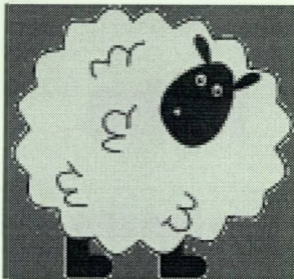


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I had one once but the wheels fell off



In keeping with our theme of superfluous technology miniaturisation, we wanted to include a photo of Gary. Unfortunately, all we could find was this psheep. Farbaa!

Worldcon Radio Procedure

An Ops office should be highly organized, as all the convention offices should be. You have a base station, and strict controls on the radios. Posted schedules of personnel. A scheme for geographic and time coverage. An organized system of supervisor/rover, fixed gophers, etc. No one works as a rover with radio without a proper briefing on procedure.

Procedure is simple. Base operator controls traffic. All requests to communicate are directed to the base, who gives permission to go ahead. Very simple. "Unit one to base, over." "Base to Unit one, go." "Unit one is reporting a bat in

the atrium, over.” “Base to unit one: does it have a badge?” “Unit one to base—the bat does not appear to have a badge, over” “Base to unit one—thank you, we will get the bat a badge. Base out.” “Unit one to base, acknowledged. Unit one out.”

Common sense is all it is.

Abuse of Power

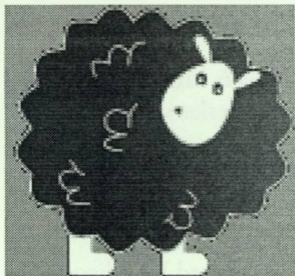
I was In A Position of Authority at a large Con, a Worldcon, actually, and may have Abused My Authority.

A certain well-known fan who has been going to cons the last couple of decades, allegedly making music at them, was using a portable electronic organ/piano. He chained it, for safety, at a certain part of the public area of the hotel. The hotel mentioned to me that he couldn't do that, could I please ask him to remove it. I did so, a couple of times. He ignored it. The hotel came along late that night, snapped the chain, and confiscated the organ.

Fil— the fan was quite unhappy despite the fact that he had been warned.

It took him at least a day to get the noise-making instrument back from the hotel; I probably could have been more aggressive in helping him. Bad Gary, bad. But there are priorities. :-)

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This is a picture of Roland Castle,
the black psheep of alt.fandom.cons.

“Fans, contrary to your opinion,
Roland, are not sheep or ‘psheep’.”

- GF

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