

# NOZ notes by Rob Imes

Unless I missed something, there were only **two** UFO publications released since the previous issue of *Tetragrammaton Fragments*. They are: *Peacemaker Files* #1, and my own zine, *Ditkomania* #80. Also released recently were non-UFO titles from members Jim Main (*Zeroes* mini-comic) and Larry Johnson (*Tales of Fantasy* #51). Presumably if more UFO members were as prolific as Jim and Larry, then those issues would have been UFO titles as well. (I'm glad that they sent me copies. Both were excellent publications!)

**Peacemaker Files #1** is a bargain at \$1.00, although for some reason the art looked a little distorted to me, like it had been digitally stretched to fill the mini-comic page size. I wish there had been some bibliographical information about where this material had first appeared. As things stand, I don't know what year or exact comic was being reprinted. It sure doesn't read like the very first Peacemakers episode since the characters all know each other and refer to previous events. A reprint series of the old stuff is well worth doing -- after all, some of this work is likely 25 years old now -- but I think there should be more recognition of that history in the editorial notes. The story itself was funny and enjoyable, although I suspect that the small page size doesn't show the art off to the best advantage. Steve Shipley generously sent me a bunch of his 1980s-90s publications, including a few *Peacemakers* issues, which I've also very much enjoyed. I'm eagerly looking forward to seeing more Shipley comics (and more *Peacemakers*!)



Speaking of reprints, I want to call everyone's attention to the fact that Jim Main has produced new facsimile editions of some of his 1980s-90s zines. I read about this on Richard Krauss' Midnight Fiction website ([www.midnightfiction.com](http://www.midnightfiction.com)) and immediately ordered all that were available. I particularly liked *Nightstar* #7 (written and drawn by Larry Blake, and originally published in 1990), *Baron Hawk* #1 (a pirate comic by Jim Main & Steve Lafler, from 1981), and *Fandom Feature* #1 (a 1981 fanzine about comics). All of these were digest-sized zines (like *Ditkomania*) and great fun! I hope Jim reprints some more!

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Well, this was a short column this time around... but then UFO releases were slim this time as well. I'm currently working on *Ditkomania* #81, which I plan to have in your mailboxes by **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. (I'd originally planned for an August release, but decided to take my time instead.) I'm also doing the art for *Energons* #62, written and published by Sherman Burnett, who has been producing this mini-comic series since the late 1980s. Not sure when I'll finish drawing it, though (I've only got one page half done, and I might re-do it). In the meantime, you can stay in touch with me at <http://www.facebook.com/robimes>