

Newsletter #5

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MinnStf MEETINGS FOR MAY

Saturday, May 11; Mechanical Engineering Room 4; 12:00, noon. Sorry about the late notice on this meeting. Topics that will probably be discussed: Further formal organization of MinnStf, including possible official University recognition; A name-change for the Newsletter; MINI-APA or alternatives; Meeting programs; XENO, a science fiction wargame; general socializing among the attendees.

Saturday, May 18; Auxillary Meeting; Ken Fletcher's home (1501 Breda Ave, St. Paul, 55108--see map); 12:00, noon. Open to all interested MinnSteffers and anybody else who wants to come over. Topics for discussion: Continued from previous meeting; mutual acquaintances; KenFletch's ditto machine and pitifully small fanzine and prozine collections; activities of local fans; various and sundry (whatever that is) socializing.

Saturday, May 25; Regular Meeting; Mechanical Engineering Building, Room 4, University of Minnesota; 12:00, noon. Topics for discussion: Open, with priority given to questions and further discussion based upon the first meeting.

If the questions raised and discussed in the first meetings warrant it, I may, with the cooperation of Jim Young, publish a summary of proceedings to be distributed to the general membership.

JIM YOUNG'S FATHER DIES

Maxwell Young died April 18 of a ruptured aorta. Mr. Young was a friend to those fans he knew and to those fans who knew him.

MinnStf GETS NEW MEMBER

PFC Dick Tatge was named a MinnStf member by acclamation, at the MinnStf meeting of April 13th. Dick was a former Minneapolis artist, cartoonist, comic-fan, & science fiction fan. He is currently in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts. He came home on leave, and was able to find time to visit with local comic fans and stop in at the MinnStf meeting. On free weekends he has been working with a psychedelic "light-show" in Boston. Within a month, his Medical Evacuation Hospital will be shipping off to the Delta country in Viet-Nam.

Hopefully, after his period of active duty is over (within the year) he will return to the Twin Cities and the frigid winters he loves. (Yes, he actually likes the winters here!)

DISCUSSION TOPICS--A MENU

Among the topics that will be discussed at MinnStf meetings in the immediate future is that of a MinnStf Constitution. Besides being a traditional product of club-type organizations, a constitution is a must for any organization seeking official University recognition. There probably should be some thought given to just how formalized (or informalized) we want to be, and how seriously we would take a constitution, assuming we made one. The University expects a rather formal and standardized one.

Official University recognition would be desirable for its status, access to University duplicating equipment, wider distribution of advertising, and access to more suitable meeting rooms. Liabilities would possibly be excessive formalizing of MinnStf's structure and the innate restrictions of working within the structure of University student organizations.

Meetings will be discussed because of the suggestions of some of the members. They are asking for a bit more structure in future meetings, not to the exclusion of socializing, but in the interest of making MinnStf more of an organization. Perhaps best discussed under the general heading of 'Scheduling', suggestions have been given for regular Business Meetings, book reviews, panel discussions, and the possibility of alternate meeting places to Mechanical Engineering 4.

A brain-storming session to find a new name for the NEWSLETTER will probably occur at the May 11th meeting: Some possibilities: Rattelswan; Aphelion; Mooseletter; Snarf; MMSFIBuP; Lowanetter; The Frostbite Falls Gazette; and a host of others. Come and participate.

PVT. B-1 JOHN P. KUSSKE, JR. STILL IN ARMY

Yes he is. However, mail is being forwarded to him and he has been writing to local people. Some of his letters will be at this month's meetings with his mailing address exposed to public inspection. Pooooor Kusske. What will he do with all the letters that he will get? Other than read them?

John's latest genzine (or genzapazine, if you prefer), Mantrap 9, is 90% complete. John will be finishing up the writing for the last few pages that remain while at basic training, and several of the local publishing-type-fans will finish printing and collating it for him. The finished Mantraps will be distributed through APA45, SAPS, and Kusske's agents in the Twin Cities. It's a good zine.

15th MAILING OF APA45 DISTRIBUTED

Ken Fletcher, Temporary Official Editor of APA45, says that this April's Mailing is one of the best in the history of the quarterly apa. Ken the Fletcher was appointed by John Kusske to fill out the remainder of Kusske's term as Official Editor, once Kusske joined the Army.

APA45 is an Amateur Publishing Association (apa) composed of 20 members, all born after the 1st of January, 1945. Each member contributes copies of an amateur publication to the apa. The zines are assembled and distributed by the Official Editor in a 'mailing'.

Those who attend the MinnStf meeting at Ken Fletcher's home will have an opportunity to browse through some of his apa mailings. Cheap Thrills.

EXTRAS! EXTRAS!

Some of the local members of APA45 probably have extra copies of their 'apazines'. Local people can probably get copies free at the meetings.

NEW FANTASY PROZING COMING

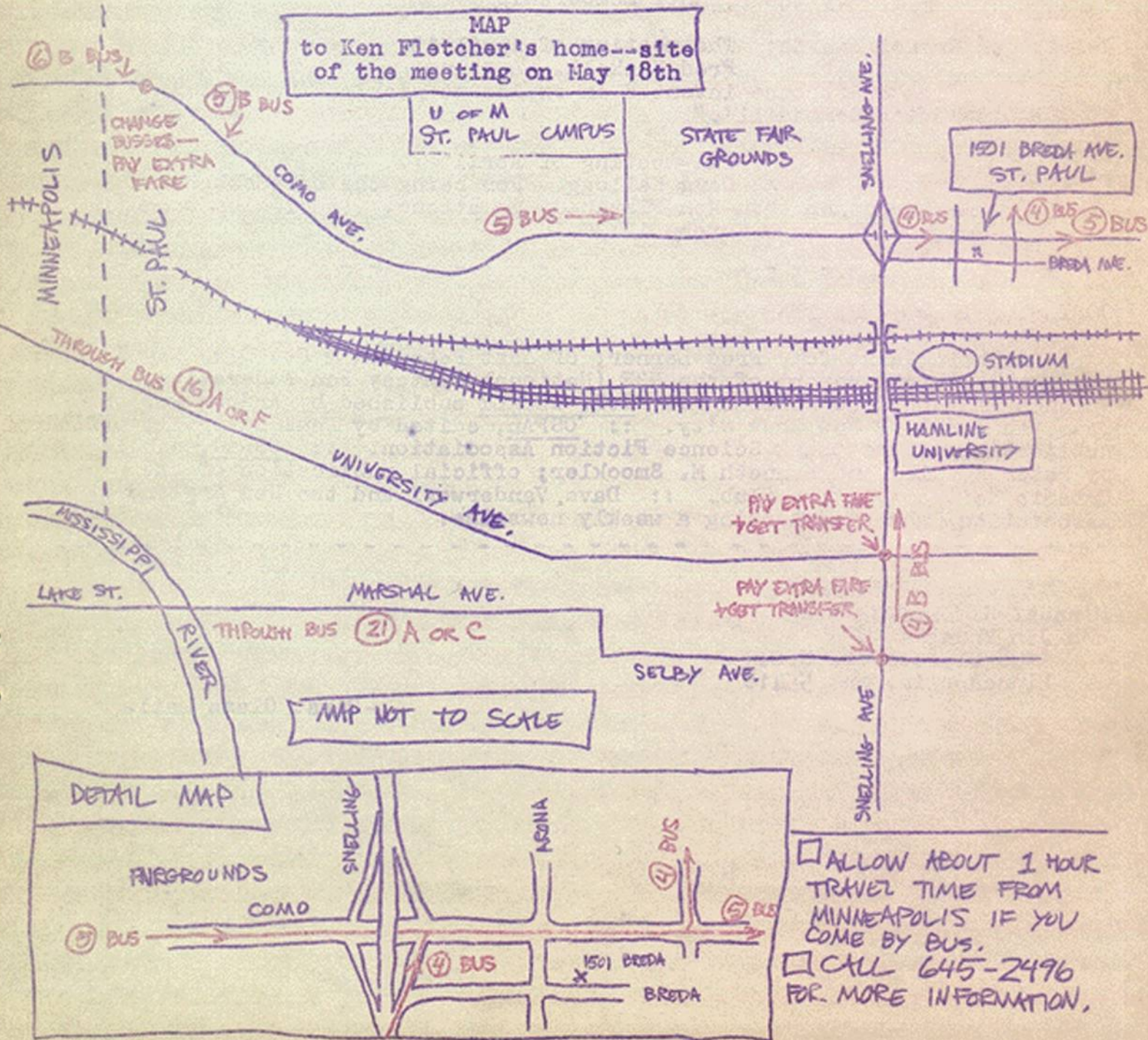
Galaxy Publishing Corporation plans to come out with a fantasy magazine, starting sometime this summer. Edited by Lester Del Rey, the new magazine will be called Worlds of Fantasy.

OLD PRO TELLS IT LIKE IT IS

Murray Leinster has an article "Science Fiction Today" in the May 1968 issue of Writer. A list of the current science fiction markets is included.

Above info from Jim Young

Al Kuhfeld will have assorted paperback science fiction books for sale at the May 18th meeting. Prices will be 20¢ each; 6 for \$1.



GOLDEN CARROT AWARDS

Yes friends, the Golden Carrot Awards are here! The Golden Carrot is a soul-stirring statue of a heroic figure (6 inches high) holding aloft a magnificent carrot; the carrot in natural colors, the figure & base in gold finish; the whole cast out of the finest quality pot-metal.

This award of distinction will be presented to that attending member who adds a little something extra to a meeting, whatever it happens to be. Presentation is determined and judged by the attending membership, given by acclamation to the most deserving nominee.

The Golden Carrot will be presented at the same MinnStf meeting, but will remain in the possession of its guardian between meetings. Recipients will be announced in the following newsletters.

The above subject to acceptance and/or revision
by the MinnStf membership

The Golden Carrot Awards: The meeting of April 13.

Fred Haskell. A "pun"

"For: Swift once invented an explosive pickle. He called it 'Tom's Bombadill'."

The meeting of April 27.

Doug Kellogg. For being the only other member, other than Ken Fletcher, to attend. (Apologies to any of you who came before 12:30.)

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