

# THE SECOND TUCKER FAN SURVEY

INTRODUCTION by BOB TUCKER

Some six years ago I launched an exhaustive inquiry into fannish minds and fannish homes; the mailman staggered under the burden of delivering better than five hundred copies of a long questionnaire to every known fan in the world --- or at least, to every known fan who could be located and contacted without the necessity of first submitting the questionnaire to a censor or warden. This survey asked several hundred questions about the fan, his life, loves and habits, and resulted in a wealth of information on what makes Joe Fann tick.

Today the survey is again being taken; a slightly modernized survey with a general circulation far in excess of that primitive five hundred a few years ago. Your co-operation is asked, urged and needed to compile a really comprehensive picture of this latter-day Joe Fann. Is he essentially the same as yesterday? Does he still hope to marry a fanne or has he married her? What does he think of interplanetary flight now? Has his sex-ratio changed? Are there more drunkards? Surely the ownership of television sets have increased? Are fanzines still as putrid as they once were? Have clubs improved or are they still muddling along? What can be the purpose of fandom today, as contrasted to yesterday?

And there are several hundred other questions to be answered here. I concur with the editors in asking you to answer them.

---Bob Tucker.

INTRODUCTION and INSTRUCTIONS by GERALD A. STEWARD.

Every time I fill out one of those "What did you think of this issue" questionnaires which various faneds send out with their zines, I get the recurring wish that someone would do a truly fan-wide survey. Not since Tucker in 1948 has anyone undertaken this project, so.....

The purpose of this survey is to gather information about fans, for fans. All I ask you to do is answer the questions honestly and sensibly. Any questionnaire which is returned with "snide" or "witty" answers will be disregarded. The survey is anonymous to protect your privacy and to prompt truthful answers. The questionnaire has been made as simple as possible; all that is required is a checkmark beside a "yes" or "no" answer, or one of the answers supplied, or at the most, a short sentence.

This questionnaire is being distributed through several fanzines, Canadian Fandom, Escape, Psychotic, and Varioso; and through FAPA by Damn!, through SAPS by Nandu; and at the World Con at San Francisco. There will doubtlessly be much duplication, so if you receive two or more questionnaires, please file only one and send the remainder on to some fan friend who might not have received any.

When you have filled in the questionnaire, send it to;

GERALD A. STEWARD, 166 McRoberts Avenue, Toronto 10, Ontario, Canada.

DO NOT send it to any of the distributory fanmags, this would only delay or possibly lose your answers.

The sooner you return the questionnaire, the sooner the results will be compiled and published. I will not wait years for all the questionnaires to be



returned. No deadline has been set as yet, if and when one is needed, it will be announced through the distributory fanmags.

I would like to thank Fred Woroch, Richard Geis, John Magnus, Norm Browne, and Nan Gerding for their co-operation in assisting me in distributing this questionnaire on a fan-wide basis. The results of the survey will appear in all of these fanmags.

Although the majority of the work on this questionnaire is being done by myself, this FAN SURVEY is none-the-less basically the work of Wilson (Bob) Tucker, and should be considered his survey. I would like to give a special mention of thanks to Bob for his assistance and advice on this project.

Thank you.

---Gerald A. Steward

## THE QUESTIONNAIRE

### I. YOU:

1. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your sex? Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your major occupation? (The one occupation which is your chief source of livlehood) \_\_\_\_\_
4. What hobbies do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

### II. HABITS AND POSSESSIONS:

1. Do you drink? (Intoxicating beverages.) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you smoke? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Cigar \_\_\_\_\_, ii. Cigarette \_\_\_\_\_, iii. Pipe \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Do you chew? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Tobacco \_\_\_\_\_ ii. Gum \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Do you engage in sexual activity? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you own an automobile? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Or other forms of transportation? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you own a radio? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you own a record player? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you own a record collection? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. What kind of a collection? (Jazz, classical, pops, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you own or have a TV set? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### III. MARITAL STATUS:

1. Are you married? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you divorced? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you divorced and remarried? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you married more than twice? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are you single? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you intend to marry? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Would you prefer to marry a fan? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Why? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you date? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Regularly \_\_\_\_\_, ii. Irregularly \_\_\_\_\_, iii. Play the field \_\_\_\_\_, iv. Go steady \_\_\_\_\_, v. Engaged \_\_\_\_\_, vi. Engaged but date others \_\_\_\_\_

IV. EDUCATION:

1. Do you attend public school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you completed High School? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you completed College? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you attend or have you completed Post-college? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you attend or have you completed a Specialist school?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you attended any other kind of school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
i. What kind of school? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have any degrees? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

V. RELIGION:

1. If you are religious, are you;  
i. Protestant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_, ii. Catholic? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Jewish? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_, iv. Others \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you are not religious, are you;  
i. Atheist? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_, ii. Agnostic? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Other? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you;  
i. Attend Church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_, ii. Not attend church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Others? \_\_\_\_\_/No \_\_\_\_\_

VI. PUBLICATIONS (Professional):

1. What is your favourite pro-magazine? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What promag do you dislike the most? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why do you dislike it? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of covers do you like? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many promags do you buy in a month? (Including pocket-books) \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many of the promags do you buy? (List titles using abbrev.) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who is your favourite author? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who is your favourite artist? \_\_\_\_\_

VII. PUBLICATIONS (Amateur):

1. What is your favourite fan-magazine? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What fanmag do you dislike the most? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why do you dislike it? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many fanzines do you receive in a month? \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. FAN ACTIVITIES:

1. Do you correspond? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
i. How many correspondents do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you write material for fanzines? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you do artwork for fanzines? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you had any material published in a fanzine? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you write letters to prozines? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you publish a fanzine? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. What kind of duplicating equipment do you have?  
i. Hektograph \_\_\_\_\_, ii. Dittograph \_\_\_\_\_, Mimeograph \_\_\_\_\_.  
iv. Multilith \_\_\_\_\_, v. Others? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you published a fanzine in the past but are not doing so at present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



9. How many different fanzine titles have you published? (I am trying to determine the number of different fanzines ever published)
10. Do you plan to publish a fanzine? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you expect to make a profit? (Monetary) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
12. Are you sending your fanzine to the proz to be reviewed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_
13. If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_
14. If so, what proz? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What do you think of fanzines on the average? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you belong to a fanclub? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  1. How many? \_\_\_\_\_
17. If so, what kind of a club?
  - i. Local \_\_\_\_\_, ii. Regional \_\_\_\_\_, iii. National \_\_\_\_\_, iv. Apa \_\_\_\_\_.
18. If you belong to a club, other than a local club;
  - i. Have you ever held an office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Do you hold an office at present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Do you think you could improve your club? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Do you think the club is worthwhile? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
19. If you belong to a local club;
  - i. Have you ever held an office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Do you hold an office at present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Do you think you could improve the club? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Do you think the club is worthwhile? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - v. Do you attend the meetings regularly? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

#### IX MISCELLANIOUS:

1. How many people are there in active fandom? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does fandom have a purpose? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you own a library? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many hardbound books do you have in your library? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What percentage of your library is science-fantasy? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many of your books have you read? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many books do you read in a year? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What particular science interests you most? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you allow fans to visit your home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you think man will conquer space? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  1. About when? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you think fans are more intelligent than the average person?  
/Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you think fans suffer from an inferiority complex? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
14. Have you ever attended a fan convention/conference/conclave?
  - i. How many? \_\_\_\_\_ /Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
16. What do you think of conventions on the average? \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out and return to;

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post haste.