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Meeting Announcements

The August meeting will be held at Amy Denton’s house ([Map of 3510 La Costa](#)) The August Video Party will be at Dee Beetem’s house (.[Map of 4737 Kingfisher, Houston, 77035](#))

September Birthdays

- ❖ Amy Denton September 5
- ❖ Erika Frensley September 9

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 August 2010

SEVERAL ELECTIONS ARE COMINGUP!

Everyone needs to decide whether they want to run for office for the next year.

I intend to run for President again but I believe that Margaret intends to bow out as Veep because of family responsibilities. The job of Vice President is not too taxing—it sometimes involves setting up locations for meetings and, of course, handling Several business if the President is not available. Most of the time you could literally phone it in!

Erika has told me that she does not want to continue as newsletter editor, and editing the newsletter does involve some work. We are a small group, so if nobody steps up for the job I suggest that we handle our communication via the Yahoo! Group. If elected as President I will send out President's Messages that way and we can send out website information and movie or convention reviews that way as well. I suggest that we subscribe to the Prydonian Renegade newsletter if we discontinue ours.

The Several Summer Party on July 17 was a great success. Most attendees seemed to like the pasta & potluck lunch and we had enough space to move around and talk. Our Charity Auction included many SF books and collectibles and we collected \$110 for the BIM food bank. Yay for us!

Several Unlimited Summer Party

As Dee reported, the summer party was a great success. We had some newcomers join us, and many folks from Starbase Houston, ApolloCon, Several, and general fandom attended.

The pasta and sauce arrangement was well-received, and with the large room to ourselves we didn't have to worry about other people. Many collectables and book were auctioned off (a lot of fun) and BIM collected \$110 for their food bank. That amount will feed a lot of people!

Thanks to all who helped out in the kitchen, organizing, and cleaning up, and thanks to folks who loaned crockpots and utensils to us (I'm looking at you, Jamie and Carolyn!)

Several Unlimited Bylaws

For bank reasons, we need to have bylaws for Several Unlimited. Since we're a small club, they should be pretty simple:

All officers come up for election in September. All members that have paid their dues can vote.

Dues are \$12.00 a year, payable in September.

The officers are:

- President – liaison with other clubs, plan events and activities
- Vice President – find meeting locations, liaison with other clubs
- Treasurer – manage the finances
- Secretary – correspond with members and clubs, obtain mail from the mailbox
- Webmaster – maintain the Several Unlimited website and Yahoo Group.

The President, Vice President, and Treasurer must be separate people. The other offices can be combined as necessary.

Budget expenses above \$100 must be agreed to by the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Amounts under \$100 can be spent providing proper documentation (receipts) are presented to the Treasurer.

We can discuss the bylaws at the August meeting, and any comments or questions can be sent to the Yahoo Group.

News and Reviews

ArmadilloCon 32, August 27-29, 2010

www.armadillocon.org

Renaissance Austin Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, TX 78759

- ❖ GOH: Rachel Caine
- ❖ Artist Guest: Cat Conrad
- ❖ Editor Guest: Anne Sowards
- ❖ Fan Guest: Elspeth Bloodgood
- ❖ Toastmistress: Nancy Kress
- ❖ Urban Fantasy Special Guest: Ilona Andrews
- ❖ Steampunk Special Guest: Michael Bishop

Panels, Art Show, Gaming, Charity, Full Day Writer's Workshop, Dealer's Room, and more!

FenCon VII, September 17-19, 2010

www.fencon.org

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14315 Midway Road (Near the Dallas Galleria), Addison, TX 75001

- ❖ Guest of Honor: Spider & Jeanne Robinson
- ❖ Music Guests of Honor: Jeff & Maya Bohnhoff
- ❖ Fen Guests of Honor: Kevin Roche & Andrew Trembley
- ❖ Artist Guest of Honor: John Picacio
- ❖ Science Guest of Honor: John Randall
- ❖ Toastmaster: Joe R. Lansdale
- ❖ Special Guest: Jessica Wade
- ❖ Special Guest: Robert J. Sawyer

Fan-run convention featuring dedicated Filk Track and Costuming Tracks, Demos, Gaming, an Art Show & Auction, Panel Discussions, Science Programming, our annual Short Story Contest, Open Filking, the legendary FenCon Cabaret, a Writer's Workshop, over 100 Program Participants, and Much More!

Websites of the Month

How to Download a YouTube Video

www.dirpy.com

I recently discovered a website that lets you do that without even downloading a program!

Go to www.dirpy.com and enter the URL of the YouTube you want. You may have to play it first to find the URL but hey, if you like the video that shouldn't be a problem. Select MP4 as the download type and you can play the saved video in Media Player.

I just downloaded two Inception mashups—Inception & Up! and Inception & Toy Story 3. Watching a Ken doll in the Leonardo DiCaprio role was really funny!

Calendar and Maps

August 13, 2010 Several Unlimited Meeting	Amy Denton, (281) 499-2455 3510 La Costa Dr 77459
August 27, 2010 Several Unlimited Video Party	Dee Beetem, 713-729-4716 4737 Kingfisher, 77035

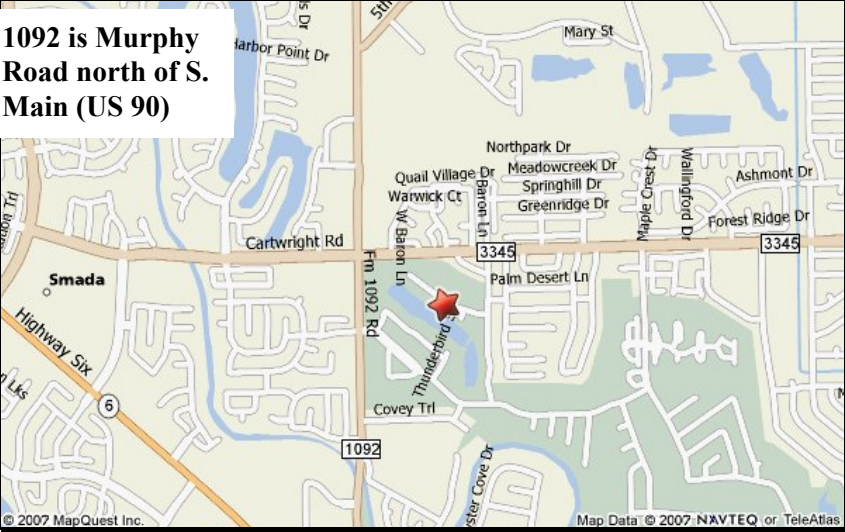
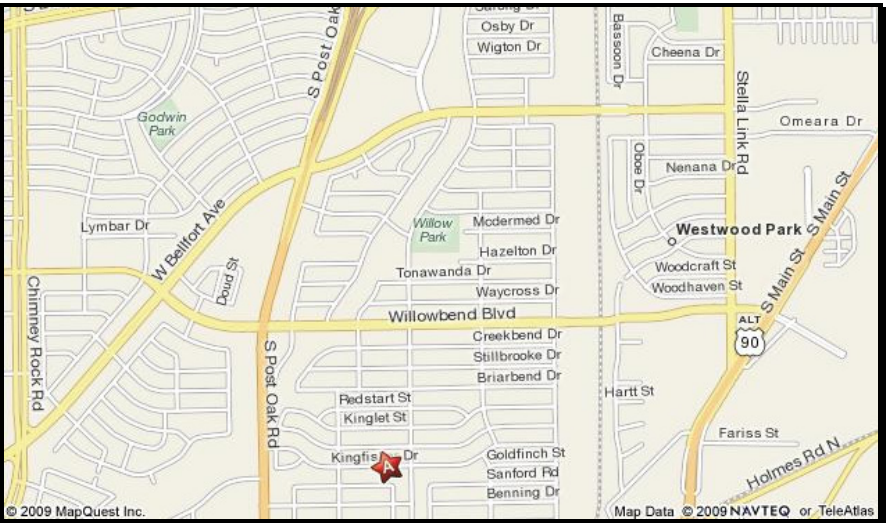


Figure 1. 3510 La Costa Dr



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