

FANAC Fan History Project

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Just a brief newsletter this time, as we all prepare for Chicon 8 coming in just a few weeks. If you are attending Worldcon, be sure to stop by the FANAC table and say hello. Mark Olson is running the FANAC area since Edie and I, as Fan Guests of Honor are pretty heavily scheduled during the convention. As FGoHs, we've put together a special art exhibit too within the art show area. Check it out, but most of all come see what FANAC has brought, get your ribbon, and have your photo taken with our surprise guest.

FANAC at Chicon 8 (Mark Olson)

The FANAC tables at Chicon will be in the Exhibit area. Yes, tables. We expect to have an expanded FanHistory area close to the Fan Lounge, with room for fanzine scanning, serious and constructive conversation, and even a couple of comfy chairs. There will even be a photo op. Here's what you do:

1. Come visit us in the Exhibit Hall
2. Bring fanzines to scan. Look at https://fanac.org/fanzines/alphabetical_listing_of_fanzines.html to see if we already have what you are proposing to bring. That url has all the one-shots as well as fanzines with a longer run.
3. Bring convention pubs to scan. Look at <https://fanac.org/conpubs/> to see if we already have it online. We would especially like to fill in our gaps on Worldcon, Westercon and Eastercon.
4. Pick up a ribbon for your badge.
5. Take advantage of our photo op.
6. Stay a while.

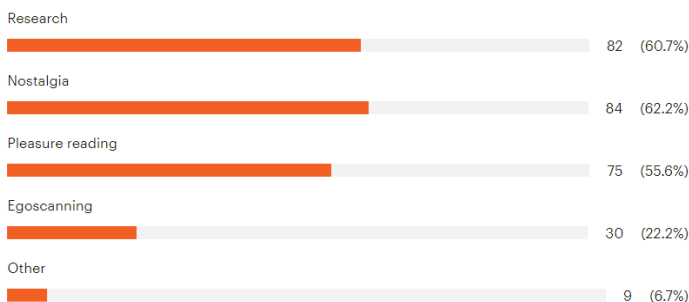


Ad Astra 5, Art by Julian Krupa
Mark Reinsberg (ed), Chicon 1 chair

If you have nothing to bring for scanning, don't worry about it. Come by, get your ribbon and say hello. We appreciate your interest in Fan History!

A little more regarding Chicon from Edie and Joe: We will be in the FANAC area at Chicon 8 as much as we can, when we're not doing GoH-type things. It should be a great place to mix with fellow fans. We hope to see you there!

"Why do you visit the Fan History sites? Check all that apply. (We also asked this 2 years ago)"



Second-ever FANAC.org Survey

Thanks to everyone that responded to our survey! We had 135 responses, with some very good input. People visit the site for multiple reasons. Research and nostalgia are the most common.

Our demographics tend to wrinkles, with more than half the respondents having been in fandom for over 40 years. Almost everyone has attended conventions, and more than half have written for fanzines. About half (48.9%) have published fanzines.

In this survey, the juiciest part was the write-in comments, with material for FANAC.org and Fancyclopedia.org. We're working through the responses (with post-Chicon expected to be far more productive for FANAC than Chicon prep). One suggestion that came from several people is that we include more international materials. In recent weeks, we've added 35 issues of *Probe* from South Africa, 12 issues of Marc Ortlieb's *Q36* from Australia, and 4 issues of Sam Lundwall's *SF-NYTT* from Sweden.

Thank you especially to the people who responded to the freeform questions with thoughtful suggestions and comments. To those that offered to provide specific scans, a special and excited THANKS! We've been drowning in Chicon prep or would have responded by now.

FANAC by the Numbers

Fanzines: 18,005 issues (covering 1,538 titles) with more than 321,385 pages. This is up from the 17,431 fanzine issues and 305,024 pages reported in our May update.

Conpubs: 3,311 publications, with 61,302 pages, representing 788 conventions. This is up from the 3216 publications, with 60,617 pages, representing 770 conventions reported in our May update.

Fancyclopedia: 29,199 pages which include 6,292 for people, 4,545 for fans (a subset of people), 8,219 for fanzines, another 1,515 for clubs and apas, and 6,163 for conventions. This is up from the 29,019 pages including 6,271 people pages, 4,526 fan pages, 8,113 fanzines pages, 1,511 for clubs and apas, and 6,140 convention pages reported in our May update.

YouTube: 142,436 views, 1,063 subscribers and 133 recordings. This is up from 130,157 views, 966 subscribers and 132 recordings in our May update.

Please pass this update on to any fan or list where you think it might be of interest. Those interested in subscribing can sign up on the FANAC.org home page.

Fanhistorically yours. Joe Siclari, Edie Stern and Mark Olson

Contributors since the last newsletter: We have received new material and helpful corrections from many fans including: Lenny Bailes, Sandra Bond, Leybl Botwinik, John Bray, Bill Burns, Darrah Chavey, Eli Cohen, Vincent Docherty, Ahrvid Engholm, Paul Fraser, Mike Glycer, Barry Gold, Philip Gust, Rob Hansen, John Hertz, Bill Higgins, Gail Jamieson, Steve Johnson, Arnie Katz, Dave Langford, Evelyn Leeper, Mark Leeper, Guy Lillian III, Donovan Loucks, Rich Lynch, Bruce Mai, Cathy Matthews, Jesse Mazer, Sam McDonald, Gary McGath, Greg Meyer, Perry Middlemiss, Rick Moen, Marc Ortlieb, Joe Patrizio, George Phillies, Andrew Porter, John Purcell, Thomas Recktenwald, Roger Robinson, Steven Silver, Pat Sims, Leah Zeldes Smith, Science Fiction and Fantasy South Africa (SFFSA), Dale Speirs, Alan Stewart, Geri Sullivan, Jean Thompson, Jan Vaněk Jr, and Taral Wayne.

Selected links:

FANAC.org: <https://www.fanac.org>

Fancyclopedia 3: <https://fancyclopedia.org>

Fanac YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/FanacFanhistory>

Fanzines: https://fanac.org/fanzines/Classic_Fanzines.html (FIND ALL FANZINES HERE)

Core List: to Scan: https://fanac.org/fanzines/desired_fanzine_list_to_scan.html

Chronological Listing: https://fanac.org/fanzines/chronological_listing_of_fanzines.html

Country Listing: https://fanac.org/fanzines/country_listing_of_fanzines.html

Newszine Project: <https://fanac.org/fanzines/newszines.html>

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