

LUNAZINE

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THIS is the first issue of what I hope will be a long series of Lunazines. I intend to put one out for each meeting I attend. This is being circulated at the Nov 21, 1964 meeting.

Most of you people were at the Philcon last weekend so I won't give any long convention report here. I'll just say that I enjoyed it immensely, particularly Lester Del Rey's speech and his comments from the audience during the New Writer Panel. Hal Clement was quite interesting also. I kept myself pretty busy throughout the con passing out a publicity sheet entitled NEW YORK BULLETIN about the Eastercon. In case you hadn't heard yet, the Eastercon will take place at the hotel Edison on the weekend after Easter next year (1965). The FISTFA (Faanish & Insurgent Scientifictional Association) will be renting a three room suite and throwing open parties on Friday and Saturday nights. Since the Lunacon is being held on Saturday afternoon, the party rooms will be closed so that everyone can go enjoy the program. Hopefully turning the Lunacon weekend into a two day affair with the addition of these two parties will induce people to come from further away than they'd come for a one day affair. I'd like to see a strong attendance from the Washington DC area. Both the Eastercon and Lunacon will be helped and supported attendance wise by the close juxtaposition of the events. FISTFA is not trying to compete or to imply the approval of the Lunacon with its Eastercon. These are two completely separate conventions put on by two completely different clubs. This is the way we are advertising the event. By the way, I wonder if this is a first? Have two completely different clubs ever before put on two completely different conventions on one day in the same hotel without trying to compete with each other. I don't think so.

FISTFA is a completely informal club founded by me in April 1964. Meetings are held every two weeks on Friday nights from 7 in the evening until 7 in the morning. There are no officers, dues, entrance requirements, rules, regulations or blackballs. There have been seventeen biweekly meetings so far. FISTFA's purpose, if it can be said to have one, is to establish one club, one meeting place where any fan can go without that fan being forced to conform to the judgement of a membership committee or the prejudices of any fan or group of fen. It is completely open. We don't have programs at our meetings, but there is a lot of discussion of sf and anything else that two fen might like to talk about. Come if you want to.