

Happy Holidays from the SoleChen Family



Travels without Our Cats

Jan: Bay Area (CKL)
Feb: *GC Summit*
Mar: *Potlatch*
Apr: *Norwescon*
May: Bay Area (CKL)
Jun: Grass Valley
Jul: Grass Valley
Sep: *PAX Prime*
Oct: Los Angeles area
Nov: Grass Valley (D)
Dec: Issaquah

Living by the Rivers

Volunteerism:

JobLab at FVRL
GameStorm 12
30 Hour Day 2
Ft. Vancouver July 4th
Ignite Portland 9
OryCon 32

We <3 McMenamins

visited: 12
remaining: 53

Visit PDX

Why don't you come up and see us sometime? We'd love to show you around the Rose City!

2010 Visitors:

Loren
Elena
Karin
Yuan & Francis
Kathy & Brian
Cary
Corby



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Jasper Rules!

I was kind of lonely at the start of the year. Then **Tye** came! I didn't like him at first—good thing the humans kept him locked away—but now we snuggle and play all the time! I should have taught Tye who was boss when he was still little, though; he got **huge!** Now he eats all the food, shares all my best sleeping spots, and even sits on my head if I don't move! The food could have been a real problem, but the humans got us a **food robot**, so we both get fed lots of times a day. *Yay for food robot!*



Game On

DeeAnn gave a well-received talk on *Travels with Our Cats* at **Ignite Portland 8**. She and Curtis ran the second Portland **DASH (Different Area—Same Hunt)**, then joined with other PDX folks to run monthly **Puzzled Pint** events starting in July. Fiction-wise, she was waitlisted for the **Viable Paradise** workshop. In 2011, she'll look for part-time work writing procedures, playing with data, or using her *madd* organizational *skillz* to help save the world—while still leaving time for volunteering, writing, cooking, and playing games! (Xbox gamertag: *SoleChen*.)



Getting Paid For It

Curtis is a professional writer! He's had short stories published in two anthologies, and several news posts on **ProgrammableWeb.com**. He moderated the *Open Read & Critiques* at **OryCon 32**; and raised \$419 for the **Clarion UCSD Write-a-Thon**. Paying gigs included working as an extra on **TV's Leverage** and creating a puzzle hunt for a Portland tour company. Curtis and DeeAnn also record **SnoutCast**, a weekly audio podcast (available on iTunes). Find out more at: <http://curtiscchen.com>



little brother

my name is TYE... this is my first newsletter... i was kinda sick when i joined the family... my MOUTH hurt and i was hungry ALL THE TIME... the humans kept me locked up for MONTHS but they visited a lot... now things are good... i get to RUN everywhere as fast as i can and play with JASPER (who was big but then got smaller than me) and snuggle with him and the humans... but i'm still HUNGRY...

