

VOLTAGE!



THE GREAT NEWSLETTER ITSELF!

ZEN AND THE ART OF AGGIECON

The League of Lectroid's infamous No-Program program, which has been well recieved at both Doctorcon and Worldcon, continues to astound even those who created it. This non-program has the ability to take on a life of it's own and needs very little supervision.

This year the "we have no program but we'll fake it" crew (which included Johns Crashlanding, Washwear, Nevermore and Burma Shave) made their appearance at Aggiecon 18. Two cases of Jolt Cola served as the featured guest and proved very popular. Many new converts were won on the power of caffein alone.

Also included in the festivities was a picture of Lord Whorfin, graciously sent to us by John Lithgow and signed by Lord Whorfin, Emilio Lizardo and John Lithgow.

The highlight of the evening was the man who volunteered to be tortured. He proffered his arm for honey-smearing and giggled gleefully as the ants were applied. How can any amount of nonplanning compete with such enthusiastic spontaneity

Despite being scheduled opposite both the art auction and Aggiecon's infamous banquet the outing was a rousing success. This year the concom elected to hold a Masquerade Ball instead of the more traditional masquerade. Consequently, due to high caffein levels the meeting migrated to the dancehall after the first hour.

The newly recruited Johns soon took over the band and led the entire convention in doing the Time Warp (yeah! know its not lectroid but it was mind boggling fun). A little later the Beatles had us bunny hopping around with all but three couples hopping behind.

So, three hours and four Jolts after all this began I found myself dancing through the parking lot at Texas A&M University singing the Existential Blues with a crowd of new friends. This is the best part of being a Lectroid.

SNOTTOBON REPORT

John Nevermore has filed no report for this issue. Some of the snotts got loose and ate her Doritos. A report will be ready soon... if the snotts recover.

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WHOOPS!

We pulled a major blunder last issue (being Lectroids, it wasn't hard to do). Due to a misunderstanding, we ran the article entitled "Electricity" in its entirety and credited it to John Remote Testsite. This article was actually written by syndicated columnist Dave Barry and is of course copyrighted.

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WORK, WORK, WORK

John Lithgow completed filming in February for "Baby Girl Scott." Directed by John Korty ("Resting Place") and co-starring Mary Beth Hurt ("The World According to Garp") and Linda Kelsey ("Lou Grant"), the made-for-TV movie deals with a couple's decision whether or not to prolong the life of their premature, disabled infant daughter. It will air May 23 on CBS. As John Tri-Color says, "Get out the Kleenex and the Emmys."

On March 23rd Lithgow participated in a reading of Studs Terkel's "Hard Times" to benefit the homeless through the work of the Los Angeles Midnight Mission.

The following Friday (Mar. 28) John picked up the Eastman Kodak Second Century Award for Steven Spielberg, who was on location in China.

The Great Actor Himself again hosted "Saturday Night Live" on April 11th.

Lithgow joined the cast of "Happy Birthday Hollywood," a celebration of Hollywood's 100th anniversary. The event was aired May 18th on ABC.

"What's eight feet tall, weighs 400 pounds and always makes a big impression?" HARRY AND THE HENDERSONS, (June 5 release) stars John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon ("Close Encounters"), Don Ameche ("Cocoon"), and Kevin Peter Hall ("Misfits of Science").

LORD WHORFIN SING-ALONG

On May 9 Lord Whorfin held two childrens concerts at the Trenton Home for the Criminally Insane (the Los Angeles VA Hospital) for the USLA Child Care Services Benefit.

Lord John (masquerading as his Lithgow self) sang and accompanied himself on 12 songs before a group whose average age was 6 years. Some of the numbers he performed were such classics as "Big Kids Scare the Heck Out of Me" and the "Song of the Runaway Pancake".

During the "Song of the Runaway Pancake", which is the story of a pancake who runs away and is chased by barnyard animals, Lord John enlivened the song by mimiking the sounds of the animals in the chase. John Howling-Mouse reported that the horse whinnys, complete with head and jowl shaking, were some of the best.

When approached by Johns Howling-Mouse and Jabberwock Lord John said "Hi" and explained that he was cultivating his 6 year old perspective. He also commented on his current project "Out Cold" and said that he would rather that they had left the title "Stiffs".

John Jabberwock regrets that he forgot his sound recording equipment on this outing. He did say that he noticed Lord John winking largely at the audience, telling them that they would "miss the good part." John later wondered aloud what imagined tortures for six year old monkey-boys were hidden behind that wink.



DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, "The Further Adventures of Dr. Lizardo" will not be appearing in this issue. Tune in next issue for another action-packed installment.

THE ROAD TO CONQUEST

Fellow Lectroids, I know you have been waiting eagerly, with your spiders itching in your throats, for the day we conquer the world. We are moving inexorably toward the time when we will band together, overthrow the Monkey-boys, the Hong Kong Cavaliers, and Buckaroo Banzai and force them to help us rescue our comrades still trapped in the 8th dimension. Then we will build another Great Vehicle Itself and fly to Planet 10 to kill the Adders and regain control of our homeland once again!

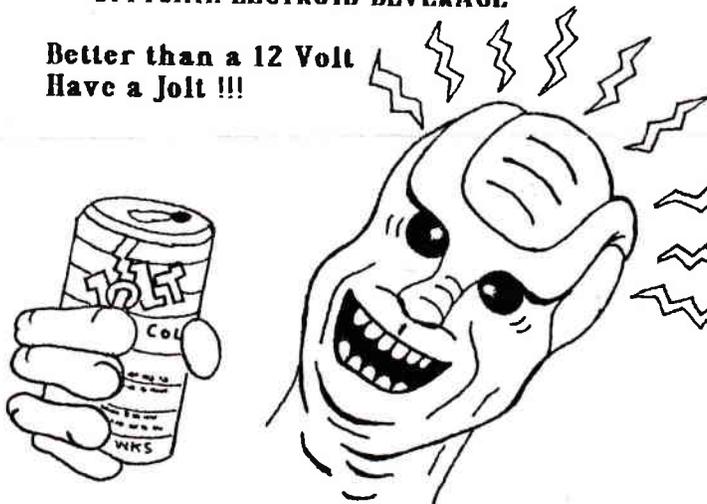
Lectroids are spread across the continent, working diligently, keeping their noses to the grindstone to learn all the secrets they can from the Monkey-Boys. John Howling Mouse and John Jabberwock have successfully infiltrated the minor offices of the Banzai Institute and sent secret messages through World Watch One. John Buzz-Click has been in contact with our fellows in the 8th dimension. Other Lectroids have infiltrated the ranks of Blue Blaze Irregulars across the country.

We are gathering our forces, and we only await the final word from our Great Leader, Lord John Whorfin. He lives! We know he lives, out there, somewhere. We will be prepared for his return! As soon as He calls us we will crush the Monkey-boys here on Earth and return to our our home again -- as soon as we finish our Twinkies, Fritos and Beer, and the "Leave it to Beaver" show is over.

HOME REEL SUNE!! -John Washwear

JOLT COLA - It could become the OFFICIAL LECTROID BEVERAGE

**Better than a 12 Volt
Have a Jolt !!!**



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CABANA BOYCOTT

In an article in the Hollywood Reporter dated April 1, Martin A. Grove stated that Cabana Boy Productions had dropped Earl Mac Rauch's adaptation of William Gibson's novel "Neuromancer" in favor of a version by Ashley Taylor and Deborah I. Rosenberg, president and chairman, respectively, of Cabana Boy. (Last year Cabana Boy attempted to produce "Against the World Crime League" but was unsuccessful in negotiating with the owners of the property.)

Grove quoted Rosenberg as saying that the new screenplay for "Neuromancer" is "not so technical" and "not as far out" as Mac Rauch's attempt, but something "that everyone can understand and enjoy".

This seems to me to be yet another example of a disease rampant in the entertainment industry: small-mindedness. Movie executives are eager to produce films which appeal to the mass audience, hence to the lowest common denominator. In making "Neuromancer" less technical and "far out," Cabana Boy is catering to the idea that audiences need not think while watching a film.

I was curious to see how Mac Rauch would treat this new material and I looked forward to an unusual and challenging film. Now that it sounds like "Neuromancer" will be just another one-idea movie, I've lost interest. I may decide to demonstrate my own small-mindedness and not go see Cabana Boy's "Neuromancer".

-John Howling Mouse

LECTROID COOKING TIPS - JOHN BOOKSHELF

As the number of Lectroids grows, it invariably follows that they will have to cook their own meals, as the standard Earthling "healthy diet" is anything but healthy to a well fed and bred Lectroid. What follows are a few general tips for the preparation of delicious, high sugar content meals.

1) Twinkies- Twinkies are the staple food for all Lectroids, yet some still don't know how to buy the best ones. When buying Twinkies, look at the expiration date and buy the packages where the date has already passed. These are usually at the back of the shelf. REMEMBER- Twinkies have a shelf life of 20 years and a half life of 200,000.

2) A growing number of recipes are calling for crushed Doritos or similar chips. It is generally agreed upon that best way to make crushed chips is to throw them against a wall (while in the bag, preferably), though there is some debate as to the actual best toss to use. After some research, it has been determined that the overhand throw causes the chips to break into smaller pieces than the underhand.

3) Batteries- When shopping for batteries, always look for the latest shipments. These are the freshest and the ones with the most charge and flavor. When a recipe doesn't specify the brand, use a long life alkaline. Experiment and find a favorite. -Bon Appetit

JOHN'S JUNK

SNOTTS can be had for \$3.50 or 2 for \$6 by writing to the Lectroid Lodge c/o John Nevermore. Give a snott a home. Please make checks payable to April Anderson.

JOHN BEANPOLE needs Jolt cola. If anyone knows how to get this great drink please contact John c/o Chris Dooley, 789 Ridge Rd., Monroe, Ga. 30655

EARTHRISE is a cable television channel devoted entirely to science fiction, science fact, fantasy and horror. The 24 hour programming will include vintage and recent movies and TV series and some original programming is projected. For more information write to; 2719 Della Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45408.

BACK ISSUES of Voltage are always available for 25¢ a piece. Write to the Lodge care of John Nevermore. We now have 6 issues in stock. Remember, always send a S.A.S.E.

DRESS LIKE A LECTROID - UPDATE

Remember about a year ago we made some noises about T-shirts, but nothing happened? Well, finally "The League of Lectroids for Lizardo" T-shirts are available. They are hand-lettered in black acrylic on a flaming red shirt. On the front is our logo and the League name, and your favorite quote from the movie is emblazoned on the back.

Send \$12 along with your shirt size and favorite quote to John Washwear 8646 Willow Wind Dr., Boerne, Tx. 78006. Make checks payable to Wendy Snyder. Funds will support Lectroid activities and pay newsletter printing costs.

THE GREAT VOLTAGE SWAPMEET!! A Reader Participation Event

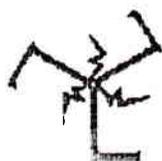
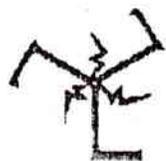
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Send us brief, accurate descriptions of up to 3 things you're looking for, along with your name and address. We'll run the ads next issue and with any luck one of your fellow Lectroids will have just the item you desire and contact you to strike a deal.

Please have all requests into the Lodge by July 15 so we can be sure to get them into Voltage #6.

Just in case you lost it the address is... The Lectroid Lodge/4425 Greensboro/Corpus Christi, Tx. 78413

Next month - Snotts in Transition, Detailing the traumas and hardships of everybody's favorite pets as they adjust to life on this horrid, damnable planet.



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