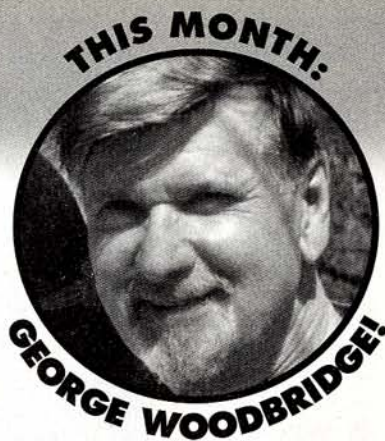


MAD's IDIOT OF THE ISSUE!

GEORGE WOODBRIDGE FAQs (Frustratingly Atrocious Questions we asked George!)



Q: What are some of your favorite MAD articles that you illustrated?

A: "MAD Raps Up Shakespeare," "MAD Raps Up the Bible," "Get It Out of Your System Land," etc. etc.

Q: Who do you consider your influences?

A: James Gillray, George Cruikshank, Norman Rockwell, Robert Fawcett, John Severin, Mead Schaeffer and Howard Pyle.

Q: What is your favorite medium to work in?

A: Whatever the job calls for.

Q: Who is your favorite non-MAD artist?

A: Tom Lovell.

Q: Who is your favorite non-MAD writer?

A: Ambrose Bierce.

Q: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

A: My socks.

Q: What actor should play you in a movie about your life?

A: Wilford Brimley.

Q: What actress should play your wife?

A: Shirley MacLaine.

Q: Word Association: What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you see these three words?

A: Nixon: The only man who ever felt it necessary to do a two-hand "V" for victory sign.
Clinton: Immorality triumphant.
Meglin: Max Korn.

A: By trying for a perfect likeness.

Q: Pick a MAD contributor and describe them in one word.

A: Sergio Aragones, Paul Coker – Genius

Q: What is your astrological sign?

A: Libra — The well-balanced scale. AKA The seventh sign of the Zodiac.

Q: Benedict Arnold – misunderstood patriot or Tory nogoodnik?

A: Well, I really don't know. But, he married well.

Q: You've drawn many MAD articles the styles of other artists, even a couple of Spy Vs. Spy cartoons. Are you comfortable working in other's styles?

A: No, I have enough trouble perfecting my own style.

Q: What was your favorite MAD trip?

A: Mexico, Africa, England and Hoboken.

Q: Does anything that happened on a MAD trip stand out in your memory?

A: That immortal night at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro when some sick fool woke the entire tent city with outrageous and lengthy imitations of wild animals. (Must have been



George's first MAD article appeared in issue #32, April, 1957!

Q: If you could have dinner with three living or dead people, who would they be?

A: Bill Gaines, Orson Welles and Zero Mostel.

Q: If you're drawing someone you don't like, do you make him or her look worse than they are? If so, how?



▲ American MAD men in London: George (left) and MAD founder Bill Gaines, among others, discover a demonstration in their honor upon arriving in England on a 1970s MAD trip.

▶ George (right) and Alan Alda on the set of the 1985 film *Sweet Liberty*.



FROM THE PERSONAL COLLECTION OF DEBORAH WOODBRIDGE

that bottle of local wine; one part alcohol, one part silt and one large pickled bug.)
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Q: Do you tip your mailman at Christmastime?

A: Only in Leap Years.
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Q: Where did you go to school?

A: In a large building made of yellowish colored bricks.
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Q: Favorite midnight snack?

A: Genoa salami and smoked mozzarella cheese sandwich.

Q: If you weren't an artist, what would you be?

A: A builder of stone walls.
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Q: Who's the most famous person you ever met?

A: President Harry S. Truman
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Q: Do you own a blunderbuss?

A: Doesn't everyone?
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Q: What was the last movie you viewed?

A: *Abbott and Costello, Frankenstein, Dracula and the Wolfman Meet Nick Meglin.*

Q: What is the worst gift you ever received?

A: A lifetime tourist pass for the Chernobyl nuclear reactor.
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Q: Who would you not want to be stranded on a desert island with?

A: See the next question.
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Q: If you were a contestant on *Survivor*, what would you name your tribe?

A: The Outback Jungle Actor's Workshop.
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Q: Do you have any tips for people about to construct a stone wall?

A: Yes.



◀ Napsters: George (left) and Dick DeBartolo share forty winks in between stops on a MAD trip.

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