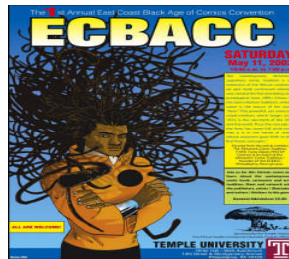




ECBACC Mini-History II:

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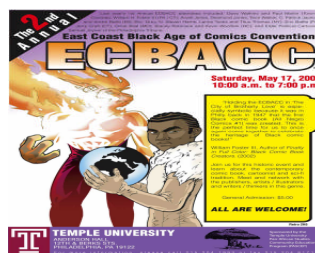
Saturday, 11 May 2002: The 1st Annual East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention was successfully inaugurated with approximately 35 industry professionals, among them: Dave Watkins (Toronto, Canada), Paul Martin (Toronto, Canada); William H. Foster III (PA / CT); Arvell Jones (MI); Desmond Jones (MI); Teon Walker (MI); C. Patrick Jackson (MI); André Batts (MI); Bro. Grey (NY); N. Steven Harris (NY); Lance Tooks (NY); Titus Thomas (NY); Eric Battle (PA); Jerry Craft (CT); Omar Bilal (MD); Stacey Robinson (NC); Kevin Woolfork (NC); & Elder Samuel Joyner (PA); et al.



Industry RSVP's included: Harvey Richards (NY); Mshindo Kuumba (NY); David Brown (CA); Rex Perry (NY) and Black Star (NY), among others. I still have over 50 original contact e-mails and letters sent from industry professionals expressing their interest in the ECBACC.

Historical Note: The ECBACC was initially slated to be called the Pan-African Comic Convention (PAC-Con) or First World Komix Con after FWK.

May 2002: Rumbings of the first ECBACC Anthology. During and after the first ECBACC, a proposal went out to several in attendance to participate in the creation of the first *ECBACC Anthology*, which would have various genre selections from superhero, sci-fi, fantasy, satire to cartooning. However, although we did receive a quarter of the requested submissions, for specific reasons, which I outlined in my own superhero satire, the *ECBACC Anthology* was not actualized until five years later!



Historical Note: 2nd Annual ECBACC – Saturday, May 17, 2003. Another successful event with approximately 75 industry professionals and comic book, sci-fi and fantasy aficionados who joined us continuously throughout the day.

Historical Note: 3rd Annual ECBACC – Saturday, May 15, 2004. Yet another successful event with approximately 150 industry professionals and comic book, sci-fi and fantasy aficionados who joined us continuously throughout the day.



Saturday, May, 15, 2004: At the 3rd Annual ECBACC, the **ECBACC Pioneer Lifetime Achievement Award** was instituted to honor veteran creators and industry trailblazers who contributed significantly to the growth of Black images in the industry, among them: political cartoonist **Mr. Samuel Joyner** of *Philadelphia Tribune* fame who received the very first ECBACC Pioneer Award in 2004, and who continues to join us each year; **Mr. Bertram Fitzgerald**, Creator of “Golden Legacy Comics,” who received the honor in 2005; **Mr. Tony Tallarico**, of “Lobo” fame, who received the honor in 2006, as did **Mr. Turtel Onli**, the “Father of the Black Age” concept; **Mr. Larry Fuller**, “One of the Kings of Underground Comix,” who received the honor in 2007; and **Lady Nichelle Nichols** of “Star Trek” fame who honored us with her presence in 2008. These respected elder professionals have over 175 combined years in the industry.



Historical Note: 4th Annual ECBACC – Friday and Saturday, May 13 & 14, 2005. The ECBACC becomes a two-day event. With the Pioneer Award / Reception on Friday evening and the full Convention on Saturday. Yet another successful event with approximately 450 industry professionals and comic book, sci-fi and fantasy aficionados who joined us over the 2-day period.

FYI: See Definitive.Comics.Article.2K9: The Contemporary Black Comic Book Hero / Superhero: Waging an Epic Battle!

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