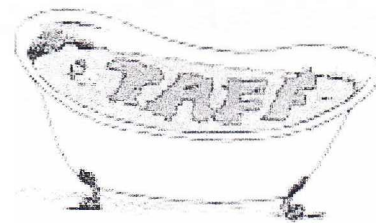


President TAFF's Bathtub The TAFF Newsletter from Christopher J. Garcia Logo by Espana Sheriff



Welcome to the first TAFF Newsletter I'll be putting out. And hopefully it'll be the last one I have to print. I know, I know, there are still a bunch of people who want printed versions of these things, but between mailing costs and copying and paper, there are far better ways to spend the Funds we've spent so many years gathering. If you'd be willing to accept only an electronic version, let me know and I'll be sure to send it to you as soon as it's done, no having to wait for the printing and mailing like I'll have to do with the rest of the copies. As I've priced it, it'll be about 80 to 100 bucks per newsletter if I have to mail all of them. I'd like to do one a quarter, but that'll depend on bringing the costs down.

Some Economics

Suzle sent me a check for 2000.00 to start the new Bank Account in January. She sent a second set (7000.00) in May with the promise for the last little bit after the final expenses are handled (Mailing me the TAFF Boxes, for example)

My trip cost the fund 1634.91 dollars. Here's the breakdown- Flight to the UK: 1114.91 for Economy Seat on Virgin Atlantic from SFO to Heathrow; 400.00 for BritRail Pass (I personally kicked in another 216.00 to make it a First Class Pass), 120.00 for a room night at the Radisson Heathrow.

Total from Fund for Trip- 1634.91

As far as expenses after the Trip- \$50.00 for TAFF Ribbons to be given out at Westercon, WorldCon, etc.

Income is strong- There was the \$500 from SCIFI for the Christopher J. Garcia TAFF Report received the 22nd of May.

I am very pleased to announce that Velma Bowen has repaid her debt to TAFF with a check for 1050.00 that arrived in early April.

We made 171.00 at the TAFF Auction at Lo-sCon and 81.00 at the 2008 BayCon Fanzine Lounge. BASFA also brought in an additional 52.50 in donations from various meetings.

Total, as of May 21st, is US\$9,176.59

I'd say that the fund is in good health.

As I mentioned, I finished my TAFF Trip Report, Rockets Across the Waters. It's a 50k word look at the entire trip. Thrill to the TAFF Report on display at the British Museum! Wonder why Chris would pass up a Roller Derby Game! Stare at the pretty pictures!

All TAFF voters get free access: <http://taff.org.uk/cg>; User id: cgtaff; Password: 007taff.

Sorry, not available in print (the quote I got was huge for the thing). There will be a couple of printed versions (one run-off in the Fanzine Lounge at BayCon will be auctioned off at CorFlu next year, and if I get another one done I'll put it up at Anticipation)

It's long, poorly proof-read, largely dull, often wrong and strange. In other words, it's exactly like a Chris Garcia Zine.

Some Thanks

Gotta start with Suzle. She was a great administrator and will have her praises sung high, High, HIGH!!! You are now free.

And of course, there's the good folks who gave me lodging and food during my trip.

I must thank Claire and Mark who kindly put me up in Fishlifter Palace for two nights. They took me for Fish & Chips, lovely Mexican food, delightful toast with fucking good jam, pasta and something I know I'm missing but will remember some day and I'll issue an apology.

There's Steve Cain and Allison and family who were kind enough to put me up and take me to a delightful waffle place, show me that English Pizza Hut was 100 times better than American, and cooked a delightful pasta dinner for me!

Of course, I have to thank the nice people of Orbital for the delightful room they sprung for. I will forever sing their praises.

And who could forget Steve and Ann Green who took me in at Solihull, provided one of the best dinners of my life and then a fine Chinese meal as well!

And of course, JamesJohnMaxSteveAngFlick-MikeDaveAndersStefPaulChrisLindaLunatic et all.

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