

Re: [OT in SPR] NOMINATION – George Hammond for Usenet Kook of the Month (was: Re: Hammond Teh Moderator)

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"Peter J Ross" <gadfly@NOSPAMmeow.org> wrote in message news:slrnco65b9.aqe.gadfly@nntp.petitmorte.net...
> *Although George's lifelong devotion to being a first-class kook can't be demonstrated by quoting a single post, I think this one contains all that's needed to support a KotM nomination:*
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> *On Friday 29 October, George Hammond wrote in alt.usenet.kooks:*
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>> *"Vanilla Gorilla (Monkey Boy)" <vgorilla@pobox.alaska.net> wrote in message*
>> *news:6ab3o01pm2jqpl8cq5768231ib5qfu63b8@4ax.com...*
>>> *On Thu, 28 Oct 2004 19:27:30 -0600, Art Deco <art_deco@127.0.0.1>*
>>> *wrote in alt.fan.art-bell in message*
>>> *<281020041927307100%art_deco@127.0.0.1>:*
>>>
>>> *>Aratzio <a6ahlyv02@sneakemail.com> wrote:*
>>>>
>>>>> *On Thu, 28 Oct 2004 07:22:53 -0400, "George Hammond"*
>>>>> *<nowhere@nomailspam.com> transparently proposed:*
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>>>>>> *"Adam H. Kerman" <ahk@chinet.chinet.com> wrote in message*
>>>>>> *>news:PL0dnYKFLKrMuOLcRVn-jw@newedgenetworks.com...*
>>>>>>> *George Hammond <nowhere@nomailspam.com> wrote:*
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> *>For your newsgroups file:*
>>>>>>>> *>alt.sci.relativistic-god.moderated Relativistic theory of God*
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> *Ah. This'll be a good group to try out the MVI for alt.*
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> *>[Hammond]*
>>>>>>>>>>> *>You have a reputation for being an expert on computer hacking*
>>>>>>>>>>>> *>and the psychology of hackers.*
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> *If Adam H Kerman really has such a reputation, I apologise to him for
> doubting it. Meanwhile, I'll just point out that George seems to have
> no idea who he's replying to.*
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>>>> *>I have a question:*
>>>>>
>>>> *>I plan to (initially) moderate this group under Windows 98 using
>>>> >News Express 2.01 to write my own headers and post the messages
>>>> >received in my NG–email account. I can't write a word of "script"
>>>> >but will learn to as it becomes necessary. Within a year I will
>>>> >doublessly develop a more sophisticated system.*
>
> *Observe George's delusions about his learning abilities, and marvel!*
>
>>>> *>Obviously
>>>> >this would not work for any kind of a busy group, but initially I
>>>> >don't expect more than a couple of posts per day, if that.*
>
> *What this amounts to is a statement that George wants a group where
> only he and the non–existent people who agree with him are allowed to
> post. Am I the only one reminded of Eddie Wollmann (winner of ~40 kook
> awards) here?*
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>>>> *> However, if I can do something as easy as that, what is to keep
>>>> >hackers from simply doing the same thing by forging approval
>>>> >headers... or from posting forged cancel messages in the same way?
>>>> >I'm aware that an ISP would pull the plug on them if caught, but
>>>> >that involves a lot of red tape. Why don't all moderated groups
>>>> >have a problem with this?*
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> *That's a sensible newbie question. However, it shows that George has
> thought deeply about his vanity group and really cares about it, and
> therefore constitutes evidence of kookery.*
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>>>> *> In your estimation, what kind of trouble can I run into if some
>>>> >nut gets fixated on hacking this moderated group?
>>>> > I realize I can cancel forged posts and repost anything
>>>> > canceled by forged messages... but I'm not looking forward to,
>>>> >and have no interest in electronic warfare per se. I'm a physicist
>>>> >interested in discussing a scientific proof of God, and not
>>>> >interested in much else.
>>>> > Anyone having a comment, please advise.*
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> *I haven't seen any evidence in sci.physics.* that anybody describes
> George as a physicist except George himself. "Nutjob", "kook" and
> "troll" are words more frequently applied to him.*
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>>> *>With his "software" lined up to handle the moderation task, all he is
>>> >lacking now is a newsgroup and some people to post there. I guess the
>>> >tried–and–true solution will always work –– sockpuppets.*
>>>

> >> *Just what Usenet needs, another NG that gets 20 posts a year, half of
> >> which are rejected by our esteemed self-appointed moderator.
> >> Wonderful.*

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> > *[Hammond]*

> > *Na.... I know about the problem with dead moderated NG's and I have no
> > intention of creating yet another one of them.*

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> *Note that George thinks that his intentions are enough to make a group
> successful. In fact, there's no evidence that anybody wants to discuss
> his theories. Anybody who has tried to reason with him in the past has
> been dismissed as a troll.*

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> > *Lack of posters is no problem. One crosspost to talk.origins, or
> > alt.talk.creationism will drown the group in posts. Yes, from 4 years
of*

> > *experience in the unmoderated NG's I have discovered that 60–80% of
> > these posts are OT trolls, and will reject most of them.*

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> *I rather get the impression that George wants to derail discussions in
> the above-mentioned groups by adding a crosspost to his vanity group
> and then moderating all the replies away. I've formed this theory
> because I can't think of any other reason why George should want to
> encourage crossposting to groups where anybody who isn't a creationist
> loon is certain to laugh at him.*

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> > *The aim here is to attract high level posters who are adverse to
posting*

> > *in an unmoderated environment. It may be slow for a year or so, but
> > my dedication to the subject has passed 22 years now*

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> *This claim appears to be true. George has a history of 22 years of
> pseudo-scientific kookery, and therefore can't be called a troll. He's
> a genuine kook, and deserves proper recognition on Usenet at last.*

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> > *and considerable*

> > *interest has been shown by potential VIP posters in private email.*

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> *Unlike lesser kooks, George isn't satisfied with being supported by
> the lurkers in email. The people who support George are VIPs!*

>>>>>>*Can I have a VIP pass or two?*

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> *This statement alone would qualify George as a true Usenet kook, but
> there's more. Much, much more!*

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> > *On the*

> > *other hand some of the Usenet regulars may take a more disciplined
approach*

> > *in a more exclusive environment.*

> > *My primitive software limitations will slow things at first.... but
after*

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> > a
> > year or so I should be up to speed with possibly a Unix system and
> > Stump semi-robo moderation. At 62 hopefully I'll be moderating this
group
> > for at least 8 years and at that time someone else can take over.
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> I wish George a long life and continued devotion to his lost cause. He
> could be the next Alexander Abian if he plays his cards right. He's a
> delightfully old-fashioned kook, whose kookery is genuinely grounded
> in Weird Science rather than in common-or-garden stupidity.
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> Here's George's famous kooksite:
>
> <http://proof-of-god.freewebsitehosting.com/>
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> It's a good introduction to the bizarre ideas that he also posts
> regularly to Usenet.
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> George has already once been a KotM candidate against strong
> competition without success, and has won the Victor von Frankenstein
> "Weird Science" Award and the Palmjob Paddle.
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> Any seconds?
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> A second from a scientist would be nice. I dropped physics in favour
> of Greek at the age of sixteen, and can't claim even an informed
> amateur's knowledge of the subject.
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> I've taken the liberty of adding sci.physics.relativity, since that
> seems to be the group where George is best known. If anybody there
> wants to second the nomination without continuing an off-topic thread,
> sneaking all the groups but alt.usenet.kooks is acceptable. I mention
> this because I know many people would be happy if they never saw a
> reference to George "SPoG" Hammond again.
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> PJR :-)
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> alt.usenet.kooks award-winners and FAQ:
> <http://www.insurgent.org/~kook-faq/>
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> [To reply by email, remove "NOSPAM".]

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