

From: "The Wombat" <jfinder@nycap.rr.com>

Dear Gentle Being,
23 April 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?
4. **Membership, room & banquet rates go up on 1 April!**
5. 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.

On **Tuesday, 1 April 2008** at **6:30 PM** we had a very nice time discussing "**The Worlds of JRR Tolkien**" at the **William K. Sanford Library**. We started off the evening with a very nice dinner at the **Pearl of the Orient** restaurant.

On **Saturday, 5 April 2008** at **7:00 PM** we got together over at **Flights of Fantasy** for a very pleasant evening with **Jackie Kessler**.

Nothing really on tap for **May**. Maria at **Flights of Fantasy**: <http://www.fof.net> asks you to drop by her web site for announcements concerning signings & special sales.

On **Wednesday, 11 June 2008** at **7:00 PM** we will get together over at **Flights of Fantasy** to chat about SF.

From **Friday to Sunday, 10 - 12 October 2008** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel **LASTSFA** will host **ALBACON 08**. The **GoHs** are **Anne & Todd McCaffrey**; **AGOH: Barclay Shaw** [**NEW!**] 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: Barclay Shaw

FGoH: Gary S. Blog

SPECIAL GUEST: Travis Tea

1632 panels with Eric Flint et al.

Star Trek: Phase II panel with crew, plus the webisodes

Memberships: \$45 until 10 September 08

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

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

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 .

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings & signings.

Personal note: I'm off to **RAVENCON** & a 3-week Southern Tour. I should be able to access email along the way.

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**; AGoH: **Barclay Shaw**; FGoH: **Gary S. Blog**; SPECIAL GUESTS: **Travis Tea** & **Eric Flint**; others TBA.

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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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