Denvention will soon be over. But the fun does not have to end. There are many ways to enjoy SF fandom year-round.

Most regions of the U.S. (and other countries too) have their own regional conventions. Leaflets advertising many of these conventions can be found in the Korbel lounge near the newsletter rack. Conventions are also listed in the back of Asimov’s and Analog magazines. Many of these conventions are held by local fan groups that also have regular meetings. Contacting the convention will usually put you in touch with their sponsors or you can google “science fiction club” and your state or area.

Another way to stay connected to fandom is through fanzines. These personal magazines are available for a nominal cost or sometimes just a self-addressed stamped envelope. They welcome letters of comment for true two-way communications. A list of this year’s Hugo nominees includes several fanzines for you to try, or visit the fanzine lounge.

Of course the Internet offers tons of options. The Usenet bulletin board service offers rec.arts.sf.written as well as rec.arts.sf.fandom. Blogs and Live Journals are also a modern way to keep in touch. Many SF writers, editors, and artists have their own blogs and/or websites available for a visit year-round. Major publishers like Baen and Tor offer extensive online communities.

If no club exists near you, consider starting one. Many bookstores provide space for book groups. Local libraries and colleges also may make space available. You can contact existing clubs for help getting started.

Finally, the week of Worldcon takes considerable preparation. Please consider becoming involved. Contact Anticipation at their table or online.

The winning caption was provided by Jeanette Kalb. The runners up were Larry Hodges and Mike Gardiner. Please stop by the Schlock Mercenary table in the dealers’ room for your prizes (or if you cannot come, they can give you credit at their online store). Image processing by David Willis (www.shortpacked.com).