

MICHIGAN /NSTIGATORS OF SCIENCE FANTASY FOR /INTELLECTUAL THINKERS

Hello folks. This is not Norm Masters. This isn't even a person. This is your October newsletter from Sandy Shapiro, acting as Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Science Fantasy Society. I'm taking over for Norm for the next who knows when. It was a choice of supporting Norm's family while he drudged his duties for the MSFS, or doing this. This won.

Now a little ditty on "What is an Octocon?" Sounds weird, but it's really a fun-fun-thing. If you enjoy such as swimming, bowling and just plain old bull shooting with other SFans, try to make it to the Greentree Inn, 1935 Cleveland Road, Sandusky, Ohio, the week end of October 19-20 in 1968. Octocon is a programless conference, usually attended by fans from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and other nearby states. Besides, it is our duty to participate in the throwing of Howard Devore, our beloved big-hearted president, into the pool. The Devore girls are plotting the dunking of Hal Shapiro. As for me, I'll stay clear of the pool.

If transportation is needed, call Hal and Sandy at WE-4-6683, or Howard Devore at LO-5-4157. Arrangements can be made.

Bell, Book and Candle needs you. Well, not exactly you. But if you have books you were planning on giving away and/or book shelves of any kind, they can be put to good use at the book and other things store of Jim & Clara Griffis, 1030 North Wayne Road, Westland. Any items brought to the Devore and/or Shapiro residences will be forwarded. And the Griffis' promise not to rat on anyone purchasing items other than stf for a couple of bucks under the table. Ain't they grand people?

So nice that, yes Bunky, the next Misfit meet will be at Bell, Book and Candle Book store, address above and a map below. For those who cannot decipher our simple cartographic diagram, the joint is half-way between Cherry Hill and Ford Road. The meeting will be Sunday, October 27, 1968; 3:00 PM.

Our last meeting was at the home of Gorgeous George Young. The reason George was late for the meeting was that he went to the wrong house. A discussion on the possibility of a bid from Detroit for the '73 or '78 world con took place, ending in a hung jury. The only decision to come out of the wrangle was to have a party at the Octocon, sponsored by the Misfits, to test reaction to the idea from fans of other areas. So, if you can make it to Octocon, please help. If over 21, supply a bottle of booze. Others, bring the mix. Please.

Back to the meeting. The high point was a showing of Fred Prophet's slides of Baycon and other cons. Fred,

it should be noted, was co-chairman of the 1959 World con held in Detroit. I must admit, though, that the balance of the meeting was disappointing. We expected a book report on the Wizard of Oz. But George Young took a wrong turn on the yellow brick road. And as for the dancing boys, all I can say is "Bleah!" Bleah? Hey, that reminds me. Soon to be published in this area will be "Bleah!: the Poochie fan's zine" Come on, gang, this beats the dancing boys all sorts of ways.

If all you Michifens will let us know how many of what kind of fanzines are being published in this state (we hear there are many) we'll try to list them in the next newsletter.

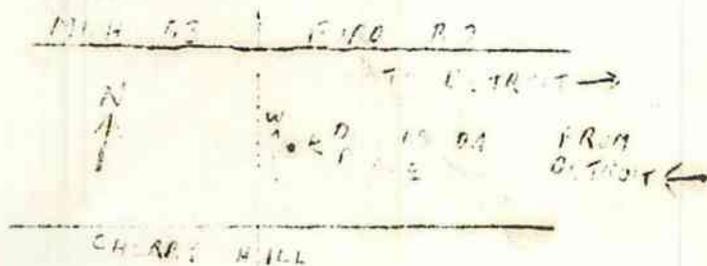
Now, for a look to the future. I gaze into the crystal ball and find it is missing. So: there may be a halloween party if we can talk someone into donating a house or hall in time. 2) Hayride? 3) Movies. 4) Our annual New Year's Eve Party. 5) A skating party. 6) There's more, but it was all in the crystal ball and my memory's slipping.

Orma McCormick and daughter: get well. We miss you.

To reiterate and to add a fact or two: the October meeting at Bell, Book & Candle bookstore, 1030 N. Wayne Road in Westland, Sunday, October 27, 1968, 3:00 PM. This month's theme: New Wave writing versus "Old Thing" writing and is there really much of a difference? Good heavens! Do you suppose Tiny Tim might actually show up this time?

Following is our eighty-sixth bi-annual stf quiz. Answer TRUE or FALSE to these and win.

- 1) Where is Big-Hearted Howard Devore and his hardy ~~hairy~~ hare?
- 2) The new truth of Norm Grenske.
- 3) The old lies about George Young.
- 4) Deep down inside, Howard Devore is a silly savage pussy-cat.
- 5) The following question is #6.
- 7) The last question was #6.
- 8) Norm is one of the secret masters of fandom.
- 9) Masters is not the absolute norm.
- 6) Here it is, down here.



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