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NEXT MEETING: Sunday, 18 September, at the home of Pat Crossley, 707 W. Main Street, Owosso, Michigan. To get to Owosso, take M-47 from Saginaw, or M-21 from Flint, or better still, come by bus. But even if you have to hitch-hike, don't miss this meeting, as there are plenty of important topics slated for discussion. For example: election of officers for 1950; a regional convention during the coming holidays; an MSFS Christmas card; future Misfit Press publications, etc. etc.

Try to get to Pat's around 1:00 p.m. The meet will last all Sunday afternoon.

LAST MEETING: There hasn't been a meeting since the previous MICHIFAN, but with almost three-quarters of the MSFS present at the Convention, we practically converted that into a Michigan affair. Come to the Owosso meeting and learn how Michigan kept the East from overthrowing tradition and snagging the 1950 Convention! Hear how Erwin Stirmweis and Rog Phillips battled with water-pistols in the lobby of the Metropole, and Ray Nelson acquired some Bok originals he had a hard time seeing. Hear about the miserable flop of the daily newszine, and the fair success of the "Dark Wisdom" book.

Cincy will be the main topic of conversation at the next meeting -- if you missed the Convention itself, be at Owosso to hear all the lurid details!

DARK WISDOM AND OTHER TALES: There are approximately 50 copies of the book left -- for some strange reason only a couple of MSFS members took advantage of the discount offered in the last MICHIFAN. The price is now 40¢ per copy to everyone. Since the book is also being advertised in fanzines, I anticipate that the edition will sell out before long. So if you want a copy, don't just sit there -- order it NOW!

CONSOLIDATED WANT-LIST: Howard Devore, who is working on this, writes that the only practical method is to take up one mag at a time. He's beginning with ASTOUNDING. So grab yourself a penny postcard, list all the issues of ASF you are hunting for, and mail the card to: Howard Devore, 16536 Evanston, Detroit 24, Michigan. Do it TODAY -- and if possible we'll have the combined list in time to run it in the next MICHIFAN. Also list any surplus ASTOUNDINGS you have to sell or trade.

MSFS CONSTITUTION: For the benefit of members who have joined the MSFS since it was adopted, the club Constitution is reprinted below.

PREAMBLE: Realizing that a single individual is unable to do much for fandom, we are gathering together the readers of science-fiction and fantasy in Michigan and surrounding vicinity.

We hereby establish under this constitution the Michigan Science-Fantasy Society as a league of individuals interested in furthering the enjoyment of science-fiction and fantasy by themselves and others.

This organization is created for freedom-loving people. It is now, and shall remain, non-political, non-sectarian, and non-racial. We retain the right to refuse membership to any person, intelligent being, or BEM.

ARTICLE I - Membership:

Section 1 - Applicants for membership must register their name, address and telephone number with the Director of Publications.

Section 2 - Dues of \$1.00 per fiscal year (January 1 - December 31) must accompany registration. This sum includes the cost of the Official Organ.

Section 3 - Any person is a member of the Society during the time covered by payment of his/her dues.

Section 4 - Members have the right to vote in all elections and may receive any benefits created by the Society.

ARTICLE II - Officers:

Section 1 - PRESIDENT, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors, and act as the official spokesman of the MSFS.

Section 2 - VICE PRESIDENT, shall assist the president in the performance of his duties, and shall take over as acting president in the absence of the president.

Section 3 - SECRETARY, shall prepare and keep the minutes of all official meetings of the MSFS, and Board of Directors; shall maintain an accurate roster of the membership; shall issue credentials to new members; shall notify the membership of forthcoming meetings.

Section 4 - DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS, shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements from the MSFS treasury; shall take charge of the treasury; shall render an informal financial report at each meeting of the Board of Directors; shall prepare a formal financial report, highlights of each meeting, and club activities for each issue of the MSFS OO. Shall be responsible for editing and publishing the OO; shall appoint such editors, assistant editors, and publishers as he may require to accomplish this; shall maintain the subscription list of the OO and mail the publication to its subscribers.

ARTICLE III - Election of Officers:

Section 1 - Any member may seek election to any of the executive positions by submitting a short statement or platform and a 50¢ registration fee (to offset cost of election material) to the Director of Publications.

Section 2 - Deadline for declaration of candidacy for office shall be September 1.

Section 3 - September issue of the OO shall contain platforms of candidates, and election ballots. Results of the election shall be published in the November issue of the OO.

Section 4 - Any member may seek election for all four executive offices, or chairmanship of his own chapter, but if elected to more than one of these executive offices, he may hold only the one of his own choice. In case an office is rejected runner-up takes office.

Section 5 - Of the candidates running for any executive office, the one receiving the largest number of votes is elected. In case of a tie, the B.O.D. members already elected shall break the tie by ballot.

Section 6 - No member is allowed to hold the same executive office more than twice in succession.

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Write or see Howard Devore, 16536 Evanston, Detroit 24, Mich.

if you have

ASTOUNDING before '36 and '36 Mar Apr Jun Jul Nov Dec; '38 Mar Jun; '42 Sep; '43 Nov; '44 May Jun Jul Aug Oct; '45 Mar Apr Jul Dec; '46 Jan Feb

AMAZING before '33 and '33 Apr Dec; '34 Jul Dec; '35 Feb Jun Dec; '36 Jun Aug

AMAZING QUARTERLY '28 Win; '29 Sum Fal; '30 Spr Sum Fal; '31-32-33-34 all.

F.F.M. (Mint only) '39 Sep; '43 Dec; '44 Mar Jun Sep; '46 Apr Jun

WEIRD TALES before '34 and '34 May Nov; '38 Aug Nov; '39 Jan Jun; '44 Jan; '45 Mar

UNKNOWN (Mint only) '39 Mar May Jun Jul Aug Oct Nov Dec; '40 Mar Apr May Jun

FANTASTIC NOVELS (Mint only) '40 Jul Nov; '41 Jan Apr

TALES OF WONDER (Mint only) #7 #11 #13

SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY #5 #7 #9

SUPER SCIENCE (CANADA) - (mint) All issues between May '43 and Oct '45

UNKNOWN (BRITISH) (mint) All issues before '47

FANTASTIC ADVENTURES '40 Mar

FANTASY (BRITISH) (pre-war) #1

HERE THEY ARE -- WHAT DO YOU WANT ? ? ?

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ASTOUNDING '36 Jan Feb; 37 Jul; 38 Jan Feb Oct; 39 Sep Nov; 41 Mar Jun Sep Dec; 43 Aug; 46 Mar Apr May Jun Jul Sep Oct Dec

UNKNOWN '39 Apr; 40 Jan Feb Apr; 42 Jun; 43 Jun (more coming soon)

AMAZING '34 Oct; 41 Jan Mar May Jul; 42 Jan Apr Jun Oct Dec; 43 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Oct; 44 Dec; 45 Sep; 46 Feb Jul Aug Sep

WONDER '51 May; 37 Aug; 38 Oct Dec; 42 Feb; 43 Feb Apr Jun Aug

FANT. ADVENT. '41 Jan Nov Dec; 42 Jan Mar May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct; 43 Jan to Oct

STARTLING '39 Mar May; 40 May; 43 Jan Jun Fal; 44 Fal Win; 45 Sum Fal

WEIRD TALES '44 Mar Jul Nov; 45 Jan Sep; 46 Jan Mar May Jul Sep; 47 Sep

PLANET '40 Win Spr Fal; 41 Win; 42 Fal; 43 Win; 45 Fal Win; 46 Spr Sum

CAP FUTURE '40 Win Spr Fal; 41 Win Spr Sum Fal; 44 Win

FUTURE FICT. '43 Apr Aug Oct

SCIENCE WONDER '29 Dec (SOME EARLIER ISSUES COMING)

MARVEL TALES '34 Sum Fal; '35 Win Spr Sum; 38 Nov Dec; 39 Feb Apr Aug; 40 May Nov; 41 Apr (INCLUDES THE SEMI-PRO ISSUES)

GHOST STORIES '51 Oct-Nov

BRITISH MAGS INCLUDE UNKNOWN '48 Win; 49 Spr Sum; OUTLANDS #1; NEW WORLDS #4

In addition I can supply almost any pocket book ever printed and a few books -- mostly used copies of English books.

If you have none of my wants send a trade list anyway. I can use Mint duplicates of many items.

HOWARD DEVORE, 16536 Evanston, Detroit 24, Michigan

ARTICLE IV - Chapters of the MSFS:

Section 1 - The minimum number of members necessary to form a chapter shall be four.

Section 2 - Application to form a chapter shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - Each chapter shall elect its own officers, being represented on the Board of Directors by its chairman.

Section 4 - The chapter shall send the minutes of their official business meetings to the MSFS Secretary.

Section 5 - Assessments may be imposed at chapter meetings, the amount to be regulated by a majority vote, but in no case to exceed 25¢.

ARTICLE V - Board of Directors:

Section 1 - The B.O.D. shall be composed of the four executive officers and the chairman of each MSFS chapter.

Section 2 - The B.O.D. conducts the affairs of the Society, and it shall have power to act in all cases not covered in this constitution.

Section 3 - Decisions of the B.O.D. are by a majority vote.

Section 4 - The president has no vote in the B.O.D. except in case of a tie. His powers and methods of procedure are subject to review and approval of the B.O.D.

ARTICLE VI - Miscellaneous:

Section 1 - Petitioning powers are held by the membership. Special petition-forms may be obtained from the MSFS secretary upon request. Petitions, in order to be recognized by the B.O.D., shall be signed by at least 10% of the membership.

Section 2 - Recognized petitions, of whatever purpose (except as provided in Section 6 of this Article) shall be subject to a majority vote of the MSFS membership.

Section 3 - Petition for impeachment of officers cannot be initiated until officer has served 30 days.

Section 4 - There shall be a statewide meeting of the MSFS every six months, place and time of meeting to be determined by membership.

Section 5 - The name of the Official Organ shall be THE MUTANT. The editor shall be appointed by the Director of Publications.

Section 6 - Amendment of the constitution may take place by 2/3 vote of the MSFS membership.

Section 7 - This constitution will become effective as needed up to January 1, 1949, whereupon it automatically replaces the former constitution.

- END -

SECRETARY'S COMMENT: We've been pretty much ignoring this constitution lately, mainly because the setup has changed since it was adopted. It was designed to fit the situation last year, when there was a large chapter in Cadillac, another in Detroit, and few MSFS members elsewhere in the state.

With our present scattered membership, I feel that we should go back to the single-group form with which we started. Our local chapters are not large enough to be active by them-

solves, and this constitution only complicates things. # By executive order of the B.O.D., THE MICHIFAN is now serving as our OO, a change which should be incorporated as an amendment to the constitution if it is to continue. # Since the deadline for filing candidacies for the 1950 elections has already passed, I hereby set 31 October 1949 as the deadline for such filing, this action subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

I intend to initiate a petition in the next few days, directing the 1950 officers, as their first task, to prepare a revised constitution for submission to the membership.

The MSFS is running fine the way it is, and I'm not trying to change it to conform to the constitution. But I think we should change the constitution to conform to what we've learned in the last year.

By the way -- if your city wants the Christmas-week State Convention of the MSFS this December, come to the Owosso meet prepared to bid for it.

PUBLICITY: The MSFS is now large and active enough for its affairs to be of interest to the newspapers. As part of the Secretary's job, I intend to issue press releases whenever there is anything happening in the club to justify it.

It would be of great help in this matter if each MSFS member would let me know the name and address of his home-town newspaper(s).

CANDIDACY: In case you are wondering, the Director of Publications is Ray Nelson, 433 E. Chapin, Cadillac, Michigan. Send him your 50¢ and statement of candidacy before the end of September! Let's have a large slate of candidates this time!

MEMBERSHIP LIST: Just to have all necessary info in one place, here is the complete current roster of MSFS members, as of 1 September 1949:

1. Martin E. Alger, Box 367, Mackinaw City, Michigan.
2. Virginia Beebe, 404 Hadley St., Holly, Michigan.
3. Howard Devore, 16535 Evanston, Detroit 24, Michigan.
4. Bruce Davis, 4000 Eighteenth St., Detroit 8, Michigan.
5. Bill Groover, 113 N. Porter St., Saginaw, Michigan.
6. Gerald Gordon, 11635 N. Martindale, Detroit 4, Michigan.
7. William James, P.O. Box 14, Big Bay, Michigan.
8. Dr. Glenn C. Hazen, 28480 Summit Dr., Farmington, Michigan.
9. Ed Kuss, 7502 Grizdale, Detroit 12, Michigan.
10. David H. Keller, 55 Broad St., Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.
11. C. Stewart Metchette, 3551 King St., Windsor, Ont., Canada.
12. Radell Nelson, 433 E. Chapin St., Cadillac, Michigan.
13. Arthur H. Rapp, 2120 Bay Street, Saginaw, Michigan.
14. Fred Reich, 3986 Beechwood, Pontiac, Michigan.
15. Herbert Radd, 17483 Fleming, Detroit 12, Michigan.
16. Pvt Ben Singer, 3346th Tng Sq, Branch P.O. #1, Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Illinois.
17. Arnim Seielstad, 1500 Fairholme, Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan.
18. Don Vetowich, 931 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit 8, Michigan.
19. George H. Young, 22180 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington, Michigan.
20. W. T. Lightner, 15728 Graydale, Detroit 23, Michigan.
21. Pat Crossley, 707 W. Main Street, Owosso, Michigan.
22. Ralph V. Fluette, 510 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Michigan.
23. Erwin Stirmweis, Jr., 730 W. Euclid, Detroit 2, Michigan.

How about you guys getting to work and rounding up some more members in your own localities?

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