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## Elections

I have received the following nominations. For the Directorate:

Judy Carroll  
Becky Jones  
Heath Row  
Jefferson Swycaffer  
Kevin Trainor

For President:  
George Phillis

Candidate statements, other nominations, letters of support, and the ballot will appear in the next issue.

## Director's Report for November 2022, or, The View From Tonopah

I do my best to keep up with the club's zines, and by and large we seem to be doing a good job of putting out a lot of quality content on a consistent basis. Still, we can always use MORE. We don't need page-long essays on why (for example) WAKANDA FOREVER sucked; just a couple of paragraphs should suffice to point out to other people why you thought it was terrible. When I was a young fan, I used to admire the book reviews by P.Schuyler Miller in ANALOG: they were short, to the point, and managed to provide a concise plot summary so you knew whether, say, THE MULLER-FOKKER EFFECT might be your cup of tea. So I encourage people to step up and have a go at it. We have lost Will Mayo, who was a prolific con-

tributor and will be missed, but I daresay there are plenty of Neffers just as able to express themselves. Please do so. There are literally thousand of books a year that are published on Amazon & Smashwords as well as pooting forth from more traditional publishers; there are dozens of movies and TV shows and manga and comics coming out every year as well, and SOMEBODY has to be reading and watching them. Share your opinion!

I now don my Membership-wallah's fez (\$25 from Amazon for the traditional maroon fez) and beat the drum to remind Neffers that the club does not have access to the fabled money trees of Tlon and Uqbar. I understand that times are hard and money is hard to come by. Still, if you can spare a mere 50 cents a month, you can help keep the website up and running, and the flow of ezines flowing. Or, if you like, you can invest in some N3F-themed swag from our Cafepress store at <https://www.cafepress.com/n3fmerchandise>. Thank you in advance for your support. ... Kevin Trainor

## Son of SilverCon

Kevin Trainor writes: I have a tentative contract with the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas to host a Son of Silvercon, though the dates have changed slightly to 29 September through October 1, 2023. I am waiting to see how this will change the room rates. Pre-registration is still \$40 until April 15, supporting memberships are \$20\*\*, dealer tables are \$100 each (including two memberships for the dealers, limit of two tables). This convention is NOT sponsored by the N3F, though I will happily offer a \$5 discount to members registering for the con.

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have done; our guest of honor, M.C.A. Hogarth, has agreed to do the shirt artwork for us. We also have commitments from Daniel and Sarah Hoyt to come as honored guests. ...

\*Plus tax and resort fees.

\*\*Can be upgraded to a regular membership until April 15, 2023.

## History and Research Bureau

We continue to attempt inner relations, under the principle that bureau members should talk to one another, not just put in an appearance. Our latest origin is much friendlier than it has been.—John Thiel

## Welcommittee

I am unaware of any new members joining the N3F this month.

Being active is the most fulfilling way to enjoy being a member of the National Fantasy Fan Federation. Please read the current TNFF for a list of the many activities and bureaus you can join. If you find a bureau or activity you are interested in, please contact the head of the bureau or activity for more information.

The purpose of the Welcommittee is to welcome new members to the club. A letter is sent, by email or postal mail, to new members informing them of club activities they may be interested in joining. When possible, those members with email addresses are also sent attachments to the current TNFF and other publications the N3F has to offer.  
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## Correspondence Bureau

Want to make new friends?

Want to discuss the latest book by your favorite author?

Want to debate the merits of soft science fiction vs hard science fiction?

Then you have come to the right place.

If You wish to join you need to do the following:

1. Send me your name and either email address OR postal address,
2. If you wish to correspond with a member already listed with the Correspondence Bureau include their name.
3. If you have a postal address and wish to correspond with someone listed "by email" let me know and I will contact them. I will let you know their reply.

Depending on your preference you will receive an email or postal mail with the contact information of the person or persons you wish to contact, and they will receive your contact information.

Following are the names, and interests of members seeking correspondence:

Jeffery Redmond - by Email

I am an old Star Trek of the original television show days.

I enjoy both Fantasy and Science Fiction.

My favorite author is me with my Chronicles of Erda fantasy fiction books.

My hobbies include reading, writing, watching TV, and meeting with friends.

I have books and memorabilia collections, and try to keep up with my cat.

John Thiel - by Email

I am interested in things I haven't seen much that have something about them that gives me a feeling of looking for more about them. Magazines which have interested me have been The Readers Digest, Future Science Fiction, Space Stories, Jack and Jill Magazine, Startling Stories and Thrilling Wonder Stories, Arizona Highways and others; Television shows that have interested me have been Tales of Tomorrow, The Sid Caesar show, Roy Rogers, Sky King, Masterpiece Theater; interesting books have been the mysteries of Mary Roberts Rinehart, Groff Conklin's anthologies, Tales of the Super-

natural, the writings of Sigmund Freud, the life of Françoise Villon, The Big Push by Mickey Spillane, Theodore Sturgeon's books, Leo Margules' anthologies, Peyton Place; Movies of interest were the Voyages of Ulysses, The Life of Omar Khayyam, The House of Wax, Kiss Me Deadly; comics of interest were Dick Tracy, Little Orphan Annie, King Aroo; radio shows, Sky King, Boston Blackie, Marty Faye. Interesting places, Venice, California, the Florida Everglades, Valparaiso.

Steve Confrey - By Email - New Member  
Favorite genres: science fiction and fantasy, also some true crime and historical fiction. I particularly enjoy military and post-apocalyptic science fiction (but not of the "retired Navy SEAL who just happens to own a ranch in Montana bugs out amid a rampaging zombie horde that's totally not a proxy for societal undesirables" variety of apocalypse).

Favorite authors: Like many others, I cut my teeth on Robert Heinlein, Ray Bradbury, and Isaac Asimov. I also enjoy Robert E. Howard, Octavia Butler, Andre Norton, Anne McCaffrey, and Frederik Pohl. Among writers who are still alive and active today, I like Harry Turtledove, Larry Niven, Robert Sawyer, David Weber, and S. M. Stirling.

Movies and TV shows: Star Trek, Babylon 5, Star Wars, Doctor Who, Aliens, Blade Runner, Conan the Barbarian (1980).

I do like to write, but haven't worked up the nerve to publish something. Maybe getting more involved here will help me get to that point (I hope!)

Outside of fandom, I am active in my local astronomy club. I edit their newsletter and occasionally do outreach activities. I also volunteer at my church. Most of all, my wife, two kids (ages 16 and 12), and a fluctuating menagerie of housepets.

Collections: I had a pretty sizable collection of books, games, and memorabilia that unfortunately was a casualty of the 2019 Missouri River flooding. I am currently rebuilding. My home office is heavily inspired by Forry Ackerman's Ackermansion, but at a much smaller scale (for the time being)

Mick Taylor - By Postal Mail - New Member  
I am a somewhat marginal fan in that although I have been reading Science Fiction and Fantasy all my life, I have never been to a convention and it's been quite a while since I did a zine.  
I love the old weird pulp writers - H.P. Lovecraft, Clark Ashton Smith, Robert E. Howard and that era. Of the more modern authors I enjoy Tim Powers, James Blaylock, Paolo Bacigalupi, William Gibson. I do like discovering new authors too.  
Apart from reading, I also like to collect paper stuff - stamps, covers, QSL cards, that sort of thing. For work, I manage an IT department at a teaching hospital in Portland, Oregon.

Judy Carroll - By Email and Postal Mail  
My favorite genres are Science Fiction and Murder Mysteries.  
My favorite authors are Shirley Jackson, Ray Bradbury, Dean Kootz, and Julie E. Czerneda.  
I like to write short stories and poems.  
I love being around young children. Their laughter, happiness, and excitement are contagious.

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### Fan-Pro Coordinating Bureau

We need a project center for suggesting ideas for action relevant to fan-pro coordination. I am thinking over how a project center could be made and presented. Generally speaking, things are coming along fairly well in the bureau, with many interviews coming in.—John Thiel

### Postal Mail Round Robin

I have good news about the Worldwide Folklore RR #2. First off, we are now calling it the Worldwide Folklore RR. We are dropping the number two and starting this Round Robin over. Totally and completely over. Second, I have an experienced RR member who has agreed to be the Robin Master (the person who keeps track) for this RR. Third, I will be notifying the members of this RR within the next few days with the information they need. Fourth, the

RM will start the RR after I have notified all of the members.

If you have any questions about this RR, please contact me by email, if possible, or by postal mail. Anyone wishing to join the Worldwide Folklore RR, please contact. My email and postal address are at the bottom of this article.

If anyone is interested in starting a new RR, please contact me. I will put the information in the next TNFF as "seeking more members."

## Netflix Streaming Round Robins

I would like to try something new. Granted, what I am about to suggest is different and may not work, but I would like to give it a try.

I have Netflix Streaming. I am curious as to whether N3F members, who also have this, would like to try a new version of the Round Robin. We need at least two members plus the Robin Master. I will be the RM for this experiment.

The Netflix Streaming Round Robins would work like this (I hope).

1 - A member chooses the series he/she wishes to watch.

Following are three series to choose from:

Travelers - 3 seasons - series completed

Stranger Things - 4 seasons - on-going

Raising Dion - 2 seasons -on-going

2 - When they have decided which series they wish to watch they contact they me

and I will tell them whether there are enough members to begin the RR

3- When there are 2 members, and the Robin Master, the RR will begin.

4 - The Robin Master (RM) will email the Netflix Streaming Round Robin (NSRR) members with a schedule. Right now, I am thinking, one or two episodes a week. .

(The members will help decide the weekly frequency.)

5 - Once the required episodes for that week have

been viewed, that member will email each member in that RR with their comments. At the top of the email the episodes viewed should be listed.

6 - Repeat steps 4 & 5 each week until the series ends.

Please contact me if you are willing to try this experiment..

NOTE: Someone emailed me about joining the Netflix Streaming Round Robin.

I can not find that email. Please contact me again.

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## Birthday Card Bureau

Denise Fisk sends her apologies: I had four October 2022 names. However, I had a nasty fall, so I couldn't send this month's cards. Sending November 2022 cards will be much easier.

## Writers Exchange

The Writers Exchange is now five members strong. Steve Condrey is joining us as a reader and a writer. Please send us your poems and short stories. We have enough readers that we can handle several stories and poems at the same time.

Well, no one responded to my writing exercise for October nor September. Therefore, you leave me with no choice. Quotes by Writers.

The following quotes were found on Book Riot -

Literary Quotes for Every Month of the Year Kelly Jensen January, 2018.

“November is usually such a disagreeable month... as if the year had suddenly found out that she was growing old and could do nothing but weep and fret over it. This year is growing old gracefully...just like a stately old lady who knows she can be charming even with gray hair and wrinkles. We’ve had lovely days and delicious twilights.” — L. M.

Montgomery, Anne of Avonlea

“In November, the earth is growing quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed for flowers and small creatures. The bed is white and silent, and much life can hide beneath its blankets.” — Cynthia Rylant, In November

“Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moonrise.” — Gladys Taber, Stillmeadow Daybook

“November comes  
And November goes,  
With the last red berries  
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,  
And dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket  
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn  
And the kettles sing,  
And earth sinks to rest  
Until next spring.”

— Clyde Watson, “November”

The following quotes were found on Book Riot - The Best Quotes of Authors Born in November. Katisha Smith November, 2017

“Life is the sum of all your choices.” Albert Camus 11/7 (Author of The Stranger)

“Life’s under no obligation to give us what we expect.”—Margaret Mitchell 11/8 (Author of Gone with the Wind)

“Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere.”--Carl Sagan 11/9 (Author of Contact)

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” —Robert Louis Stevenson ( 11/13 Author of Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde)

“Just because we don’t understand doesn’t mean that

the explanation doesn’t exist.” —Madeleine L’Engle (11/29 (Author of A Wrinkle in Time)

If you would like to do the writing suggestions for October and September they are given below. Your writing suggestion for October was stress. I would like you to write a poem, or a paragraph about stress. Your contribution will appear in next month's Writers Exchange

#### STRESS

I can't see anything in front of me  
Nor either at my sides  
But I have a strong impression  
That my memory has died.

Simple facts elude me  
Names of relatives and friends  
I feel like I'm in a maze  
With eternal twists and bends

I can't remember yesterday  
Nor what month this is  
Confusion hovers around me  
And madness enters in

What was I going to do  
With thoughts from yesterday  
I know I had a great idea  
But it's vanished - gone away

With so many things I need to do  
Crawling through my brain  
I hope that I can get them done  
Before I go insane

Judy Carroll

The writing suggestion for September was to quote a young relative or a friend's child aged two to five years and turn it into a short paragraph. Your contribution will appear in next month's Writers Exchange..

If you have a story you would like read, please contact me, and I will check with our readers to see who is available. I will contact you with the name and email address of your reader. Please do not contact a reader unless I have assigned that reader to you. Occasionally we get several short stories at the same

time and I don't want any of our readers getting "reading overload."

If you are a new writer, a professional writer, or someone who dreams of being a writer - this is the place for you. If you love reading unpublished work and find it exciting to do so, this place is also for you. The Writers Exchange is for anyone interested in writing. If you have a story you would like read and commented on, or if you just want the excitement of reading unpublished work, then the Writers Exchange is here for you. Published or unpublished - all are welcome. You may join as a writer, a reader or both. If interested, please contact: Judy Carroll. BlueShadows2012@gmail.com OR if you prefer postal mail, Judy Carroll 975 E 120 S Spanish Fork, UT 84660

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2 life members + 22 electronic + 14 regular + 3 household members = 41 voting members  
 7 archive members + 241 public members = 248 non-voting members

In an effort to make us not so reliant on membership fees, the Directorate has approved the opening of an N3F swag shop <https://www.cafepress.com/n3fmerchandise>, powered by CafePress. Along with T-shirts, coffee cups, and mouse pads, there are a surprising amount of other useful items on offer, proceeds from which go to help support the N3F. Christmas is coming up, and perhaps someone you know might want some N3F swag?

As you can see above. I have not yet opened a GabPay account, because what with preparing for tax season, business with the National Security Site Advisory Board (which I am now a member of), and suchlike mundane annoyances, I simply haven't had the time. Also, there's been no demand for it from the membership so far, so it's not exactly a hot priority.

...Kevin Trainor

### Letters of Comment

Editors:

Wow, Robert Madle sure saw a lot of the future, didn't he?

Jean Lamb

Editors:

Unlike the [Ed: Now former] British PM or two noteworthy Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am not being pressured to resign...so...if the voting members of the N3F will have me, I'd gladly serve another term on the Directorage. I believe the club is being so well run by our admired and esteemed President that the Directorate is, for the most part, superfluous, but I can check a balance and balance a check as well as the next guy, and I very much believe in the joy and the promise of the N3F.

We have 25 submissions in the short story contest.

Cheers!

Jefferson

### Comics

Jet Comics/Jet Powers  
 by  
 Jon D. Swartz, Ph.D.  
 N3F Historian

Jet Comics starred the science fiction (SF) comic book character, Jet Powers, the "Captain of Science." Powers was an inventor who worked for the government and answered only to the President. His laboratory was located in the American Southwest and carved out of a mesa. His enemies included Mr. Sinn, whose female minion Su Shan would later in the series become Jet's love interest. Jet Powers was costumed like Buck Rogers or a SF superhero, but did not have a secret identity.

All issues of Jet Comics were 32 pages in full color, with a cover price of ten cents; all carried a 1950 publication date.

There were only four issues published by Magazine Enterprises. The company's only other SF title was



Space Ace, also published in the early 1950s. The Space Ace character originally appeared in Jet Comics.

Science hero Jet Powers used advanced tech to battle super-villains, in SF stories that have gained a cult following, mainly because of their Bob Powell

art.

Magazine Enterprises (ME) was an American comic book company, in business from 1944 until 1958; it published comic books in several genres, but primarily westerns. It was founded by Vin Sullivan, who hired Raymond (Ray) Krank, a former insurance agent, as his editor. At one time, the prolific Gardner Fox was the principal ME writer.

Jet #1 (1950)

Cover by Bob Powell. Edited by Krank. Stories and art by Lawrence Woromay and Bob Powell. Sometimes listed as A1 Comics (1944 Life's Romances) #26. A1 Comics was an ME anthology series, with content that varied from month to month.

Contents: The origin of Jet Powers; Space Ace seeks the robots that are attacking cargo ships over Mars, and discovers the secret of the "Keeper of the Sands"; Jet Powers battles a super-intelligent biped grasshopper that arrives on earth in a meteor; Jet Powers, Captain of Science!: "The Man in the Moon!"; Space Ace: "The Desert Devils!";

"The Thing from the Meteor!" (Jet Powers).

Jet #2 (1950)

Sometimes listed as A1 Comics (1944 Life's Romances) #32.

A time-travel experiment sends a modern-day couple into Jet Powers' future, but also leaves their time machine where the alien Kroog can use it to take over the world. In order to rescue the runaway scientist Su Shan, Powers must battle giant gorillas in the House of Horror.

A striking T-Rex cover by Powell. Contents: "The Three-Million-Year-Old Men!" (Jet Powers); "The House of Horror!" (Jet Powers); Space Ace: "The Invisible Death!"; and "The Metal Monsters!" (Jet Powers).

Jet # 3 (1950)

Art by Bob Powell and Al Williamson. Cover by Bob Powell. Sometimes listed as A1 Comics (1944 Life's Romances) #35.

A radioactive dust cloud from space threatens to wipe out life on Earth; Jet Powers travels to Mars to help the Martians fight off an alien invasion; Space Ace discovers a book that reveals the location of the ultimate weapon, in a story with art by EC legend Al Williamson.

Contents: "The Dust Doom" (Jet Powers); "The Devil's Machine" (Jet Powers); "The Nothing Weapon" (Space Ace); "The Interplanetary War!" (Jet Powers).





### Jet #4 (1950)

Art by Bob Powell, Wally Wood and Al Williamson. Space-battle cover by Powell. Sometimes listed as A1 Comics (1944 Life's Romances) #39.

In the aftermath of the Dust Doom from issue #3, humankind is prey to greedy opportunists and their napalm attacks; a pilot shot down over Korea discovers that he cannot be killed; Space Ace is lured into a trap on Titan by Flor, queen of the space pirates, in a story with art by Al Williamson and Wally Wood.

Contents: “The Rain of Terror!” (Jet Powers); “The First Man in History Who Could Not Die!” (Jet Powers); Space Ace: “Death in Deep Space!”; and “The Fleets of Fear!” (Jet Powers).

### Artist Bob Powell

Bob Powell (born Stanley Robert Pulowski (1916 – 1967) was a comic book artist known for his work during the 1930s – 1950s, when he worked for several different comic book companies, including Fawcett, Fox, Fiction House, Quality, Harvey, Street & Smith, Marvel, and Western. He also did the art for Cave Girl for ME. He officially changed his name to S. Robert Powell in 1943.

Bob Powell’s Complete Jet Powers was published by Kitchen Sink Books in 2015. An introduction to the character by Steve Rude was included in the book.

In addition to Powells’ art in Jet 1 - 4, this Dark Horse Comics volume also included his Jet Powers strips from ME’s later comic book, The American Air Forces, published for six issues during 1951 - 1953.

### ME Founder Vin Sullivan

In the 1930s Vincent (Vin) Sullivan edited both Action Comics and Detective Comics at National, the company that became DC Comics. He was a former newspaper sports cartoonist, and drew the cover for Detective Comics #1.

He left National because, in his words, he wasn’t treated well – along with other employees, such as Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. After leaving National in 1940, Sullivan was hired to form Columbia Comics -- where he launched Big Shot Comics, featuring the Skyman character.

Leaving Columbia in 1944 to found ME, he began his new comic book line with the anthology comic book, A-1 Comics, that served as an umbrella title for several different ME comic books. When the company ceased to exist in 1958, Sullivan left comic book work for good.

### Reprints

A Jet Powers/Space Ace hard-back book was published in 2017 by PS Artbooks, containing Jet Powers and Space Ace stories from Jet #1 – #4 and Space Ace #5 (four Space Ace stories, with art by Fred Guardineer).

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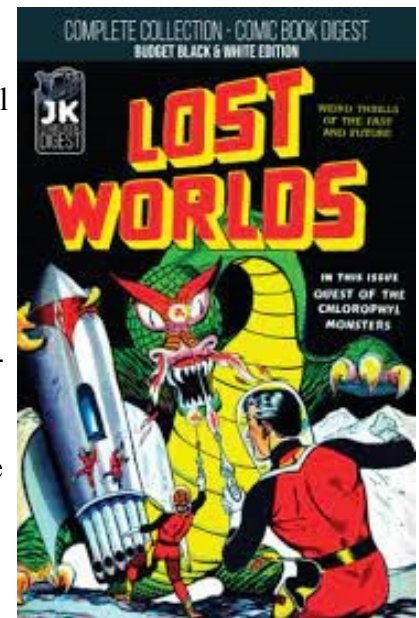
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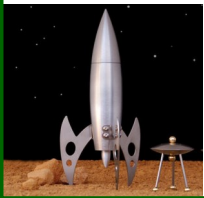
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