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Subject: SFDG Newsletter - JAN 08

Dear Gentle Being,
31 January 2008

Welcome to the latest update for events occurring at the **SF Discussion Group**.

I have a couple of questions for you.

1. Have you joined **ALBACON 08** ? If not, why not. We do need your support.
2. Have you purchased your **Banquet ticket**? If not, why not. We need your support.
3. For those of you living a little bit distant have you **booked your hotel room**? If not, why not? [We have at least 5 times more bookings currently than for any previous **ALBACON**. Oh well, there is always the overflow hotel.]
4. There is a registration cap.

The Beach Of Atonement by **Arthur Upfield** is now available in both paperback and hardback editions. The book has been out of print for about 77 years. The books can be found at www.lulu.com . Enter either the title or the author's name in "Search" to reach their page.

***I have a request from a friend in Australia. He is looking for assistance in the following:

"Earth the Final Conflict" By Gene Roddenberry. It looks as though that Universal will not be releasing Seasons 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Zone 4 format. The same story with "Seaquest - DSV". Only the season 1 was released for each in 2006.

Could you please advise me of a good on-line store where I might be able to purchase such DVD sets or even VHS and have them shipped to Australia ? Thank you.

On **Wednesday, 2 January 2008** at **7:00 PM** we got together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to meet **Joshua Palmatier**. It was a very nice evening.

On **Wednesday, 13 February 2008** at **7:00 PM** we will get together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to chat about SF.

On **Wednesday, 12 March 2008** at **7:00 PM** we will get together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to chat about SF.

On **Tuesday, 1 April 2008** at **6:30 PM** there will be a panel discussion on "The Worlds of **JRR Tolkien**" at the **William K. Sanford Library**, 629 Albany-Shaker Road, Loudonville, New York 12211; +1-518-458-9274

From **Friday to Sunday, 10 - 12 October 2008** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel **LASTSFA** will host **ALBACON 08**. The **GoHs** are **Anne & Todd McCaffrey** with **FGOH Gary S. Blog**.

ALBACON 08
10-12 October 2008

Crowne Plaza, Albany, NY, USA
GOH: ANNE & TODD MCCAFFREY
[Anne's appearance conditional upon her health]

AGOH:

FGoH: Gary S. Blog

SPECIAL GUEST: Travis Tea

1632 panels with Eric Flint et al.

Star Trek New Voyages panel with crew, plus the webisodes

Memberships: \$35 until 31 March 08

ALBACON, P.O.Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085, USA

<http://www.albacon.org/>

******* Location change!!!!** Early in January **FoF has MOVED!** 381 Sand Creek Road, Colonie, NY 12205-2712; +1-518-435-9337; 1-800-300-READ.

********* Maria makes the following request: "More books to move this Sunday, the 26th at 12:30pm - every able man/woman is invited to bring boxes up from the basement of the old store and put in their cars to bring to the new store... This is behind Colonie HS.

For signings at the **Flights of Fantasy Bookstore**, 381 Sand Creek Road, Colonie, NY 12205-2712; +1-518-435-9337 +1-800-300-READ; fof@nycap.rr.com & <http://www.fof.net> . Also check: http://www.lastsfa.org/lastsfa_calendar.html

Please drop by the **LASTSFA** web site at <http://www.lastsfa.org> .. It has lots of good stuff on it, including a number of neat links & a calendar of events. **Please** join **LASTSFA** and help support our efforts to bring in speakers. Your financial support helps make these speakers possible. Talk to us! **Send us money!** Don't just sit there! Make it happen! Full Membership - \$10; Student - \$5; Family - \$25. Send name, address, and check or money order to **LASTSFA, P.O. Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085, USA.**

The John W. Campbell Conference held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas in July. Info: www.ku.edu/~sfcenter/campbell-conference.htm ; cmckit@ku.edu plus lots of links. The John W. Campbell Award and Theodore Sturgeon Awards are given out at the conference.

Philadelphia SF Society meets in Philadelphia, PA. For more info contact **PSFS** at info@psfs.org .

Nota Bene: If you are getting this via **snail mail**, please let me know if you have an **address**. I would prefer to send updates to you via the net. On the other hand **if you don't wish to receive this at all, please let me know.**

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings & signings.

Ciao & teggeddizzi! May the Ghreat Wombat smile on you!

Yours sincerely,

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*****ALBACON 08, 10-12 October 2008, the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY; www.albacon.org . LGoH: Anne & Todd McCaffrey; FGoH: Gary S. Blog; SPECIAL GUEST: Travis Tea; others TBA.**

*******Save the Wombat! <http://www.yaminon.org> [Listen to the music, see the pics, LEAVE MONEY!*******

If you are interested, you can find a summary of my travels in Australia from 16 AUG 1999 to 4 FEB 2000 at http://www..lastsfa.org/finder/wombats_wanderings.html

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