

COMPANY WEBLOG ARCHIVE JAN 2009

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MY DAY: 1 January (New Year's Day) 2008

MEDICAL REPORT: Still sick from food poisoning on 30 Dec. Threw up at 6am, but kept down some toast at 10am and a malt at 3pm. Stayed home.

MY DAY: 2 January (day) 2008

Got here at 10am.

MEDICAL REPORT: Feeling pretty rocky, but no vomit. Petrick is here but coughing constantly; he went home a couple of hours later. Jean says she is good enough to come to work.

ROUTINE: Met Jean at the stockyards, where you can buy a cow or two while eating lunch. I had porkchops as I did not want to accidentally end up owning a cow. It was fun to watch PHD dinosaur scientists have an oh so polite flamewar. BBS had some guy named Eric throwing a snit because I wouldn't change company policy to let him do whatever he wants. No Starlist requests on file. The Forum had a lot of posts in the three days I missed. Three days of APOD were all boring. Sudoku time 2:54! Second best time ever. Finished the web crawl at 9:14pm while Jean continued to edit PDFeds. Nice phone call from Steve Jackson about the fun of buying an office building.

WORK: Spent an hour getting the deal done to put Galactic Conquest into store sales. Finalized the draft contracts for Starmada, Silent Death, and VBAM and send them out. (Waiting now to see if they have any issues, or want me to mail them hard copies for signature). Reviewed RPG project memos and sent contracts to the three guys who actually did one.

END OF DAY: Shut down at 10pm and took Jean back to her hotel. Update, just before we left we heard that Plasmaboy (Mark Thomas, son of staffer Tony Thomas) was stranded at the Amarillo bus station. We drove over there, took him cookies and some SFB Books to read, and checked on him.

MY DAY: 3 January (Shatterday) 2008

ROUTINE: Got here at 10:30am after checking Jean out of her hotel and buying her breakfast at Waffle House. The guys who got contracts for RPGs and other games seem happy. Dino scientists are arguing over the differences between Muzquizopteryx and Nyctosaurus. The BBS is quietly productive. There were no Starlist requests.

WORK: Spent the day working with Jean on PDFeds, and with Jean and Petrick on VBAM, and Star Fleet Battlestations, then we played Munchkin until Midnight.

MY DAY: 4 January (Soonday) 2008

SUMMARY: The day began at midnight as Petrick, Jean, and I played Munchkin while waiting for time to take her to the bus. We finally went (early) to find out that the bus was (you guessed it) late. Finally got her on a bus at 6am, at which point Petrick and I went to Waffle House since I had not had food in 14 hours (neither had Jean, who didn't get any more until 9pm that night), then Petrick and I went to our respective homes and beds. Later in the day, I recall going with Leanna to look at a building we might buy, but the day was something of a fog. I never did go to the office.

STACKS REPORT: 29 Dec 08 through 4 January 09.

I did not get much done, due to taking Sunday off to show Jean tourist stuff, taking Monday to talk to the building inspector, and then taking Wednesday and Thursday off to celebrate the food

poisoning festival of hurls. I did no Star Fleet Alerts. I got nothing done on Communique or the January newsletter. Leanna got nothing done on reprinting Captain's Logs. Nothing on the website got updated. No FYEOs got read and the only progress on the new building pretty much derailed the entire operation on buying a new building. We did review the new SFBS draft, but it was frankly no different from the one we sent back marked all over six months ago. We did get the contracts done for VBAM, Silent Death, and Starmada, waiting now for signed copies. Nothing got done on Hydran Attack, War & Peace, or Briefing #2 or G3, or MSSB, or ISC war, or SITs, or F&E Q&A. We did not get Klingons D20M from JT, but we did about half of PDFEds. We made some progress on RPGs, that being:

Savage worlds, memo approved, contract issued.

D6, memo approved, contract issued.

True 20, the guy doesn't answer Email.

Fudge, waiting for memo.

Mongoose-Traveller, waiting for memo.

Hero, on hold for new edition in August.

No progress was made on minis but we did order another big load from Bruce. Nothing got done on CL#39.

that gives me a whopping 26% success rate, but getting those contracts out and half of Federation done is a big deal.

MY DAY: 5 January (Moansday) 2009

JEAN: Jean called in at 7:40am to say that the bus was late getting to Atlanta and she would be standing up waiting for another bus for five or six hours and then get home at 9pm. She was unhappy. No phone call from Jean to say if she got a bus out of Atlanta at noon or not. Very worried about her, as her cell does not answer.

ROUTINE: Got here at 10am. Note from Siadek brothers about Star Fleet Battlestations. A new bird ancestor on dinolist. Mike Curtis sent more F&E Q&A stuff and we agreed to have Michael Lui shot. Ryan Opel updated the F&E OB again. One of the PD writers wants me to hire his friend the artist who isn't that good. Matt Alleman says he will have five Omega cruiser mini sculptures finished in two weeks. Lots of other Email, very heavy even for a Monday, but I just noted the high points. BBS and Forum are quiet and productive. I caught up on posting the day blog and posted the stacks report. Eric and I looked at how to "frame" the Savage Worlds art for the covers of those books. Jean checked in and is ok. Discussed distribution with Iron Crown. APOD is a meteor trail on a dark photo. Big whup. Today's Sudoku time is 3:21. Never did finish the web crawl. Long talk with Jay at VBAM about how to finish his book.

BUYING A BUILDING: Talked to another real estate agent about another building. Went home at 7pm.

MY DAY: 6 January (Twosday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:30am. Discussed with JT doing PD20K and PD20R new editions. Dinosaur artists were arguing that they should be paid more for re-use of old art to force publishers to buy new art. Went through a lot of industry mailing lists about the Google out of print fiasco, the new D6 open license, and other matters. Updated the capitalization list for Jean. BBS is quietly productive. Forum is quiet. Nice lunch at bowling alley. Did some work on various things, but nothing productive.

BUYING A BUILDING: Spent the afternoon looking at alternate buildings and found one that works. Went home at 8pm.

MY DAY: 7 January (Woundsday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:35am. Industry mailing lists continue to discuss Google and copyright law. Talked to insurance company about new building. BBS and Forum and quietly productive. APOD has a picture of the galactic core. Sudoku 3:25, not bad, but not my best. Web crawl finished at 10:57am.

BUYING A BUILDING: Sent Realtor #1 a note that we are not going to buy the moldy building previously seen on our website. Spent the day canceling the contract for the Acton Building and signing the contract for the 10th Street Building. Went home at 8pm.

MY DAY: 8 January (Thistday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9am. Leanna and I came in one car because she wants to work late (to catch up on mail orders and year-end accounting) and cannot drive home after dark. Dinosaurs of the Morisson formation in the US are identical to dinosaurs in Portugal. Further proof found that Pterosaurs used all four feet to jump into the air for take-off. Sent Eric a ton of Howard Bampton's suggestions for shopping cart improvements. BBS and Forum seem quietly humming along. APOD has a very nice nebula. Sudoku 3:12, better than yesterday. Ann Coulter's column today was a special delight. Web crawl completed at 10:32am. Old In Box pushed back two weeks to 8 July 06 and down to 1162 Emails. I got the current outbox down to 98 and had to move on to real work. Did "name a starship for your lady" certificate #85. Leanna did not want to put CapLog SSD buttons on every Caplog so I told Eric to add a line of text about them. Starlist for K2C1N5. Read FYEO for 18 Oct. Went out and grabbed a burger for supper.

BBS REDUCTION: Tactics messages from 2007 deleted: 40 tactics, 96 Fleet, 43 early years, 59 Attrition, 54 battle reports. That finishes the 2007 deletions. I will do the upload tomorrow which finishes the tactics archive project. I can then go find something else to delete.

Nice lunch at Furr's cafeteria (turkey!).

BUYING A BUILDING: The guys with the building sent a counter-offer, so the fun begins. We sent them a verbal counter-counter, and our realtor said their realtor said they already said they'd take that price, so we're waiting (1:30) for them to get out of a meeting (2:30) and sign the contract. Got the call at 7pm that the contract was signed. Called the building inspector who will be there at 10am tomorrow. Finally went home at 9pm.

MY DAY: 9 January (Fried-day) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9am.

BUYING A BUILDING: Met building inspector at the new building on 10th street at 10am. He found no issues. Talked to the guys we are buying it from and found no problems. Spent the rest of the day making phone calls and plans about the move. Went home at 9pm. Leanna and I talked about the building until 2am.

MY DAY: 10 January (Shatterday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 10am. Did a little Email and checked the BBS. Lunch was an excellent meal of in-thick pork chops broiled like steaks. Sudoku 3:01. Finished web crawl at 2:41. Dinosaur list discussing Emus. BBS and Forum ok. Sent 2007 tactics archive to Eric for uploading.

BUYING A BUILDING: Went over to the building and reviewed what fixes we will need (ripping out carpet and putting in tile).

Feeling unwell and accomplishing nothing of merit, I went home at 4:30 to rest for the weekend.

MY DAY: 11 January (Son's Day) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 1:26pm. Not much in Email. BBS is fine. The Forum is fine. Had a two-hour meeting (that lasted four hours) with some local business people who have a non-game publishing idea worth considering. APOD has gorgeous photo of Saturn eclipsing the sun. Sudoku 3:21. Web crawl complete at 6:03. Dinosaur list discussed (hilariously) how to keep dinosaurs as pets. Old in-box is back to 12 May 06 and down to 1127 messages. New out box is at 122. New in box is at 184.

STACKS REPORT: 5-11 Jan 2009

Just about the only thing that got done for the whole week was to buy an office building for the company. That was the priority as we have to move out of the current office by 31 Jan 09.

MY DAY: 12 January (Monday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:43am. Told an online retailer that NO he cannot steal our shopping cart photos. BBS is running fine. Forum is fine. APOD has some stupid skyline picture of ice crystals reflecting light, which is just not astronomy. Sudoku was 3:40, a very bad time due to Leanna interrupting me. Uninspired lunch at Dairy Queen. Web crawl finished at 12:02pm. Starlist 60526. Old in box pushed back to 11 May 06 and down to 1092 items. Out box down to 95. Sent Eric two more batches of shopping cart updates and fixes. Answered questions from Todd Boyce on Hydran and Romulan fighter minis. Sent Eric some of the painting guides that Shawn H sent me. Downloaded the FYEO files to date. Read FYEO for 19 and 20 and 21 October. (I decided not to post any more of this three-month old stuff; I'll wait until I catch up.)

BUYING A BUILDING: Went to meet tile people at new building to get quote on replacing floors. Got call from realtor that we probably won't close on the building until tomorrow since they have to get a letter from the bank that hold's the seller's mortgage; the title company will then know how much money to deduct from our check and send to that bank.

BBS REDUCTION: Deleted 100 old "ADB current news" posts (replaced by one compiled post, net reduction 99).

WORK: Did an excel document listing the FC scenarios done so far so I could tell which ones in file had already been used. Did a scenario for Communique #37, then discovered (via the new excel document) that I had previously done that scenario, so I did another one and gave the whole issue to Steve Petrick to read. Went home at 9pm.

MY DAY: 13 January (Tuesday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:14am. It's the 10th anniversary of ADB, Inc. New dino: Ceratonykus oculatus. And another; Malarguesaurus florenciae. Todd Boyce sent in a 3d model of a Romulan fighter. BBS is fine. Forum is busy. APOD is another stupid skyline. Guys, that is NOT astronomy! Sudoku 3:38, not good. Web crawl finished at 9:43am. Starlist request from 57732. Old in box pushed back to 29 April 06 and down to 1068 posts; I can see 2005 at the top of the window. Out Box is down to 94. Read FYEO for 22 Oct.

BBS REDUCTION: Deleted 100 old posts from Current ADB news (2006).

Sent Eric more cart fixes (the last that Howard Bampton has sent to me so far) and some of Shawn H's painting guides.

WORK: Reviewed a proposal for a new class of "gun ship" light frigates.

BUYING A BUILDING: Went to the Title Company and signed the paperwork to own The Cole Building. Posted photos of the building and made a bunch of plans and phone calls about the new building. Got the phone call at 4:40 that we now officially own the building. Went home (too sick to work any more) at 4:45pm.

MY DAY: 14 January (Wednesday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 10:10am. Very sick for the third day. Seems to be some kind of cold or other crud. Leanna has a little of it, and Petrick has it pretty bad. (My nose is clogged shut with goop, which is draining down my throat. The birth defect in my throat is causing me to "choke" three or four times per hour, sending me into violent coughing spasms and blind "I cannot breathe" panic attacks. Due to this, I'm getting maybe two hours of sleep per night.) New ankylosaurid: Minotaurasaurus

ramachandrani. BBS and Forum are running smoothly. Star clusters on APOD. Sudoku time was an abyssal 3:44. Web Crawl completed at 10:56am. Old in box is back to 27 April 06 and there are 1045 messages left. Out box is down to 83. Sent Howard Bampton's latest cart fixes to Eric. Photos of Omega minis look good but too small and dark for me to see much. Read FYEO for 23+24+25 Oct.

BBS REDUCTION: 67 old posts deleted from Current ADB News (2006) and compiled into a supplemental weblog post. Starlist request from 95128.

Went home about 5:20 as I felt exhausted from coughing.

MY DAY: 15 January (Thursday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:15am. Still sick with a stuffy nose, drainage, and coughing (choking) incidents every few minutes. I got only two hours sleep last night. Dinosaur list notes two new tyrannosauroids with inconclusive data published so far, and they turned out to be the same critter. Forum and BBS are running smoothly. Sudoku was 3:08, not bad for being sick. Good lunch that I barely remember. Finished webcrawl after lunch. No starlist requests. Old in box is back to 23 April 06 and down to 1031. Out box holding at 83.

BUYING A BUILDING: Met electrician at new building to discuss installing 220v circuits and security lights.

BBS REDUCTION: Deleted 108 messages from 2007 current ADB news; compiled into two archive posts. Didn't do much in the afternoon because I hadn't had any sleep, so I went home at 3:30 and went to bed.

MY DAY: 16 January (Friday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:20am. I got six hours of sleep last night, but was too shaky to drive. Not much email. FEAR sent another file of Q&A. Some of the FC staff sent in Comm37 reports. BBS and Forum are running ok. Anne Coulter's column was very good, noting that while the NY Times delights in reporting returning veterans who go crazy and kill people, returning veterans are actually about 1/4 as likely to kill somebody as an adult male 18-24 who never spent any time in the military. APOD is a grainy telescope photo of the ISS. Whoopie. Sudoku time 3:25. Web crawl finished at 10:20am. No starlist requests. Old in box back to 22 April 06 (gained one day) and down to 1013 (down 18). Out box down to 78. Answered a few of the emails that were stacking up. Got sick in afternoon and went to lay down for a while. Too woozy to do any real work on new products. Spent some time on the building and the plan to move to the building.

BBS REDUCTION: Deleted 175 old (2007) Current ADB News posts, posted one summary. Read FYEO for 26-27-28 Oct. Got Communiqué 37 finished and sent it to Eric to upload.

WORK: Eric finished the January newsletter, and I sent him four fixes-changes. Petrick reviewed it (no time for the ailing Jean to do so) and (after fixing a lot of stuff) Eric released it at 6:43pm. We all went home at 7pm.

MY DAY: 17 January (Saturday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 10am. I got adequate sleep without the choking attacks of last night. Leanna is feeling worse and took the day off. Email includes Loren Knight about web spinners, KD Ladagne with his Fudge project memo, Howard Bampton with more shopping cart fixes, Alex Schenck with FC playtest reports, Jean Sexton with the publishable version of the GC rulebook, a store registering for OPL, Mike Burke asking about getting his local store listed, Patrick Doyle about the FC Tactics Manual. New ankylosaurid: Minotaurasaurus ramachandrani. New bird from China: Anchiornis huxleyi. BBS is quietly productive. Forum had an interesting post which will go into Captain's Log. APOD has a nebula (good). Sudoku was 3:13, pretty good. Web crawl completed at 11:12. Went to lunch with Petrick. A convention wanted to trade a half page ad for a

box of stuff and I told them we have to have a full page ad or we don't do it. Starlist request from 22406. Downloaded the last five FYEOs. Old in Box pushed back 29 days to 23 March 06 and reduced to 993 messages. Sooner or later, all of my "leftover" files will be empty. Outbox holding at 77. Sent Howard B's latest cart fixes to Eric. In box has 180 messages. I got buried while I was sick.

BBS REDUCTION: Deleted 150 old posts from Current ADB News and put a summary in the weblog topic. I mostly read FYEO files (too sick to do real work) until I went home at 5:30.

MY DAY: 18 January (Sunday) 2009

SUMMARY: I stayed home all day to rest. I did not do a stacks report because about the only things that got done were the new building.

MY DAY: 19 January (MLK Day) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9am. I am more or less over the plague but my voice is weak and sounds like I'm crying. Petrick is coughing every few seconds, and Leanna is sick but at her desk. Nedoceratops. Somebody suggested we start a facebook page, so I told Eric to do it. Several Emails from Loren about Tholian fighters. John Schneder said he is sending the B9 and ISC BB minis tomorrow. BBS seems quietly productive, except for the global warming argument. Forum seems to be working nicely. Great photo of Hyperion. Sudoku 3:40, not good, but Leanna interrupted me to sign some stuff. Finished the web crawl at 10:40am. No starlist requests. Old in box pushed back a month to 24 Feb 06 and down to 978 messages. Outbox holding at 82, mostly due to Howard Bampton's work orders for Eric which Eric hasn't done yet. Decent lunch.

BUYING A BUILDING: Spent the afternoon doing planning and arranging for the building move. Rented a small warehouse for a year until we know what space we need and the best way to get it (buy a building, buy conex boxes, build a barn).

Went home at 9pm.

MY DAY: 20 January (Inauguration Day) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:15am. No email other than a CC of Jean's attempt to contact somebody. Nothing much on dino list. BBs is running fine; Joe Stevenson is behaving in weather. Forum is mostly discussing minis. APOD has a 360° view of Mars from Spirit's fifth anniversary album. Sudoku 3:12, pretty good! Web crawl completed 9:48am. No Starlist requests. Pushed old in box back three days to 21 Feb 06 and down to 951 messages. Out box still at 82. Nice lunch at bowling alley. Finished FYEO for 31 October and for 1-2-3-4 November. (Between truck trips, it's about the only thing I can start and stop easily.)

BBS REDUCTION: Deleted 47 old posts from current ADB news. Deleted 32 weblog posts from 2004 and created an archive document, which I sent to Eric to upload.

MOVING THE COMPANY: Went to Taylor warehouse to get doors unlocked. Went to Budget and rented a 16-foot truck to start moving stuff. Picked up the truck sometime around 1pm. First trip completed at 3pm. Second trip complete at 5pm. Third trip complete at 6:30pm. Petrick and Mike stayed to load the truck so we can make two more runs before we have to return it tomorrow but I finally went home at 8pm because I had to eat.

MY DAY: 21 January (Wednesday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:03am. Ate a breakfast bar APOD is a picture of a CLOUD formation? What idiot is picking their pics? I finished FYEO for 5 Nov. New arctic dinosaur finds in Russia support sudden extinction. BBS and Forum are Ok. Sudoku 3:25. Web crawl finished at 10:53.

MOVING THE COMPANY: went with Petrick and Mike to unload the truck at the new Taylor warehouse. The truck we loaded last night was unloaded and returned here at 10:15. They

made another trip with the truck and turned it in. We spent the rest of the day pulling stuff off of shelf racks and palletizing it for transport. We'd be dead without having borrowed ten pallets from our printer to move the stuff on the shelves.

We finally went home, totally exhausted, at 7:45pm.

MY DAY: 22 January (Thursday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9:15. Tired. Not looking forward to a day of manual labor. Beipiaosaurus has primitive feathers. Cathayornis chabuensis is a new Cretaceous bird from China. BBS and Forum are fine. Beautiful planetary nebula in APOD. Sudoku 3:22. Web crawl got done but I don't remember the time. No starlist requests. I didn't even try to do the daily chores to reduce this or eliminate some of that.

MOVING THE COMPANY: Unloading stuff off of racks onto two pallets, one for the new office and one for the new warehouse. They now (2:20pm) have racks 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 empty, and have started to take them apart. Called burglar alarm companies for price comparison. Told the current landlord that we were leaving on 31 Jan and he had better count on giving back our deposit as he's getting back a much better unit than we rented ten years ago. Rented truck at 4:30 so we can work all night and all day tomorrow. We took the truck with the disassembled 2-3-4-5 racks over to the Taylor warehouse and assembled them (I did more manual labor today than I have done in the last year), getting back to the office at 9pm. I bought dinner and we all went home.

MY DAY: 23 January (Friday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9am. BBS and Forum are ok. APOD has a star cluster. Dinosaur list didn't have any new dinos today. No Starlist requests. No work done on any projects or tasks other than moving. I sort of did the web crawl by 9:24.

MOVING THE COMPANY: First trip completed 10:30. Second trip loaded at 11:30. I went to lunch and came back at 12:30, and the truck was back and being loaded for the third trip. That trip was finished at 2:45. Didn't have time for another trip so we turned in the truck and started setting up for the liftgate truck on Saturday. Wow, what a lot of stuff to pack, stack on pallets, and shuffle to the door. I fixed the broken wheel on the shrinkwrap machine so we could move it, but Leanna wanted to replace all four wheels and one was stuck. Worked until 9pm getting stuff ready to move. It took 16 boxes to pack my office (my half of the office I have shared with Petrick since Leanna made us move out of the smaller office -- the one Mike and Eric use now -- where Petrick and I started 9 years ago). Mike and Petrick worked much later.

MY DAY: 24 January (Saturday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 9am.

MOVING THE COMPANY: Mike had already been here three hours taking the grocery store shelving apart. Mike's dad came by with a power reciprocating saw to cut the stuck bolt on Old Smokie for us. Leanna packed up her computer, the first computer to move. I tried to do a Sudoku puzzle but I just couldn't concentrate. The moving truck showed up at 10am and we loaded it full twice (and halfway for the third time). At 5:30, we had the bulk of the company moved and all went to dinner. I went home, but Petrick came back to the OLD office and got his computer and mine back on line so we could keep up with the BBS.

MY DAY: 25 January (day) 2009

ROUTINE: Got here at 1pm. BBS and Forum are ok. APOD is boring. Not in the mood for Sudoku.

MOVING THE COMPANY: Leanna went to the new building to get her office up and running, and left me here with orders to pack up stuff to go to the new building. Cleaned up some stuff

and headed for Taylor (Mike was busy moving stuff back onto the racks) and for 10th (where Leanna and I got our offices set up).

Went home at 6pm.

MY DAY: 26 January (Monday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got to the old office at 9am. Checked BBS and Email and forum. All is well enough. Petrick came in and used my computer to check his stuff.

MOVING THE COMPANY: We shut down the Internet connection so they could restart it at the new building on 10th Street. This was done, but only some of the Internet ports work (so far) and nobody knows why. (They work in Leanna's office, and I'm able to get onto internet only by stringing a wire down the hall to her office. Leanna worked at the new building with the IT and Kyocera guys all day. Petrick and Mike got the stockroom shelving put together and started putting stuff on it. I made several trips back and forth to get stuff people needed. The Kyocera guys brought all four Kyocera printers over here, but two hours later still don't have them running again and left promising to return tomorrow. Phone line #2 works in both buildings, but phone line #1 only works in the old building. Waiting for the phone techs to come back and fix it (probably Tuesday). I working putting stuff away, sorting boxes, and organizing my office until 7pm and went home to rest.

MY DAY: 27 January (Tuesday) 2009

ROUTINE: Weather in Amarillo is 12 degrees with an inch or so of snow. Mark Tutton is going nasty on our BBS and Forum again. Sigh. This is all because I refused to change my religious beliefs to his. I ordered him to stop making phony accusations and stick to product announcements. Dinosaur scientists are satisfied that they have dinosaur evolution figured out, and that dinosaurs fit perfectly into the tree of life between reptiles and birds. APOD is bad to those boring skyline pictures you can see for yourself in your own back yard. Sudoku time 3:18 despite frostbite on my fingers. Finished web crawl at 1pm, by which time the temperature in my office dropped to 57 degrees F.

MOVING THE COMPANY: I got to the old building sometime after 9am and loaded the old Voyager with stuff, and got to the new building at 11am. Leanna was still here waiting for the heating repair guy. We went to lunch at a nice cafe down town, which had wonderful roast beef. Came back to the office, which is still at 60 degrees, and the heating repair guy still hasn't shown up. Petrick and Mike got here with another load of stuff from the old office at 12:20pm. The heating guy showed up and got it running at 2:15pm. I called the insurance company to explain the building coverage but our agent was not in; left voicemail. Called to set appointment for burglar alarm company (tomorrow at 1). Spent the afternoon sorting boxes and getting the new office set up. Left with Leanna at 5pm to go to Home Depot and buy various things needed for the building.

MY DAY: 28 January (Wednesday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got to the new building at 9:30; it's about 20 degrees outside but it warmed up to over 40 degrees by mid-afternoon. It was the first time I drove straight here from home without going to the old office. The BBS and forum are running ok. APOD has a picture of an eclipse. Dino list is debating whether CGI raptors should pay the programmers extra to do feathers. Sudoku 3:13, a good score.

MOVING THE COMPANY: The forklift got delivered to the old warehouse at noon, and Petrick and Mike (with minimal help from me) got all 20-odd pallets down from the mezzanine. I spent two hours with the burglar alarm company working out the new security system. Mike and Petrick got the last racks taken apart. We rented a truck at 4pm and took the disassembled racks to the new warehouse and started putting them together, but it got dark in that end of the building (which has no lights) so we went back to 45th and loaded pallets and brought them to Taylor and

unloaded them, then went back to 45th, loaded the truck for another run, and gave it up as too dark to be in that part of town. I got home about 9pm.

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MY DAY: 29 January (Thursday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got to the old 45th street warehouse at 8am; it's about 25 degrees but warming up nicely.

MOVING THE COMPANY: Petrick and I took the already-loaded truck to Taylor, where Mike had been working since 7am shuffling and restacking pallets to make more space. After unloading, Petrick and I went back to 45th, but ran out of pallet wrap and had to wait until 9:30 when Leanna brought us more of it (she picked it up on her way into town). So we wrapped the last nine pallets, loaded five of them on the truck, and Petrick took the truck to Taylor warehouse while I came to the new office on 10th to help Leanna try to get the internet systems working. So far (11am) the one in my office doesn't work (I'm using a very long ethernet cable from Leanna's office) but she got the printers to work. She plans to resume mail order shipments on Monday. Mike and Petrick called at 11am and said they were headed back to the 45th street warehouse to get the last load. I told them that Leanna and I had to go eat (diabetics have to eat on schedule; we had BBQ at Country Barn). SPP and Mike got the last load taken to Taylor, then I met them at 45th to load up anything and everything going to either Taylor or 10th Street; we unloaded that and turned the truck in barely on time. Mike's dad (Brad) and his crew showed up at 5pm and worked two hours taking the plywood and half of the metal decking off of the mezzanine, then the crew quit (apparently pissed off that Petrick kept telling them to put their hardhats back on). Brad stayed and tried to help us get some more metal down, but decided to pick up work the next day. Petrick and I worked until 9pm getting stuff moved, boxed up, and packed.

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MY DAY: 30 January (Friday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got to the old office at 9am. The day was something of a blur.

MOVING THE COMPANY: Mike and Petrick got the last stuff taking to the new office and warehouse. I spent most of the day at the old office loading up the last of the stuff and doing some fixit jobs so we could turn the building back to the landlord. Mike's dad (Brad) showed up at 2pm and we had the last of the steel decking off the mezzanine at 3pm. I made a run to the new office and got back to 45th street at 4:30pm to find out that the crew Mike's dad had hired wasn't going to show up. Petrick, Mike, and I pitched in with Brad (Mike's dad) and had the mezzanine (except for the stairs and one 24-foot beam) down at 9:30pm when we were too exhausted to safely work.

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MY DAY: 31 January (Saturday) 2009

ROUTINE: Got to the old building on 45th at 8:50am. GaspCon sent an email thanking us for support. Joe Stevenson played the "race card" in the weather topic, which is apparently his private domain where the BBS rules do not apply to him. VBAM sent in a progress report. I mostly spent the time trying to sort out boxes of stuff. At 4pm, our internet connection died for no apparent reason, and after spending an hour trying to get it to work, we all went home.

MOVING THE COMPANY: Petrick and Mike were at the old warehouse when I got there. Mike's dad (Brad), a friend of his named Frank, and the two guys from Labor Ready showed up at 9am. We had the last of the mezzanine down and in the truck at 11am. After a few errands and a last walkthrough, we officially left the 45th Street building for the last time at 2:30pm.

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