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What the ~~hell~~^{heck} is this anyway?

Howdy! (or is that American?) Welcome to the second inaugural issue of *Canadian Teachers in Japan* - and by the way, let us know when you come up with a better name for this; in fact, that can be our first contest, like how about a free one year membership for the person who finds a solution to our identity crisis, now how's that grab you! Incidentally, my name's Ken, and I'm your waiter for - hang on, wrong file, these dam computers just seem to take control sometimes. Anyway, now that the tone has been set (and I hope I haven't lost too many readers already), I'd like to give my views on what this newsletter could be about, and then turn it over to the powers that be. (Depending on how this organization is set up and run, I may not be your waiter for much longer anyway)



Just like you, I almost peed myself with excitement when I first heard about CTJ, and I wish to thank the organizing committee for all they've done so far to make this a reality. (JALT is great, but there's a special warm feeling being together in a small puddle). So, now that we exist (almost) as an organization, what can we do to make us all happy? Lots, I'm sure, so here are a few thoughts with regards to a newsletter, and next time.....

let's hear from you!

So what's in it for me?

Good question! In fact that depends on how much support you care to give. (You know how conversation classes just bomb when the students don't help out, well....). Anyway, here are some possibilities, but we'll need your input if this thing is going to work. Want your own column? Write to us now, before it's too late!

Letters: To you, from our honorable organizing committee members, telling us what's up, when, how much, where and why; and From you, to the 1000's (?) on our mailing list, about anything you wish to say, ask, comment on, whine or brag about. Friendly or unfriendly, intelligent or otherwise.

Reports: Written by informed persons, about important things like tax and residency information, jobs here and elsewhere, contracts, new technology, (and why you need it) etc. Any informed volunteers out there?

Interviews: With teachers, students, employers, lovers, aliens, the average joe, or maybe a scoop with someone famous, even if we have to fabricate it.

Canadians: Great country, eh, so where are you from? Why not share some of your special memories with us (and if we get bored, we can feed it to our students). Hey, we'll maybe even accept a short story, or a poem.

Travel tips: Had any good holidays lately? I hear Ko Samui is fast losing its charm, so where else should we go, or is that a secret? Best/worst airlines/airfare? Travel agents you can/can't trust? Tickets for sale?

Check it out: For example, rent *Henry & June*, if you're a big Miller fan like me. And read *Mountains of the Moon*. Know any other good videos, books, music, concerts, restaurants, bars,...

Uncle Sam doesn't want you - we do!

That's right! We're looking for contributors who'll take on a regular or special guest column for this newsletter. All you have to do is submit your ideas, stating what you'd like to write about and why, preferably with a sample of your writing. In fact, we may even be able to print it in our next edition! Consider any of the above ideas, or come up with your own. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope, and send it to:
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