

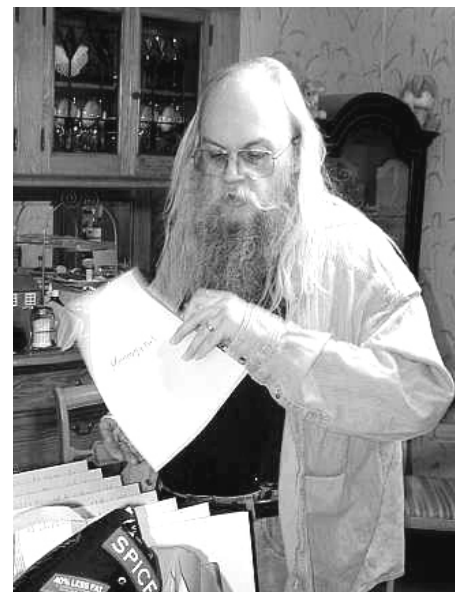
# Gray Lensman

For Minneapa 400, to be collated 18-Jan-2003  
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Here, for your amusement, are a collection of my fannish snapshots. In the spirit of the original *Gray Lensman*, I'm including photos I think will interest people, rather arbitrarily. It didn't seem right to limit myself to recent events when I've been out of Minneapa so long, so I ended up with mostly older photos.

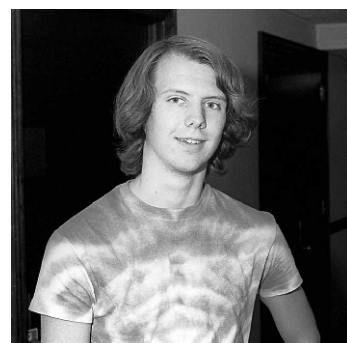


From left to right, top to bottom: Beth Friedman and Don Bailey at Not Anokon II; Mike Wood at Minn-StF (March 1975); unknown and Matthew Tepper at Minicon meeting at Finagle's Freehold (5-Apr-1981); Mike Wood at Minneapa Collation (6-Dec-1975); Mike Wood at pre-Minicon party at the Bucklin's (11-Apr-1981); Dean Gahlon at Minneapa 399 collation. Mike, Matthew, Beth, and Dean have been Minneapa OE.





Left to right, top to bottom: Don Bailey, David Egge; ?, Barry Smotroff, Jerry Stearns; Susan Ryan, David Emerson (*The Mimeo Man*); Carol Anndy, ?, Snuffy, Frank Stodolka; David Dyer-Bennet; David Cargo, Don Bailey, Al Kuhfeld (later Ellen); Joan Marie Verba, Jan Appelbaum, Don Bailey; Scott Imes, Jan Appelbaum, Pamela Dean Dyer-Bennet; Jan Appelbaum, Nancy Read, Lee Pelton.





Left to right, top to bottom: Mike Wood, Lalee Kerr, Ben Lessinger, Richard Tatge, Denny Lien, ?; Fred Levy Haskell, Jan Appelbaum; Rene Valois, David Cargo, Elizabeth Lavelle; Robin White, Fred Levy Haskell; Jan Appelbaum, Susan Ryan; Elizabeth Lavelle, Deedee Lessinger, Dean Gahlon, Jim Young; Jim Young, Larry Brommer, Caryl Bucklin, Deedee Lessinger; Don Bailey, Caryl Bucklin Wixon, Dave Wixon; Ken Hoyme, Rene Valois, with Minneapa 182.





From left to right, top to bottom: Finagle's Freehold (727 E. 28th St.); Tony Lewis, David Stever, Joe Ross; Bruce Schneier, Kara Dalkey; Bruce Schneier, Lydia Nickerson; Susan Ryan, Blue Petal, Don Bailey, Richard Tatge, Jan Appelbaum, Martin Schafer; Sarah Prince, Curtis Hoffman, Steven Brust, (forgot name), Emma Bull; David Dyer-Bennet, Dave Romm, David Cargo, David Messer; Marty Helgesen (8-Dec-1976); Larry Brommer, Martin Schafer. On page 2, unidentified woman with Barry Smotroff is Suzy Tiffany.



In many ways, Minneapa was my introduction to fandom. I had attended three worldcons and at least two Minicons first, and had made enough connections to fandom to be able to ride to Discon II with a Minn-StF contingent, but it wasn't until I started attending local gatherings regularly that I really became involved.

My very first local gathering was the Minneapa 54 collation on 18-Jan-1975, to which I brought the first issue of *Gray Lensman*. Amazingly, I do not appear to have taken any pictures at it.

This final collation is being held *exactly* 28 years later. I'm sorry to see Minneapa ending—but I haven't been involved in 20 years, so I'm part of the problem. And I'd be much sadder to have it just peter out. At least this way people got to celebrate it on the way out.

Of course I scanned a lot of photos I didn't end up using, and I found a lot of interesting photos I haven't had time to scan yet. The former are in the snapshot album on my website at <http://www.dd-b.net/dd-b/>. The latter will, I hope, make it there eventually.

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