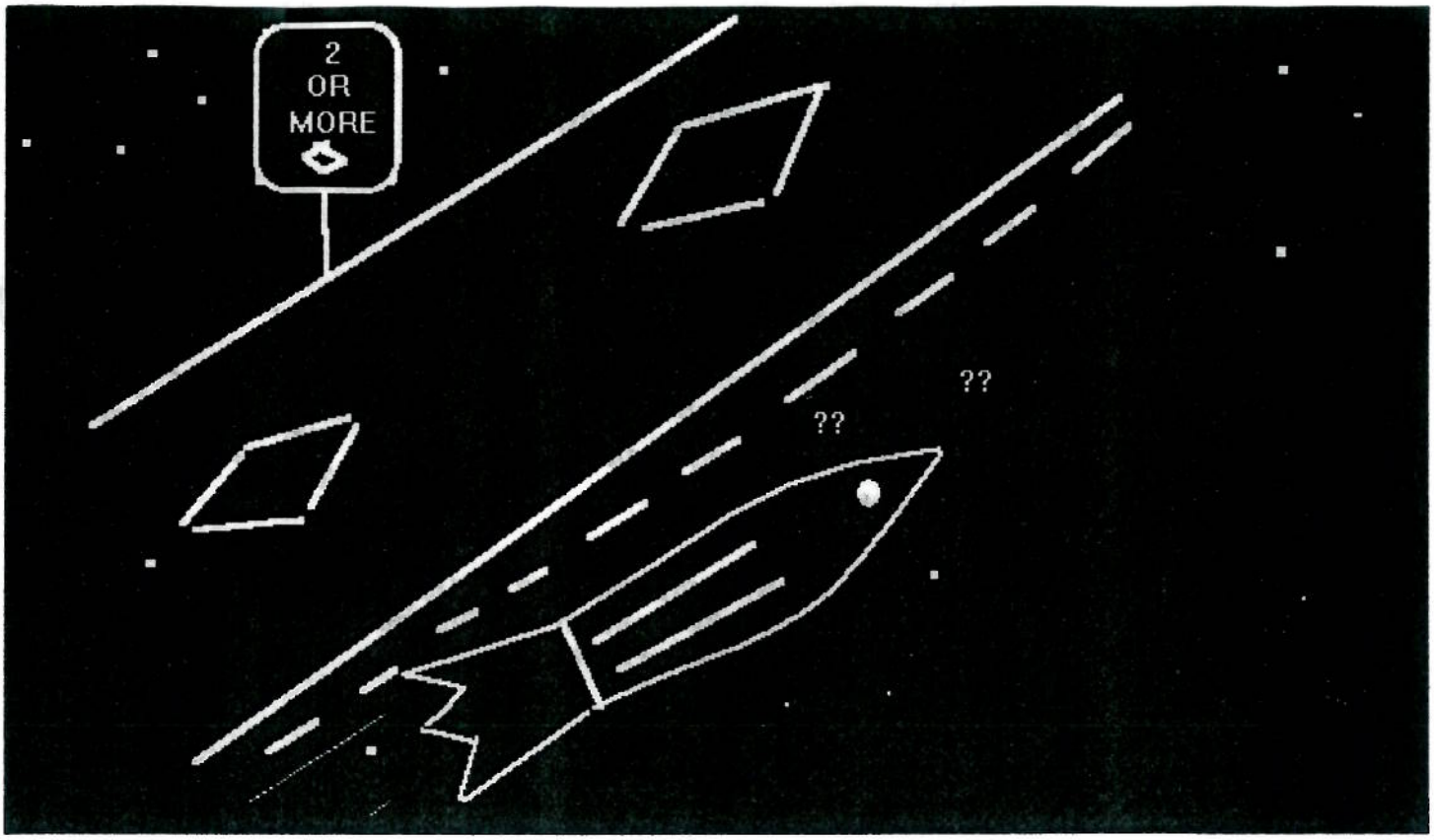

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 1995, 7:30 PM at The Usual Place, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile west off the Orange Freeway. (SE corner of Chapman and St. College in Fullerton)

The Reading Orbit Discussion Novel:

Gun With Occasional Music **by Jonathan Lethem**

The Chief Speaks

Our subscriptions manager, treasurer and good friend Ken Williams has decided, for many reasons, to step down from his job. Marcia Starke will be taking over his tasks for now, so if you need to subscribe to "The Pulp" or change your mailing address go see her. Ken has done a terrific job mailing, duplicating, printing address labels and being a greeter for new members.

Thanks Ken

Mail to the Chief

Well, Once again the mailbox is empty. Oh I suppose I could put some comments from my weekly flyers from Albertson's and K-Mart here Or maybe Pick n Save or perhaps Thrifty or Sav On. Or maybe that mortgage co. with two A's in its name that has so many clever ways to deliver its message.

Hint: Write me a letter. This space could be yours! I might even say something clever that you weren't expecting. {sigh, now I feel better}

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July	**26**	**Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30**
Aug	**9**	**Movie Night**
	20	**Jedi Knights Regular Meeting**
	24-28	**Intersection - Worldcon in Glasgow Scotland**
	30	**Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30**
Sep	**13**	**Movie Night**
	17	**Jedi Knights Regular Meeting**
	27	**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

Our May guest was artist Chris Butler. I don't have any notes on his program, but I do remember it was quite enjoyable.

In June we had as our guest Debbie Mirek, one of the authors of The Star Trek Encyclopedia. She had a lot of good stories about the goings on at the making of the ST shows.

July, August, Septermber, October, November, & not December

Our program planners have gotten us a great lineup for the rest of the year!

For our July meeting our guest will be Don Lagerberg, Professor of Art at CS Fullerton. Many of his students have gone on to careers in art and animation.

August will be an open meeting (read: no guest) as this will be the time of World Con and many members will not be able to attend.

Our September meeting will feature *two* guests Tim Powers and Jim Blaylock. Both are very popular SF authors who have been previous guest speakers to the OCSFC.

October will follow with another author friend. Rhondi Vilott Salsitz will tell us about her new novel Death Watch under the name Elizabeth Forrest.

There will be a November meeting, however, a program has not yet been scheduled.

December meeting? **NO!**

MOVIE NIGHTS

I Don't believe it!, two movie nights, two movies. Both science fiction. Both still playing by the time we got to the theatre.

June- We went to see Johnny Mnemonic (pronounced "John knee knee mon knick") from a William Gibson short story with a little added bloodshed. It depicts a time in the future when life is difficult and everyone is always trying to kill everyone else. The good thing about it is that no one lives longer than 5 minutes.

July- Species. I found some entertainment value in this movie. Some of the others in the group that saw it didn't. If you've ever studied any brass instruments in the band you would be very jealous of the tongue that this "creature" had.

Not really poetry dept.

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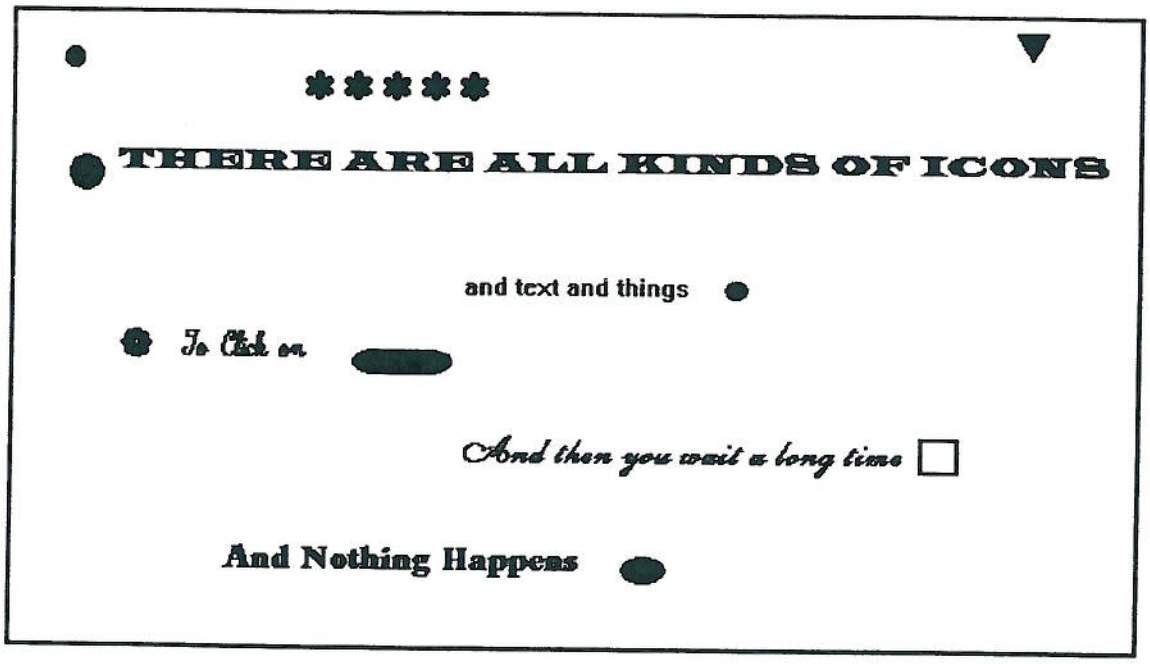

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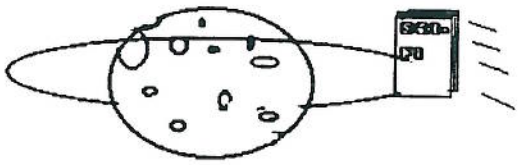

Our book for May was Last Call by Tim Powers. In this book Tim combines the mystery of Tarot with the excitement of seeing each card turned over in a high stakes game of poker. One of the things I liked is that he talked about locations with which I am familiar (some even here in Orange County). That brought the story close to home and added to the enjoyment.

After the July meeting we will be discussing *Gun With Occasional Music* by Jonathan Lethem. An SF murder mystery.

No book or story has been selected for August yet. You can help us choose one at the next meeting!

This is what you get for not sending in material for me to put here in our newsletter

Submit today

Before it's too late

On The Space Ship Lollypop

with apologies to Shirley Temple

On the Space Ship Lollypop,
It's a long ride through a black hole drop,
Where quasars play,
Even though they're many light years away,
Satellites are everywhere,
but, outside there is no air,
And there you are,
Happy landings in some asteroid tar,
See the space probe play through the Milky Way,
radiation it can take,
If you get too close,
ooo ooo,
You'll awake with atomic ache,
On the Space Ship Lollypop,
Till you crash land,
You can't stop,
So you can stay,
On the Space Ship Lollypop.

Hey, What's going on there?

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

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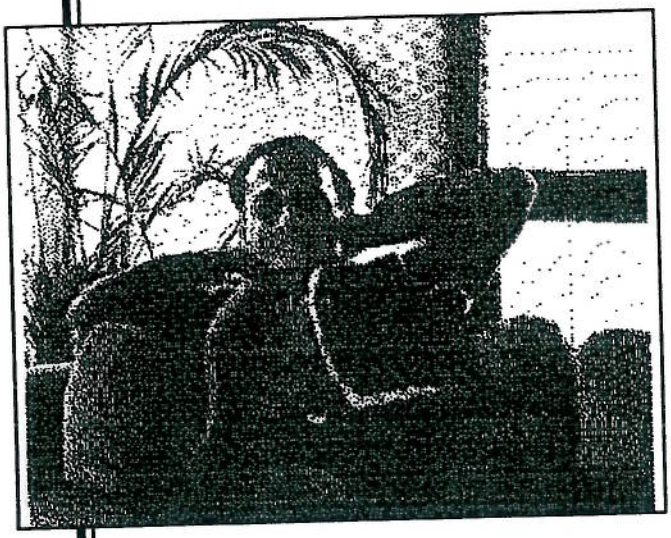
ROGER ZELAZNY REMEMBERED

By Dave Silva

The last time I saw Roger Zelazny was at the 1993 LOSCON, in Burbank. He was reading from one of his stories, very upbeat, full of energy. He had an excellent speaking voice and had recently done recordings of stories by Robert Block and other authors. I was very surprised to hear he had died of cancer on June 14th.



About ten years ago, I met Roger Zelazny at a comic book/SF/games store, very similar to Galactic Archieves. It seemed an odd place for a big name writer to do a signing, maybe it was done as a favor for a friend. The thing that immediately struck me about him was how much he enjoyed meeting and talking to fans. Most writers are friendly and outgoing, but there are a few, like Bradbury, Van Vogt and Asimov that seem absolutely delighted to meet you. This was somewhat surprising, Zelazny had a lean craggy appearance that reminded me of Sherlock Holmes and I had expected him to be more reserved. He signed, ''The Guns of Avalon'', the 2nd book in the Amber series; also he signed, ''A Rose For Ecclesiastes'', a Hugo nominee short story in F and SF, with a striking wrap-around Hannes Bok illustration of the story, depicting a Martian village.

Roger Zelazny was an inspiration to struggling writers. He received over eighty rejection slips before he sold his first story. Once he broke into the magazines he started winning Nebula awards for his short fiction. In 1966, he won the Hugo for, ''...And Call Me Conrad'', also published under the title, ''This Immortal''. He won the Hugo again in 1968, for his novel, ''Lord of Light''. In 1974, he was GofH at the Worldcon. However, It was the ''Amber'' series that will be Zelazny's legacy.

My personal evaluation of Zelazny's work might stand in sharp contrast with many critics, because I found both novels he won Hugos for to be tedious reading. My four favorite Zelazny novels are the first four books in the ''Amber'' series, starting with, ''Nine Princes in Amber''. The concept, the characterazation, the intrigue and richness of plot made it a memorable series. I always thought ''Amber'', would be excellant material for either, a TV mini-series or, a movie series. Although Zelazny continued to write 12 or 13 books in the series, the later ones just didn't seem as good.

''Jack of Shadows'', a lesser known book that preceeded ''Amber'', is a very entertaining fantasy that almost seems like a precuror to ''Amber''. Also recommended are his short stories from the 1960's and early '70s.