

Holmdel Science Fiction Club
Club Notice - 2/1/79

MEETINGS UPCOMING:

(All meetings are in room 3H-506 on Wednesdays at noon.)

DATE	TOPIC
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2/21/79	LORD OF LIGHT by Roger Zelazny
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3/14/79	MIND PARASITES by Colin Wilson
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future dates: 4/4/79, 4/25/79, 5/16/79, 6/6/79

Our library is in HO 2D-634A. Rich Ditch (x3432) is librarian.

1. The time has come (the walrus said) to set up some firm rules for the borrowing of books from the library. Any book may be borrowed from the library for a period of up to one week. At the end of that time either the book must be returned to the librarian, or another member must call the librarian and say that the book is now his responsibility. If the latter is the case, the book may change hands any number of times in a two week period (with each new recipient making arrangements with the librarian). Under no circumstances will any book be removed from the library for more than two weeks. Loans of a given book to a given person for more than a week may be arranged at the librarian's discretion. But under no circumstances will anyone have a book for more than one week in the three weeks prior to its discussion.

2. I am attaching a book review by someone called Ditch the Disgusting.

3. LORD OF LIGHT is in the Freehold and Ocean Township libraries, for those who want to ease the burden on our own library or have the book for a period more than one week. One measure we might take to alleviate the problem of people being unable to get the discussion books from our library would be to start buying three copies of discussion books instead of the current two. We may discuss this proposal at a meeting.

4. It has been semi-planned that we will begin reading our way through the Science Fiction Hall of Fame books and discussing them. Anybody who has suggestions as to what order we should read the stories in, and which stories might be better omitted, please bring them to my attention.

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5. We will be putting into the library information on upcoming science fiction conventions, for those people who have requested it. By Friday we hope to have as much information as possible about the following conventions:

Boskone	Feb. 16 - 18	Boston
Lunacon	Mar. 30 - Apr. 1	New York City
Disclave	Memorial Day weekend	Washington DC
Noreascon	Labor Day weekend 1980	Boston

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RECENTLY READ
"THE VEILS OF AZLAROC",
by Fred Saberhagen

ace Books, 216 pages, first printing October 1978, \$1.95, cover by Dean Ellis.)

In VOA, Saberhagen presents the reader with an interesting and unique concept. The inhabitants of Azlaroc exist in "year-groups", each group separated from all the others by the yearly falling of the veils. All yeargroups exist in the same physical space, but interaction between different groups is limited in direct proportion to the number of veils separating the groups. A visitor to Azlaroc must be careful to avoid being caught by a veilfall, for a single veil binds for eternity.

The story occurs near the end of year 430, as measured from year one (in which the original band of explorers were trapped). Although veilfall is not expected for approximately 15 days, one of the explorers has reason to believe that the fall will occur early, thus potentially trapping the current set of tourists. The main story line follows the efforts of this explorer to communicate his fears across 430 veils to people who appear to him as the thinnest of blurs.

The real interest in VOA, however, is contained in the characters of the individuals singled out by Saberhagen. These people come from first and second generation inhabitants of year-group one, a pair of settlers of a yeargroup around 420, and some of the tourists.

There are also many interesting ideas contained in the concept of Azlaroc and its veils, including the geometric character of Azlaroc itself.

Although Saberhagen does not present a completely consistent view of Azlaroc and its veils, it is certainly interesting reading and enjoyable speculation about a unique concept.

Review by Ditch the Disgusting

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1. There will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss LORD OF LIGHT by Roger Zelazny.
2. The club is now 21 strong with the addition of Debi Bennett.
3. We are considering having, on an irregular basis, additional meetings one week after the normally scheduled meetings. These meetings will be for various activities related to science fiction, but will not be book discussions. For example, Ditch the Deplorable has a decent collection of slides of art from Boskone. While he will obviously never go far as a photographer, the slides are of reasonable interest in and of themselves. Included are slides of art by Eddie Jones, George Barr, Rick Sternbach, as well as a number of slides of masquerade costumes. Anyone interested in seeing Mr. Ditch's slides or having other non-discussion activities, let me know.

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