

# Blast Off

SCUTTLEBUTT AND MINUTIAE

## U Said it

We asked former Orbit staffers: **How did Orbit prepare you for life?**



**Chris Kassel**  
*Fine Food Editor*

It taught me the value in handing over reams of cutting-edge comedy & art for free.



**Jimmy Doom**  
*Contributor*

By publishing my painstakingly researched articles and compensating me with Swisher Sweets & 5 O'Clock gin.



**Liz Warner**  
*Sonic Boom Editor*

To always look both ways before crossing the road. You never know when you'll run into a chicken.



**Gary Arnett**  
*Hall of Famer*

Orbit taught me to hate and love and hate and love and hate and love and hate and love Jerry!

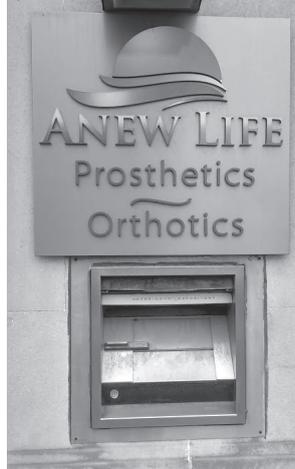


**Chene Koppitz**  
*Sales Rep*

It was my entrée into dysfunctional employment that has followed me the rest of my adulthood.

## Not-A-Bank

The 2008 bailout didn't come to Detroit Savings Bank. In fact, it was probably closed before that mess. But you could say the current incarnation gives it a "leg" up on other Detroit "Not-A-Banks." On the corner of Woodward & Milwaukee in the New Center, the owners of Anew Life Prosthetics & Orthotics say they have been seeking to improve the lives of people needing a new limb or brace since 2011. The local firm's website adds custom jobs are available. But, sadly, it doesn't say if the old night deposit is for after-hours drop-offs. Either way, if the financial crisis has cost you an arm and a leg, there's no more appropriate place to get new ones!



## Orbit Calling

A short conversation with Xfinity/Comcast

**ORBIT:** I think this is a 't' and not a '1' but could be a '1' after the 't.'

**Xfinity:** Thank you. Upon checking, your new box is not yet registered on your account. Please give me a few minutes to add it.

**ORBIT:** I hope it is quick. This is the longest my children have been without cable. What should I tell them?

**Xfinity:** I'm trying to fix it as soon as possible please bear with me Jerry.

**ORBIT:** OK but you don't have kids yelling at you—wishing you dead like I do. They blame me. They are cursing me—wishing me harm.

**Xfinity:** Can you please check the following: Kindly check if there's a loose connection on the cable wall outlet. Also please make sure that the coaxial cable is tightly connected to the RE IN or CABLE IN at the back of the cable box. I really apologize for the inconvenience Jerry. I already sent an initialize signal to your cable box.

**ORBIT:** The power on the box is not on—does that matter?

**Xfinity:** Is your box automatically restarted? Please turn it on.

**ORBIT:** Is says one moment please. Just like before. The children are worried the cable has gone away and won't come back. Just like their mom.

**Xfinity:** I'm really trying my best here Jerry.

**ORBIT:** Me too.

## Orbit

That sound you hear is Ron Williams rolling over in his grave. It's a small pyrrhic victory for us but a victory none the less.

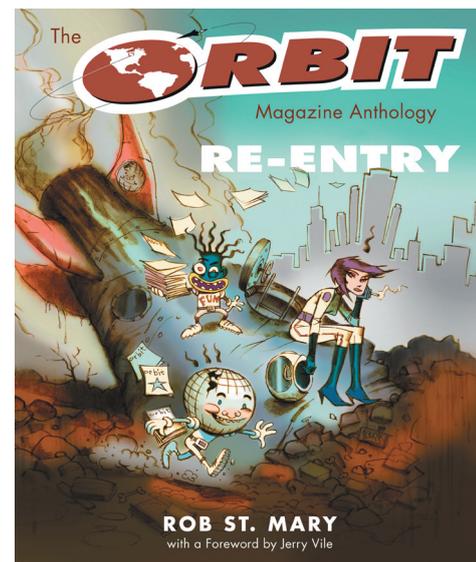
So don't take drugs. —Orby

## Product Watch

### The Orbit Magazine Anthology

272 pages, 10x12, \$34.99 — Out September 1st

Wayne State University Press thought it might be a good idea to have former WDET reporter Rob St. Mary reprint sections of not only this deceased magazine but *Fun* and *White Noise* and talk to the staffers before their collective memories rot any further. The author *seems* like such a nice young man, so why would he want to do a book about Jerry Vile? Our money is on bestiality blackmail photos.



By the way, the art deadline for **The Dirty Show** is coming up.

## Ask Baby Jingo

*Is there such thing as free will?  
Signed, I Had to Ask*

Please leave me alone. Simple math should have been enough for you to deduce I am no longer a baby. A superior intellect has brought me nothing but anguish. The success of the ignorant seems to be the constant in this world. While my gravity harness, solar fusion engines, and cure for all diseases may have brought me untold financial stability, eradicating that knowledge has been my only delight through these dismal years. —Baby Jingo

