

REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS RECENT: August 1980

Being comments upon contributions to mailings of the Australia and New Zealand Amateur Publishing Association done by John Foyster, 21 Shakespeare Grove, St. Kilda, Victoria 3182, Oz.

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Comments on the 74th mailing

I don't think A in '83 is a bad idea, but the bidding committee does its best to make me think so. What I dislike is misrepresentation, such as the following line circulated in a Jan Howard FINDER letter: 'And you won't have to worry about the organization side of things; AUSSIECON I showed just what our committee can do.' Only a couple of the people listed as being on the committee actually had anything to do with organizing AUSSIECON I, and they are relatively recent additions to the committee. On the other hand, organization is exactly what the bidding committee seems to lack (as opposed, of course, to an organization).

Terry Hughes: (Hmm, I sort of forgot to note that my previous remark was directed towards Marc Ortlieb) There have been times when I found SOTH OF THE MOON useful; the main problem is that since people don't keep it up to date, even the second-hand information obtained by the editor is usually a year or two out of date. Gary should have been grateful that it actually got to him while he was OBE!

Kevin Dillon: This was just as confusing as ever, Kevin. Why not put more time into really letting your fine mind loose on the task of producing a coherent fanzine?

John Rowley: The fact that I have actually read quite a few of the books you mention makes me wish you had done more than just mention them.

Robin Johnson: The problem with GAY INFORMATION 1 is that at least superficially it is just a trifle on the sexist side. It is devoted to male homosexuality almost exclusively. There's a token reference to female homosexuality in the abstracts, but that's all. The, ah, all-embracing suggestion of the title is not borne out by the contents (nor by the names of those involved in production). Wouldn't a more honest title be desirable?

Eric Lindsay: I support your comments on the granting of extensions when there are waiting lists; see this mailing's official organ. But why, on the other hand, do you distinguish the cash contribution? // The June mailing went out on June 11, 1980, and this one will be mailed to you on 11 August 1980. // People who traffic in drugs can often be punished under other laws, anyway. // I'm more interested in a hobby computer as a number cruncher than as a word processor, though the latter would be handy. This means I have to look at spending a lot more money than I have.

John Bangsund: "a, you can't be a good Christian if you think that 'you can easily learn the rules of Christianity'; lots of folks made a hastier exit from this world than they had planned because they made only the teeniest mistake about the rules and were taken to task by some of their fellow persons who had the rules right. // Thanks for your notes from 1848 (a great year, one way and another) on SAINT KILDA (a long time since its name was spelled out) which I suspect was founded in 1840, and now, of course, extends far to the left of the road from ^{Melbourne} Brighton. // I think commenting on HANRAHAN and the other publication is quite beyond me at the moment - sorry.

Richard Faulder: I enjoyed your autobiography, and wished you'd gone on at greater length; liked the cartoon on page 3 for obvious reasons. // Thanks for the UNICON VI report. Could I possibly tempt you to write a conrep for an issue of the (non-defunct) very wonderful Chunder! one day? // I thought that the comment that the ultimate particle could travel through tiem 'in the same fashion' a trifle facile. The notion hangs on that time-travel function, alas.

Gary Mason: I'm glad you made the remark about people not providing enough copies. Not early enough to affect the last mailing (since I don't read contributions until after the mailing goes out) but I'll be watching out this time. // I didn't so much as reverse a decision on page-counts that you had made as correct an arithmetical error you had made (of a non-significant kind, as it turns out). Surely it is appropriate that an officer should be able to correct an error of an earlier officer when the error is in terms of the earlier officer's own ruling?

Cathy Circosta: Yipes, the repro was bad on this BEAGLE'S WORLD!

John Foyster: With luck, I might run comments on this mailing over the feeble two-page limit discovered last time around!

David Grigg: As an opening cryptic remark to most readers, thanks for the advice about THE LOFT BOOK, which has been acted upon. // What about mailing comments, then?

Robin Johnson: I didn't read your stencils before running them off and giving you credit in the June mailing. I wonder now whether I should have done so, and I cite your statement on page five that 'The above is taken almost verbatim from a leaflet' etc. etc.. Can members of ANZAPA retain their memberships be quoting (almost) verbatim from anything?

Derrick Ashby: Gosh, I'll have to get back to changing the titles of my fanzines if I'm to maintain my lead over Bangsund.

Irwin Hirsh: Not only is Alexis Gilliland a great cartoonist, he's a nice feller to talk to.

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