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and include club membership. Make checks payable to Ken
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TRADE & SELL, SHOW & TELL
NOVEMBER 27th MEETING

November will be an open meeting, so if you have books to
sell, or any science fictional items of interest to share,
bring them to the meeting.

Since the December meeting falls on the 25th, this will be
the last meeting of the year. We will open the floor to any
ideas about things we want to do in early '92, the newsletter
and anything else you want to discuss.

SCOTT BROEDIN STAR TREK PROP DESIGNER

Scott Broedin has made props for several Star Trek movies and
for the original series. He brought a number of
props...phazers, communicators, tri-corders and such...but he
primarily relied on slides of each item he had worked on.
What was really impressive was Scott's detailed recollection
of how every item was constructed and who used it in a
certain scene. He could tell you every change in the
evolution of the phazer and what episode it first appeared

in.

Most items were made to specifications. Sometimes the producers idea of what a prop should be were not what they envisioned. On one occasion they wanted some leg irons for Klingon prisoners. Since they were Klingons they felt the irons should be very large. Scott told them that they wouldn't be able to move in leg irons that big. But that's what they wanted, so he made them. When the producer saw them he frowned, "They're way too big! Make them smaller." So they got paid for two sets of leg irons.

Often, model kit supplies were used, such as glass beads, model tractor treads, and even Norelco shaver heads. Scott's company is testing the idea of producing some of their models in the toy market. Sounds like a good idea.

OCTOBER MEETING FRANKENSTEIN UNBOUND

One of the favorite games amateur critics (like us) enjoy playing is; what was better...the movie or the book? Brian Aldiss's "Frankenstein Unbound", had been our Book-of-the-Month. Katherine Curley suggested we could watch the recent Roger Corman adaptation of that novel.

The movie was well cast, with John Hurt as the hero and Raul Julie as Dr. Frankenstein. Corman patterned the monster after the Aldiss character, which was a big plus for the film. The general consensus was that the movie was better than the book. Aldiss's book started out strong, but the ending was depressing and muddled. Despite Corman's spotty reputation he did an excellent job of adapting this novel. Actually, he stayed very close to the book, keeping all the really good ideas Aldiss had, like the futuristic talking car and the relationship with Mary Shelley. Also, Corman was perceptive in changing or, elimanating weaknesses in the book.

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MOVIES...PAST AND FUTURE

The October movie was "The Fisher King", with Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams. Not exactly a fantasy, "The Fisher King", is like the other Terry Gilliam movies in that it is bizarre and uneven.

The next movie night is Dec. 11th. Star Trek VI is due out the 13th and if there is enough support for the idea we could move the date up so we could see it. There is also a movie date for Jan. 8th. Meet at 7pm, Galactic Archives, 5219 Orangethorpe, in Anaheim Hills.

OCSFC PIZZA PARTY

On Tuesday, October 22nd, about a dozen club members dined at Numero Uno Pizza, in Anaheim. Most of us had the pizza, which as the name of the establishment implies was excellent. We had a room off the side of our own, where we could talk without a lot of distractions. Everyone seemed to have a good time. It went so well we might want to try it again next year.

Orange Segments

Our BOTM for January will be "Preferred Risk", by Edson McCann. Published in 1955 by Simon & Schuster, and also in paperback by Dell. Edson McCann is a pseudonym of Frederick Pohl.

Book Carnival has moved about a mile south on Tustin Ave. Their new location is El Dorado Plaza, 348 S. Tustin Ave., Orange, CA 92666.

I received a packet from the Orlando WorldCon 50 containing the first four progress reports. So far, this WorldCon committee seems to be right on top of things. I'm going to bring some of the progress reports to the next meeting, in case anyone wants to see them.