



The Whipping Post

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Notes, News & Updates

OPERATION: I LOVE IT IN THE CAN: Donate one nonperishable item—canned goods, peanut butter, toothpaste, pasta, etc.—with an expiration date into or beyond 2012 to a can drive that is sweeping the Kink nation. Help our local community by helping those who need a little extra to supplement their table, or who need a whole meal. Our Club donations go to Metropolitan Community Church at 156 S Kansas. We've had two months of collections, with some awesome prizes donated by various members. Donate your item each month, then see your name drawn for next month's items. Have questions? Contact [Master Woo](#) or go to [1740's Projects](#) online.

SUB-SPACED: Providing a place and time for submissives to share experiences and knowledge, and impart and gain support, Sub-Spaced--open to novices and veterans—focuses on the individual needs of the submissive, by the submissive. To Dominants interested in better getting to understand the submissive mind: Please attend in silence; the group experiments with a Dom Q&A section to the format, but until then, please keep your questions and comments to yourself. Sub-Spaced next meets Friday evening on May 27. A Saturday afternoon meeting is planned for June. For more information, contact Lady Tie; or look up [Sub-Spaced](#) on 1740's website.

1740 Board of Directors

Sir Darren – President **Doc Nukem – Vice President**
Christina – Secretary **Lady Tie – Treasurer**
Sir Thumper – Board Member

Contact them via email through board@seventeenforty.com

1740 Calendar of Events

MAY

- Fri 6:** Wichita First Friday Munch
- Sat 7:** Private Event
- Thurs 12:** Board of Directors Meeting
- Sat 14:** Demo & Dungeon: Food & Fetish Buffet
- Fri 20:** Members' Night Play Party **NEW EVENT!!!**
- Sat 21 Day:** Spring Cleaning Party (2 hrs work = discount)
- Thurs 26:** Board of Directors Meeting
- Fri 27:** Sub-Spaced
- Sat 28:** Members' Night Play Party **NEW EVENT!!!**

JUNE

- Fri 3:** Wichita First Friday Munch
- Sat 4:** Private Event
- Thurs 9:** Board of Directors Meeting
- Sat 11:** Demo & Dungeon: Harnessing the Lightening
- Fri 17:** Members' Night Play Party
- Thurs 23:** Board of Directors Meeting
- Sat 25:** Members' Night Play Party

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Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality. It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions. And the actions which speak louder than the words. It is making the time when there is none. Coming through time after time after time, year after year after year. Commitment is the stuff character is made of; the power to change the face of things. It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.

~ Abraham Lincoln

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WEBSITE: Sleek and sophisticated, 1740's website, accessible at seventeenforty.com, is designed and maintained by Kaged Kitten and Xanadara. Continue to check the calendar, and sections "under construction," for updates.

SPRING CLEANING: While we may not spread our laundry on the bushes outside the Club, May 21 is our Spring Cleaning event. The following list includes items that need accomplished on the day. See something you would just *love* to do? Tell a BoD member fast so it doesn't get claimed by

someone else.

At a minimum, bring a set of gloves or two, and if you have any rakes, shovels, spades, wheelbarrows, mowers, trimmers, hedgers, chainsaws, handsaws, hammers, drills, trash bags, dust cloths, brooms, mops, buckets, ladders, or other cleaning supplies and hand tools, bring those as well. As the Spring Cleaning event is the day after the Club's first Friday Members' Night, plan to arrive around 10 am; the BoDs plan on staying until around 5 pm. Plan to get dirty as we spruce up and air out the Club, inside and out, so we can have a safe and clean place to play.

TO DO LIST:

- Clean ceiling fans & reverse direction
- Clean light fixtures
- Wipe down interior walls
- Pull up dungeon pads, sweep & mop floor
- Air out movable rugs
- Vacuum & shampoo carpets
- Air out building
- Deep clean bathrooms
- Install sump pump
- Install concessions cabinets shelving paper
- Mow back lot
- Fix post in back lot
- Clean gutters, down spouts
- Trim/prune trees, bushes, & hedges
- Rake leaves around patio
- Clean around & under fences
- Pick up branches, cut down to size for fire pit use
- Haul away trash that trash service will not remove
- Think of anything else? Mention it to a BoD.

Volunteer two or more hours and receive a discount for the really dirty Members' Night Play Party the following Saturday night, May 28.

ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT

Darren, an active member of the Kink community for about 10 years, had as rough a beginning as many of our members. He "came out" not knowing what to do, where to find information, or who to talk to about his interests and desires. But he was determined to find out.

His first foray into the Leather community was a road trip to Kansas City with his partner, Matt, and two other friends. All four were in the same boat: curious but green. Their destination: The Dixie Belle – a well-known leather bar and host to The Leather Shop, leather contests, and leather clubs. The four of them leaned against a pool table dressed in Levis, white t-shirts, and boots. They observed what they could on the main floor before screwing on their courage to wander upstairs to the Truck Bar. The scenery changed. Bartenders wearing little more than a jockstrap served beverages. A retail store selling chaps, vests, and a variety of BDSM toys kept their attention for a great while. Men in leather uniforms wandered around—cruising the new meat from Wichita. That first trip was the impetus that Darren needed to learn all he could about what he had seen that night.

Fast forward approximately two years. Darren is a collared boy to Daddy Matt. WOOLF is in its infancy with Darren serving as one of 15 founding members. He has earned his first boots, chaps, and vest in the traditional leather style. Throughout his boyhood, boy Darren became well-known throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri as a volunteer. He was asked to judge contests, teach classes, and boot black when there was a need. The time he spent as a boy was good for him.

In 2007, boy Darren began to transition to a junior Top. He was no longer collared (negotiated), removed all flags that identified him as either a submissive or a boy, and spent the next full year establishing himself as a junior Top. After the community learned to accept him as a Top, he was elevated to a full Senior Top by Daddy Matt, head of the family. Since then, Sir Darren has continued to mentor, teach, judge, promote, and volunteer his time for the development of the Kink community.

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He was asked to be a founding member of 1740 before the club had a name or even a concept. Since then, he has worked mostly on the 1740 Experience as a Vice President, Treasurer, and now President.

He is driven by the knowledge that there are new people, as he once was, who need that helping hand and guidance to discover their path. He had (and still does have) wonderful mentors who showed him his way, described the journey, and set him on his way. His goal? “I want to continue on this path until I am dead and buried. After that – well, that’s a different journey.”

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QUARTERLY MEMBERS’ MEETING: The first Members’ Meeting took place on Saturday, April 16, and provided a wealth of information for the Board of Directors, and members alike. A 1740 member completed a 2010 financial audit, and determined the results as favorable; 1740 Board of Directors spends the Club’s money truthfully and honestly, though with extremely kinky intentions. The 2011 financial year audit is scheduled for early 2012.

The members voted to add an additional private Members’ event each month, and as a result voted to remove Freaky Friday from the calendar. The Board of Directors implemented steps to make it happen in May. Continue reading for more details on the change in 1740’s monthly calendar of events.

When asked on the first survey if interest existed in looking for a different building for the Club, the results split 50/50. The members voiced that they would like a facts sheet for comparing our current building to any other under consideration. Have a location in mind? Voice your idea to a BoD member.

In the interest of safety, members expressed a desire for CPR training, as well as the Club having a more complete First Aid kit on hand for parties. The BoD have begun enhancing the existing kit, and work to find an opportunity for members to certify in CPR, perhaps as a Demo. When mention of an AED—a quite expensive automated CPR unit—arose, the members requested more research on the pricing aspect before a decisive purchase.

Members suggested a series of DM classes for the summer months, possibly scheduled for weeknights. Master David Walker and Master Woo, two experienced Dungeon Masters,

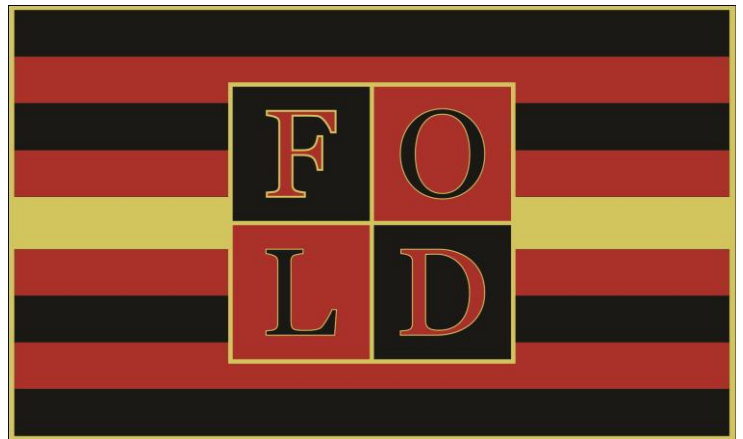
will combine their knowledge to create a course suited to 1740’s members and their specific needs.

The members love the idea of a 1740 Camp Gaea—a clothing-optional camp and recreational area, located in northeast Kansas—weekend. Members recommended a road trip to Camp Gaea the last weekend of September where the club pays the \$50 field fee, and members pay their attendance fee of around \$10 plus any food, fuel, etc. Air out the camping gear—and don’t forget your toys—for this revealing experience in nature!

Lastly, the members heartily agree the 1710 website and Whipping Post are 100% improved because of the efforts of those individuals.

Want a better idea about where our Club is headed? Want to provide input and promote action? Attend the next quarterly meeting, scheduled in July.

Going to Denver this summer? Check out [The FOLD](#).



www.denverfold.org

Learning to Love the Needle

By Christina

I had heard about needle play, or play piercing, but didn’t really understand it. How can you “play” pierce someone? Either you poked a needle through their skin, or you didn’t. So, I had visions of clip on earrings, and imagined them being applied to nipples or labia. What’s so kinky or erotic about that? When I learned it actually meant sticking hypodermic needles through flesh, then taking them back out, I really didn’t get the attraction. But it certainly wasn’t going to be done to me!

I had my first opportunity to observe play piercing at a party. The sub, understandably nervous, had never

experienced needles. Her husband enlisted the assistance of an experienced play piercer, and I watched with interest as they manipulated her body and mind, preparing her for the sensations to come.

She looked away as they explained the process, squeezing closed her eyes in anticipation of the pain. The first needle quickly pressed through pinched skin on her breast, and she

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looked down, shocked. The 22-gauge needle had gone into her flesh, and back out again. She looked at her husband, then at the piercer, with amazement, "That wasn't so bad." They waited just a couple of minutes

before adding a second needle. By this time, her eyes had totally glazed over; she had clearly entered a state of euphoria. I knew at that moment that I had to experience this for myself.

My primary play partner at the time had never used needles in play, though interest existed for him, so just a few weeks later, I approached the piercer with my interest. He agreed to give me a few "sample" needles at an upcoming play party, just to see how I handled them.

The night of the party I was excited and nervous. The top set up an area, making it look somewhat like a medical office, and donned a white lab coat. I sat on an exam table, and removed my top. After cleansing and prepping the skin, he inserted the first needle. I felt a pinch, and there it was, through my flesh. By the time I had the four-needle sample, I was flying, and knew I wanted more.

That night, my play partner learned how to apply needles, and between the two of them, I ended up with 32 needles in various small designs, on both breasts. I was giddy and floating; this was better than any chemically-induced high I'd ever experienced.

Shortly after I met my Daddy, we started playing with needles and various other "sharpies." This added an element of sensual connection that finally answered any doubts I might have had regarding the sensuality of play, or temporary, piercing.

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A Peek Inside the Mind of Lady Tie: Mentors and Protectors

A subtle, though distinct, difference exists between mentoring and protecting someone. I define mentoring as a Dom teaching a Dom, or a sub teaching a sub. To mentor someone you have to know and understand the position in which a person inhabits. So a submissive needs someone who has lived life as a sub, to receive understanding and guidance through pitfalls he or she will surely encounter. The same applies to a Dominant, though the pitfalls would obviously be different.

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In contrast, though, a Dominant protects a submissive. This relationship allows a Dom to teach and guide a sub, as well as helping them find potential play partners, vetting and teaching them to vet play partners, protecting them during negotiations, and playing with them to their mutual enjoyment. Protection could also be a first step in building the trust and relationship necessary for a collar at a later time.

In this community, the importance for more experienced people to step up, guide, train, teach and help those with less experience cannot be reiterated or practiced enough.

When people ask why a Dom would be willing to mentor or protect another individual, I think what they really want to an answer to is "What does the Dom get for all their invested time and effort?" Personally, I like the challenge of helping someone learn; I like seeing the light bulb light up when they discover something new. Also, being a mentor

or protector offers me the opportunity to brush up on skills I don't use often, or re-read a book with a newbie's insights. Furthermore, I also have the chance to learn new things. The mentee or protected are just figuring out what they interested in; this provides me with avenues I get to explore as well. I think learning and growing are things we should never stop doing. Life is a journey that we should embrace and make the most of.

A person does not *have* to enter into such an established relationships to learn, but it does make learning easier. I have not had, nor do I currently have a mentor, nor have I been

under the protection of another. I have never felt the need to be protected; I lean toward caution until I better know the situation. I am comfortable enough in the local Kink community that I ask questions. When I feel I might be in over my head, I ask for help of multiple people, compare view points, take bits from here and there and make my way and still feel guided. Also, I have established relationships where,

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW YOURSELF.

if people see me heading toward a pitfall, they will inform me of the obstacle.

It is important to know yourself. If you are the type of person where caution is your

first nature, where asking questions and seeking answers is not difficult for you, where accepting criticism is simply a way to build knowledge, then you might not need a mentor. However, if you are the type of person who is shy, more carefree, and unsure, then seeking out a mentor or protector might be the best way for you to enjoy this fun, exciting and challenging lifestyle.

Notes, News & Updates cont.

MAY DEMO: Next weekend, prepare yourself for our Food and Fetish Buffet round robin. The cooking will happen on the patio, but we will also heat up the dungeon with the suggested demo stations of flogging; wax, fire, and knife play; needles and play piercing; bondage; and spanking or paddling. The number of stations depends on the interest and attendance. If you have a fetish you would like to demo, contact one of the board members. Plan to attend Saturday, May 14, starting at 7 pm. Multiple presenters will demonstrate various play to satiate your dark fantasies, while the savory smell of grilled meat (*not* the branding kind) will satisfy your dietary necessities. Come hungry in more ways than one.

JUNE DEMO: Introducing electrical play, the good doctor will demonstrate how to harness the lightning in an approximate 60- to 90-minute session, depending on interest and questions. Designed as a basic level class, possibly with a more advanced follow-up course if interest arises, Doc Nukem will include the history and safety of the Violet Wand, as well as the technicalities of direct play. He promises to touch upon indirect or reverse techniques, and briefly mention other forms of electrical play as well. Attendees can walk away well-grounded in this fetish after completing the Doctor's class!

Or maybe you're traveling somewhere else
and need a dose of Kink?



Check out DarkHeart.com/SceneUSA for
Kinky places all around the States.

FREAKY FRIDAY: Freaky Friday may no longer hold a place on 1740's monthly calendar, but that does not mean the freakiness ceases to fill the Club; it just means our freakiness can come out to play twice as often, and with more twisted temptations indulged. Due to lack of member interest, Freaky Friday was discarded, the calendar is rearranged, and members' desires for more private and unrestricted play time has been met.

MEMBERS' NIGHTS: Yes, that's right, it's plural, as in more than one Members' Night. Exciting, isn't it? The Club's calendar reflects two Members' Nights, at the demand of the members themselves. The members, in the April Quarterly Meeting, expressed a sincere desire to have an additional private event. The third weekend of the month on Friday (which used to be the Saturday night Members' Night event) is now Friday's Members' Night. The fourth weekend of the month on Saturday (which used to be the Friday night Freaky Friday event) is now Saturday's Members' Night. This editor could be mistaken, but trying to keep all that straight is a little confusing. Can you think of some catchy names to distinguish between the two Members' Night events? Toss out some suggestions, because all are welcome. For both nights, Club doors open between 8:30 to 9:30, and the Club closes at 2 am. Plan to attend both the first Friday Members' Night, and the new Saturday night's Members' Night events this month for some no-holds barred playtime.

WICHITA FIRST FRIDAY MUNCH: The Board of Directors have begun the search for an alternative restaurant for the Club's Munch to hold every second or third munch off-site from the Club proper starting in August. Do you have a favorite restaurant that you would like to share with your fellow Kinksters? Mention it to a BoD; the more choices of restaurants, the more variety in flavors for our palettes, and the more robust our play.

JULY DEMO: Stay tuned for more details as the Board of Directors works toward an out-of-towner to present a class.

Electro Play: A brief

overview & history by Doc Nukem

We kinksters love our toys and our playtime. And each of us has a favorite type of play. Those that know me, know I love playing with electricity. But I also love history. Over the course of the next couple of months, I hope to enlighten those who wish to know about some of my favorite things.

Before we get into my favorite things, though, we need to consider a basic definition and history of playing with electricity. Electro play, in its simplest definition, consists of using an electrically driven or controlled device to cause various levels of stimulation in yourself or your partner(s). Either battery powered or plugged into an electrical outlet, in

many cases, electrical play items combine with other forms of S&M play very nicely.

As many BDSM toys go, electro play toys have

their roots in the medical field—mostly as quack medical devices. The vibrator, and the doctors' use of it to treat women for hysteria, is one such example. (The origin of "playing doctor," perhaps?) In some instances, though, various items are still medicinally used today. Modern medical tools used for electro play include the TENS and E-STIM units, and while many of the probes and attachments used with them are created specifically for our kink, the basic units are still used for modern therapy. And then there are those devices that have completely evolved from the original purpose and are now a dedicated toy for our pleasure.

An extremely common electro play device to have such a complete evolution, however, is, you guessed it, the Violet Wand. The Wand is the evil child of an old quack medical device, the Violet Ray, which was touted to cure everything from rheumatism to poor circulation over 100 years ago. Next month at the June demo, we will explore this evolution in depth and I hope you join us. Until then, let the lightning fly!

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WILD in 1740

By Sir Darren

On April 9, members of Wichita Instructional Leather Doms (WILD) held a panel discussion for 1740 Dungeon & Social Club. The 35 members and guests—making this one of 1740's best attended demos—enjoyed WILD's first presentation and question-and-answer session, moderated by Sir Darren, President of 1740, about the differences between the BDSM and Leather communities.

Master Larry, Master C., Sir Butch, Daddy Matt, Sir George, and Sir Darren, the representing panel for WILD, each brought a unique background, realm of experience, and thought on the shades of Kink, combining over 100 years of knowledge.

Between the two subcultures in the Kink lifestyle, *age* marks the most distinguishable characteristic, though other subtle differences do exist. BDSM dates back at least 300 years, whereas the Leather community's approximate 60 years has a more specific beginning with a World War II veteran foundation.

Many communities across the U.S. lack integration between BDSM and Leather clubs. Key factors that keep these communities divided originate from different viewpoints regarding styles of play, protocol, and, even, sexual orientation. As a testament to possibilities, the people of the local Wichita clubs practice a more complete fusion of these two branches of Kink than our national counterparts.

Another topic of high interest included groupings of BDSM or Leather peoples into families, clans, houses, and tribes. A group of Leather "folk" could call themselves a Family or Clan, whereas strictly "BDSM-ers" could congregate under a House. Tribes distinguish local leather folk, as in the Wichita tribe, though do not stipulate specific leather clubs, like WOLF. When many men and women experience ostracism from their biological families for their desires in alternate lifestyles, they instead turn to their Leather families for love and support. BDSM Houses originate from the medieval feudal system, and there is often a Head of the Household, with various intricate rankings for "underlings."

Staying a bit longer than normal, the panel answered many questions and provided a great opportunity to 1740's members to familiarize themselves with the differences and similarities between Leather and BDSM, and which make Wichita such a great place to do What It Is That We Do.