



Coordinator Spotlight

Jeanine McMichael

DC SC-011-D Greenville, SC

Jeanine McMichael is the Domain Coordinator for the domain in Greenville, South Carolina. Jeanine is fairly new to Mind's Eye Society and gaming, only joining in 2010. Her husband did the "vampire gaming" thing and encouraged her to check it out and she has been hooked ever since. According to Jeanine, "It has actually become a family since both of my boys are members of Mind's Eye Society as well."

Jeanine stepped into the position of domain coordinator in November 2011 with the positive mentality that this is just all a game, and "No make-believe character is ever worth any real life friendships." She helped to stabilize the domain

When Jeanine was asked some questions concerning this article being written, she stated, "If I had one piece of advice to give a coordinator, it would be to show your

players that they matter to you. When your members know that you will listen to them, take their concerns seriously, and do your best to solve their problem then you will have done the job of Coordinator the way it was intended to be done."

Some very interesting facts about Jeanine are that she does not watch any television, nor hulu or Netflix. Most of her time is spent reading and crafting. She learned to crochet and cross stitch as a child. She also taught herself to knit two years ago. Currently Jeanine's schedule is a little hectic. She works a full time job, is returning to school to finish an accounting degree (only 3 classes left in the spring semester) and presides over her domain. She is very proud of the fact that the domain just had a daughter chapter graduate to domain. Jeanine is an animal lover with two dogs and two cats. Her favorite



movie is The Hunt for Red October and her favorite book of all time is the Honor Harrington series by David Weber.

"Capt. Marko Ramius: [quoting Christopher Columbus] 'And the sea will grant each man new hope, as sleep brings dreams of home.'

Sean Connery – The Hunt for Red October (1990)

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Thanksgiving: What are you thankful for?

Keith Bailey US2006078180: I am thankful for the many great people I have met in my lifetime

Sarah Wade US2013010018: I am thankful for a very healthy, uplifting, encouraging, supportive and loving relationship

Brandon Lee Moore US2008011627: I am thankful having a roof over my head, work when it's available and a very loving family.

Casey Annis US2004071603: I am thankful for all of the friends I have made in the Camarilla/Mind's Eye Society over the years.

Xanny Peters US2012100118: My chosen family and gamer friends!

The Kiki Lynskey US2007121522: I am thankful for many parts of my life, but I am very thankful for our local storytellers in Savannah.

Cody Wagar US2013040169: I am thankful that I have such an amazing person who has been a wonderful DC Jeanine

Chauma Smith Guss US2013040180: I am deeply thankful for the love and support of my family and my dogs.

YoKasta Martinez US2010025472: I'm thankful to live to see another birthday! My friends and family. My job and books.

Jennifer Rastegar US2006088262: I am thankful for my new kitty Gatsby, and the end of prohibition to properly celebrate the holidays.

Josh Chaney US2002021315: I am thankful for all the blessings in my life; fiancée, friends (especially our domain), a good job, and a roof over our heads.

Glas Durboraw US2002021127: I am thankful for the web of friends and acquaintances that the Camarilla brings me.

Steve Shasteen US2002022290: I'm thankful that I see more good than bad this year.

Miranda Rosenblum US2002022650: I am thankful for all of the good friends I get to see regularly because of the organization.

Jo Oglesby US2002023707: I am so thankful for everything that it is hard to choose. I am thankful for my father who tells the best stories, my Step Mother and Step Grandmother who've taught me what Mom's and Grandmothers are supposed to be like.

Joseph Couch US2013060160: I am thankful to have a little more time with my dad and grandmother.

Rebecca Nichols US2002022823: I am thankful for friends that care about me, having a job, reconnecting with my daughter, getting back with someone i have loved for 16 years but was blinded towards it.

Jeff Szappan US2010096608: I am thankful for family; both the family I was born with and those good friends I choose to have.

Tony Gowell US2002023699: I am thankful to have been cast in a film for the SyFy network by the director, Mark Sheppard. Yes, that Mark Sheppard.

Jason Clark US2002022190: I am thankful for a loving wife and two intelligent teenage sons that keep me on my toes and especially the wife who helps keep the boys alive.

Polly Rhodes US2010055968: This year I'm thankful for friends that give me perspective and keep me grounded, a job that pays all the bills, and books. I'm always thankful for books.

Eric Hart US2012070092: I am thankful for my wife finally getting the surgery she needs to not live in pain. I am thankful for the opportunity to pursue my PhD in a great program with great people.

Trinity D'Agostino US2005106652: I guess I'm thankful they found the cyst on my ovary and it's not cancerous.

Kyle Guthrie US2009064301: I'm thankful for punk rock, for it gives a voice to the voiceless.

Cali Crisler US2010106823: I am thankful for things working out the way they need to and my family and friends having good things happen for them.

W Robert Reed III US2005096601 yay for continuation of our organization and all the cool people and their cahtracters.

Patrick Gerrity US2004061573: I'm thankful for having such great, diverse friends who span the globe.

Danielle LeMaster US2002045542: I am thankful for my family be they by blood or by choice. For my wonderful husband and the life we share.

Amber Stephenson US2011017337: I'm thankful for everything, because it's made me the person I am today. And I love who I am and where I am.

Scott Richardson US2002034021: I am thankful for my hard working, happy, creative players who make it a joy to tell stories to and with.

Karisa Lyons US2010127110: I am very thankful for my friends and family that gave me the moral support that helped me get my license.

Lucy Steele US2010066194: I am thankful for a job I love, brilliant colleagues, a sweet son, two beautiful puppies, a heart-stopping stud of a husband, and the chance to tell great stories with my Cam friends.

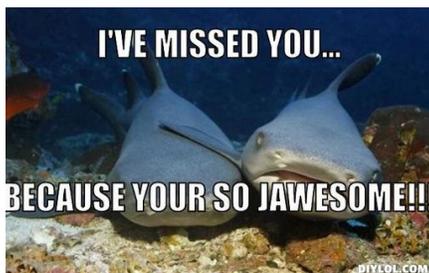


RST's Corner

**Back in the Saddle
Aka
Where has the RST been
and
Where is she going?**

By: Kimberly Cooper
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I'm back! And I missed y'all so much!



The typo in this meme hurts my soul...

So, I've returned from my time out of office due to family emergency, but my secret base of RST operations remains in the rapidly cooling climes of [Alabama](#). Fear not, my gimpy Floridian behind is well stocked with warm weather clothes, and I'm capable of taking simple yarn and producing my own warm clothes! My amazing Chief of Staff was on the ball in my absence, and I want to thank you all for not putting Patrick through the wringer while I was gone.

Now, we're rapidly approaching the fabled "dead zone" of gaming, where the holidays creep up on us and various family events tend to slow down events. It's my goal to be there for those who are still up for the RP to be found during these months, and ensure that the players who are busy can smoothly transition back into the swing of things.

On a personal note, I'll be here in AL for a while longer, so I want to thank the domain of AL-001-D for putting up with me as their "MES Exchange Student" of sorts. I'll be at the ATL FGotM in December, and I hope to see a bunch of people there! I'm not hard to miss, so if you see me around, come over and say hi!

I'll also be in my wonderful home state of North Carolina in December, so with any luck I'll be hitting up games in SC or NC! To be honest, if it's less than a 7 hour drive from Fayetteville, there's a chance I'll try to make it, so be on the lookout for a roving RST.

Aside from traveling, I'm currently preparing a poll of what the players of the SE region (that's you, guys!) need and want. Additionally, I'm working

to make communication more open and fluid. Feel like you're missing out on regional statements and policies? Let my CoS know at

arst.chief@se.mindseyeso-ciety.org

If you're missing out on important stuff from regional, we need to identify where breakdown is occurring and fix it ASAP!

Have a topic you want to know my thoughts on? Send them my way! Just send an e-mail titled "RST's Corner Topic Submission" with the topic, your name and MES number, and it may be included in the next issue! As always, take care, be excellent to each other, and have fun doing what we do best!



Mosquitos & Candles

by Deb Pelletier Clark SE RC

As the SE RC, I get to read all of the monthly coordinators reports. The August 2013 Coordinators reports started coming in around the fifth of September and I begin reading through them. I start noticing a trend in all of them that month that I had not noticed before in the note sections of each report. I smiled, chuckled and continued reading. I decided to respond to all of the coordinators in my monthly Report.

"I have had many of the domain & chapter coordinator include issues that they are experiencing in their monthly reports this month. I have researched these problems thoroughly. The issues are pertaining to the non-consensual touching by mosquitos. They refuse to leave an area when asked, maintain no MES number and have physically attacked members at times. As I cannot ascertain that these

mosquitos belong to other regions and are not just in our region, I cannot escalate this up to national. I have through deep research discovered a long forgotten remedy to get rid of these pesky things. On the full moon, September 19th. All the coordinators should dance around a citronella candle chanting the lyrics to thriller. Wearing clothes would be preferable and pictures would in turn be awesome to send in for the regional newsletter."

I was still grinning after I had sent my report in. I love surprises and the coordinators did a great job and have a fantastic sense of humor. Well a short time later, I get a reply across the SE Region list to my comments in my report.

"I humbly submit at the request of my DC, Jeanine McMichael, further evidence to this investigation on the mosquitos. If you will follow the link below, you will see that we attempted a similar resolution on 9/1/2013. Great minds, I suppose, indeed think alike. While these incidents have begun to become less frequent, they continue to be an issue."
Trey Holliday



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A few days later more pictures started coming in. I love my region 😊



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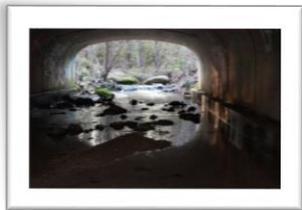


FL-034-D Tampa, FL

Personal Ads Employment, Lost & Found & For Sale



(Photographs by Emma Finley US2013040105)



Personal Ads/Employment:

Wanted personal attendant to peel and feed me grapes. Call 815-0012 Leave message

Looking for experienced carpenter. Woodworking experience a must. Call 329-1882

Seeking Medium that can talk to dead wife and find the remote. Please call 211-9245

Looking to hire linguist. Must speak & write Akkadian and Sumerian fluently. Call 432-7826 Ask for Fred

Looking for a horticulturist that grows Aconitum
Call 233-0498

Local Mortuary still seeks driver, must have black suit. Call 567-1049 Ask for Jethro

Medical Clinic now treating Blutsaugen. Call ahead for appointment. 777-6661

Lost & Found & For Sale

Found: 30 pieces of Silver. Call to claim 335-9610

Lost Hellhound. Answers to Fluffy. Is friendly. Call 367-0165

For Sale: Complete Encyclopedia Britannica - 45 volumes, excellent condition, \$300 or best offer. No longer needed - got married last weekend - wife knows everything! Call 984-0163

Please remember that these ads and such are made for fun. Please do not call the fake phone numbers.

Well it's almost Turkey Time and that means tons of good food, family and friends.

We asked some of our members what they watch on Thanksgiving or after eating. Below are some suggestions that they suggested for an awesome Thanksgiving day Movie Marathon!

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving 1973
The Peanut Gang are at it again in this Animated movie.

Home for the Holidays 1995
Starring Holly Hunter, Robert Downey

Pocahontas 1995
Disney animated classic movie

Planes, Trains and Automobiles 1987
Starring Steve Martin, John Candy

Rocky 1976
Starring Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire

Dutch 1991
Starring Ed O'Neill, Jobeth Williams

Hannah and Her Sisters 1986
Starring Woody Allen, Michael Caine, Mia Farrow

How the Grinch Stole Christmas 1966
Dr. Seuss animated movie



The New World 2005
Starring Colin Farrell, Christopher Plummer

Beethoven 1992
Starring Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt

Shaun of the Dead 2004
Starring Simon Pegg, Kate Ashfield

Heat 1995
Starring Al Pacino, Robert De Niro

The Longest Yard 1974
Starring Burt Reynolds, Eddie Albert

The Longest Yard 2005
Starring Adam Sandler, Chris Rock

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SE Region Toys for Tots drive begins	2
3	4	5 VST Reports Due CC Reports Due	6	7	8	9
10 DST Reports Due	11	12	13	14	15 RST Report Due DC Reports Due GOTM: Requiem Columbus, GA	16 GOTM: Requiem Columbus, GA
17	18	19	20 RC Report Due	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30 Toys for Tots Drive Ends

GOTM GA-013-D Columbus Georgia Schedule
November 15, 16, 2013 Requiem Game

PLACE: CSU DAVIDSON BUILDING, COLUMBUS, GA
4225 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
Davidson Auditorium

CHECK IN: 6:00 EST
Site Donation: \$3

GAME ON: 7:00 EST

GAME OVER: 11:00PM EST

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Bringing the Character to Life

By: Amanda Bellanger

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In settings where the impossible happens, it is often difficult to bring characters from the mind's eye to the physical world. World of Darkness is full of vampires, werewolves, mages, and other strange supernatural creatures. The denizens of this world are physically different than anything the normal person can portray. How can these characters be brought to life?

I am fortunate to know a talented photographer, Emma Finley of EmJ Photography. Emma and I have worked together before. A fellow gamer, she understands how little details make or unmake the vision of the character. I have a Malkavian character who I wanted to bring to life, or rather, three Malkavian characters in one that I wanted to see standing together.

This character is particularly difficult to portray because different triggers bring out one of three personalities. The use of Mask of a Thousand Faces means that each personality has a different clothing, hair styles, and expressions. Body language, notecards, and roleplaying can only go so far when one of the personalities is a twelve year old girl.

The Sams are an interesting trio to bring out. The dominate one, Sam, is friendly, sex crazed, and

obsessed with music and her brother. She embraced the punk life style and has not looked back. Sammie is the version of Sam that is reliving their childhood. Growing up with and abusive father, she never had a chance to enjoy the innocence of childhood. Sammie is an outlet for this desire. Samantha is, in crude terms, a bitch. She was created to protect Sam from her childhood traumas and will stop at nothing to protect her and her twin from harm. She also desires power and control of her surroundings.

The original concept was to have the main personality, Sam, stand in front of a shattered mirror with her other personalities, Sammie the Child and Samantha the Unforgiving, looking out at her in the shard. After brainstorming about each personality, their triggers, their pasts, we decided on props and to use multiple mirrors.

Four hours and three costume changes later, tired, and eaten by bugs, we were done with the easy part of bringing the Sams to life. The hard part rested on Emma to merge the photos together, consult her notes on the personalities, and truly bring the characters to life. I couldn't be happier with the results.

Bringing a character to life requires more than having talented friends. It requires the ability to role-play them and the forethought of all the minor details that make a person truly alive. Well, to bring her to unlife.



(Photographs by Emma Finley
US2013040105)

Some Words to Think On

By Nakisha "Nikki" Fox
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Most of us have been there at some stage in the organization yet we often lose sight of what it is like to be an officer in MES. Officers are the people that give their personal time, often take back seats in games they love the most, and keep the club running for everyone around them. Being a general member it is not hard to lose sight of what might be going on in the background that you do not see.

If you are frustrated that you haven't received response on an approval take the time to be considerate of the storyteller that you are waiting for. Perhaps they have obligations in their personal lives that are taking their free time set aside for their volunteer position in MES. If it has been a few days a polite email asking if they have any questions will often resolve a situation.

Don't agree with a rules call? Well then by all means speak with your storyteller, but do so respectfully in the manner in which the vss or the officers ask that it be done. Often just a bit of curtesy goes a long way with a storyteller.

Let's certainly not leave out our coordinators. These are challenging positions. Most of us are more interested in spending our experience points and taking character actions. Often many of us leave our prestige logs out dated and look for our coordinator staff to fix it when it becomes an issue of possibly advancing in membership class. These people are responsible for seeing that everyone is rewarded for their service and to make sure everyone is treated with respect in regards to guidelines set by the MES membership handbook.

Often we all get wrapped up in the moment and forget this officer is your friend, a parent, and a human being. So in this month of giving thanks take a moment and say thank you to the people who make this organization and your local domain/chapter possible.



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Recipes of the Month (So good we could not decide on just one!)

By Paul Lee US2002034024

The Best Sweet Potato Casserole EVER!!

CRUST

1 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup flour
1 cup chopped nuts (pecans preferred)
1/4 cup butter (melted)

SWEET POTATO MIXTURE

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes (can use canned to save time, just drain)
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs (well beaten)
1/2 cup butter, melted (1/2 cup)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine brown sugar, flour, nuts and butter in mixing bowl. Set aside.

Combine sweet potatoes, sugar, salt, vanilla, eggs and butter in a mixing bowl in the order listed. Mix thoroughly. Pour mixture into buttered baking dish. Sprinkle the surface of the sweet potato mixture evenly with the crust mixture. Bake for 30 minutes. Allow to set at least 30 minutes before serving.

Cinnamon Orange Cranberry Sauce

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup orange juice, or an Orange brandy
1 (12 ounce) package fresh or frozen cranberries
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon

Combine sugar, cinnamon, water and orange juice in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and add cranberries. Return to a boil. Reduce heat and boil gently 10 minutes, stirring constantly (watch out for exploding cranberries, this stuff is like napalm). Stir in orange zest or peel, cover and cool completely at room temperature. Refrigerate until serving time.

