

DMSFS PARADOX

Spring 2009



READ. IMAGINE. THINK.

March, April, May 2009

DemiCon 20's Theme: "All Our Cons Remembered"



May 1st - 3rd, 2009

**Hotel Fort Des Moines,
Des Moines, Iowa**

Writer Guest of Honor: Joe Haldeman

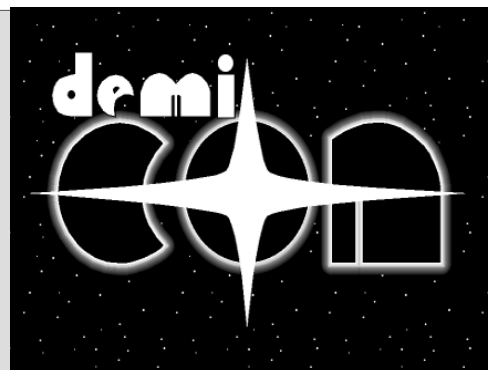
Artist Guest of Honor: Sara Butcher

Fan Guest of Honor: Roger Tener

Toastmaster Emeritus: Rusty Hevelin

Toastmaster: Tadao Tomomatsu

**ConCom: Greg Abba,
Mark Hagerman, Jeannette Roth**



*"Quiet Time" by Sara Butcher
DemiCon 20 Artist Guest of Honor*

DemiCon 20 Preparations are Making Headway.

Online registration is now available, so register early and often. Programming is coming together: we have some exciting & new things planned in addition to the long standing events.

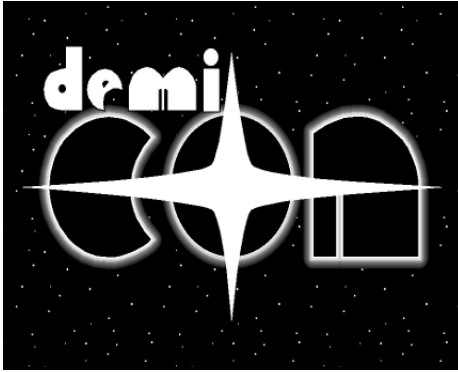
New to DemiCon this year we will have an eye glasses drive, so bring your old and unused glasses to help out people in need.

The next DemiCon 20 Department Head Meeting will be Sunday, March 15th, at the Roth's. DMSFS meetings will be held every Friday in April as final preparations for DemiCon 20 get underway.

See you all at the Fort!!

More DMSFS News Inside!! → → → → → → →

More DemiCon Information



May 1st - 3rd, 2009

**Hotel Fort Des Moines,
Des Moines, Iowa**

Writer Guest of Honor: Joe Haldeman

Artist Guest of Honor: Sara Butcher

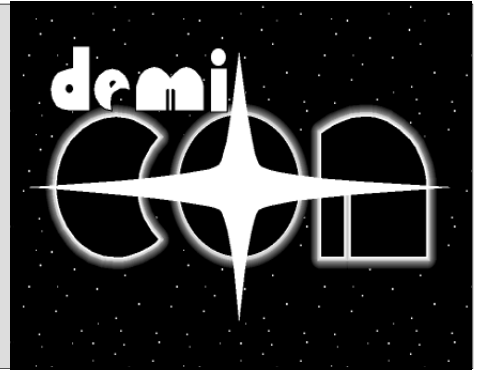
Fan Guest of Honor: Roger Tener

Toastmaster Emeritus: Rusty Hevelin

Toastmaster: Tadao Tomomatsu

ConCom: Greg Abba,

Mark Hagerman, Jeannette Roth



DemiCon 20 Fannish Film Festival

Are you an undiscovered filmmaker? Are you wanting to be the next Steven Spielberg, Ridley Scott, or Mike Jittlove? Well, we can't help you there. But, let us be the venue to show what you can do before a panel of judges with the same aspirations as you. We are the DemiCon 20 Fannish Film Festival and your chance to show your hidden talent as a filmmaker.

Our Entry Guidelines are as follows:

Movies must be 10 minutes or less in length

Movie must be PG-13 or less (if it were rated)

Topic must be Science Fiction, Fantasy, Gaming, Fandom or Parody

Movie must be submitted in DVD format

Each entry must be on its own individual disc

All entries must be original works by the entrant(s)

Entrants are limited to 3 films for the DemiCon 20 contest at this time

There must be at least 2 entries for the Competition to take place

Previous winning films are not allowed to enter

All entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2009



DemiCon takes no responsibility for discs lost or damaged during the contest. Please provide copies only, not originals or "Masters". DC 20 reserves the right to show the movie during the convention. DC 20 reserves the right to select the movies to be shown. If you are attending the convention, you may choose to give a brief introduction to your movie. Prizes will be awarded for Judges Choice and Fannish Choice at Closing Ceremonies of DemiCon 20. If you want your entry returned, you must include a self-addressed envelope and return postage.

When submitting an entry, include: Your name, address, email, phone number; length of entry, your company name (if applicable), category, whether or not permission is given to display your work on the Fannish Film Festival page at www.demicon.org or a link to your work or website, if you will be attending DemiCon and if you would like to speak prior to your presentation. If you choose, an entry form can be found on the website.

Email any questions to ghanfilm@demicon.org or check on the Fannish Film Festival page at www.demicon.org

Entries should be submitted to:

DemiCon 20 Fannish Film Festival

1629 56th St.

Des Moines, IA 50310

DemiCon 20 Blood Drive

The schedule is now available for our blood donors on-line. Here are the instructions for scheduling an appointment.

Go to www.bloodcenterofiowa.org, select "find a mobile drive", then click on Sponsor Code and type in DemiCon. As a donor, you will be asked to create a profile and then they can schedule an appointment time.

What We Do When We, re Not SMOF,ing...

A Roman Holiday & January Birthday Party.

The home of Les & Jeannette Roth was converted into a suburb of imperial Rome for the annual January Birthday & Roleplaying Party. The Gods allowed images to be gathered on Jan. 17th when the Minor, Marcus and Prisca Families gathered to elect the new Mayor of Porticus Octavia. In this special election, a Mini-Olympics was held and Rufus Marcus won the javelin, Garanus (former slave to Cassius Prisca) won the hammer throw and Brutus Aulus won the singing competition. After many trials and tribulations the Prisca family won the day and Cassius Augustus Prisca was elected the new Mayor. Plus a good time was hopefully had by all.



Photos by Mandi Arthur-Struss & Jon Mohning

In Other Personal News

Margaret Blakesly's sister, Susan, had this to say about moving to Des Moines: "As everyone knows, Des Moines is THE retirement mecca--everyone wants to move there for the weather and scenery--those ocean views are marvelous and who can resist the mountain sports? And then we just can't find words to express how lovely Iowa is in July."

Sallie Abba continues to recover from healing complications from her tendon surgery.

Rachelle Hrubetz & Jon Mohning braved a rather nice Iowa February winter day to participate in the annual BRR Bike Ride to Rippey. The ride was nice, and the pool and hot tub after the ride was nicer.

Jon Mohning is recovering from a broken foot suffered from a fall down some steps at his workplace.

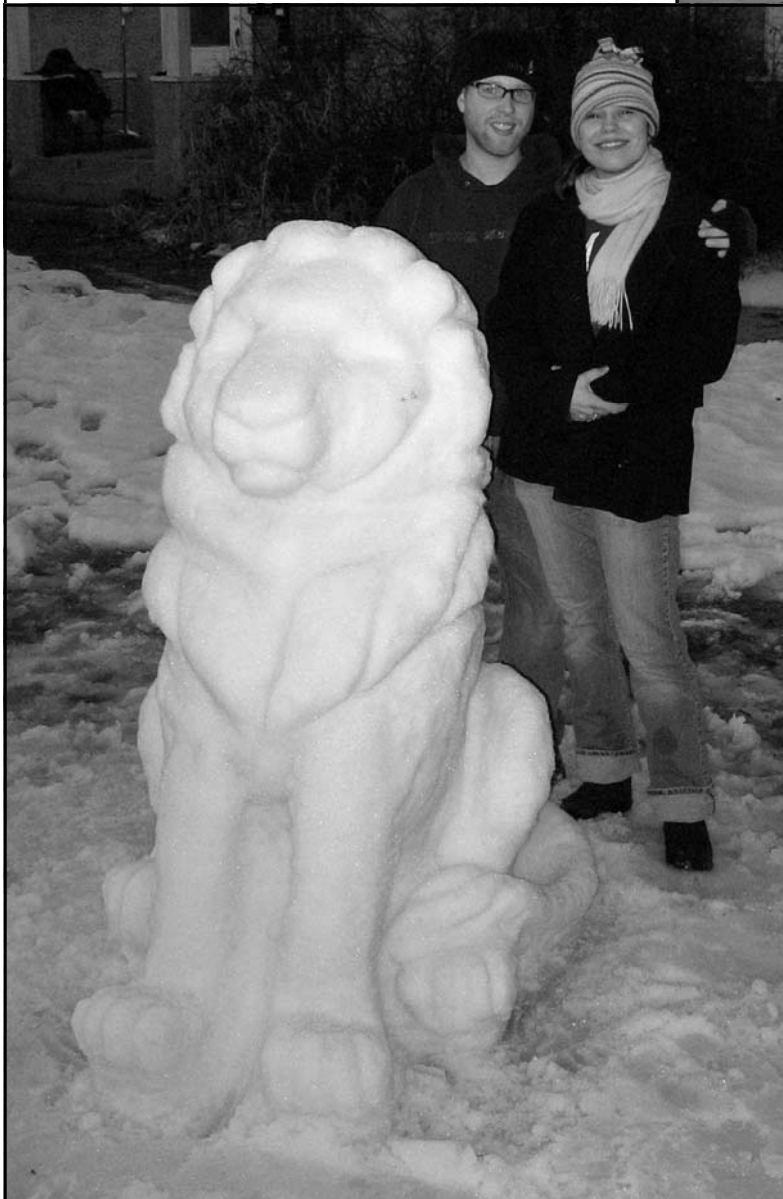
Mark Jones is on the mend following recent surgery to repair and reattach the quadriceps tendons in a leg. Mark suffered a fall down some steps at his workplace.

I have to agree with Mark's wife, Ida: STEPS ARE EVIL!!" — Jon

Fun With Snow By Sara

DemiCon 20 Artist Guest of Honor Sara Butcher had some fun creating an MGM-style snow lion after a recent Iowa January snow storm. Sara's snow lion was even briefly featured on a KCCI television newscast.

*Photos Courtesy
Max Rauer*



For Your Filking Pleasure

Mad Yuri's Song (To The Tune Of: "I've Got A Little List" from *The Mikado*)

EMPEROR YURI enters, with a CHORUS OF GOONS behind him. YURI sings:

As now I am the Emperor and ruling Barrayar,
I've got a little list---I've got a little list
Of a bunch of stupid people who have pushed me much too far,
And who never would be missed---Who never would be missed!

There's that bunch of hissing serpents that I call my family,
I've got 'em on the list, I've got 'em on the list,
All of them think they could rule this world instead of me,
And they never would be missed, they never would be missed!
And that nest of nasty nuisances, the Council of the Counts
I'll shove them out a window just to see how high they bounce!
And people who on taking stupid Betan votes insist
I don't think they'd be missed---I'm sure they won't be missed!

CHORUS OF GOONS:

He's got 'em on his list, he's got 'em on his list,
And they'd none of them be missed---they'd none of them be missed!

There's those Cetagandan perverts with the paint upon the face,
They're all upon the list, they're all upon the list,
Those irritating Privy Council members in this place,
They never would be missed, they never would be missed!
Those dirty rotten satirists who love to sneer and scoff,
How happy I will be when I have knocked the whole bunch off!
And those nasty little filkers who portray me with a twist,
They'd none of 'em be missed---they'd none of 'em be missed!

CHORUS

I'll raze the Caravansarai and knock it right down flat
I've got that on the list, and boy, will they be p*ssed!
They think they've had some trouble, well, let's see how they like that!
They'll need an analyst, a Betan analyst!
And then those slimy wuss-at-hearts who say that I like pain,
Their blood will flow like water and their tears will fall like rain!
How dare those filthy commoners say I am a sadist?
They'd none of them be missed---they'd none of them be missed!

CHORUS

I never know which smiling face may hide an enemy
Who should be on the list? They'll all go on the list!
So I will just defenestrate and of that fear be free
I'll check 'em off the list, not one soul will be missed!
But the more I slaughter enemies, the more enemies I find
Like whaddayacallim, thingamebob, and likewise---never mind!
And t-t-t, and what's-his-face, and also...You-Know-Who!
How Voldemort got on the list I shan't be telling you!
But I will rule as Emperor and show an iron fist
For they'd none of 'em be missed---they'd none of 'em be missed!

CHORUS

By Eric Oppen



Calendars and Milestones

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					MarsCon Holiday Inn Select & Suites Minneapolis International Mall Of America Bloomington, MN http://marscon.org	
8	9	10	11	12	13 DMSFS Meeting	14
MarsCon						
15 DemiCon 20 Dept. Head Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 DMSFS Meeting	28
29	30	31				

Birthdays

- Scott Arnburg
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
- Matthew Tschampf
May 7

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					DMSFS & DC20 Meeting	WillyCon Student Center Wayne State College Wayne, NE http://wildcat.wsc.edu/clubs/willycon/
5	6	7	8	9	10 DMSFS & DC20 Meeting	11
WillyCon						Minicon Sheraton Bloomington Hotel Minneapolis South Bloomington, MN http://www.mnstf.org/minicon
12	13	14	15	16	17 DMSFS & DC20 Meeting	18
Minicon						
19	20	21	22	23	24 DMSFS & DC20 Meeting	25
						Odyssey Con Radisson Hotel Madison Madison, WI http://www.oddcon.com
26	27	28	29 DemiCon 20 Rental Truck Loading	30 DemiCon 20 Hotel FDM Pack In		
Odyssey Con						

- Mark Hagerman
May 9
- Kaaren Spiesz
May 10
- Eric Oppen
May 22
- John Roach
May 27
- Gene Miller &
Gregg Parmentier
May 30

Calendars and Milestones

May 2009							Anniversaries
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 DemiCon 20	2 DemiCon 20	Mark Hagerman & Ann Totusek March 4, 1999
3 DemiCon 20	4 DemiCon 20 Hotel FDM Pack Out	5	6	7	8 DMSFS Meeting	9	Bill & Melissa Gerber March 24, 1993
10	11	12	13	14	15 16 KeyCon Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown Winnipeg, MB http://www.keycon.org		David Winterton & Becky Kinnamon April 30, 1989
17	18	19	20	21	22 DMSFS Meeting	23 ConQuest Hyatt Regency Crown Center Kansas City, MO http://www.conquestkc.org	Gregg & Myrna Parmentier May 15, 1999
Keycon							Don Prust & Kelly O'Donoghue May 24, 1998
24 ConQuesT	25	26	27	28	29	30	Ted Poovey & Darice Schirber-Poovey May 31, 1997
31							

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 Convention Road

DucKon 18 - June 12-14, Holiday Inn Select, Naperville, IL

Anticipation - The 67th World Science Fiction Convention: August 6th - 10th, 2009 at Palais des congrès de Montréal, Montréal, QB, Canada

Animelowa - August 14-16, Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville, IA

Archon 33 - October 2-4, Collinsville Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL

Paradox Time Warping

Highlights From Last Year's Spring 2008 Paradox Included:

- News and notes about the upcoming DemiCon 19, including the Phannish Film Festival and Blood Drive.
- SuperCon 15 report by Susan Stewart.

Highlights From Spring 2003's Paradox Included:

- DemiCon 14 announcements from ConCom Mandi Arthur, Rachelle Hrubetz, Les Roth.
- Announcement of TICC's upcoming performance at World Horror Con 2003.
- Announcement of a Des Moines bid for the 2006 Costume Con 24

DemiCon 21 News

The DemiCon 21 ConCom - Al Hohrmann, Nicki Reed, Andy Wheeler - are in the process of tabulating guest of honor ballots and will be sending DemiCon 21 GoH invitations very soon.

The Des Moines Science Fiction Society, LTD.
P.O. Box 7572
Des Moines, IA. 50323



How To Reach Us:

If you need to contact the Des Moines Science Fiction Society for any reason, including subscription to this newsletter and submission of newsletter articles or information, you may do so via any of the following methods:

DMSFS meets twice a month 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. The business meeting begins at 6:30pm and the fun stuff starts at 7:00pm. Around 8:00pm we go out to dinner as a group.

By US Mail:	The Des Moines Science Fiction Society, Ltd. P.O. Box 7572 Des Moines, IA. 50323
By E-mail:	paradoxwrangler@dmsfs.org (Subject: For Paradox)
By Website:	www.dmsfs.org www.demicon.org
By Phone:	(515) 830-1305 (Voice mail checked daily)

Contributors To This Issue: Sheril Harper, Eric Oppen, Joe Struss.

Photographs by: Mandi Arthur-Struss, Max Rauer, Jon Mohning.
Editorial Assistance by Diane Dunlap. Edited by Jon Mohning.

Thank you one and all!

Deadline for Summer Paradox submissions: May 8, 2009. Articles, reviews, photos, etc., can be e-mailed to paradoxwrangler@dmsfs.org or sent to the DMSFS mailing address mentioned above.