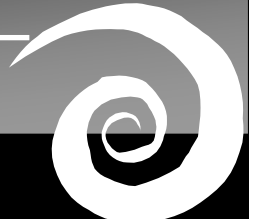


# DMSFS PARADOX

Winter 2008 - 2009



**READ. IMAGINE. THINK.**

**December 2008, January, February 2009**

## **Winter SACC & New Year's Eve Party**

*This year's SACC begins with an overdressing evening on New Year's Eve.* Festivities begin at 7:00 pm. Please dress in your finest and bring snacks and drinks to share.

The Roth Hotel and Convention center will be open continuously until things wind down Saturday night/early Sunday morning. We will be watching Iowa's bowl game, should they end up on New Year's Day.

Families are welcome through most of the weekend.

Saturday will be our annual no-kids day. The theme for Saturday will be vampires.

Come as a vampire, vampire hunter, or vampire groupie. Entertainment will include episodes of HBO's "True Blood."

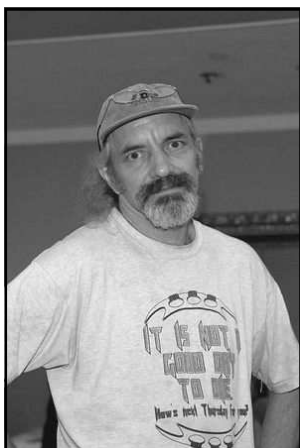
Please contact me if you would like to host a meal. Food and drink donations are welcome throughout the weekend. A limited amount of crash space is available.

If you have any questions please contact me at [les@trans-iowa.org](mailto:les@trans-iowa.org) or 515-224-7654.



## **DMSFS Officer Election Results**

The results of the October 24th, 2008 DMSFS officer elections are:



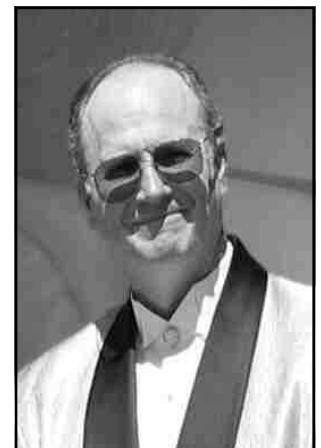
*President*  
Greg Abba



*Vice President*  
Jon Mohning



*Secretary*  
Sheril Harper



*Property Manager*  
Al Hohrmann

*Note: Sallie Abba was elected to a two-year term as DMSFS Treasurer in 2007.*

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

# DemiCon 20 Status Report



**May 1st - 3rd, 2009**

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

**Writer Guest of Honor: Joe Haldeman**

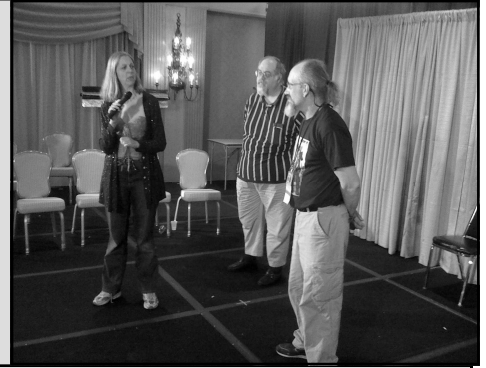
**Artist Guest of Honor: Sara Butcher**

**Fan Guest of Honor: Roger Tener**

**Toastmaster Emeritus: Rusty Hevelin**

**Toastmaster: Tadao Tomomatsu**

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



DemiCon 20's first department head meeting was held November 21st at the home of Jeannette & Les Roth.

This meeting was to introduce the department heads to each other. Department heads also had the opportunity to ask each other questions. ComCom 20 is pleased that there will be some new

faces among the seasoned DemiCon department head veterans.



Online registration for DemiCon 20 via PayPal will go live very soon. DemiCon 20 webmaster Bill Davis will also be uploading new web pages for DemiCon 20.

Database department head Les Roth announced that DemiCon 20 will shift from the Filemaker database management system to a web-based online database system. Les will be meeting with Tammy Mohning & Bill Davis in the near future to go over details of the new database system.

The next DemiCon 20 Department Head Meeting will be January 16th, 2009 at the home of Jeannette & Les Roth

*By Jon Mohning*

**Photos from the  
November 21st,  
2008 DemiCon 20 Department Head Meeting**



## DemiCon 20 Department Heads

| Department       | Department Head(s)                                |
|------------------|---|
| Anime            | <i>Open</i>                                       |
| Art Show         | Sallie Abba & Heather McBride                     |
| Consuite         | Donna Reed & Diane Dunlap                         |
| Database/Venue D | Les Roth  |
| Dealers/DMSFS    | Scott & Wendy Arnburg                             |
| Finance          | Mark Hagerman                                     |
| Gaming           | Alan Guile  |
| Guests           | Rachelle Hrubetz                                  |
| Hotel            | Greg Abba   |
| Parties          | <i>Open</i>                                       |
| Music            | Eric Coleman                                      |
| Filk             | Robert Uy   |
| Programming      | Mandi Arthur-Struss & David Reed & Jeannette Roth |
| Blood Drive      | Sheril Harper                                     |
| Fannish Film     | Bo3b Harper                                       |
| Masquerade       | Megan Harper                                      |
| Publicity        | Jon Mohning                                       |
| Publications     | <i>Open</i>                                       |
| Registration     | Tammy Mohning & Margaret Blakesly                 |
| Security         | <i>To Be Chosen Later</i>                         |
| Quartermaster    | Jon Mohning                                       |
| Volunteers       | <i>Open</i>                                       |
| Website          | Bill Davis  |

## 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](http://www.bloodcenterofiowa.org), 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.

# ☺ On The Lighter Side ☺

## You Might Be A Redneck Time Lord If:

Your TARDIS is the only one with a Confederate flag painted on it

Your TARDIS is held together with duct tape and Bondo

Your usual companion is a floppy-eared coon dog named "Blue,"

You use your sonic screwdriver to open your next can of Bud

Your TARDIS looks just like a pickup truck

When you change companions, people wonder if your previous companion is still your cousin

You spend a lot of time in honky-tonks...because you know that the Master and the Daleks love targeting honky-tonks, and you need to be close by to fight them off

You announce your presence to the Master by saying "You in a **heap** of trouble now, boy!"

You had to be talked out of using your Time Lord powers to save Dale Earnhardt

You use your TARDIS to make sure you get to every Hank Williams concert ever

You made sure that your last regeneration made you come out looking just like Johnny Cash

You keep a still in your TARDIS just in case you run short of drinkin' liquor

You have a half-disassembled TARDIS, a couple of disassembled Daleks, and a bunch of other unidentifiable machinery all up on cinderblocks in your back yard

You show class by taking your cigarette out before telling the Master to go to hell

You've saved your neck by strategically spitting tobacco juice into the Daleks' sensors

You take regenerations more often than you change your socks

When selecting a new companion, one big plus is if her tattoos match yours

You love using your Time Lord powers to make sure that old sheriff never catches the Duke boys

You figure that sonic screwdrivers are all right, but for dealing with Daleks, there's nothing like a good old pump-action shotgun

You're still looking for the guy who got you into the Time Lords by assuring you that Daleks were good eatin' and there was no bag-limit or closed season

*Submitted by Eric Open*

## If I Can Find A Vac Suit

*To the tune of "If I Can Find A Clean Shirt"*

Come on now Willie  
Don't look at me that way  
I know you like a ASCII e-Book  
'Cause I've read every page  
I know what you're thinkin'  
And I don't think you're thinkin' at all  
This is old hoss that you're talkin' to  
The one with the perfect recall.

No I ain't going up to the L5 with you tonight  
Breathin' pure O2, taking chances on our lives  
All the women are crazy they like to party in Null-G  
On second thought if my vac suit's clean I might....

--- Instrumental ---

Wait a minute Waylon  
I ain't said a thing about that  
Sometimes I just like to set  
launch windows and power up the ship's drive  
But we sure had fun the last time  
That we were up there  
And we woke up you had grown that third arm  
And I had a tail on back there. (Prehensile!)

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*Filk By Dave Reed*

# Calendars and Milestones

## December 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed                     | Thu   | Fri                 | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|---|---------------------|-----|
|     | 1   | 2   | 3                       | 4   | 5                   | 6   |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10                      | 11  | 12<br>DMSFS Meeting | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17                      | 18  | 19                  | 20  |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24                      | 25<br> | 26                  | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31<br>Winter SACC - 7pm |   |                     |     |

**Birthdays**  
 Michael Hagerman  
 December 1  
 Martin McClure  
 December 2  
 Bo3b Harper  
 December 3  
 Jonathon Bement  
 December 5  
 Bill Griffey  
 December 14  
 Jon Mohning  
 December 15  
 Naomi Adams  
 January 7  
 Sallie Abba  
 January 12  
 Les Roth  
 January 14

## January 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu              | Fri                            | Sat              |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
|     |     |     |     | 1<br>Winter SACC | 2<br>Winter SACC               | 3<br>Winter SACC |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8                | 9<br>DMSFS Meeting             | 10               |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15               | 16<br>DemiCon 20<br>DH Meeting | 17               |
| 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22               | 23<br>DMSFS Meeting            | 24               |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29               | 30                             | 31               |

Mitch Thompson  
 January 19  
 Sam Abba  
 February 5  
 Mark A. Jones  
 February 8  
 Thomas Roach  
 February 10  
 Alan Guile  
 February 11  
 Christina Miller  
 February 14  
 Ida Jones  
 February 22

# Calendars and Milestones

## February 2009

| Sun      | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu  | Fri   | Sat |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|--|---|-----|
|          |     |     |     |  |   |     |
| 1        | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7   |
|          |     |     |     |  | <b>SuperCon</b><br>Rochester, MN<br><a href="http://supercon.info/">http://supercon.info/</a> |     |
| 8        | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13  | 14  |
| SuperCon |     |     |     |  | DMSFS Meeting   |     |
| 15       | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19   | 20  | 21  |
|          |     |     |     | <b>CapriCon</b><br>Arlington Heights, IL<br><a href="http://www.capricon.org/">www.capricon.org/</a> |   |     |
| 22       | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26   | 27  | 28  |
| CapriCon |     |     |     |  | DMSFS Meeting   |     |

### Anniversaries

James & Marion Webster  
December 20

Al Hohrmann & Diane Dunlap  
December 28

Martin & Nancy Wirsig McClure  
December 29

Gene & Margaret Miller  
January 1

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## Down the Convention Road

**MarsCon 2009:** March 6th - 8th 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington, Minnesota

**MiniCon 44:** April 10th-12th, 2009 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota.

**DemiCon 20:** May 1st - 3rd, 2009 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa

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

## Paradox Time Warping

### Highlights From Last Year's Winter 2007-2008 Paradox Included:

- ICON 32 Masquerade Pictures.
- DemiCon 19 Status Report.

### Highlights From Winter 2003-2004's Paradox Included:

- Announcement of the annual January birthday party (Les Roth, Mitch Thompson, Sallie Abba)
- Pondering the Year 2003 article by Paradox editor Mandi Arthur.
- DMSFS Activity Day at the Girl Scout Camp announcement.

## 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.

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*Thank you one and all!*

**Deadline for Spring 2009 Paradox submissions: February 13, 2009.** Articles, reviews, photos, etc., can be e-mailed to [paradoxwrangler@dmsfs.org](mailto:paradoxwrangler@dmsfs.org) or sent to the DMSFS mailing address mentioned above.