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GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS!

From Dragon and Abacus

The first thing we want to do is bring you up to date on what has happened to the Team Banzai Fan Club. The Founding Directors are no longer involved, due to changes in their careers and interests. However, Steve and KathE Walker of Starland in Denver are still eager to publish and distribute this newsletter. They have kept up the mailing list (presently about 3000 names) but don't have the time to write World Watch One.

When this came to our attention, we volunteered to take on the responsibilities of reviving the club. Since we have been developing our own BBI network, local troop and fanzine over the past two years, we felt our experience could help Team Banzai. And besides, someone needed to do it!

Our plan for the future is to establish World Watch One as a communication network for BBIs. You will be able to share your ideas, artwork, activities and other contributions with other fans of Buckaroo Banzai. Something we can't emphasize enough is your personal involvement in the fan club! By this we mean that you must be active BBIs and let us know that you are doing in the name of Team Banzai. As you read through this issue, you will find examples of what others have done, and should be encouraged to join in on the fun.

We feel it's important that BBIs receive a response to their letters, so we intend to answer all mail. Send your questions, comments and contributions for this newsletter to us:

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Remember to include a SASE.
(self-addressed, stamped envelope)

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We are looking forward to hearing from the true Blue Blaze Irregulars! Team Banzai's future really depends on you!



"Nobody is a nobody,
everyone has something to offer."

BUCKAROO BANZAI



START A TROOP

Important to the development of the BBI network is the organization of localized troops. We wish to pass on some suggestions from our experience.

A few friends is all it took to get started. We knew only 3 other fans of Buckaroo Banzai, and from there we just made others welcome to join in. We encouraged everyone to tell others about Team Banzai and to bring friends along to activities.

As you begin to form a troop, it is necessary that the person who does all the organizing of local BBIs has an outgoing personality, and the free time available to carry out the job. Generally this person does the calling of BBIs for get-togethers. Someone else may hear of an activity or suggest a social gathering, but the troop director should have a master phone list and get in touch with those interested or available. One exception is if someone wants to host a party in their own home. The host is then responsible for contacting troop members, and inviting them to the activity, not the director.

Gatherings should be based around common interests. At first, they can take place on "neutral ground" such as parks, theaters, shopping malls, conventions, restaurants, fairs or carnivals, sporting events, concerts or the classroom. Since it seems that many fans are on tight budgets,

costs for activities should be kept to a minimum. For instance, our troop goes to movie premieres using free passes from local radio stations. As people get to know each other, and feel more comfortable as a group, the gatherings can move to the homes of troop members.

Be visible as active members of Team Banzai. Wear Banzai buttons, T-shirts, jackets and patches when you're doing everyday things, as well as when you're at fan gatherings. The convention is an opportunity that all BBIs should take part in. This is where you'll meet others with similar interests that will make new friends and BBI recruits.

Don't be afraid to say NO. Be aware of the fact that fandom attracts all sorts, and that not everyone is going to fit in with your troop. We explain it this way: members must fit into the existing group attitudes and philosophies. This relates to subjects of conversation, tolerance of language and maturity, respect for non-smokers, use of intoxicants (legal or not) and acceptable behavior. Also be aware that some fans are what we casually call "social vampires", because they are only out to "take" from the group. These types don't participate in conversations, volunteer their time or support, but do take advantage of refreshments and entertainment! Everyone should be given the opportunity to fit in with your

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group, but remember that not everyone who wants to get involved, should. We have experienced about a 35% "turn over" rate, and sometimes we just have to be "selective" with invitations.

One last thing, don't push or intimidate anyone into doing things they don't really want to. We often use the phrase "just want to let you know about the opportunity." This keeps it casual and fun for everyone.

For those of you who are organizing your own troops, feel free to contact us with questions concerning specific situations. We will pay special attention to your needs and try to help with the dilemmas that can occur!

We are anxious to hear from any active and organized BBIs!

Dragon & Abacus,
The Cascade Rangers



DID YOU KNOW...

When Billy Vera was developing the character Pinky Carruthers, he came up with the mundane name of Justin Correlli and imagined him to be influenced by cowboy movies and Frank Sinatra.

A CAVALIER IN CONCERT

Troop members in the Portland Oregon area attended a Billy & The Beaters concert at the Clark County Washington Fair. Billy was very entertaining and responded personally to their cheers and enthusiasm. After a sax player asked, "Hey Billy, what's with the Banzai people down here in the front?", "Pinky" stopped the show for a few minutes to talk about the movie TABB, his character, the "Rugsucker" Jerry Peterson and explain the significance of their gift, a pink cake box.

After the show, Billy signed autographs, and even had time to spend with them, answering questions, posing for photos and discussing scenes that were cut from the movie. He opened the pink cake box while the BBIs were there, and here are some of the things "Pinky" found: A pink party horn; Jet Car button; Oregon address book with names & addresses of the BBIs; a pair of pink 357 Magnum water pistols; Premium Oregon smoked pink salmon; pink "Deputy Sheriff" badge and a pink Oregon Cascades T-shirt.

The Cascade Rangers had another chance to catch Billy & The Beaters in person when the band closed the Oregon State Fair in Salem. There was much more security at this show, limiting their photos and visit with Billy after the concert. However, Billy/Pinky was expecting the BBIs at this event, and acknowledged their front row presence the moment he stepped out on stage! Another pink cake box was presented, this time filled with fresh fruits, including a pink grapefruit and sliced watermelon.

BUCKAROO RUNS

Peter Weller participated again this year in the New York City Marathon. He came in #8796 with a time of 3:56:11, good running Buckaroo! Thanks to China Myste from NY, for providing this information.

"THE DEUCE, YOU SAY!"

Robert Ito, aka Professor Hikita, guest starred as Officer Chang, an instructor at the Star Fleet Academy in the episode "Coming of Age" in the first season of Star Trek: The Next Generation.

"BUCKAROO" WALKS

The wire-haired fox terrier of Dragon & Abacus, named "Buckaroo", has walked laps in the last two Annual Dog Walk-A-Thons. He raised over \$300 in pledges for the local Humane Society, while wearing a Banzai headband tied around his neck! Thanks to everyone who helped out with this great cause.

"REMEMBER..."

Did anyone catch the episode of Max Headroom that opens with a "commercial" for Security Systems, Inc.? The company's motto is: "Where ever you go, there we are!"

SLANG DEFINITIONS

PINKY ON "WALK"

Billy "Pinky" Vera was honored on February 16, 1988 with his own star on the famous Hollywood Walk Of Fame. Billy's is the 1866th star on the block. Thank you Tango and Major Keys for the news clipping!



BAN-ZAI PAR-TY 1. navel men going ashore on a spree. The phrase dates from the British Navy's enthusiasm for anything Japanese during the Russian War (1904-5). 2. a gathering of followers of Buckaroo Banzai at which there is an abundance of creative thinking, honest intelligent conversations, activities around common interests, and always good food. 3. a party with the spirit to last 10,000 years. [since in Japanese *ban* = ten thousand + *zai* = year]

BBIs at Conventions

At a Creation Con in Portland Oregon on August 7, 1988, Dragon and Abacus had the opportunity to talk briefly with Terry "Silver Fox" Erdmann. This founding fan club Director made a few comments about Banzai Fandom. Silver Fox said that Team Banzai is, by NO means, a dead issue. However, it is NOT in the best interest of it's future to continue bothering Gladden Entertainment with letters about a sequel to TABB.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Another reliable source has reported that fan mail for TABB, in fact, receives a NEGATIVE response at the production company. So until further notice, we recommend that letters to Gladden Entertainment be ceased.)

*BBI*BBI*BBI*

At Orycon 9, one of Oregon's annual Sci-Fi conventions, BBIs Dragon & Abacus volunteered their Friday morning to help set up the Hospitality Suite. BBI Legal I was often found giving her time to the registration desk, while Skid, Calendar Girl and John Generic worked as Security in the Art Show.

Later that evening the local group of BBIs attended the dance and enjoyed the new age electronic music of Tesseract. At BBI Kitten's request, the band played the march theme from TABB!

Saturday afternoon the BBIs hosted a Banzai Gathering, at which 4 boxes of Twinkies were consumed, and a casual discussion took place about TABB trivia, the fan club, and troop activities.

The Mobile Alabama area Blue Blazes are few, but dedicated to helping put on the best and well rounded Convention they can. At the last Mobi-Con, BBI Lady Jazz was Chief of Registration, while fellow BBIs Shuko and Unknown volunteered on this and other committees.

A TABB party was held in Shuko's room Saturday night, with Ewok from Mississippi and Speings from Georgia as out of town guests. The movie TABB was the backdrop for a discussion of BBI Fandom on the Gulf Coast, and how they could make it better. They had a great time, and plan on needing a bigger room for their party next year!

*BBI*BBI*BBI*

BBIs from the Portland OR and Vancouver WA area hosted a Team Banzai Gathering at Norwescon 10 in Tacoma Washington. About 50 fans of Buckaroo Banzai attended this gathering, at which Founding Director Steve Lee, aka Clyde Von Drake, was the guest. To stall for time until the tech crew arrived with slide equipment, Clyde Von Drake answered questions from the audience.

Twenty minutes into the slide presentation, the gathering was interrupted while the hotel had to be evacuated because of a fire in one of the restaurants! The slide show resumed 45 minutes later, and the rare pictures were well worth the inconvenience!

The next night, The Cascade Rangers' Strike Team entered the

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convention's Lazer Tag competition. Despite the late hour (1:00-4:00am) and the unreasonable handicaps placed upon the team, they managed to finish Fifth. BBI Dragon placed Third in solo competition, and will be heading-up the Lazer Tag program at Norwescon 11. He promises that the event will run smoothly and fairly. BBI Wolf took First Place.

*BBI*BBI*BBI*

Dragon and Abacus attended BayCon '88 in San Jose California over Memorial weekend. Among the volunteer staff were BBI Popcorn as Administration & Registration Director; BBI Sharkey as BayCon Daily Newspaper Publisher; BBI Red Baron as Special Projects Director; BBI Wolf, Lazer Tag Competition and BBI Cupernicus provided artwork for the name badges. Congratulations go to The Bay Area Banzai Institute troop for their costume awards in the Masquerade.

*BBI*BBI*BBI*

The Great Lakes Division BBIs pride themselves on their community service, as well as enjoying the company of good friends. The group volunteers their time to help the local Public Broadcasting Stations, the Red Cross and various fairs and festivals.

At Media West Con in Lansing Michigan over Memorial weekend, the Great Lakes Division sponsored

a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. A drawing was held for those who participated, with the prizes including a copy of the Banzai Novel, a bookstore gift certificate, a rice bowl donated by an import shop, and a "sealed package from the Banzai Institute". Upon opening it, the winner found Banzai stickers, a headband, lots of publicity stills and other publicity material.

BBI Pinto was Auctioneer at the Fan Fund Charity Auction, and had the pleasure of selling Robert "Hakita" Ito's TABB production jacket! The autographed coat raised \$225 for the Red Cross and went to the highest bidder, BBI Taxi.

*BBI*BBI*BBI*

At RoseCon '88, a new convention in Portland Oregon, The Cascade Rangers' Strike Team organized the Lazer Tag Arena programming. This convention gave them the opportunity to experiment with a noncompetitive format. The open playing arena was refereed by BBIs Dragon, Abacus, The Baron, Howler, Bookworm and Wiseguy.

Also at this convention, BBI Phoenix received an award for her costume in the Masquerade.

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We're looking for YOUR short reports on convention activities! So get involved, write to World Watch One, see your name in print!

BBI



BULLETIN BOARD

SOLO: How's the Gyro-Whirly-Thing-A-Ma-Jigger flying? We are anxious to hear about your airborne adventures! Send reports, photos or videos!

The Cascade Rangers

WARNING! To all BBIs!
When at your next comic store or convention, be wary of supposed "B. Banzai VS The WCL" scripts-authorized or no! A bud's bud in Wichita purchased one written by a "Les Nelson" that was a farce-bad spelling, rotten characterizations, etc. The names were even screwed up. In my informant's wise words, "...run like the devil, and take your money with you!"

Kitten

CAN ANYONE explain why John Big Booté's glasses disappear for a moment during the Hakita kidnapping at the news conference?

A Curious Dragon

RELIABLE BOOK TRACERS WANTED!
Does anybody know where I can get a copy of "Dirty Pictures From The Prom" or "Arkansas Adios", both by Earl Mac Rauch? Contact Sharkey (remember him? He used to put out a fanzine) at:

1118 Oakmont DR #2
San José CA 95117

WANTED: An accurate translation of Reno's line to Mrs. Johnson after she sees Penny for the first time. We think it's french, and has something to do with the "paradox"...?

Abacus

GUT THE FLYING FISH!

"Buckaroo" the K-9

WANTED FOR NEXT WORLD WATCH ONE:
In 100 words or less, tell us your explanation to the Penny/Peggy paradox. Who is Penny, and on what do you base your opinion? We'll print some of your responses in the next issue.

Dragon

ICEMAN: Wow! Great shootin'-40 shots and every one of them a hit! Congratulations on retaining your Expert rating with the M16. When you get back to the states, Head Of Strike Team Training is all yours. We wonder how you're going to do with a Lazer Tag pistol, though?

Cascade Rangers'
Strike Team

PARTY in Tommy's room - 9:30pm Tuesday. Flemming rules apply. Bring your own water pistols and balloons.

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BOOKWORM: "Na Nu Na Nu!"
Wiseguy



BULLETIN BOARD

STEVE & KATHE WALKER: We hear you have a black Lectroid working in the Shipping Department. It's great to see you're taking part in the Alien Employment Program!

Dragon & Abacus

WANTED: ABACUS charms, pins, clips, key chains, etc. (No earrings or 4X6 wooden ones, please!) Also, a clear, plastic ladies handbag or purse.

Guess Who...

JETSTREAM, BOY-BOY & MARASCHINO are looking for drummer with own equipment. See Mrs. Johnson for details.

ATTENTION NEW ENGLAND BBIs: Would like to form a New England BBI detachment. If interested please contact: Kilometers c/o

Miles Lacouture
43 Cranston Ave.
Newport, RI 02840

LAZER TAG is a must for all urban Strike Team practice. Contact us about more details.

The Cascade Rangers'
Strike Team

TO ALL: If a Twinkie blows up in the woods and there's no one around to hear it, does it make any noise? (Or sticky mess? And does it really matter?)

A curious Dragon

"BUCKAROO BANZAI IZ AY

WEE-WHE HEDD!"

John Porrtfolyo

DRAGON is bad editing a good explanation?

Abacus

WANTED: Information leading to the confirmation of the rumor that there is a plastic model kit of the World Watch One Bus. If you've ever seen it, or better yet, can get one for me I'd much appreciate it - believe it!! Please let me know.

■ A curious Dragon

THE WORLD CRIME LEAGUE has struck yet another blow against BBI Sharkey. First it was stealing his computer from his car, then while parked at BayCon '88 his car was run into by an unknown party. Only skid marks and traces of medium-blue paint were left at the scene. Maybe a 24 hour Strike Team Watch will be necessary if this kind of thing continues?! (Maybe if your plates didn't read "HB88", you wouldn't be so obvious!)

Dragon & Abacus



WANTED FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF WWI
In 100 words or less tell us why you are a fan of Buckaroo Banzai. What does Team Banzai and being a BBI mean to you? We'll print some of your responses in the next issue!

Dragon



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NOVEL NEWSFLASH

Following a hunch, Dragon discovered in the 1988 "Books in Print" that the novel Buckaroo Banzai was listed under a new publisher. It has been out of print by Pocket Books for years, and now Simon & Shuster has picked it up. HOWEVER, we've contacted them and have been told by phone the project has been "postponed", and by mail to "check back after the new year".

We bet that letters from eager BBIs would speed things up and assure the company that there

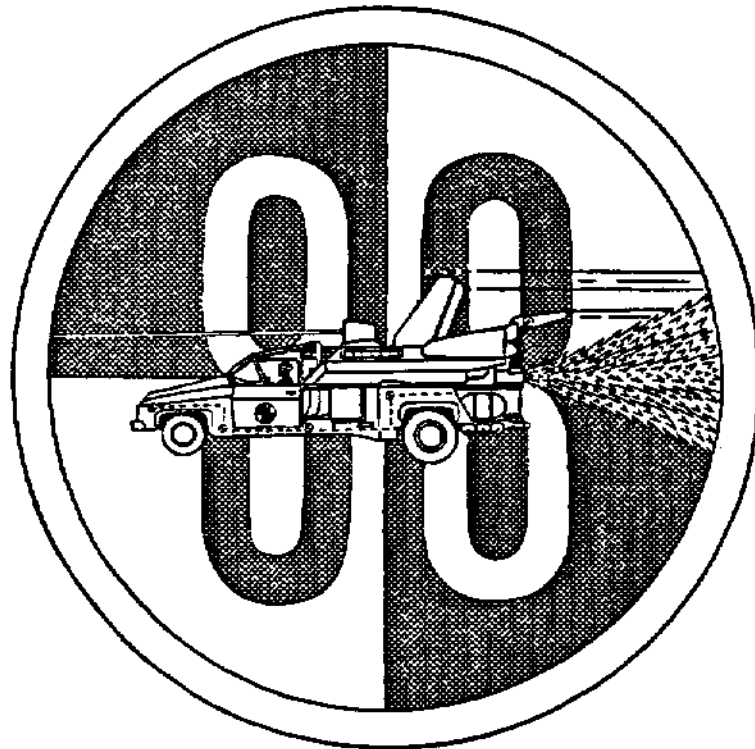
is a market for the book. Tell the publishers how you feel by writing to:

Simon & Shuster
1230 Avenue of The Americas
New York, NY 10020

The novel's new ISBN number is:

0-671-50574-2

Be sure to mention that you are a Blue Blaze Irregular, a member of the Official Team Banzai Fan Club!



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THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN

By Alan "Dragon" Smith



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THE CAVALIER

This Banzai fanzine contains stories about how Rawhide & Buckaroo met, Perfect Tommy's and Mrs. Johnson's arrivals at the Banzai Institute, what happens when an intern makes a movie about Team Banzai, Pecos' adventures upon her return from duty aboard the Calypso, why Team Banzai thought there was a watermelon there, and many more. A single-issue publication, "The Cavalier" can be ordered for \$10.00 (includes postage) from Fern "Sunshine" Marder, 342 E. 53rd St. #40, New York NY 10022.

"This is a MUST for all fans wanting to read excellent Banzai Fiction. We give it two thumbs up!"

Dragon & Abacus,
Editors of OOTB & WWI

BANZAI HAIKU: a form of Japanese verse, written in seventeen syllables, divided into three lines of five-seven-five syllables.

Banzai Fandom lives,
In the hearts of Blue Blazes,
Believe it, Banzai!

As precious hours pass
Pondering the Paradox,
Actions are answers.

Hurray Buckaroo!
Lizardo bit the Big One.
All the world thanks you!

Just another way you can contribute to future issues of World Watch One. Send us your Banzai Haiku!

A CHALLENGING TABB VIDEO QUIZ

- # 1 Who is in the picture above Professor Hikita's TV monitor?
- # 2 During the Jet Car test, what does Rawhide stand next to?
- # 3 What does "Delivered" mean during the test?
- # 4 What letter is on the Baseball cap that the orderly wears in the "Home"?
- # 5 Penny Priddy is wearing gloves in Artie's Artery. What color(s) are they?
- # 6 While he is talking to the President, what is hanging behind Buckaroo's left shoulder?
- # 7 What three characters say, "Why Me?"?
- # 8 Red Lectroids sit on what in their nest?
- # 9 What color are all of these: hunter Bert's handkerchief; the pencils Prof. Hikita uses; the Jet Car chute and Pit Crew suits; and the drapes on stage in the conference room?
- #10 How much money does Scooter get from the General?

BONUS QUESTION: While Buckaroo is chasing the Red Lectroids through the hotel from the news conference, who and what does he pass?

If you can't answer the questions above, then watch TABB again and pay close attention!