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Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to all.

To brighten up the long dark days of Winter, may we suggest some Fannish cheer? On offer: videos, audios, and newly scanned vintage fanzines. The Fan History Project has been moving right along.

FANAC FanHistory Youtube Channel: The big news this is in video & audio. We're starting to get some notice. Cory Doctorow picked up on our posting of the mid-80s fannish mystery "FAANS" to the FANAC Youtube channel, and wrote about it for BoingBoing.net. The MAC Video Archeology Project contributed some choice pieces of 1976 video, including a truly entertaining interview with Alfred Bester. The interview has had more than 700 views and FAANS is up over 400.

Older convention material is usually audio. Another really interesting Youtube entrant is the audio recording (with photos attached) of a panel from the 1968 Worldcon, Baycon, on which panelists tell personal anecdotes about HP Lovecraft and Robert E. Howard. Today we tell stories about those panelists – Robert Bloch, Ed Hamilton, Fritz Leiber and more. Ever wondered how the old timers like Jack Williamson got started in SF? He tells us the story in his SunCon Guest of Honor speech, now on the channel. Let us know what you think about these pieces, and what you'd like to see. We're just 18 subscribers short of the number needed to get a vanity URL from Youtube. Till then, you can find more than 40 audio and video recordings, from 1968 to 2004, at our channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbp3AN0f2gEcBZJwKTff-Og> Check it out. I'll put some more links on the bottom of this note. Subscribe to the channel! Then you'll get a notification when we put up new pieces.

FANAC.ORG website: Our Newszine History Project is still going strong. Since our last update, we have added 200 new issues. We still have 100s more to do and could certainly use some help with missing issues. We're not ignoring the rest of the fan publishing world though – we're adding some choice fanzine titles, like Greg Benford and Ted White's 1950s VOID and Dave Kyle's 1930s Fantasy World (credited with being one of the first comics fanzines).

FANCYCLOPEDIA 3: The Fancyclopedia.org project (Fancy 3) continues to document our fannish history. Since the end of September, Fancy 3 has added about 1,900 new pages, covering mostly filk, conventions and fanzines. Several new editors have been added, and more are always welcome. Right now, we'd especially like to get more information on clubs past and present. If you were a member of an SF club and it's not listed in Fancy 3 (or the listing is meager) you can help us expand it. Remember, we don't need polished text -- even one additional fact will help. Contact us at fancy3@baskerville.org to become an editor or to supply information.

Travelling Fan History: As you know, we were at Worldcon. If you were at Philcon, you may have seen us there, manning a table and being part of the Dave Kyle memorial events. We're planning to be at more regionals in the coming year, starting with Boskone. Our goal is twofold: first, to let people know about the Fan History resources we've assembled, and second, to solicit materials and volunteers. This is a group effort, guys. The Baycon materials were brought to us by Tom Whitmore, the SunCon speeches are from Anne Davenport, FAANs came courtesy of Stephen Silver and Joel Zakem, and the Video Archeology effort has heavy lifting by David Dyer-Bennet and Geri Sullivan. We'll put a list of contributors on the web page. Join us -- what materials do YOU have?

There's more. We've added photos and fanzines and convention publications. In the next few months, we'll be providing you with material from Baycon, Heicon, Loncon II, Aussiecon and also from many local conventions. But the real success for us has been that people have offered all kinds of new material to us and especially to help us find and preserve more to be able to acquire new material to archive and bring to you including --audio, video, fanzines and convention publications.

Thanks for your interest in fan history. Those who don't know fan history may not be condemned to repeat it, but those that do are surely enriched by the knowing.

Regards...Joe Siclari

Selected Links:

Fanac.org – <http://www.fanac.org>

Fancylopedia 3 – <http://fancylopedia.org/>

Fanac Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbp3AN0f2gEcBZJwKTff-Og>

FAANs https://youtu.be/YI_6LT8cn9E

Bester Interview <https://youtu.be/0j1mFt5GyHg>

Baycon Lovecraft panel https://youtu.be/g5DG_EGJn1Q

Cory Doctorow article

<https://boingboing.net/2016/12/16/faans-a-fannish-mystery-humo.html>

SunCon Guest of Honor speeches

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WK8WmnasPX0&t=9s>

Fanzines

Newszine list (chronological)

<http://www.fanac.org/fanzines/newszines.html>

VOID <http://www.fanac.org/fanzines/VOID/>

Fantasy World http://www.fanac.org/fanzines/Fantasy_World/

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