FCP Newsletter

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A Note from the Editor:

Here we are again with yet another long awaited, latest edition to the FCP Newsletter! And it's just in time for those really deep thoughts you have while in the bathroom!

We hope very much that this newsletter finds you all well. Have a great Summer/Fall and enjoy the newsletter!



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Flaming Cabbage Productions In Preproduction of 35th Anniversary Retrospective

Story By: Jorge El Grande

As you may or may not be aware, 2025 marks 35 years since we made the first film, known as "The Film". I'm sure some of you are saying to yourself right now, "Has it really been that long?" Others may be saying, "Screw you George for reminding me how old I am!" Either way, this is a momentous milestone for a company that started out as a way to for a small group of young men and women, whom were living in a small vacation town in Northern Michigan, to combat boredom.

To honor this auspicious occasion, FCP Studios is in pre-production for a (possible) documentary that plans to take a look back at its past films and achievements. Currently, the tentative title for this project is

"The FCP Documentary" and will be a retrospective look at over "35 years of Flaming Cabbage Productions".

The plan is to include interviews with cast and crew, individual highlights, and a compilation of footage from the film projects FCP has done over the years. The finished product is said to result in a 1 to 2 hour long Mocumentary, of sorts. There is no release date or list of who will be involved in this documentary, but rumors have already begun to run rampant.

As any updates become available, we will be posting them in future newsletters and on the Flaming Cabbage Productions Facebook Page, or at the official website at www.fcp-inc.com

Update on the Progress for the FCP Studio Construction

Story By: I.P. Freely

"Construction has been pretty slow," said George Scholey, self-appointed and still reigning president of Flaming Cabbage Productions. "We've had a lot of setbacks, but we're still moving forward."

In the early days of 2021, George and his beautiful, understanding and fabulous wife purchased a home outside of Charlevoix, Michigan. There they began planning and preliminary construction of what will be the head office and headquarters for Flaming Cabbage Productions and FCP Studios. It will include an office, a workshop, conference and gaming area, and production studio for audio recording, podcasting, video editing and broadcasting. The purpose for this building will be to facilitate a multi-use environment for creation and invention.

"We're looking forward to finally having a place that will be user-ready for a mix of production projects. It has taken some time, over 4 years, to get where we are now since we've had to do almost everything ourselves. Many setbacks and construction issues have delayed the completion." George went on to point out that, even though they

are behind in the renovation process of the pole building into the studio, they have made noticeable progress and are not giving up. "We're at this time (April 2025) at the final painting stage. So ... soon?"

Construction was originally slated to be finalized in the fall of 2022. Sharon, senior overlord for the FCP's "Wellbeing and Anti-Shenanigans Division", said "It's been very hard..."

"That's what she said," George yelled from the other room.

Sharon gathered herself and continued. "It's been *difficult* ... it's a complicated thing remodeling an old pole barn garage. We're doing the work ourselves. Going as fast as these old hands can go."

With the additional help from their son, and probable heir to the Flaming Cabbage Productions empire, Christopher Scholey, and the random additional set of hands pitching in on the occasion, George hopes that general construction will be completed soon. The current deadline is by the end of April 2025. Only time will tell.

A Bit of History: How Did FCP Come to Be?



Since its humble beginnings and inception, FCP has served as a vehicle for its members to express and allow themselves to escape their humdrum life and move toward personal greatness.

It has also enabled its founding members to find a pit stop in the rat race of life, and to provide an umbrella to foster production and personal creativity in film, music, entertainment and so much more. But how FCP come to be?

Flaming Cabbage Productions got its official start in 1989, when two brothers and some of their friends got together to make a film out of sheer boredom. But there is more behind the story.

George Scholey, President of FCP, started filming at age 11 with a silent, super-8mm camera. That was before camcorders and video tapes, and even longer before DVD's and video computer files. About 5 years after that, George made a couple more short films for art class projects using the same silent camera.

Though the seeds of film making were firmly planted during those first interactions with that old film camera, the start of high school would give with the opportunity and access to a brand new technology courtesy of the schools library; the video camera. He videotaped a few things using

the betamax camcorder and was hooked by the instantaneousness of the review of shot footage. I was magical!

Even though those crucial life experiences proved to strengthen George's resolve and desire to become a film maker, FCP didn't truly start to get its footing until many years later (Winter of 1988) when George met up with his life-long friend Steve Sutton (Chief Engineer and co-founder of FCP), who was visiting home from the Army. They decided to document their day out with a borrowed camcorder from his grandparents. It was nothing to write home about, but it was yet another catalyst of what was to soon to become the birth of Flaming Cabbage Productions.

In the early part of the Summer of 1989, a group consisting of George, his brother Rob, and friends Mark Haney and Pat McKay, visiting friend Mike Ball, (and with the inclusion of additional family, friends and passer-by's) combined their talents and made the first film, known as "The Film", and released it under the newly formed company name Flaming Cabbage Productions. That name stuck, and has now become what they are today!

What started out as boredom relief, has now expanded into a renowned local business that includes filming, DJ service, web design, audio production, video production and taping service, multi-media projects, podcasting, 3D modeling and animation, graphic design, and so much more.

Rumors of a Die Soft Animated Series Floating Around the Interwebs



Story By: I.P. Freely

In the beginning days of 2022, sporadic rumors began to surface regarding a possible sequel or spin-off of the highly acclaimed and locally infamous "Die Soft: The Rise of Team McClean" movie that was released in July of

2008. Then in September and October of 2022, images of what appeared to be an animated version of the main characters from that movie started to surface on the internet.

At first, many of the movies 'Diehard' fans began to speculate that it was artwork created by super fans of the Blockbuster hit. Although never officially verified, the studio bigwigs over at Putzes' Entertainment & Flaming Cabbage Productions would not confirm or deny that the project was real. This sparked an explosion of more questions and interest in this possible animated series or feature.

When asked during an interview if he would give us any confirmation of the rumors regarding this project, FCP President George Scholey simply smiled and said "next question." Scholey served as editor, associate producer, assis-

tant writer, and also costarred in "Die Soft: The Rise of Team McClean".

It seems we're no closer to an answer, but speculation still ensues.



The Fat Irish Nerd Reruns Hit the Internet

Story By: Danny "Danger" Wimperman

As you may already know, the fellas of the Fat Irish Nerd Podcast broadcast their last episode around mid-2020. It was a truly sad day for the cast of the show and also for their listeners. Within the last couple years, they took down their official Facebook page and lost their podcast host site.

The podcast has been online and available since around 2014, when it was helmed by its creator, Keith Patrick. A short time later he brought on a couple friends as guests of the show, who subsequently just never left. In the end, the podcast donned its main host Keith, the enigmatic Boots, the quirky and seasoned Jorge El Grande, and also the young and spunky co-host "Creese" (trademark pending). With the occasional guest and themselves, they went on to talk about all things nerdy. Movies and TV shows, comic books, cartoons, and even sports and current events. If it was nerdworthy, it was discussed.

Even though creation of new shows are off the menu, and by the tenacity and ingenuity of an ex-member and some fans, it appears we've been graced with an opportunity to revisit the old episodes, posted by a website as "the Fat Irish Nerd Podcast reruns". Though some of the old podcasts are gone forever, they were able to recover quite a few episodes and have made them available to listen to.

You can find the site on the official FCP website, or by going to https://jorgeelgrande.wixsite.com/tfinp — Enjoy!

Where are they now?: Putzes Entertainment

Story By: George Scholey

In July of 2008, the cast and crew of Putzes Entertainment released their movie "Die Soft: The Rise of Team McClean" in local theaters. In 2024 they celebrated the 15-year anniversary of the premiere and release of their final movie "Monsterhood" in 2009. Since the disbanding of the group's members around 2010-2011, not much is known regarding what has happened to the group and its members.

Rumor has it that they started filming on their next feature, tentatively titled "The Wrong Clown". And though filming had begun the year after Monsterhood's debut, they never completed the project. Inside sources say that some of that footage has or may soon leak onto the internet; though this has not been confirmed.

In recent years, the cast and crew have been seen engaging in other entertainment endeavors and private social activities. Last accounts had actor/writer/director/producer,



Ben Macks, doing stand-up comedy in and around the Traverse City and Charlevoix area. He also started a popular series of videos on the facebooks and the tiktoks under the moniker of Thad Ranger. However, public sightings of the illusive Macks have been few. Keith Patrick and Matt "Boots" Smith enjoyed a moderate amount of fame as podcasting superstars doing the Fat Irish Nerd podcast. The podcast was interrupted during the 2020 pandemic and has since taken a permanent hiatus. Nate Bartlett has become a world-famous furniture aficionado and proprietor. While the others of the group have assimilated into society in varying roles.

Only time will tell what the future holds for this band of interesting people, however all signs indicate that Putzes Entertainment has

closed up shop for good. But their legacy, which includes 2 full-length movies and multiple short films and other projects and live shows stand as testament to the group of intrepid young filmmakers trying to make a name for themselves and entertain. They will be missed.

FCP Studios prepares for upcoming new podcasts and streaming broadcasts

Story By: Jorge El Grande

As the crew continues to finalize the construction of the studio itself, FCP studios has also been in multiple closed-door meetings over the last few months discussing and organizing plans for some new broadcasting ventures such as streaming radio and new podcasts. Little is known about the specifics, but we are assured by many of the administrative members of Flaming Cabbage Productions that these new upcoming services will not disappoint.

"All I can tell you is that we are really excited about these upcoming streaming services. For myself, Steve, and especially Mark, this is a passion project that has been many years in the making", said president of Flaming Cabbage Productions, George Scholey. "This isn't just a new market for us as a company, it's a passion project. It's something I've wanted

to do for a very long time now, and now it looks like it's probably going to happen."

Scholey, with the help of vice president and co-founding member Mark Haney, have made it abundantly clear that, as long as all the stars align, this communication project is inevitable. Since we do not have details on the exact nature of the streaming 'radio' broadcasting proposal they have briefly informed us of, they did say that it will be entertaining and will showcase the talents reflective of both gentleman's years of past entertainment experience.

George said that we should keep checking their official website for updates about this and other company news. As he and chief engineer Steve Sutton have been slowly revamping and updating the entire website itself. You can visit them at their website at www.fcp-inc.com

Meanwhile, George works hard on updates for the website...

He's there..





Official Website for FCP Updated

Story By: Jorge El Grande

It is confirmed that CTO Steve Sutton and CEO George Scholey have taken a couple months starting in January 2025 to update the official website for Flaming Cabbage Productions (www.fcp-inc.com).

It was a pretty intensive process that nearly tripled the content of the site, added new satellite sites for key content, and cleaned up and updated FCP info and content. "Content" was the keyword of this endeavor. Please check it out and enjoy!



If you would like to write to Dear Jorge, send your questions to the attention of: *Dear Jorge* at the email address *flamingcabbageproductions@hotmail.com*

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Dear Jorge: I'm now in my early 50's

— Feeling Awkward, Petoskey

Dear Awkward: IT'S A TRAP!!!

 \boxtimes

Dear Jorge. I saw something amazing today. I was at the grocery pushing around my shopping bin and then I saw him. It was him I swear. It was Thad ranger. I love that limey Dodger's blog on the internet. Only, he looked a little different. You know, no plaid shirt or no thick glasses held together by sellotape. He just looks like some regular bloke. Oh by the way I'm from London proper ... in England. That Thad Ranger all the way! Oh and bugger right off with your American version of fish and chips! I got red arsed in a pub ... oh I'm sorry a "BAR", like the kind of bar you use to flush the pisser in the loo? I ordered some fish and chips and got something vaguely resembling fried fish and Crisps! I'm sorry that I didn't say "pardon me there partner, yeehaw, I would like some of your fried potato wedges not these thin pieces of Shiite potato flakes! Couldn't even get Manchester United on the telly!

-Sincerely Broke Brit from England missing his mates, new to Northern Michigan

Dear Penniless English dude with separation issues. First off, do you know how the internet works? And I can't help but imagine that you tried to pay your bill with British pounds or some loose pence coin you had in your pocket. As far as being "new to Northern Michigan", welcome to the party pal.

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Dear Jorge: Apparently, I can only remember 25 letters of the alphabet. I just don't know y.

Signed, "Hi hungry, I'm dad", Petoskey Michigan

To the child of this punster father...I'm so sorry. The struggle is real. \bowtie

Dear Jorge. Thanks for doing this column and sticking with it for so long. I see that you have been doing this advice column for quite a while now. Looks like the newsletters go back as far as the mid-90s? Wow! Sounds like you've been around for a long, long time. So many years of advice and so much experience and knowledge. You must be really aged and learned. It's amazing a man of your obvious advanced years can find time from the multiple trips to the bathroom, I'm assuming, to produce these responses.

-Young and full of life, Boyne City Michigan

[Reported for abuse]



Email: I am the very gracious to have been having to get a hold of you. I have been extremely trying to see how you're doing with your Aerodactyl dysfunction. Clink the link below and see what is happening and being talked about by all of the womans.

- Chip from Indonesia

Dear... Chip was it? Firstly, please leave my favorite Pokémon out of this! I assure you he's fully functional. However, I must say that I'm so excited that you finally got a hold of me. I've been trying to get a hold of you about your car's extended warranty. Sincerely, lose my email address!

Classifieds

PERSONALS

55-years-young woman looking for sugar daddy. Must be really old and loaded. Heart condition preferred. AD#0069

Jenny, why won't you answer your phone? AD#8675309

A**HAT - I saw you at the Villager Pub. You grabbed my butt. I told you if you did that again I'd hunt you down and kick your f***** a**. You did. Need your address. Please respond.

AD#54321

Will the girl who got hit in the back of the head repeatedly with Milk Duds at the theater in 1989 please contact me. AD#2318008

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fat Irish Nerd Podcast reruns now available! The Kings of the Fools Podcast is gearing up for the Summer of 2025 LIVE podcasts. Keep checking www.fcp-inc.com for updates and announcements.

Northern Michigan D&Der's Unite! For more info you can email us anytime at *flamingcab-bageproductions@homail.com* for more information.

Congratulations to the winner of the 2014 State of Michigan Hide & Seek Championship! You can come out anytime to claim your trophy.

Seriously, it's been 11 years now. Your family misses you.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

The official website for Flaming Cabbage Productions http://www.fcp-inc.com

The Fat Irish Nerd Podcast rerun podcast fan site.

https://jorgeelgrande.wixsite.com/ tfinp

Official website for Kings of the Fools Podcast

https://jorgeelgrande.wixsite.com/kingsofthefools

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This is a internet podcast chalk full of nerdy goodness! We discuss movies, comics, video games and so on and so forth. Check out our reruns!

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https://jorgeelgrande,wixsite.com/tfinp Also find info and links on... https://fcp-inc.com/podcasting-streaming/the-fatirish-nerd-podcast/

Check out the podcast on its official page

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