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MY DAY: 1 February (Sunday) 2009

Summary Report: I went by the office for a few minutes to pick up something I left there, found internet had not magically fixed itself, and went home. I spent the day resting. Twelve days of manual labor (mostly double shifts) had left me totally exhausted.

MY DAY: 2 February (Monday) 2009

Summary Report: Got here at 8:30am. Got some stuff squared away. At 2pm, I was told that internet was working. Well, sort of. I read dinolist and both forums. I don't think I actually did the web crawl (I should have, but it's too late now as I have to leave and go home). We had a meeting at 4pm, minutes: Leanna called locksmith to change keys, I was told to get the shelves put up in the packing room and change the lock on Leanna's bathroom, Leanna called to remind the HVAC contractor to get the new thermostat put in, we made a list of things we need from the building supply store (Lowe's), we set the preliminary date for the open house as the 27th, we went crazy finding the lost box of blue perforated paper, Petrick and I reviewed the Origins events plan and the product schedule (he's not sure if he can finish G3 by Monday), Leanna tried to call the plumber to put in the new toilets. I spent most of the afternoon (with Petrick) helping Mike get the packing room ready. UPS said that even though we told them last week we were moving that they could not get their act together to pick up shipments today, so we didn't do the labels for 20 outbound shipments, then the UPS driver showed up looking for outbound shipments. I finally went home at 7pm.

Special Guest: Phil Reed from Steve Jackson Games came by for a visit to see our print on demand plant. We showed Phil the plant and took him to Marizon's for lunch. At 1:30, I watched Phil head up the on ramp to Fort Worth en route to Austin.

MY DAY: 3 February (Tuesday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 8:15am. I grabbed the camera and took photos of the current state of the place and posted some of them. I spent the morning going through boxes and putting stuff up. The old landlord called at 10:15 and wanted to go see the old building, so we drove over to meet him. He was stunned at how clean we left it (move-in ready) and how much we had done to improve it, and promised to send back our deposit promptly. Leanna and I went on to lunch. After lunch, I finished posting the office photos. Dinosaur list had a controversy over an important fossil which was stolen from Mongolia (dug up illegally). It's an important ankylosaur, but as nobody knows where it was dug up, nobody can tell for sure if it's older or younger than other ankylosaurs, and nobody wants to encourage the trade in illegal fossils. BBS seems quietly productive. Forum is doing fine. APOD has a picture of a cloud. Guys, that is NOT astronomy! Sudoku 3:39, off my game. More working cleaning up stuff and sorting stuff. Teeth cleaning from 2-3. Turned in the Origins events list. (Yes, we were three days late, but Trey at GAMA gave us an extension due to the move.) I got the webcrawl done, and tried to make some progress on various projects, finally going home at 7:30pm.

MY DAY: 4 February (Wednesday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:05am. Jean had me write a long rambling blog about the move. The BBS looks ok. Dinosaur list is discussing the new bill in Congress

restricting fossil hunting on public land. The forum seems ok. APOD has simulated art of some planet with an elliptical orbit (which reminds me of Lost in Space). Sudoku 3:23. Old in box down to 928 and back to 13 Feb 2006. Web crawl finished at 10:56. The plumbers showed up and replaced both toilets with more modern ones. Outbox has 116. The BBS reduction project resumes; I deleted 47 weblog posts from 2005 and compiled them into a document for Eric. Worked with Petrick on G3. Locksmith replaced the locks on the new building and gave us all new keys. Sent Eric updates for About page on the website. The next item on my list was "reduce in box" so I went through reports from Eric on work orders he had completed, and checked his work, sending him a few further fixes. Starlist request for 57106. Sent Todd Boyce detailed drawings of Klingon and Kzinti fighters for minis. In a burst of energy, I removed the broken lock from the front bathroom door (but need a 1-inch drill to install the new one), found out what kind of screws to buy to fix the broken folding tables, found the studs in the packing room wall and figured out what kind of screws to get for them, and got the bed (it was Leanna's mother's) set up in the equipment room in case I want to make a nap or have a quickie. Went through my In-Box and sent out over 30 "automated" notes that I'm buried after the move and will get to their Email as soon as I can. Staff meeting noted progress on the "punch list", set the release of G3 (plus border box 8 and the orion) for 16 Feb, and set the release of Briefing #2 and PD-Fed for 2 March, and decided on the sign for the front door. Leanna and I left at 6pm to run some of the company errands; Petrick worked until late on G3.

MY DAY: 5 February (Thursday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:30. The telephone people got here to figure out the parts of the phone system we cannot figure out. Todd Boyce sent gorgeous pictures of the 3d model of the F18 fighter mini. Industry mailing list is discussing that pitching a product on the basis of "You played WOW on line, so try this totally unrelated game on a table with real people" is a very tough sell, but that doing an MMO of an existing table game produces a spike in sales of the table game (if only for reference material). Big stink about some RPG called Hammerfall on Facebook that is reportedly using art without permission in violation of copyright and then denying they are doing it. Processed the 2006 weblog archive and sent it to Eric to upload. This deleted about 20 messages from the BBS. The BBS seems to be running ok. Forum is ok. APOD as a very nice star forming region in a nearby galaxy. The telephone people finally got all of the phones working. Continuing to explore the neighborhood, Leanna and I found a delightful little cafe which has turkey (real turkey, carved from the bone) on Thursdays. Ann Coulter was comparing voluntary single motherhood (a social disaster of epic proportions) to the harm caused by smoking. Sudoku 2:53, a very good time, possibly my second best. Finished the web crawl at 1:27pm. Quality checked four cartons of maps for Mike so he could pack orders for wholesalers. Starlist request for 49330. Reduced the old in box to 891 and pushed it back to Feb 1, 2006. There are only three Emails from 2006 left to review. Cleaned out the attachments folder; two weeks of junk (mostly porn and viagra ads). Tried to put the new doorknob on the bathroom but figured out I needed a tool I don't have (one required by the fact that the door is 58 years old and the knob won't work without doing some... err... work). Worked with Leanna to bid a small book printing job for another company (which they accepted the next day). I promised Leanna that I would take the evening off to spend time with her and the kids, so we left at 5:30pm.

MY DAY: 6 February (Friday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:05am. Dinosaur list is talking about some small craters that date the same as Chixilub. Somebody who doesn't like the 'resident trolls on the BBS' wants me to come discuss his rules idea on his own

BBS, and I said "no". The BBS seems ok. The forum seems ok, although they may not like what I said about counters for boosters 91-95. APOD has cute picture of space station passing in front of the moon. Makes it look like the space station is near the moon. Sudoku 2:54, a very good time. Web crawl complete at 10:15am. Starlist request from 48197. Old in box is down to 856 messages, but I didn't push it back any as I wanted to actually read a submission. Out box down to 56. In Box down to 217. (Mostly by answering Eric's reports and deleting work orders he has done.) Did some work on the 2007 Company Weblog archive, but had to stop. Sent Eric the stuff for covers for three new products to work on. He invented a new logo for PD20M. With the proper tools, I finished installing the new locking door knob on Leanna's bathroom. Went home at 7pm. (Discussed G3 MFC at dinner with Petrick at Robison's BBQ.)

MY DAY: 7 February (Saturday) 2009

Summary Report: Slept in. Got to the new office at noon. Most of the Email was from Jean about the covers going to press. BBS and forum are fine. APOD has a fairly boring comet. Sudoku 3:27. Industry mailing lists are discussing the non-legality of stuff like Vassal and ZunTsu and similar "gamebox" items. Web Crawl completed at 12:50pm. Starlist request for 93940. Old in box down to 840 and pushed back to 7 Nov 05! Out box at 78. Did a few more pages of the 2007 blog compilation so that I could reduce the number of BBS Posts (when I finish 2007). In box is at 216. Sent Eric the first step of instructions on the reference rulebook cover. Read FYEO for 7 Nov, the first time I have read one since the move started. Replaced the doorknob on the closet (I have the proper tools so it only took 10 minutes). Worked on Briefing #2. Worked with Petrick on G3. Leanna was still working on stuff, and we were here in one car, so we all went to dinner and came back. It's now 7pm, and I may try to do something productive. Read FYEO for Nov 8. Did Hydran MSSB report pages 10-15, through the Early Combat Pallet. Leanna decided to leave at 8pm and while the bed in the equipment room was tempting I left with her.

MY DAY: 8 February (Sunday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 2:45pm (with Leanna) to do some decluttering. Several Emails from Jean about current projects. BBS and Forum are doing fine. Old in box is down to 806. APOD has a spectacular view of the Eagle Nebula. Sudoku 3:12. No Starlist requests. Outbox 69. In Box 216. Webcrawl finished at 4pm. Did four more pages of 2007 blog compilation (covering 1-20 Nov) so I can eventually delete BBs posts. Read FYEO for 9 Nov. Went home at 5pm.

MY DAY: 9 February (Monday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 10am. (I slept in, after sleeping almost all of Sunday. I must be tired for some reason.) Vudar IPG Memo from Mike West looks good, but I want to tighten up the rules and avoid having people assume what they mean. Sent Jean to warn Grafton that "not posting links to one-sided news" includes any mention of such things (with or without links) and prohibited him from posting any mention of outside news (as he has shown the intent to abuse the privileged). Announcement for world league 2009. Animal Planet is launching an eight-part series on evolution and dinosaurs starting 12 Feb. Jean reminded me of the "hot list" of things to do ASAP such as communicate and the newsletter. The usual spam, sigh. BBS is mostly ok. I am fed up with the Global Warming bunch taking over the weather topic and chasing out anyone who opposes their new religion, but that is their standard tactic. Opposing views of global warming are not refuted, but simply driven out. Forum is fine. APOD has an interesting galaxy picture. Sudoku 3:18. No Starlist requests. Web Crawl finished at 10:54am. Old in box down to 793 and back to 19 Oct 2005. Out box at 69. Roast beef at Marizon's for lunch. Karl Vogelheim

asked me to define "war" ships for his campaign (i.e., enforce a decision on his opponents). I sent some guidelines but was clear that I was not writing his campaign rules and his opponents did not have to take my word for it. BBS reduction project: processed archive of 2007 Blogs from 21 Nov through 11 Dec. Read FYEO for 10-11 Nov. I hung up my clock and four of my pictures (then had to go do some work, but if I make some progress each day, it will get done). Somebody asked if he could go into business selling decals for our ships, and I told him to go right ahead, and that while he could not use the art of other decal printers, he could use our race symbols file. Asked printers for quotes on printing covers. Started doing the cover for the printed GC rulebook, but had to ask Leanna for some stuff. Did Communique #38 and put it on Petrick's desk with a note to give it back TODAY so I can send it to the staff and get it out on time. He did, and I did. Leanna picked a stock number for GCRB and I finished the cover. Did a star fleet alert announcing the move and sent it to Jean to proof. I emptied my one box (quota) out of Jean's office today (although I had to look really hard for a box of Petrick's stuff so I could just hand it to him and scratch it off the list). Sent Eric the instructions for the February newsletter and an Email to come in early. Packed up and went home at 7pm.

MY DAY: 10 February (Tuesday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 8:15am. Yes, I came in early. I was kind of fired up to get some stuff accomplished. Communique reports from Jean and Mike West. BBS is ok. New dicraeosauridae from Patagonia. Forum is mostly minis questions. APOD has a decent photo of Orion's belt. Sudoku 3:19. Web Crawl completed at 8:53am. No Starlist requests. Old in box down to 774 and back to 1 Sept 2005. Out box at 72. As part of the BBS reduction project, I finished the 2007 weblog archive compilation and sent it to Eric to upload. This allowed me to delete 117 old weblog posts from 2007. Revised the GC cover to be what Leanna wanted; twice. Did a cover for Klingon Space since some retailer in the UK wanted to buy one. (We got a huge order from Esdevium.) I hung a few more of my pictures. I did a star fleet alert for the galactic conquest rulebook and sent it to Jean to proof. [Three hours later.] Wow, what a whirlwind. We got the covers for G3, Briefing 2, Reference rulebook, and PDFeds done. We also did the cover for Galactic conquest (and did it over when a wholesaler heard about it and demanded to be able to order it). We also did a cover for Klingon Space since the wholesaler in the UK wanted to order a copy for a store. We also finished and uploaded Communique 38, Hailing Frequencies, and two Star Fleet Alerts. I am totally exhausted. It's 6:30 and there's no point in my staying here. Too burned out.

MY DAY: 11 February (Wednesday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9am. Dinosaur list had several interesting new papers published. John Berg is pleased that distributors are taking the GC4 rulebook. Told Jean to send instructions to Eric set up a GC page on the website. I spent way too many hours reading a three-year-old submission (Thunderdome) and trying to figure out what to do with it. BBS and Forum are ok. Nice photo on APOD. I just didn't feel like doing Sudoku today. Finished web crawl at 4:08pm. No starlist requests. I put up Leanna's coat hooks (for her sweater and mailbag). Worked on G3 with Petrick. Meeting reviewed state of the continually-evolving move-in project. Old in box is down to 759 messages and back to 29 Aug 05. I edited 7 days of the Jan-08 blog as part of the BBS reduction program. I moved ten cartons of empty boxes out of Jean's office into a storage area. Read FYEO for 12 Nov. Gave up and went home sometime after 7:30pm. Well, that WAS the plan, but I stayed until after 9pm, keeping Petrick company and cleaning out two of the sixteen cartons of junk stacked in the back of my office.

MY DAY: 12 February (Thursday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9am. Dinosaur list had startling new finds in Peru. Nothing in Email worth mentioning. BBS seems ok. Forum is moving into the direct-fire-drone fix discussion. APOD has another stupid skyline photo. Hey, guys, we can see THAT out the freaking window! Sudoku 3:11. Web crawl finished at 10:53. Went to lunch at J's where Thursday is Turkey special. No Starlist requests. Old In Box is down to 735 and back to 15 Aug 05. Out box at 81. BBS reduction project: compiled dayblog 8-14 Jan 08. Reduced in box to 216. Hung up my pistol targets (I qualified as an "expert" both times). I sent Eric Jean's instructions to create a Galactic Conquest page for the website. Read FYEO for 13 Nov 08. Used chisel to cut trim in corner of my office to match the new baseboard. Finally got all of the covers to press and the printer said we would not have them until late next week, so we will ship G3, the Orion DN, and Border Box 8 on 23 Feb. Going home at 6pm since I came in Leanna's car and don't want to stay all night.

MY DAY: 13 February (Friday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9am after a stop at McDonald's for biscuits and gravy. Jean seems happy with the new Galactic Conquest page on the site. Dino list was talking about Darwin day. Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader Barbie won the annual award for the toy most destructive to the development of children (by making girls cheerleaders rather than players?). BBS and forum seem ok. APOD is pathetic. Sudoku 3:28 (doctor says it delays alzheimers). Finished the web crawl at 11am, just in time for lunch. Industry mailing list debates whether or not GTS is worth the time and money. Starlist request from 47906. Old in box was down to 704 and back to 15 July 2005. Worked on various files and went home at 6pm to take Ramses rabbit hunting.

MY DAY: 14 February (Valentine's Day) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 10am after stopping to pick up flowers for Leanna. Nothing much in Email. Dinosaur list was some boring technical talk. The BBS and forum are ok. APOD has a gorgeous photo: IC 1805-The Heart Nebula. Sudoku 3:40, just not on my game today. Web crawl finished at ... sometime. Lost interest and went home to be with Leanna.

MY DAY: 15 February (Sunday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 4pm to clean out Email and sort out my desk before Monday morning. Biggest Stegosaurus footprint ever found. BBS and Forum are fine. APOD has a photo of Antarctica (which has WHAT to do with astronomy?). Puttered some and went home about 6pm.

MY DAY: 16 February (Monday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:15 after breakfast at McDonald's. Dispute over dinosaur tracks in Idaho. Only Email this morning was Jean reminding me to take my meds and do the GGIC update. Michael Tisdell did email yesterday asking for a tournament announcement in communique. BBS and Forum are ok. APOD has the Great Carina Nebula. (What a refreshing change to actually have an astronomy picture.) Sudoku 3:11, much better. Got the stuff ready for the Monday Morning Meeting. Webcrawl finished at 11am. Starlist request from Cambridge, England. Old in box down to 695 and back to 15 July 05. Out Box at 83. BBS reduction project: did another 7 days of compiling the Jan 08 dayfile blog. I did not get any boxes out of Jean's office, but there are four boxes of stuff that I'm either going to throw out or ship to Bruce Graw, and I asked him if he wanted them or not. Did the quarterly update for GGIC. Did a Star Fleet Alert for tomorrow. Hung pictures in Leanna's office. Read FYEO for 14 and 15 Nov. Jean proofed the Alert so I sent it to Eric to upload and to Mike to

send out. For this week's website update, I sent Eric an updated Capitalization list. Stacks report at 21%. Packed up to go home at 7pm.

MY DAY: 17 February (Tuesday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:45am after taking Leanna to breakfast at McDonald's. (It's "one car day" so we can save the planet, which means I come and go on her schedule, not mine.) Dinosaur list had some fascinating stuff about very very early dinos. Siadek brothers say another draft of Star Fleet Battlestations is near completion. BBS and Forum are doing ok. No starlist requests on file. APOD had a picture of some strange weather thing, which just IS NOT ASTRONOMY you morons. Sudoku 3:17 (on the fourth try, Leanna kept interrupting me with "Can I throw this away?" nonsense as she cleans out boxes). Web Crawl finished at 10:53. Lunch was grilled fish, about half as much food as I normally eat, but Leanna says I have to lose weight. Website reduction project: finished the compiled Jan 08 blog and sent to Matt to upload. Deleted 31 posts. Old in box is down to 680 and still stuck on 15 July 05 (which was a busy mail day). Out box is holding at 83. Read FYEO for 16+17 Nov. Helped Petrick organize the G3 files. Got the contracts for VBAM and Starmada notarized and sent back. Mike confirmed that the alert had been sent. I removed five boxes from Jean's office (one involved sorting and emptying, the others just involved putting them where they went). Cleaned up the equipment room. Picked the revised ship for Comm-39. Set up a master document for Petrick and got him started putting the excel MSC file into pagemaker for G3. Did the graphic for the front door sign and sent it to Leanna to play with. Did Lyran CL (Fleet scale) for Hydran Attack. Stacks report at 40%. Did the new ship for Comm-39. Went home at 7pm.

MY DAY: 18 February (Wednesday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9am. (Leanna made soup last night, and I had the last bowl for breakfast.) Weather is cool and clear. Are dromaeosaurid tracks rare because even raptors were arboreal? Nothing much in Email. BBS and Forum are ok. APOD has a graphic of the first time two satellites smacked into each other (which happened last week). While not legitimate astronomy, it was fascinating. Sudoku 3:01, a very good time for me. I did all of the ships from Communique #39 and told Art Trotman to do a scenario for me. Web Crawl was finished at 11am. No Starlist requests. The next door neighbors dropped in to say hello. Doyle got Petrick's computer fixed. Went to a cafe we have had good food at to try the Wednesday special (and won't ever go there on Wednesday again). Old in box is down to 670 and back to 7 July 05. Outbox is down to 58, mostly by processing Eric's reports that he did work orders (which eliminates the work order from the outbox). BBS reduction project: I spent time compiling part of the Feb 08 dayblog. Did a ship card for FCOL and sent it to Paul to be sure I had the right format and content. Hung a picture and took seven boxes of stuff out of Jean's office and put them up. Leanna checked the county website and found I don't have to go to jury duty. (I could have used the break, since I'd be there all morning -- and then be thrown out because as a military unit commander I found everybody who came before me for an Article 15 guilty.) Read FYEO 18-19 Nov. Sent a note to Iron Crown about Silent Star Fleet. Did the ship card for the ISC squadron scale strike cruiser. Worked on MSSB. I have no idea how many pages I did, but I got from R9.40 through R9.89, which was a lot more than the quota. Stacks report at 51%. Went home at 7pm.

MY DAY: 19 February (Thursday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:30. (I made 160 bundles of paperclips for Romulan Border last night.) I forgot to mention that the covers for G3, FCRRB, FCB2, and PD20Fed, arrived yesterday. Reports from Team MSSB on the true carrier

issue. Pterosaur respiration. RPG publishers are freaking out that sales for all RPGs have dropped 70% in the last six months and the RPG hobby seems doomed. APOD has another stupid skyline photo. I can see the milky way by driving a mile from my house. Sudoku 3:29. Web crawl finished at 11am. Nice turkey lunch (Thursday is turkey day at J's). No starlist requests. Helped Petrick continue the process of getting G3 into a printable format (page layout software is something we are just beginning to teach him). Old in box down to 660 and back to 18 June 05. I sent an email to the sculptors asking if anybody wants to do a Rigellian, Vulcan, or Andorian ship. Out box at 58. BBS reduction project: compiled another week of Feb 08 dayblog. Sent the Hydran Knight Sq and the Lyran CA Flt+Sq to FCOL. The sign guy showed up to do the front door, said it would cost \$100 and take a week, he was told to go ahead. (Five weeks later, they had never done it and we fired them and hired another sign company.) John Denton, the chaplain of my old Guard unit, came by and we had a nice chat; he watches after my spiritual health. Curt Besselman, the guy from the office furniture store, brought by a sample of the chairs Leanna is thinking about ordering for the conference table, kitchen table, and guest chairs. I got four boxes of junk out of Jean's office. Ready FYEO for 20 Nov. After Jean hounded me for months to honor my doctor's orders, I took a 20 minute walk, and was not totally exhausted (but did get tired of the panhandlers asking me for money). I worked on G3, reformatting the Combined Convenient Charts Pages (CCCP) because the formatting exploded when Petrick pasted all of those charts that Tos Crawford wanted into one document and the style sheets went to war. I hung two more pictures. Went home (actually, to Waffle House) about 8:30pm.

MY DAY: 20 February (Friday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:15am. VBAM got the marked-up manuscript I sent them. New dinosaur Austroraptor cabazai found in Argentina. Plans are set for the trip to Steve Jackson Games. (We're helping them build the mezzanine, not buying them out.) We'll leave Sunday 1 March and be home Saturday 7 March. BBS and Forum are fine. No starlist requests. APOD has a black nebula. Sudoku 3:09. (My doctor says this pushes back alzheimers.) Web crawl finished at 10:29. Revised the CCCP for G3 to fix the mis-formats that Petrick found. Meeting approved the new chairs and rescheduled the open house from 27 Feb to 27 March due to problems of getting stuff done on time. BBQ for lunch at Country Barn. Helped Mike pack Border Box 8 while Leanna was using my computer to fix the headings on G3. Then went back and fixed the charts on G3 (more tweaking, and found another mis-format). BBS reduction project. Finished Feb 08 blog compilation and sent it to Eric to upload. This deleted 35 obsolete posts. Old in box down to 650 and back to 17 June 2005. Out Box is at 59. In Box is at 232 which is absurd. Ship cards sent to FCOL: Dragoon-Fleet, Paladin-Both, Knight-Fleet. We started printing G3 at 4pm. Killing two birds with one stone, I did "twenty minutes of continuous movement, not sitting down" while moving junk out of Jean's office (five or six cartons got done). I read FYEO for 21-22 Nov. By 6pm, I was sick and exhausted, and went home.

MY DAY: 21 February (Saturday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 10am after breakfast at McDonald's. Read about "Mass Properties" of Dinosaurs. Art Trotman sent an FC scenario, which I used in Comm-39. BBS and Forum are fine. APOD has a fairly boring comet. I totally blew Sudoku (placing tiles I knew were right, I suddenly got into a corner and had three wrong tiles and just stopped; I must have thought one was "the only place it could go" when it wasn't.) Web crawl finished at 11:10am. Told Eric to create small versions of covers for advertising and alerts. No starlist requests. Created topics for F&E Scenarios. Old in box is down to 640 and back to 16 June 05. Answered a survey for Jean that (for anyone else) I would have deleted as too long. Out

box has 65, mostly work orders Eric has done that I haven't checked. BBS reduction project: I copied the rest of the March daylogs and put them into a file, formatted the file, and did a ton of computer searches to eliminate tedious and tiresome duplications (which I fortunately stopped doing in the middle of last year). Sent FCOL the Hydran Cuirassier and Lyran DN (both halves in each case). Somebody emailed a request for a new ship to be added to FC so I did the ship card and put it into Communique-40 and sent him a PDF. Finished Communique-39 and sent it to the staff. Moved four boxes out of Jean's office in various storage places or the dumpster. Read FYEO for 23 & 24 Nov. Petrick left at 7:10. I moved the second-biggest box (the scrap cardboard box) out of Jean's office and under the packing table where it belongs. (A place for every thing, and everything in its place. Well, that particular thing has long had a place but until I moved other stuff, we couldn't reach the big heavy thing in question to move it.) Continued to move stuff out of Jean's office. I found the old dry-erase board and hung it in the stock room so Leanna can write what Mike needs to pack. I continue to move boxes out of Jean's office, but I have to pace myself. This late in the day, it's easy to get so "tired" that I cannot safely drive. I make about two trips then sit down for five minutes (and read emails of what people think of Eric's new commander's circle). Well, Petrick's "grandfather clock" just gong-ed for 8pm so I am going home, feeling like I got something done.

STACKS REPORT: 15-21 February 2009

Goals met: 64%. Done: Star Fleet Alert, Communique 39, March newsletter, Website upgrades, art schedule, website update, work on new building, gaining ground on FYEO backlog (+5); progress on Star Fleet Battlestations, VBAM, and Starmada; Progress quota met on MSSB, Hydran Attack, Warp & Peace; G3 finished; Savage Worlds contract done; talked with sculptors about new ships, Checked with Mike on minis inventory, Border Box 8 and Orion DN finished; progress with Ninja magic. Waiting to hear from Leanna about CL#2 reprint, Chuck about ISC war, Iron Crown about Silent Star Fleet, PD20M. Failed to make progress on Alliance listings, Briefing #2, SIT updates, F&E Q&A, PDFED, CL39.

MY DAY: 22 February (Sunday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at noon after Leanna and I stopped at Furr's for Sunday dinner. Leanna was pleased with how much stuff was missing from Jean's office. We came in so Leanna could print books, so officially I am not here. Mathematical models of dinosaur population size. No real Email except some personal notes from Jean and her friends. BBS and Forum are ok. Very strange reports on the Commander's Circle revision, in that the same link is taking people to at least two very different versions of the thing Eric did. I'm getting reports that "all 38 links go to comm-1" which I know was true on Friday but he had fixed that on Saturday before I posted the link, and for me all 38 links work fine. APOD has a spectacular view of the Orion nebula. No starlist requests. I didn't take time to work on the old In box or the out box or the current in box. I did a little work on the March blog compilation for the BBS reduction project. At 1pm, I stopped working at my desk and went to do carpentry work in the packing room. An hour later, and I had to go sit down. I got the shelf racks put together, and some clutter cleared out, but there is a lot more to do. I kept alternating working on the packing room and sitting at my desk doing email. We finally went home about 4pm.

MY DAY: 23 February (Monday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:15am after having to turn around in mid-commute to go home and get something Leanna forgot. (I don't know if cell phones are a blessing or a curse.) Dino list didn't have anything worth reading. Only email was Jean's daily reports and the lady at Steve

Jackson Games making hotel reservations for us in Austin for next week. Industry mailing list included this: "None of us will get rich designing games, but if we do it right today, we get to get up tomorrow and do this again." BBS and Forum are ok. APOD has some moon pictures distorted by the atmosphere. Ok, I'll buy that it's legitimate astronomy, but it's boring. Sudoku 3:18. Web crawl finished at 11am. Leanna is at a doctor's appointment (doctor has no sense of time or respect for patients). No starlist requests. Old in box is down to 630 and back to 16 June 2005. Out Box at 60. BBS Reduction Project: Processed more of March 08 DayBlog. Sent both sides of Lyran DD and Lyran FF to FCOL. Let's see if anybody is reading this. Pick a ship from FCHA and I'll send it. Updated the stacks report for last week. Read FYEO for 26-27 Nov. Did Star Fleet Alert for G3 release. Weekly (rotating) website update (Confirmed to be up to date): [www.federationcommander.com /Newsletter/ past.html]. I did enough MSSB last week that I did not have to do any this week, HOWEVER, I had two "go back to the staff items" about the LNH and HDW and got staff input and resolved them. While I had the file open, I worked on it until I had another item in 97A which I had to ask the staff about, so I sent it to the staff and moved on to other things. Major staff meeting at 4pm (mostly planning for the week and for the Austin trip). Officially finished cleaning out Jean's office. (There is still some stuff to send to Taylor Warehouse and some stuff for "long term, piece by piece, sorting by SVC".) I put up the first shelf in the packing room, then went to dinner and came back. It took only an hour to mount the second and third shelf (having figured out all the hard parts). I finished up about 9pm, played computer games for a while, took a nap in the equipment room, and finally drove home at 2am.

MY DAY: 24 February (Tuesday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:45am. Ok, so, I'm late. BBS and Forum are fine. APOD has Barnard's Loop and the Horsehead Nebula (my favorite). Sudoku 3:09, a pretty decent time. Lunch at Marizon's was underwhelming but decent. Web crawl finished at 12:30. No Starlist requests. I used a block plane on the door of the kitchen cabinet so it would not scratch the floor. Jay Waschak said he would have the next edition of Federation Admiral Campaign Book to me before I left on Sunday. Old in box is down to 620 and back to 16 June 05. (This is part of the "war on backlog" announced a year ago. I seem to be winning. When the war is won, the final step is to go through submissions.) Out box is down to 59. BBS reduction project: finished compiling March 08 weblog and sent it to Eric. Deleted about 40 posts. Sent Star Fleet Alert for Starmada joint venture. Sent Paul Franz the Lyran CW and BCH (both sides) for FCOL. Read FYEO for 28-29 Nov. There are six "clutter boxes" from the old SVC-SPP office which were found when moving. These are now stored in the back end of Jean's office. I cleaned one of them out in about five minutes, finding it to consist mostly of: notes from products we were designing in 2002 (discarded), Petrick's comic books, and Petrick's sun glasses (given to him). While trying (and failing) to make sense of the MSSB question about the Hydran SRVs (true or false carriers?) I worked on the file until it crashed (which it always does, it's too big with too many graphics and tables) which got me through the main numbers and down to the Pegasus type hulls. Did the Lyran DW for Hydran Attack. Eric was in and out of my office working on the new Commander's Circle; he gave me the new link (I posted it) and I went home at 6pm to take Ramses rabbit hunting.

MY DAY: 25 February (Wednesday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9am on the dot. Nothing interesting on Dino List. Email included four guys who "really did" read the blog and asked for an FCHA ship. Long phone call with Alliance about a marketing opportunity. Nice photo of Comet Lulin. Sudoku 2:59, an excellent time (maybe my third best, maybe fourth; my record is 2:47 and my average is 3:45. Web crawl finished at 10:47. Put G3, BB8, and Orion DN on

cart. Starlist 40218. Old in box is down to 610 and back to 15 June 05. Out Box is down to 55. BBS reduction project: Compiled one week of March 08 Dayfile blog. (I will eventually reach early November, when I switched to the system I use now, and that will be much easier to do as I won't have to DO anything but PDF a file I already have.) Read FYEO for 30 Nov and 1 Dec. Cathy from Xerox stopped by for a chat about selling us a color printer. I reviewed some clutter boxes with Mike, but they're at the end of a long list of clutter boxes. Petrick and I reviewed the quality control report on new minis shipments with Mike (half of the C7s were bad) and I thought we might sell defective ships at Origins (but not by mail). I hung three more pictures; there are at least six more to be hung. I did the FLAP list for G3, BB8, Orion DN, and GCRB4. Cleaned out a clutter box.

MY DAY: 26 February (Thursday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:10am after stopping to buy flowers for Leanna. (The ones I bought on the 14th finally died.) A new long-necked Stegosaur has been found. Jean sent in the Andor file for PD Feds. BBS and Forum are fine. No Starlist requests today. APOD has a skyline picture (snore). Sudoku 3:14. Web crawl finished at 10:27am. Old In box down to 600 and back to 14 June 05. Read FYEO for 2-3 December. Sent Overlord and Mongol (both sides) to FCOL. Hung two more pictures. BBS reduction project: did 8-14 April dayblog compilation. Out box at 58. Got the updated Federation Admiral campaign book from VBAM. FINALLY got to be a game designer again (although Mike West had already done all the thinking) and worked on Briefing #2. I did the Klingon C6, D7C, D7, D6, F5, E4. Took about two hours. Staff meeting to plan the shuffle for the next ten days. (Today and tomorrow, moving stuff around between buildings. Saturday, load truck. Sunday, drive truck. Monday+Tuesday: SPP+SVC in Austin, everybody else normal. Wednesday the same except Leanna flies to Austin. Thursday-Friday-Saturday, we'll be closed, but Mike and Eric will be doing warehouse stuff. SPP, SVC, and LMC drive home on Saturday.) Sent most of the junk in Jean's office to the Taylor Street warehouse. Did the eight Romulan ships for Briefing #2. Went home at 8pm.

MY DAY: 27 February (Friday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9:52. (It's green day, when we take one car, and I get here when Leanna does.) Nothing much on DinoList. Mike West sent the rest of the ship conversions for FCB2. Flareup in Global Climate Crisis. Forum is ok. Another photo of the unspectacular comet Lulin. Sudoku 3:26. My average dropped a second to 3:44. Web Crawl finished at 10:32. Starlist request from Liverpool, England. (Doing UK Starlist is a mess, since the post codes aren't in order, and I have to hunt around on a British post code map to find that WA is next to L.) Old in box down to 590 and back to 13 June 05. Out box holding at 61. BBS reduction project: Finished the April compilation of the dayblog and sent it to Eric, deleted 35 posts. Sent WYN CW and DW to FCOL. Did quality control on 900 map panels, rejecting about 60 of them. Mike Sparks ordered a restock of minis from AoG. Read FYEO for 4 Dec. Lots of Email with relatives in Austin and with Steve Jackson games, took up a ton of time. I went ahead and sent the last two FCDK cards (not counting bonus cards) to Paul so they'll be there before I leave town. I got three ships done for Briefing #2 before Leanna said we had to go home and do laundry before I could pack for the trip to Austin, so we left at 6pm.

MY DAY: 28 February (Saturday) 2009

Summary Report: Got to the new office at 9am. Petrick picked me up at home so we could shuttle the truck later. BBS and forum are fine. APOD has a nice galaxy. Sudoku 3:25. Web crawl finished at 9:50am. We drove over to get the truck and ran into Mister Murphy. The two people ahead of us in line were total

idiots who couldn't figure out what trucks they wanted. We needed a sixteen foot truck, and found out that the eight trucks they had varied from 15 foot 10 inches to one single truck that was actually 16 feet and a fraction of an inch, but they couldn't rent us that one because it wasn't in the computer. Since no other truck would do, they called all over their system until they found out what was wrong and fixed it. So, we were an hour late before the day's festivities of loading the truck even began. But now it's 3:30 and the truck is fully loaded and we've all had a good lunch at Logan's steakhouse. I have an hour and a half to get three days work done before I leave for a week. Sheesh. Went through the list of emails, sending "out of town notes" to most of them and answering a few. The list of stuff I need to do is getting longer, the time it takes to do any given thing is getting longer, and the drop dead time I have to leave the office kept getting pushed back. I have to leave at 5pm to have enough daylight to repair the fence before I leave town. Sheesh. Anyway, I'll do what I can and the rest can just wait. Did an alert for Reference Rulebook. Sent advertising package to Alliance. Went home at 5:15pm.

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