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MY FANNISH WAYS

It's Not SELCon, It's Not Worldcon, IT'S NASFiC III!

So I can get it up again. But can I keep it up? Here it is, the annual *APA-v* collation that I can make. (I still intend to drop in on an NYC collation with minimal warning someday.)

What's happened in the past year? When last I left you, I was recovering from Ex-Fiancee #5. *NL12, 13, 14 & 15* have been printed. *The Smart Set* was buried but has been replaced by *New Libertarian Notes & Calendar* and has already double the last circulation of *SS*. Counting the issue I'm working on, *NLN&C15.1*, four issues so far this year (one more to go!).

Libertarian conferences galore: FoFCon last October where the "return" of *NL* was the big hit, and two Dagny (Sharon) Cons: in November I debated **Don Ernsberged** on the LP to rave reviews and in July I debated **Robert Poole** of *reason* to cries of "where's the blood?" on what's Libertarian these days. (He conceded "not *reason*" and that kind of dampened the conflict, for I agreed.)

The Agorist Institute took its first infantile steps and collected its first little contributions from our Little Donor. Riches still to come but we're registered as a corporation in Arizona, the IRS is looking us over (what we allow them to see), and then comes the cheapo mailing permit. The "tip of the iceberg of the Counter-Economy" should be ready for big bucks, offices and staffs, academic journals and the Good Stuff early in 1986. So far signed up for the Founding Advisory Board (big names to attract others): Murray N. Rothbard, Robert LeFevre, Robert Kephart and (almost) Daniel Rosenthal. Still more to be heard from.

After playing Fan GoH at Coppercon last October and LosCon (*yawn*) in November, I remained fan-fallow until February when **Jared Lobdell** (*Tolkien pro*, *National Review* writer, economist, *NL* contributor and AI academic member, as well as budding fan) lured

me to WisCon in the dead of winter. Just as I hit New York in 1983 during rare good weather and no smog, so I hit Madison (where I was radicalized in 1968-1970 and hadn't seen since) during a mild weekend, no worse than fogged in. WisCon is *not* a partycon (yet) but Jared's trying to get me back again to make it one.

April saw the return of Phoenix's LepreCon closer to its rightful time of year and Con season was on again. June I was lured back to Wisconsin to Milwaukee's X-Con. At least they have a few parties — but where were all the Midwest (1988) Worldcon bids? At Westercon (July), that's where! Ah, back to sleep all day and party all night for a week.

Then came DagCon II and then...my first trip to Europe. Expenses paid by the Libertarian International to attend SELCon, the Second European Libertarian Conference (which alternates years with LI's Libertarian Worldcon) at Beitostolen ski lodge, 200 km north of Oslo. 10 P.M.-sun (not quite midnight) and cool nights at the end of July. I seemed to have been a big hit there, selling out my zines, signing up anti-party libertarians, aborting several LP fetuses, and getting invited to all the right parties (there were only a couple).

Fans will note the SELCon attendance of superfan **John-Henri Holmberg** of Sweden (writes for *Locus*, publishes zines and even books) and who won the 1986 Worldcon bid (not to be confused with Atlanta's ConFederation, of course). So I might get a rerun. Also at SELCon was Norwegian Heinleinesque author **Oyvind Myhre**, dressed in fannish black with a huge Lapp knife scabbarded on his belt. And lots of small-name fen.

After a wild Saturday night, post-con, cruising the streets of Oslo (punks looking like blond Chicanos on Whittier Boulevard) with one-half the world's female Austrian economists (**Camille Castorina**, originally of New York), and other from U.S., Sweden and Norway. I returned home to Victor's Tenth Anniversary Anarcho-village Party.

And so, three works of work, a tearful miss of Aussiecon II (*again! damn, damn, damn!*), and here I am at the Lone Star North American Science Fiction

Convention and Occasional Chili Cook-off.

And, aside from **Victor Koman's** Revisionist History APA, *The Memory Hole*, my first APAzine in a year.

Comment Worthy

Where shall I start? I have *boxfuls* of back 'nus to comment on. Well I have May July and August handy (I'll look for June), so let's begin there. Hey, you've finally got *APA-NYU* back down to a reasonable size. I might be able to keep up with this. Let us see.

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Cover *Yech* (Great start, here.)

APA-NEWS Well, I still recognize half of you and should meet the rest at NASFiC. *MAGNAM?* ¶ Loved the memoriam to the great Canadian anti-Party, the Rhinoceroses. (*Vote Horny!*) ¶ No Empiricon collation, obviously. We'll see how the dates work out next year but I could be Lured...

Marc Glasser Happy Birthday! Let's celebrate your 33½ at Austin (a tradition I started when I turned 33½ — five years ago (*sob*). Yes, birthdays get more and more depressing every year after 30. I had mine at Westercon this year... ¶ (Ct Lee Ann) *Cutey Bunny?* I see Civilisation's remnants remain in Ol' NYC. ¶ (Ct Nina ct Me — wow! Didn't think I'd get to say that) No President of NYUSFS! But Vice Mayors seem apt... ¶ (Ct Arthur) Last time I saw her, Nina would look good in black leather ____ (fill in blank), but I don't get the rest of the comment at all. Is Anni's Teddy leather? ¶ (Ct Blackman) My favorite is the can of Gillette Foamy™ *Barberskum* I picked up in Oslo. ¶ (Ct Vinny Salzillo) Take off, eh? Thought I wouldn't see that remark. (But if the chili is *that* good, I'll volunteer to stand next to it. We Canucks like it *real hot* (*to melt the snow off our backs*)...) ¶ (Ct Maria) Agree on time-lack; I've felt it for years and, yes, it's getting worse. ¶ (Ct Charlie) Well, let's your authority and mine fight. 12 A.M. = midnight; 12 P.M. = noon everywhere I've looked. My guess is that it's a simple attempt at simplification; we *know* 12:01–12:59 A.M. is just past midnight and P.M. is just past noon, so as delta approaches zero, epsilon approaches _____. ¶ So you're up to an (n+1)th comeback? (Is it true for n, too? Then, inductively...) ¶ Did you change your address? Manhattan?! Or are you now joining the *frefan* custom of maildrops?

Donna Camp I think you edged me out with a couple of better excuses for comment-tardiness. ¶ I'll skip Pain Fandom... for now... while I can. ¶ (Ct Elly Freeman, *v105*) Emphysema *a certainty* from smoking? Funny; why is it the vast majority of us don't have it (or any other disease)? Furthermore, you *are* willing to back up your claim of *cause* with a step-by-step mechanism, either chemical or physical? ¶ (Ct Judy F. in *v107*) Your riposte to Judy is the only comment I have run into so far that impels me to dig into back 'nus. I disagree with what you *say* here but several years of commenting warns me that if challenged, once the definitions come out we'll have a whole 'nother argument. Let me try this: do you need to concern yourself with the Evil of a State thug breaking into your apartment or grabbing you on the street (IRS, INS, DEA, FBI, CIA, state and local goons and even the Secret Service all have a record of random, unprovoked violence, let alone when they think they have a reason)? If not, is it that you don't believe in the State's Evil or that you accept the risks as a Counter-Economic investment in not-having-to-worry? ¶ (Ct Greg) And then there's those of us still trying to get to monogamy. (Earlier) By the way, is that the Left Hand of Darkness — or do you prefer it in the light? A bit more seriously, what inspired your revelation? Dick Geis' *Naked Id?* ¶ (Ct E. Freeman) Sounds like

biologists are as screwed up as psychologists. The last theory I heard was that the male body form evolved from the female; hence contradicting the female brain "lobe" evolving from the male. Gender lobes are ridiculous; when sentience began, evolution ceased. ¶ (Ct Anni) Nope; no "ifs" about March lioning. ¶ Tim Zell changed his name to Otter? I remember when Morning Glory changed hers years ago (but forgot from what). Haven't got a *Green Egg* from them since 1976. ¶ (Ct Elizabeth Willig) How about a doctor who *doesn't* believe in Allergy *qua* concept at all? If you could introduce me to one, I might see hope for the whole profession. I would at least take *him* seriously. ¶ I just figured out how to cut my comments down; I shall stop correcting your spelling & typos! (*duck*)

Nina Bogin I hear Times Are Changing for you. Still hot for Our Project or distracted? ¶ If you want to get *really* weird, comment on pre-1975 *APA-vs.* (*Just think of the fun you can have stumping Rich, Jeff and me for comment recognition!*) ¶ (Ct me) WBAI is still on the air? Guess I heard wrong. Wish I could remember my source so as to disregard it in the future. ¶ (Ct Donna) Sure, sure; Ol' NYC has dead trees, mutated grass and brown-to-black snow. ¶ (Ct Lee Ann) *God Save The Queen* is not a fannish tradition in most of fandom; it seems to have centered in New York and possibly originated there. Having been raised to sing it for real, I have mixed feelings in participating. ¶ (Ct Marc) I stayed put in 1977, too. ¶ (Ct Lee Ann ct me) Ah, but have you ever *tried* doing libertarian acts in bed (discussion is not one). ¶ (Ct me) How does one celebrate Boxing Day? Any way one wants. Me, as at Cons, *I party*, (Usually as host.) ¶ (Ct me) Anyone that irrational would probably be a Trekkie.

Arthur D. Hlavaty (Ct Eve) I'm not interested in joining (another expression to pardon) *APA69* but I am surprised to hear you lack members. Have you been purging them (as you did me from *AuAPA?*) ¶ (Ct Vinnie Bartillucci) I just hope Smurfette isn't gay — poor thing. Unless she's into *rishathra*. ¶ (Ct Nina) She must have a *superior* version of the power, because *she* mentioned me and you didn't. ¶ (Ct Donna) Hey, I am Trufan and have *never* mentioned TAFF (until now, damn it!). Despise Sci-Fi *and* Harlan Ellison, too.

Lisa Weiner Hello, new person. Bet you got more surname ribbing in childhood than I did! ¶ I got talked out of the *SW* ½ of nonology (*not* trilogy) at LA Con. Maybe I'll make it at NASFiC. And I also like *Witness*; it's becoming a libertarian fan film, too. ¶ Need more to say? Try...commenting!

Vicki Rosenzweig The first fan to be called the Hobbit was the late Ted Johnstone (David McDaniel), libertarian and *Man from UNCLE* pro. Wear your sobriquet accordingly. ¶ (Ct Vinnie) If you read the Lensmen and got out of it a "conspiracy to conquer the universe by selling drugs" I find little wonder that you wouldn't want to re-read them. After all, you failed so miserably the first time. The Lensman hexology remains the greatest work of literature of all time and the only SF I've reread more than once. (Consider my choice of zine title.) ¶ *Startide Rising* was all right but no *Grey Lensman*. I say that even though David Brin has a big article coming up in *New Libertarian*. No shame; no writer will ever reach those heights again.

Elizabeth Willig Lot of new people this year, all bunched together in the APA. Proper fannish greetings and all to you. ¶ (Ct Eve Jones) *APA-v* has bulimia? I remember it in anorexic years...

Vinni Bartillucci Nice justification and decent type. Hi, guy Not bad prose, either. Do you write *Libertarian*? Might be worth 2½¢/word. ¶ Great interior illo but if it's Quagmire why is it "© R.G. Lester 1981"? ¶ Tina Burroughs is truly stupid; I suppose it's a statist job requirement.

I don't suppose anyone noticed that my issue number was one off last year; it should have been **Number 7**. No