

Enchanted Duplicator Glossary

Annish -- anniversary issue of a fanzine.	APA -- an amateur publishing association; a club in which members periodically send in material to a central mailer or official editor, who sends out copies of everything to everybody; think of it as a paper form of an Internet newsgroup.
Arkham House -- A famous early small press, noted for promoting the work of H. P. Lovecraft.	Asilog -- a conflation of Asimov's and Analog, the two leading SF magazines
Beam's Choice -- A brand of bourbon favored by Wilson Arthur	BEM -- (pronounced Bem); Bug-Eyed Monster; generic term for menacing alien.
Bheer -- A fannish spelling of beer. The infixed h is an Irish usage.	Big Name Fan -- acronym BNF; someone well-known in SF fandom; often used facetiously.
Blog -- A fannish term for alcoholic beverages in general, or various specific concoctions.	Blunder and Thud -- a play on Blood and Thunder, most often describing sword-and-sorcery fiction like Conan.
Bok illo -- Hannes Bok was a famous SF/fantasy artist.	Burn your gelatin -- a hazard of the hektograph; it was easy to overheat the gelatin mixture in the pan, ruining it.
ChairFan -- Gender-neutral term for the presiding officer, the boss of the convention.	ChambanaCon -- a small annual convention in Illinois with the right number of syllables to scan.
Claude Degler -- In the 1930s, Degler proposed a fandom-wide organization, with himself as boss, through which fandom would be the elite ruling the super-scientific world of tomorrow.	Col -- column.
Collate and stamp and fold -- steps in putting out a fanzine.	Commode d'Or -- French for golden chamber pot. The Commodore Hotel in New York was a popular venue for SF cons, until it was gutted and rebuilt as the Grand Hyatt.
Con -- convention; Hugos are awarded at the annual World SF Convention.	ConFan -- A fan whose fanac consists of putting on and/or attending conventions.
Convention bum : Somebody who goes to convention after convention, with no other life.	Corflu -- correction fluid; blue wax in a solvent, brushed onto a mimeo stencil to erase errors.
Cranker -- manual mimeographs were cranked.	Crashers -- Convention attendees who don't have a room, and so sleep wherever they can.
Crudzine -- low-quality fanzine.	Dave Kyle says you can't sit here -- Refers to a famous incident at the 1956 WorldCon.
Dedwood -- deadwood; term for someone whose fanac is minimal, but wants others' fanac.	Doc Smith -- author Edward E. Smith, Ph.D.; considered the father of space opera. A type of SF that largely supplanted Gernsback's style of thinly-fictionalized essays about the future.
Draft deferrment -- Before 1973, when the military draft ended, avoiding it was a major reason to go to college.	FAFIA -- Forced Away From It All (i.e., by mundane considerations).
Fanac -- fan activity (e.g., publishing fanzines).	Fannish -- fanac for its own sake.
Fen were men -- Prior to the advent of Star Trek in 1966, males outnumbered females by ten to one in fandom	FIAWOL -- (pronounced fee-a-wall): Fandom Is A Way Of Life; as opposed to FIJAGH (pronounced fie-jag): Fandom Is Just A Goddamn Hobby
Filksinging -- In the 1950s, someone was trying to type SF and fantasy folksinging, and hit an I instead of an O. The usage has stuck.	Fillos -- small filler illustrations.
First Fandom -- An organization consisting of people who were active in SF fandom prior to the first World Science Fiction Convention in New York on July 4, 1939.	GAFIA -- Get Away From It All; to drop out of fandom voluntarily.
Genzines -- general-interest fanzines; as opposed to, say, as opposed to, say, "clubzines" (put out by a club), or "perzines" (personal fanzines, mainly by and about their publisher)	Hektograph/Hekto -- predecessor of the spirit duplicator. A master prepared with special ink is pressed onto a specially-prepared gelatin surface, which absorbs the ink. Blank paper can then be pressed onto the gelatin, to pick up the ink. Hekto is Greek for hundred, implying you could make that number of copies. But in practice, one or two dozen was the limit.
House dick -- hotel detective.	Hoy Ping Pong -- A pseudonym of Bob Tucker; inserted here just because it fit the scansion.
Huckster -- A derogatory term for a dealer in merchandise	Hugo -- the fannish verison of the Oscar; named after

at a con.	Hugo Gernsback, publisher of Amazing, regarded as the first true SF magazine.
Illos -- illustrations.	Ink by the can -- mimeograph ink usually came in cans.
Kollectinbug -- Collecting bug; a coinage by Wilis and Shaw in The Enchanted Duplicator.	LEM -- (pronounced Lem); Lunar Excursion Module (how soon they forget!).
Members -- People attending a true fannish convention buy memberships, denoting that they themselves constitute the convention.	Minac -- minimum activity. APAs typically have a requirement that member send in a certain number of pages for a certain number of issues.
Modern Electrics -- Hugo Gernsback's magazine founded in 1908 for electrical hobbyists, which also published SF.	Neofan -- a new fan; in today's argot, a noob, or newbie.
New Wave -- A literary movment in SF that emerged in the 1960s.	Observe postal laws -- back in the pre-Playboy era, it was easy to upset the postmaster.
One-shot -- a one-time-only fanzine, often published at a convention, or during a house party; as opposed to a series published under the same title (just like a prozine).	Pro Guest of Honor -- professional writer GoH, traditionally the most important guest.
Pros -- professional SF/fantasy writers.	Prozine -- professional SF/fantasy magazine (e.g., Amazing or Astounding).
Pub -- publish.	Punning -- Making puns was a bigger part of fandom, when fanzines ruled the scene.
Quarter or a LoC -- Fanzines were typically priced 25c in coin (often sent taped to a sheet of paper), derisively referred to as sticky quarters) or a Letter of Comment (LoC), The latter was preferred, the idea being that the letter should be of some substance, suitable for publication, commenting on the previous issue, and contributing to the ongoing discussion	Real Soon Now -- or just the initials RSN -- a traditional fannish term denoting procrastination.
Reheat my hekto pan -- Beween originals, heating liquefied the gelatin, and dispersed the ink left from one original, so the next could be cleanly copied.	Scientific fiction -- Hugo Gernsback's early name for SF.
Self-feed -- mechanism for automatically feeding blank paper into a spirit duplicator or mimeograph, as the crank is turned.	Serious Constructivism -- sercon -- originally applied to fanac that sought to use SF to change the world.
Slan -- from the A. E. Van Vogt novel, a telepathic mutant, persecuted by the mundane world.	SMOF -- Secret Master Of Fandom; facetiously, a member of a conspiracy manipulating fandom behind the scenes; Nowadays, someone actively engaged in running conventions, and participating in fannish politics; as a verb, to get together with other SMOFs and talk inside baseball about fandom; there's an annual convention called SMOFCon, where convention organizers gather to talk shop.
Sociology Department -- From time to time, people have done studies of fandom from a sociological perspective, often looked down on by fans.	Spec Fab -- Speculative Fabulation, a proposed, more respectable, name for the SF/fantasy genre.
Stencil the art -- mimeograph masters consisted of a porous sheet, impregnated with wax. Text was put on it by typing without a ribbon, the impact of the keys pushing the wax aside in the shape of the letters. Artwork was traced onto the master, using a special stylus.	Stf -- Pronounced stef; short for scientification: a later Gernsback name for SF.
ToC -- table of contents.	Trekkies -- Derisive term for Star Trek fans.
Trufan -- a true fan, a term of approbation; as opposed to	Trufen -- Fen is the fannish plural of fan, by analogy with men/man.
Tullamore Dew -- A brand of Irish whiskey traditionally favoured by filkers	TV shows -- at this point, there were no SF TV shows, so this means sitcoms/westerns/cop shows.
Twiltone -- trade name of a particularly cheap brand of paper.	Unknown -- A famous pre-WWII fantasy magazine.
Wait(ing) list -- APAs usually had a limit on the number of members. Popular ones often had a waiting list. People who failed to meet their minac would be bumped to there.	War of the Worlds -- H. G. Wells' 19th-Century SF classic.

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