



KaCSFFS Newsletter

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June KaCSFFS Meeting / Picnic Information

3rd Saturday of the Month,
June, 18th, 3 pm
Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park
87th & Lackman
Lenexa, KS

*David Dressler is bringing his
Pente game, got a game you
want to share?*

*Side Dish Suggestions –
A-H desserts, I-N salads, O-Z
side dishes.*

BYO soda and beer

*– there wasn't much left over
from the con suite. Sharlotte
did a good job of judging the
supplies for the weekend.*

*KaCSFFS will supply
hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie
burgers, buns, condiments,
plates, cups, utensils.*

*And the 1st annual Geek
Olympics*

*Kazoos may be involved – be
afraid.*

*Don't forget your picnic
supplies and a yummy side
dish to share.*

*More hints of the trouble we're
going to get into later in this
newsletter.*

Did you notice?

The editor took the first of her allowed 2 bys per year last month. Not even a postcard to tell you when the meeting was or whether ConQuesT was still on or not. What a slacker! Trying to get back on target with your newsletter this month so if you have suggestions, items to submit (Thanks, Rob) or if you would like to only receive your newsletter on-line, please contact your editor. Remember all club officer information is available on the last page and a membership form. This is your last issue if you haven't renewed.

The Directors Cut

By Ruth Lichtwardt

First of all, many, many thanks to the whole ConQuesT crew for such a fun and successful con! I heard lots of praise and talk about what a great time people had, both during and after the weekend. All of KaCSFFS owes a big debt of gratitude to our co-chairs, department heads, and volunteers - all of whom worked so hard for everything to run smoothly, to give everyone a good time, and to make money for our club to operate on the rest of the year. Thanks to these fine people, we can afford to meet in the Writer's Place, to mail out a newsletter, and to provide meat to grill at the annual picnic, among many other things!

Something to think about for next year's ConQuesT: haven't volunteered before? Take it from those who have, half the fun is in the volunteering. If you haven't worked a few hours at a con, you're missing out.

And speaking of the KaCSFFS picnic, see inside this newsletter about everything planned for this year's event. We'll have the first ever ³Geek Games², including pinatas, sack races, and more - compete to win tacky little prizes for your team! And, thanks to Tim Keltner, you can bring beer again.

We do need Grills and Cooks, and people to help coordinate the games. Please contact any board member to volunteer. (I hear we have some Really Good Cooks in the club.)

We have it on good authority that this year's July Film Fest (our free Communiversities event) will be an Animation Festival. We'll have more detail and probably a full film schedule in next month's newsletter. And Nancy the Snack Bar Goddess will again be presiding over our Superfund fundraiser, selling hot dogs, candy, soda, and all sorts of goodies to the audience.

There's more planned for rest of the year, and I'd like to give special kudos to John Taylor for volunteering to arrange programs for our Writer's Place meetings this fall, and then for so promptly doing so! Thanks also to David Sooby for helping with that. Watch your KaCSFFS Newsletter and website for more details.

See you at the picnic!

Ruth

Picnic Fun and Games and Food and Swimming and Beer and....you get the idea.

Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park
87th & Lackman

Per Tim Keltner - The entrance to Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park is Greenway Lane. It is a couple of blocks East of Lackman (between Lackman and Pflumm) and you should turn South (look for the skateboard park). Go up the hill to your right (past the pool) to the second shelter (Meadowlark). See the **KaCSFFS** site or MapQuest for more help.

Announcing the 1st annual Geek Olympics.

There'll be a full roster of games to participate in –

Sack Race	Water Spoons
Three legged race	Water Balloon toss
Pin the Exhaust on the Rocket	Bat spin

And a few more that we may surprise you with.

The cooks will be starting their magic with the great fire god around 3:00pm.

Burgers, dogs and veggie burgers will be the burnt offerings again this year. Be sure to bring a yummy side dish to go with.

Food suggestions by last name	A-H desserts
	I-N salads
	O-Z side dishes

BYO soda and beer.

KaCSFFS will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, buns, condiments, plates, cups, utensils.

Schedule for the afternoon

Start Setup 2:00pm

Start Cooking 3ish

Games 4ish

Eat 6ish

Close 9:00pm

Remember, you can go swimming at any time. According to the Lenexa Parks & Rec web site <<http://www.ci.lenexa.ks.us/parks/seasonal.html>> the daily pass fee for Indian Trails Aquatic Center is 2 yrs. & older \$6; Senior Citizen 55+ \$1.

Now's your chance to do that thing that makes Fandom such fun! Volunteering!

We still need –

Game Co-ordinators – organizer and judge

Cooks – John Vaughan and Paul Burns have stepped up, who's next?

Clean-up crew

Someone to put up and take down the KaCSFFS directional signs

But if you're more the shy sort and not into the management area of life there are still plenty of options for you. Don't want to leave anyone out here. Would you bring items to help out? Like –

A Barbeque grill	Barbeque tools
Trash bags	Sun screen
Bug spray	Kerchiefs for the games
Baseball bats for the games	Paper Towels

Large spoons – the same size for the games

Extra lawn chairs for folk that don't have them

Water guns to help cool down the other people that bring water guns

Bath towels / wash clothes – just 'cause you always need one when you don't have them. And, if you're planning on swimming, you should bring these anyway.

And, of course, if you have items that are picnic useful that aren't listed here bring 'em along. The more, the merrier.

David Dressler is bringing Pente to play. Bring a game that you'd like to challenge people to.

KaCSFFS Meeting Minutes April 16, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.

The **KaCSFFS** BOD used it's discretionary money to send flowers to the family of Jim Gunn on the death of his son.

Physical proof of our Not For Profit status is still pending. Expect some movement now that tax season is over.

The club talked about having a greater presence at other local conventions. If I remember correctly, the club had formed a committee in the past to have that presence.

After some complaints about the length of the meetings, Ruth announced that starting at the May meeting; most announcements would be on a message board set up at the meeting instead of oral announcements.

The program at the May meeting will be a talk about book collecting by a local book collector.

Rather than a speaker at the April meeting, Ruth opened the floor to a lengthy discussion about the direction of **KaCSFFS**. Whether to grow or not to grow and if we grow, how fast do we want to do it.

Nothing was decided from the discussion this was to get a feel of what the general membership wanted to do. The general consensus was, Yes, we want to grow but not very fast.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Becky Rickart – sitting in for Sherri Dean

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Life is NOT a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming – "WOW – What a Ride!"

We'll miss you, Vince.



## Campbell Conference Help

### MO-KAN Comics Conspiracy

Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

Shawnee Civic Center  
13817 Johnson Dr.  
Shawnee, KS 66203

July 9-10, 2005  
\$5 a day;  
10 & under free

More info at –  
<http://mo-kancomicsconspiracy.com/>

If you're going to the Comic Con don't forget to take both **KaCSFFS** and **ConQuest** information for their freebie table.

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### Ideas to talk about

Been to a baseball game yet this year? Did you know that there are Buck nights at Royals games where hot dogs and sodas are only a buck? And that if you get a group of 25 people together to attend the game you can get Board recognition? Interested in going? Tell one of your BOD members and we'll get it organized.

When's the last time you went to the drive-in? Did you have a barbeque while you were there? Were you one of the first cars there and one of the last to leave? Then you haven't had the full drive-in experience. Just like the Fanivores and the Film Cadets this is another social idea worth reviving. More to come on when and where to gather.

From Kij Johnson & Chris McKitterick

Every year the Campbell conference gets busier, and this year is no exception. The conference starts on Thursday evening, July 7th, and ends Sunday, July 10th right around lunchtime. A list of events is at <http://www.ku.edu/~sfcenter/Schedule-Campbell-Conference.htm>. We have at a number of guests flying in from around the country. Here's a partial list: <http://www.ku.edu/~sfcenter/campbell-conference.htm#guests>.

Usually we wait till the last minute to do this ::g::, but this year I'm throwing open the door for any help any of you can offer. Please drop me an email if you can offer any help, and I'll get back to you all with some sort of schedule. No pay, of course, but you will receive the plaudits of a grateful world. Chris and I usually do a bunch of this, but this year there's just too much for any one (or two, or three) to do!

We will need the following sorts of help:

- \* Drivers. Wednesday night/Thursday daytime, and Sunday whenever. Drive to and from the airport to pick up or drop off guests (and students leaving after the workshop). Most people will fly in Wednesday evening or Thursday; most will fly out sometime Sunday. Some of are in classes; so let me know if mornings or afternoons are an issue.
  - \* Liaisons. All weekend as needed. Some of the guests may require that someone run them to and from hotels, restaurants, events etc. If you're a liaison, your responsibilities are mostly to make sure they are where they need to be, when they want to be there. You may even have someone (as a past quest asked) who wants to know "where the good beer is." Let me know if you're free to be there as needed.
  - \* Mass transit. Friday and Saturday nights. After the banquet on Friday night, and after the last events Saturday night, there will be a lot of people who will need to get to the parties. Let me know if you have a car and some extra seats to take a few people with you and to take anyone back to the dorms who might want to leave when you do.
  - \* Party preparations. Week before. We need to pick up food, drink, party supplies and munchies the week before. We could give you money to do this, or you could buy the stuff and submit the receipts for reimbursement – or you can buy the stuff and donate it as a charitable deduction to a 401(c)(3) organization, and receive a letter acknowledging the donation.
  - \* Room preparations. Wednesday afternoon/evening. The dorms no longer supply linens or prepare the rooms for guests. We'll need a few people to make all the beds, etc..
  - \* Audio/setup. Days and early evenings all weekend. This sounds much fancier than it is. Show up a few minutes early, make sure the room is unlocked and the lights are on. We have a small digital recorder we use to make archival tapes of the proceedings. Your job would be to make sure the recorder is there and turned on; and to either download the recordings after each session; or to give it to Chris or me to do so.
- Please let me (or Chris) know if you can help and when! If you know of someone not on this list who might be willing and able to help, please forward this to them.

Thanks so much.

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"Fear is the cheapest room in the house. I would like to see you living in better conditions."
-- Great Sufi Master Hafiz (1320-1389)

This is the event that KaCSFFS voted at the March meeting to provide volunteer help with in 2007. We have no financial stake in it, we'll just be the ground troops. As of today, the hotel contracts are signed, the nonprofit status is registered, and it's officially happening. Alan Koslow will be at ConQuesT with more information about it and to take pre-registrations at a special lower price for us KC fans - the price goes up July 7.

Ruth

(Editor note - See page 6 for the form to register for the Heinlein Centennial before the price goes up. Also will be made available in the Yahoo Group files.)

http://www.heinleincentennial.com/press/pr_052405.pdf

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Robert A. Heinlein Centennial Convention

Set for July 2007 in Kansas City, Missouri

May 24, 2005 - Plans were announced today for a major convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of American author Robert A. Heinlein. Heinlein's birth on 7/7/1907 will be celebrated on the weekend of 7/6 - 7/8/2007, with a series of major events on the centennial day, Saturday, 7/7/2007.

The Heinlein Centennial Convention will be a multi-faceted event celebrating Heinlein's life, works and far-reaching influence. More than 3,000 professional and amateur attendees from throughout the US and around the world are expected to participate in distinct tracks focusing on Heinlein's contributions to science fiction, American literature, the American aerospace industry and commercial development of space, and film and television. Evaluation of Heinlein's overall impact on American culture and politics will be an integral part of all the tracks.

The Hyatt Regency Crown Center & Westin Crown Center hotels, adjacent to the Crown Center complex in downtown Kansas City, have been selected as the site of the Heinlein Centennial Convention. All three venues will host various Convention events. The convention is sponsored and organized by Heinlein Centennial, Inc., a California nonprofit corporation.

Help Wanted

*Part time volunteer work
Must be good at herding
cats and counting money.*

*The hours are few but
the work intense.*

*Benefits of the job – you
get to watch movies while
performing your duties.*

*See Nancy at the
concession stand at the
KaCSFFS July movie
night for more details on
what the job entails.*

*Your responsibilities
would begin in July, 2006.*

Book Talk Selections.

*Borders SF&F Literati
119th & Metcalf*

*4th Monday of the Month
7 pm*

*June 27 - Glen Cook
"Whispering Nickel Idols"
July 25 - Joe Haldeman
"Guardian"*

*Aug 22 - John Moore
"Heroes for Beginners"*

Cool Links

<http://www.robottle.com/hands/gallery.htm> - just how talented are your 2 hands and 10 digits. See what some people can do with them.

<http://a23.com/babesinspace/> -

<http://www.gullible.info/> - can't really add much to these two titles. They kinda say it all.

<http://www.nndb.com/> - you've heard about 6 degrees of separation? This site is starting to narrow down the connections. Pick a name, any name and lose some hours wandering around the info track.

<http://www.nathanbrickartist.com/gallery.html> - have you ever had anyone tell you to get a hobby? This guy did and the results are amazing.

<http://users.skynet.be/J.Beever/pave.htm> - homepage of the artist that does the lifelike sidewalk chalk murals.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 5/1/05**OLD BUSINESS**

Non-profit status- have not heard back from the accountant.

KaCSFFS Press Meeting- delayed to scheduling conflicts. Propose using the contact for Frank Robinson book as a model for future contracts. Discussed getting a signed affidavit of funds received by recipients of donated/loaned monies of past publishing projects.

"Will of the Members"- April club meeting regarding growth, change, etc. Board and club agree, so what's in store for the future?

NEW BUSINESS

June Picnic- BOD will get together to assemble needed items (piñatas, etc) after

ConQuest. Picnic needs new direction signs made. Who made the last ones?

35th Anniversary of KaCSFFS is next year. Do we want an honors banquet?

Make a list of potential honorees for next meeting. Find a restaurant - preferably one with a large separate conference room - for the banquet.

David Sooby to reserve the church used for last year's **Thanksgiving** for this year's meeting/dinner. Date set **11/12/05**.

Archivist David Sooby to get discs, etc from Harold Walley to update BOD notebooks.

John Taylor has arranged for **speakers** for August meeting (a copyright lawyer) and September (owner of a gaming/action figure shop.) David Sooby is making arrangements for a local HG Wells society speaker for the October Meeting.

Thank you gifts for speakers at meetings- a gift pack of various **KaCSFFS** related merchandise.

Bulletin board for posting announcements will be at the May meeting. Sherri has purchased the board (with the BOD approval) and will also provide thumbtacks. Ruth will provide paper and markers. Any groups with activities are encouraged to post upcoming events here, rather than use meeting time.

Update on **Heinlein 100-** this project will take LOTS of time. Hotel tours were taken and the Marriott may be the final choice as of this writing. Ruth is looking for chair people to provide local contact with the H100 group. Their group is expecting to finalize their NFP status soon.

Ruth to contact Cricket Bebe to confirm her participation as **ConQuest co-chair** for next year. Ben Thomas has confirmed he is willing to chair, as long as he doesn't have to do it alone.

Merchandising at meetings/tshirt order discussion. Are we paying too much with our current shirt company? Becky will contact Sheila Moreland with info on another company. Meanwhile we will order enough club shirts only to meet our immediate needs and keep looking for better deals.

Storage room cleanout postponed until after the June picnic. A date has yet to be decided on.

Fundraising- start with budget analysis in May, then discuss fundraising ideas for meeting in June. Fundraising requires volunteers- we need actual commitment from members before taking on a project. Get it in writing?

Informal discussion of **July Film Festival** with David Sooby. Sherri's suggestion was as we're a literary club, why not show the SF/F classics based on literature? Further discussion led to HG Wells adaptations as a possibility. David to contact the SatterKleins for permission to use their sound system for the event, as the schools systems did not meet our needs last year.

Archivist David Sooby had several points / suggestions. The **ConQuest** hotel /club commitment runs through 2007. Should a committee be formed now to scout a new hotel? The club needs an official logo- offer the opportunity to design it to club artists first, then branch out if needed. Website needs some changes. Currently Nancy has clearance to help Jim Satterfield in some capacity. David volunteered his help as well as needed. An online KaCSFFS merchandise store linked to the club could be used to move more merchandise- payment could be made via PayPal, check or money order. David suggested a guerilla run to local libraries to put bookmarks in sf/f books, but Ruth counseled against it saying members should check with any library/bookstore/etc beforehand when wanting to leave promotional materials. Most businesses have rules regarding said materials and distribution within their organizations.

Respectfully submitted, Sherri Dean, Secretary

Birthday Information**June**

Patricia Knuth – 6/1

Ann Lowensteing – 6/2

Nancy Nutt – 6/3

Terry Matz – 6/13

Sean Moreland – 6/14

Marci Reardon – 6/19

Wally Wally – 6/21

R Kelly Cutler – 6/22

Dawn Lind – 6/26

Russ Kleinowski – 6/29

July

Lynn Halama – 7/1

Ted Poovey – 7/1

Cheryl Russell – 7/4

Tracy Majkol – 7/14

Carol Doms – 7/16

Inger Myers – 7/24

Address Change

John Vaughan's new e-mail addy is jvaughan2@kc.rr.com

Heinlein Centennial Convention Heinlein ReaderCon

July 6-7-8, 2007
Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, Missouri



Robert A. Heinlein Centennial

1907 - 2007

Presented by Heinlein Centennial, Inc., a California Nonprofit Corporation

Special \$50 Rate for ConQuesT Participants!

Centennial ReaderCon registration will be \$150 at the door, and the early registration rate will be \$75. As a special incentive and bonus to KC-area fans, we are offering this short-term \$50 option for full ReaderCon access and participation! This open offer ends July 7, 2005, after which the rate will rise to \$75 until the end of 2005... and up from there to the last-minute \$150 rate.

At present we can accept only checks, money orders and cash for registration. We will have a PayPal option on our web site shortly, and will be accepting credit cards at a later time.

Please make your check or money order payable to HEINLEIN CENTENNIAL INC. Return this form and payment to ALAN KOSLOW or a designated Heinlein Centennial registration person at ConQuesT, or mail it to the address below by 07/07/05—*don't be late!* Please DO NOT MAIL CASH.

IMPORTANT: If you do not receive a confirming email or postcard by July 1st, 2005, PLEASE visit our website and ask for verification of your registration status.

www.HeinleinCentennial.com

Heinlein Centennial, Inc. - PO Box 4313 - Citrus Heights CA 95611

*Please keep this record of your registration number
until you receive confirmation of your registration!*

Registration Number & Initial

Heinlein Centennial Convention ReaderCon PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(A more detailed registration form and questionnaire will be provided later)

Please Print Carefully... PLEASE Print Carefully... **PLEASE** Print Carefully!

Registration Number

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| Name | | |
| PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR MOST PERMANENT AND RELIABLE MAILING ADDRESS: | | |
| Address | | |
| City | State/Province | ZIP/Postal Code |
| Additional Address Information (c/o, Country, etc.) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
<input type="checkbox"/> Check No. _____ |
| Email | Alternate Email | |
| WE PLEDGE NOT TO SHARE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS OR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH ANYONE UNLESS YOU APPROVE OTHERWISE ON THE FULL REGISTRATION FORM! | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be contacted by the Volunteer Coordinator.
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be contacted by the Programming Coordinator.
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be contacted by the Dealer's Room Coordinator. | | |

KaCSFFS Membership Application

Please print legibly Date completed _____

Paid fees include membership in the club, a subscription to the club newsletter, access to club functions, and voting privileges.

Name _____ Birth Date – (Opt) _____
 2nd Name _____ Birth Date – (Opt) _____
 3rd Name _____ Birth Date – (Opt) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ e-mail _____
 New _____ Renew _____ Change _____
 Heard about **KaCSFFS** from _____
 Interests include _____

Do not include my e-mail in the membership directory ☐
 Do not include my phone number in the membership directory ☐
 Do not include my address in the membership directory ☐

Please mail this completed form with your dues check to;

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Or bring it to the next **KaCSFFS** meeting to submit to the treasurer in person.**Board of Directors**

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Annual dues are \$ 15.00 per household with a \$ 12.00 additional fee per extra name listed separately on the club roster at the same address. Paid fees include membership in the club, a subscription to the club newsletter, access to club functions, and voting privileges.

Dues are payable at the Fiscal meeting in March.

Attendees that choose to pay on a monthly basis will be charged \$ 2.00 per meeting.

One newsletter will be mailed to each household on the membership list. Additional copies of the newsletter will be available at the monthly meeting.

Send Payments to:

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Upcoming events of interest

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KaCSFFS Picnic

KaCSFFS Book Crawl

Mo-Kan Comic Conspiracy

June 16th – 19th

June 18th

June 25th

July 9th – 10th