

## Summer Lovin'

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Hey Queer Zine Fans! It's June here in the Northern Hemisphere (and everywhere else on the planet, too, we suspect.) June is significant for a couple of reasons. For those in North America it means summer, and summer means less TV, more hot rods (except with the price of petrol, who cares?!?!?) and surfing! In between catching waves and hanging on the beach (ok, QZAP is in Milwaukee... we've got a beach, but no real waves to speak of) it's time for Comix! So we've arbitrarily declared June to be Queer Comix Month. Take a few minutes to troll the archives and check out some of the illustrated work by such talented zinesters as Sina Shamsavari, Erica Moen, and Mara Schnookums, to name a few. Summer is also exciting because it's when there's a larger number of zine fests and Queer festivals. Chris has just returned from the Denver Zine Fest with these comments: Just a quick "thank you" to the hardworking zinesters who put together the third annual Denver Zine Fest on May 31, 2008. The weekend started with Anna emceeing the Zine Reading event at The Other Side Arts. Several awesome queer zinesters read, including Shannon Perez Darby, Nia King, Kelly Shortandqueer and me. Saturday was the main day of tabling, with hundreds of people browsing throughout the day. A sign of a successful event is to come home with none of the zines you went with and a stack of amazing zines by other people to read. Sunday, Nia King hosted the traditional pancake brunch and made stacks of yummy cakes for all! Special thanks to Kelly and Anna for letting me crash on their futon and hone my rudimentary DDR skills! If you are in the Denver area, be sure to check out the new Denver Zine Library space. It is larger, and has a nice, comfy feel to it. Also be sure to check our Events listings for upcoming festivals. July will be packed full with the Twin Cities Zine Fest in Minneapolis, MN, the Milwaukee Zine Fest here in Milwaukee, and the San Francisco Zine Fest. If you're in the Midwest in the US come visit us at the Milwaukee Zine Fest! Finally, under the "News" link at the top of the page we've added a section named "Calls For Submissions". If you know of upcoming zine projects that are looking for writers and artists please let us know, and we'll list them there.