

#SWA on DalNet

#SWA FAQ and Channel Rules

#SWA - FAQ

These questions may not be complete, but can be added to at any time by posing the question via the channel operators, or directly to me by email. Send your suggestions or corrections to: OafScan@dial.pipex.com.

Q1 **What does SWA mean?**

A1 This has been a point of contention in recent times. **SWA** is an acronym which stands for **S**canners **W**ith **A**ttitudes. The 'Attitudes' part is where some deeper understanding is required, and it is basically this :- Those who scan under the SWA umbrella have certain scanning attitudes, which essentially means they strive to produce the best they can from any given material, they are always improving their skills, they are not in competition with each other and they will not duplicate work done by other members of the group. It is this 'attitude' which sets them apart and above other NetScanners.

Q2 **How did SWA start?**

A2 OK, a little history - which I hope I get right. In the beginning God (or Gods - whichever) created the world. From then on, things went downhill - people got nailed to trees for saying '*Wouldn't it be good if people were nice to each other for a change*'; huge numbers of people were slaughtered over nothing important; and the world became a sorry place. Then, one day, two accomplished NetScanners, namely RipTorn and Phantom, decided that they should join forces and help each other to achieve the pinnacle of the scanning community - they had each produced a very popular and successful scan series already, but the combined effort of these two, coupled with their attitude to scanning would make them the best. Hence, the SWA group was formed. Notice we say SWA Group, and not #SWA Channel.

Q3 **So how and why did the #SWA Channel start?**

A3 Basically, the #SWA Channel was started by RipTorn and Phantom in April 1997, as the distribution point for their SWA scans, as well as a meeting place for friends and like minded people. Aside from its prime purpose, the channel has grown from those days when only 5 or 6 people joined, to the extent that 70 guests in the channel is not uncommon, each one either sharing or collecting scans from both SWA and other collections. It is undeniably the most successful channel of its type. But, the **prime** purpose of the channel never goes away:

#SWA exists to support those scanners who have the privilege to belong to the SWA scanning group

This, above all else, should not be forgotten. All the OPs, Voices, organisation and time dedicated to #SWA, is in support of the few individuals who make it into the SWA scanning group.

Of course, the support of the SWA scanners is not the only reason for the continued success of #SWA. The channel has also become the primary channel for scan collection and distribution, where most series can be obtained. It is also a good place to meet and chat!

Q4 *There are 'other' channels - where do those fit in?*

A4 #SWA is a victim of its own success. There were some 'copycat' channels, but they were never that successful. However, as with all successful organisations, discontent affected some of the early channel operators. This caused a rift, which led to some other channels being formed. Those channels have their own agenda and operate as totally separate entities. Those who remained with #SWA decided not to fight an unnecessary war with those channels, and although there was a period when the #SWA was regularly 'attacked' by those new channels, the #SWA operators were true to their word.

Q5 *So what happened to RipTorn and Phantom?*

A5 In short, they are no longer part of the group, having decided to 'get on with their real lives'. This happens, and there is little we can do. As with all people who leave the fold, we wish them well in their futures.

Q6 *Why can't we have more SWA scanners?*

A6 Basically because 99% of all NetScanners scan the same tired old thing - Playboy NSS. One of the policies of the SWA scanning group, is 'No Duplicates', so the fans of high quality scans can be assured that each SWA scan is unique to the group. It also shows that the members of SWA are not in competition with each other.

However, there is a downside to this as if all the SWA scanners wish to scan Playboy material, then there needs to be some form of 'allocation' made for each individual. Hence, in order to keep good scanners with us, they need to have material to scan - the more scanners there are, then the less each individual has to choose from.

Having said that, there is room for more scanners if they are not interested in scanning Playboy material. But, they have to be very good and must have had a successful high quality series before joining the team - just let us know your interested, and then we can review your material.

Q7 *Can #SWA survive without the SWA Scanners support?*

A7 There is no simple answer. It may survive, then it may not. Having said that, a channel run by the same people with much the same goals would make it, but the meaning of 'SWA' would be lost. I don't really think there is any need to worry, as it is unlikely that we would run out of scanners.

Q8 *Is there an Official SWA or #SWA Web Site?*

A8 Not yet. This is being worked on. One thing is for sure though, there will not be any SWA (or other scans) available from such a site. That is the purpose of the channel. An official site will be informational, allowing users to download documentation, scripts and CSV's. It may also include a Newsletter, which would be a simple way to keep OPs and voices appraised of any situations or events.

Q9 *How do I become a Voice or OP in #SWA?*

A9 By showing some dedication to the channel, and ultimately being voted in by your peers. However, anyone seeking such a position has to agree with the 'rules' set out in this document - without question. Generally, the channel operators will know who is likely to succeed in this goal, as it becomes quite obvious during the normal day to day operations.

To become one of the channel **OPs**, you should first have served as a Voice for a significant period prior to being nominated. The nominations are then voted upon, and those successful candidates will be notified and trained in due course.

Guests are monitored at great length before they are considered for nomination to become a channel **Voice**. As examples of the criteria upon which we base our nominations, a candidate would have shown their ability to help others in #SWA, either by answering questions or offering technical support in the use of applications or scripts etc. Some Voices may have contributed to the overall scan collecting cause in some manner, such as writing Collection Managers or exceptional scripts. Candidates would generally have been active in #SWA for at least 2 months, on a regular basis.

Many guests have extensive collections, and run triggers or FTP's. This is not, by itself, considered adequate grounds for nomination.

Q10 *How does the voting work?*

A10 Basically this is quite simple. When a vote is called, ALL people holding AOP status or above are notified of the nominations. Votes are cast by each individual, as he or she so wishes, by a certain date (normally within 1 week). There are 3 levels of voting, i.e. YES, NO or Abstain, and any votes not cast are assumed to be an Abstain.

In the past a formula was used to determine whether the votes cast indicate an accept or deny situation, but this always assumes there are enough votes cast in the first place. The owners of the channel decide if any voting was adequate, and under those situations where it was inadequate, may accept or reject the candidate purely on merit.

Q11 *What is the channel position on 'bots', 'clones', and 'multiple sessions'?*

A11 There has been some confusion of late regarding use and abuse of bots, clones and multiple sessions, so this is written to make matters clear for everyone.

Scanners With Attitudes

Channel Bots: these may only be run by SOPs, and are primarily used for the smooth running of the channel, e.g. providing extensive ban lists, running anti-war scripts etc.

Server Bots: anyone may run a server (or server bot if you prefer), as long as they do not interfere with the channel by flooding or excessive advertising. Such bots are still bound by the same rules applicable to the user running them.

Clones: unsurprisingly, clones are not allowed. Some people confuse clones with multiple sessions, so it is useful to define what a clone is. A true clone is one machine using 2 or more sessions on a single DalNet server - this is against DalNet rules, and if seen should be reported to the appropriate server admin (who, no doubt, will issue a k-line on the offender).

Multiple Sessions: Anyone connecting twice through different servers does not break the DalNet policy, but this can sometimes lead to abuse of the generosity of others within the channel. When any abuse of users triggers is reported, the offending user will be not be allowed to operate multiple sessions to #SWA. This could result in a permanent ban from the channel for persistent offenders. Use of the ignore list in mIRC does help alleviate some of this problem.

The #SWA Channel Rules

Introduction

#SWA is run such that it tries to provide a good place for scan collectors to meet and exchange pics. Additionally, it is the place where the SWA scans are released.

Unfortunately, due to being a public channel, we occasionally encounter some undesirable characters, who, for best reasons known only to themselves, attempt to disrupt channel activities. As a result, we have 'rules' to determine how we wish the channel to operate.

- If you don't like or if you disagree with our rules, then leave. We will not allow any arguments about our rules and our OPs will not engage in any debates about them.

Immediate and Permanent Kick Bans

Infringement, or suspected infringement of any of the following rules will result in a permanent ban from #SWA.

- NO ONE UNDER 18 is allowed in #SWA. This is an 'Adult Channel' and we have a commitment to prevent the corruption of minors.
- We don't share 'kiddie' porn, animal sex, sexual penetration scans, or anything that could be considered perverted, such as incest, teen sex or rape scans. DO NOT join any channel formed for these purposes while in #SWA.
- ANY deliberate attacks on the channel, the OPs, or bots such as flooding will NOT be tolerated. This includes ANY war-like attempts either in #SWA or elsewhere.
- ANY abusive or offensive actions or attitudes towards ANYONE in the channel will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, racial slurs and personal attacks.

Operator Warnings

Certain activities by some guests deviate from the channel objective of having a place where netscans can be exchanged, and those guests with similar interests can chat. The following activities are likely to result in an Operator warning. Persistent infringement may result in either a Temporary or Permanent ban from the channel.

- We do not allow you to run idle timers, please run them in another channel.
- We do not allow any ON JOIN messages, except with permission from the channel owners.
- We do not permit any adverts for other channels, XXX Sites, web pay sites, or any other form of advertising except your PERSONAL web sites provided they are related in subject to the channel and 100% free.
- #SWA is NOT a trading channel, and as such there are NO pic ratio requirements allowed, either by script, FTP or trading.
- We do not allow cybersex, warez, mp3, or password trading in #SWA. If you wish to participate in such activities, there are channels already formed for those purposes.

- Users may not run clones in the channel - this is DalNet policy, not ours, and we wish to be seen to comply with their rules.
- Offensive Nicks, Idents or statements in channel adverts will not be tolerated

Auto-Kicks

Sometimes it is necessary to protect the channel automatically from text flooding or a faulty script. More often than not, the offence is accidental, but the response may be automatic. Please note the following should this happen to you:

- If you are kicked from #SWA due to flooding or a wayward script, do not rejoin the channel until the offending action has completed.

#SWA Netiquette

To make your stay in the channel more pleasant, and to increase your chances of obtaining what you seek, you are asked to comply with the following channel etiquette:

- Make your initial requests to the channel. It is impolite to privately chat someone for scans without permission.
- If you need a picture ask politely, if you have one that someone needs, please send freely. The goal here is to help each other complete a desired series, and get new scans from the scanners as they become available.
- Before using triggers or FTP's, learn how to use your application properly. Ask for help if you need it.
- Adverts and offers are limited to 1 per person per 10 minutes, except under special circumstances (e.g. new SWA releases).
- You are reminded that users offer their collections freely, and as such you should not abuse this. Take the files one at a time, or the user may deny you any access altogether.
- Use of colours in your offers, adverts or in general conversation is permitted. Overuse of colours is not appreciated by all guests. You are requested to use them modestly and maturely. In addition, the use of all caps is considered to be shouting and is not necessary to get anyone's attention.
- Friendly chat is encouraged at all times in the channel.