

VEGAS FANDOM WEEKLY

Las Vegas Fandom's Sorta Weekly Newszine

SNAFFU Switches to Email Election!

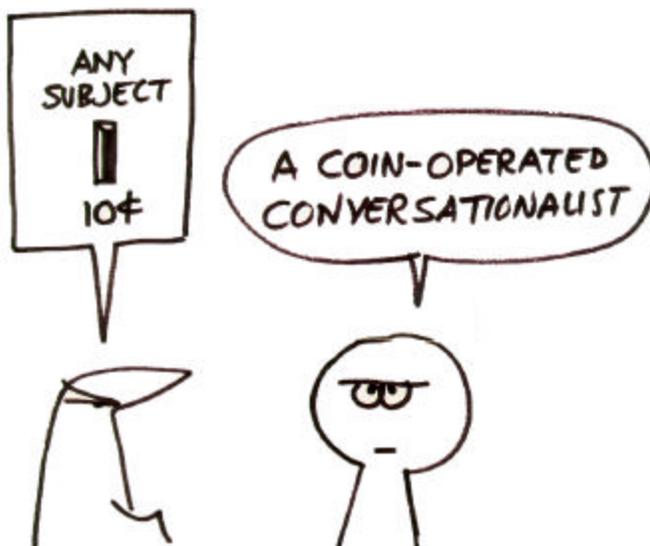
An email from President Michael Bernstein, which arrived early Friday evening, informed members of SNAFFU that plans to hold the election at the 1/28 meeting had to be changed.

Citing the illness of both club officers, Michael provided a ballot and asked SNAFFUties to cast their vote electronically. Presumably, fans who attended the meeting were allowed to cast their votes in person. (Joyce and I sent ours via JoHn Hardin, who stopped by the Launch Pad on Friday afternoon for a visit.

Chicago SFL Holds Reunion Meeting

The Chicago Science Fiction League held its first meeting in more than a year. Four of its founding members — Ben Wilson, Ken Forman, Joyce Katz and the Kingfish — gathered at the group's traditional meeting place, Chicago Hotdogs and renewed their pledge to seek justice and compensation.

The Chicago Science Fiction League resumed meeting in the early 1990s, ending a hiatus of over 50 years since it suspended



operation in 1940 after sponsoring the second World Science Fiction Convention, the ChiCon I, in that year,

A group of fans chowing down at Chicago Hotdog prior to a Vegnants meeting started the club in a heroic bid to get all Chicago worldcons subsequent to 1950 to pay a portion of their receipts to the Chicago SFL in compensation for operating in our territory.

Bob Tucker, who was Secretary-

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Treasurer of the CSFL as of its last meeting, blessed our efforts. Although we have not yet received any payments from any of the carpetbaggers, we remain hopeful — and happy to eat hot-dogs and fries together every now and then.

The members voted unanimously to redouble their efforts to get con committees that have claim-jumped the rightful role of the Chicago Science Fiction League to pay through the nose,

Vegrants 2/5 Open Meeting!

The February 5 Vegrants meeting will feature something unexpected and magical — and the club wants to share the fun with the rest of Vegas Fandom.

Besides the usual foolishness, Stan and Tintin Jeckewicz, known professionally as

the Spellbenders, will treat their fellow fans to a special, private performance of their astounding feats of mental legerdemain.

Las Vegnants, an invitational group, has declared it an Open Meeting and invites Vegas fans to come and share the fun.

The only catch — and it's a small one — is that space is somewhat limited. We figure we can host approximately 30 fans. We anticipate 15-20 Vegrants, which leaves room for 10 or so guests.

If you are not a Vegrants member, all you have to do is call or write Joyce or me (contact information on page 2 of *VFW*) to tell us you plan to attend on February 5th. We'd also appreciate hearing



Alan White (shown here convincing a reluctant downloader) has become the Director of Circulation and Subscription Inducement for *Vegas Fandom Weekly*. It would be extremely advisable for all Las Vegas fans to download *VFW* each week. It is advisable not to ruffle Mr. White.

My money or my life? Uh, how about an Elvira poster, three Hershey bars, a can of Diet Coke, a copy of "The Enchanted Duplicator" and a styrofoam cup signed by David Gerrold?



from Vegrants, so we can keep a good head count.

Bean Me Up, Scotty!

If you've always wondered whether Klingons know how to make chili, you'll be able to satisfy your curiosity at the *Star Trek* Chili Cook-off. Sponsored by one of the two local SF clubs, K'Ehleyr Station, it is scheduled for Saturday, February 26.

Fans are encouraged to bring a pot of their chili with them, but it isn't a requirement. Joshua Andrews (email: andrews1701@gmail.com) can provide more information.

SNAFFU Veep Candidate Bolts!...

Some people will do anything to avoid work. One such fan is *VFW's* first Actifan of the Month (for January 2005) Kent Hastings.

Those who attended the last Westside SNAFFU meeting (or who read my account in *VFW*) will remember that Kent submitted his name for the office of Vice President in the current SNAFFU election. Kent laughed in the face of skeptics who questioned his resolve.

Well, apparently his resolve *is* strong, just not in the anticipated direction. Kent has

moved out of Las Vegas to a location we have been asked not to divulge yet for business reasons. He claimed, when he visited on Thursday evening, that he had gotten a terrific opportunity to live in a spacious house for at least a year at less than half the cost of his Vegas studio apartment. I tactfully did not mention his run for SNAFFU vice president and thus reserved the pleasure of taunting him for here,

Kent isn't moving so far away that we all won't see him, though. He may not be around quite as much, but he promises to show his face at various clubs, parties and events.

Join the ConDor XII Trip!

Vegas fans are organizing a caravan to ConDor XII, which will be held in San Diego on March 27-29 at the Mission Valley Marriott (8757 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, CA 92108). Terry Wilsey and Woody Bernardi are looking for fellow travelers to attend this established and popular convention.

Already signed up for the excursion is Teresa Cochran. She promises pleasant over-the-road companionship – and she swears she won't be one of the drivers.

If you want to be part of this excursion, email Woody (*address in the box on page 2*), who can provide all the details. The end of March may seem like a long time off, but the need for reservations and such requires some early planning. If you want to have a memorable weekend, get in touch sooner rather than later.

SNAFFU 1/28 Meeting Report

In attendance were Kent Hastings, Theresa Cochran, Melonie Medelin, Woody Bernardi, Lorie Forbes, Rachel Smith and JoHn Hardin. Illness kept our two incumbent candidates (Michael Bernstein & Darmon Thornton) from attending the meeting, so official duties were performed by Kent Hastings. He collected the votes of those folks who hadn't voted online. He vowed to for-

ward them to Linda Bushyager without altering a single vote.

Appropriately enough, the discussion segment of the meeting was devoted to "politics in science fiction."

This rather broad topic expanded into a wide-ranging discussion that lasted until 10PM. At that point, everyone headed over to the coffee shop at Sunset Station where the gabfest continued until just after midnight. — JoHn Hardin

Heard Around Vegas Fandom...

Woody Bernardi is beating the drums for a celebration for the 15th anniversary of Ve-



gasCon, coming in 2006. We ought to salute our city's first fan-run convention; perhaps a panel on local fan history at the appropriate SNAFFU meeting would serve...

Karla Hardin is in the midst of three weeks of training for a new job. She'll be one of the photographers at local area hospitals who do pictures of the newborns. Those who want to support Karla's new endeavor are advised to get pregnant *now*; I have it on good authority that it takes nearly nine months to fill the pipeline...

Joyce Katz has had some trouble with her right ankle, the one she broke in three places. She has begun to experience considerable pain and some difficulty walking. She saw her surgeon, who ordered new x-rays and made an appointment for her with a foot specialist. *VFW* will have an update, probably in the next issue...

Warren Harris, the San Francisco fan who attended the last Westside SNAFFU meeting, has a new issue of his pulp-oriented fanzine *Back Numbers* available for download on efanazines.com. (And if you haven't checked out Bill Burns' free online fanzine newsstand, you are definitely missing a Good Thing.)

Club Calendar

Las Vegrants February 5 7:30 PM
The informal, invitational club invites fans to its Open Meeting. RSVP.

VSFA February 7 7:30 PM
This formal club meets at the Clark County Library on the first Monday of each month.

SNAFFU February 11 8:00 PM
This formal SF club meets the second and fourth Friday's of each month. This time, it will be held at Borders bookstore on Sahara at 8:00 PM.

Las Vegas Futurists Feb. 11 7:00 PM
This discussion group looks to the world of tomorrow on the second Friday of each month at Borders bookstore (2190 N. Rainbow Blvd.)

This Is the End, My Special Friend

When I envisioned this issue, I saw it having (finally) a letter column. I've gotten some very good ones and wanted to share them with you. As things turned out — I will *not* say "unfortunately" — we had so much legitimate news that there really isn't room for the letter column this time. Not without exceeding my self-imposed four-page limit.

So I put the letters back into the file and hope to trot them out next time, even if it means a couple of extra pages.

Meanwhile, your news and comments are eagerly sought and fervently desired.

See you all next week!

— Arnie Katz
Feb 2, 2005