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March, April, May 2006

Winds of Change

By Sallie Abba

The topic of DMSFS meetings recently popped up on the Chat list. For those that may not be subscribers to the Chat (see sidebar), here's the gist of what happened. A suggestion was made that we re-focus our meetings so that they weren't always all business. After all we're supposed to be a SciFi group, when do we get to talk about things SF? Well, what followed was a flurry of posts with all sorts of wonderful ideas and suggestions, a summary of which follows shortly.

DMSFS Chat Information

Some of you may not know what the Chat list is. Briefly, it is an email list for DMSFS members and other interested parties. An email sent to the list automatically goes out to all subscribers. We "chat" about all kinds of stuff including Science Fiction. The list is not moderated all posts go directly to the list. We'd like to keep it that way so please be considerate of all the varied lifestyles and opinions when making a post.

If you're not on the list we'd love to have you join us. The more the merrier, after all. There are two types of subscriptions to the Chat, as we call it. The regular subscription sends each email as it is posted. The digest version compiles all the posts and sends a single email for every 10 or so messages or every 3 or so days which ever comes first. If you are concerned about the volume of mail you would want to choose the digest option. For a regular subscription send an email to chat-subscribe@dmsfs.org. For the digest versions send an email to chat-digest-subscribe@dmsfs.org

This isn't the first time this topic has come up within the club. There have been at least four previous attempts to "make meetings fun" that I can recall. In the end, we've always reverted back to what I've come to recognize as our default setting. It should be pointed out that our default meeting format isn't wrong. It obviously serves a purpose and is satisfying on some level or we wouldn't continue to use it. However, this format does use up all our allotted meeting time. So if we want to do other things at meetings besides business, we need to make some changes in the way we run our meetings.

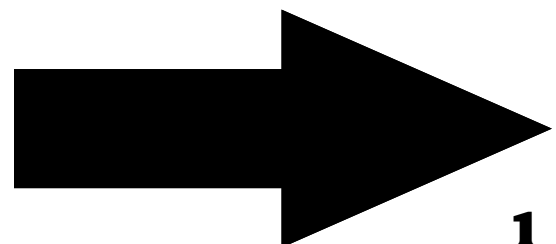
On Wednesday February 8th, the DMSFS board of directors met to try and come up with a proposal that would address this issue. The proposal (see below) was adopted by the club at the February 10th meeting and will be the model for running our meetings going forward. As we quickly found out, however, easier said than done: old habits surely do die hard. The next few agenda items found us immediately resuming our normal, and dare I say favorite, meeting behaviors, namely talking out of order and dead horse beating. I have to tell you folks, we are some of the best dead horse beaters around. We can flay the meat out of any topic no matter how trivial.

We definitely have our work cut out for us. We will need to be patient and understanding with each other as we struggle to make new habits for ourselves. The road ahead will be frustrating at times. As hard as this new direction will be for us, it is a journey worth making. I think one thing that was evident at the February 10th meeting was our determination to make this attempt a successful one. All we need do to "make it so" is to follow Miles Vorkosigan's motto: "Maintain forward momentum." What's that? You don't know who Miles Vorkosigan is? Well, that's a topic for another time...

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How to Host a Murder Mystery

(aka—the January Birthday Party) By Rita Skeeter



Andy Wheeler (Puck) flirts with Mandi Arthur (Christy)

The Costume Ball of the season was held Saturday evening, the 14th of January. All of the Mythical and Magical clans were represented. With the recent murders of note, everyone was behaving quite guardedly. There were even muggles in attendance, in the guise of the Watchers. The watchers were under the direction of a Doctor Jackson. Quite an interesting lot, these muggles. Sticking their noses into matters magical in nature could prove quite dangerous if one was not careful.

Queen Titania and King Oberon, along with their wayfaring son, Puck, seemed to be somewhat dysfunctional. Master Puck was feeling quite frisky, trying to take up with all of the available females in attendance. King Oberon, arriving late and separate from the rest of the clan, found himself on the outs for much of the evening. Titania and Oberon's daughter, Ninieve, spent much of the evening sparring with Guinevere over Lancelot.

Morganna and Merlin appeared to be at odds over situations in their little family group. A power struggle between the two of them, me thinks. Arthur, as usual, was quite the stumbling, bumbling individual. I believe that even Arthur's long dead brother, Lancelot, was in attendance. Guinevere, while caring for her husband, still pined over the loss of Lancelot.



Joe Struss (Lancelot The Dead) and Al Horhmann (Seth)



Observing the Hidden Council meeting of the Immortal Clans.

The Were clan appeared to have much discord within their ranks. It appears that the leader of the group, Bastet, had been under some type of mind control for many years and "Not responsible for her own actions". Please, folks, do you really think that would it be possible to control the mind of a Goddess? The infighting became most apparent during the meetings of all the clans toward the end of the evening. Clan members were split as to her innocence or guilt in anything.

The Vampyr clan was in rare form on this night. It was as though a full moon were present in the night sky. Two members of their clan were savagely murdered in the midst of the party going on. Prince Allejandro (leader of the clan) and Gregori were found dead at separate times. Accusations as to the killer(s) identity flew as wildly as the "Golden Snitch" n a Quidditch Match.

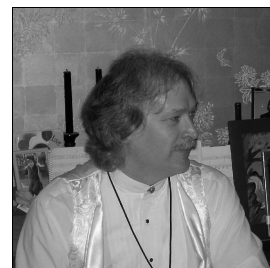
Many secrets were noted to be flying back and forth between all in attendance. All trying to hide things from the watchful eye of the press. Nothing will get past this reporter, to say the least.



Mark Hagerman (Professor Jackson) - GUILTY.

There was a meeting of all the clans in attendance which lead to finding the identity of the killer(s). Titania represented the Fae, Morganna the Mage, Bastet the Were, and Natasha the Vampyr. During this meeting slight discord was noted in the Vampyr clan with Selene stepping forward to claim her rightful role as leader, being the daughter of Allejandro. The uneasiness in the Were clan became quite apparent when Isis wanted Bastet replaced as leader of the clan due to her previous negative actions. In the end, the Inquisitor did his job and determined that Professor Jackson was responsible for the watcher murders. The Vampyr murders were never fully resolved.

The birthday honorees were Sallie Abba, Les Roth and Mitch Thompson. The party was held at the home of Les and Jeannette Roth. All in attendance had a good time, whether participating in the game or just observing.



The Birthday Celebrants: Sallie Abba (Morganna), Les Roth (Bruce The Host), and Mitch Thompson (The Inquisitor).

Story and Photos By Sheril Harper

SuperCon Reaches the Teens

Supercon, Minnesota's counter programming for Super Bowl weekend, became a teenager with Supercon 13 on February 3-5. Relocating this year to Rochester (from Austin for the past few years), saw an increase in the crowd and a lively bunch it was.

Featuring its Consuite of Decadence, this year's indulgence was a variety of martinis. Theses included a rose martini that was popular, sexy, and most favored by ladies wearing slinky gowns and little else. With a marvelous gathering space in the form of a center courtyard in the 60 room motel and minimal formal programming, there was a grand variety of activities ranging from PlayStation2 games hooked up to the big screen television, Mah Jongg competitions, trivia contests, and SMOFing.



Designed to give people who throw conventions a chance to get together and compare notes, Supercon has representatives from at least six different conventions, so anyone wanting to talk shop has plenty of experienced people whose brains are available for picking. Warm body count exceeded 70 this year so it's a select group where you can actually talk to everyone you want to. But it is the group's intention to grow into occupying the entire hotel (not much of a stretch from this year) so more of us from the Des Moines area should consider going.

The only down side to attending Supercon is my fatigue level made it impossible to make it to Des Moines for Max's party on Sunday afternoon. Alas, but I'm just not as young as I once was.

By Susan Stewart

Winter Bike Riding - A BRR Experience



Bravely (or perhaps foolishly) ignoring a wind chill of zero (temperature of 17 with a north wind at about 15 to 20 miles per hour) the dedicated winter bicycling team of Rachelle Hrubetz, Les Roth, and I participated in their second BRR (Bike Ride to Rippey) bicycle ride together on February 4th, 2006. If we knew what the weather would do to us once we rode north out of Perry I think we might have decided to skip the bike ride and head straight to Les' hot tub.

That stiff north wind made the first half of the ride a real challenge. It took several stops for rest and warm fluids (hot chocolate & chicken broth) for the three of us to make the 11½ mile ride from Perry to Rippey against that cold and nasty wind from the north. You know it's cold when the water in your water bottle starts to freeze! It took us about an hour to ride each direction last year. This year it took 2½ hours to make the first half from Perry to Rippey, averaging about 7 miles per hour. Once we

arrived in Rippey we dined at a local church serving up a baked potato bar. Rachelle, Les, & I agreed the baked potatoes were indeed the best potatoes we every had.

After we finished eating, resting, and thawing out, we got on our cold bikes and headed back to Perry. What a difference the change of direction made! That stiff headwind became a wonderful tailwind. We made the ride back to Perry in about 45 minutes with an average speed of 18 miles per hour. When we added the two halves of the ride together we agreed it was an overall good ride. Our reward for surviving the ride was a long, relaxing soak in the Roth's hot tub.

We plan on recruiting some of our DMSFS friends to join us on next year's BRR ride. We also hope to resume the weekly bike rides some of rode on local trails a couple of years ago.

By Jon Mohning



The intrepid bike riders: Rachelle Hrubetz, Les Roth, and Jon Mohning display the official 2006 BRR t-shirt.

Photo by Tammy Mohning

New Year's SACC Pictures



Photos by Robert Monk & Jon Mohning

And Now For Some Mental Exercise

This is a puzzle based on the popular Soduko puzzle. The goal is to fill every empty box with one of nine letters. Each letter can appear only once in each horizontal row, as well as in every vertical column and in each of the 3x3 grids. The puzzle contains the letters U, G, D, T, A, M, N, I, and L.

The hint for the puzzle is this is a favorite DMSFS entertainment. Another clue and the puzzle solution can be found at the bottom of page 7

		U	D					G
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			U			G		
	M	D				N	U	
		T			D			
		M	I	G				N
		A			M			L
U					A	I		

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Chat Summary, Message threads relating to DMSFS meetings

Main message – Meetings need to be more than just business because –

- ◆ Business-only meetings are a turn off to newcomers
- ◆ Meetings with programming can be promoted in Datebook and other community calendars, and make it easier to invite new people to attend
- ◆ We want to promote our club purpose year-round not just during DemiCon

Many messages were regarding clarification, history and observations on our club purpose, meeting format, voting procedures, and club sponsorship of projects and events. In the interest of space, the by-law excerpts won't be included here. You can access the by-laws from www.dmsfs.org

Some messages addressed the fact that previous attempts to make this change were unsuccessful. Reasons cited were:

- ◆ No one stepped forward to implement change
- ◆ Lack of planning
- ◆ Those that did step forward were not supported in their efforts. A case in point is the book discussion group
- ◆ Current business format is conducive to long decision-making process

Suggestions for changes:

- ◆ Alternate “fun” meetings with business meetings
- ◆ Extend meeting time to allow for more activities after business is concluded
- ◆ Separate DemiCon and club business
- ◆ Change meeting format
- ◆ Schedule activities and/or fun things
- ◆ Delegate club business to board of directors

A side, but related thread, dealt with finding an alternate meeting place that would afford us more flexibility with our meeting time, as well as something that is available to the metro's mass transit options. Contacts were made to several sites, but netted no usable alternative to our current arrangement. The main obstacle was the cost involved.

Other side threads included:

- ◆ Charge dues so we could rent facilities
- ◆ Arrange carpool options
- ◆ Numerous suggestions of specific activities to do at meetings
- ◆ Issues relating to after meeting dinner

DMSFS Board of Directors' Recommendation For Changes to Meetings

The main objective – adding SF related content to meetings

Considerations in achieving objective:

- ◆ Make only the changes necessary to achieve the objective
- ◆ Ensure necessary business decisions are not marginalized
- ◆ Encourage active participation by all club members
- ◆ Create opportunities for all suggested activities

The Board of Directors (BOD) feels the objective can be achieved without altering our current structure and guidelines. The club should try following our current guidelines before making changes. This will allow us to pinpoint exactly what, if anything, we need to change. During this time of transition, the BOD feels it is important to have a plan and firm guidelines in place to help keep us on track. Old habits die hard, and if we are not vigilant we will revert to our usual meeting format as we have with previous attempts.

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The Plan - **All efforts will be made to expedite necessary business including:**

Agenda

1. Enforcing by-law agenda provision – All agenda items must be submitted to the Scribbler no later than the Monday before the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda will be posted on the website no later than the Wednesday before the meeting.
3. Members are encouraged to review the agenda, research any items of interest and come to the meeting prepared to make choices.
4. This will also allow those not able to attend meetings and those who may be late to arrange for a proxy vote.
5. Agenda items submitted after the Monday deadline will be moved to the next meeting.
6. Exceptions will be made only in critical need situations.
7. Members can still submit topics from the floor as we have been doing. However, this practice is counter productive to our objective and should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.

Meeting times

1. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 6:30 unless otherwise noted.
2. The program portion of the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in most cases.
3. Exact times will vary depending on factors such as proximity to DemiCon and other club sponsored events
4. If it turns out that a 6:30 business meeting is not conducive for whatever reason. We will revert to the 7:00 pm start time with the business portion of the meeting lasting 15 – 20 minutes and the program portion having the remaining time.
5. Changes in the schedule will be announced and published in advance, no later than the meeting before.

Program items

1. Those interested in arranging/presenting a topic for the program portion of the meeting will sign up with the Scribbler.
2. The BOD applauds and approves the specific suggestions for program topics that have been made the last several days. We encourage anyone with an idea for programming to sign up on the calendar as soon as possible. Jon Mohning has already volunteered to kick off our new campaign for change next week. We have a calendar ready for use. Days highlighted are likely to require longer business time. Therefore, if you have a presentation/programming idea that is 15 – 20 minutes or so these would be good slots to choose. Conversely, if you envision using the entire hour you should avoid these meetings. Days grayed out are not open for programming.
3. Advanced program and agenda items will be submitted for publication in the Paradox whenever possible.
4. Meetings with no prearranged program will have an open floor for discussion of whatever the club deems pertinent.

Parliamentary Procedure

1. The Speaker will maintain order at meetings by exercising his/her privilege to grant or revoke the floor to/from any member, and, if that doesn't work, shooting offending members in the heinie with a phaser. (Taken directly from the by-laws)
2. Meetings can only support one topic track at a time. It is important that we be patient and take turns with the floor.
3. Finally and this is key - Club members should respect whatever topic has the floor, by providing at minimum their polite attention and better yet their positive participation. This week's program may not be exactly in your interest area, but next week's might. If that isn't enough to make us sit up and shut up, we should put ourselves in the place of the one who has the floor. It is often a difficult and unpleasant task, so let's make it easy on the brave volunteers.

DMSFS vs. DemiCon

1. DemiCon business is club business and as such, the two cannot be separated. DemiCon is the place where we can come closest to being all things to all people. We have a venue that allows for multiple tracks of programming. This is our best out-reach opportunity to accomplish our club goals.
2. The current Department Head meeting schedule for DemiCon 17 will continue as published. That means there will be times when both meetings will share the same night. This is the format agreed upon by the Department Heads.

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This arrangement was also given positive feedback during the DC 16 postmortem. It is worth noting that since we began holding DH meetings on regular meeting Fridays attendance has been significantly higher to both meetings and the general knowledge and support of the club for DemiCon has been stronger. Contrast this with your current knowledge and support of Costume-Con 24, which has not held meetings in conjunction with club events.

- a. This will be the format for joint meeting nights. The DMSFS meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:00. The Department Head meeting will begin at the conclusion of the club meeting or 8:00 whichever comes first. Those who are not interested in the Department Head meeting are free to go elsewhere or socialize as they please as long as such activity does not interfere with the DH meeting.
- b. Joint club and DH meetings will take place at a restaurant venue of ConCom's choosing. This is necessary to provide enough time for both meetings. Club members are not obligated to eat at the establishment if it is not to their liking. This is our only option at this time that accommodates both meetings without generating extra cost.
- c. The meeting plan as presented would be suspended and restructured as necessary during the month of July as we prepare for DemiCon.

Other Points

1. The BOD does not support alternating program meetings with business meetings. The club has immediate obligations, including Costume-Con DemiCon. These obligations will preclude us using this alternating format with the desired results.
2. The BOD does not support delegating club business to the Board of Directors. As previously observed our current structure will support and nurture the changes we are trying to implement. Our current structure also offers some protection against the fraudulent and/or accidental misuse of club resources. In fairness to the current officers, if the club should choose this option anyway, we strongly recommend such a change not become effective until the next officer election.

This proposal offers the following options -

1. Immediate implementation - Since we will be following current guidelines there will be no delay for the re-writing and approval of by-laws.
2. Flexibility - Our current structure allows for deviation from the standard format without having to re-work the rules.
3. All inclusive - All the wonderful suggestions made so far can be done within this format.

It is technically true that we can't be all things to all people. However, the BOD firmly believes that we can be an organization where all people are comfortable. It is our belief that this plan is our first best chance to achieve our desired goals. We recommend following this plan through at least DemiCon, then reevaluating prior to the next officer elections.

The Board of Directors moved that the club adopt this proposal and that this proposal take effect immediately. The motion passed.

Puzzle Hint & Solution

The solution to the puzzle is upside down and below. But before you flip the page around, here is another hint that might help you. In this DMSFS entertainment, the **Merchants** play a very important role. If this clue does not help you, then by all means flip the page over to see the puzzle solution. Pay close attention to the second column from the left after you turn the page upside down.

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Ϸ	I	Γ	⊥	V	D	Π	N	M



Portrayals of Women Leaders

The hoopla surrounding Commander in Chief is alien to me. While many women across the country are excited about a television show portraying a woman as president, I am less than impressed. In my opinion, the character of Dr. Elizabeth Weir on Stargate: Atlantis is a much better portrayal of how a woman leader would be accepted. Although Weir is not president, she is the omnipotent commander of an expedition that has no contact with Earth.

I imagine the writer's guide for Commander in Chief to have emblazoned across its cover the edict that every episode must include a gender-based challenge to Mackenzie Allen's right to be president. The show is so unpalatable that I have never watched a complete episode and rarely even think about the show. In contrast, while the leadership style of Dr. Weir is one credited to women more than to men, the challenges she faces are what any commander encounters.

My hope for a female president owes much to a reference in one of Arthur C. Clarke's Rama novels. Clarke wrote of a future time when presidents are not elected. Instead, they are dragged kicking and screaming into the Oval Office because anyone who wants to be president is not qualified to be president. In his novel, Clarke made the most qualified candidate a woman. Shirley Chisholm's run for president gave me pride. Pat Schroeder's decision not to run fed my anger against a biased system. It was Clarke's story, however, that gave me confidence that women would one day be presidents of the United States.

Both Weir and Allen achieved their status through selection by a male president. Alas, neither science fiction nor standard literature/television has figured out how to have a woman elected as the American president unless she's a minor character.

Nevertheless, prime time and mainstream television shows are making progress. Gene Roddenberry was told that for Star Trek to be bought as a series, he had to have a male as second in command. By the time Voyager hit the airways, a woman could be captain. Alas, Kathryn Janeway still had to stress her femininity. I think of Commander in Chief as part of this continuum.

Stargate: Atlantis is more a continuance of the Rama attitude in that the most qualified person is a woman who does not have to prove on a regular basis that her gender is not a detriment. When President Allen needed to show she can be tough, the writers gave her an abused woman to rescue using the military. In contrast, Weir was given a chance to display her willingness to use force when a scientist demanded a balm for his ego during a life-and-death situation. Without hesitation, Weir threatened to strand the scientist on a lonely planet if he didn't get his priorities straight.

One of the reasons why I enjoy science fiction is its ability to take what is unusual today and make it ordinary. Commander in Chief does the opposite. It puts so much emphasis on the unusual that it seems unnatural.

by Rose Field

Meet The DMSFS Member



Mike Anderson

Age: 36

Currently: Civil Engineer

Turn On: Warm fall evenings, the smell of burning leaves

Turn Off: bars full of cigarette smoke

Fave Food: Ribeye steak

Fave Construction material: Lincoln Logs

Fave Tool: Hammer

Zodiac: Aries

Shoe Size: 11

TV Shows: X-Files, Lost in Space

Music: Bluegrass, Classical

Politics: Very wary of

Best Skill: Concentration

Fave Author: Larry Niven

Fave Director: J M Straczynski

Quote: "I used to run with wolves, now I nap with cats"

Book Reviews

Phoenix and Ashes by Mercedes Lackey

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The most recent book in Mercedes Lackey's Elemental Mage series, *Phoenix and Ashes* delivers on its fairy tale origins, those of Cinderella. Eleanor Robinson has her sights set on Oxford. Then, WWI breaks out, her father is killed, and her new step mother binds her to the hearth and turns this bright, intelligent young woman into a scullery maid. Reginald Fenyx awes the young lads with his airplane, and when war breaks out, he becomes an airman, taking the battle to the skies. Felled by a rogue air master, he's brought back to Longacre, his family's lands, shellshocked, and devoid of magic. Can these two people overcome their situation to stop the great evil in their midst?

I found the story to be utterly engrossing, with well-drawn characters and very real peril. Because the book takes place in the years of WWI, the references to historical events provides a unique and entertaining background for the events in the story. Although I felt that "not much" was happening during parts of the book, I saw how it all was coming together, and the climactic end to the book had me turning pages well into the night.

A very good read, and a wonderful addition to a series that I hope Ms. Lackey continues. Although I'm a huge fan of Valdemar, with its absence, I'm finding the Elemental Mages an acceptable substitute. A well-written book.

Book review by Mary K. Wilson

Survival Species Imperative #1 by Julie E. Czerneda

Daw Paperback, May 2005

Survival was Julie Czerneda's first hardcover release. I bought the paperback version not because I had read any of the author's previous works but because I had a really good coupon for a chain bookstore. The coupon was set to expire and after spending a significant portion of an hour in the mall store trying to find a book worth buying I compromised on Czerneda's novel. The snippets of *Survival* that I read in the store did not grab my attention. However, compared to other books I glanced at, Czerneda's writing left me neither numb from rapid content nor with a pounding headache from hammer-like writing.

I wish that I had bought one of the mystery books I had been considering instead. Apparently Czerneda is of the belief that if one adjective is good, then three will be great. At least a hundred pages of the 475-page paperback could have been dropped had there been less attention to flowery descriptions.

The excessive use of description destroyed any joy I might have had in reading *Survival*. Repetitive descriptions left me contemplating obsessive-compulsive disorders instead of focusing on the story. The tedious examination of inconsequential humans, aliens, and locations left me longing for the death of all the characters if not quite their species. Moreover, *Survival* appears to have been written based on the premise that describing every piece of scenery and every alien in detail substitutes for having a solid plot. The book's dialogue was not good, either, but dialogue is very difficult for most authors to write.

There were a few paragraphs which worked well enough, but they were rare and sometimes lost in long strings of useless words. For the most part, reading the story was like trying to decode the human genome, i.e., long stretches of seemingly useless material with an occasional grouping of letters that offered identifiable value. (A biologist studying a species' DNA is the protagonist in *Survival*, but DNA was not linked to character development, plot development, or the climax of the story.)

Czerneda should learn two basic rules of writing that are often mentioned by published science fiction authors: (1) too much attention on minor characters and locations can stop a story, and (2) let the actions and words of the characters tell the story, do not rely upon narrative recital.

Book review by Rose Winter



Calendars and Milestones

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					MarsCon Bloomington, MN	
5	6	7	8	9	10 DMSFS & DemiCon 17 DH Meeting	11
MarsCon						
12	13	14	15	16	17 Third Friday	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 DMSFS Meeting	25 Congenial Racine, WI
26	27	28	29	30	31 WillyCon Wayne, NE	
Congenial						

Birthdays

Scott Arnborg
March 7

Jeannette Roth
March 11

Megan Totusek
March 16

Michael
Anderson
April 6

Jaime Adams
April 15

Megan Harper
April 20

Danielle Roth
April 23

Kelly
Boomgarden
Douglas
April 24

Marshall Willis
May 2

April 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						WillyCon
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WillyCon						Odyssey Con Madison, WI
9	10	11	12	13	14 DMSFS & DemiCon DH Meeting	15 Minicon Bloomington, MN
Odyssey Con						
16	17	18	19	20	21 Third Friday	22
Minicon						
23	24	25	26	27	28 DMSFS Meeting	29
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Matthew Tschampf
May 7

Mark Hagerman
May 9

Kaaren Spiesz
May 10

Eric Oppen
May 22

John Roach
May 27

Gene Miller &
Gregg Parmentier
May 30

Wendy Tschampf
June 1

Thomas Cleary
June 19

Lynette Lehman &
Joe Struss
June 20

Eugene C. Hoth
June 21

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May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Anniversaries
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Mark Hagerman & Ann Totusek March 4, 1999
7	8	9	10	11	12 DMSFS & DemiCon 17 DH Meeting	13 To Be CONTinued Downer's Grove, IL	Bill & Melissa Gerber March 24, 1993
14 To Be CONTinued	15	16	17	18	19 Third Friday	20 Keycon Winnepeg MB	David Winterton & Becky Kinnamon April 30, 1989
21 Keycon	22	23	24	25	26 Costume Con 24 Des Moines	27	Gregg & Myrna Parmentier May 15, 1999
28 Costume Con 24	29 Memorial Day	30	31				Don Prust & Kelly O'Donoghue May 24, 1998
							Ted Poovey & Darice Schirber-Poovey May 31, 1997

DMSFS meetings are held at the West Des Moines Community Center 217 5th St.
There is parking and a covered entrance at the rear of the building off of 4th St.

Down the Road

DemiCon 18: July 28th - 30th, 2006 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa

Aminelowa 2006: August 4th - 6th, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

L.A. Con IV (64th World Science Fiction Convention): August 23rd - 27th at Anaheim, California

Archon 30: October 5th - 8th, 2006 at the Collinsville Convention Center, Collinsville, Illinois

ICON 31: October 13th - 15th, 2006 at the Clarion Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Paradox Time Warping

Highlights From Last Year's Spring 2005 Paradox Included:

- An article and pictures from the January Birthday/Murder Mystery Party.
- "The Gamer's Song" filk from Lauree Bremen and a "classic" filk by Paul Clites.
- Recollections from Mandi Arthur about her "Suessical: The Musical" auditions.

Highlights From Spring 2001's Paradox Included:

- An article about the upcoming DemiCon 12: A Con Oddity.
- An article about the anime exhibit at the Des Moines Art Center.
- Book excerpt from "Bureau 13: Judgment Night" by Nick Pollata.
- Information about a tribute to Wilson & Fern Tucker.
- New Paradox editor Mandi Arthur introduces herself.

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