



**Capclave Harassment**

The August First Friday (8-3-12) meeting opened with no quorum. The Unicorn says it is a quarter after nine. Sam S is presiding in the absence of Prez Barry. Minutes were waived. There is a fifth Friday in August, but no volunteers due to Worldcon. Bill suggested making Peggy Rae’s tea party our fifth Friday party. John M asked if the fifth Friday is a blue moon.

Capclave present: George said Sam S. knows better about progress than he does. Nick Mamatas has asked about our harassment policy. George said he don’t think we have one. Cathy said the back of Capclave badge says we reserve the right to throw people out. George asked if club needs to vote on it. We decided this falls under the Capclave committee. There are many things that need to be done. George asked if our hotel reservations are anywhere near the block. Bill said he has program items in decent form thanks to Sam L. Bill went to Paul’s place to learn about the software. George asked about the rooms we have, when we get them, and how we plan to use them so he can check with the hotel and when we get the room. Cathy asked about the current list so can go over the website to make sure they are up.

President Barry came in.

Sam S. asked about Capclave future. Cathy said she has hotel visits and will have a contract before Capclave. Emily asked about avoiding NY Comicon. Cathy said prefer not to overlap but the Javits Center doesn’t schedule them in advance so hard to tell. Far future still far. Bill discussing having lunch with Paolo. Still looking for additional guests.

Barry took over, asked about the treasurer’s report. Sam L. said was emailed. WSFA Press money <redacted>.

Bill asked Sam S about memberships. We are running about <omitted>. Cathy said we will have the fan table at the Worldcon. Problems resolved. If in Chicago for worldcon, try to spare an hour a day to volunteer. They have it in a secure area. Try to man it six hours a day. George offered to pencil in for missing



time. We will post a sign-in sheet at WSFA forum. People should look online to see if tentative schedule.

Talk SF will discuss the small press award contest stories. Cathy said don't have to read them all to vote. Literary awards – Cathy said deadline has been extended to Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>. If misplaced user name or id or if think you should have the vote, see Paul. Someone asked about Kindle version. Paul said he had it up but it vanished. He will try to put it up again. Barry said he had a version he would send. Cathy repeated her bribes. As of Wednesday we were at <percent>. Only have X voters out of Y. Cathy said last year we were only Z people short of <percentage>. “Go ahead and make me bake.” Paul said we're a small club so each person counts.

New business. No change on Website. No progress on logo. \$money for WSFA book purchases, including reprints of Valente plus a good chunk of our backlist. Broadway Book Mall bought about two each of each book. Bill for <number> to Capclave.

Twitter is twittering a picture of a dodo cake. Meetup gained and lost a member.

Paul showed the framed certificate for Locus award for *Silently and Very Fast*. Thanks to John Madigan for the framing job. We are nominated for the Hugo. We are waiting to see if nominated for World Fantasy. No welcome to WSFA – everyone experienced

Announcements: Kathi said Halloween is coming, but she and John don't know they're what doing. Jim Edwards-Hewitt is at Cape Canaveral doing tours and cool stuff. You can be jealous. Arlington Planetarium is having an opening in September. Cathy suggested showing up in our t-shirts. Sam thanked Kathi for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Bill said at Worldcon there will be a tea party for GOH Peggy Rae, at tea time 4pm on Friday (subject to change). Bill has the tea. He will spend time at Elizabeth's house baking cookies. Contributions welcome. Capclave table will have Capclave ribbons. Wear 1984 T-shirts on Friday for roving party. Robocon 2015 Detroit. Mars rover is going through 7 minutes of terror tonight at 1am. Publisher is putting together a SF cruise.

Bill made a motion to adjourn. Meeting unanimously adjourned 21:44 hours.

Attendance: Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Candy & John Madigan, Sarah Mitchell, Barry and Judy Newton, Kathi Overton, Judy & Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Steve Smith, Laura Somerville, Gayle Surette, Ivy Yap, and Emily Whitten.

### Candy Madigan's Rum Cake Recipe By Candy Madigan

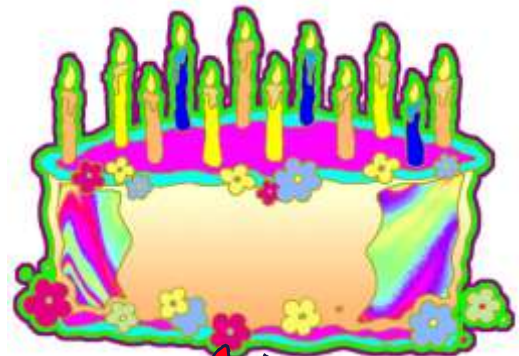
People keep asking me for various recipes, so I've decided to oblige.

325F for 1 hour

1 18.5 oz pkg yellow cake mix  
1 pkg 4 serving size instant vanilla pudding mix (1)  
4 eggs  
½ C cold milk  
½ C vegetable oil  
½ C dark rum

Glaze

½ C butter  
¼ C water  
1 C sugar



½ C dark rum

Preheat oven to 325F. Grease and flour Bundt pan. Combine all the cake ingredients. Beat for 2 minutes on high with an electric mixer. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 1 hour. Cool in pan. Invert on serving plate. Prick top with fork(2). Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water, sugar and rum. Boil(3), stirring constantly until glaze starts to thicken. Drizzle over top of cake.

(1) It's OK if all you have is 6 serving size just go on and use it and don't bother adjusting any of the other ingredients or instructions.

(2) I slice the cake so the glaze will absorb into the cake rather than prick with a fork.

(3) We're talking a serious roiling boil here.

### Check with the Boss

The 8/17 August Third Friday meeting began when Steve Smith said, Yo, it's meeting time. The meeting was called to what passes for order at 9:20. There was no president, so Secretary Steve chaired. There was no quorum (although there were several people upstairs). Sam L read the minutes from the last meeting. More people walked in. Steve gave the treasurer's report and there was financial talk. He is working on tax and state stuff. In some sense, this is official. Prez Barry walked in. We achieved quorum. The trustees have nothing to report. I

Intertivities: Sam L read the lineup for the LoC Book Festival. Brian said tomorrow is the last day of the Montgomery County Fair. There was nothing on WSFA Press, website, twitter since people are not here. Small Press voting closed, winner will be announced at Capclave, <number> finalists were read. This is not for posting until nominees are notified. We had an International group. 2 Australian, one UK. There was discussion of chocolate but we didn't make the cutoff for Cathy's bribes. Guilt, guilt. John for Meetup said he had no Internet tonight so couldn't check, but there were about 130 members the last time he checked. Someone asked about linking to the podcast in the Meetup email.

Capclave 2012: George said he is getting his act together, but nothing special to report. Cathy said we will have a fan table at Worldcon, everyone should do an hour a day. We are working on plane ticket reimbursements for our GoHs.

Capclave 2013 looking at a bunch of hotels.

Committee to discuss SF will do podcasts.

Old business: There is a Fifth Friday, but no one volunteered. Candy said the house is available. John offered to host Fifth Friday, but has to check with boss. "I think it is okay, Dad," said Kindra. Club thanked them.

New business: Sam L. suggested talking to Colleen and arranging a dinner with some of the writers. Club said yes.

First WSFA meeting – Albert Bishop. Member of LASFS. Attended Shore Leave and Ravencon. Found out about us from Denver Worldcon when he saw a person with a dodo. Eyecatcher. Fan-rich environment. Likes tall ships E. M Foster, read collection left to his father by a friend. Hobbyist writer himself.

Second meeting: Karen from NASA/Goddard. Found out about us at Balticon from the plastic ducks.

Tom's people arrived: Rebecca Jacobson. Met Tom at Doctor Who happy hour. New to DC area. Science reporter. Fan of Doctor Who and Star Wars.



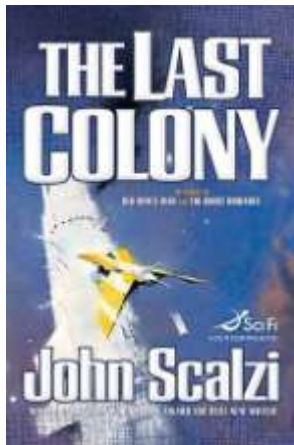
Molly, friend of Rebecca. Working on PhD in science, material science and engineers. Smithsonian in Suitland. Modern materials and plastics. Trek, Star Wars, Doctor Who. Tanya Huff.

Third Timer: Teresa. As long as you give me cookies I'll show up. Found out about us from internet search. Many sf interests.

Announcements: Shirl – Sept 15-16 small press expo in Bethesda Marriot. Brian will hand carry stuff to WorldCon. Motion to adjourn. Unanimously adjourned at 21:56.

Attendance: Carolyn Frank, Cathy Green, Charity Helton, Brian Lewis, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Walter Miles, Barry & Judy Newton, Shirl Phelps, Jimmy Rogers, George Shaner, Steve Smith, Mike Taylor, Teresa Telesco, Thomas Woldering, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Mirredel Newton, Michael Ikeda, Albert Bishop, Karen North, Molly McGath, and Rebecca Jacobson

### Short Reviews of Scalzi By Samuel Lubell



*The Last Colony* by John Scalzi. This is my favorite of the Old Man's War series. Perry and wife Jane are called out of semi-retirement to lead a new colony made up of citizens of the 10 oldest colonies (all the others came from Earth). When he lands he finds out that he's not on the planet he was told about and the colony cannot use modern technology due to a threat from the Conclave of alien races who are forbidding anyone else to colonize. What I like about the book is that each time Perry finally figures out what is going on there is another layer yet to be revealed. The Human Colonial Union keeps lying to everyone (especially Earth) and has decided to sacrifice the last colony so that all the other colonies whose citizens died on that planet will fight for revenge. But Perry has his own ideas.

And it has lots of the great Scalzi humor. My favorite bit of dialogue: "We need to discuss your treason problem, Manfred Trujillo said to me. [After Perry has asked the alien leader to surrender instead of falling into the human trap, voted to have his colony secede from the Union, and sent his daughter to warn the alien leader of an assassination plot.] "I don't have a problem with treason," I said. "I can stop any time."

Recommended (but you really need to read the previous two books to understand the plot and characters and the companion book *Zoe's Tale* to fill the plot holes in this one.)



*The Android's Dream* by John Scalzi. This is a humorous SF book, that for once isn't trying to copy Hitchhiker's Guide. In this book, Earth is a very junior race in the Common Confederation. The Nidu, a bit ahead of Earth are allies although some factions on Earth see the Nidu as a problem. In trade negotiations Earth's lead negotiator farts the Nidu ambassador to death. To avoid war, Earth promises to find a special sheep needed for the coronation ceremony of Nidu's new leader. War veteran and expert hacker Harris Creek is assigned the problem of finding it. He activates the downloaded personality of his best friend, Brian Javna, brother to the aid of the Sec of State, to help. A team of bad guys kills the sheep before Creek can find it. But he discovers that pet store owner Robin Baker has 20% sheep DNA, and it's the right kind. They are chased by the baddies, including a wonderful scene in a mall with jumping shoes. But the baddies' own computer wiz is secretly a member of the Church of the Evolved Lamb, a fake religion that tries to make its prophecies come true.

This book has lots of adventure and lots of laughs.

### Small Press Award Finalists

The Washington Science Fiction Association is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2012 WSFA Small Press Award for Short Fiction:

"A Militant Peace" by David Klecha and Tobias S. Buckell, published in *Clarkesworld Magazine*, edited by Neil Clarke, November 2011.

"The Cartographer Wasps and the Anarchist Bees" by Lily Yu, published in *Clarkesworld Magazine*, edited by Neil Clarke, April 2011.

"Flowers in the Shadow of the Garden" by Joanne Anderton in *Hope*, edited by Sasha Beattie and published by Kayelle Press, October 2011.

"Lessons from a Clockwork Queen" by Megan Arkenberg, published in *Fantasy Magazine*, edited by John Joseph Adams, September 2011.

"The Patrician" by Tansy Rayner Roberts in *Love and Romanpunk*, edited by Alisa Krasnostein and published by Twelfth Planet Press, May 2011.

"Sauerkraut Station" by Ferrett Steinmetz, published in *GigaNotoSaurus*, edited by Ann Leckie, November 2011.

"What Ho, Automaton!" by Chris Dolley, in *Shadow Conspiracy*, Volume II, edited by Phyllis Irene Radford and Maya Kaathryn Bohnhoff, published by Book View Cafe, February 2011.

"Yesterday's Taste" by Lawrence M. Schoen in *Transtories*, edited by Colin Harvey and published by Aeon Press, October 2011.

The award honors the efforts of small press publishers in providing a critical venue for short fiction in the area of speculative fiction. The award showcases the best original short fiction published by small presses in the previous year (2011). An unusual feature of the selection process is that all voting is done with the identity of the author (and publisher) hidden so that the final choice is based solely on the quality of the story.

The winner is chosen by the members of the Washington Science Fiction Association ([www.wsfa.org](http://www.wsfa.org)) and will be presented at their annual convention, Capclave ([www.capclave.org](http://www.capclave.org)), held this year on October 12-14th in Gaithersburg, Maryland.



### GRRM grocery list with authentic ketchup stains?

The September first Friday (9/7/2012) began with a "Let's have a WSFA meeting," said chair Barry. We have quorum. Meeting was called to order at 21:17. Money? Steve read the treasurer's report. There were calls for throwing a Capclave. Sam S. said the club owes Capclave some of the Paypal

money. We need to go through and break down the money. Barry asked about restrictions or limits on Paypal. Steve said no. There had been a problem with transferring the account to the new Treasurer but the limit was removed when he figured out what paper they wanted.

Trustee's report: Cathy said no surprises, never too early to think about running for office. Entertivities: Sam L. suggested the Library of Congress Book Festival 22 and 23. Publications: WSFA Press sold 1 VanderMeer and 6 Valentas at Worldcon. The money is in the hands of the treasurer. Nothing was sold online. Mike Walsh said was going to chat with George RR Martin during Worldcon about a book but it didn't happen. WSFA website put up our new logo is up. Applause (except for Bill). Finalists for the WSFA small press award are up on our sites and blogs. Facebook for WSFA is active. Valente's *Silently and Very Fast* is a finalist for World Fantasy Award. Was #1 in Hugo nominations. It has been nominated for five major awards including Sturgeon. Brian said, "The power of WSFA Press." She will be guest of honor at Philcon. There was talk about a possible GRRM book. Popup book? Grocery list with authentic ketchup stains? Meetup has the new logo. It only took 2 months. Current count 135. Paul said we need them to pay dues or volunteer for Capclave. Bill suggested a special Meetup for Capclave. John said will arrange for dinners. Bill said on Facebook can create an event for Capclave. Gayle said would put it on her list. Bill said he could take care of it.



Capclave present: George said stuff is finally happening; he will be meeting with hotel on Wednesday to finalize. Mike Nelson is pulling together program book. Lynches doing restaurant guide. He is working on GoH info, a Dear John letter. He bonded with Nick using weird alcohol. Sam S. said dealers need people to help with move in. Need people at 10 am. Need people at registration. Also need help with tear down. Neil Clarke recently had a heart attack at Readercon so will need help too. We have Filthy Pierre's flyer racks. Paul said the list of program items will be online soon.

Capclave Future: Capclave chair talked about hotel. Snark. Working on dates. Barry said may need to call it Cappedclave. Talk about size. Talk about putting fear of God into them, right when Madeleine walked in. Mike said he will have date by the time Capclave rolls around. Cathy said we don't want to blow up world fantasy. Bill said it's a big convention.

Capclave Far Future is working on hotel stuff. Paolo photo with dodo. Moving to Columbus Day will avoid problems with Comicon. Myke Cole is tired of being typecast in military sf and wants to be a princess and do pillow fights with unicorns. Bill had conversations with lots of authors. He is not going to break the bank.

Talk SF: No Talk SF tonight. Instead, we will be talking about Capclave stuff. We need people to help out in various spots. Planning for 2013 so people can learn about various positions. Think about things you like to do.

Old business: No old business. But Bill asked about status of our sales tax exemption. Steve is working on it. <status>.

New business: First Friday in November, Scheiners won't be here and can't swap due to not being here for third either. Need someone to host Nov 2. John Madigan said he didn't know Candy's schedule. Bill moved to ban bad jokes from Sam, withdrew it when Sam offered to let him take notes if he didn't want funny commentary. <That's when Bill turned purple with pink polkadots, gained 200 pounds instantly, and turned bald all at once. Well, that's what my notes say anyway, and I'm typing them, so there!>



Announcements: Brian said spoke to Charles Gannon and thinks he will be Tuckerized in 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Honor Harrington. <Red shirt, cough, cough> John said at Fifth Friday they had a correspondent from BBC to talk about how Meetup affected WSFA. Meagen has good and bad news. Bill said you got a new job and are moving? Right, both in North Carolina. She will be making more money so will be going to more cons. Drew said Stan Lee will be at Baltimore ComicCon this year, this weekend. Alisha had four drawings in show at Sandy Spring. Bill said Helsinki is doing bid for 2015. There may be NASFIC bid. Bill suggested doing a party at future Worldcons instead of a table. Sarah said she entered the Worldcon Masquerade. Didn't face plant. Got best workmanship in novice division. See her Facebook page. Mike has paperbacks for \$1.

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously except for Bill who doesn't count.

Attendance: Drew Bittner, Alisha Brown, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Sam Lubell, John Madigan, Sarah Mitchell, Barry Newton, Kathi Overton, Judy & Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Steve Smith, Laura Somerville, Gayle Surette, Meagen Voss, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, and Madeleine Yeh.

### The Disney Star Wars Marvel Merger

Nick Fury stared with his one good eye at the assembled superheroes. "Okay Avengers, here are your new members." His glare communicated, "Whether you like it or not."

Iron Man looked down, way down, at the new member standing next to Fury. It seemed to be a giant mouse wearing a hat with moons and stars. "I must be drunk," he said. "I'm seeing things."

Fury sighed. "No, that's your newest member. He's called the Sorcerer's Apprentice."

"Hi there boys and girls," squeaked the mouse. "You can call me Mickey. M I C, See you real soon. K E Y, Why because we like you. M O U S E."



All the Avengers save Thor were flabbergasted. Thor, of course, did not react. As far as he knew, talking mice might be perfectly normal on Mitgard.

In stepped a man with a laser sword, wearing a brown cloak dramatically. "You can call me Jedi or maybe Skywalker would sound cooler. Just don't call me Little Orphan Annie-kin." He scowled, also overly dramatically.

The Black Widow sighed. "And you are putting them on our team, just why Nicky dear?" The ice-cold tone of her voice revealed she was just seconds away from killing Fury, the new members, and possibly the witnesses as well.

"Orders from the top," said the man in the eyepatch.

"Something about synergy among our properties. I spoke to the big boss, he said something like after spending \$4 billion on Star Wars those characters will have to appear everywhere."

Just then, a half-man, half-machine wearing a dark cloak and a blood red glowing sword, appeared out of a convenient mist while Annie-kin simultaneously vanished "Avengers," came the raspy sound of his voice, "I am your father."

### A Clockwork Dodo

The September Third Friday meeting (9/21/12) was called to order at 21:16. Sam L. said his old laptop has a screw loose. The treasurer was not here but sent something. Bill complained about last month's journal. Sam L offered to make him do it. Cathy for trustees, said to consider running. Jimmy Rogers said podcast discussion will take place after the meeting. Listen to podcasts. The podcast discussion at Capclave is listed as a roundtable. Show up. Sam L. said there is a Library of Congress bookfest on the mall.

WSFA Press: Cathy said we sold books at Worldcon. An Australian picked up 5 Valentines. Others sold too. The Valente book is on the second printing.



Online: Meetup is up to 138 people.

Two Meetups for Capclave were create

Capclave 2012: Capclave was cancelled by Sarah said Bill <not really>. George said things are coming together. He met with the hotel. Everything seems in order. We will make our hotel block. He talked about the GoH stuff. We signed up X more people at Worldcon. There will be a Capclave meeting after the WSFA one. The preliminary program is up. Bill said that he needs volunteers for programming to attend programming and provide feedback. Spy and gossip said Madeleine. There are also

opportunities for WSFAans to be on programming - popular dystopias, doublespeak, future of reading, research to write, worldwide writers, and dealing with infodumps. Workshops are filling up quickly, talk to Meagen to sign up and link on site. She has a spreadsheet with names. In a Capclave first, we are doing roundtable discussions including podcasts, Dr Who and a bunch of Book Club discussions: on Friday - do you agree with who won the Hugo and who to nominate this year; Saturday - discussion of Scalzi's *Android's Dream*; Sunday - discussion of *Game of Thrones*. There will also be a Burroughs discussion. FastForward at Capclave will film John and Nick in front of live audience. Seating will be limited. Kathi will do a remote monitor. Arrive early to get a seat. We paid for the rooms and we will use them. Take bookmarks for bookstores and libraries.

Capclave Future: We are looking at Gaithersburg property. We are looking at Columbus Day weekend. Once we get a final contract, we'll pass it to the WSFA board. GoH has winged his way to Los Angeles for the Emmies. You get half a guess as to why. Mike hopes to have info at Capclave. Drew suggested reprinting his *Twilight Zone* script for teleplay for Zelazny's *Last Defender of Camelot*, but a limited edition chapbook was already done of it. The agent who does Roger's estate also is George's. So might be able to reprint Roger's story with it.

Capclave Far Future: Bill said he is busy with Capclave programming. "At Worldcon, I was wandering around the dealer's room and saw a key." Darth will present a new costume. A Clockwork Dodo. I have two guests of honor now, my wife may kill me first, since I haven't told her." Mike said "If you kill him, you have to do his job." Bill continued, "The new 2014 guest of honor is a YA author. Colorful, and we had dinner with her. "Holly Black," said Cathy. Bill said in third book Holly thanked Paolo so there is a definite connection. "I sent invite 2 weeks ago and got the reply today. Dodos are not having chicks."

Old business. We need a first Friday in November host because problem with World Fantasy. George offered Ken Bryar's place. Sam L. said could do his place if willing to go to Maryland.

New business: None

Second time: Crystal, likes to listen to sf podcasts. Blames Jimmy. Studying aerospace engineering at Montgomery College.



Becky, found us through Tom, running a relay race. Found him at Dr Who happy hour at Black Cat. She likes Firefly, TNG, Harry Potter.

Molly, grad of U of Az with PhD in engineering. "There is a doctor in the house," said Mike. She is a long time sf reader. Now I get to read more. Looking forward to postdoc.

Announcements: Eva is now bionic, in the knees. "I'm never having surgery, ever again." Now taller. <It's Oscar Goldman on the phone, something about a kidnapped ambassador>. Shirl will be in Ireland during Capclave. She has a membership she is offering to someone who cannot afford to go.

Brian has the new iPhone <gloat, gloat>. John got email from Synthetic Theater which is doing Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in Crystal City with a steampunk aesthetic. Wordless. Meagen moving away in October <awww> and will work as asst director of communication from U of NC school of nursing <yeah!>.

Carolyn went to Ireland, kissed the blarney stone. Like WSFA on Facebook.

Meeting adjourned 21:59 unanimously.

Attendance: Alisha Brown, Carolyn Frank, Cathy Green, Charity Helton, Elspeth Kovar, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Sam Lubell, Candy & John Madigan, Sarah Mitchell, Barry Newton, Shirl Phelps, Jimmy Rogers, George Shaner, Laura Somerville, Teresa Telesco, Meagen Voss, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Michael Ikeda, H.P. Lovecraft, Molly McGath, Christel Gesterling, and Becky Johnson.

