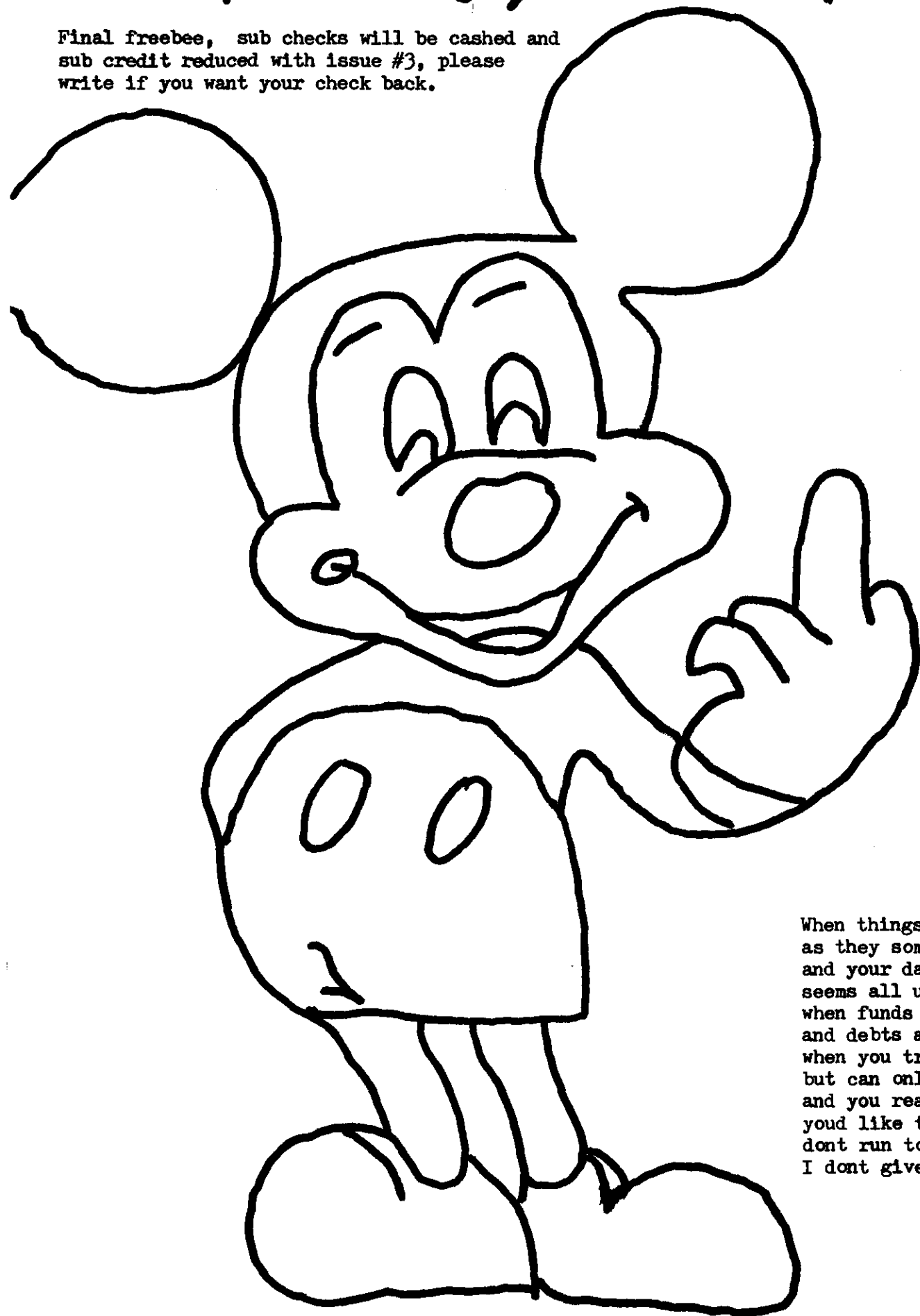


Who Cares? (2)

Final freebee, sub checks will be cashed and sub credit reduced with issue #3, please write if you want your check back.



When things go wrong
as they sometimes will
and your daily road
seems all uphill
when funds are low
and debts are high
when you try to smile
but can only cry
and you really feel
you'd like to quit
don't run to me
I don't give a SHIT!

Yes people, there was enough interest generated from issue one to justify (in my opinion anyway) a second issue of Who Cares? I would like to thank all of you that have written with suggestions, good wishes, offers to play in games, and especially all of you that sent checks. (Special thanks to Mark Luedi who had his check in 4 days after I mailed number 1) Also let me thank all of the people who publicized my attempts in their zines as well as through word of mouth.

My first priority with this zine will be to the games. I expect to turn into a warehouse for the most part unless I feel like rambling on or somebody decides to drop me something they would like printed. I will not solicit anything, the odds are pretty good I most likely wont reward anything either however I would still welcome anything anyone wishes to send. Back to my first priority, the games, and how I intend to try to run them. Obviously I will be trying to run them error free however the other thing that will be utmost in my mind will be to have results in the mail within 24 hours of the deadline. Also as I stated earlier I will be pretty much screening players and refusing anyone known for NMRing or simply for not writing. I have already refused one player as well as written to other people in order to get references (for lack of a better word) on others, two of whom are in this first game. I do not actually demand any type of good reference since I would not want to exclude a possable concientous or reliable novice, what I am looking for is a lack of bad references. To those of you who take offence at this, once again all I can do is apologize.

Next I would like to thank those of you that have offered to trade however for the most part I have decided not to get involved in any trades at the present time. I am interested in keeping a relatively small sub list and as a result I do not want to increase it to quickly by virtue of trades. I mean no disrespect nor any type of insult to those of you who offered (I was really amazed as well as a little flattered at how many of you actually offered) however at present trades simply dont fit into my plans. Also considering the number of misspellings as well as typos that I will have I would doubt that I could offer you the same quality product that you would be offering me unless of course you wind up in a game here.

Lets see, what next? Oh yea, people and their habits of printing and not printing letters. In all cases anyone will have their wishes respected as far as the publication of any mail sent to me regarding this zine. Any and all letters addressed to Russ will be considered personal and not for print. All letters regarding a game will be considered personal and not for print. The only letters that will be printed will be those addressed to Slump the Midget (Which is by the way nothing more then an old nickname) or those specifically labeled for print. I hope this policy will be enough to stop me from getting involved in assorted feuds similar to some others going on in the hobby.

One thing I was thinking of if there is anyone out there that is interested is having some sort of advice columnist with a guest columnist if there is someone out there that is interested. The person can be either anonymous or write under his or her own name should they wish. After seeing the way so many intelligent people head straight for Dear Abbey or Ann Landers or some other such advice columnist I am willing to offer that here. Who knows it might even keep this thing from turning to warehousey and boring. I dont know just how much freedom I would be willing to give in this situation but that could be discussed if anyone takes me up on the offer and I accept them.

On to the most important thing at this point, the money. The NMR deposits have been dropped since I am refusing entry to people who NMR in the first place. Also because to many people I respected complained about it. The game fee will be \$2.50, which will be used for the most part to finance my sending out winter and summer adjustments in order to keep games moving at a quick pace. For now the sub fee will be 60¢ an issue, hopefully if costs can be controlled I will be able to reduce the price.

Writers Cramp 1983 CC (I wanted 1983 AAA) Spring 1901

Austria	John Jordan	F trieste-ALBANIA, A budapest-SERBIA, A vienna-Budapest
England	C.J. Cottle	A liverpool-EDINBURGH, F london-NORTH, F edin-NORWEGIAN
France	Kathy Byrne	A MARSEILLES-piedmont, A paris-BURGUNDY, F brest- MID ATL
Germany	Mark Luedi	A munich-TYROLIA, A berlin-KIEL, F kiel-HOLLAND
Italy	Paul Rauterburg	F naples-IONIAN, A VENICE-piedmont, A ROME-venice
Russia	Jim Meinel	F SEVAS-black, F st pete (sc)-BOTH, A mos-ST PETE, A war-MOSCOW
Turkey	Bob Olson	F ANKARA-black, A smy-CONSTANTINOPLE, A con-BULGARIA

Press (far to much for my taste)

Switzerland: It is said that Russ Rusnak likes to collect snakes. Look at the specimens he found for this show. It is said that Russ Rusnak likes to collect poisonous snakes. Which ones are they? They cant all be poisinous, can they? It is said that Russ Rusnak likes to watch when he throws several snakes into a pit, to see which ones survive. As they coll, writhe, and strike, a gleem enters Russ' eyes as he savors the death before him in the pit. It is said that Russ Rusnak wants to enter the wholsale snake skin business.

Germany-Turkey: How about Nena or the Ina Deter Band?! There's Kraut Rock for you! Neue Manner braucht das land! And you get to see it here.

Turkey-Italy: You know what I think would be really funny? If all your neighbors attacked you, just like in the Pudgecon Game. Hahahaha! That would really be pretty funny, dont you think Paul? Paul? Paul? Your not smiling. Paul?

France-Germany: If we dont bounce in Burgundy, you have my apolgies! But Italy sure as hell wasnt going to attack me on his own & I dont think he has English help.

Russia-Italy: Oh boy more Rauterburg lyrics! I can hardly wait.

Ankara-Paris: "Call any Vegatable/ and the chances are good/ that the vegetable will respond to you." (Frank Zappa 1967)

GM-Ankara: Ithink you mean 1972, Just a Band from LA.

Italy-Russia: You lying trash heap!

Russia-Italy: You lying scumbag!

Turkey-Russia & Italy: Hey at least you guys can agree on something: glad to hear it. Now who do I get to call a lying weasal?

Italy-Turkey: How about yourself?

Russia-Turkey: Well let me see I guess you could call Germany, or England, or Austria or lying weasals.

France-Tur, Ita, & Russia: Ooooh this sounds like a fun game! How do you play? Can I call someone a liar to? Gee lets see..... there's Brux, and Williams, and Berch, and Linsey, and Mainardi, and Lying Al, and

Italy-France: No you can only call someone in this game a liar.

France-Italy: Yes, but these are all perfectly honest people. Nobody has lied to me yet. How dare they lie to moi!

France-World: Anyone who has lied to me is in big trouble! I will not tolerate it! I will not be lied to! You can count on it! You cannot lie to me and survive! Count on it!

Turkey-France: Dont hold your breath kitten. But, I'll flush the worms out.

France-Turkey: Thanks honey, I knew I could count on you. How come there arent more real men in this world?

Italy-Russia: Im really sorry we started all this. How about if I call you a really upright conscientious member of our society who would never lie, cheat, steal or behave rudely.

Russia-Italy: Sure, Ill go along with that. Your golden words are matched only by your toilet bowl ring. Heh-just kidding. Words are no measure for the quality you possess, Paul.

Italy-Russia Gee thanks.

Turkey-Italy & Russia: Hey no fair! You gotta play the game by the rules! You cant go calling each other nice guy.

France-England: If your in the Channell I will personally take a trip to Conn. and pull every whisker out of your head.

Rom-Con: Chopped liver (of the Danubian kind) sounds fine with me!

Russia-England: My good man, you shouldnt be so cavalier about players feelings, after all, they tell the hand what orders to write, dont they?

Moscow-London: Let's see how versatile you are now.

France-Paranoia: See I did tell you the truth and this is the last time I will prove my intentions to you.

France-GM: You had better yell at Austria, I think he has a broken arm.

GM-France: Funny he just said the same thing about you, could it be mutual.

France-Russia: You had better stop telling nasty stories about me or I will break your arm.

Muffin-Honey: You can keep telling stories about me cause from what I hear you make me sound like snow white.

Mon-Veggie: I couldnt go to the Channell cause England is bigger then me. I ain't stupid, I dont mess around with anyone that p looks like Grizzley Adams.

France-England: If your in the Channell im declaring this game irregular because of deceit to a poor female.

France-GM. Im impressed you actualy found people who write! To bad none of them know how to tell the truth.

GM-France: Does that mean all seven people in the game?

Kathy-Board & GM: I would hope that we are all adult enough to use Black Press in the right manner. Black Press does not have to be filthy.

Muffin-Honey: Lets hope Russ isnt a houserule freak, after all we have better things to do with out times then read rules.

France-England: Am I allowed to flirt with you?

France-GM: Midlife Crisis says you are the most obnoxious player in the hobby-Why? When you and I were in the game together you were always very nice, you never even made a pass at me! Dullsville, thats a much better name than obnoxious.

Olsen-GM: Im quite disappointed in you, Your not nearly as obnoxious as I heard. In a word your a hype. For all I know you might even be (yeech) nice.

GM-Kathy & Olson: With the possable exception of Lischett, I am probably the nicest person in the midwest. You have simply been misled by an assortment of slanderous propoganda written by those who envy me for some reason. I am glad you have seen through it.

Mos-Ber: Hi guy, I think you'll find the Reichstag a little more comfortable then the tower.

Ankara: If ~~only~~ Woody were here, then we could call this game Stomach Cramp.

Russia-Paris: Kathy your absolutely right about the Prime Minister..Trynot to be late for tea-1903 sharp.

Moscow-Berlin: Hmammam.....Okay.

Tsar-Europe: If you think Austria is paranoid, try playing Russia with Luedi & Olson as neighbors.

Germany-France: Your blade is showing. Let me sharpen it for you.

Germany-Russia: We musnt forget our commitments, must we?

Germany-GM: Is dis game black press: is dat what you said?

Austria: Oh wow, another black press game! I love it! Let's see... That must make three in a row now. Will I ever know who is writing what in my games?

Con-Venice: Last one to Serbia is a stinkin Austrian!

Ank-Sev: I must admit my dear Russian friend, that those were most persuasive letters. However I must decline your offer of 16 baby seal furs, a lock of Kathy's hair, and Rauterburg's typewriter. It will take more than that to buy me off.

Germany-Ankara: Would it depend on what hair?????

Germany-GM: I got this cramp in my fingers. You got us into this game, dont you have any remedies for the afflictions we must undergo.? If not, maybe if you pay the pedalogist bills? That would at least take the pain away.

GM-Germany: Considering the press, I wish you all the pain you havefive times over.

GM-All: There is more press however in order to get this out on time I will have to stop here and hold this over until fall 1901.

Deadline for fall 1901 is August 20 in my mailbox or August 19 on th phone. (new rules already)

Cosmic Diplomacy Spring 1903

Austria/Warmonger	Wall	(explodes) A BON-GAL, A tri-SERB, A BUD sup A rum, R GREE-bul, (make sure you use a coast next time) A RUM sup Russian A mos-sevastopol, (nso) F ALB sup Ita F Map-ion (nso)
England/Hypnotist	Ellis	F eng-bel (must retreat) A lon-YORK, F StPETE hold
France/Amoeba	Kaplan	A PORT (0) hold, A BUR-mun, F brest (2)-CHANNELL, A par-PIC, F mar-LYON, A BEL hold.
Germany/Chameleon	Hanson	A Kiel-???, A Ber-???, A Hol-???, A Sil-???, A War-??? F DEN-???
Italy/Zombie	Luedi	A mun-murh (dislodged) A TYR-mun, F tun-ION (explodes) F rome-NAPLES, A naples-APULIA
Russia/Filth	Becker	A MOSCOW-St Pete
Turkey/Terrorist	Rauterburg	A ukr-RUM, F SEV holds, F black-BUL (ec) A CON sup F bla-bul

Press

Moscow: Living in filth like the rest of you pigs who were to busy jumpin my sucking dots (Read Holes) to notice someone of "merit" takeover a puppet type position, I have little to say other then get down, get filthy.

Eng-Fra: Stp Firing! Hello! Is anybody in there? Write if you can hear me!

Ita-Aus: So tell me dear wise one, what is the meaning of silence? And tell me dear foolish one, what is it worth?

Ita-Fra: Just keep ignoring me, I dont mind.

Ita-Ger: As gross as it sounds, zombies are rather fond of Chameleon soup.

Aus-Ger Rule #2 Never anger anybody unless you are able to follow up your senile actions, the reason will become apparent immediatly.

Aus-Typist: (old one I presume) The answer is both.

Aus-Invisable man: you would have to use other people's press releases to get at me, cant you think them up on your own.

Needless to say the proposal to move this here passed unanimously.

Deadline for fall 1903 is mail delivery Aug 20, phone Aug 19.

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1: Nobody may argue with the GM unless the GM agrees to the argument.

2: Common sence (my defintim means enforcing the obvious though sloppy in order to keep the quality of the game as high as possable) will prevail. My defintion is the one that counts.

3: Unless otherwise stated, deadlines will always bee the 20th of the month for mail delivery and the 19th of the month for phone orders. All summer, autumn, and winter adjustments will be due on the 1st. (Either phone or mail) NMR insurance will kisk in on the 19th for spring and fall orders.

Well thats about it for those. I reserve the right to changw these in the future and I am more then willing to answer any questions concerning specific instances where my common sence would come into play.

GAME OPENINGS (I need prefernce lists from all) (please)

regular dip 1 game Fowers, Heinowski, Kiercz, Kettman, Wall, Meier, + ?????????

cosmic dip 1 game Lew, Barno, Winger, ????????, ????????, ????????, ~~???????~~ BRANNER

If people wish to adjust this list by either getting on or off it please let me know as soon as possable. I know others were interested, unfortunately I cant remember who you are.

As long as most of the publishers around nowadays (at least the ones that I submit to) seem to be donating time to music revues and because I need more filler in order to lengthen this thing I will do the same. Instead of talking about a new album though, I would like to more or less revue a concert (and to some degree the trouble I had getting there) that I attended on May 14.

The concert I am referring to was billed as The Turtles, featuring Flo & Eddie. For those of you asking who are they, don't feel left out considering most of the people I mentioned it to when I was trying to get others interested in going said basically the same thing. Actually when I saw the advertisement in the paper I decided I definitely had to go since the best concert I had seen was 7 years earlier by Flo & Eddie. Now after 7 years they were back in Chicago and there was no way I was going to miss it. The only problem now was to get someone else to come. I had one good friend that wanted to go but his wife wouldn't let him out. On the other hand most of the people I know wanted no part of the show whatsoever considering my taste in music. Even the fact that it was being held at the Park West (considered a very good nightclub in Chicago) wouldn't sway anyone. (Lest you think I am the only one in the hobby that was interested, Paul Rauterburg later told me that he wished he had known they were here because he would have gladly driven down) Eventually a girl from our bowling league agreed to go just because she was curious about what I was raving about.

For those of you who are still wondering who the Turtles are, they are a rock band or group if you wish that was big in the mid and maybe late 60s. After breaking up the two lead vocalists Mark Vollman (Flo) & Howard Kaylan (Eddie) started singing with Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention in the early 70s. After leaving Zappa these two singers struck out on their own as Flo & Eddie. (Apparently they were not allowed to use the name the Turtles due to contract problems) The first time I had seen them they had combined the happy go lucky style of the Turtles with the ?????? style of Frank Zappa to come up with an excellent show that was well balanced between music and a baser sort of comedy. Although they are now back to calling themselves the Turtles they have retained the style of play that developed when they were known as Flo & Eddie.

Anyway having finally gotten someone to come with me I got to the second show of the evening. After listening to a typical opening rock band of three guitars and a drummer whose music only real quality was to be loud enough to drown out any vocals there might have been we were ready for the main event. After about 20 minutes of setup time the Turtles were finally on stage and I was sitting only about 5 feet away from the stage. When they did appear the first thing you noticed was the sling on Flo's right arm which was cause for disappointment since a big part of the show is made up of his "acrobatics" as well as his imitations of famous rock guitar players. In any case he still did his best as far as the physical part of his performance as well as replacing his imitations of famous guitarists with a takeoff on Jim Morrison. The show consisted mostly of old Turtles songs as well as some material done with Zappa and some of the songs put out under the Flo & Eddie titles. They also decided to do pieces from the childrens Strawberry Shortcake soundtracks explaining that had written all of this material as well as received Grammys for it. The best part of the show in my opinion was their performance of the Hippopotomous Limbo as well as getting the entire audience to join in an extra long version of Happy Together. Another interesting part was listening to Flo explain how his teenage daughter just had to have the new U-2 album and how much of a boost to his morale her total lack of interest in his music provided.

When I went to this show I was really in kind of a miserable mood considering I had just learned I would be out of a job soon, I had just finished getting screwed in court (my opinion of course), my Diplomacy games were all going sour, not to mention having struck out with so many people trying to get someone to join me. When I left the Park West I felt better than I had in a long while, the show just left me in a fantastic mood. In my opinion it was worth every penny spent and I would urge anyone seeing either Flo & Eddie or the Turtles billed anywhere near them to make a point of getting to the show.

A response to those of you who took the time to respond with sympathetic, supportive, punitive, or sarcastic remarks about my experience of driving while under the influence of alcohol. First of all let me be the first to admit that I took a chance that night and I lost, now I get to pay the price of loosing. In that artical I was not looking for sympathy as some of you thought. (Though I do appreciate the gesture from those that were kind enough to offer it) All I was trying to do was to tell a story and issue a warning of sorts to others like me. I honestly beleive that things have gotten far out of hand as far as dealing with drunk drivers. I realize of course that it is a very serious problem and that it must be dealt with however I do not agree with the way that it is being dealt with.

One person made a rather sarcastic statement that I seem to beleive that it is my constitutional right to drive while drunk. In all honesty I guess I have to agree to a certain extent. I do not beleive that anything to do with consumption of alcohol (as far as adults are concerned) should in any way be on the books as an offence. I also do not feel that anyone should be able to offer the amount of alcohol or the effect it has had as an excuse for any crime whatsoever. If a person kills someone else or seriously injures another person that person should be charged and punished accordingly. By the same token if a person's only offence is making a rolling stop at 3:00 AM he also should be charged and punished accordingly. I do not feel the amount of alcohol in a person in either circumstance should enter into the charges.

I am sure that everyone reading this realizes that different people can handle or consume different amounts of alcohol, or more specifically the same amount of alcohol and be affected differently. We have all run into the guy who can have two drinks and is gone for the night. By the same token we have all run into the man who can drink a 12 pack in an hour and a half and then talk about starting to drink while acting as though he has nothing in him. The breathalizer tests in use nowadays state that each of these is equally incapacitated, common sence says thats a crock. I guess I just beleive in freedom (something if I remember correctly is guaranteed under the constitution) however I also beleive in paying the price for what freedom of choice causes you to do.

My other complaint (which a couple of people thought was petty) was the law requiring the breathalizer or forcing the suspension of your license for 6 months. According to the constitution a person cannot be forced to testify against himself yet that is in essence what this law does. Before a person can be requested to take the test he must be placed under arrest and once under arrest a person cannot be forced to provide evidance against himself. For those of you who expressed your support for this law, how about sentencing someone to a month in jail for every time they refuse to answer a question under the fifth ammendment of the constitution.

One other footnote to this story, our secratary of state is not allowing hardship licenses to people to get to and from work. As many of you know my company just went out of business however I have already been offered another position. The only problem here is that the secratary of state will not allow me to drive to and from work and there is no other way for me to get there. As a result I am given the choice of working and paying taxes or sitting home, collecting unemployment and leeching off those of you working and paying taxes. I could continue to ramble on however I think I have made the point I was trying to make and anything else would detract from the arguements I have put forward, whatever you think of them.

The End !!!! (yeahhh)

Well I have to fill up around half a page and I will be done with this. Since I just got home from Detroit a couple of days ago I guess I should say a little about it. I wasn't really all that hyped up to play and poor performance showed it. I played a standby English position in round 1 that took part in a draw and in round 2 my Germany was out in either 1904 or 1903, somewhere around there anyway. The scoring system used was totally inadequate in my mind (it was far too easy to force a draw, main reason time limits) however in all honesty I could not have done better and I do thank those that developed and enforced the one used.

The main reason for Detroit however was simply to spend some time with good friends as well as meeting some people that I have been writing to for a couple of years now. There were about 100 dippers there although I most likely only talked to between 30-40. Naturally I had a great time with those from the Chicago-Madison area. The Luedi-Linsey beer bash was a bust, we arrived about midnight to find Luedi, Linsey, Williams, & Hamlin asleep (in separate beds, please don't take it any other way) and no beer left in the room. Come to think of it there were no empty cans, anyone ready to start a lawsuit for false advertising.

Other things worthwhile, let's see: stealing Eric Kanes squirtgun and watching him run all over trying to avoid what he had given others. Watching Kathy Byrne wake up and try to violate Paul Rauterburg. Listening to Byrne and Becker admit they actually like each other, both were completely plastered at this point in time. Heading out to dinner for gyros on Sat night with Barno (who wasn't hungry but ate every piece of bread on the table) Russell Swider, (I think he was there anyway) Kaplan, Frueh, Wall, Luedi, Rauterburg, Linsey, Bonner, (I think) Williams, Berch, and some others that I can't remember at this point. (Sorry guys) Also got to meet an assortment of others. For me this was more or less nothing more than a three day party and a good one at that.

Other Matters

REMOVE YOUR NORTHERN
VKITS AND YOU HAVE
PEACE

Regarding my call for guest answer columnists, I will be providing you with not one but two guest anonymous experts to help you with all your needs, be they hobby related, business related, or any other type of problems that might arise. Both of these people should submit their qualifications to deal with any problems you might have so I would urge you to take advantage of the experts I have obtained for your benefit. Simply send your questions to me in care of either Frump or Grump the Midget and I will forward them. These columns can be what you care to make them.

NMR Penalty (should be in house rules, guess this is #4)
An NMR will reduce your sub by one issue, two NMRs in a row or three in one game will have you removed from both the game and the zine with all sub credit forfeited.

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