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JUNE M. MOFFATT (b.1926) HARLAN ELLISON (b.1934)

IN MEMORIAM JUNE M. MOFFATT (1926 - 2018)



June M. Moffatt
(Photograph by Bill Warren – Los Angeles, ca. 1970s)

SF and Mystery enthusiast, LASFS member for 70+ years, longtime associate member of First Fandom, avid reader, book collector, conventioneer, fanzine publisher, true fan, 1973 TAFF Delegate, faithful correspondent, honored guest and beloved wife of Len J. Moffatt, our dear friend **June M. Moffatt** passed away peacefully on May 31, 2018.

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IN MEMORIAM HARLAN ELLISON (1934 - 2018)



Harlan Ellison
(Photograph by John L. Coker III - Seattle, 1989)

Award-winning, highly-regarded American author and living legend **Harlan Ellison™** died at home on June 28 at the age of 84.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IN MEMORIAM

We acknowledge friends who have recently passed, while also recalling their great work:

Eddy C. Bertin (author, poet and translator)

Gardner Dozois (author, editor, anthologist)

Harlan Ellison (author, editor, grandmaster)

June M. Moffatt (LASFS member, true fan)

Shelby Vick (BNF writer, fanzine publisher)

LATEST ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Marty Swiatkowski (see article on p. 10).

BIRTHDAYS TO NOTE

Founding member **Lynn Hickman** was born on June 5, 1926. And, we hope that **Joe R. Haldeman** enjoyed his birthday on June 9th.

Mrs. Jack Robins (Lottie) will celebrate her 103rd (!) birthday this coming September 18.

RETRACTION (FROM STF 1Q2018)

In our previous issue, we published 3 photos from the 2018 Windy City Pulp / Paper Con. Credit for those photos should have been attributed to our friend, **Stephen Jones**.

CORRESPONDENCE

We were **glad to hear from** Joanne Brooks, Mary Ellen Daugherty, Ron Fortier, Robert Lichtman, Lottie Robins and Joseph Wrzos.

ROGER AND PAT SIMS

Mark Hickman told me that he and Carolyn spent some time with **Pat and Roger Sims** at Midwestcon this year. Everyone sends their greetings to First Fandom. We have added Roger's name to our distribution list.

WORLDCON76



Date: August 16-20, 2018 San José, CA

For Information: www.worldcon76.org/.

First Fandom will be at **Worldcon76!**

FIRST FANDOM AWARDS, 2018

This year (for the first time) the First Fandom Awards and the Big Heart Award will be presented during **Opening Ceremonies** on Thursday afternoon, **Aug. 16** at 5:00 p.m.

Steve Francis has graciously agreed once again to serve as **Master of Ceremonies**.

We will present our **three** annual awards:

- * Hall of Fame Award
- * Posthumous Hall of Fame Award
- * Sam Moskowitz Archive Award

Several **special guests** have accepted our invitation to help present this year's awards.

FIRST FANDOM'S HISTORIC DISPLAY

A newly updated First Fandom Display will be prominently shown in the Exhibition Hall.

Conventioneers can visit our table for free information and membership applications.

During the weekend, members are asked to come by the table and support our display.

WORLDCON REPORTERS NEEDED

Will **you** be going to Worldcon76 this year?

We want to include your convention reports and photos in our 3Q2018 "Worldcon Issue."

(Contact editor at jlcoker3@bellsouth.net.)

IN MEMORIAM

June M. Moffatt

(April 20, 1926 – May 31, 2018)

June M. Moffatt was a Los Angeles-area science fiction (SF) fan who was the wife of fellow fan Len J. Moffatt (married December 10, 1966) and with him was the TAFF delegate in 1973. Most of their publications and genre accomplishments were joint ones.

Before her marriage to Moffatt, she was married to fellow fan Eph Konigsberg, with whom she had three children.



**June Konigsberg and her mother,
Louise Lepiar (aka L. Major Reynolds)**
(Photograph by Walter J. Daugherty)

June was a long-time member of First Fandom, and was on numerous LA-area convention committees. For more than seventy years, she was a member of LASFS and served the club as an officer, including president. She also was a member of SCIFI, The Petards, the DREGS of L.A. Fandom, and the Burroughs Bibliophiles.

In addition, she was an important mystery fan, and was a member of the Blustering Gales of the SW, the Curious Collectors of Baker Street, and was one of the founders of Bouchercon, chairing three of them.

She was also one of the five members of CAPA, founded in 1961 by Rick Sneary and other members of Fifth Fandom (including Len Moffatt) and contributed to CAPA's monthly print fanzine, *Five X Five*, with her always amusing and insightful *June's Notes*.

Other Fanzines/Apazines

Button-Tack – The Rick Sneary Memorial Fanzine

De Jueves (for APA-L)

Edward D. Hoch Bibliography (many eds.)

Flash of Blue (for DAPA-EM)

The JDM Bibliophile (with Len Moffatt)

JDM Master Checklist

The Moffatt House Abroad (with Len Moffatt)

Moonshine (with Len Moffatt, for FAPA)

Spiane (with Len Moffatt and Rick Sneary)

Awards/Honors

1972 – BoucherCon (Chair)

1973 – TAFF Delegate

1976 – BoucherCon (Chair)

1981 – Loscon 8 (Fan Guest of Honor)

1985 – BoucherCon (Fan Guest of Honor)

1991 – BoucherCon (Chair)

1994 – Evans-Freehafer Trophy (for outstanding contributions to LASFS and SF)

1997 – Tra-La-La Con (Fan Guest of Honor)

1999 – Anthony Award (Lifetime Achievement from BoucherCon)

Both June and Len have been nominated by our membership for induction in the First Fandom Posthumous Hall of Fame this year.

LASFS has announced that they will host a **memorial program** for June M. Moffatt on June 28 at 6:00 pm in their meeting space.

(Prepared by Jon D. Swartz, Special Features Ed.)

REMEMBERING JUNE MOFFATT

(BY MIKE GLYER WITH LEE GOLD)

Longtime LASFS member June Moffatt died May 31. June's son Bob Konigsberg announced her passing on Facebook. She was 92.

June attended her first LASFS meeting in 1947. By the time I joined in 1970 she was chair of the Board of Directors. Her maturity, compassion, and wisdom made her one of the club's most admired and respected members.

June married Eph Konigsberg in 1949 and together they had three children Robert (Bob), Katie and Jerry. June had little opportunity to visit the club for the next decade. After June and Eph divorced in 1964 she resumed going to LASFS meetings. That also was the year the club started APA-L, the weekly amateur publishing association, and June became a faithful contributor for decades.

Len Moffatt, himself a LASFS member since 1946, married June in 1966. They both participated in club leadership, alternating terms on the LASFS Board of Directors, and serving in other offices.

Len and June were elected the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund delegates in 1973. Their TAFF trip report, *The Moffatt House Abroad*, which I mimeographed and slip-sheeted on the LASFS mimeo (!), for thirty years enjoyed the distinction of being the only full-length North American TAFF report completed and published.

Len and June also were active in mystery fandom. In 1965 they started publishing *The JDM Bibliophile*, about John D. MacDonald (who wrote in multiple genres, but was especially known for his Travis McGee detective series). And as Sherlock Holmes aficionados, they were members in the Blustering Gales of the SW and the Curious

Collectors of Baker St.

In 1970, Len and June co-founded Bouchercon, and chaired three of them. Today the convention is called Bouchercon: World Mystery Convention.



John Hertz and June Moffatt at the LASFS memorial for Len Moffatt, 2010
(Photograph courtesy of Mike Glycer, File 770)

As part of another subfandom, she and Len were charter members of the Los Angeles SubERBs chapter of the Burroughs Bibliophiles.

They were jointly celebrated as guests of honor at Loscon 8 (1981), Bouchercon 16 (1985), and Tra-La-La Con (1997). LASFS gave them its Evans-Freehafer service award in 1994.

And at LASFS's seventy-fifth anniversary in 2009, the couple presented "LASFS ALIVE AT 75!" in rhyme and prose.

JUNE:

In 1947 I got a treat and was taken to the LASFS on Bixel Street. I met Forry Ackerman, van Vogt and more Science-fiction fans by the score.

Only a year later, Len predeceased her.

After that, June remained as active in the club as health permitted. Following two hospitalizations in March of this year she entered hospice care. Her family reports that on May 31 she went peacefully. Her remains will be cremated.

(Posted on June 2, 2018 by Mike Glycer, File 770)

THURSDAYS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME FOR ME AGAIN

(BY BARBARA GRATZ HARMON)

I first met Len Moffatt around 1957 at LASFS. Subsequently he and his first wife divorced, and my first husband and I divorced. Len and June married, and Jim Harmon and I married. We double dated. June and I shared widowhood close to the same time.

LASFS has never had a more devoted club member than June. She told me that at times she and Len had rented a motel room in North Hollywood because it was too hard to drive home to Downey after meetings. After we were both widowed, I suggested to June that she spend the night with me in Burbank, and drive home the next day after the traffic had cleared.

We followed this routine for several years. I was stuck on a jury for five months. I gave her a key to the house; she could leave from Downey before the afternoon traffic became heavy and arrive well before I left my downtown jury assignment.

I wasn't always able to attend meetings because of music and union commitments. I played cello in several orchestras. I was the retiree chapter chair of my union. At one time I was secretary of FORUM, which is the retiree chapter of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. June always said my priorities were wrong; I should spend more time having fun and less time doing good deeds.

If I needed to practice (the cello) late at night, it wasn't a problem. June took out her hearing aids and slept very well.

Our established routine went well until June needed to renew her driver's license. Needless to say, she aced the written exam. The vision test was a different story. She

didn't pass in Downey. I thought it might be easier in Glendale, so we tried there, twice. Lee Gold sent her to an excellent ophthalmologist who had done well for Lee's vision challenges. Short of a corneal transplant, which they wouldn't do at her age, she couldn't be enabled to see well enough to legally drive.

I missed a lot of LASFS meetings because of other obligations. There was no way I could drive an hour to Downey to pick up June, an hour back to the Valley, an hour to return to Downey, and an hour back to Burbank. Fortunately, George McUrso stepped in and started picking up June regularly. Since I was on the way, George picked me up too. George, June, Charlie Jackson, and Rowan Dao (whom George also picked up) went out to dinner followed by the LASFS meeting.

June once told me she only felt at ease with fans. She was one of the most universally loved people I've known. My old dog, Leslie, especially loved June. When June was using a walker and arrived at the house, Leslie would sit down, wait for June to be seated, and then go over to get petted.

As June's physical health declined, her intellect and sense of humor remained intact. She was optimistic. Although she was too weak to raise her hand with the weight of a blanket on it, she told me she thought she was getting better. She hoped to get her driver's license back.

I had hoped to help June keep up with fanzines. We were doing well with one column at the convalescent hospital until June asked for an aspirin. They gave her something heavy duty that knocked her out completely. On our last try in Downey, she had a hard time hearing, as I did, because the placement of the bed precluded my getting near enough to type on the laptop.

(Abridged from **RELUCTANT PESSIMIST #8**, a tribute published for APA-L 2769, June 7, 2018.)

OTHER OBITUARIES

Eddy C. Bertin (b.1944)

Eddy Charly Bertin, a Belgian author, poet, essayist, critic, book reviewer and translator, died on May 19 in Crete at the age of 73.

Born in Hamburg, Germany on December 26, 1944, Bertin published more than 500 stories in SF (from the late-1960s), horror (his main genre) and children's literature.

Gardner R. Dozois (b.1947)

Gardner Raymond Dozois was a SF author and editor whose career spanned 50 years.

He was born in Salem, MA, on July 23, 1947. After a stint in the Army, during which he worked on the military newspaper *Stars and Stripes*, he moved to NY. He achieved his first major genre publication when editor Fred Pohl chose one of his stories for inclusion in the SF magazine *If* in 1966.

Dozois was the founding editor of *The Year's Best Science Fiction* anthologies, as well as editor of *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine* from 1984 until 2004.

His professional work earned him multiple awards; and he won the Hugo for Best Professional Editor 15 times between 1988 and his retirement from *Asimov's* in 2004.

In 1977, Dozois authored an in-depth look at the fiction of James Tiptree, Jr.; and a novel, *Strangers*, was published in 1978. Two of his stories, "The Peacemaker" and "Morning Child," won Nebula Awards in 1983 and 1984, respectively.

In 2001, Old Earth Books published *Being Gardner Dozois: An Interview by Michael Swanwick*, in which Dozois and his friend and collaborator discussed his career. The book was a finalist for the Hugo Award for Best Related Book. Swanwick wrote about Dozois in 1997: "He loves science fiction with an intensity that very few can match."

Throughout the 2000s, Dozois collaborated with George R. R. Martin on a series of themed anthologies, including *Songs of the Dying Earth*, a tribute anthology to Jack Vance's "Dying Earth" series; *Old Mars*, an anthology featuring retro stories about Mars; *Dangerous Women*, stories featuring female warriors; and *Rogues*, an anthology of stories about scoundrels of all descriptions.

Dozois was inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame in 2011.

He was married to writer Susan Casper, who died in 2017. He died May 27, 2018, of a systemic infection. Survivors include a son and two grandchildren.

(Prepared by Jon D. Swartz, Special Features Ed.)

Shelby Vick (b.1928)

Thomas Shelby Vick was a SF fan who first became active in fandom in the 1940s. He died on June 9, 2018, in Panama City, FL.

He was a member of the Alien Science-Fantasy Club, Wirez (Fan Federation for Sound Productions), the Florida Flames, the N3F, SAPA, and the BeAppreciation Club.

He is famous in fandom for introducing female fan Lee Hoffman to BNF Wilson (Bob) Tucker when most fans, including Tucker, thought Lee was a man.

Vick started the successful fan fund to bring famous Irish SF fan Walter A. Willis to the U.S. He was named Past President of the Fan Writers of America in 1999. He won the Rebel Award in 2012. Among his fanzines and apazines: *Comet*, *The Corflu Courier*, *Confusion*, *Countdown X-10*, *Embers*, *Planetary Stories*, *Pulp Spirit*, *Tired Feet*, *Wonderlust*, *Egad*, and *Lesser Feats*.

He was married to fellow fan Suzanne Elaine Ross Vick; they had three daughters.

Vick's photo appears in Harry Warner's *A Wealth of Fable* (SCIFI Press, 1992).

(Prepared by Jon D. Swartz, Special Features Ed.)

Harlan Ellison (b.1934)

Harlan Jay Ellison was born on May 27th in Cleveland. His father was a dentist and his mother worked in a thrift store. In 1949 he helped start the Cleveland Science Fantasy Society. He left home several times as a teenager, working various menial jobs and traveling around the country.

In the mid-1950s he began publishing in prozines like *Galaxy* and *Fantastic*. He wrote in several genres and edited anthologies *Dangerous Visions* (1967) and its sequel, *Again, Dangerous Visions* (1972).

He also wrote episodes of different television series, including "Route 66," "The Alfred Hitchcock Hour," and the 1980s revival of "The Twilight Zone."

He also wrote comic books for Marvel and DC, and created *Harlan Ellison's Dream Corridor* for Dark Horse Comics.

Ellison attended Ohio State University for 18 months during 1951-1953 before being expelled. He said his expulsion was for hitting a professor who had denigrated his writing ability, and over the next twenty or so years he sent that professor a copy of every story he published.

Ellison used several pseudonyms during his career, including Cordwainer Bird, Sley Harson, Ellis Hart, John Magnus, Paul Merchant, Pat Roeder, Ivar Jorgenson, Derry Tiger, Harlan Ellis, and Jay Solo.

He won many awards in several different fiction genres, and received the SFWA Grand Master Award in 2006.

Recently, he had been in poor health. In 1996, he suffered a heart attack and had quadruple bypass surgery. Harlan Ellison died June 29, 2018, at his home.

He is survived by his fifth wife, the former Susan Toth, whom he married in 1986.

(Prepared by Jon D. Swartz, Special Features Ed.)

YES, I REMEMBER MR. HARLAN ELLISON

(BY JOHN L. COKER III)

Everybody that reads this newsletter likely has their own Harlan Ellison recollections.

I discovered his stories in paperbacks during the '60s. Then I began noticing more of him.

In 1989 Harlan made a last-minute surprise appearance in Seattle at the World Fantasy Con to accept an award. As his presence became noticed, word of it spread in an instant like chain lightning through the room.

Over the years I saw him a dozen times, at different World Fantasy Cons, Dragon*Cons (Atlanta, GA) and I-Cons (Long Island, NY). He was usually heading a delegation or an entourage when I saw him at cons. More than once, he recognized me and called out to me by my name. Thrilling but scary, too.

In rooms packed with fans, Harlan told some of the stories from his life. He lectured on "the Holocaust" and "Revenge". He brought huge crates of books from L.A. to sign / sell.

In 1991, Harlan came to Tucson, AZ for the World Fantasy Con. He stayed in his motor home and didn't patronize any of the local businesses, to protest Arizona not having an official MLK Day. He also spent most of the weekend sitting (previously unannounced) on dozens of different panels. Quite a treat.

Once, he harnessed the "sea of green," where everyone stood and held up one dollar. At his command, the cash quickly passed hand-to-hand to the front of the room where it sat in a pile on the floor. He used the money to buy a rare comic book.

In 2008 I moderated a teleconference where Harlan graciously presented the Raymond Z. Gallun Award to Ray Bradbury (I-Con 28).

To me, Harlan Ellison seemed unknowable. He was too complex. He had unfathomable knowledge and great passions. I've learned to best appreciate him through his writing.

BIRTHDAYS

(From a list originally compiled by Andrew Porter)

July

- 1 – Otis Adelbert Kline
- 2 – Hugh Rankin, Hannes Bok
- 3 – E. Hoffman Price, William Rotsler
- 5 – Howard V. Brown
- 6 – William C. Martin, Rick Sneary
- 7 – Robert A. Heinlein
- 8 – Hans Steffan Santesson
- 9 – Murphy Anderson
- 10 – Julian May
- 11 – Hugh B. Cave, Roy Krenkel
- 12 – James E. Gunn, Joseph Mugnaini
- 16 – Paul Freehafer, Robert Sheckley
- 23 – Virgil Finlay, Cyril Kornbluth

August

- 1 – Raymond A. Palmer, Edd Cartier
- 3 – Clifford D. Simak
- 9 – Jack Speer, Frank M. Robinson
- 10 – Curt Siodmak, Ward Moore
- 11 – Jack Binder, Ben P. Indick
- 15 – Bjo Trimble, Darrell K. Sweet
- 16 – Hugo Gernsback, Earle Bergey
- 18 – Brian W. Aldiss
- 19 – H.W. Wesso, Gene Roddenberry
- 20 – H.P. Lovecraft
- 21 – Anthony Boucher, Larry Card
- 22 – Ray Bradbury
- 26 – Otto Binder
- 27 – Frank Kelly Freas
- 28 – Jack Vance
- 29 – Robert E. Weinberg
- 30 – Mary Wollstonecraft Shelly

September

- 1 – Edgar Rice Burroughs
- 4 – Robert W. Lowndes
- 6 – Groff Conklin
- 7 – Gerry de la Ree
- 10 – William L. Crawford
- 11 – Roy A. Squires
- 12 – Walter B. Gibson
- 16 – Art Widner
- 18 – Mrs. Jack (Lottie) Robins
- 19 – Damon Knight
- 21 – H.G. Wells
- 24 – Jack Gaughan, John Brunner

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

(KEITH W. STOKES, SECRETARY/TREASURER)

The following members' dues were current for the present year, ending on June 30th:

Arlan Andrews, William R. Andrews, Ben Bova, Joanne E. Brooks, Dean Edward Cartier, John L. Coker III, Jack Cordes, Todd Dashoff, Ralph W. Goldsmith, James Gunn, Gay Haldeman, Joe Haldeman, Barbara Harmon, Carolyn Hickman, George H. Jones, Erle M. Korshak, Theodore Krulik, John Lange, Tom Meserole, Susan Reitz, Bill Schaab, Robert Silverberg, Keith W. Stokes, Amy L. Thomson, David B. Williams, Joseph Wrzos, Michelle Zellich, Rich Zellich.

Thank you for supporting First Fandom!

Annual membership dues for the new fiscal year are due on July 1, 2018. The following members have already paid their dues for the new fiscal year:

William R. Andrews, Ralph W. Goldsmith, Carolyn Hickman, Erle M. Korshak, Tom Meserole, Keith W. Stokes, Jon D. Swartz.

In particular, we thank one member who recently paid dues ahead through the year 2031 and another member who has paid several First Fandom expenses directly with no compensation. Without them, it would have been difficult to register and host the web site or have a display at the WorldCon.

If you believe your name should have been included on either of these lists, please alert Keith W. Stokes (keith@mightymac.org).

Dues for the new fiscal year are \$15. The bank will not cash checks written to First Fandom. Your check or money order should be made **payable to Keith W. Stokes**, 14305 W. 83rd Place, Lenexa, KS - 66215.

NEWS UPDATES

PULPFEST 2018: MARS, PENNSYLVANIA

Fans will gather July 26-29 near Pittsburgh (with FarmerCon) for a weekend of pulps, paperbacks, original art, pop culture, SF, comic books, film fest, programming, guest Joe R. Lansdale. Info: jack@pulpfest.com.

RAY BRADBURY EXPERIENCE MUSEUM

The Ray Bradbury Experience Museum in Waukegan [has a website](#). They plan to open in 2020.

(Posted by Mike Glycer in File 770 - May 11, 2018)

SOCIETY OF ILLUSTRATORS AWARDS

The following artist laureates will be honored by the Society of Illustrators at its Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony on June 21, 2018:

Robert Crumb, Hilary Knight, Jim McMullan, CF Payne, Kate Greenaway, Rene Gruau, Jack Kirby, Heinrich Kley and Kay Nielsen.

(Posted by Mike Glycer in File 770 - May 16, 2018)

NEBULA AWARDS

Best Novel - *The Stone Sky*, N.K. Jemisin (Orbit US; Orbit UK).

Best Novella - *All Systems Red*, Martha Wells (Tor.com Publishing).

Best Novelette - *A Human Stain*, Kelly Robson (*Tor.com* 1/4/17).

Best Short Story - *Welcome to Your Authentic Indian Experience TM*, Rebecca Roanhorse (*Apex* 8/17).

Ray Bradbury Award for Outstanding Dramatic Presentation - *Get Out* (Written by Jordan Peele).

Andre Norton Award for Outstanding Young Adult SF or Fantasy Book - *The Art of Starving*, Sam J. Miller (HarperTeen).

CORRESPONDENCE

Esther Cole writes:

June 29, 2018

Dear John,

Just read the L.A. Times notice that Harlan died Wednesday night in his sleep, of unknown causes.

"Unknown" -- one of the best fantasy magazines ever published. The rest of us know something eerie, and inexplicable, took Harlan -- unwillingly going, I'm sure.

The L.A. Times gave him a full page in today's California Section of the paper.

Les and I met Harlan at our SFCon. He wasn't very tall and he looked and behaved like a teenager. He was involved in mischief at the hotel all weekend, but his major talent, for me, was his ability to dance. He had learned to jitterbug from an older brother. Harlan was dynamite on the dance floor.

His moving to Los Angeles, all those years later, was aided and abetted by Bob Bloch.

After Bob Bloch died, I wanted to produce a mini-con in Ventura for him, and began contacting sf people I knew to help with this event. I phoned Harlan and asked him to participate. He said he couldn't, and asked that I not bother him again. I never did.

Our SFCon was attended by more than 700 people, and we featured an artwork exhibit of original Chesley Bonestell paintings.

Aside from the SFCon, I knew nothing about Harlan's past, and very little about his career and successes. The newspaper article made him sound much like the teenaged brat I met in 1954.

I hope he retained his ability to jitterbug.

Warm regards from Les and me and the doggies.

LATEST ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Welcome to Martin J. (Marty) Swiatkowski!

I met **Marty** in Bartlett, IL at the 2018 Windy City Pulp & Paper Con. We discovered that we shared some similar interests and had several mutual friends in science fiction.

Marty filled out a membership application and sent it back to me (along with his \$15 check made payable to Keith W. Stokes).

Marty Swiatkowski

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Marty (b.1950) is interested in Comic Book Fiction (1954-present), SF (1960-present), Ghost and Classic horror fiction, hardboiled Crime Fiction (1966-present), and Television and Motion Picture Fiction (1957-present).

He enjoys collecting comic books, vintage mass market paperbacks, pulps, Arkham House, small press, and Cornell Woolrich.

As a teenager in Cleveland in the mid-1960s, two of Marty's letters were printed in DC and Marvel comics. Later he attended PulpCon (two dozen years), Windy City Pulp and Paper Con (since 2001), PulpFest (since 2009) and 3 L.A. Paperback Shows.

He was associate editor of *The Outer Limits*, *An Illustrated Review*, 1977 and 1978.

In the mid-1960s, Marty met two adults who were serious about SF/Fantasy: David M. Massaro and Bill Thailing (First Fandom). Marty became friends with Ben Jason and Don and Maggie Thompson and other fans, learning about genre literature and cinema.

(Marty donated a photocopy of a postcard that Honey Wood mailed to Ben Jason in 1953 announcing a meeting of the Terrans.)

Let's all welcome **Marty Swiatkowski**, the latest Associate Member of First Fandom.

FIRST FANDOM ANNUAL, 2018

Announcing the next First Fandom Annual, entitled "**Remembering Jack Robins.**"

(Edited by: **John L. Coker III** and **Jon D. Swartz**).

This issue should be available in August

- * 90-page limited edition (50 copies)
- * Laser printed on 28# quality paper
- * B&W and color interior illustrations
- * Cardstock cover, 8 ½ x 11, stapled

Work began on this with Jack back in 1998. We later reviewed his correspondence files and collaborated directly with his wife Lottie.

Featuring: **new articles** and an **interview** by Jack Robins recalling SF friends from the good old days, and an article by Lottie (with photos) about her **family**. We've included **two plays** by Jack: "The Ivory Tower" and "The Trials and Tribulations of Publishing."



**Remembering Jack Robins
(1919-2015)**

We present a selection of Jack's **poetry** and some of his early SF fan photographs and are pleased to include a **bibliography** of Jack Robins **by Christopher M. O'Brien**.

Reserve your copy by sending a check or money order (payable to John L. Coker III) **for \$30**. (our cost, which includes shipping.)

We plan to begin filling prepaid mail orders for this publication starting in **August 2018**.

ROBERT A. MADLE BACK HOME AND DOING WELL AFTER STROKE

(A REPORT BY CURT PHILLIPS)

I've been given permission by his daughter Jane to report that First Fandom Founder, TAFF Delegate, SF Bookseller, long time SF fan and all-around good guy **Bob Madle** is back at home now and doing very well after a stroke suffered during the second week of June. According to Jane: "My Dad is home from rehab and doing very well. His speech, which was the main thing impacted, is improving every day. He's continuing to get therapy at home. He said he's fine with letting others know about the stroke."

I had gone to Rockville just over a week ago to do some preparatory work for a convention - Corflu 36 - and naturally had tried to call Bob to arrange a visit with my fellow First Fandom member and pulpfan. It was quite alarming when my several phone calls over multiple days failed to be answered, something which had never happened before when calling Bob. I left messages and while driving home to Abingdon the next day I received a phone call from Stephen Haffner who told me about Bob's stroke and that he was still in the hospital. Subsequent emails with Jane filled in the picture and I learned that Bob was headed for rehab the following week, which has now been successfully completed. Bob is, at this hour, back at home, no doubt watching a baseball game on TV.

Stephen and I lacked permission from Bob or his family to share this news until now, probably for concerns of Bob being overtaxed with phone calls and so forth, but Jane now tells me that he's improving steadily, to my great relief. Keep up the good progress, Bob! I'll come to see you next time I'm in town to share a beer, watch a ball game with you, and maybe even buy a pulp magazine or two!



L-R: Jack Agnew, John V. Baltadonis, Robert A. Madle (1937)



Robert A. Madle
(Fan GoH, 1977 Worldcon)

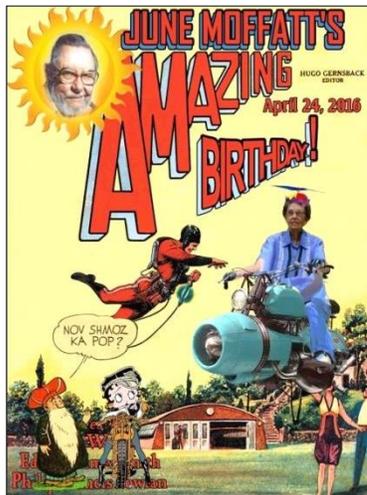


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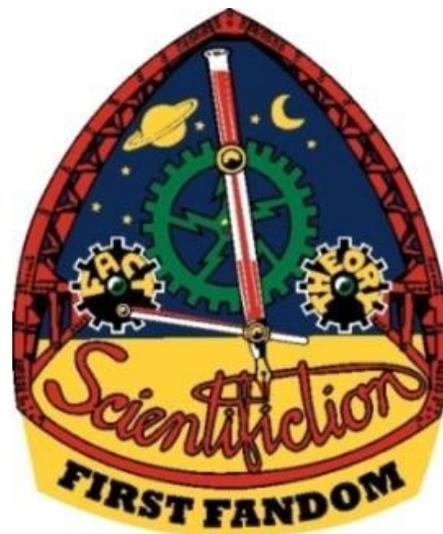
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