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## Meeting Announcements

The January meeting will be held at Amy Denton's house ([Map of 4737 Kingfisher](#)). The January Video Party will be held at Carolyn O'neal's house ([Map of 401 Kinglet](#)).

## February/March Birthdays

❖ David Damico                      March 9

## Editor's Announcement

Due to the rising costs of postage, we are sending out newsletters electronically. For a mailed hardcopy, email [EEKFRENZY@gmail.com](mailto:EEKFRENZY@gmail.com), and you will be mailed a paper newsletter. The PDF of each newsletter is also posted on the Several Unlimited website and on the Several Unlimited Yahoo group.

## Club News

### Prez Mez February 2008

*Dee Beetem*

Folks, Revelcon is coming up fast, so we need to get our planning done ASAP. Remember, everything that really works well we can encore at Apollocon.

#### ***The Story (and Planning) So Far:***

- ❖ Erika and I reserved the Several room at the Holiday Inn.
- ❖ Amy and Elizabeth volunteered to do a panel on Fanfic Writing and Research. We'll email Jan immediately and see whether it's approved.
- ❖ As usual, there will be a Saturday Pizza Party in the room. Since we don't have a table this year, Anita will collect money at the Art Show.
- ❖ Several Breakfast in the room Saturday and Sunday—you can invite a few people but let's not make "watching me stump around bleary-eyed" an official event.
- ❖ Late Night TV Parties Saturday and Sunday—Erika needs to formalize the play list but I suspect it will run to anime and other strange.
- ❖ Erika and I hope to premiere the Once Upon a Time Game—Media Edition (or, A Shot Rang Out). We haven't picked a time slot yet.
- ❖ And??? What have I missed? There's still time to propose something else.

### Fannish Summer Party

So we don't forget...

We're beginning to plan for a party in July to balance Jennifer Hebert's Christmas party. Some suggestions that have been made:

- ❖ Side dish/dessert potluck (we could supply hot dogs, condiments and buns)
- ❖ Book/collectibles swap meet
- ❖ Publicizing the event through the fannish lists, (Revelcon, Hou-Sf, Ilscifi, etc.)

We need a site! An apartment/condo clubhouse would be ideal (electrical outlets needed!) A kitchen and a pool would be nice but not essential, also grass where we could throw frisbees.

Finally, please inform Margaret or me if you're willing to volunteer your home for a meeting or video party. Don't make us hunt you down...

### Don't forget the Yahoo Group for Several Unlimited!

If you find something interesting to do or talk about, post it on the Several Unlimited Yahoo Group at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/severalunlimited/>

If you're not a member of the group, it's free to join, and you get to select how you want the messages delivered to you!

## Upcoming Events

### Cosmic Explorations: A Speaker Series, Feb 7

*Submitted by Tom Wells*

#### **LPI 40th Anniversary Speaker on February 7th**

Forming the Planets: What's New with the Oldest Events in the Solar System with Dr. Bill Bottke

Each presentation will begin at 7:30 pm and will be followed by a light reception with the opportunity to meet the speaker. The Cosmic Explorations Speaker Series is free; all adults are welcome.

Location: The Lunar and Planetary Institute, USRA, 3600 Bay Area Blvd, Houston (Entrance via driveway on South side of Middlebrook Dr, just East of Bay Area Blvd.)

See Map at <http://www.lpi.usra.lpi.areamap.pdf/>

For more information, please call 281-486-2135 or visit:

❖ <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/lectures/>

❖ <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/lpi/seminars/>

❖ <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/>

## **ConDFW, February 22-24, 2008**

### ***A Literary Science Fiction & Fantasy Event***

<http://www.condfw.org/>

Radisson Hotel Dallas North, 1981 North Central Expressway  
Richardson, TX 75080, (Dallas / Fort Worth / Metroplex area)

❖ **Author GOH: Peter S. Beagle**

❖ **Artist GOH: Donato Giancola**

The Expected Activities:

Art Show, Autographs, Dealer's Room, Con Suite, Panel Discussions, Gaming, Readings

And the Unexpected:

Cliche Challenge (NEW), 3rd Annual Sci-Fi Spelling Bee, Pro Artist Drawing Competition, Charity Book Swap, Hard Science Panels

For more information, write:

ConDFW

750 South Main-#14

Keller, TX 76248

Or [send email to info@condfw.org](mailto:send_email_to_info@condfw.org)

Sponsored by the Texas Speculative Fiction Association

## **REVELcon 19, March 14-16, 2008**

### ***The Little Con with the Texas-Size Heart in Houston***

<http://www.severalunlimited.com/revelcon/>

Revelcon is THE only fan-run relax-a-con/zinefest in the Southwest US. It's a fab weekend of vids, panels, art, zines, merchandise, food and fun! [Note - Revelcon is an adults-only/18-and-over con.]

For further information write:

Revelcon 19

c/o E.D. Pearlman

P.O. Box 130602

Houston, TX 77219-0602

Or send email to <mailto:Revelcon2007@gmail.com>

## **Denvention 3, August 6-10, 2008**

### ***66th World Science Fiction Convention, Denver CO***

<http://www.denvention.org/>

❖ **GOH: Lois McMaster Bujold**

❖ **Artist GOH: Rick Sternbach**

❖ **Toastmaster: Wil McCarthy**

❖ **Fan GOH: Tom Whitmore**

❖ **Ghost of Honor: Robert A. Heinlein**

Five days of programming on hundreds of topics from books to media, from art to costuming, from movies to television to anime, from science fiction to science fact, as well as an art show, masquerades, the Hugo Awards ceremony, dealer's rooms, and much more!

## News and Reviews

### Scanning Tips

By Margaret McNickle

If you've ever been frustrated by scanners, or you just want better results, check out this website. It describes image resolution basics for printing and video, and explains why dpi means one thing in video and another in printed images.

The concepts might be confusing at first. It's easier to understand once you experiment with some scanned pictures. I adjusted pixel and width settings on some old jpeg and tiff files to see what they looked like. The on screen size differences were amazing.

Bookmark this site. There's so much good information in it you'll visit it more than once.

<http://www.scantips.com/>

## Website of the Month

### Webcomics Nation

<http://www.webcomicsnation.com/>

Webcomics Nation is a place for comics creators to show off and share their work. Many different comic strips, all online and unavailable anywhere else.

You'll find at least one comic strip that you like. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to have a search function, so you'd better bookmark your favorite strips.

Comics include:

#### [Malefic Malfoy](#)

<http://www.webcomicsnation.com/mattb/maleficmalfoy/series.php?view=archive&chapter=7499>



Young Draco has found himself a little skirt-lifting charm. It's Harry Potter drawn by Matt Bayne.

#### [We've Got Issues V2](#) By Michael Parkinson

<http://www.webcomicsnation.com/snufflymonkey/issues/series.php>



Set in a comic store with two comic freaks and a couple of illegal aliens. The outer-space kind.

#### [Intergalactic Law](#) Lisa Fary (writing), John Dallaire (art)

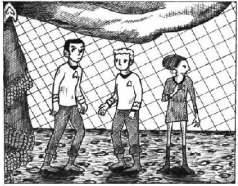
<http://www.webcomicsnation.com/intergalacticlaw/intergalacticlaw/series.php>



Inter-species divorce? Extra-dimensional accident? We can help! Ginsburg, Quieghel and Stein Intergalactic Law.

**Edward Gorey's "The Trouble with Tribbles"**

<http://www.webcomicsnation.com/shaenongarrity/tribbles/series.php>

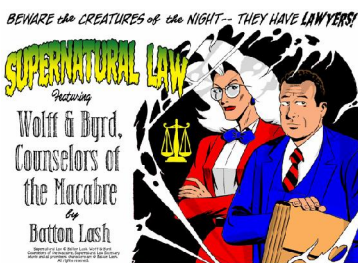


**THE TROUBLE WITH TRIBLE:**  
A Television Adaptation by  
EDWARD GOREY

We included this one a few months ago, but you have to admit, it deserves another look and mention.

**Supernatural Law**

<http://www.supernaturallaw.com/>

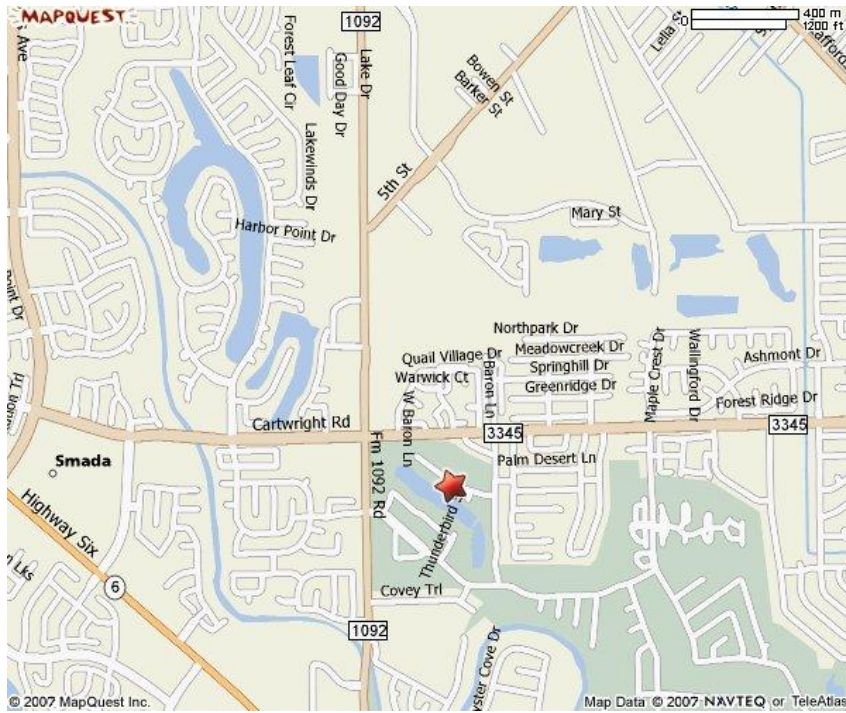


Attorneys Alanna Wolff and Jeff Byrd have a unique law practice: they defend vampires, werewolves, and things that go bump in the night, with the aid of their intrepid secretary, Mavis!



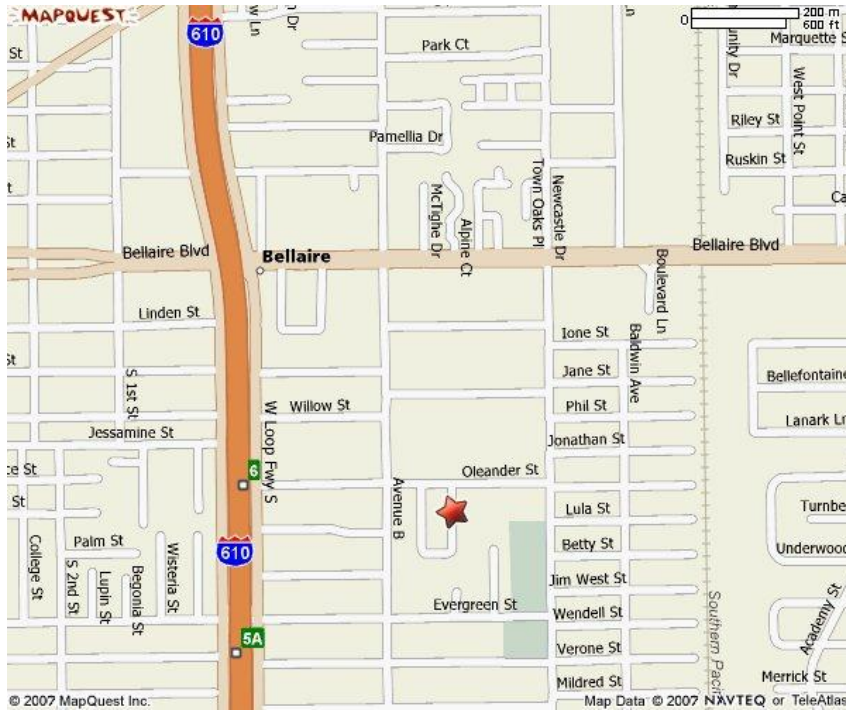
### Calendar and Maps

<p><b>February 8, 2008</b> Several Unlimited Meeting</p>	<p>Amy Denton, (281) 499-2455 3510 La Costa Dr, Missouri City, TX 77459</p>
<p><b>February 22, 2008</b> Several Unlimited Video Party</p>	<p>Carolyn O’Neal, (713) 667-4929 114 Beverly Lane, Bellaire, TX 77401-5107</p>



**Figure 1. 3510 La Costa Dr**

**Note:** 1092 is known as Murphy Road north of S. Main (US 90)



**Figure 2. 114 Beverly Lane**