

# Whippoorwill E-Comment

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## Montrose Convention Report #2

**T**HOSE in attendance included the George Chapmans, the Jim Doolittles, the Dwane Scotts, the Jack Scotts, the Glenn Simpsons, the Sky Shipleys, Jiyani Lawson, Fred Liddle, Lee Hawes, Fritz Klinke, Ann-Marie Fleming, Len Carrick, Mike O'Connor, and me. It was good to see old friends again. Ann-Marie is an art teacher in Montrose. Lee Hawes and Fred had to take a flight from Tampa to Grand Junction and drive the 60+ miles to Montrose. Len drove a solo 1,000+ miles from Redding, CA. Dwane and Dolly Scott, and Jack and Maureen Scott, and Jiyani Lawson combined vacation explorations and the convention, and were on the road for many days.



The program was a varied affair on Friday after the excursion to Silverton the previous day. Fritz Klinke presented a slide show of the history of the Vandercook Press Company. I was surprised that there were 35 models of specialized presses, and that as owner of North American Graphics Co., he often had to have parts for some models made from specifications in the original blueprints, which he owned. George Chapman gave a brief history of printing in old Colorado, and Sky Shipley reported on the establishment of his new Skyline Type Foundry in Missouri. He showed us gleaming fonts of newly cast type borders. Mike O'Connor and I discussed the potential of E-Journals as a way to revive activity in the AAPA.

This is Fritz and Sky at Fritz's North American Graphics Co. Everyone was wowed by the extensive ATF type selections he had stocked on many shelves.



To say that his shop was full is an understatement, though he knew what he had and where everything was located. It made my



landfill basement printshop look like a neat model of organization!

After the banquet and formalities of the awarding of laureate awards, and the certificates for the Marge Petrone Memorial Limerick contest, entertainment was provided by Shirley and Glenn

Simpson and Johanna Shipley who read selections from James Thurber's *Fables from our Time*, & *Further Fables from our Time*, and Bill Cunningham, in costume, read two hilarious Cowboy Poems, one of which I believe is going to be published in the AAJ. Glenn and Shirley and Bill are active members in the Magic Circle Players, a remarkable little theater in Montrose.



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