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# Wahflestopper

## Manifesto

The year 2026 shall be my year as a veryactive (vs. hyperactive or overactive) letterhack. If I succeed with this experiment, I shall be a superactive letterhack. Rather than publish apazines, a genzine, or a perzine, I shall write letters of comment to other fanzines, zines, magazines, comic books, authors, media producers, and people with whom I want to correspond—or to whom I have something to say.

*“Dear sir or madam, It has recently come to my attention that...”*

Each letter I send might be considered an issue of *Wahflestopper*. Letters I write but do not send definitely shall not be considered issues of *Wahflestopper*. Each issue of *Wahflestopper* shall be titled and numbered sequentially when sent. Letters that are not titled or numbered as an issue of *Wahflestopper* shall remain mere letters. *Wahflestopper* as a whole shall be considered a distributed correspondenzine.

A correspondenzine is not the same thing as a letterzine. A letterzine comprises a number of letters written by multiple people, each sent to a single recipient for collection and distribution (the collected whole consisting of parts sent inward). In contrast, a correspondenzine comprises a number of letters written by a single person, each sent to a single recipient for potential publication and distribution (the distributed whole consisting of parts sent outward). Some issues of *Wahflestopper* might take the form of open letters if sent to multiple recipients rather than a single recipient. I shall reserve that option for Truly Important Matters. Such matters shall be called Tim. Hello, Tim.

The *Wahflestopper* Manifesto shall serve as an example of Tim.

Hello, Tim.

A correspondenzine is also not necessarily a perzine, because there might be no resulting, collected whole—only the individual issues sent outward, regardless of whether they are eventually published elsewhere. That is the difference between a distributed correspondenzine and a collected correspondenzine. *Wahflestopper*, again, shall be a distributed correspondenzine.

If I at some point decide to publish *Wahflestopper* as a collected correspondenzine, the result shall no longer be considered *Wahflestopper*. The collected correspondenzine shall instead be titled *The Wart*, after WART, or We Also Rote To. WART is the counterpart to WAHF, or We Also Heard From. *The Wart*, as a collected correspondenzine, could be considered a genzine or a perzine depending on the contributors in any given issue. Each issue of *The Wart*, if published, shall collect issues of *Wahflestopper*.

If you, as a faned or other recipient, choose to publish an issue of *Wahflestopper* in your fanzine’s letter column or another forum—perhaps as a fanzine item or column—you shall have my infinite gratitude and appreciation. You are helping to bring *Wahflestopper* to the attention and awareness of others. You are

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helping *Wahflestomper* take its public form. If you choose to not publish an issue of *Wahflestomper* in your lettercol or as an item or column, that is, of course, your prerogative as a faned or other recipient; you are exercising your Roscoe-given rights. You are maintaining *Wahflestomper's* private form. You are also, however, keeping *Wahflestomper* a secret. You are keeping the Good Stuff to yourself. I enthusiastically encourage you to publish *Wahflestomper* in your lettercol or as an item or column. In fact, I recommend it. But there shall be no grievances or grudges carried—at least by me—if you choose to not do so. This, I pledge.

As a faned, if you choose to not publish an issue of *Wahflestomper* in your fanzine's lettercol or as an item or column, you might choose to recognize its receipt by including or mentioning me as its sender—its publisher—in a We Also Heard From list. I suppose that's okeh. Again, you are exercising your Roscoe-given rights. If you choose to pursue that option, I am Blasted Heath Row.

*Wahflestomper* shall be published by Blasted Heath Row.

Other active—or currently inactive—letterhacks might inquire: Will *Wahflestomper* feature or include a lettercol of its own? Will one be able to send letters of comment to *Wahflestomper*? It shall not, but you may. Permission has been granted. Letters of comment sent to *Wahflestomper* shall be quoted in part or full in a subsequent issue of *Wahflestomper*. My response shall take form in that issue of *Wahflestomper*. Letterhacks shall only become aware of such responses if that issue of *Wahflestomper* is published in another fanzine's lettercol or as an item or column. (I reserve the right to amend this policy; it might be a good idea for me to send such issues of *Wahflestomper* to correspondents by way of carbon copy. Any policy amendments shall be announced in an issue of *Wahflestomper*. Such an issue shall be considered an open letter if it's Tim. Hello, Tim.)

The *Wahflestomper* Manifesto shall be distributed initially to publishers and distributors of fanzines and amateur press associations that have been included in recent issues of *The Zine Dump*, *The Incomplete Register*, and *Blue Moon Special*. (Rest in peace, Guy H. Lillian III.) It shall also be distributed to current recipients of *The Stf Amateur* and known science fiction clubs around the world. All faneds, Official Collators, Official Editors, other apae distributors, and club officials shall be allowed and encouraged to reprint or otherwise circulate and distribute the Manifesto to their readers, participants, and members. Permission has been granted.

*The Stf Amateur* #27, the December 2025 edition, shall be the ultimate issue of that bundlezine. Publication of *Wahflestomper* has already commenced. Publication of *Wahflestomper* shall continue for one year. That year shall be the year 2026.

This, I pledge.

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