

DEGLER!

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Well, there was a beautiful article I had intended to put down here this week, called "Where have All The Fandoms Gone?" but I've decided not to do it. Mainly because it is now 1:30 AM Friday morning and I've fallen asleep without publishing anything.

Which I will now rectify, even tho it appears to be a one-sheet. Thus time has once again caught up with me, and I shoulda started this earlier in the week. Alright, will ya quit razzin' me?

See, the article was about where have all the geographical fandoms that were around a few years ago gone. Or something in those general lines. Or Veins, or.. And what I said, generally speaking, was that some of the fandoms have changed, such as New York and Los Angeles fandom, and some have disappeared, such as Chic-ago fandom (and may be returning, with different fans, as is Chicago). Others, such as St. Petersburg, Florida fandom has merged with Berkeley, LA, and NY fandom.

Philadelphia fandom, or at least the Mercurians, has fallen into apathy and gone. Cincinnati fandom keeps plugging along, putting on Midwescons and the like. Cleveland has combined with ~~knock~~ them and the remnants of Detroit fandom to put on the TriCon. Washington fandom, that put on the DisCon, has gone, geographically, and instead the remnants have merged with Baltimore, a young growing club. Los Angeles now has apa L, which has brought out a vast horde of new, young fans. Berkeley has received new blood in the last few years, but it looks like it's on the decline, if indications I've received from people in apa L are true.

Of course, I especially look at new York Fandom, and see that I can develop it a lot more than any other place I'm familiar with. New York has more fans now than it did even five years ago. 'E've got all sorts of people joining the Lunarians, a club that has existed since the late 1950's. FISTFA has been started and maintains a vigorous 2 weekly schedule of meetings, and it has started apa F. The Fanoclasts has meetings twice as large as they were 2 years ago. But one thing that I've noticed is that certain neighborhoods have remained fa nish. 176th street in the bronx used to have Lin Carter and Frank Dietz in the general area of each other. Now there are George Raybin, Frank Dietz, Dave Van Arnam, and Charlie & Marsha Brown.

My neighborhood was very fannish: Me, Steve Stiles, the Lupoffs, Bergeron, richard Roberts. Then the Lupoffs moved away, but rich brown came. But, unfortunately, Steve Stiles moved to the other side of Central Park (which is still within walking distance for me for he, John Benson, Larry Ivie, formerly Bbob stewart, and the like, and Dislike. But now, the place is vacant, sorta, with Steve in Missouri, the Lupoffs upstate, rich brown below Houston Street, Bergeron at the Comicon, & roberts very little seen, tho he lives only 2 blocks from me. Alack, and all that.

Ross Chamberlain's cover for apa F was very good, in a Frazetta-ish way. OPO as usual excellent. Dave Van Arnam is a neo, 'cause I'm the original Degler, right Wollheim? And that's all for apa F. I have almost read all of apa L, and will comment next week on 2 mailings. I have also sent Algol to Stevens, Bjo, Hulan,bailes,Blackbrd.
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