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Re: NGLTF Benefit Mailing

Dear Rick:

Did I miss the printed apology in the HTG Newsletter for the error in the use of the open name of HTG in the return address of the NGLTF mailing? I hope so.

I have been looking for that apology before I renew my membership in HTG. Please tell me when that notice appeared or will appear.

I have heard you several times at various meetings assure us that HTG would never give the mailing list to another organization so that the list would not be misused. If that assurance is to have any meaning in the future the membership also must feel that HTG will not misuse the mailing list.

The open naming of HTG on that mailing was a misuse of the mailing list that could and should have been avoided, or corrected when the address labels where added. While no effort was made to cover the name on the mailing that I received, I know that some had had a felt marker drawn over the name which did not cover it. A stick on label or a dark crayon could have been used to cover the name.

I hope that I will soon be able to renew my membership in HTG.

Sincerely yours,


Al Jones

HTG response attached

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December 3, 1989

Mr. Al Jones
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Dear Al:

I appreciate your contacting me concerning the NGLTF mailing incident.

First let me tell you how it happened and disabuse you of any thought that the HTG mailing list was misused.

The event was a last minute decision made after it was clear that Jeff and Urvashi would be in town. The artwork was rushed to the printer without benefit of my proof reading. It was picked up at the printer on the evening of the mailing party and the only course appeared to blacken out the words High Tech Gays on the outside. The black marker appeared to work well that evening, but faded gradually while the pieces were in the mail. I was unhappy with the arrangement too.

As to the mailing list. The event was a joint HTG/NGLTF event and was sent only to members of those lists. The HTG list was not loaned to anyone: it was used internally. HTG has always been circumspect in the use of its mailing list and indeed has a coding which suppresses the printing of a members name should he/she not wish his/her name shared. In this case, of course, sharing was not at issue.

HTG has done and will continue to do everything it can to be professional and proper in its mailings, and will continue on that path with renewed zeal.

Very truly yours,



Rick Rudy
President