



Young Tyros Newsletter

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Null Krewe contracting for Niagara Falls barrel ride.

Cipher Savvy Gleaned from Construction Acumen.

Unarguably, the most rewarding and educational cipher solving know-how is obtained from the knowledge of how a cipher construction is put together. The cipher construction process also rewards our Cm Editors in the availability of new and original cipher authors to grace the pages of Cm columns. Cm editors welcome the opportunity to include the work of abundant new authors.

Universal Phoebe Circular Cipher Slide (Free)

For Beaufort, Gronsfeld, Porta, Portax, Vigenere cipher solving.

The Cryptogram Index

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Our Cm Index is completed through ND 2025 and we will send you dates of any past Cm articles of interest.

The Tyro Tutorial

This is available at our ACA web site under Resources. It describes the solution process to some thirty different cipher types, a comprehensive listing of Null Variables by BION and the use of Google as a solving tool.

George Beal Novel Secret Codes and Messages (Free)

Contents include how to crack invisible Inks, Substitution, Transposition and Concealment Ciphers, Signal and Sign Language, Cipher Problems and Answers, Scytals, Codes and more. Simply alert L:ionel on your interest in receiving it free.

Crypto Bingo Game (Free)

A picture bingo game booklet and play card with pictures, descriptions and explanations of secret codes and ciphers. An excellent tool to educate the youngsters on what ciphering is all about.

Enigma Stamp (free)

Issued in Poland in 1983 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1933 breaking of the German military Enigma ciphers by a team of Polish mathematicians.

ZANAC's Gimme a Break – SO 2026 Aristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs)

A-1, in (4), A-2, ing (3), A-3, passed, A-4, you (3), A-5, that, A-6, ing (4), A-7, the (2), A-8, alone (5), A-9, that A-10, on (2), A-11, ing (2), A-12, the, A-13, I (3), A-14, it is, A-15, the (3), A-16, ing (2), A-17, the (2), A-18, ured (2), A-19, the (4), A-20, the (2), A-21, ea (3), A-22, in (4), A-23, in (3), A-24, in (3), A-25, ion (3)

ZANAC's Gimme a Break - SO 2026 Patriscrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs)

P-1, the (3), P-2, the (5), P-3, in (3), P-4, you (3), P-5, the (3), P-6, that, P-7, this (2), P-8, the (2), P-9, forget (3), P-10, Frank, P-11, the (3), P-12, you (3), P-Sp-1, H - alliteration, P-Sp-2, except

JA-2. Monome-Dinome. Cipher identification, PARROT. Plaintext begins, “In Proco Harum”

BION

JA-4. Tridigital. Cipher identification, PARROT. (different) Plaintext begins, "In zero seven's" **BION**
JA. A-24. Seeing double. K1 [94] Plaintext begins, "Long-term" **WORD WIZARD**
JA. P-11. Recent find. K3 [104/21] (NIGV) Maya appears in plaintext. **PELKABO**
JA. X-1. French K2. Partnership. [83] [Eng. key] (ensemble) Additional crib, "regarder" **CONFUOCO**
JA. X-3. Italian K2. Bragging barber. [100] (vivere) Plaintext begins, "Largo al" **WORD WIZARD**
JA. X-6. Danish K2. Seein' is...? [84] (Ingrid -2) Additional crib "kunne ikke" **GGMA**
JA. E-10. Nicodemus. Niels Bohr's position. (CNCMQLIHANI) MSCREP: Begins, "There is no" **BION**
JA. E-12. Swagman. Cold war scheme. (HUGYXNBY) PARROT: Plaintext begins, "A classified" **BION**
JA. E-14. Phillips. Fiftieth Sports Anniversary. MSCREP: Plaintext begins, "Casey Stengel" **SHMOO**
JA. E-18. Vigenere. Not to Walt Disney! (QBUN) Period Five. Plaintext begins, "A hippo" **CIPHERELLA**
JA. E-19. CONDI. Praise for the square root of minus one. **BION**
 MSCREP: Extended crib "almost an amphibian between being and non-being."
JA. E-25. Syllabary. Long running. (citingtheavailabilityof) MSCREP: Pt., "In September 1989" **THE DOC**
JA. E-21. Gromark. Exploring the first planet. (and obvious rout-) MSREP: Begins, "Being close" **SHMOO**
JA. C-2. Cube root. (One word, 0-9) B = 0, H = 4, K = 8 **SUSSI**
JA. C-9. Multiplication. (No word, 0-9) H = 0, E = 4, C = 7 **FOMALHAUT**
JA. C-13. Addition. (No word, 0-1) K = 8, Y = 5, W = 2 **AMADI**
JA. C-Sp-2. Multiplication. (Two words, 0-1) R = 8, G = 5, T = 3 **SCRUFFY DOG**
JA. AC-1428. Grille. Modest cathedral. (-xcathedralin) Cathedral in Sitka Alaska. **SHMOO**
JA. AC-1431. Playfair. A prairie eulogy. [Ends with an acronym.] **PERL**
 MSCREP : Plaintext begins, "If you can only"
SO. A-25. The magic act. K2 [100] Plaintext begins, "Prodigious" **SHMOO**
SO. P-11. Survival advantage. K3 [100/21] (VCNY) Plaintext begins, "The jaguar" **WORD WIZARD**
SO. X-4. Italian. K2 On opinions. [94] [Eng. key] (opinioni) Mark Twain quotation. **SHMOO**
SO. X-6. Swedish. K1 Oh what a day. [95] [Eng. key] (regna) Plaintext begins, "Du Kan" **PARROT**
SO. X-8. French Pat. K2 Lived a long life. [105] (armures) Crib at end. **WORD WIZARD**
SO. E-1. Complete Columnar. Tips from con artist. (VINNIG) Ciphertext in columns. Begins, "I" **AMADI**
SO. E-2. Checkerboard. Species. (YHXUHAYLYX) Vertical 5x5 Key. Pt. begins, "Size" **CONFUOCO**
SO. E-4. Fractionated Morse. Exceptional honor. (WCNCTYHMBCJ) Pt. begins, "In nine-" **SHMOO**
SO. E-5. Amsco. Whiskery folk wisdom. (WLIMMYM) Plaintext begins, "When a vole" **TSIOLKOVSKY**
SO. E-6. Null. Where to visit? (WBIIMY) Crib placed at start of plaintext. **DABASAP**
 PARROT: Look at the letters in the middle of words or offset from the middle. You should see a pattern.
SO. E-7. Railfence. Music to my ears. (XIQH) Six rails, three offsets. **THE DOC**
SO. E-10. Vigenere. Horror writer's quip. (ABIOFCMB) Period 7. Robert Bloch quote. **CILLBIPHER**
SO. E-13. Gronsfeld. I love the autumn! (FYUXGY) Period five. Autumn enjoyment. **CONFUOCO**
SO. E-21. Monome-dinome. Losing weight is hard. (QBUNSIO) Plaintext begins, "The to-" **ICECAP**
SO. E-24. Bifid. Yankee wit. (sunnywh enitswe t) New England weather forecast. **WORD WIZARD**
SO. C-2. Cube root. (Three words, 0-9) A = 1, T = 5, N = 8 **SUSSI**
SO. C-4. Division. (Two words, 1-0) K = 4, H = 6, E = 9 **TOMMY**
SO. C-9. Multiplication. (Two words, 1-0) B = 1, C = 5, N = 9 **SCRUFFY DOG**
SO. C-11. Undecimal multiplication. (One word, 0-A) E = 0, I = 4, T = 7, R = 9 **APEX DX**
SO. AC-1433. Grandpré. Boy unleashes choice words at big bee. **GIRASOL**
 PARROT: Crib start "a cultured" begins at 31-28-33-34-34

Sunny Cipheryng, LIONEL