Southeast Regional Newsletter May Edition

From the editor:

Hí, welcome again to the SE Regional Newsletter. April brought us the featured game of the month in Huntsville and

Soldier's Angels as our regional charity.

Due to feedback from members, I'm attempting to publish the newsletter every month. But even publishing monthly, I still

need more submissions from all over the region. Submissions can be sent to:

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Thís month's charíty is Book Donations and the FGotM is in Miami. Southeast Regional Newsletter Wiki Spotlight by Brian Baker

Select Art by Kyle "Skunk" Guthrie

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May

IRC meeting: 7th

Regional Charity: Book Donations

Featured Game of the Month

Where: Míamí Fl area

When: May 1st

Venues: Awakening, Requiem &

OWOD Sabbat Historical

More info at Miami FGotM

June

IRC meeting: 天th

No Regional Charity in June

Featured Game of the Month

Where: Raleigh NC

When: June 26th

Venues: Awakening & Requiem

camping available onsite

More info at Raleigh FGotM

Cool things Online

Nashville's Resource page

This page rocks if you want to find things Cammie-related online fast.

The People's Chronology

This is an Ebook where you can look up years in history to find out what's current then. And it's more than battles and treaties, but food and the arts and more. Downside: Their search engine is broken.

5 steps to a better C/AGame

It's worth a read even if you're not playing the venue, has some great advice in it.

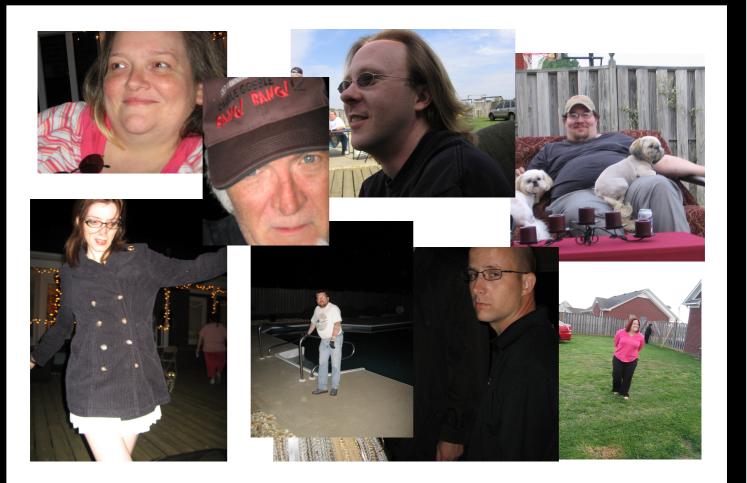
April's Featured Game of the Month Huntsville AL

If you missed Huntsville's game of the month, you not only missed great role playing, but you also missed great food. Friday night, there was a historical cam/Anarch game and Saturday had Lost and Requiem. Between Brian, Bryan and myself, we got lots of great photos to show what you missed.





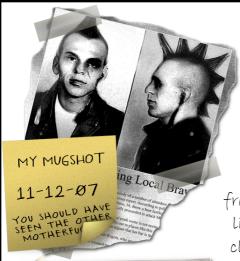












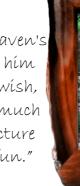
The Art of Kyle "Skunk" Guthrie

If you want some art to decorate your wiki, this is the man to hit up. He does fabulous work that really is appropriate to the character. His wiki pages tend to be fun too, click his name to poke around on them or get in contact with him.

The artist says, "The first image is a collection of documents from my Forsaken character's wiki page, which is done up sorta like a scrapbook. It's a polaroid, a sticky note, and a newspaper

clipping I designed about how much of a criminal he is.

The second image is of Raven's character. You can ask him about Seamus if you wish, OOC I only know so much about him. I put the picture in a frame, just for fun."



Wiki Spotlight with Brian Baker

Welcome to our first issue of what I hope will become a regular occurrence in our newsletters. Wiki Spotlight will showcase some of the hard work that our region's members have put into the valuable resource to make it both informative and attractive. This month, before we delve into the specifics, we're going to focus on the general: domain pages!

A lot of domains don't make use of a general page for the entire domain. I'd take the time to argue with you, but showing you what some of these domains have done for the cities should be able to prove my point well enough without having to make much of a statement.

Let me start off with one of my personal favorites
The Devil's Playpen makes it home in the Miami
area, domain code FL-040-D. It opens up with
two eye-catching images, one to let you know
where you are and one that brings your focus
right to where it should be: on the Table of
Contents, so you can get to where you're going.



They have contact information right off the bat. Functional, although I personally always have a soft spot for those pages that showcase what the domain does instead of just smacking you with information. Still, the page does make sure the highlight their venues and, later, the schedules for those that wish to make it out there and attend, without having to jump through hoops of trying to figure out who to contact and such. Also, comedy makes everything better. Remember, kids: Listen to Gmo, and the terrorists win.

Hickory, NC holds a special place in my heart. It's black, and it's twisted, but it's special. So when I first found out that Hickory had a domain, I had to hop on the Wiki and check out its page. At first, this lead to a bought of depression, as alas, there doesn't seem to be one. But hey, I wouldn't be making this column if I didn't like to dig through the wiki.

And díg I díd, and was joyously rewarded.

The domain page for Hickory (NC-007-D for those that are keeping track) is a picture of simple functionality. Although it is a bit hard to find, it's a plethora of useful information for anyone planning or thinking about joining the games in the area. Domainspecific rules are explained, quick synopses of the various venues are given, and even a teaser is shown for venues they hope to be



having soon. The only thing it's lacking is contact information. There's no e-mail address, hyperlinks or webpage information for anyone hoping to check out the games there, nor an explanation of when or where the games are being held. Coupled with the difficulty of locating the page (it's only link I could find was on the category page for the domain, and it wasn't labeled), a useful gem of information is somewhat marred by a few difficulties.

For the last domain page this month, I'm bringing it back to my home state.

Rock City Twilight in Chattanooga, TN's has a page that is obviously still in the state of being worked on; new venues are still in progress of getting the information forward and more information is still needed in some sections. As a result, there are a few blank spots, but I like what I'm seeing so far. The main point of interest, though, is their Venue spotlights. Each venue separated out, with a VST contact link, wiki link for the venue, and in a few cases, a quick synopsis of the venue. Both colorful and informative, a little more "pizzazz" could make this one of the

best pages in the region (so long as they remember to take out the evidence that they used my old page for coding.

Yeah, I'm looking at you, Pip).

A City Influx

Forsaken
Forsaken
Forsaken VST: Blandon Moore Ed
Venue Webpage: Chattanooga Forsaken Ø

Lost
Lost
Lost VST: Susan Price Ed
Venue Webpage: Chattanooga Lost Ø
The White Castle
Following an asternishing series of events where all the previous residents of the Freehold disappeared or were found murdered, a handful of Changelings worked together to forge a future for the Lost of Chattanooga Chattanoog

In addition, highlighting the active members of the Domain (and personal wiki pages for some of them) at the bottom gives a good feeling that the domain is a body of people, and not some faceless game-running uber-internet-geeks. Which, let's face it, we Wiki makers are faceless game-running uber-internet-geeks, otherwise I wouldn't be making this column. But it's nice that it doesn't **seem** that way.

So that's it for my domain highlights this month. For those that say that those can't, critique, feel free to check out my domain's wiki page and give me some feedback as well! Otherwise, stay tuned for next month's Wiki Spotlight, where I'll be checking out some of the venue pages for Requiem.

If you have a page you like to see featured in the Wiki Spotlight (either according to theme for the month or a personal/character page you like to see appear here), please send me an email with a link to your page. My e-mail is included at the bottom. If you enjoyed the spotlight, let me know! If you

don't, then screw you, man! I'm trying!

—Baker, unrepentant Patroller of the Wiki knoxcam.webdev@gmail.com



Brían as Gízmo, Gremlín Mechanic at the FGotM