



The Pink 'Un



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I Find It Recorded in My Notebook . . .

Seventeen people turned out for the Hansom Wheels meeting in the Holding Room (it's not a drunk tank; it's named after somebody) at The Palmetto Club on October 18: **Marcia Rowen**; **Jamie McCulloch**; **Al** and **Pat McNeely**; **Nancy Washington**, **Dr. Ed Salkind**; **Wayne Scott** and his sister, **Shirley Scott**; **Hannah Timmons**; **Jerred Metz**; **Frances Broom**; **Richard Blenko**; **Julie Smoak**; **Myrtle** and **Tim Robinson**; **Mary Dematteis** (Mrs. **Tantalus**); and **me** (**The Tantalus**).

After dinner, I blew the Blue Kazoo (which is gradually losing its blue aluminum-foil streamers and will soon be the Plain Old Kazoo) and decreed the game to be afoot. We just toasted *the* woman, Irene Adler; and **Julie Smoak** led us in the Musgrave Ritual.

Next up were the Happy Hour Posers, in which the goal is to dope out the titles of adventures in the Canon from a series of dopey puns: 1. When the famous Irish dramatist's possessions were inventoried, all that was found was a grooming tool and some yellowed scripts = [George Bernard] Shaw's comb, old plays = "Shoscombe Old Place." 2. The Cockney prospector got tired of hauling gold to the surface, so he decided to rest in the shaft—in other words, to ___ ___ ___ ___ = lie in 'is mine = "The Lion's Mane." 3. The Dude said to Walter, "There's no raw umber in that box of Crayolas; it's a _____, ___ = retired color, man = "The Retired Colourman" (The Dude and Walter are characters in the movie *The Big Lebowski*; The Dude is an aging hippie who calls everybody "man"). 4. The debonair detective and his girlfriend, the nightclub singer Edie Hart, were having breakfast in his apartment. He asked her how she wanted her coffee; she said, "_____, _____" = black, Peter = "Black Peter" (the detective is Peter Gunn from the old TV show).

The Featured Presentation was a video dubbed from MeTV by **Cap'n Billy Rawl** (who couldn't be present for

health reasons) of a 1962 episode of the 1958–64 private-eye show *77 Sunset Strip* titled "Baker Street Caper." Set in London instead of the usual Los Angeles (although



Roscoe (Louis Quinn) reads a Sherlock Holmes story as Stuart Bailey (Efrem Zimbalist Jr.) looks on in a scene from the "Baker Street Caper" episode of *77 Sunset Strip*

filmed on a Warner Bros. soundstage in Hollywood), it had the erudite detective Stuart Bailey (Efrem Zimbalist Jr.) and his comic-relief sidekick, the idiot horseplayer Roscoe (Louis Quinn), who never had a last name, working with retired Scotland Yard inspector-turned-private eye Sommers (Andrew Duggan, who formerly costarred in the *Sunset Strip* sister series *Bourbon Street Beat*) to catch a gang that has been pulling a series of heists. Sommers lives in a flat on Baker Street that he has decorated to look like Sherlock Holmes's sitting room—including a **tantalus**! It turns out that Roscoe has never heard of Holmes (I told you he is an idiot), so Sommers lends him a volume of the stories. (Spoiler alert: Sommers, in disguise, is the leader of the gang!)

Jerred Metz ended the meeting by reading the Sacred Sonnet, "221B," and we all left singing the *77 Sunset Strip* theme song. Well, *I* did, anyway.

Merry
Christmas

The Hansom Wheels 2018 Christmas Party will commence at **7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 6**, at **The Palmetto Club, 1231 Sumter Street**. The price will be **\$30.00 per person**. Please note that we do not discriminate on the basis of religion; we celebrate Christmas because that is what Holmes and Watson celebrated (in "The Blue Carbuncle"), but we welcome Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, observers of Kwanzaa, Shintōists, Bahá'ís, atheists, Zoroastrians, animists, nudists, Democrats, and

Republicans. We will have dinner and adult beverages; door prizes; Christmas music performed by two members of Columbia Baroque, **Jean Hein** (recorder) and **Mary Hostetler Hoyt** (violin)—see brief biographies on page 2; and a look back at some of our Christmas plays from by-gone days! Please make **reservations** with **your Editor** at **(803) 787-2219**; by email at hansomwheels@aol.com; or **click "Reply"** on the email to which this newsletter is attached by **this Friday, November 30**. See you there!

Our Guest Musicians

Jean Hein is the executive director and recorder player with Columbia Baroque. She serves on the Board of Directors of Early Music America, the national early music arts advocacy organization. She has been executive director of the Sandlapper Singers, Arts @ St. Luke's in Oklahoma City, and the Fox Valley Children's Choir in Illinois. She has presented recorder recitals in the Midwest, Southwest, and Southeast US. Ms. **Hein** has extensive experience as a clarinetist. She teaches for the Palmetto Center for the Arts and maintains a large clarinet studio in Columbia. She performs with local orchestral and chamber music groups. Ms. **Hein** has served on the faculty of Claflin University, Cornell College, Coe College, and Columbia College. She holds music degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory and Northwestern University.

Mary Hostetler Hoyt, violinist with Columbia Baroque, has performed extensively on baroque and modern violin. After receiving her Bachelor of Music degree from Temple University, she joined the Noorderlijk Filharmonisch Orkest in The Netherlands. Concurrently she studied baroque violin with Jaap Schroeder. Upon returning to North America, she began performing and recording with many prominent authentic instrument ensembles, including Tafelmusik, England's Hanover Band, Aston Magna, Boston's Handel and Haydn Society, and others. Ms. **Hoyt** has appeared on more than two dozen CDs. She is currently a National Board Certified teacher at Chapin Intermediate School in District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties and teaches over 220 fifth- and sixth-grade beginning string players.

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We have art by Jeffrey McKeever, including his painting "Sherlock Holmes and Christmas Carolers" and three other paintings that were commissioned by the *Strand* featuring Sherlock Holmes and Watson. And we're proud to include paintings by the eminent Australian illustrator Phil Cornell, who painted a wonderful tribute to Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce tackling The Hound of The Baskervilles, as well as a nod to the 60th anniversary of Hammer Pictures' *Hound of the Baskervilles* film, which starred Peter Cushing as Sherlock Holmes and André Morell as Dr. Watson.

Our quotes and trivia section looks at everything from the day that Sherlock Holmes was born to the publication dates of several short stories and novels from the Canon. Our calendar is printed on heavy card stock and will last as a collector's item for many years to come! Also, the calendar is coil bound which means that it'll open smoothly and will never ever tear!

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