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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LIST

145 Anderson.Don.141 Shady Creek Rd,Rochester 23,NY,USA	June 5£
130 Baxter,JMB. PO Box 39,King St PO,Sydney,NSW,Australia.	June £
5 Bennett,Ron.13 West Cliffe Grove,Harrogate,Yorks.,	June 4£
135 Breen.W. 2402 Grove St.,Berkerley 4, Calif., USA.	Sept 12
101 Burgess.B.138a Kenley Rd, Merton Park,London,S.W.19.	Sept 12
70 Burn.B.c/o Rispin.5 Kingdon Rd,West Hampstead,London.	June £
129 Busby.E. 2852 14th West St.,Seattle 99,Washington,USA.	June 6£
113 Carr.T. 56 Jane St., Apt 4G, NY14, NY, USA.	June 12£
131 Cheslin.K. 18 New Farm Rd,Stourbridge,Wores.,	June £
133 Demmon.C. 2106 Spaulding Ave., Berkerley 3,Calif.,USA.	Sept 12
112 Donaho.W. PO Box 1284,Berkeley 1,Calif., USA.	June £
140 Eklund.G. 14612 18th Ave.,SW, Seattle 66,Washington,USA.	Mar 12
61 Eney.R. 417 Ft Hunt Rd., Alexandria,Virginia,USA.	June £
72 Evans.W. Box 86, Mt Rainier,Maryland,USA.	June 12£
136 Fitch.D. 3908 Frijo, Covina, Calif., USA.	Sept 12
47 Ford.D. Box 19-T, RR 2, Wards Corner Rd,Loveland,Ohio,USA.	Sept 12
55 Gray.R. 14 Bennington St., Cheltenham,Glos.,	Dec --
118 Groves.J. 29 Lathom Rd, East Ham,London.E.6.	Dec ---
144 Hale.D. 12 Belmont Rd,Wollescote,Stourbridge,Wores.,	June £
121 Harness.J. 738 S Mariposa,Apt 209,Los Angeles 5, USA.	Mar 12
68 Hickman.L.224 S Dement Ave.,Dixon,Illinois,USA.	June £
134 Hunter.F.13 Greefield Rd,Ierwick,Shetland Is.,Scotland.	Sept --
89 Jeeves.T.30 Thompson Rd,Sheffield 11,Yorks.,	Dec 6-
146 Johnstone.F.6295 Lorca Drive,San Diego 15,Calif.,USA.	Dec 2
110 Jordan.B. 21 Harcourt Rd,Sheffield 10,Yorks.,	June £
141 Kearney.P. 33 Elizabeth St, London.S.W.1.	Dropped
102 Lewis.A.J. EL3-338-873,USCG Loran Transmtng Stn., c/o 64th Engineer Btn., APO 231,NY-NY, USA.	Sept 12
103 Lichtman.R.6137 S Croft Ave,Los Angeles 56,Calif.,USA.	Sept 12
31 Lindsay.E.Courage House,6 Langley Ave.,Surbiton,Surrey.	Sept --
66 Linwood.J.c/o Rispin.5 Kingdon Rd,West Hampstead,London.	Dropped
104 Locke.G.86 Chelsea Gardens,Chelsea Brdg Rd,Londow.S.W.1.	Sept 12
16 Mercer.A.70 Worrall Rd, Bristol.8.	June £
115 Metcalf.N. PO Box 336, Berkeley,1. Calif, USA.	June £
57 Mills.E.T. PO Box 244, Carswell AFB, Texas, USA.	Mar 12
147 Parker.E. 43 Wm.,Dunbar House,Albert Rd,London.N.W.6.	Dec --
127 Patrizio.J. 22 Eaton Rd, St Albans, Herts.,	June £
143 Pelz.B.738 S Mariposa,Apt 209,Los Angeles 9,Calif,USA.	June £
106 Rispin.A.5 Kingdon Rd, West Hampstead,London.	Sept 16
142 Rogers.A. 5243 Rahlues Drive,Castro Valley,Calif.,USA.	June £
30 Roles.J. 26 Pine Grove,Waterloo,Liverpool.22.	June £
126 Schultz.R. 19159 Helen St,Detroit 34,Michigan,USA.	June £
76 Spencer.G.1731 Spruce St,Apt B, Berkerly 9,Calif,USA.	June 4£
139 Studebaker.D.c/o Mrs H Kolchak,2104 Brandywine St, Philadelphia 30,Pennsylvania,USA.	Mar 12
138 Wells.C.200,Atlas St,Apt 1, Durham, 10.,USA.	Mar 12
148 Fekete.B.J.212 Cooley Rd,RFD 2,Grafton,Ohio,USA	Mar 12N
000 British Museum,Copyright Reciept Office,London W.C.1.	Excused.

£ means dues due.N indicates new member.HULAN & BERGERON,you are both in as from the June Mailing.

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9	Conversation 21	Lynn Hickman	10
10	Erg 15	Terry Joeves	12
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19	Curiosity Shoppe	George Spencer	8
20	Hex v2n2	Charles Wells	8
Total			231

ET Mills has mailed his zines. If they arrive in time they will be included, and noted next time. Dick Eney is post (pre really) mailing. details will be Officially listed next time.

Included in the 34th but not listed;-

21	Grist v4 n1	E T Mills	20
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Postmailed to the 34th;-

22	Kobold 3	Brian Jordan	13
23	Big Deal 3	Dave Hale	8
24	Experimental Investigation	Dave Hale	5
25	Phenotype OC CCXV111	Dick Eney	6

Previous total for the 34th mailing... 302

Revised total for the 34th mailing;- 354

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT MAILING IS JUNE 5th 1962.

bundles to K M P Cheslin, 18 New Farm Rd, Stourbridge, Worcs, ENGLAND,

in good time, I beg you.

THE PRESIDENTS' REPORT

The same waitinglistster who asked me the question answered in last quarters' report - about activity in other members' zines counting as his own etc., - has posed me another question:-

"Supposing I wrote a LoC to Scottishe and it was printed, taking up one whole page. Could that also count towards my minimum activity requirement for OMPA, and, if not, why not? as LoCs' are quite often superior in content to the articles in the zine. If this is permissible, then surely it should be possible, theoretically, to fulfill the whole of ones' minimum activity requirement solely by having LoCs printed in the various OMPAazines that possess lettercols?".

I'm sorry, Mr. Waiting Lister, but I will have to reply negatively to this. My personal feeling is that allowing letters of comment that see print to count as OMPA activity is skirting too closely the minimum activity requirements of this group, no matter how superior the letter might be to other efforts. Theoretically speaking, if this were allowed to pass, people who regularly letterback for Scottishe (for instance), such as Ian Peters and Betty Kujawa, (whose names I mention merely because they were the first to come into my head), could, with almost no additional effort, step up their letter writing activities, get on the OMPA waiting list, and send the treasurer a buck, and get into a membership which they could hold simply by doing something they were doing all along. I think OMPA membership should require some special effort to be retained. That is, instead of merely writing letters to publishers, one should publish a magazine oneself or contribute material such as articles, stories, poetry, humour etc., to other members zines. I don't think it is asking too much, and I do think that the waiting liststers' suggestion is asking far too little of a would-be member.

There is an og-boo poll in this mailing, with an election ballot for the next terms' OMPA officers appended. All of you are urged to fill it out as soon as you can and get it off in the mails to me right away, so that it can be counted. This is the third such poll in OMPA and I would very much like to see more than a 35% turnout, for the first time.

Remember. The more of you that vote, the more indicative the poll is of a generalised OMPA opinion. In other words. A truer picture is obtained. Also, a wide vote on the officers for the next term is essential lest the election mean little or nothing at all. Support your association by registering your opinions through your votes. A good time to do it is NOW. While you're thinking about it.

Waiting liststers John & Bjo Trimble have requested that they be entered as a joint membership and their names be amalgamated on the wl to JOHN Trimble. This has been done. There is no precedent, that I recall offhand, for joint memberships, but on the other hand there is no rule in OMPA against joint memberships of husband and wife. They are considered one members, will pay one set of dues between them, receive one mailing, and fight once a year

over the votes on the egobo poll and the election. So long as they maintain minimum activity between them, everything is fine, so far as OMPA is concerned. Married couples need not be joint members unless they want to, of course. The Trimble's want to, so they can be. OK? .ok.

To the best of my knowledge waiting lister Maxim Jakubowski has not yet submitted his credentials to the officials of OMPA. He is hereby requested to do so, satisfactorily and in writing, to Ken Cheslin, by June the 1st 1963, or suffer the prescribed penalty, ie;- be dropped from the waiting list.

That will be quite enough for this quarter. In June you may expect a lengthy report incorporating the results of the Egobo Poll. Also more Presidential Decisions, if there are any.

Stay Tuned, Gang....

-- Bob Lichtman, February 1963.

TREASURERS REPORT

It has been a quiet quarter, as my expenses will testify, though various members and waitinglisters did try their best to make the period an interesting one for me. My suggestions on how Stateside subscriptions can be paid were taken up and I have been sent dollar bills, coinage, mint stamps and, also, a money order by Charles Wells who decided to add some variety of his own. Some revenue was collected by sales of surplus stock.

Charles Wells wrote me a very pleasant postcard on which he informed me of his new address, and mentioned that he was sending the money order for £ 5. This was to pay his dues for an entire five year period in one swoop; though Chuck adds;- "If this is inconvenient or against the rules let me know and we can count the difference between this years' dues and £ 5 as a donation". Which was very nice of him. Needless to add - whilst the thought of the four dollar donation is certainly appreciated - this is entirely unnecessary and the five bucks goes down against Chucks' name as his subs for the next 5 years. If, during that period, he drops out of OMPA for any reason, then the balance on hand will be refunded to him.

Waiting listers are again reminded that if they have not already done so they should send me their first years' dues before they actually attain membership.

RON BENITT, 13, WEST CLIFFE GROVE, HARROGATE,
YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND.

Treasurers Report. continued.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance b/f	£18. 10. 0 ¹ / ₂ d	34th Mailing	
Wells. 5		Editors expenses	£3 10 9
years dues	1 15 0	Treasurers -"	9
Dues 2 @ 7/-	14 0	Balance o/f	£19 0 2 ¹ / ₂ d
w-1 2 @ 7/-	14 0		£22 11 8 ¹ / ₂ d
Sale of surplus			
stock; -Hulan	10 0		
Eklund	6 2		
Schultz	2 6		
	£22 11 8 ¹ / ₂ d		

PAT KEARNEY and JIM LINWOOD have been dropped because of non-payment of dues. My apologies to Jack Harness who was listed in the December Off-Trails as owing dues. The ~~£4~~ he paid in May 1961 will see him through this year, and next.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS must pay their dues for the period covering September 1963 - June 1964 before the deadline of the JUNE 1963 mailing. In order to continue their memberships;-

ANDERSON.....BAXTER.....BENNETT.....BURN.....BUSBY
CARR.....CHESLIN.....DONAHO.....ENEY.....EVANS.....HALE
HICKMAN.....JORDAN.....MERCER.....METCALF.....PATRIZIO
PELZ.....ROGERS.....ROLES.....SCHULTZ.....SPENCER.

Quite a formidable list. British members can save postage and pay me at Peterborough of course!

see you around.

----- Ron Bennett.

NOTES TO MEMBERS .

BAXTER, PELZ, STUDEBAKER, SCHULTZ. I have paid your dues for you. JMB, usual repayment. Pelz, via TFOTR, OK?, Studebaker, \$1 to Schultz please. RiP. OK?.

The following members failed to send in the required number of zines to the 35th mailing. Hickman, short 5, Schultz, short 2, Patrizio, short 1. (JP I will not send you a copy of your mag in your bundle, OK?). other two, I would be obliged for the wanted copies as soon as you please.

HANNIFEN, your dues got here OK. Rosemary Hickey, you are on the w-1 as requested. Reviews for Hickman satisfy requirements for admission. Fred Patten, you've probably seen your name on the w-1 anyway, but this is to confirm it. Your credentials are OK. (of course).

WAITING LIST

Elevated to the membership as of June 5th 1963;-

D G Hulan, 3806 Pinedale Drive, Huntsville, Ala., USA.
R Bergeron, 110 Bank St, NY City 14, NY, USA.

Still waiting;-

T D Armistead, Quarters 3202, Carswell AFB, Ft Worth, Texas, USA.
O Hannifen, 16 Lafayette Place, Burlington, Vermont, USA.
M Jakubowski, 90 Matlock Road, Leyton, London E.10.
H Klemm, 16r Unlandstrasse, 413 Rheincamp-Utfort/Eick, (22a) Krss Moers,
West Germany.

L Crilly, 951 Anna St., Elizabeth, New Jersey, USA.
J Trimble 5734 Parapet St, Long Beach 8, Calif., USA.
C. Freeman, Ward 3, Scotton Babks Hospital, Ripley Road, Knaresborough, Yorks.
H Foreman, 964 E Russell St., Phila., 34, Pa., USA.
F Patten, 5156 Chesley Ave, Los Angeles 53 Calif, USA.
R Hickey, 2020 Mohawk, Chicago 14, Illinois, USA.

w-ls please pay dues while you are yet on the w-l (they will of course be offset against subs when you become a member).

WARNING! The AE has the power to summarilly dismiss from the w-l anyone who fails to acknowlege OTs. This, I admit, is not done too often, but don't get complacant. Acknowledge please.

More notes to members

Fred Patten, will sort out back mailings as soon as I get this lot mailed out. (50 sheets for 2/6 is official price I think) JM Baxter, extra Souffle will get sent. Bruce Pelz, will look for your requested pms. L Crilly, what I said to Fred Patten and Bruce Pelz, will look for the mailings you want as soon as I get this one away. Donahd, ack new address, as for all these almost mailed things etc., I think, for sanitys' sake, we'd better ignore all that has gone before and start off afresh in the 36th. OK?.

KMP CHESLIN
18 NEW FARM ROAD
STOURBRIDGE
WORCESTERSHIRE
ENGLAND

is
still
AE
and
says

MAIL EARLY FOR THE 36th.
FILL IN THE POLL SHEET
(send that early too)
ACKNOWLEDGE OTs' (w-ls)
READ YOUR ~~BAX~~ CONSTITUTION.

deadline is JUNE 5th, JUNE 5th, (thats right! JUNE 5th!)

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EGOBOO POLL

This is your Egoboo Poll covering OMPAs' 1962 mailings.
That is;- the 31st, 32nd, 33rd and 34th mailings, plus their p-mailings.

Please complete the poll as soon as possible and send it off
to;-

BOB LICHTMAN
6137, South Croft Ave.,
Los Angeles. 56.
California.
USA.

so that he may speedily compile the results and
have it ready for the JUNE 1963 mailing. It is important that you get
your poll sheet in to the President by the 25th of May. AT THE VERY
LATEST. Poll sheets recieved after that date will not be used to
calculate the final results.

You need not fill in all the spaces, or vote for
all the categories, nor need you use all the points allowed. It is
only fair to the other members, however, that you do return a poll
sheet at least partly completed.

Unlike last year NO self-allocated vote will
be allowed. Neither will fractions of a point be deemed legal.
If they do occur, in defiance of this rule, they will merely be
ignored, and only the whole numbers counted in the results.

and now, the poll.

1. Best single issue of an OMPazine. You are allowed 20 points, to
distribute. No more than 10 of these may be
allocated to any one choice.
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2. Best Mailing comments. You have 30 points to distribute. Of these
you may allocate no more than 10 to any
one choice.
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3. Editor of the best continuing OMPazine. 30 points to distribute, only 10 to be allocated to any one choice. (this category is open to any zine in the mailings that has had more than one issue, or which seems likely to have more than one issue.).

4. Best Editorial/Natterings writer. 20 points to distribute. a maximum of 7 may be allocated to any one choice.

5. Best Article writer. 20 points to distribute, of these no more than 7 may be allocated to any one choice.

6. Best humourist. 20 points to distribute, a maximum of 7 to any one choice.

7. Best Artist/Cartoonist. 20 points to distribute, no more than 7 of these to any one choice.

8. Best Fiction Writer. 10 points to distribute. A maximum of 5 is allowed to any one choice.
