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---Caution: Please don't overlook additional material also sent with this messge---

Here's an important message to every member of First Fandom:
Purpose: To remember all of First Fandom, living or dead.
To create an historical book of remembrance.
To collect photographs and anecdotes of all FF-ites.

Your help and participation is absolutely essential.

Dear Fellow Fan--

Over the years, starting back in the 1920s, many who discovered "science fiction" became part of what today we know as "fandom."

Those who became part of Hugo Gernsback's pioneering efforts in developing the field were truly the progenitors and founders of "First Fandom." Some of them became active and made their mark in fannish history, principally by writing letters to the various magazines. Most of these early pioneers have passed away and memories of them have faded away.

Today's "First Fandom" represents the remainder of that exclusive group. Before we who are still remaining also pass away, I am attempting to memorialize those who, in those early days, were the enthusiasts who shaped our future.

To this end, I am soliciting the help of all those, whether genuine early fans or friends of First Fandom, to perpetuate their memories.

Let me draw the common analogy: we are veterans of a past time, like veterans of a past war. We are inseparably part of an exciting history. We cannot deny it. We cannot reject our heritage. No one can retroactively become one of us and no one can deny our existence past or present. Like it or not, accept it or reject it, no one can dismiss the indisputable historical facts.

Before the founding of "First Fandom" in the 1950s, there existed, unnamed, the society which we now label and with which we identify ourselves.

The purpose of this communication is to solidify that society and embrace all those who were and still are part of this society.

Therefore, I am communicating to you and others that we must remember our past and not forget our friends and compatriots whom we knew then or whom we should have known then.

This is what I envision:

---A memory book. A sort of Who's Who of the past, containing in so far as possible the names of those who were then, or who are now, united in our love for those early days with our thrilling discovery of and support for "science fiction."



- 1. Completion of the information building upon the roster of names which I am supplying from many sources. Needed are the complete names and addresses. Admittedly, the addresses will perhaps be useless, only nostalgic remembrances of the past. But they will, nevertheless, anchor down our memories.
- 2. Locate and furnish pictures of those people, giving them substance so necessary to remember them. Two photographs are desired—one of those persons when they were first finding their interest in science fiction and another picture of each one of these persons at his or her most mature age.
- 3. Biographical information about them, in as much detail as possible. Biographical sketches will then be made and the complete information, along with photographs or artifacts, will be put on file in an archive which, it is hoped, will be the legacy of First Fandom.
- ---This memory book will be published and paid for by advanced subscriptions when a publication date has been established. The memory book will probably be of a loose-leaf variety to permit constant up-dating as more information is received.
- --- A copy of this memory book will be available at appropriate places, such as "worldcons", for those who are interested in their friends and the past.
- ---This will be a project run by me and a few interested people and, perhaps, with the cooperation of the organization of First Fandom itself. Any profit will be donated to a recognized philanthropic organization..

Please Note: The assistance of everyone receiving this or reading this communication is earnestly requested. Progress reports will issued to allow for an organized collection of material.

Your first step to implement this program is to send a photograph of yourself, from as early a date as possible when you were first active in s-f affairs and another of yourself that is current. These photographs cannot be returned and must be suitable for publication. Biographical information should accompany the photographs along with a letter permitting both the pictures and biographical information to be published with no payment nor restriction.

Your next step is to assist in the collection of information about others as suggested above.

Any assistance, comments, suggestions. etc. will be grateful received.

A questionnaire is being sent to you for you to fill out. Previous questionnaires which I solicited several years ago are in my files. Each new questionnaire blank will indicated whether or not such an older questionnaire is on file for you. You are encouraged to fill out a new questionnaire with updated information to be attached to your other one, but you need not do so if I have indicated one is already on file.

I urge you to give me your assistance, comments, and suggestions. First Fandom is not yet dead!

COMPOSITE FR MEMBERSHIP LIST, PAST AND PRESENT

FIRST FANDOM
Composite List
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use X--Associate

Ackerman
Agnew
Aldiss
Algerex
Amsbury
Anderson,Lestere
Anderson,Murphy

Andrasovky 4*× Andrews Anglin 4

x Archer, Dirce 3.

Arnold•
Ashley

**X Asimov•

Baldwin 4

★ Baltadonise
 ★ Barrette

x Barrett• Bartlett Basham

*Beam
Beard
Beck.Claire

Beck,Clyde

Beck, Martha
Beerbohm
Bensen, Arden
Benson, Don
Benthake
Berg, Phyllis
Berg, Wm4

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Burger, Margaret
Caldwell

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× Cartier, Edd Casey• Cavin

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Christoff, J77
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Clark, Wm 3
Clark, John
Clark, Wm

Clarke, AC, Sir Clemente Coger

Cogswell●
 Cole, E
 Cole, L
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Colvin, Mari Bth 68

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C,Marguerite4

Coriell, Vrnll
Couch, Leigh
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Counselman 4
Counts, Ed•

Crawford 4•
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Cuthbert
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Davidson, Avrm7 ●
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Dennis 4

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Dickson
 Dikty, T◆
 Dikty, J 4
 Dittrich 3

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Duncan
Eddy 3
Eichner 3
Eilers
Engel, J
Engel, T

★ Eshbach

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Tanner 3• Tarre Taurasi 3• **Taylor** Temple, W 77• Thailing Tibbetts. J Touzinsky Train 4• Trestrail. A Trestrail, V• Tuck 4 Tucker Unger, Julius• Van Vogt 4 Vickers 4 Vinson 3 Vrooman Warner. Weinberg Welch 3 Widner Williamson Willmorth Wilson 40 Wollheim, E. Wollheim, DA 4. Wood,E □2• Wood. I Woolston 4 Wright 3 Yerke Young, Geo Young, S Zakem Zitzow 4

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any corrections

+ new names

Swisher•

Sykora 4•

Tackett

Takacs 3.

Tabakow 3•

ADDENDAto Special Series Number One of FFNL(#32)-September 1998

- Attached is a three-page list of the last names of all those who have appeared in the records of First Fandom as compiled by Dave Kyle from the past membership lists, FFNL mailings lists, and whatever records of attendance at conventions which are in my possession. As noted in this basic Special FFNL, please help up-date and correct as many entries as possible.
- Attached is a blank Questionnaire for First Fandom records for use as mentioned in this basic communication.
- Sotheby's, the famous auction house in New York, is scheduling the Sam Moskowitz Auction in the spring of 1999. Christine Haycock Moskowitz has been working closely with Sotheby's consultant Jerry Weist. The SaM collection has been brought to Sotheby's warehouse for cataloging and the issuance of the Sam Moskowitz Auction Catalogue.

There are available to you a preliminary five-page report and an Advance Order Form for the Sam Moskowitz Science Fiction Catalogue for Sotheby's Spring 1999 Auction. Anyone wishing a copy of the report together with the order form is asked to send a stamped self-addressed #10 envelope to me, Dave Kyle. For more than one set of papers, please put another 32¢ stamp on your return envelope for each extra set you require.

Further information and details as obtained will be included in forthcoming First Fandom News Letters.