LOOK BACK!

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In the February 2009 Word Ways, Dave Morice celebrated his one-thousandth Kickshaws page, a self-portrait consisting of that number of signatures. His count should be augmented by Kickshaws through February 2010 plus non-Kickshaw articles, a total of 210 pages. No other author has exceeded this (I have 1030 and Dmitri Borgmann, 727).

It is time to recognize other stalwart Word Ways authors, past and present. Here is a list of sixteen who have generated 40 or more articles under either their own name or a variety of pseudonyms (I include Ed Wolpow who falls only two short):

- Anil (Charles Melton) 2001+ 77
- Leonard Ashley 1968+ 80
- Ralph Beaman* 1971-1979 56
- Dmitri Borgmann* 1968-1989, 2005 182
- Ross Eckler 1968+ 300
- Jerry Farrell 1983+ 44
- Darryl Francis 1970+ 191
- Rex Gooch* 1996-2007 92
- Jeff Grant 1977+ 103
- Mike Keith 1998+ 45
- Dave Morice 1985+ 126
- Peter Newby 1989-1998 52
- Jim Puder 1997+ 44
- Susan Thorpe 1992+ 121
- Ed Wolpow 1997-1996 38

Of these, only three (asterisked) are known to have died. I give a fuller list of contributors no longer with us:

Ralph Beaman (Boothwyn PA) Mar 10 1923 – Feb 28 1997
Dmitri Borgmann (Oak Park IL Dayton WA) Oct 22 1927 – Dec 7 1985
Charles Bostick (Ashton MD) Mar 9 1929 – Mar 20 2004
Maxey Brooke (Dallas TX) Jun 2 1913 – Apr 14 1994
Leslie Card (Urbana IL) Sep 9 1914 – Jun 19 1995
Willard Espy (New York NY) 1910 – Feb 20 1999
Rex Gooch (Letchworth Garden City England) 1940 – Mar 13 2007
Harry Hazard (Rochester NY) Oct 16 1918 – May 13 1993
Mary Youngquist Hazard (Rochester NY) Oct 12 1930 – Jun 21 2004
James Albert Lindon (Weybridge England) 1891 – Dec 16 1979
John McClellan (Woodstock NY) May 20 1908 – Aug 1986
Harry Partridge (Manhattan Beach CA Fredericksburg VA Sep 4 1920 – Aug 27 1996
Tom Pulliam (Edmond OK) Feb 2 1920 – Feb 5 1994
Some individuals have made a name for themselves and got into the dictionary, their names (usually surnames) having become words. How many of these notables can you recognize?

(1) Ostracize
(2) Wax protectively
(3) Cause to spring into action
(4) Add enhancing pages to a book
(5) To fiddle with the boundaries of election districts
(6) Traitor in an enemy’s political service
(7) Transposed letters or sounds
(8) Gaudy but worthless
(9) No choice at all
(10) Best known creation of a French physicist, scenery painter, bureaucrat, etc.
(11) A guide to chief points of tourist interest
(12) A sauce invented by a steward of Louis XIV
(13) A crane
(14) Perfection in acting
(15) A brief and niggardly political career gave his name to a kind of portrait
(16) A too inquisitive person
(17) A demanding disciplinarian
(18) A light traveling bag
(19) A snack of bread and filling
(20) A pointed beard