

The Authors Corner

by Dutch Rhudy

Welcome to The Authors Corner.

Where did this month go so fast? Besides the long day work weeks at my job. Meetings consumed every weekend, and each one required a couple days preparation. The frau and I celebrated our wedding anniversary, and we attended a two-day book fair that same weekend.

Many of my peers were harping at me for not having my current publication on my landing page. There is a link to my *Published Works* page, but they wanted it up front and easily seen. I was a little rusty on my XHTML/CSS so spent a few hours brushing up on it again.

While the code was fresh in my head, I fixed the lengthy archived Blog page that did not word-wrap properly on some browsers. I previously used a depreciated attribute, and downgraded this page to transitional. The single file is now separated into two more meaningful archives.

I was never happy with the old file, because I take great pride in maintaining my website to W3C Strict standards. Nothing is more boring than rewriting the code for nearly meaningless old archive files, with several missing entries.

After I restarted the Blog on the new server, rather than one long continuous document, I used individual pages for *The Authors Corner*, and e-mailed a copy to my subscribers each month. These were converted to simple HTML, which changing their appearance. The code doctored to bring them to strict, and a separate link provided to each one.

Writing a monthly update about the current activities on Roaring Falls takes time. Rewriting it in code for the Blog, adding a new link, and uploading files to the website ate up more of my precious hours.

To save tons of work, each month I generate a PDF file of *The Authors Corner*, and place it in a special folder on the website. A single link to the *Current Blog* page never needs altered. To keep the page from getting too long, only one year of Blog posts appear on the page. A simply cut and paste of the oldest file name from the Current Blog to the Archives, and I'm done.

Nothing exciting to report on Roaring Falls this month. Met with my critique partners twice, and made a few suggested corrections before getting back to rewriting. Finally deciding on the presentation style required several changes throughout the story. Currently I'm chopping a lot of dialogue, and adding new narrative lines to bring the story into pleasant uniformity.

Respectfully submitted
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