

FANS EMBRACE RETURNING SHOWS

Fun and Fiction *Life*

The Energetically Reproducing Dapper

Guess Who's coming to town?

Where have you been lately? Did you notice more and more shows are returning to the small screen? How about all new episodes of BattleStar Galactica (Zylons anyone?) And now... The Doctor Returns!

Okay. So you knew all about that latest incarnation of the world's most famous time lord, who manages to travel the space time continuum (whatever that may be) in a sturdy phone box. (Euh, excuse us, the 'Tardis'.)

But...

What else do you know?

What else or who else?

Try these on for size... Star Trek, Chandler, Farscape, Star Wars, The Wheel of Time, The Lord of the Rings, Asimov, Shaw, Amber, DragonLance, Wuxia, Simak, Neuromancer, Discworld, Neo, Lucas, Nipponpop...

Just a few names, phrases, titles. These days we all recognize a few, they have become regular household names. But... not all.

More than a hobby!

Well... Not. Sort of.

Let's say you are interested in science fiction and / or fantasy, then what

do you do? You go watch a movie, television series, glossy magazines... or you even sit down to read a stack of faxes... Book. I mean book. Done all that?

Now try and find someone else who is just enlightened as you, who is interested in the same (and other) subjects.

Elitist only..

It ain't that bad, but the fact is, the above average fan (and we're not referring to all dressed up trekkies here that gang up on their heroes every convention) likes to *read and discuss*.

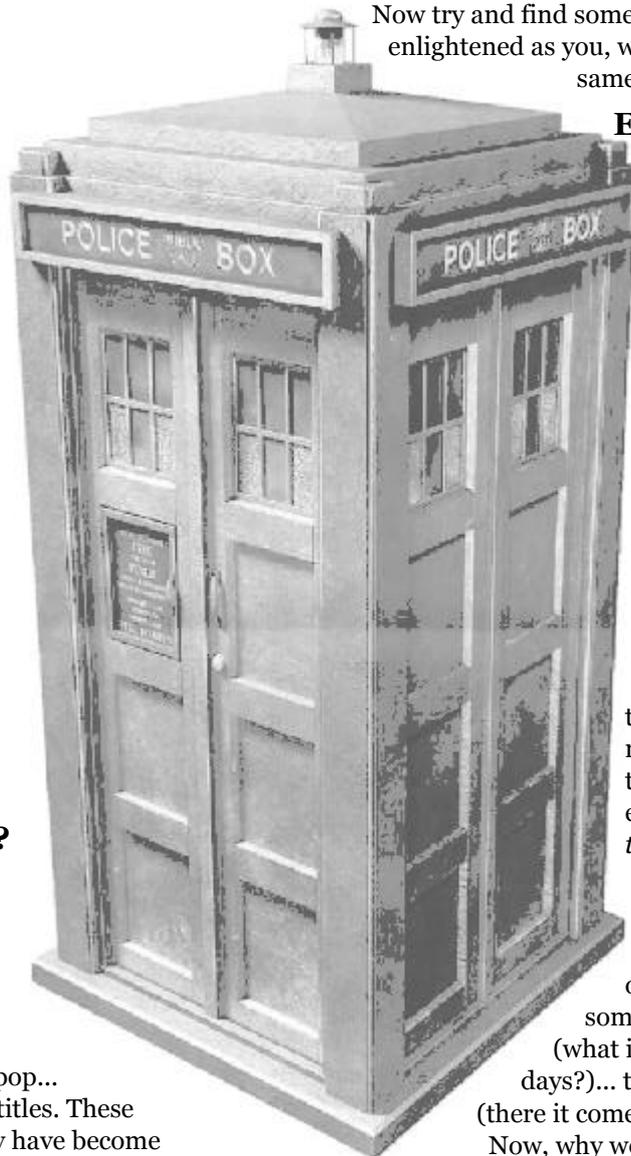
You can do the reading on your couch, and the discussion on the Internet (for those whose spouse is less interested in spending the years holiday money on the Buffy collectors edition box).

But... after watching that box, what will you do next? Television is just television. Brainless fun and entertaining, but still *just television*.

Some of us (we may call them the happy few) give themselves time and opportunity to participate in something rather old fashioned (what isn't old fashioned these days?)... they *read and write* using (there it comes)... *paper*.

Now, why would anyone want to do that?

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Dapper needs more blood!

Lack of contribs to kill grand institution? See inside!

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Paper?

Oh man. That's old fashioned!
True.
But it's also *fun*.

Imagine writing a letter to someone else. Someone who cares about the things you care about. Imagine participating in a small magazine, where *you* decide what to write about. A magazine you create together with other like-minded souls. You could call it an 'APA', or Amateur Press Association.

Nerds that write fanzines

(Don't use 'nerd', use 'geek', it's even considered a honorary title these days...)

At least you know what a fanzine is :-)) and if you don't, a fanzine is something written by a fan. Mostly badly spelled, with images of kids and government plots thrown in for good measure.

Yet, some of them are simply fun.

You see. That's the point. Fun. It's what people are forgetting about these days. Fun. Plain old ordinary fun.

Geeks that write fanzines *and* have fun.

When's the last time you had fun?

The Last One

Dapper's life force drying up

Dapper, the APA also known as "The Party on Paper" has positions open for a new reader / writer. If you'd like to contribute, and become a member of the select and exclusive Dapper community, read on!

There are things that deserve a final ending (and no, we're not going to make any suggestions) yet Dapper is not one of them. Though we need your help.

Dapper

Dapper stands for Dutch Amateur People's Press Energetically Reproducing. Which, in fact, means pretty much nothing :-))

What it is

A bimonthly magazine (that's six times a year) for a group of roughly twenty people.

Who writes it

You. And the other participants.



Who reads it.

You. And the other participants.

What it is about

Any subject you can think of. It would rather be nice if at least some part of your contribution is related to science fiction or fantasy :-))

How much you contribute

... is up to you, but you have to produce at least 1 page every 2 months, that's only 6 pages a year! You're free to contribute more pages if you like.

How it works

You write your contribution and send it to the OE (Organizing Editor). You can either mail it digitally, send a single original for the OE to copy, or even provide enough copies for all participants.

The OE then prints out and copies any contributions, collates them, then sends the finished Dapper out to all members.

Costs

Each member pays for the costs of copying his / her contribution, and the costs for sending a collated Dapper to his / her address.

So now?

Okay. Here's how you sign up: contact the OE and he will send you a spare sample copy of Dapper. Then, if you're still interested and after an extreme background investigation and screening (yeah, right) you're in. You're welcome to join!

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