

# FANAC.org March 2023 Newsflash!

Just a brief note, mostly to let you know about our upcoming scanning plans and our new mailing system. We also hit a substantial milestone.

# FANZINES HIT 20,000!

FANAC.org now has more than 20,000 fanzines digitally archived on the site. With zines ranging from 1930 to this week, we are continuing to enrich the available catalog of original materials related to science fiction and science fiction fandom. With a number like that, it's no surprise that we count more than 500 contributors listed at <a href="https://fanac.org/FANAC\_Inc/fancont.html">https://fanac.org/FANAC\_Inc/fancont.html</a>

Don't forget – We have added some navigation tools to access our ever-growing archive. The Fanzines drop-down button on FANAC.org allows you to find zines by Title, By Editor, by Date, by Country and more. There's a special list of newszines if you're looking for those, and we are building a listing of major APAs. If there are other organizational principles you'd like to see in a nav tool, please let us know at <a href="mailto:fanac@fanac.org">fanac@fanac.org</a>.

### **FANAC at Upcoming Conventions**

FANAC will have a scanning station at Corflu Craic in Belfast at the end of March, and we hope to have one at Conversation 2023, the Birmingham Eastercon being held the following week. If you are planning to attend either of these, please bring fanzines for us to scan. If you can, write to let us know so we can plan ahead.

Please remember two things: First, to scan each issue, we carefully take each issue apart and then re-staple it. Second, we do not put fanzines online without permission from editors who are still around. Keep that in mind when you bring them. If you can provide contact information for the editor, we'll try to reach them later. In the meantime, we will keep them archived until the editors can be reached. If you're not sure, drop a note to fanac@fanac.org.

Of course, please check the site first to see if the issues are already online. We're hoping to get some quality Irish/UK/European zines that we haven't had access to in the past.

#### Eighty years? That's not so much.

A lot of older fanzines are have been scanned and uploaded recently, primarily from the 1940s. In the last few weeks, we've added issues of *Apollo* (Joe Hensley and Lionel Innman, *Canadian Fandom* (Beak Taylor), *Imagination* (Russ Hodgkins - actually 1930s), *Plenum* (Milt Rothman), *STF maglet* (Eva Jane Clevenger), *Sparx* (Henry Spelman), and *Sun Spots* (Gerry de la Ree). There are more to come, and we're adding the APA mailings, if any, in which they were distributed. Cool stuff.



# **New Mailing Service**

For the last several years, we've been using Mailchimp to send out newsletters. Mailchimp has now changed their terms and conditions, and we are planning to move to Mailerlite. This is our first Newsflash using Mailerlite.

What do you think? Any comments? Let us know if you did not receive this! (Seriously, if

you should have received this directly but did not, and received it instead from a friend, please let us know.)

That's about it. Our next Zoom History session is March 18, on the topic of Feminism in Fandom in the 70s and 80s. Read all about it here - <a href="https://fanac.org/zoom.html">https://fanac.org/zoom.html</a>

We hope to see you on the Zoom, at Corflu and/or Eastercon. Please pass this update on to any fan or online list where you think it might be of interest. Those interested in subscribing can sign up on the <u>FANAC.org</u> home page.

Fanhistorically yours. Joe Siclari and Edie Stern

Selected links:

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Fancyclopedia 3: https://fancyclopedia.org

Fanac YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/c/FanacFanhistory

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