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Meeting Announcements

The April Meeting will be at Dee Beetem’s house ([Map of 4737 Kingfisher, Houston, 77035](#)). The April Video Party will be held at Erika Frensley’s house([Map of 4701 Kinglet, Houston, 77035](#)).

April Birthdays

- ❖ Carol Schorn April 14
- ❖ Lauren Keeper April 19

Editor’s Announcement

Because of postage costs, we are sending out newsletters electronically. For a hardcopy, email EEKfrenzy@gmail.com. The PDF of each newsletter is also posted on the Several Unlimited website and on the Several Unlimited Yahoo group.

Club News

Prez Mez April 2010

Every year my vacations take longer and longer to recover from! But I'm back in the States and I'm feeling much better now—I'm almost ready to fly off to Media West.

Summer will be here before we know it. It's time to think about summer activities. Is there an upcoming movie or play, a museum exhibit, or even an outdoor event that you think the Several might be interested in? Suggest it to me or email the recommendation to our Yahoo group.

Houston's main SF convention, Apollocon, is coming up in June. Who's planning to attend? If anyone is getting a room we could throw a club room party to increase our visibility to local fans.

After Apollocon I want to have another Several Summer Party. For the past two years we've held it at Pappas BarBQ, and that would not be bad for this year. Margaret has done some research and hasn't been able to find another restaurant that can give us the space without requiring a deposit.

Erika has suggested an alternative: Like Starbase Houston does with its Chili Cookoff, we could throw a private party in an apartment party clubhouse or a church meeting room. (My own church would probably be available.) We could provide a simple main dish like pasta and ask people to bring desserts or salads. A private room would give us more freedom to talk and wander around, and we could expand on last year's book swap.

Ed and Karen Wilson have told us that Ed is looking at a number of job possibilities, some of which would take them away from Houston. Whichever opportunity you take, good luck—and please keep in touch!

Welcome to our newest baby fan!

Sanjay and Parul Mediwala added to their family with the birth of Anil Sanjay Mediwala on March 29. Parul and Anil are doing very well, as are Sanjay and little Soham. Congratulations, Sanjay and Parul!

Several Unlimited Fan fiction Archive

We would love to receive and post your fanfic in our web archive. We would love to receive electronic copies of them—send them to fanfic_archive@severalunlimited.com. We can scan hard copy too--

email us first before you send us anything on paper.

News and Reviews

Comicpalooza Review

By Erika Frensley

In only three years, Comicpalooza has grown from a small afternoon event to a three-day comic convention held at George Brown Convention Center. The guest list was great, and included current comic artists, authors, and legends like Bernie Wrightson and Bruce Campbell. I spent Saturday at the con, and really enjoyed myself. I didn't get a chance to go to any panels (the con was light on panels, but Bruce Campbell had a question and answer session. I spent most of my time in the dealers room and the artists alley.

The artists, local and out of town, were all fantastic. I talked to Bernie Wrightson – a really modest and fun artist, J.H. Williams (working with DC Comics), Roberto Ramos (also with DC Comics) and Phil Foglio (independent). It was a fun convention, but definitely geared to comics fans rather than general fandom.

However, this convention had something that entirely blew my mind. I did not realize that the gun show was also at George Brown, and was looking for the comic convention. As I was looking for fellow fans, I found a group of people – the girl was dressed in a gothic pseudo-Old West outfit. I asked them where the comic convention was, since I was certain that they had come from there. They replied, “Not sure, back there maybe. We’ve just come out of the gun show.” I promptly mentally nicknamed the group “Perky Goths at the Gun Show”, and made a resolution to go the next gun show to just observe the crowd!

Upcoming Events

[Delta H Con](#), April 23-25, 2010

Gaming & anime con

University of Houston Main Campus, Houston, Texas

Dealers Room, Artist's Alley, Art Auction & Show, Anime&DVD Screening Room, Anime Music Video (AMV) Contest, CosPlay [by Anime No Kai of UH], Manga Reading Room, LARPs, Speaker Panels, Workshops, Bubble Room (Kid geared area), Collectable Card Games, PC Game Room, Role Playing events (RPG's), Terrain or Miniature Games (Mini's), & Board Games.

Conestoga XIV, April 23-25, 2010

Oklahoma's largest literary science fiction & fantasy con

Radisson Tulsa, 10918 E. 41st Street, Tulsa, OK 74146

- ❖ GOH: S.M. Stirling
- ❖ Artist GOH: Bob Eggleton
- ❖ Fan Guest of Honor: Leonard Bishop
- ❖ Toastmaster: Travis S. Taylor

Featuring: Art Show, Panel Discussions, Writers Conference, Dealers Room, Short Film Contest, Gaming, Fangs Fur & Fey Mini-Con, Friday night concert, Filksinging, Author Readings, Masquerade, Charity Auction, Panels, Podcasts, and the inexplicably popular Penguin Playhouse Theatre!

Starbase Houston Annual Chili/Dessert Cookoff, May 8, 2010

Club fundraiser

12 noon to 5 PM, Harris County Precinct 1, Christia V. Adair Park Community Center, 15107 Cullen Blvd, Houston, TX

There will be prizes for the best Chili, Dessert and Exotic Alien Dish. CASH PRIZES. We encourage all aspiring cooks, bakers and aliens to enter their signature dishes to be appraised by our distinguished panel of judges.

There is no fee to enter the competition. But we do ask for a small donation of \$5 per person, which will allow sampling of all the entries along with the other food items and beverages donated by Starbase Houston members.

All proceeds from the Cook-Off and Auction go toward the costs associated with running Starbase Houston. If you wish to enter the competition or have items to donate to the collectibles auction please email info@starbasehouston.org to sign up. We do ask for those who plan to enter the food competitions to come early. We will be setting up starting at 11:30 a.m.

Websites of the Month

Aliens vs. Pooh

The mashups continue. This time Pooh has a very special encounter in

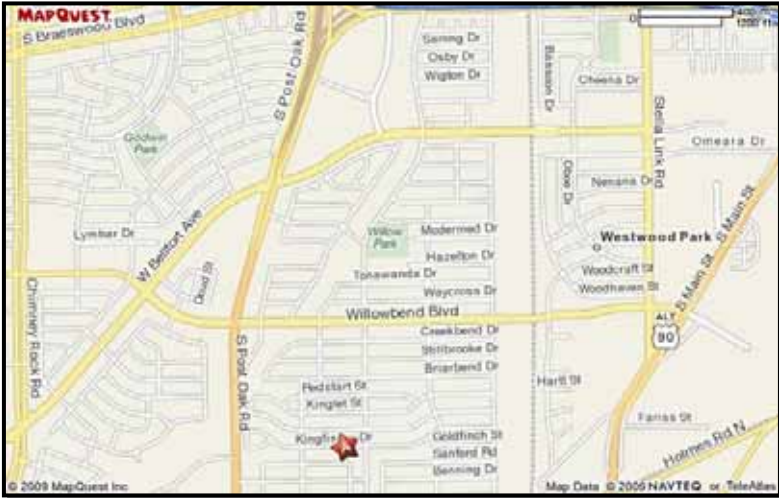
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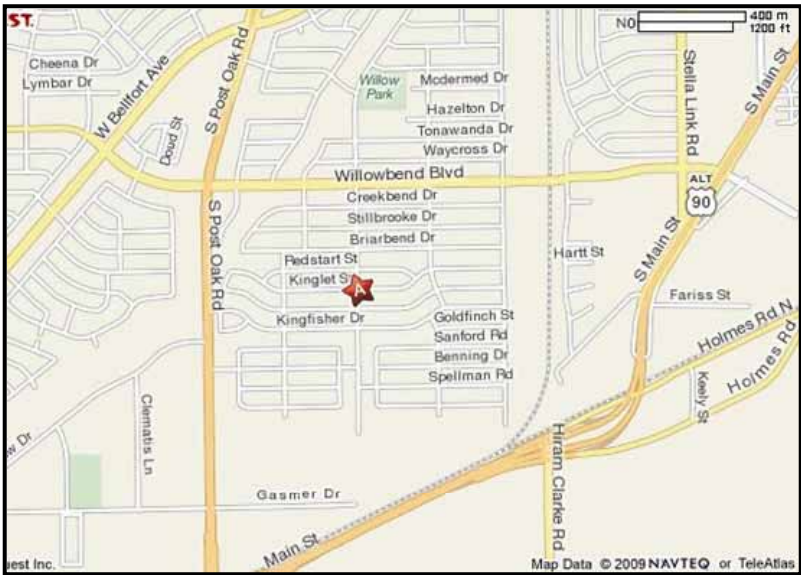


Calendar and Maps

April 9, 2010 Several Unlimited Meeting	Dee Beetem, 713-729-4716 4737 Kingfisher, 77035
April 23, 2010 Several Unlimited Video Party	Erika Frensley, 713-729-7211 4701 Kinglet St, 77035



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