

OUTSIDERS

Outsiders 88 This will not be the zine I had hoped to have this time for like many of you I had big ideas that seemingly have fallen through. They may not have completely fallen through and some depends on Wal to Wal, or Wal 2 Wal press for if they can make some masters and get them run off in time this will be a substantial zine. If not it will be something in the mailing.

As usual, even if this is for the 100th SAPS mailing and Doreens special rules said we were not to push the deadline, we are pushing deadlines. As usual there are excuses the most valid is that I had a face-lift on my rear end. I don't know if it is prettier for there seems a marked disinclination to look at the scars from my operation, but it operates far better. So I am perhaps the only one to notice the improvement. But the operation had me either standing or laying down for 5 weeks, with little in the way of anything in between. It was a case of one evening being able to exclaim "Look Maw, I'm sitting". I seldom call Carol Maw, but after all I was raised on the tag line from some thing or other and the "Look Maw. I'm dancing." The dancing will come later, I suspect.

Went back to work with muscles totally unused and got along fine because I didn't really have to do much. Even did little of my customary walking and my job is to a large extent walking. Then about the time I started being able to cover ground we acquired 5 high school students as summer help. One went into the office and the other 4 to me. This is as legitimate an excuse to not do a zine as can be found, for keeping track of 4 kids and keeping them busy was, to be very mild and unemphatic, a tiring job. One was totally horrified that he might actually have to work, and proceeded to do absolutely nothing unless constantly supervised and when that happened decided to quit the job. No no riding, we don't expect a full days job, but we do want something done and some effort made. The next fellow had evidently not as much as cut a lawn in his life, and had no idea of working or what work was, but being able to keep him in a more close contact, we have gotten him to a point where he does keep working, though rather lackadazical. For instance the other day someone said he must be in a hurry for he was using both hands at once on the broom and was not leaning against the wall.

Other two are really trying...and so much for woman's lib....these are the two girls. These can be trusted alone at a job for periods for they either get it right, or will ask before doing anything they do not know how to handle. As a rule though all are kept under supervision and I sort of made a point to one of our own men who is the leading guardhouse lawyer. This fellow has his "job" and gripes loudly when told do to anything else. Put himself on something else and you have to watch him closely to keep him busy for he will stall, wander off and other things. By the way our territory is scattered out over a wide area, which is the reason for all my walking, but it is hard to keep track of a man who can legitimately be any place on any of 4 different floors and in rooms maybe several hundred yards apart. But I gave him these kids and set him to a job. The girls worked very well, though he had to tell them often that they need to change their wash water(washing walls)The others did a lackadaisical job, vanished etc. and our boy finally told them to go and he'd do it him-self. Needless to day both the Supervisor and myself made remarks about that..sort of well now you see why we blow off at you type things.

But I have digressed all over the place...what I was saying before getting side-tracked in my explanation is that keeping herd on these kids and the regular crew leave little energy at the end of the day. In fact none that I have noticed.

That should be enough on excuses for the zine, unless I happen to remember some of the other ones. Since this is the 88th OUT it may be that I'll start assembling reprints early and save them for the 100th issue. That's in only 3 years and it is not a bit too early to start working on one if you expect to ever have it done. Still would like a few reprints in this mailing mainly to show these Johnny-come-latelys who have only been in SAPS a dozen years or so that at ONE TIME I did to more than just mailing comments and excuses why the zine isn't larger or wasn't started earlier.

Tom Collins wrote several times asking for help on a historical type zine. His idea was great, but he just asked the wrong man. As I said, I think, in my mind if not in letters to him...I am a healthy boy with a zine i'd like to see grow myself, and he has comitted the height of folly...asking me for material when I could use it myself. I hope he had a lot of luck with other people for I like the old history and reminess(OK I can't spell any more now than I could 22 years ago when I joined this organization...well it was almost 23 years, but that's not the point. I hope Tom had a lot more luck with pther people than he had with me and I wish I was able to add something. Maybe some time when I am more organized. Unfortunately I no longer have smy set of Back mailings or OO's and other handy memory reminding material. At this point there is just too much to remember and it would be hard to start and even harder to stop. There were a lot of good people in SAPS and a lot of good times and things that happened. One of my favorite for example was the old alternate worlds ploy some of us used for a while...now I can only enough to vaguely mention the "old alternate world's ploy.

Part of the trouble is that SAPS used to be tightly bound by correspondence. Not everyone was writing to everyone else, but enough were that they were egging each other on...pulling gags, hoaxes, moek feuds, and building things up to a point where it becomes hard to remember what was in SAPS or what was part of what was an extremely SAPS oriented part of fandom. Back on those days when we kidded that SAPS is what FAPA would be if it had the nerve, some of us were not kidding.

It would be easy to become a bit maudlin trying to tell what SAPS has meant to me, so I won't try. It isn't really fashionable.

Oh well, now:

The Department Of Backscratching

Spectator 99 Think I keep meeting Frank Denton at Nameless meetings, but it has been so long since we went to a meeting I can't remember for certain. It just seems that Nameless meetings bring out ill health or something around here...before the meetings even.

Nice to see the various retreads on the WL. Hope some of the m at least are getting copies of the 100th mailing. Who knows, I might even save ours.

Pillar Poll Results Gee it has been years since we had a female president...and me with 69 points ...I started saying that number was reserved for another fan, butt decided against it...two relatively new-commers near the top of the poll...the old and tired dropping down.. Interesting.

Spacewarp 98 Nance is more ready to indulge in a sneeze of humor I think for she let you get married on April Fools day. I tried to talk Carol into February 29th as a wedding day, but she refused to go along with the gag.

For a while we were saving bottles to make Root Beer, but never got around to actually doing it. Doubt if I'd like it much for my favorite root beer is rather lacking in "kick". On the other hand that yeasty taste. Mic (who did the cover for Carol's zine this time) spoke of making up a batch she'd split if I'd help with it and that may come about.

Few people do know the various methods of duplication, which I wouldh'd mind so much, but then they come on like experts and try give you wrong advice and materials.

Ignatz What are your Psychology projects like? We gotta know before I commit myself. It has been a long time since I was innocent and trusting enough to agree to anything you asked without discovering pit-falls, loopholes and escape hatches.

I always did know the difference between women and cows and if you don't watch out I'll tell you the story about the cross-eyed bull.

Moon Bane 4 Normally this zine has been run off on a Gestetner. Mostly on Buz' machine and occassionally on that belonging to Burnett Toskey. They are good machines but the reproduction is helped by the fact I have a very good stenciling machine. When I went on a typer buying expedition, I took along a stencil and picked the best used Electric based on stencil cutting ability. Any typer can type a letter, almost, but stencil cutting takes extra.

Libel 3 Having done 100 zines is no longer a big deal...everyone has done it, except Carol. According to the rules, which I made to suit myself, only zines done for a quarterly apa should count for bragging purposes.

Was particularly interested in seeing the letters by Boggs and Sneary... Nostalgia.

Papaya 4 The story of the Virgin cows is a mite dull. At the time, years ago, I was the innocent farm boy type and one reason I was so innocent was we bred our cows by artificial insemination (and you wouldn't believe what effect that had on my social life) One day Nancy Share who has operated under the name of Nancy Share for the last 11 years mentioned posters and signs decorating her room, so I sent her a sign given to us by our co-op which stated in large letters "Our Cows Bred Artificially". This croggled Nancy, she mentioned it and it croggled various and though it was a surprise that all these sophisticated city types didn't know the modern methods, I still jumped at the chance to use it for gags and part of what then was my schtick. But to put it bluntly, we did have generation after generation of cattle who were virgins.

From Sunday to Sunday The sixth sense--the inner growing awareness that is it time to do some pages is called "guilt."

In SAPS the OE has any power he wants, and makes the rules so to dump an obnoxious Wlister all he'd have to do is make a rule against this Clod and dump him. Of course most are too tender hearted...the point is that in SAPS the OE makes the rules and he is not that bound by any rules except tradition.

Retro 64 A lot of check-marks but most of them agree with things you said and since Carol used up one of my stencils I think I'll sort of just say hello, and wish you'd stay around.

In memory Ann Cox is an instant membershand unless an understanding OE rules otherwise, would not hold a membership in her own right if something happened to the shared membership she now has. It is traditional at times for an instant member to climb the waiting list while a member. Carol actually has reserve status as a full member for she climbed the WL, was offered a membership when she hit the top of the list, but then since she could share a membership with me resigned her full membership. Incidentally Carol is 7 years younger than me. Catch them young and train them right is my chavenist male pig reasoning.

Smiles & Grins 3 My policy towards buying books is only buy what I am certain I'd like, unless it is on the 3 for a dime rack.

This house isn't rerribly large and we could use another bed room. We have a bath and three beds upstairs, Kitchen, dining room, living room study and office on the main floor and a basement with one good room that is variously called the book room, the other living room etc.

The trouble with Akron (and Baltimore or Los Angeles etc.) is that they are not Seattle. That's an almost impossible handicap for any city to operate under.

The Pirsi 14 Finally got Phra the Phoenician from the library and decided th at the cutting in the FFM version made the story. Full length version was dull and didn't have Lawrence Illos besides.

Girl watching on the avenue isn't bad at times but not up to several years ago

Must admit Sir, the only time I saw you take a drink it was about half a water glass of Demarara Rum. Space limitations preclude my mention of your other zines.

Don't give me that Bull I explained about Pasiphae to Carol. My version of it sounds dirty.

Porque 54 Blank pages in my zine...I suspect that mr. Toskey tunred the mimeo too Fast. This time I am trying to cut a thicker letter in hopes of foiling him. Wait a minite....3 blank pages? I dunno.

We will get some ear muffs for shooting I guess. My hearing isn 't what it used to be and Carol seems to suffer when we shoot. So far we've never run across them at the right time.

In the old models I built (or more likely watched other people build, the block holding the prop could be removed. I think they could attatch the bands to the rear somehow and stretch them out through the front block. Used to wind them that way with the rubber bands stretched far out of the plane.

Earely I have quite a bit of trouble reading with an accent. Can't give any examples, but occassionally I do find myself reading with an annoying accent.

Rave Review Comment is hardly necessary.

Stumping 37 Avengers is back again...on friday I beleive and again the later episodes. Sorry for I'd joped for earlier ones particularly the black and whites which I thought averaged far better than the later episodes.

Carol and I haven't gotten out to try the new goodies yet, but should later. I'm just getting my legs back now.

Green Roses 4 Sure childhood has troubles and unhappiness...partly because kids feel things so immediately. some people just remember the bad times more than the others...some may have had more bad times. Personally I had a ball though at the same time I'd say at times I was as unhappy and miserable as the average. At times even more hunhappy. But there were too many good things for me to say it was an unhappy childhood. Of course I seem to be happy as a rule...sour, grumpy, but happy.

An Urgent Plea Hope you make this Tom. I owe you a letter, but I always owe letters between SAPS deadlines and the rest of the time I am working on a zine. I should have given names of ther ex-members who might have been fun to hear from, but who knows where they'd be and in almost all cases I don't even have thejr old adress. Luck.

Basingstoke 24 Boy you have foiled me and frustrated me. Here I knew I'd have to hold things down because I had only the 5 stencils you left me and thiggs were held down to a point where I am running out of zines before I run out of stencil.

Was thinking of reprinting an old OUT cover and two choices would be either the one for the 70th OUT, or the one where "Carol enjoys taking care of me when I am sick.+

OUTSIDERS 87 That was the 90th mailing I'd hit in SAPS and 102nd SAPZine ybless I overlooked a few. Three more years till the 100th OUT. Gee I was still a kid when I started it seems. What happened?

So much for mailing comments. Have run down for this holding down on comments is more tiring and harder to do than to write full comments. Frustrating may be the word I am looking for. Hm now to call Burnett and see if we can set up a meet. By they way he did not exaggerate in describing his house and the way he has refinished it and the result was very good.

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In year past I worked at predicting SAPS mailing sizes and back when it was far more unpredictable made some good guesses. Haven't tried it for years, but as a wild guess, I'd say this mailing will hit either 682 pages or 741. I may have over or under estimated a few of you.