

This is the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, 1113 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601. De Profundis is edited by Mark R. Sharpe, 5514 1/2 Cartwright Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91606. Special thanks to artist Ray Capella for the wasthead this issue and all the other artists gracing this issue.

Sharon Bohner, the former editor of De Prof, has joined the ranks of the upwardly mobile and enrolled in computer school. Thank you for a job very well done and may all your programs run smoothly.

With the new editor arrives change. The first and most obvious is artwork. I have a file of artwork built up that I will be using for DeProf and I will be hitting on all of the Society's artists for contributions over the next few months. The second and almost as obvious change is the lateness of this issue. The third is layout and type. The rest you can figure out for yourself. Bitches, moans, groans, gripes and complaints can be brought to the editor's attention at any LASFS meeting, but I reserve the right of an editor to punch out your lights. Compliments will be greeted by a kiss or a hearty hand shake depending upon your sex and my preference at the time (but you can reserve your unalienable right to punch out MY lights...depending upon your sex and preference).

There is a new submission policy for DeProf. Submissions may be made by any member of LASFS or a non-member with ~~money~~ something of interests for members in two ways. I'm most acceptable of typed sheets of paper handed to me at LASFS. I don't mind telephone calls at reasonable hours with information. I loathe whispering in my ears at parties if all you tell me is something you want published in DeProf. This policy isn't strict. De Prof and the editor are both easy and open to submissions, not necessarily in that order.

I am, as I ever was, and ever shall be, confused.

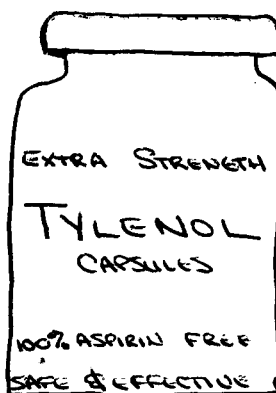
Meeting #2342, July 1, 1982

"President Deckert called the meeting to order at 9:40 without a quorum. No dues were collected. No new business was submitted. Old business was discussed. APA-L was not distributed. A phone call was answered. The meeting was dismissed at 9:43." Submitted by Lee Gold and taken during a fake meeting at the Phoenix Hilton during WesterCon.

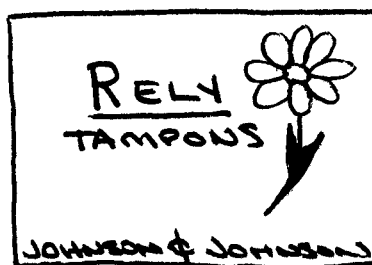
The True Meeting #2342, July 1, 1982

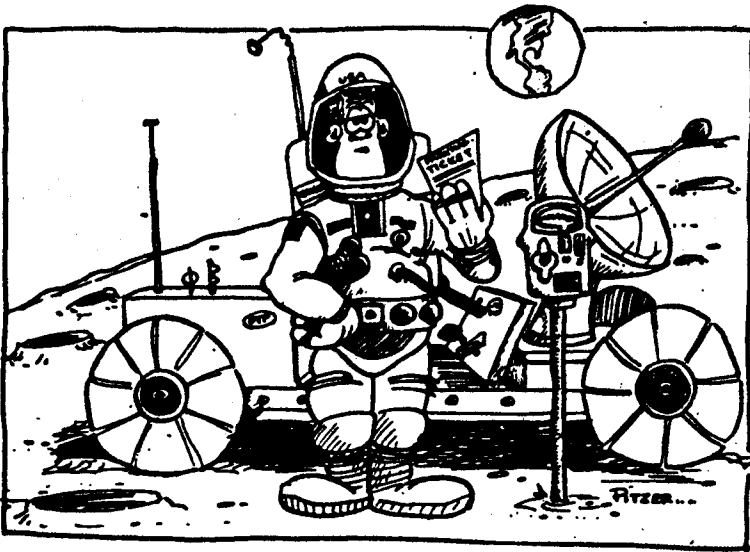
The losers meeting was called to order by substitute president Bob Null at 8:19 with substitute secretary Mark "Limp Wristed Homaridae Homarus" Sharpe trying

PUTRID GIFT SUGGESTIONS



#1 OF A SERIES
IN VERY, VERY
BAD TASTE!





to keep minutes and act as registrar. Making up for the members smof-fing in Phoenix, LASFS had 11 guests, ranging from 18-month-old Christina Pierce to some grown up types, most of whom had unpronounceable names. They were Ann Delleur, Jerry Severeid, Tom Scurry, Deborah Hrisoulas, Mary Mason, Virginia Requa, Kendall Evans, Terry & Linda Huscher, and Leo Frishberg. The usual wall warning was made.

Doug Crepeau brought a copy of a magazine called "Far Out," something a reader of National Inquirer and APA-I would find amusing. Titles like "Einstein was wrong" and "I Lived With Big-foot" were some highlights.

Marty Cantor brought up much new business, all silly of course, trying to take advantage of the fact most of the membership was off at WesterCon. The new business, which was actually old business that had been tabled last winter to be brought up during summer, involved moving LASFS south. It was retabled, after a suggestion that everyone move their chairs one inch in a southerly direction, for 200 years. The other silliness didn't fair so well and was sent off to the table at the crack of doom.

Under reviews, Virginia Bauer-Tapia hated Megaforce, but CLJII liked the idea of having the Good Guys win for a change.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11, but no one seemed to notice.

Meeting 2343, July 8, 1982

The meeting "came to session," is the words of Denise, at the slightly late time of 8:15. Several sets of minutes from previous meetings were read, some intelligibly, and all were approved as arbateriors.

New registrar Marjii Ellers introduced guests Terry & Naomi Karney, John B. Noblit, John & Diane Miller, Arthur Hays (who heard of LASFS from two Dicks), and Wilma Fisher of a Pennsylvania SF group almost as old as LASFS.

No new or old business was brought before the club.

Under announcements, Marty Cantor and Mark Sharpe announced Shaggy was done and in the clutches of the Post Awful, and that the next issue will be published after Loscon.. ..which was snickered at...and they requested material for the next issue. Walt Lieb-scher announced he was a guest of honor at ArchCon in St. Louis.

The reviews were many and varied. It was reported that Gary Franklin gave a ten to Tron. Other movies reviewed, all favorably, were Bladerunner, Secret of Nimh, & The Sword and the Sorcerer. The last was reported to have overtones of The Crimson Pirate & The Three Muskateers, and to not be a Conan ripoff.

Dr. Pournelle entertained the troops with an account-ing of his trials and tribulations during Westercon after a night with Gordy. Much hilarity, and, no, he didn't kill a single person as was rumoured.

Frank Gasperik went on at great length about the Shut-tle landing seen as a convention.

Bruce Pelz announced Portland had won the right to hold the 1984 Westercon. Memberships are available for \$15.

Submitted runcibly by Jim Hollander, Frog.



Meeting 2344, July 15, 1982

President Danise detected there was a meeting out there somewhere and gaveled it to order at 8:05. The minutes from the previous meeting were read, and Registrar Marjii introduced the following guests: Seth Stevens, Fred Loudiller, Dwight & Pamela Mellon, and Lee Porter.

After, again, no new or old business, some committees were heard from and the usual money goug was held by Bruce Pelz.

Charlie Lee Jackson II announced he was seeking old color slides of himself taken about five years or more ago taken at conventions.

Also announced was the update for the LASFS Directory being made by Gavin Claypool. Don't worry, though, it's much too late now for you to change you entry if it was needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.



Meeting 2345, July 22, 1982

At 8:08 President Danise started the meeting, the previous minutes were read and accepted with ~~XX~~ no nitpicks, additions or corrections, and Marjii Ellers introduced whole, they looked whole, bunches of guests: John Robertson, C. Jerry Kutner, Ward D. Griffiths, Kevin Kidwell, and Deborah Barges.

Under new business, a motion was submitted which would set up an Official Mascot at LASFS during the second half of each year. The competition would select the person & the person's title in two separate ballots. Nominations for a person to be 24, er, 25¢, with positive votes one penny and negative votes two pennies. Nominations for the title to be the same rate. It was signed by Jack Harness, Marty Cantor, Sandy Cohen, Joe Zeff, and Patrice Cook.

After much discussion, interrupted by a Cold Duck break, two amendments were added to the original motion. The first, by Ed Finkelstein, requires the permission of the proposed nominee, and the second, by Dennis Miller, allows the person to choose among the 5 top names for his or her mascot title. The motion, as amended, passed.

Tom Locke announced the SDC Disneyland outing October 1. See him for details.

Bruce Dane announced Westercon made money, and that 1500 attended.

Bruce Pelz announced that the LASFS was minus another member. Alva Rogers, a long time fan and author of Requiem for Astounding, had died.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Meeting 2346, July 29, 1982

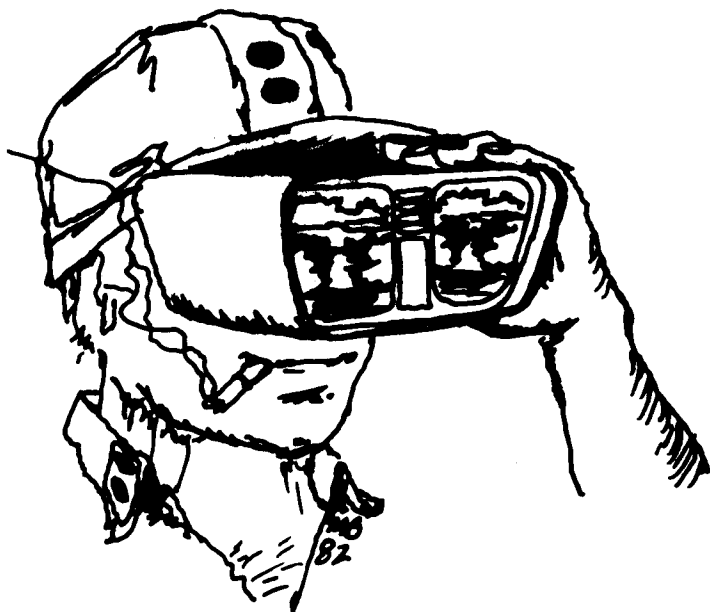
After the usual late start (8:09) and minutes were read Marjii introduced Wade Massey, Grag Brown and Mike Reeder.

Under committees, Danise reported Cr, er, Dennis Miller was in charge of the Mascot Committee, and she also told the assembled messes the wallpapering committee was, need I say it, wallpapering.

Two silly motions were disposed of and many announcements were made. Among those of import were Jack Harness' announcing a new sf prozine to be called Spectrum, and Len Mof-fat's Bouchercon-by-the-Bay announcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 to a game of Botticelli which never occurred.

A Matthem Tepper Memorial White Space is provided below.



Meeting 2347, August 5, 1982

President Danise opened the meeting with a carefully mispronounced rendition of the meeting number. British visitor and old-time fan Terry Jeeves was introduced with his wife Val. Val is obviously smarter than her husband and quit reading sf in 1946. Others who guested that evening were Joe Katona, George Nolte, David Ott, Take Yamaguchi and Michael Baum.

No non-standard or important announcements were made. However, Dr. P came into the meeting and reported Charles Curley had told him after two champagnes that money will get you thru times of no Hugos better than Hugos will get you thru time of no money. This celebration was in honor of Oath of Fealty's rise on bestseller charts.

Meeting adjourned for a movie at 9:08pm.

Meeting 2348, August 12, 1982

The meeting was called to order, the usual readings made, and Marjii introduced the guests. They were Mary Mason, Marie Lim, Lois Banner, Roby Bosley, Dolores and F. Mark Gish, Ray and Terry Gish (which means the first Gish's were actually named Branden), Andre Morrise, Eric Westling, Jamie Hanrahan and Jamie, no did him already, and Evan Sakay.

Bruce Pelz suggested that the club get rid of the obnoxious and irrelevant question on the guest card - how long, etc. Mike Glycer suggested that the club should insert another question in its place. Alan Winston suggested perhaps "How much money do you make" or "Do you fool around?" By the time Danise got the meeting under control (?) Mike Glycer had written "Yes, I have great confidence in our leader" over the picture of Mickey Mouse on the chalkboard.

Ander, and under, motions the following was submitted: "In order to protect the members of LASFS from the rising tide of witchcraft, each lunar month, every member of the Procedural Directors shall be examined head to toe for witchmarks by at least one of the Board Members. For the purpose of the motion, a zit shall be deemed not a witchmark (a place where a witch nurses a familiar) but a ~~hickey~~ defense may not be permitted." The motion was signed by Jack Harness, Mark Sharpe, Frank Gasperik, Galen Tripp, and Marty Cantor.

Sandy Cohen wanted to be in on the examinations. Alan Winston noted that there was no sure defense for witchcraft and moved that the club immediately disband. Tom Dugby proposed that we enlarge the Board of Directors by two and form a coven. Neil Schulman moved to table for 666 years and this last item actually happened.

Historical slides were shown by Bruce Pelz after the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Meeting 2349, August 19, 1982

After calling the meeting to order, guests were announced. They were Tim Konkol of Minneapolis, Jim Penrose, David Cox, John Dalmas, Howell Richard, C.W. Bente, Alan Park, Erika Bente, and Merv Binns, who was in town from Australia.

The only announcement of import was made by John Dalmas who asked the members for a few suggestions for the name of his new SF magazine. Someone suggested George.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 to the EdHoc committee's charades.

Meeting 2350, August 26, 1982

Before the meeting even started Dan Alderson showed how unusual things were by having to borrow a pen from Marty Cantor. Danise was home in bed....Vice President Bob Null was at work...so the meeting was run by Bruce Pelz as the senior officer present. At 8:15

Meeting 2350 (continued)

Bruce said "Let's get the meeting on what passes for the road," Registrar Marjii had just arrived so Bruce read the minutes, which were not corrected, and then the treasurer's report. Finally, Marjii introduced Michael Bastoni, Tom Reddig, Eric Simonson, Peter John Harrison, Renee Dorion, Ted Rogers, and Peter Toluzzi of Australia.

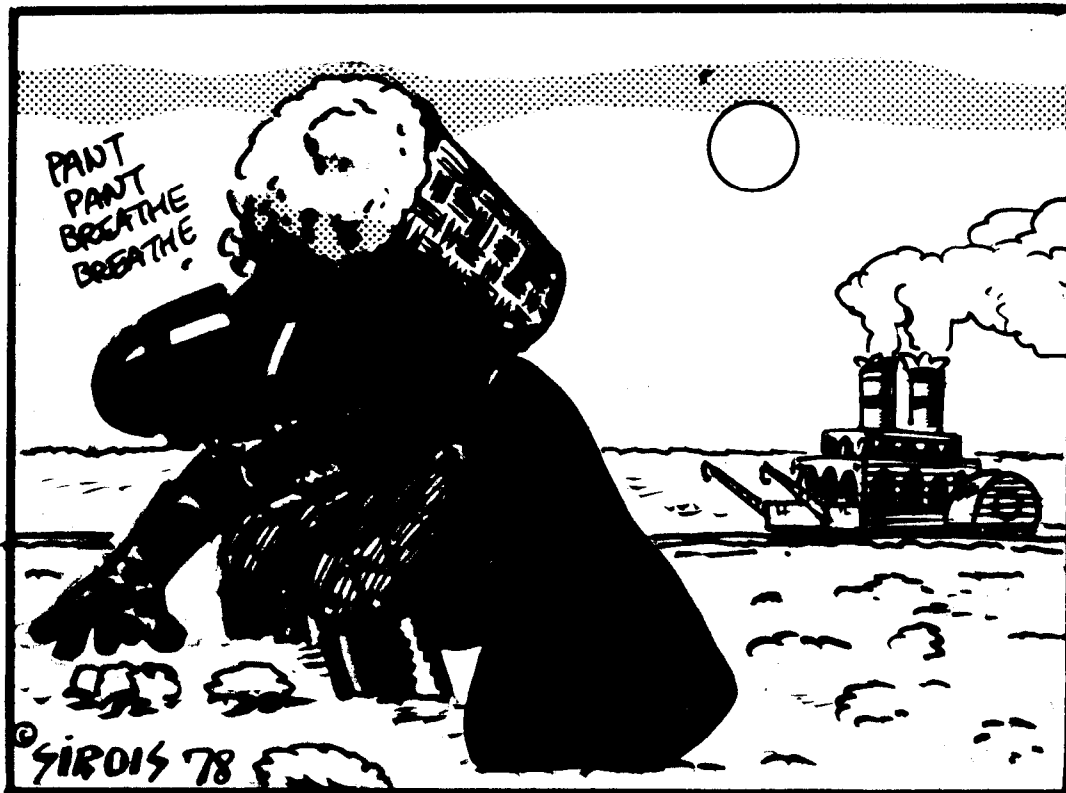
St. Fuzzy was cheered.

The only item of new business was a motion that the acting president should close the meeting saying, in his most Broderick Crawford-like voice, 2350-by. It was signed by Dan Deckert and Phil Castor. After it was explained to all those who didn't get it as a Highway Patrol reference, Bruce declared the motion a copout and it never came to a vote.

Bruce officially declined the meeting at some unreported time.

----- WANTED -----

Lyrics to a filk entitled "Old Darth Vader" sung to "Old Man River" is desired by the editor of this publication but not for this publication. See illo below.



----- News -----

LA Wins 1984 WorldCon Bid

It was a tough battle, but Los Angeles will host the 18, er, 1984 WorldCon. 85% of the votes were cast in LA's favor, with the other 15% split between the don't hold the con at all faction and the committee favoring the Restaurant at the End of the Universe.

The big local news other than the 1984 WorldCon was Mike Glycer. Wearing a "Six times Hugo Loser" t-shirt, Mr. Glycer was presented a special committee award for "putting the fan back into fan publishing." The t-shirt was provided by a local supporter just before the awards were presented and the audience loved it. ~~My~~ Mike is now tied with Silverberg for the distinction (?) of losing the most Hugo Awards.

The 1982 Hugo Awards (et al)

Best Novel: Down Below Station by C.J. Cherryh
Best Novella: The Saturn Game by Poul Anderson
Best Novelette: Unicorn Variations by Roger Zelazny
Best Short Story: The Pusher by John Varley
Best Non-Fiction: Danse Macabre by Stephen King
Best Dramatic Presentation: Raiders of the Lost Arc
1st Fandom Award: Bill Crawford

Pro Editor: Edward Ferman
Pro Artist: Michael Whelan
Fan Artist: Victoria Poyser
Best Fanzine: Locus
Best Fan Writer: Richard Geis
Campbell Award: A. Gilliland
Pat Terry Award: R. Garrett

Special Committee Award - Mike Glyer

Our congratulations to all the winners. The Hugo Poul Answerson (who?) Anderson won will be presented to him at LosCon, according to Mike Glyer. Poul is, of course, GoH.

Other WorldCon notes: Marta Randall was very smooooth and Bob Tucker very speechless when the former grabbed most of the latter's buns....Marty Cantor reports the attempt to change the eligibility of the fanzine awards was successful and that he sold over \$1000 of his and other people's fanzines in the fanzine room and that the fanzine room was a great success....Everyone seems to feel the Chicago committee pulled off the con with a minimum of problems, but there were troubles with rental trucks, the masquerade photo session and communication gaps up and down the chain of command....By all reports, the Hugos were given out in record time and handled very well.

Shangri L'Affaires #79, the general (I knew the military had rats, but....) general interest science fiction fanzine published by LASFS, is getting ready for another issue. The editors are seeking contributions. See either Marty Cantor or Mark Sharpe

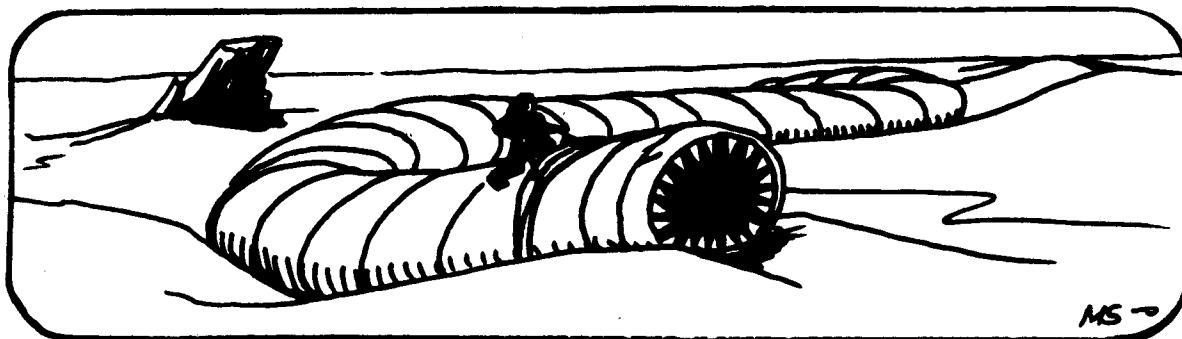
LosCon 9, November 26-28, is approaching. If you plan to attend and haven't bought you membership do so quickly. It is presently \$15 but that will increase to \$17 at the end of September.

The pro guest of honor is Poul Anderson and the fan goh is Milt Stevens. Others who have said they will attend and take part in the festivities are Larry Niven, Steve Goldin, Lynn Barker, D.C. Fontana, Dr. Robert Forward, J. Neil Schulman, Dave Brin, and William Rotsler. More will be added to this list as the con draws nearer.

A "Revenge of the Jedi" slide show will be presented by Maureen Garrett, and Craig Miller will show slides of the forthcoming "Dark Crystal."

The Sheraton Universal Hotel is charging \$45 per single/double. For information and reservations call (213) 980-1212.

The LASFS Writer's Group meets at the LASFS every third Sunday. For information on the group contact George Jumper at LASFS or call him at 998-1784.



THE MAN WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR

A Moral Fable

Once upon a time, in a quaint Middle European country which combined the scenic vistas of the Gulag Archipelago and the cultural mileau of Chicago's south side, there lived a man with a sense of humor.

It was quite obvious to everyone that the man had a sense of humor, for he was always laughing. The news of a close friend afflicted by lymphatic cancer could always bring out a joke or two, while the mention of a stillbirth or bankruptcy could provoke him to gales of merriment.

Not content to wait for happenstance or the vagaries of fortune, however, the man would often contrive cunning stratagems to provide scope for his humorous appreciation.

On one occasion, during a blizzard, he lured an elderly uncle outdoors, doused him with water, then slammed and bolted the one means of entry to their home. How he chuckled as he watched his feeble relative uncomprehendingly stumble about in the snow, tug and batter frantically at the solid door, then weep in futile complaint. The joke was compounded when his aunt suffered a fatal heart attack upon her nephew's pointing out her frozen spouse, with an impish remark on the glaciation patterns of the dead man's face and beard.

On another occasion, demonstrating yet again his puckish sense of humor, he went to the schoolhouse during a rainstorm and informed the children there that the bridge had been washed out. He persuaded the kiddies to use a boat to cross the rising waters. How droll when they realized that the artfully concealed holes in their transport were leaking too rapidly for even their most diligent efforts to bring them to shore. How the man giggled and clapped his hands as the older children tried in vain to save their smaller, floundering brothers and sisters.

There were, of course, those sober-sided ones who maintained that the man was a sadistic bastard who enjoyed others' misery, but there are always those who seek to depreciate the innovator, and who will seek to disparage his achievements.

Others realized the true worth of the man, however. Among these was the man's wife, who had grown to love her husband's adventuresome forays across the frontiers of humor. So it was that, one night, she added the teensiest touch of cyanide to his evening broth. As she watched him moan and writhe in his death agonies, laughter bubbled forth, and she knew the fierce exhilaration which suffices the creative humorist.

After her husband's death, she had the body carefully embalmed. Two red light bulbs were fitted in his ears, with a gold pull-chain running from his nose. His eyes were fixed in a perpetual cross, and a Day - Glo figleaf spelled out an obscene message.

The body, thus prepared, she stood in a corner of the living room, in a box of kitty litter, where it provided a perpetual testament to the man with a sense of humor.

She knew he would have wanted it that way.



Fanzines and Other Mail

The listing below includes fanzines and flyers received by LASFS since the last issue of DeProf was published. The mail is available from either Bruce or Elyane Pelz by arrangement. The mail received is listed in no particular order (Hail Eris).

Instant Message (several issues), an ad for "Spectrum SF," ConStellation, a Change of Hobbit flyer, convention flyers for BoucherCon and FlerghCon, a Parchment House ad for a new line of scify bookplates, Science Fiction Chronicle, Telos, The Rogue Raven, Dial-Log (from KCSN-FM), BASFL News, Rune, Transmissions, The National Fantasy Fan, the newsletter of the American Wargaming Association who asked for a review which will follow, Erg, The Dillinger Relic, and Science Fiction Review.

American Wargamer (a monthly wargaming zine edited by George Phillies, 1225 Island Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Available for \$8 yearly or \$.75 each). Its been years since I have played any wargames but the zine gives what I assume are accurate reviews of new releases of various types of games, news, and detailed instructions for games. If you're a gamer this looks like a good buy.



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