

PARADOX

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The Big SACC Attack is Back

The Semi-Annual Constitutional Convention (SACC) is back! And promises to be as much fun as a barrel of aliens. Toad Hall in the wilds of Radcliffe, permanent home of Susan Stewart and Brian Weigel, will be the site of this summer's wild ride. The dates set for this year are July 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2003, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As usual, the activities are open to all DMSFS members, wannabes and their guests. If you like a co-worker or mundane friend, we probably will too! Bring 'em along.

Create your own excitement and encourage others to participate. This promises to be a potluck weekend of fireworks, spud launching, gravel road meandering, beer-testing, chocolate indulging, jigsaw puzzle assembling, kitty petting, sun-tanning, late night chatting, belly dancing, role-playing, charcoal grilling and countless other methods of self-entertainment.

The canines will be spending the weekend at doggie camp, for their comfort and safety.

For our newcomers, the rules and expectations are simple:

1. Bring your own food and beverage for the weekend but expect to share and expect others to share with you. Think of it as a three-day potluck. Keep in mind that we have limited refrigeration available. If you are unsure of what to bring, please call Susan or Brian for ideas. Harassment of animals or co-human life forms is strictly forbidden.
2. No firearms or illegal pharmaceuticals will be tolerated.
3. Bed space is no longer available as the rooms have been assigned based on medical needs. There is plenty of outdoor space for tents, campers, or sleeping bags.
4. Everyone is expected to police their own trash and recycled materials.
5. Please do not leave leftovers behind. They will simply go to waste and we do not have enough storage space as it is. This is especially true for alcoholic beverages. In this house, it becomes slug bait.
6. Garden produce will be picked by the owners of the house. If you covet it, remember to ask.
7. There is no rule 8.
8. Musical talent and/or instruments are welcome. Spontaneous song may occur at any time of the day or night. Even the hostess is known to occasionally burst into song. Sometimes even on key.
9. Out-of-area guests may donate cash in lieu of food and beverage. Grocery runs will be conducted Saturday.
10. Anyone arriving early will be gang-pressed into service. No guests will be tolerated before 5 p.m. Thursday or after 5 p.m. Sunday.
11. Bathroom time and hot water are premium commodities. Please limit showers to 5 minutes.
12. Well-behaved children will be welcome. Parents are expected to ensure that the well-behaved part is enforced.
13. Smoking is allowed outdoors. Although the house contains a smoker, we try to be sensitive to the needs of others.

And where can you find this wild and crazy weekend? The address is 3312 Xircus Avenue, Radcliffe. To reach the festivities, take I-35 to exit #133, Iowa Highway 175 and head east for 3 miles. Turn south (right to you city folks) and turn east (left to you c.f.) into the first driveway, cleverly marked Toad Hall on the mailbox. For more info contact Brian or Susan at 515-836-2174 or toadhall@netins.net. Be there or be rectangular!

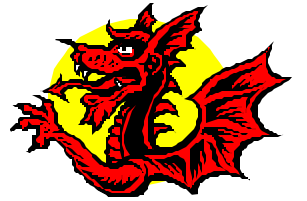
By Susan Stewart

DMSFS Holds Cooking Contest

This year the Des Moines Science Fiction Society, Ltd. will be hosting a cooking competition at the Iowa State Fair. Don't miss out on the fun that is sure to be had. Following is the information and rules of the competition. If you don't compete at least come and join us at the fair to watch the judging and fun!

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Food To Tame A Dragon



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Division 140
Sponsored by The Des Moines Science Fiction Society, Ltd.
Judging: Friday, August 15, 2:00 p.m.

Special Awards

- 1st place \$50 and a membership to DemiCon 15 (minimum \$40 value)
- 2nd place \$25 and a membership to DemiCon 15 (minimum \$40 value)
- 3rd place \$10 and a membership to DemiCon 15 (minimum \$40 value)
- Each entrant will receive a gift bag from the Society
- A door prize will be given during the judging.

Rules

1. The contest: A dragon is rampaging in your neighborhood and you need to find a way to stop it. Since it seems to be hungry, food will be your best bet. Create a dish that will save the day.
2. You are to submit a brief explanation of how your recipe will stop the dragon's destructive ways. Why will it satisfy or sedate the dragon? Humor is strongly encouraged. Explanations will be read aloud at the judging.
3. On judge will be in a dragon costume, and even the dragon like the fire to go out instead of in. Zesty dishes should be suitable for the general public.
4. Contest is open to ages 10 and up. Put your age on your recipe card
5. Entries will be judged on Taste (60%) Originality (20%) and Explanation (20%)

Class
828 Zesty
829 Mild
830 Sweet



Letter from E,

I and everyone else (I think) survived DemiCon 14 and had a good time. The surveys were a huge help for those that filled them out at the convention. It has helped us view what our friends and family wants. We will let you know what is decided soon. Thank you, everyone made the weekend so enjoyable.

You will see though that Demicon 14 is done but DMSFS is on the move again and not just figuratively, literally. The DMSFS meetings are moving to the West Des Moines Community Center in the Valley Junction Area. We wish to thank Mayhem Comics for letting us use their back room for all these years. You guys are great!

So that is the latest from E. See you all soon and remember if you want something in the *Paradox*, let me know. Toodles!



Costume-Con Comes to Des Moines

On April 20, 2003 the members of Costume-Con 21, Chicago voted to accept the Des Moines Science Fiction Society's bid host Costume-Con 24, Memorial Day weekend, May 26-29, 2006. Now some of you may be wondering just what is Costume-Con? Well simply put, it is a conference for costumers, by costumers. Now you may be asking yourself what does DMSFS know about costuming? The answer to that is a little less obvious. There are several club members who have an active interest in costuming; but better than that DMSFS knows how to put on a Con!

You may also be wondering what goes on at a Costume-Con? There are many similarities with DemiCon. For one thing Costume-Con has a ConSuite and a Dealer's room. There isn't an ArtShow per se, instead there is a display area where costumers can show off their work and there's also a doll show. There are panels and workshops too on just about any costuming topic imaginable. The highlights of Costume-Con are of course the masquerades. That's right masquerades as in both Scifi and Historical masquerades. There are also other competitions such as the Fashion folio and show. In future articles we'll introduce you to the various venues, how they work, and how you can get involved.

We are very excited about this project and work is already underway. We will be using the Hotel Fort Des Moines for this event. Our theme for CC-24 is "Epic Movies." This has generated some excitement in the costume community. There are groups already working on entries, some with a cast of dozens. Cecil B. Costume any one?

The Conference committee (ConCom) for this event are Les Roth, Pierre Pettinger, and Sallie Abba. We are already hard at work hosting room parties at other regional conventions including WorldCon, designing our website <http://cc24.dmsfs.org/>, and selecting our conference staff. We'll be recruiting on both the local and national level. If you think you might be interested in helping us out please let us know. We're going to need lots of help.

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By Sallie Abba

DemiCon Trivia

With this being an anniversary year for DemiCon we are adding a little trivia. See if you can answer this question without peeking at the bottom of the page.

Who were the first GOHs that DemiCon Honored?

DemiCon-A-Fanalistic-XV . . .

The ConCom's View

DC14 has returned through the Stargate and a great deal of fun was had by all. As for DC15, we don't plan on resting; we are going to thoroughly enjoy this next year of planning for DemiConXV. We stepped on the platform at the end of DemiCon14 and took on our new duties. We are happy to have Writers: Emma Bull & Will Shetterly, Artist: Frank Kelly Freas, Phan: Rusty Hevelin, and Toastmaster: Tadao Tomomatsu as our honored guests.

Brimming with ideas and excited for what DemiConXV will be, we plan on giving you all a DemiCon-A-Fan-A-Listic-XV-_____ good time. Here, we need your input. We are having two contests: to complete our Motto and to filk a verse for the official DemiCon XV filk, and we are planning on some good prizes for each.

Complete The Motto – just add your tag line to the end of our motto: "DemiCon-A-Fan-A-Listic-XV-_____"

Add a Verse – we're collecting verses for the official DemiConXV filk, done to the tune of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Verses must be DemiCon or Phannish related. As this is DemiCon's 15th anniversary, subject matter can be taken from any of the past, present or future DemiCons.

Submit your suggestions to us via email at info@demicon.org, via snail mail at DemiConXV - PO Box 7572 - Des Moines, IA 50323, or visit our website at: www.demicon.org.

To give you an example (and because we enjoy it too) we have written a filk verse to share with you:

DemiCon-a-Fan Balistic XV Bofo-ricious
With padded sticks you fight your friends for fame and skill
stupendous
What you achieve is thirst and sweat and bruises quite
tremendous
DemiCon-a-Fan Balistic XV Bofo-ricious

Oof-diddle-diddle-diddle Ooof-diddle -I
Oof-diddle-diddle-diddle Ooof-diddle -I

You create your sword of pipe and pad, to protect your life and limb.
You swing and thrust and jab your friend, to de-arm and de-leg him.
His thrust was true, your parry late, you face a death quite grim,
With loss of arm and leg, you wished you'd done more in the gym.

OH –(Chorus)

By Tammy Mohning

The Music Room at DemiCon 14

I was there, enjoying the sounds Saturday night. I loved all the shows I saw . LoJo Russo was a particular highpoint in the series. Eric Coleman, Orckes and Trolles and the Flatland Ramblers were all well received as well.

Lojo's humor seems to be infectious as well as dangerous. Several people I've spoken to seem to have her *Kitties and Doggies* song lodged in their heads. Her immediate follow up, *My Songs Have Too Many Words* (*Too many, too many words. . .*) left a real impression too.

Be careful how you express yourself around this lady! Any strange and colorful phrase is grist for her songwriting mill! She demonstrated it again and again in her set. The stories she tells between songs add greatly to her presentation.

- Orckes and Trolles: Great humor and lots of sing-along ambience. A fun set.
- Flatland Ramblers: Fine string work by Scott and company. Folk meets Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli!
- Eric Coleman: He's fat, he's furry, he's middle-aged. That sounds like a lot of us. He's also a fine observational comedian and writes good songs.

Thanks to Josh for arranging some very enjoyable programming. Not the usual con fare, and all the better for it.

By Gene Miller

Calendars and Milestones



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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June 2003					DucKon, Lincolnwood,	
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 DMSFS Meeting	28
29	30					

Wendy Tschampl
June 1

Melissa Gerber
June 9

James Webster
June 17

Thomas Cleary
June 19

Lynette Lehman & Joe Struss
June 20

Eugene C. Hoth
June 21

Dave Countryman
June 24

Ted Poovey
July 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Tammy Mohning
July 10

Marian Webster
July 13

John Webster
July 18

Monica Harper
July 19

Ann Totusek
July 25

Robert Uy
July 27

Taliesin Roth
July 28

Sheril Harper
August 2

Virginia Fee
August 7

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 2003					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 DMSFS Meeting	9
				Diversicon Bloomington, MN		
10 _____	11	12	13	14	15 How to Feed A Dragon	16
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31 Canada _____						

Susan Stewart
August 13

Greg Abba
August 17

Alois Tschampl
August 20

R. C. Nelson
August 29

Anniversaries

Les & Jeannette Roth
August 27, 1988

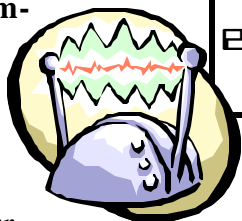
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If you need to contact the Des Moines Science Fiction Society for any reason, including subscription to this newsletter and submission of newsletter articles or information, you may do so via any of the following methods:

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DMSFS Family News

- Jon Mohning will be in the Carousels' production of "You have the Right to Remain Dead" in Indianola during August.
- Prayers and love sent to Dee and Marshall Willis. Keep getting well Dee! We love you.
- Quinlan Francis Poovey was born to Ted and Darice Schirber Poovey on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at 1:15 p.m. The statistics are 8 lbs 4 oz. and 21 inches long. Let us all welcome Quinlan into the world and phandom.
- Rachelle Hrubetz will be performing with her belly dance troupe, Rainbows of the Deserts, Sunday June 15th - 3pm - Psychic Fair, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines; Saturday, June 28 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - Simon Estes Amphitheater, east side of the River in Downtown Des Moines and Sunday August 17th - 3pm- Iowa State Fair, Wellmark Stage. Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa
- TICC has been asked to perform at Archon 27 in October. We are on the road again.
- Congratulation to Elizabeth Koslow on Saturday, July 5 when she becomes a Bat Mitzyah.
- Congratulations to Sarah Macht and Phil Dean on their upcoming marriage Sunday, June 22.
- Mary Wilson shares that her sf short story "Wounded Soil" is up at SciFantastic . She is the "editor's choice" and this same story will appear in their "best of" anthology due to be published in October. This futuristic story is set on an Iowa Family Farm.

Our deepest sympathies going out to Lynda Sherman and her grandmother, Harriette in the death of Lynda's grandfather, Lt. Col. Jacques L. Sherman, Jr., M. D. The stories that Lynda has told us about Jacques or "Bop" are truly amazing. We all lost someone that help change the world for the better.