

We started something special for this year's FanHistoricon. Thanks to the generosity of Boskone, we will not only have a suite to hold programs and discussions but we instituted the:

FIRST FANHISTORICON FAN FUND

Boskone and NESFA have agreed to provide airfare to the convention for our special FanHistoricon Fan Fund recipient.

We are establishing this special fan fund and if it is successful, we hope to be able to continue it for future FanHistoricons.

Rob Hansen will be the first recipient. We will bring him over from the UK for the FanHistoricon 6. Rob will be an excellent addition to the program and the convention. I know I don't have to give too many details on why he was selected to readers of FanHistorica. His British fanhistory *Then* is a major ongoing project, now over 300 pages. If you don't have a copy, it is available online at <http://fanac.org>; then follow the links to the Fanzines & Important articles section. You can read it online or download it to read later. His new project, the *Who's Who in SF Fandom* web site can be reached at <http://www.fiawol.demon.co.uk/who>. It will provide excellent biographical information on fans. The bibliographies and fanzines and all his work will provide us with an expanded international scope at FanHistoricon 6.

We need to raise additional funds for his trip. Please pledge a donation. Send me email (jsiclari@icanect.net) on the amount you will donate and I will keep a running tally going. Make checks payable to me and mail your donation to:

Joe Siclari
4599 NW 5 Ave.
Boca Raton, FL 33431-4601

Please help make this a successful effort!

Progress Report

The FanHistoricon Fan Fund is moving along but we can still use your help.

We are trying to raise the money to cover the main expenses to bring Rob Hansen over from England to FanHistoricon 6 next month (February) in Boston.

We need to raise \$400 - \$500 in addition to the airfare.
\$400.00 will let him sleep. \$500.00 will let him eat.

Donations/Pledges: \$360.00 — plus the airfare is being covered by NESFA.
Received: \$305.00 — some fen sent e-mail to say they are sending money.

We are nearing our goal but we can really use your help to make this a successful effort. *Contributors* so far: Peggy Rae Pavlat, Judy Bemis, Tony Parker, George Flynn, Ed Meskys, Jerry Kaufman, Joe Siclari, Edie Stern, Melanie Herz, Erwin "Filthy Pierre" Strauss, Joyce Scrivner, Joyce & Arnie Katz, Marilee Layman, Cathy Doyle, Doug Faunt, FANAC, Inc., NESFA.

Thanks for helping us to make FanHistoricon a better tool for preserving our fanhistory.

Here is Rob's entry from the *Who's Who in SF Fandom*:

HANSEN, Rob(ert Clive) (1954-)

UK fanwriter/artist/editor active since 1975, first in Cardiff (1975-78), then Newport (1978-80), and London (1980-). Member of Newport SF Group (1977-80), Friends In Space (1980-87, London), the Fanhattonites (1987- , London).

Winner of Nova Award (UK) for Best Fanzine (*Epsilon*) and Best Fanartist (both 1982), 1984 European Science Fiction Award for best Fanzine (*Epsilon*).

TAFF winner 1984, FGoH w/Avedon Carol at *Contrivance* (1989 Eastercon). Wrote/updated fannish entries for *The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction* (ed. Clute/Nichols, Orbit 1993).

Married to US fan Avedon Carol (now UK based) since 1985.

First Contact: See first con.

First Con: SEACON '75 (1975 Eastercon)

Concoms: MEXICON I (1984),
CONSPIRACY '87 (1987 Worldcon - as part of Fan Room Sub-Committee),
PRECURSOR (1995)

Fanzines: EPSILON (18 issues, 1976-85) pers/gen
SKWELSH (2 issues, 1977) pers/group
ETA (5 issues, 1983-90) pers
TAFFETA (4 issues, 1985-86) TAFF news
CRANK (5 issues, 1985-86) joint pers w/Ted White
THE FANHATTONITE (5 issues, 1988-89) group
THEN (1989-) Fanhistory
PULP (19 issues, 1986-91) gen. Occasional co-editor. (Others: Vince

Clarke,

Pam Wells, John Harvey, Avedon Carol)

One-offs: LICKS (1979, musiczine)
STARFAN (1980, comicbook)
CHUCH (1986, gen. ed.w/Avedon Carol)
THE STORY SO FAR (1987, short UK fanhistory)
OUTTAKES (1994, letter-sub)
ON THE TAFF TRAIL (1994, TAFF report).

Apazines: TWO OTHERWISE BLANK PAGES (1981, one-off), APA SF & F (UK)
FISH HELMET (8 issues, 1983-84), FRANK'S APA (UK)
BORN IN THE UK (16 issues, 1989-93), APA OF THE DAMNED (US)
gdo (6 issues, 1993-94), MEN'S APA (US)
LICKS (14 issues, 1990-95), FAPA (US)
MOJO BAG (1993-), SECRET GARDEN (US)
RETRO (1996-), FHAPA (US)

Online: Various newsgroups (comics and SF fandom), from 1995.