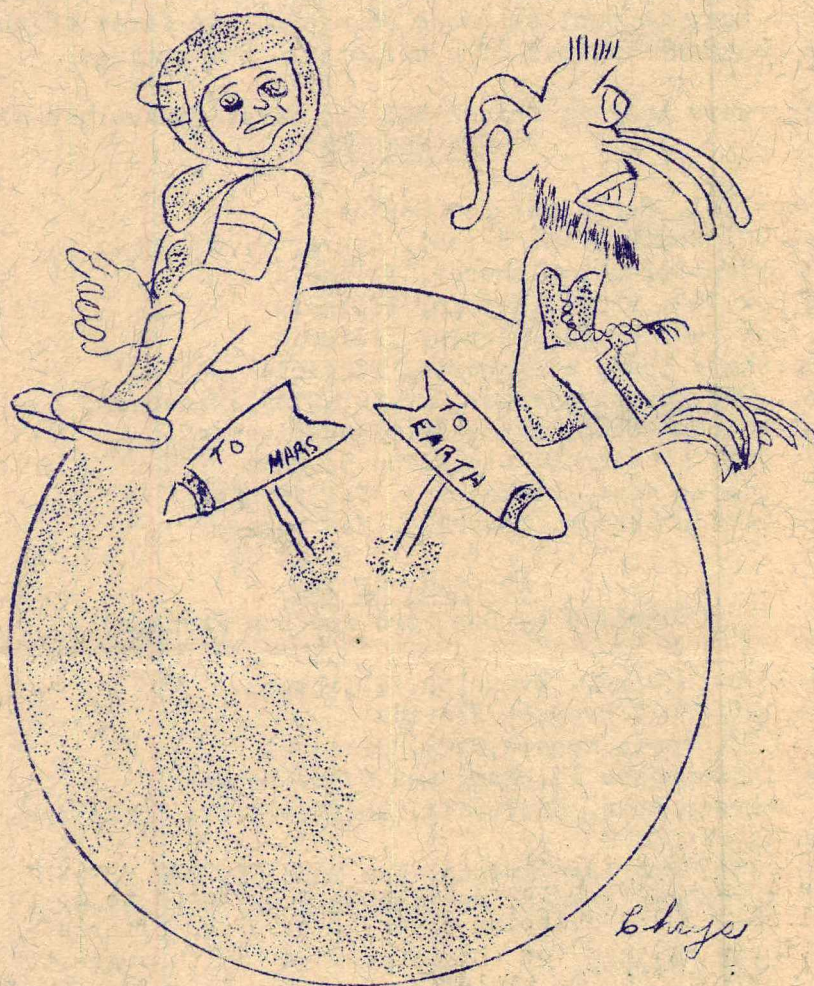


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FIRST FANDOM MAGAZINE #7. September, 1962. FFM is published four times a year or thereabouts for those Venerable Entities known throughout the microcosm as First Fandom by Roy Tackett, 915 Green Valley Road NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Our motto, it is said,
Is "First Fandom Is Not Dead".
I wonder.

Pass me the crying towel and I'll cry for a few lines. Not a whole lot, just a little bit. FFM #6 was little more than a flyer and I didn't expect any response to it--which was just as well since I didn't get any (well, there was a note from Don Franson...), however, I did expect that Lynn Hickman's fine 5th issue would produce something. Am I to believe that there has been an epedemic of borken arms? I know that you are old fans and tired BUT if I'm going to publish the club zine every now and again I've got to have something to fill the white space. I can't personally contact all of you with requests for material so consider this to be a general request; dig out those memoirs that you've got stuck in the bottom desk drawer and send them along. I hope to publish issue #8 around the first of the year and I'd like to make it a magazine instead of a bulletin. End crying. ROY

The recruiters were busy at Chicon III and First Fandom has eleven

NEW MEMBERS

Jack Williamson, Box 761, Portales, New Mexico
Charles F. Hansen, 701 South Grant Street, Denver 9, Colorado
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(Supplied by Don Ford and Don Franson)

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Fred Pohl, c/o GALAXY MAGAZINE
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Oswald Train, 5010 North 9th Street, Philadelphia 41, Pennsylvania

Among the missing: Jean Carrol.

LETTER DEPARTMENT

Dear Roy,

Fred Pohl is with Galaxy now, haven't you been keeping up with stf?
Don Franson

Dear Don,

Sure, but what has Galaxy to do with science fiction?

Roy

DON FORD REPORTS

The Chicon III meeting of First Fandom was held in the Cincinnati Fantasy Group's suite and it was a well-packed room. A sheet of paper was passed around for those present to sign and I counted 36 names on the list and I know it didn't get all the way around. The meeting was open to all First Fandom members and those who thought they might qualify for membership as well as interested non-members like Jay Kay Klein who took a number of photos.

We were somewhat handicapped in trying to schedule a meeting at a time that would not conflict with the official convention program. The Chicon III meetings ran from 9 AM to 1 AM. We finally chose the period immediately following the judging of the masquerade costumes. Our President, Bob Madle, promises that there will be a definite time scheduled for the First Fandom meeting next year at the Discon. All we have to do now is write him to not schedule it at some ridiculous early hour of the morning. (I'm still bitter about Chicago holding a Business Session at 9 AM!)

Madle opened the meeting and asked for a Treasurer's report. The Treasurer reported that there was \$6 left in the treasury and that we owed the Con Committee \$8 for the ad in the Program Book. Dave Kyle was kind enough to have furnished the copy for the ad. The subject of dues was raised and it was noted that most members were in arrears. A collection was made and most people paid up their back dues. All have been entered in the cash sheet and I'll contact the remainder of those not present by mail. After we pay for our First Fandom ad we'll have \$69 in the treasury. Coming due is some sort of bill from Lynn Hickman for issue #5 of FFM.

We need to sell about 20 more copies of TAFF BAEDEKER to break even on our costs for that. Copies may be ordered from me. The price is \$1.25 mailed flat. ~~Don's~~ address is Box 19-T, RR #2, Loveland, Ohio. RT

Since we did not have a First Fandom meeting at Seattle, or at this year's Midwestcon, Madle brought up the matter of elections. The motion was made that the present slate of officers be retained with the exception that Roy Tackett would replace Lynn Hickman as Official Editor. Lynn has been forced to drop his publishing activities by the pressure of his new job which requires much travelling and time. The motion was unanimously passed and it was further voted that the present slate of officers remain in office until such time as the membership desires an election.

We'll operate similar to the British system...no fixed date for the next election, but whenever the membership requests an election we'll hold one. It was never brought up as to just how many individual requests should be required for the calling of an election but I would think that there should be requests from at least five members necessary. Why not write in your letters of discussion on the subject to Roy for FFM?

In connection with the discussion over elections, I made the statement that it always seemed like the fewer rules and regulations you had, the more you could get done. Doc Smith made a motion that we never have a constitution and continue operating as we have in the past. This was hailed with loud cheers and cries of "Aye".

Madle revived the topic of First Fandom Awards. It was thought that First Fandom might wish to have a display booth at future conventions and Stanleigh Vinson was appointed to further look into Author Awards and the FF Display Booth. Don Ford was appointed Chairman of a committee to acquire and sort still photos of previous cons, old time fans or authors, etc. Dave Kyle was appointed to a similar chairmanship for movies and Howard Devore for dawn age fanzines. Those of you who have any items of historical significance in any of these categories are urged to contact the chairman involved.

The next subject was the possibility of First Fandom reviving the old SCIENCE WONDER STORIES as a one-shot. Stuart Hoffman has offered to do the printing for the cost of the supplies and any shipping charges. Taurasi offered to contact Ned Pines to see about getting a release for the title. Doc Smith suggested that, if we are unable to obtain the release, we title the magazine SENSE OF WONDER and also offered to write a short story for it. I'm sure Madle will want to discuss this subject in detail and that no one will jump hastily into the project without carefully checking all costs and details first.

Madle closed the meeting by urging members to support FFM. Roy needs articles, artwork, letters of comment and some encouragement. How about it?

The next meeting will be held in Cincinnati at the 1963 Midwestcon which will be held June 28, 29, and 30 at the North Plaza Motel, 7911 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Then, of course, there will be a First Fandom meeting at the 21st World SF Convention (Discon) in Washington next Labor Day weekend.

DON FORD
Secretary-Treasurer

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