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First Class #19 is dedicated to the life and words of Albert Huffstickler, a friend of First Class through his submissions and chapbook "In the Clearing," and a friend of mine through letters and correspondence ranging over 6 years. A man of no pretension and one of the very best. Period.

The response to the format change last issue was favorable enough to continue the "back-pocket reader" style. There are a few more stylistic tweaks this time around. But, most importantly, First Class #19 is another killer collection of the very best words that flow into my pobox. So, enjoy the read.

- Christopher M.