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WELCOME once more to the only annually published weekly/monthly/or/?/quarterly publication of First Fandom which dares to!!

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FIRST FANDOM'S MOST RECENT MEETING was held last weekend (Saturday afternoon, 26 June 1971) at the MidWestCon in Cincinnati, at the Quality Motel Central. Present were: Lou Tabakow, Rusty Hevelin, Howard DeVore, Paul Herkert, Lynn Hickman, Leigh Brackett, Ed Hamilton, Jean Bogert, John Millard, Ed Bielfeldt, Frank Andrasovsky, Ben Keifer, Dale Tarr, Ed Wood, Dave Kyle--and Associate Members Bea Mahaffey, Banks Mebane, Frank Prieto, Jack Chalker--and Guest Lloyd Biggle.

(Another "Relaxacon" success. The facilities were the best yet, with extremely large attractive rooms. Outstandingly efficient air-conditioning throughout. Typically, the weekend was HOT, up to 100!... so that stepping out to the pool was like stepping out into a very humid oven. A poolside buffet (referred to as "the banquet") was tolerable for the uninhibited front-runners. Lou Tabakow bore the brunt of the responsibility for that enjoyable weekend--but vows that next year the mob will be cut down in size (it was well over 200) by making the affair by-invitation-only. (All First Fandomers and personal friends are automatically invited, however.) Oh yes, Bob Tucker was there and received his Heicon Hugo from T&FFman Elliot Shorter.... P.S. Send Elliot Shorter a buck (\$1) at Box 309, Jerome Avenue Station, Bronx NY 10468 BEFORE July 10th (or that day). Tell him you want to vote for TERRY JEEVES (Nominated by Lynn Hickman) or for MARIO BOSNYAK (Nominated by Don Wollheim) or for PETE WESTON or for PER INSULANDER to Represent Europe at the Noreascon 1971.)

THIS MIDWESTCON MEETING acted on the following items of business:

1. John W. Campbell Jr. was confirmed to receive this year's First Fandom Hall of Fame Award at the Noreascon. (This information is classified, so don't leak it to The New York Times unless the price is right.) Administrative details are being handled by Lou T. and Rusty Hevelin (and probably Hal Clement Stubbs); a First Fandom lunch is (hopefully) being planned.
2. Nominations for 1972 were discussed. A vote was taken to determine preferences and CLIFFORD SIMAK and C.L.MOORE were the favorites. Also considered were (and are) E. HOFFMAN PRICE and HARRY BATES. Other First Fandommembers are asked to express their desires at future meetings or whatever. (Remember, this is SH-H-H!!)
3. Lynn H. reports that another FF Magazine "is ready to be published." He also says that there are copies of the first 13 issues available (in a limited amount) to anyone interested enough to ask.
4. Dave Kyle reported (humorously?) on the thrilling history of the Newsletter--ending with a serious plea for an up-to-date mailing list. (As Dave was Chairman of the meeting and it was his bottle of Scotch, he was entitled to make jokes;--but really now fellows, how about some newsy letters to him and to Lynn to publish?)
5. Some publicity is planned for FF for the Noreascon, including an ad in the Program Book. (Ed Wood to Dave K. to Jack Chalker).
6. Dave K. sold the last of the FF ties and some blazer badges. There are only two badges left (@ \$6.50). Ties can be ordered for \$2.50 (if prices haven't gone up). Delivery in 3 or 4 months?!

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7. A report on the Membership Committee (Three members: Rusty Hevelin, Art Widner, Dave Kyle) was given by Rusty & Dave jointly, Art, of course, not being present. In summary: (Not speaking for Art officially) the MemComm feels First Fandom should be a "last man" club. Membership must be based upon qualifications under the rules of proof of activity (circa 1939). A non-qualified category for affiliation (or "Friends of Fandom") is in existence, called "Associate Members", but use of this in the future should be limited to very special cases only. The only "Associate Members" of First Fandom are: Jay K. Klein, Jack Chalker, Bea Mahaffey, Stan Skirvin, Banks Mebane, and Frank Prieto. To avoid precipitant action on prospective members, all names will be submitted to a member of the Membership Committee; the MemComm will investigate qualifications within a "reasonable" period of time; approval by two out of three of the MemComm will automatically bring that name to a vote of the membership. (The MemComm contemplates the choice of full membership balloting by mail or subsequent voting at two different First Fandom meetings (such as MidWestCon, Westercon, Worldcon)). Any name not acted upon by the MemComm or rejected as not qualified can be brought to a membership vote if a motion is passed by the majority of the members at a meeting that the action (or inaction) of the MemComm be disregarded. Any questions concerning this should be addressed to Rusty Hevelin, 6594 Germantown Pike, Miamisburg, Ohio, 45342.

8. HEICON (the World SF Convention in Heidelberg, Germany last August) was the finally subject. Dave Kyle reported that a party was held at the Schroeder Hotel (Room 32) which was jointly co-hosted by First Fandom and the Most Noble and Illustrious Order of St. Fantony. About 30 persons attended--an outstandingly congenial group. (The ground floor room, just off the lobby of the small hotel, was especially prepared by the management (which, fittingly, included plenty of glasses and cold mix)) The party's success was due in no small measure to the Knights and Ladies, especially Ina and Norman Shorrock of Liverpool. The following FFers were there: (For the record, money collection--like dues--is shown following in parentheses in \$ or Deutschemarke) Don Wollheim (7.20DM), Forrie Ackerman (8DM), Dave Kyle (8DM), Ted Carnell (7.20DM), Ed Bielfeldt (\$2), Frank Arnold (8DM), Hank Eichner (7.20DM), Sue & Doc Miller (\$4), Florence & Sam Russell (7.50DM), Banks Mebane (\$2), Jean Bogert (8DM)--(some place around where Jack Williamson & Jim Blish)--FF guests: Ruth Kyle, Irene Carnell, Wendayne Ackerman, Danny Plachta, Fred Prophet-- and St. Fantony's Shorrocks, Eddie Jones, Tedd Tubb, Mario Brosnyak, etc. The following night there was a smaller party at the Russell's hotel. Gee Whiz, everyone! We missed the rest of you!

9. The bottle of Scotch and such like gone, there was no other course but to end this meeting of First Fandom & go back to the pool.

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DON'T FORGET THE NEXT WORLD CON, Sept.3-6, AT THE SHERATON-BOSTON !!

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If YOU DON'T GET THIS COPY of the Newsletter, it's because we're missing your address. Sorry, but we'll eventually get the mailing list straightened out. Dale Tarr is working on it. Lynn Hickman thinks he's got the solution. Rusty Hevelin offers to do the addressing. We'll work it out yet, before another year passes!! Incidentally, our next project is to bring you an up-to-date roster of the entire membership, with addresses, just so as we can really keep in touch. Remember Our Motto: FIRST FANDOM IS NOT DEAD!

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