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Magazine Distribution Report: Amazing Stories.

1964	1965	1966
Mail		
1,874	2,179	2,148
Newsstands		
33,597	44,140	45,810
Free Dist.		
635	27	49
Total (year)		
36,106	52,006	51,173
Total (closest month)		
36,385	52,131	52,235

Note: All figures are averages for the year except in the totals, where average for the year is given followed by the figures for the month closest to publication.

Comments: 1964 was the last year Ziff-Davis had control of Amazing. The figures clearly show that Cele Goldsmith and Z-D were rapidly running Amazing into the ground. Nearly 2% of all copies distributed were given away free!

However, when Sol Cohen took over, he increased subscriptions by 1,000, trimmed free copies by 600, and improved newsstand distribution by over 10,000, the biggest increase in sales for any s-f magazine in the past decade. Clearly Cohen, with one new story per month and scads of reprints, has turned Amazing into a money-making proposition.

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Interplanetary Colonization Dept.: The January 2nd issue of Technology week featured a news story postulating the Russians wold 1: In the near future place in orbit a spaceship with a crew of 4 or more for 3-4 weeks duration. 2: Possibly two men at a time would participate in EVA. 3: The Soviet Union is placing more emphasis than the US on animals in space, and will probably orbit and land on the moon before Russian Cosmonauts do. 4: At least 5 years from now, the Russians will set up lunar colonies, using hydroponics, native materials, and will use these colonies for scientific experiments, observatories, and praperations for inter-planetary travel. At the International Astronautical Federation Congress in Madrid in 1966, Dr. Ivan Timofeyevich Akulinichev, considered a spokesman for the Russian scientific community, spoke on using the colonies for experiments in principles of inter-planetary travel, presumably with nuclear and ionic motors. The russian hydroponic program is concentrating on growing the higher plants, including potatoes, white cabbage, carrots, beets, tomatoes, radishes, and Chinese cabbage.

The russians are also experimentng with control of gravity.

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More Party Dept.: Attendees at Damon Knight's New Year's Party included Damon & Kate Wilhelm Knight, Terry & Carol Carr, Jerry & Sonya Dorman, Jack and Phoebe Gaughan, Barbara Norville, Harry Harrison, and a host of others.

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===== Steve Stiles For TAFF !!! =====

After considerable thought on the subject, I've reached the decision that I cannot in honesty support Ed Cox for Taff when Steve Stiles is eligible to run. Steve is well known to members of New York fandom and to those in Fapa, Lilapa, and general fandom as well for his well-written fanzines (remember SAM?) and the dozens of fanzines that have benefited from his superb artwork. Both is person and on the written page Steve Stiles comes through as a thoroughly enjoyable personality. Vote for

Steve Stiles For TAFF !!!

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Matched: Ed Wood and JoAnn Schmidt were married in Palo Alto, California, on December 30th, 1966. Roberta and Joe Gibson acted as witnesses. Ed and JoAnn will live in Mountain View, California.

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Hugo Awards: Although there is no deadline on the Nominations Form enclosed with this issue, deadline for nominations is May 1st, 1967. Faneds please publicize this fact when you reprint the Form.

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More Taff Stuff: Rumor has it that Harlan Ellison is considering running for Taff.

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Some NYCon Stuff: While NYCon won't have a map of who joined in which state, the quantities of memberships run as follows:

New York 81; Ohio 37; California 35; Pennsylvania 19; Maryland 19; New Jersey 17; Illinois 15; Michigan 15; Mass. 13; Virginia 9; Canada 8; United Kingdom 6; Indiana 6; Texas 5; Tenn. 4; Washington, Mo., Connecticut, Miss., & Germany 3; Wisconsin, Minn., Colorado, New Hampshire, Florida, Georgia, & New Mexico 2; and Arkansas, S. Carolina, N. Carolina, Alabama, & Switzerland 1 member each. The total membership of the convention is now up to 323 members.

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Bob Lichtman reports: Bill Donaho threw a Jiant Swinging New Year's Party, with attendees including Margo & Bob Lichtman, Grania Davidson, Danny Cunran, Bill Rickhardt & Mary Alice, Al & Aviva Graham, Dick , Pat & Marie Ellington, Vern & Ja'an Forgue, Bob Chazin, Ed Clinton, Alva & Sid Rogers, Ed & JoAnn Wood, Norm Metcalf, Gordon Eklund, Bruce & Dian Pelz, and Vince & Bobbie Hickey.

Rumor Dept.: John & Bjo Trimble may be moving to the Bay Area instead of Santa Cruz. Rumor has it that his company has transferred him to coverage of the Oakland area.

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FANDOM GOES TOPLESS=/="Big Boobs," Blurts BNF: Ardis Waters, Suzy Burch, Ja'an Forgue, and Sharon Karpinski, all of whom are members of Berkeley Fanodom in One Way or Another, have been working for several months as "Topless Rasslers" in the Red Balloon, A San Francisco North Beach night-spot. The first two named were written up -- under pseudonyms (or should that be pseudopods?) -- in a late November issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, complete with photos, yet.

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Ken Beale Dept.: Ken Beale reports that a new s-f movie produced by Arch Obler, The Bubble, was previewed in Chicago. The blurb lists it as "strange happenings in a small town..." /=/ Josh Logan is making a film from Mistress Massham's Repose. And that's movie news for this week.

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