

Dear CC Members ;

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Here it is at last. This is what many of you have been waiting for, and written for. A list of names & addresses of the active members. Many CC members are already corresponding with one another, are exchanging many interesting ideas or science & fantasy magazines & books-- are becoming fast friends via the mail route. Someday, and not in the too far distant future let us hope, we shall meet each other at some postwar convention. The CC is definitely planning to hold a National Convention after the war, and after the Pacific (so as not to interfere with it), in either New York or Miami (depending on whether in summer or winter probably)--and as their will be some sort of group trips, members who may drive thru and pick up other members along the way (or even a small bus can be chartered fairly cheap, if enough members lived in the region along the route)--it is practically certain that we could guarantee to get most of the mems there, who could attend. But that will be after the war. Just thought you might like to know we'd gotten the main parts of the plan for holding the Convention sufficiently worked out, so as to make it a certainty now.

Doubtless, we will see you there. But until then, we would like to keep in touch with you. We know that many of you desire to write to other members, to get in touch with fellow followers of our little "circle" of active science-fantasy enthusiasts, for some of you have written and ask for their addresses. We would like for anyone of us to find one or more CC stfans to correspond with, if you can. Write to each other, get together and plan fan activities, magazines, local clubs etc., or at least just write, & exchange ideas by mail. If any of you are doing any sort of fan activities what ever, we would like to hear of it here at the home office, so we can make mention of it in the magazines for the other mems to read. They are very interested in these things, and want to know what the other members are doing, for a number have ask us. So don't forget. Write to us (214 N. 20th, Newcastle, Indiana), and to some of the other members on this list. Let us make the week from May 21 to the 27th, a special WRITE TO ANOTHER MEMBER WK!

You may remember from one of the early Commentators, that it was announced that a list of the membership was to be published. It has been our intention all along to issue such a list, but it has been held up like other of the publications, on which we are still working however. It has been one of our critics arguments too, to stand up on their little soap boxes and shout in a loud and raucous voice, "why doesn't the CC publish it's membership? Maybe they don't have many members? And who are they anyway?"

Well, it's really none of their buisness. If they aren't even members, haven't taken the trouble to join our group of active fandom as the rest of you have, then why should they care whether we have a certain number of members or not, and whether or not it is published? (I'm not refering to the fans who might be sincerely interested in knowing these things, perhaps for the purpose of joining--- but to the few critics and fault-finders who use it as a propoganda point, and hint that the CC may not have many members at all, or that it is some sort of a fraud.) Well, there is no fraud about the CC. Most of the statements we have made can be verified in one way or another, such as the so-called COSMIC CAMP, which is a small tract of land we own in the northwest part of Arkansas, about 10 miles south of Leslie on the road to Little Rock (and north of Clinton, the county seat) which may be used free for members who might want to fish or vacation there, etc. There is one cabin on it. After the war, Raym, Maxwell, Jenkinson and I may get together & fix the place up, build some more cabins, replant the run-down orchard perhaps dam up the creek, so as to make a small lake or reservoir that could be stocked with fish, etc. Oh, well--we own the land at least. There is enuf water-power to run an electric generator for lights and radio, but not much power equipment. But we'll get 'er gain', as I am right at home rigging up electrical gadgets & highly improbable devices.

But to get back to the list-- we have printed this list of 46 of the more active or better known members, because some of you asked for it, and not because of critics. This is far from being the complete membership list or anything like it, but as far as we have been able to tell, this represents the active or "actively interested" fans in our group. You see it was like this--- there was quite a large outlying group who joined during the early days of organizing, many whom we had never heard of before. Many of them were probably just readers and not very active fans at any rate. A number of these we

sent literature to, whose names we got from stf mags and from members, & the directory of fandom (which alone, contains some 400 fans.)

Well, after mailing out hundreds of copies, writing about the same number of letters, we finally heard from about a hundred and 70 or so persons--and over a period of some little time this gradually climbed up to 218. 3 members then joined, who later quit so that for a brief spell, the membership stood at 221, what I believe must have been the all-time high for any amateur science-fantasy organization in the history of "favorite literature"

Some of critics who seem to have no imagination at all, as do true stf fans, expressed grave doubts that we could possibly have had that many members. They simply couldn't understand how such a thing could be. What they failed utterly to understand however, was the magnitude of the undertaking. Anyone who had seen the quantity of the mail we handled, could have doubted no longer. Do required days and nights of typing, and gluing up immense piles of pkgs of 'zines. Long long grueling effort-- but at least we got the satisfaction of having accomplished something, in return. No one will ever know though, save the ones who helped us work with it, just how much effort really was expended on the project, how much time we really put in on it!

As I said earlier, a number of these fans were not actively interested ~~it~~ seems. Quite a few of those who joined some time ago, have apparently let their dues run out, and have not been heard from. Some may be in Service. They are still on the mailing list, but should not be listed as active members until we hear from them. These persons are being written to, as fast as we can, and when they are heard from we'll let you know what is what, and how they stand. It is safe to say though, that there are around 100 to 160 paid members at least, at the present time. I haven't yet checked up on our "books" to determine what number is now on the paid up member status, and this varies, but we shall publish the names of the remainder, when these facts are checked up for your next Quarterly MEMBERSHIP REPORT. It may be out in June or July.

Meantime, the list of 45 below will give you a lot of swell fans to get in touch with. We would sincerely like for you to know each other and become good friends. If the CC has had a small part in bringing some of you together, then we are glad of even that small accomplishment. Or perhaps it's not so small. There will be a list of more swell fans who are mems, in next issue of the Report.

This list is, in so far as we can tell, the more active of the present membership of around 150 or 160. Or we've either heard from recently, or know to be active. Of course it's quite possible that we have missed putting several active members on here, that we didn't know about or slipped. If so, we apologize, and let us know of course.

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