

# Blue Moon Special

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**Blue Moon Special** (formerly *Active APAs*) is a quarterly directory of active amateur press associations (apas) compiled and published by Heath Row, 101 Russell St. #4-R, Brooklyn, NY 11222; kalel@well.com; 718-228-9263 fax. The current issue is always available for The Usual. I will also email the PDF, which you can download from eFanzines.com, upon request. People involved in apas not listed who would like their apa to be included should visit <http://tinyurl.com/apa-list> and submit details for inclusion in the Fall 2009 edition. Deadline is July 15, 2009. Number of apas listed: 34.

## Letter of Comment

Nicely done. I see a lot of names I remember from the old days. After 10 years since the last *New Moon Directory* went to press, I'm surprised to see so many familiar names still in charge of their groups. Lee Gold, Marty Cantor, Erwin Strauss, and Robert Lichtman were all longtime supporters of *NMD*, and how nice to see my old friends Mike Phillips and Mark Ernst still going at it. (I was in GAPS with Mike and APA Enterprise with Mark.)

So, congratulations on this first edition, and best wishes for success with future editions. I suppose this means the official apa directory torch has now been officially passed to a new editor, eh?

Have you considered a title for your new listings with a bit more personality than just *Active APAs*? To the extent that I created the name *New Moon Directory* as a tribute to Mike Horvat's *South of the Moon*, who preceded me in the apa directory business and gave his blessings to the launch of *NMD*, I think it would be cool if you came up with a snazzy new title that had the word "moon" in it somewhere to signify a similar progression.

—Eric L. Watts, editor and publisher (retired), *New Moon Directory*

*As you can see, this apa directory now has a new name, largely inspired by Eric—and intended to show this effort's direct lineage from New Moon Directory and South of the Moon. Thanks to Eric, I now have copies of the 1990-1993 and 1995-1997 editions of his directory. If anyone has copies of the others that they'd like to unload, I'd like to explore my acquisition of them. Similarly, since I've never seen South of the Moon, I would love any available back issues of that publication.*

## Active APAs

### Ab

**Founded:** 2003

**Focus:** "Unusual ways to live better with less"

**Frequency:** Semiannual

**Minimum activity:** None. "Activity rewarded with money credit."

**Membership:** About 10 contributors per issue; accepting new contributors; circulation of 125

**Costs:** Large print, \$6/three issues; small print, \$3/three issues; small print outside the US, \$4/three issues

**Additional comments:** "Ab is an ab-apa (abnormal), a zine-apa hybrid. Ready-to-copy pages usually published unedited if text/drawings 16cm\*25cm or 6.3"\*10", compact, concise, relevant, black and white."

**Contact:** Ab, Lisa Ahne, P.O. Box 181, Alesa, OR 97324.

## Alarums & Excursions

**Founded:** 1975

**Focus:** Roleplaying gaming

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** None. "It's cheaper to contribute one or two pages than to get the APA as a non-contributor."

**Membership:** About 15 contributors an issue; accepting new members; no waitlist ("About 20-25 contributors when looking at several months' issues. Another 20-30 readers, some by snailmail and some by email.")

**Costs:** No membership fee or dues. ("\$.75/page to contribute, getting that issue free and the next issue postage only. \$2.50 plus postage to get an issue otherwise. Postage is for 7-11 ounces.")

**Contact:** Lee Gold, 3965 Alla Road, Los Angeles, CA 90066, [lee.gold@ca.rr.com](mailto:lee.gold@ca.rr.com), <http://thestarport.com/xeno/aande.html>

## American Amateur Press Association

**Founded:** 1936

**Focus:** General interest, literary, letterpress printing

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** None

**Membership:** 258 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$15/year; members cover the cost of printing their own APazines and send them to the central mailer for distribution

**Additional comments:** "A member can add others in his/her household for only \$2 per year. A 'same household' member has all of the benefits of a regular member with the one and only exception that they do not receive their own bundle."

**Contact:** Ivan D. Snyder, 1327 NE 73rd Ave., Portland, OR 97213-6112, [ivan.d.snyder@gmail.com](mailto:ivan.d.snyder@gmail.com), <http://www.aapainfo.org/>

## ANZAPA (Australia and New Zealand Amateur Publishing Association)

**Founded:** 1968

**Focus:** science-fiction fandom

**Frequency:** Bimonthly

**Minimum activity:** Six pages every three mailings  
**Membership:** 27 members; accepting new members; no waitlist  
**Costs:** US\$50 per year for non-Australian members; A\$15 for Australians  
**Contact:** Bruce Gillespie, 5 Howard Street, Greensborough, VIC 3088, Australia; gandc@pacific.net.au

### **APA-L**

**Founded:** 1964  
**Focus:** No specific topics; APA is comment oriented  
**Frequency:** Weekly ("Except for a 6-or-so month interregnum between numbers 180 and 181, we have been pubbing weekly since our founding.")  
**Minimum activity:** "There is no minac."  
**Membership:** Nine or 10 people contribute each week; accepting new members; no waitlist  
**Costs:** No dues. "APA has no dues or memberships. People just contribute as they wish. I, personally, hold printing and mailing funds for those needing them."  
**Contact:** Marty Cantor (Official Collator), 11513 Burbank Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 91601, martyhoohah@sbcglobal.net

### **APA-LSH**

**Founded:** 1992  
**Focus:** Legion of Super-Heroes, comic books  
**Frequency:** Bimonthly  
**Minimum activity:** Four pages every third mailing (every six months)  
**Membership:** 15 members; accepting new members; no waitlist  
**Costs:** \$5 to join. Mailings cost \$2-\$3 drawn from membership account  
**Contact:** Greg Turner, 745 Beechmont, Dearborn, MI 48124, gregturner@comcast.net

### **A.T.D.N.S.I.N. / Northstar**

**Founded:** 1989  
**Focus:** Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, and comic books  
**Frequency:** Bimonthly  
**Minimum activity:** Every three issues ("Recommended to contribute every issue for continuity.")  
**Membership:** 20 members; accepting new members; no waitlist  
**Costs:** \$20 suggested to start. "As that decreases, you must keep a positive amount in account to receive an issue."  
**Contact:** Mike Phillips, 1032 Irving St. #614, San Francisco, CA 94122-2200, MFilip@aol.com

### **Cartoon Loonacy**

**Founded:** 1984  
**Focus:** Cartooning

**Frequency:** Quarterly  
**Minimum activity:** Two pages a year  
**Membership:** 20 members; accepting new members; no waitlist  
**Costs:** \$10/year  
**Additional comments:** "You gotta be good at whatever kind of art you do."  
**Contact:** Brian Buniak, P.O. Box 5863, Clark, NJ 07066

### **Comicopia: The International Comics APA**

**Founded:** 1990  
**Focus:** Comic books and related subjects  
**Frequency:** Bimonthly  
**Minimum activity:** Six pages per two issues  
**Membership:** 10 members; accepting new members; no waitlist  
**Costs:** \$6 per issue, plus copies and mailing  
**Contact:** Mike Aragona, 10 Rue de la Valline, N.-Dame-Ile-Perrot, Quebec, J7V 9S5, Canada, comicopia@savageland.com, <http://www.comicopia.net>

### **The Connection**

**Founded:** 1968  
**Focus:** General interest, astronomy, Libertarianism, physics, science  
**Frequency:** Hexaweekly  
**Minimum activity:** None required  
**Membership:** 20-24 members; accepting new members; no waitlist  
**Costs:** \$10/year  
**Contact:** Erwin S. Strauss, 10 Hill St. #22-L, Newark, NJ 07102

### **Dapper**

**Founded:** 1991  
**Focus:** General interest. "Free choice of topics presented for discussion. The current membership is doing mostly letter substitutes, but also fan stuff varying from book reviews to con reports to short stories."  
**Frequency:** Bimonthly  
**Minimum activity:** One page every two issues  
**Membership:** 13 members; accepting new members; no waitlist  
**Costs:** "Positive postage and copying account, kept in guilders, but foreign currency accepted"  
**Additional comments:** "The Dutch Amateur People's Press Energetically Reproducing is international, based in the Netherlands, but in the English language."  
**Contact:** Jan van 't Ent, Official Editor, Vaalserberg 137, 2905 PM Capelle aan den IJssel, Netherlands; jan@dapper.info; <http://dapper.info>

### **eAPA**

**Founded:** 2004  
**Focus:** No specific topics  
**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** One contribution per three mailings

**Membership:** Nine members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** Free. Submissions are sent via email as PDFs.

“Mailings” are available at efanazines.com. Most mailings are password protected, except in October.

**Contact:** Chuck Connor, sildan@uko2.co.uk

### **Edgar Rice Burroughs Amateur Press Association**

**Founded:** 1984

**Focus:** Edgar Rice Burroughs and his works

**Frequency:** Quarterly

**Minimum activity:** Two pages with at least 400 words

**Membership:** 36 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$25 per year

**Contact:** Scott Tracy Griffin, 1507 7th St. #236, Santa Monica, CA 90401, TracyG04@aol.com, <http://www.geocities.com/erbapa/>, <http://www.erbzine.com/apa/>

### **Esoteric Order of Dagon**

**Founded:** 1973

**Focus:** The writings of H.P. Lovecraft and related authors

**Frequency:** Quarterly

**Minimum activity:** Six pages every six months

**Membership:** 30 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$15 per year

**Contact:** S.T. Joshi, 12545 19th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98125; stjoshi45@comcast.net

### **Fantasy Amateur Press Association (FAPA)**

**Founded:** 1937

**Focus:** Science fiction and fantasy, but all topics are welcome

**Frequency:** Quarterly (February, May, August, and November)

**Minimum activity:** Eight pages a year

**Membership:** 36 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$25/year (covers cost of producing official publication and postage for bundles)

**Contact:** Robert Lichtman, secretary-treasurer, robertlichtman@ymail.com

### **Furthest North Crew**

**Founded:** 1992

**Focus:** Anthropomorphics art and stories, as well as critical analysis

**Frequency:** Quarterly (March, June, September, and December)

**Minimum activity:** Three pages of material per two consecutive issues. Covers count as minac

**Membership:** 17 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$30 initial deposit; account system; additional funds required as appropriate

**Contact:** Niall MacConaill, 152 Gloucester #201, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 0A6 Canada, fnc.editors@gmail.com, <http://fnc.furry.com>

### **Klondny**

**Founded:** 1981

**Focus:** Legion of Superheroes comic books

**Frequency:** Bimonthly

**Minimum activity:** Two pages every four months

**Membership:** 15 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** No set fees. Members maintain accounts. Costs of postage and covers, etc., are divided equally among members

**Contact:** Carl Fishman, 3588 Plymouth Road #229, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; carlfishman@att.net

### **LASFAPA**

**Founded:** 1976

**Focus:** No specific topics; APA is comment oriented

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** Two pages every other month for those living in the US, two pages every third month for everybody else

**Membership:** 12 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$6 per year. “Those who do not regularly attend LASFS should maintain mailing and/or printing accounts with Little Tin God.”

**Additional comments:** “I print with HP 4700dn colour laser printer and accept zines via email attachments.”

**Contact:** Marty Cantor (Little Tin God), 11825 Gilmore St. #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, martyhoohah@sbcglobal.net, <http://www.liveavatar.com/lasfapa>

### **Marvel Zombie Society Amateur Press Association**

**Founded:** 1988

**Focus:** Comic books, science fiction, fantasy, popular culture, entertainment, media, etc.

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** Two pages every two months

**Membership:** 20 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$5 to join and enough to cover your postage, etc., on account after that

**Contact:** Shane Hutchison, 8126 Glorieta, Houston, TX 77083, cmailer@mzsapa.com, <http://www.mzsapa.com>

### **Milwaukee Amateur Press Association (MilwApa)**

**Founded:** 1984

**Focus:** science fiction

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** One page of original material every other month

**Membership:** 15 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** None

**Contact:** Gregory G.H. Rihn, 4718 W. Cleveland Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53219; ggrihn@yahoo.com

## **N'APA**

**Founded:** Before 1975

**Focus:** Membership is limited to members of the National Fantasy Fan Federation

**Frequency:** Bimonthly

**Minimum activity:** None

**Membership:** Eight members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** No dues other than N3F dues

**Additional comments:** "This is currently an electronic APA." It's emailed to contributors as a PDF.

**Contact:** R-Laurraine Tutihasi, 2173 E. Rio Vistoso Lane, Oro Valley, AZ 85755, laurraine@mac.com, <http://www.n3f.org/N3F.shtml>

## **National Amateur Press Association**

**Founded:** 1876

**Focus:** General interest, literary, letterpress printing

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** None

**Membership:** 170 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$20/year; free three-month trial memberships available

**Contact:** William E. Boys, 6507 Westland Dr, Knoxville, TN 37919, wboys@bellsouth.net, <http://www.amateurpress.org/>

## **Once Upon a Time**

**Founded:** 1990

**Focus:** Discussion of children's and young adult fantasy books

**Frequency:** Bimonthly (even-numbered months)

**Minimum activity:** At least one page every other mailing

**Membership:** Six members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** "Members pay mailing postage, 35 cents an issue for envelopes and miscellaneous expenses, and the cost of printing if they email zines to the OE."

**Additional comments:** "We are a special interest group of the Mythopoeic Society, although you don't have to be a member to join the APA."

**Contact:** Laura Krentz, 4323 France Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55410-1344, lkrentz@visi.com, <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~d-lena/OnceUponATime.html>

## **Phoenix**

**Founded:** 1977

**Focus:** Pop culture: comic books, movies, television, books, art, science fiction and fantasy, Star Trek. "Anything anyone wants to write or draw about."

**Frequency:** Quarterly (March, June, September, December)

**Minimum activity:** Four pages every two mailings

**Membership:** 12 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$6 to join and enough to cover your postage, etc. on account after that

**Contact:** Mark A. Ernst, P.O. Box 82, Canterbury, NH 03224-0082, MErnstFNX@aol.com, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PhoenixAPA>

## **Robert-E-Howard: Electronic Amateur Press Association**

**Founded:** 2001

**Focus:** The literary achievements and life of Robert E. Howard

**Frequency:** Quarterly at the solstices and equinoxes

**Minimum activity:** Equivalent of one page

**Membership:** Four members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** No dues

**Contact:** Frank Coffman, 985 Deborah Ave., Elgin, IL 60123-1918, fcoffman@pobox.com, <http://www.robert-e-howard.org>

## **Robert E. Howard United Press Association**

**Founded:** 1972

**Focus:** The works of Robert E. Howard

**Frequency:** Bimonthly

**Minimum activity:** Two pages every other mailing

**Membership:** 29 members; accepting new members; waitlist of one (1)

**Costs:** \$5 to join; accounts maintained for copies and postage; \$5/year to be on the waitlist

**Additional comments:** "There is a 30-member limit in REHupa, and the waitlist is unlimited."

**Contact:** Bill Cavalier, REHupa Speculation, 622 White Oak Dr., Michigan City, IN 46360, 2cavaliers@sbcglobal.net, <http://www.rehupa.com/>

## **Rowrbrazzle**

**Founded:** 1983

**Focus:** Anthropomorphics and funny animals art and stories

**Frequency:** Quarterly

**Minimum activity:** Two pages an issue

**Membership:** 30-35 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$4 an issue

**Contact:** William Earl Haskell, P. O. Box 890982, Houston, TX 77289-0982, forban@hal-pc.org

### **Slanderous Amateur Press Association (Slanapa)**

**Founded:** 1969

**Focus:** sf fandom—"loosely!"

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** none (no rules at all)

**Membership:** 13; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** Each member in turn does the collation and mailing. "Rotation slots may be traded if a member is incapacitated"

**Contact:** Ned Brooks, 4817 Dean Lane, Lilburn, GA 30047-4720, nedbrooks@sprynet.com

### **SNAPS**

**Founded:** 2006

**Focus:** "SNAPS is a general-interest fannish APA with a balance of new material and emailing comments."

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Minimum activity:** One contribution every two months

**Membership:** 18 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** "There are no dues or other costs."

**Additional comments:** SNAPS is an electronic APA that's distributed as a PDF. Formerly the Southern Nevada Amateur Press Society.

**Contact:** Arnie Katz, crossfire4@cox.net

### **Southern Fandom Press Alliance (SFPA)**

**Founded:** 1961

**Focus:** "In theory, southern US sf fandom. In fact, anything at all."

**Frequency:** Bimonthly

**Minimum activity:** Six pages of original material in every two subsequent mailings

**Membership:** 20 members, accepting new members, no waitlist

**Costs:** \$15/year

**Contact:** David Schlosser, 2041 N St., Eureka, CA 95501; schloss17@suddenlink.net

### **Spectator Amateur Press Society**

**Founded:** 1947

**Focus:** Science fiction and fantasy

**Frequency:** Quarterly (January, April, July, and October)

**Minimum activity:** Six pages in first mailing of membership; six pages every other mailing thereafter

**Membership:** 15 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** \$5/year dues

**Contact:** Burnett R. Toskey, Official Editor, 5145 Carpenter Road SE, Olympia, WA, 98513; brtoskey@comcast.net

### **Stipple-APA**

**Founded:** 1980

**Focus:** Science fiction fandom

**Frequency:** Every six weeks

**Minimum activity:** One page every other issue

**Membership:** 12 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** "No dues. Out of town members set up a postage and copying account as needed."

**Additional comments:** "The focus is on communication: keeping in touch and expressing ourselves with writing, poetry, pictures, and other graphics. All but one page must be original material. Members take turns doing the cover. Basic courtesy is expected. Mailing comments are expected and greatly appreciated."

**Contact:** Jeanne Mealy, 1595 E. Hoyt Ave., St Paul MN 55106, jmealy-in-mn@comcast.net

### **Western Amateur Press Association**

**Founded:** 1979

**Focus:** General popular culture

**Frequency:** Bimonthly

**Minimum activity:** Three pages every three issues

**Membership:** 15 members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** Positive balance above \$5 for postage at Media Mail

**Contact:** Grace Spengler, 3245 S. Cherry St., Denver, CO 80222, Phosgene@aol.com

### **.zap!!**

**Founded:** 1995

**Focus:** Zines, self-publishing, DIY media, and general interest

**Frequency:** Quarterly (February, May, August, and November)

**Minimum activity:** None required, but only contributors get a copy of the APA (at least one page per mailing you want to receive)

**Membership:** Six members; accepting new members; no waitlist

**Costs:** No fee; no accounts; participants contribute copies to satisfy the copy count (currently 10)

**Additional comments:** "Participation in alt.zines is the unifying factor but isn't a requirement."

**Contact:** Heath Row, 101 Russell St. #4-R, Brooklyn, NY 11222, kalel@well.com, <http://groups.google.com/group/alt.zines/topics>