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# FIRST FANDOM

In announcing the formation of a new group in science fiction fandom it would be well to set forth the aims first of all FIRST FANDOM is a fun loving organization, which will attempt to organize the science fiction and fantasy fans of the First Golden Era; when we had to hunt and search for our favorite type of literature. We will try to bring back to the conventions, and to the fan publishing field, fans who for various legitimate reasons have had to drop fan activities and have not come back because they feel that they would not know anybody today.

Many fans have never left the field and they will be able to provide the core or framework through which those who have dropped out can re-acquaint themselves with others of their time, and also get to know the fans of the present day era.

In discussing the various eras or "fandoms" that have existed in the past, we have selected Jan. 1, 1938 as the cut off date since the whole idea of FIRST FANDOM is to stimulate and revive interest in the older fans.

Thus, if you have engaged in some type of fan activity prior to Jan 1, 1938, write to Don Ford for an application for membership. For our purposes a science fiction or fantasy fan is defined as one who: participated in conventions; corresponded; collected; published, wrote for, or subscribed to a fanzine; belonged to a local or national fan club, etc. Any one or all of these activities.

FIRST FANDOM was first broached late in 1958 at a get together at Doc Barrett's in Bellefontaine. We were reminiscing about the fans of earlier days and wondering what had become of them now. We worked over the details by mail for the past several months and have come up with the present set up in order to get things started.

The founders are: Bob Madle, C. L. Barrett, MD, Don Ford, Lou Tabakow, Dale Tarr & Lynn Hickman. We will run the club as a Board of Directors until we can get it going; and then the membership can elect regular officers. Dues are \$1.00 per year and it will be a non-profit organization. Most of the money will be expended in a club bulletin which will maintain an up to date roster of members...allowing them to get in touch with old friends they've been wanting to contact for years.

Temporary officers chosen by the Board of Directors are:

President	Bob Madle	3608 Caroline Ave.	Indianapolis 18, Ind.
Sec'y-Treas	Don Ford	Box 19-T, RR #2	Loveland, Ohio
Publisher	Lynn Hickman	304 N. 11th	Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Addresses of the other founders are:

C. L. Barrett, MD	119 S. Madriver St.	Bellefontaine, Ohio
Dale Tarr	3650 Glenway Ave.	Cincinnati 5, Ohio
Lou Tabakow	3953 St. John's Terrace	Cincinnati 36, Ohio

Applications for membership and other inquiries should be handled through Don Ford

Application for membership in FIRST FANDOM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address you want listed in Club Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_

A. Give title and date of issue of any pro mag in which you had a letter published prior to January 1, 1938.

B. Give title & date of issue of any fan magazine in which you had a letter published prior to January 1, 1938.

C. Give name & date of membership of any local fan group to which you belonged prior to January 1, 1938.

D. Give name and date of membership of any national or pro SF/fantasy group to which you belonged prior to January 1, 1938.

E. If there was no local fan club, give name and dates of any local fan with whom you had regular meetings or discussion about SF/fantasy prior to January 1, 1938.

Give title & date of any fanzine to which you subscribed prior to January 1, 1938.

G. Give title & date of any fanzine you edited, wrote for, illustrated or otherwise helped to produce prior to January 1, 1938.

H. List name & date of any regional fan gathering you attended prior to January 1, 1938.

I. List date you actively started collection SF or fantasy and give representative titles of what you were collecting at the time.

J. Give name, address & date of any fan with whom you corresponded prior to Jan 1, 1938.

K. Would you be willing to contribute material to the club bulletin?

I enclose \$1.00 for my first year's dues. (Make payable to Don Ford).

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Signature.

A Science-Fiction Fan, in the fan's sense of the word, implies something more than merely being a reader of SF or fantasy. The outstanding characteristic of a "fan" seems to be a desire to communicate with others of his kind; communication in the form of correspondence, social contact, publication of a fan magazine, etc. The more active fans have usually involved themselves in more than one phase of fannish activity. To qualify for membership in First Fandom you must have been a "fan" (engaged in some sort of activity as listed above) before January 1, 1938. Completed applications should be sent to the Club Secretary: Don Ford, Box 19-T, RR #2, Loveland, Ohio.