Letters to the Editor

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My husband and I have two old Volvos (‘91 and ‘92, that’s old for cars, right? I mean, I am talking 1990 not 2000). Our flimsy Volvo repairman burst my dreaming bubble when he told my husband not to sell the Volvos til the wheels fall off. Needless to say, I guess it will be a while (probably) before I drive a new (used) car.  (and, look, I know that a car is not an appliance really, but bear with me)

Moving right along, my husband was heading somewhere without me right after the repairman told him not to get rid of the Volvos, when he was forced to call me to come get him because his Volvo (92) wouldn’t start (hope?). So — I set off in my (91) Volvo to help him out! And I did! (end of hope)

But that was just the beginning of the adventure. That very same weekend we found out we needed a new washer and dryer. Gulp!

...and we ignored the other appliance-type stuff (refrigerator, dishwasher) the house needed.

So, your trusty Editor decided to ignore the appliance problems and work on the November ISSUE! Believe me, it’s a lot more fun! This issue is great! Guest edited by Audrey Powers (did you know her son is named Austin?) and has articles by Peter McCracken, Emile Bellette, Cory Tucker, Lisa Carlucci Thomas, Stephen Rhind-Tutt, Michael Gorrell, as well as Mark Johnson, Anh Bul, Helen Szigeti. Our Op Ed about print-based humanities research is by the astute Bob Holley, our Back Talk, as always by the incredible Tony Ferguson, is about real live reference. We have many interviews, thanks to Tom Gibson, with John Dove, David Burleigh, Tim Babbitt and Kevin Sayar, and Stephen Rhind-Tutt. Our Publisher Profile is with OverDrive. We have a fascinating

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From Your (appliance-challenged) Editor:

The articles were informative reading several different issues. I've enjoyed our conversation! with your time and allowing me to call you. I wrote a letter to the editor from the Against the Grain, Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3363, or snail mail: Against the Grain, 398 Crab Apple Lane, Ridgeville, SC 29472. USPS Address: P.O. Box 412, Cottageville, SC 29435; FedEx/UPS ship to: 398 Crab Apple Lane, Ridgeville, SC 29472.

September 10. The wedding was in Asheville at the same place where Anna and her husband met which was also where Beth and her husband met. Anna is in Asheville working and considering hospital administration. Her husband James Arthur Hodan is also in the medical field, working with prosthetics. Obviously, these two young people know where the money is from the aging baby boomers, don’t they? Congratulations to Beth and Anna and the husbands too.

Speaking of September 10! Was talking to the wonderful David Magier who is the brains behind the “flaming” preconference (see below). He told me that his wife and he have the same wedding anniversary as my husband Bruce and I do! September 10. But we have a few years on them — 26 to be exact! And now we are joined by Anna and James! Congratulations, everyone!

Speaking of which, we had to cancel the “flaming issues” preconference but watch for our blog on these issues and for the updated preconference (or main conference panel) in 2012! So sorry that it didn’t come together this year!

We are still getting registrations for the 2011 Charleston Conference. Right now, we have 1,305 people registered 226 more than were registered at the same time in 2010! Hmmmm. It’s gonna be fun and something’s gotta give!

Was sad to learn that the incredible Amanda Harmon (UNC-Charlotte) has retired and this is her last Charleston Conference. Maybe not? Have been asked to have a registration fee for retired librarians, and why not? What do you all think?

Other preconferences, however, are taking place! Can’t wait to see how the E-Everything preconference and Webinar come off? Did you notice that this issue is guest edited by the razor-sharp Audrey Powers? Many of the papers in this issue are by speakers at the e-everything preconference. www.against-the-grain.com/ www.katina.info/conference/