

STAN LEE CHAT ON MSNBC ON THE INTERNET

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STAN LEE HAS JOINED THE CONVERSATION

HOST STAN LEE:

Hello culture lovers, this is Stan Lee, and I'm ready to be your next victim, just throw your questions at me!

BAMF:

Hello Mr. Lee. I'd be amazed if you remembered me, but I met you at a ComicCon at the Crystal City Hyatt in Virginia in the early eighties. You had just come into the hotel and I pointed you to the place where you were supposed to speak. You thanked me and also appreciated that I didn't ask for an autograph.

HOST STAN LEE:

Sure I remember you, are you still wearing that funny looking shirt?

Demon_X:

Will there ever be a better Spider man computer game? The newest one is a flop. =)

HOST STAN LEE:

Well, I'm sorry to hear that, but we're doing new and better ones every day, just be patient and hang in with us. I hated it and I'm glad it's over

Helvite:

I understand there already is a Fantastic 4 movie unreleased. Why?

HOST STAN LEE:

Because we never intended to release that one, there is a new big budget one in the works now, and it'll knock your socks off!

Ben_Reilly:

When is Ben Reilly going to get his own title?

HOST STAN LEE:

No plans at the moment, but we'll give anybody a title of his own if we feel enough readers want it

Ben_Reilly:

There's been a lot of debate on Spider-Man #75. Many people believe that Peter Parker actually murdered the Green Goblin! Do you think this is true?

HOST STAN LEE:

Well, Peter isn't a murderer, so I would have to say no. Maybe it was one of the Image heroes who did it

Ben_Reilly:

But he threw a bag of pumpkin bombs at him!! Couldn't we just call it self-defense?

HOST STAN LEE:

From the goblin's point of view, it certainly was self-defiance. I have a soft spot in my heart for Gobby

farside:

Where is the comics industry heading...?

HOST STAN LEE:

I hope it isn't heading into oblivion. I think things are better than ever, just wait and see all Marvel's new plans in the coming months

Jaffo:

Stan, does Marvel pay attention to the comics newsgroups? How much attention do you give email from customers?

HOST STAN LEE:

We pay attention to every comment we get from anyone. We appreciate every comment and we love you for sending them

Ben_Reilly:

Mr. Lee, I'm interested in submitting a story. How can I do that? Is there any sort of general format you want?

HOST STAN LEE:

I'm not the guy who reads them, but if you contact Marvel NY, and address your inquiry to the submission editor, he or she will tell you whatever is required. I'm not sure who that is at the moment

hoople:

Stan are you coming to the Orlando Megacon in march?

HOST STAN LEE:

No, I don't have any plans to go to the Megacon, but I will be at the Museum of Cartoon Art on February 16th, I'm going to make a speech there (In Boca Raton)

Duke:

Stan - any plans on bringing those AOL exclusive online comics over to the Marvel website so non-AOL users can enjoy them too?

HOST STAN LEE:

Not that I know of. But I'm not in charge of that, they may be talking about it back at the office.

LunchMan:

Stan, Do you have any future plans for ghost rider?

HOST STAN LEE:

Oh, we certainly do! In fact we're planning to do an animated cartoon based n Ghost rider as well as the live action picture and of course, additional comic books

Ben_Reilly:

Do you like the general 'dark tone' that stories have late have taken of late?

HOST STAN LEE:

I'm easy to please, I like dark tones and light tones. The important thing is -- do you like them? You're the readers!

HOST STAN LEE:

Aunt May was probably in her 70's before she went to that old kitchen in the sky. I would love to find a way to bring Aunt May back again, I miss her

Jaffo:

Stan, do you think comics are read by a more mature audience these days?

HOST STAN LEE:

The beautiful thing about comics is these days they're read by every type of audience. We have old readers, young readers, dumb readers and we have brilliant readers; we even have readers who can't read if you can figure that out

hoople:

Mr. Lee the "heroes reborn" comics seem to be rewritten old stories, what do you think of the story line?

HOST STAN LEE:

I don't know, we've let Jim Lee and Rob Layfield do it their way and I haven't been too sure myself. We're really waiting to get the reader's reaction and I'm eager to get every opinion

Gee:

We've heard of several movies in development...is any one movie "more developed" than the others?

HOST STAN LEE:

Yes, the first one you'll be seeing will be "Blade the Vampire Hunter". They're going to start photographing that in the next few weeks, it stars Wesley Snipes. I have bit part in it myself, I hope that won't ruin the movie

Omega:

I've only just started watching the Spider-Man cartoon TV series recently, and I enjoy it quite a bit. I've noticed that the episodes I've been watching have older (C) dates on them... is the cartoon still being produced?

HOST STAN LEE:

Oh yes, the cartoons are still being produced and the older copyright date, though I'm not a lawyer, might be because the characters were created years ago

Spider-Man:

Stan, also, I would really like to know if the Spider-Clone is ever gonna come on the Spider-Man animated series????

HOST STAN LEE:

I certainly hope not. I never cared for the Spider-Clone story

Demon_X:

Please Stan...just say: Hi Adam. =)

HOST STAN LEE:

If I'm saying hi to Adam, how about his wife, Eve?

custard:

Stan---Do you think that a huge hollywood motion picture would destroy the essence of spiderman?

HOST STAN LEE:

A huge Hollywood motion picture would make Spiderman greater than ever and it wouldn't do me any harm either! And just wait, that movie will be there sooner or later

LunchMan:

Stan, when and where can I catch ghost rider on TV? or in the comics?

HOST STAN LEE:

Well, Ghost rider isn't on TV yet, and far as the comics, I'd suggest your nearest comics book store

farside:

Is there anything that remains to be done...in comics in general... have we seen it all before?

HOST STAN LEE:

You ain't seen nuthin' yet! I just had a meeting with our editor in chief, Bob Harris, and I've decided to get much more involved in the comics myself and we have big plans for new ideas you'll be seeing in the next few months. And in case I forgot to tell you, I'm going to be doing Stan's Soapbox column again, and I'm going to answer all the reader's questions about anything at all in one page in our magazines in every issue and then later I'll do it on the Internet

LunchMan:

Lee, w/o you where is marvel comics?

HOST STAN LEE:

Probably in the same place, but I wouldn't be as happy (re: what Marvel would be without me)

Helvite:

I'd like to renew my membership in the "Merry Marvel Marching Society." Where do I do this?

HOST STAN LEE:

Unfortunately the MMMS was disbanded years ago, but hold onto your money, because I'm thinking of starting a new club as soon as possible

Ben Reilly:

Mr. Lee, do you think that you will ever return to writing the Spider-Titles?

HOST STAN LEE:

I don't know if I'll write Spider-titles, but I will be writing some new books soon, because I miss writing comics. But I won't do it if you keep calling me Mr. Lee -- my name is Stan!

HOST STAN LEE:

In case I forgot to tell you, wherever you go, whatever you do, think Marvel, and of course, EXCELSIOR!