

# COMPANY WEBLOG ARCHIVE MAR 2009

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## MY DAY: 1 March (Sunday) 2009

**First day of the Austin trip:** Woke up early, so Petrick and I left early. Quiet drive. Jean made us walk into a restaurant in Bowie and eat a nice lunch (roast beef) instead of eating fast food as we drove. Got to hotel in Austin at 5:10 pm. Some of Leanna's relatives showed up (two hours after they said they would) to get some boxes of stuff from Leanna's mother's estate. Ate grilled chicken for dinner at Jack in the Box (awful doesn't begin to describe it). Back to hotel to read a book and pass the evening.  
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## MY DAY: 2 March (Monday) 2009

**Second day of the Austin trip:** Drove the truck over to SJG at 8am. They had no idea how much stuff was in it, and couldn't find a place to unload it for several hours. Reviewed the construction plan (and showed them why it won't work) and met the contractor (who came up with an incredibly cool NEW plan). They got most of the steel beams put up. Picked up rental minivan at airport. Turned in truck in afternoon. Steve Jackson bought lunch and dinner (THANKS!). Long conversations about Print On Demand.  
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## MY DAY: 3 March (Tuesday) 2009

**Third day of the Austin trip:** Good night's sleep; decent breakfast. Long day's work on the jobsite. They got the stairs and steel decking put up, and two walls of the building. Petrick and I played the new SJG Game REVOLUTION which hasn't gone to press yet. Long dinner chat with Steve J and Monica. Looks like a deal to start doing a few PDF sales and see if it makes money or loses sales. This will go very slowly and will start with GURPS 3 material, then with GURPS 4. Whether it ever moves into SFB, F&E, or FC is not known at this time.  
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## MY DAY: 4 March (Wednesday) 2009

**Fourth day of the Austin trip:** Construction at SJ Games continues. They reached a point that I was more of an interested spectator than an engineering consultant about noon, so Petrick and I spent the afternoon reviewing and playtesting some new games that SJG is working on. Petrick found a mistake in a game that is going to press in a couple of days. I found several (and Petrick a few more) in a castle building game, a zombie teddy bear game, and in an eskimo game about hunting. Leanna arrived in the late evening, and I already have the jacuzzi suite checked in for her.  
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## MY DAY: 5 March (Thursday) 2009

**Fifth day of the Austin trip:** Leanna got taken to SJGames for her first visit. Construction was going very well. Phil Reed took us to see the Alliance warehouse. Steve Jackson and his top financial exec took me and Leanna out for lunch (along with Petrick, Monica, and Phil) to discuss how POD impacts accounting. Long drive to the Kyocera dealer to discuss POD and how it might work for SJGames. Pizza and playtesting new games. I got to play the evil Santa Claus munchkin expansion, while Petrick played Castle Builder with Steve Jackson himself and played some game about eskimos hunting seals with other people. I got to playtest the zombie teddy bear game again.  
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## MY DAY: 6 March (Friday) 2009

**Sixth day of the Austin trip:** A good day for our last day in Austin.  
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Construction has gone well.

We playtested two more new games (one about scalping tickets in ancient Rome, one about rearranging the stars to summon Cthulu) plus another game of Castle Builder.

Steve Jackson took us to his favorite BBQ joint (Salt Lick) which is a WAYS from Austin.

We went with him to talk to Konica, Xerox, and Canon to discuss print on demand systems.

Steve Jackson presented us with some free Cthulu dolls and a copy of Munchkin Quest and its expansion.

Leanna and I went to have a long dinner (at Salt Grass steakhouse) with her relatives whom we had not seen in years.

Petrick, meanwhile, went to Phil Reed's house to play games with Steve Jackson and Monica and Phil's wife.

We linked up again at the hotel at 10pm.  
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## MY DAY: 7 March (Saturday) 2009

**Last day of the Austin trip.** Got up at 7:30, ate breakfast, packed up, checked out of the hotel, and hit the road just before nine. Stopped for a sit down lunch in Decatur at 12:15.

Got to the Amarillo airport at 6pm. Fueled the rental car. Ate dinner. Turned in rental car. Got home at 7:45pm. Petrick called at 8pm that he had made it the last ten minutes home.  
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## MY DAY: 8 March (Sunday) 2009

Got to the office at noon after a turkey dinner at Calico County.

**EMAIL:** Lots of Email (which you'd expect after I've been gone for a week). Somebody cannot log into the BBS (sent to Eric). Lots from Jean about Andor (part of PD Feds). Bruce Graw about problems with one of the molds (told him to make a new one). Several starlist requests (I will do over the next few days). Memos from Mike West about Briefing #2. Mike Sparks sent the alert last Monday. Retail store asking to be on list (will add them next update). An artist looking for work (sent form letter). Iron Crown about their contracts (will send them Monday). John Schneder II about early years minis (will look at this in a few days). Note from Eric that he did work order 399. Somebody offered to design a game which I have previously announced I am going to do myself. Jean sent a link to a cat cartoon (and a second one). Notice of a private message on the forum which will take me 30 minutes of computer hoop jumping to read. Todd Boyce Kzinti fighter pictures. Purchase order from Esdevium (sent to Leanna). Somebody about defective minis (I will have to get photos to grasp his problem). Somebody about where to find certain Fed commander cards (I will answer later). Somebody wanted to know when the website would be back up but it has not been down this year. Roger Rardain asking if Paul Scott can be in RAT 30 (only if he sent in his articles and Petrick approved them). Reports on the Briefing #2 ships I sent out before I left.

**INDUSTRY LISTS:** Something about burritos at GTS. Origins and GTS booth buys. Piracy web sites. WOTC issued a new game system license and nobody will accept it.

**DINO List:** Shidaisaurus, Long-necked Stegosaur, Jack Horner funds project to genetically engineer a chicken into a dinosaur. Therepod handprints from Utah.

**Other:** BBs and Forum seem ok. APOD has a nice picture of Europa. (The seven I "missed" are mostly nice too.) Sudoku 3:05. Ann Coulter wasted her entire column insulting somebody named Keith Olbermann for no apparent reason. Petrick walked in, reviewed his email, and reported that Paul Scott is not eligible for RAT 30 and (so far) is not eligible for Origins events. Web crawl finished at 3pm. Went home at 3:30pm.  
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## MY DAY: 9 March (Monday) 2009

Got to the new office at 10:30am after trying and failing to get my car to start. (I had to wait until Leanna was ready to go to work.) Evidence for gregarious behavior and age segregation in sauropods. Vanessa reported in that she just got married and is expecting her fourth child (their first). Jean sent drafts for Vulcan  
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and Rigel. BBS is fine. Forum is fine. APOD has a rocket launch; saw it on TV. Just wasn't with it enough to do Sudoku. Finally finished the webcrawl at 1:25pm after checking a pirate site menu for our products and not finding any. Starlist UK= EH3 5EU sent. Old in box reduced to 580 messages and pushed back to 12 June 05. Outbox down to 56. BBS reduction project: worked on April compilation of MY DAY.

**STAFF MEETING:** Plans for the week (SVC will work on FCB2, SPP will work on G3A, C3A, and CL39, Leanna and Mike will work on orders). Departmental needs (need to order more dice, set of 9 chairs arrived, window tinting on hold waiting for exhaust fans for print shop, invitation list for open house on the 27th, sign company promises proof of front door sign today). Discussion of Austin trip (slow movement into PDF sales, possible deal on GURPS Feds, possible deal on book chains, need for new kind of games with four pages of rules).

## MY DAY: 10 March (Tuesday) 2009

Got to the new office at 9:15. The towing company picked up my Cobalt this morning at 8am; the tow truck driver said Cobalt's have a chronic problem with the computer system draining the battery for no reason. Forum and BBS are ok. Dino list: parascapular spines in Tuojiangosaurus. APOD has Orion nebula. Sudoku 3:12. Lunch was Taco Salad. Web crawl finished at noon. Communique 39 finished and sent to Eric, who uploaded it. Sent Eric a bunch of stuff for hailing frequencies. Long phone conversation with a company that sells small die cutters. May not work for us (the \$4,000 price is cheap, but it only cuts 1/3 of a sheet at a time) but could lead to something that will. Reviewed the Hailing Frequency Newsletter and sent Eric a Bazillion changes to it. Eric fixed them and released the newsletter at 5:20. BBS reduction project: Processed a week of March 08 dayblog. Went to pick up my car at 6pm and had a long dinner meeting with Petrick to discuss die cutting. Ramses went for a walk in the evening and actually got one paw on Fred's (the rabbit's) rump before Fred exploded and got out of sight.

## MY DAY: 11 March (Wednesday) 2009

Got to the new office at 9:30am. Weather is clear and cold. Went home at 8pm.

**Daily Routine:** Dino of the day: Scaphognathus. BBS is fine (after I killed the useless discussion of whether breaking or enforcing rules is really the issue). Forum is fine. APOD has cool moon picture. Sudoku 3:38, off my game. Web crawl finished at 10:53. Industry mailing list: Rick Eddleman pleads guilty to embezzling \$1.5 million from Decipher over nine year period. BBS reduction project: compiled dayblog May; 42 posts deleted. Lunch: roast beef at Marizons. Sent instructions to Eric to pull the ships and scenarios out of Comm-1 through Comm-4 and put them in the resources archive (leaving the original issues intact in the separate original archive). Starlist 23662. Old in box is down to 570 and back to 9 June 05. Out box holding under 60. In Box is at 316. Kyocera guy (Steve) came over to adjust the girls for better print quality. Leanna and I went to Amarillo Sign Company at 2pm to approve the sign for the front door. Read FYEO for 5-6 Dec 08. Installed a heater in the back bathroom. Cleaned one "clutter box" out of Jean's office. While I did not actually do any FCOL ship cards, I did copy the FCDK bonus cards to that folder and rename the files.

**Email:** Michael Tisdal thanked me for the convention notice in Comm-39. Printed out the memo from GAMA that Paul Scott cannot appeal my decision to suspend him from the tournament and put it in the Go To Origins file. Answered an Email from Robert Saint John of Groknard about PD20m.

**Work:** Wrote up a playtest report for Steve Jackson on the prototype games we had seen at his office. Did the After Action Report for the Austin trip. Meeting with Petrick to plan his work on Module C3A Andro Fhreat File.

**Work-Briefing #2:** Kzinti CS Fleet, Kzinti CA Fleet, Kzinti CL Squadron & Fleet, Kzinti FF squadron & Fleet.

## MY DAY: 12 March (Thursday) 2009

Got to the office at 9:15am. Weather is cold, but the few traces of snow are burning off quickly. Went home at 6:30pm with three boxes of boosters I have to pack tonight so they can ship orders tomorrow.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Holzmaden Formation. Industry mailing lists: Origins events review process. BBS discussing die cutting; the AGW people think anyone who doesn't accept their theory is too stupid to discuss their theory. Forum discussing Revision 5 rulebook. APOD has a cool nebula I have never heard of before. Sudoku 3:11, pretty good. Web crawl completed at 12:39pm. Lunch was disappointing (the weekly turkey special at J's). Starlist 03909. Old in box at 560 and back to 6 June 2005. BBS Reduction Project: did the June compilation, sent it to Eric, and deleted 36 posts. Work sent to Eric: Instructions to extract ships and scenarios from Communique 5-8. In box at 323 (reduced to 309). Read FYEO for part of 7 Dec.

**Email:** Told Peter B that Paul Scott could not play in World League until he completed his obligations. Leah at PSI about selling into the book trade. Customer Support request from Nick Sandberg. Support request from Gorilla Con. Somebody suggested we do a web page for every single product, which seems a bit much. Sent notice to yet another webstore to stop stealing our copyrighted photographs.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Worked on fixes to the Kzintis I did yesterday.

## MY DAY: 13 March (Black Friday) 2009

Got to the office at 9:45. Weather is cold, trying to snow (it succeeded at 4pm, but not by much). The heat is not working (the thermostat is set for 82, but the heater comes on and then turns itself off). Repairman came and replaced a capacitor, which he thinks is what caused previous problems of this type.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Edmontosaurus collection returned to Standing Rock Sioux. Industry mailing lists: pirate website; gamer documentary. BBS is running ok. Forum discussing variety in minis designs. APOD has a group of galaxies. Lunch very good pork at Dyers. Sudoku 3:51. Web crawl completed at 12:22pm. BBS Reduction Project: Compiled the first half of July Dayblog. Work sent to Eric: add links to alert page (how to subscribe) and hailing frequencies page (how to subscribe) and index. Computer suffered a major meltdown which made doing actual work impossible. It alternates between "normal mode" which is "normal" and "screwed up mode" in which every mouse click takes 15-90 seconds to respond. So I get two minutes of work done and then have to wait anywhere from two to ten minutes for it to decide to go back into normal mode. (This is apparently caused by Mozilla, a browser that Eric talked me into using. Leanna uses it on her older G3 Mac and has no problems. It constantly crashes my newer G4 Mac but I had to use it to get to some websites.)

**Email:** The webstore that used our photos agreed to remove them. SJG sent me the rules to one of the games we playtested so I could try to do a Romulan version of it. The guy who had ideas for the website had more ideas and questions, which resulted in three work orders for Eric.

Went home at 8pm, frustrated and angry at the balky computer and my inability to get any work done.

## MY DAY: 14 March (Saturday) 2009

Got to the office at 10:20. Weather is not as cold, and the snow that fell in last night's howling snow storm is all gone.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Australian crocodiles may be ancestor of them all.

**Email:** Jean added Ryan Opel to her RPG team. Ken Burnside asking about die cutting his special thin "box counter" sheets.

**Primary work:** Due to computer problems, all I

accomplished was to extract ships and scenarios from old Communiques and give them to Eric to upload. I eventually just went home and took Ramses rabbit hunting.

## MY DAY: 15 March (Sunday) 2009

Stayed home and decompressed.

## MY DAY, MONDAY, 16 MARCH

Got here at 10am. Weather is warm enough and clear.

**Sick Computer:** Doyle was here when I walked in, working on fixing my Mac. Doyle said he had found the problem: Mozilla had seriously damaged my second hard disk, wrecking its index file. He got the Mac working so I can receive and send emails and browse the web, but I cannot do any actual work on products (or much of anything) because everything is on the second hard disk and he took that in for repairs. So, for example, I just got a Starlist request, but I cannot process it because the most up to date files are on the drive that Doyle is fixing. I have a working browser, but Leanna accidentally destroyed my bookmark files (after she re-installed and deleted the backups, she accidentally overwrote them with a blank file), so I have to hunt for stuff (and cannot find anything unless I remember some clue how to hunt for it). I never did recover from the last disaster when Leanna overwrote the bookmark file, and now this. Lots of links are lost more or less forever. I cannot get into the FC PHP Forum because Leanna overwrote the password file (after installing the backup file and then deleting the backup) and I cannot get the system to send me the password or accept the old one (but Jean managed to get me a working password). Basically, I am wasting my time being at the office today, since I cannot really do anything other than send "sorry, I'll talk to you when they fix my computer" Emails. I have kept my brain busy by doing some of Eric's graphic work for him on another machine. Doyle did install Netscape 7 on my computer which goes to the sites that Explorer won't go to and doesn't crash.

**Industry Mailing lists:** Dragons in the basement.

**Routine stuff:** Dinosaur list did not have much today, and none of it was interesting. APOD had a nice picture of Deimos.

**Email:** Nice note from Steve Jackson thanking me for playtesting his games. I sent a note back saying that doing this had opened my eyes to new kinds of games that the current market wants to see. Somebody suggested we send stores dozens of laminated baseball cards advertising our games. Numerous problems here, such as the cost of making them and the (possible) unwillingness of wholesalers to pass them along.

**Work:** I spent the day working on Mike's Mac, pulling ships and scenarios out of old Communiques to upload as separate files in the resources area. Eventually, Leanna took me to lunch at Country Barn, which put me in a better mood. Worked until 8:30, then went home to see KINGS on Tivo.

## MY DAY, TUESDAY, 17 MARCH

Got here at 9:30am. Weather is warm enough and clear.

**Sick Computer:** Doyle arrived at 10am with the completely restored hard disk. Other than the damage Leanna accidentally caused to my bookmark file when she re-installed the system (which, it turned out, had nothing to do with the problem), everything is back as it was last Thursday.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Sinornithomimus. Industry mailing lists: WotC Internet Sales Policy. BBS is doing fine (except that Michael Lui suddenly wants a ship changed to a nonsensical design. Forum is fine. APOD has the Tycho supernova remnant. Sudoku 3:38. Web crawl completed at 2pm. Lunch was baked tilapia at Dennys. Starlist 65806. Old in box at 550 and back to 3 June 2005. BBS Reduction Project: Did the July compilation through the 22nd. Work sent to Eric: Ships and scenario from Comm-31. In box at 318.

**Email:** Alliance suddenly figured out that they had never

sent the special order for Galactic Conquest rulebooks and ordered 48 of them.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2. Went home at 7pm.

## MY DAY: 18 March (Wednesday) 2009

Got to the office at 9:15am. Weather is clear and mild.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Permian-Triassic boundary less well defined than thought. Industry mailing lists: Industry cycle of store expansion and contraction. BBS is fine. Forum is discussing long-range comms in SFU and inventing non-SFU stuff for RPGs. APOD has a map of how much light pollution is in various areas. Sudoku 3:10. Web crawl completed at 11am. Lunch was salad with shredded chicken. Starlist 46205. Old in box down to 540 and back to 3 June 2005. BBS Reduction Project: Finished the July compilation of the dayblog, sent it to Eric to upload, and deleted 31 old posts. Work sent to Eric: all ships and scenarios from Comm-1-thru-8 (he already has 9-thru-31). Read FYEO for 7 December.

**Email:** Jean's reports, and a question on the Hydran PGV. Later in the day, I got an email from Ryan Opel with a new F&E OB document and sent that to Eric to upload. Ryan Opel had updated the ancient universe index (at least partially) and I sent it to Eric to upload. Petrick asked if I had anything to say about a tactics article I had read.

**Old Email:** (318 pending after morning triage, I will try to do 10 per day): 1-Daniel Melendez about art. 2-Jarett Chaikin starlist request. 3-Cathy Welch about paper weight link. 4-Robert Saint John from startrek-games.com about images. 5-Jean about forum login problems. 6-Jean about more forum login problems. 7-Eric about some download issues. 8-Ryan Opel about SFU index. 9-Jean about Cobalt problems. 10-Todd Boyce about Romulan fighters.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2. Meeting with Petrick to resolve the Heavy Fighter mess. I stopped working at 8pm and played computer games until I went home.

## MY DAY: 19 March (Turkey Dinner day) 2009

Got to the office at 10:15. Weather is overcast and cool.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Heterodontosaurid (Triassic!) with protofeathers. Turanoceratops is the first ceratopsid dinosaur from Asia. Industry mailing lists: Are people who pass around E-copies of your games "fans trying to spread the word" or "crooks stealing your income". BBS is discussing some lies somebody posted on Wikipedia. Forum is fine. APOD has a nice photo of Saturn and four moons. Sudoku 3:15. Web crawl completed at 3pm due to interruptions. Made a bunch of phone calls inviting people to the company Open House Party on the 27th. This used up four hours and kept me from getting anything else done. Lunch was the traditional Thursday turkey dinner at J's. Out box has 80 emails, high because many are things for Eric to do. BBS Reduction Project: worked on the August compilation. Work sent to Eric: ships and scenarios from Communiqué 32-36.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2. Leanna took me to dinner at 5:30 and then, while at dinner, said we were going home, not back to the office. I packed 100 booster packs at home.

## MY DAY: 20 March (Friday) 2009

Got to the office at 9:54. Weather is foggy but ok.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Japan's largest single dinosaur fossil discovery. BBS is fine. Forum had nothing I needed to read. APOD has a stupid picture of some people looking at the sunrise, which is NOT astronomy! Sudoku 3:32. Web crawl completed at 3pm. Lunch was a nice French dip sandwich.

**Email:** Jay W from VBAM about getting their book printed. Jean's daily reports. Sample PDF contract from SJG. Tos Crawford about G3A and the ICEC. I wrote a blog and Emailed it to Jean. The sign company doing the sign on the door (who are already three weeks late) called to say they won't do it today

(which was their last promise), so I fired them.

**Primary work:** The computer suffered a second catastrophic crash at 3pm and I got nothing else done. Building carpenter list: Cut down a pallet to use as a bulk printer paper rack.

## MY DAY: 21 March (Saturday) 2009

Got to the office at 11am after running errands and having a huge country breakfast. Weather is quite warm.

**First Trip:** Doyle arrived shortly after I did, and spent about an hour rebuilding my computer, replacing the logic board, and restoring almost all of the data. However, at 1pm, the power transformer (on a pole a block away) blew and shut down power for several blocks. A phone call to the power company said we would not have electricity until 5pm, so Leanna and I went to Walmart, then home. I walked Ramses and took a nap, and got back to the office at 5pm (the "start" of the normal day's work). I started the balky Lacie drive copying to the new heavy-duty drive named KANG, but this is going to take most of a week.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: new species of Confuciusornis. Industry mailing lists: Somebody was doing an article about women in the game industry. BBS is fine. Forum is fine. APOD has a map of the sky in gamma rays. Sudoku 3:08, a very good time. Web crawl completed at 6:48pm. I did not have lunch as I had a huge country breakfast at 10:30am. Starlist request from North Carolina rejected as it had no zip code. Out box has 67 emails. Old in box down to 470 and back to 27 May 2005. BBS Reduction Project: Worked some on the August 08 compilation. Work sent to Eric: Corrections to his work on Commander's Circle. Read FYEO for 8 Dec. I spent an hour writing a long memo about a problem that I am going to have to solve.

**Email:** GAMA says that the only list of exhibitors they have posted is for GTS-Vegas, not for Origins, so whoever thought we were not going to Origins was reading a list for the wrong show. Email from TeamFC about how much Briefing #2 will be delayed. Mike West made another ruling for FC that I have to put into the Reference rulebook. Somebody reported a site with illegal copies of our products, but we knew about it (they're a foreign company that we're having trouble shutting down, but should be able to shut down next week).

**Old Email:** (326 pending after morning triage.) I did not work on any of these as I was mostly transferring files from Lacie to KANG. I don't want to do any serious work on files on the Lacie and fairly few have transferred to KANG, and since the system files have to transfer first, that means not much real work tonight, but some administrative cleanup. Also, the computer gets "jumpy" when it's transferring files in the background.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Sent an email to the staff but did no work on this. I will set the FC folder transferring when I leave at 11pm.

**MSSB:** Did Jean's hard-copy reports on R9.79, capitalize Gatling, decapitalize Aegis, 82, 83, 84, F&E in italics, 92, hyphen in mech-link, 97A, 101, 111, 121, A2, F4, PF, PF1, PF2, and N3. Went home at 11pm.

## MY DAY: 22 March (Sunday) 2009

Got to the office at 3pm. Weather is overcast but warm.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Rich people with private fossil collections. (This upsets scientists who think they should get all the fossils for free, and who point out that if a bone hunter extracts a fossil and sells it, most of the real scientific data is lost). BBS is fine. Forum is fine. APOD has the death of a sungrazer comet. Sudoku 3:14. Web crawl completed at 4pm. Lunch was roast and potatoes at home. BBS Reduction Project: Finished August, sent to Eric, deleted 40 posts.

**Email:** Jean's reports.  
Went home at 5:30pm.

## MY DAY: 23 March (Monday) 2009

Got to the office at 8:30. Weather is clear and cool.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Uproar because somebody is auctioning a bone that just MIGHT be a new genus of sauropod. Industry mailing lists: girls in game design. BBS and Forum are fine. APOD has a gorgeous photo from the large Magellanic cloud. Sudoku 3:18. Web crawl completed at 9:56. Lunch was roast beef at Marizons. Starlist 92020. Out box has 66 emails. Old in box down to 460 and back to 26 April 2005. BBS Reduction Project: did September dayblog archive and deleted 30 posts. Work sent to Eric: Upload dayblog archive, add link to FC playtest file. Read FYEO for 9-10 Dec 08. Clutter Box reduction project: cleaned out one box from Jean's office. Building carpenter list: Re-scaled the front-door graphic for Leanna and the new sign company. I did the first step of the FC DK bonus cards for FCOL. Reviewed the 30x42 posters made from game covers to become new wall art. Phone call from a Canadian retailer who could not get the Canadian wholesaler to stock Galactic Conquest. We arranged to send the two copies she wants to the wholesaler on consignment.

**Email:** Jean's BBS report and meds reminder Somebody asked when fantasy & scifi conventions we were going to have a booth at. Somebody I have been trying to make a deal with for four years reported that he will send an Email in a few days. PD Staff discussing Arcturia's companion star. My aunt Joyce said she would come to the party on Friday.

**Old Email:** (330 pending after morning triage.) 1-somebody trying to contact a playtest group in Houston. 2-Jean's revision to Cygnus file. 3-Origins event contact. 4-Note from Eric about improving certain search engine results. 5-Email from someone about the party. 6-Mike West staff note. 7. Note from Patrick Doyle on articles he is writing. 8. Another note about a party invitation. 9. Jean's draft of Antares. 10-14. PD memos on Andor. 15. Mike West report on Kzinti MidYr POL. 16. Mike West memo on Kzinti ship conversions for middle years. 17. Mike West memo on Gorn ship conversions for middle years. 18. Mike West memo on Tholian ship conversions for middle years.

**Stacks Report:** Did about half of Communique 40. Sent Petrick query on more playtest stuff. Sent an update to the playtest page to Eric. Sent Eric the Kzinti fighter pictures to use in April Hailing Frequencies. Did the Silent Star Fleet contract revisions and mailed it. Stacks Report at 21%.

**MSSB:** Did reports on R9.A2 through the end. I now just lack the "alibi" file, items that I had to ask people about.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Kzinti DF and POL. Sent Kzintis to Staff for checking. Did Gorn DN, CC, CA, CL, DD, FF. Sent Gorns to Staff for checking. Did Tholian C, POL. Sent to staff.  
Went to Robinson's for quick dinner. Went home at 8:30pm.

## MY DAY: 24 March (Tuesday) 2009

Got to the office at 9am. Weather is clear and cool.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Use of literature instead of visiting bones to write papers. Industry mailing lists: Article in WIRED about Settlers of Cataan. BBS ok. Forum ok. APOD has a Mars photo. Sudoku 3:29. Web crawl completed at 9:56am. Lunch was steak at Logan's. Out box has 70 emails. BBS Reduction Project: Did October dayblog compilation, sent it to Eric, and deleted 30 posts.

**Manual Labor:** Worked with Steve Petrick on Operation Gulag IV (closing it down and consolidating it with Taylor, the last step of the "move") which took most of the day.

**Email:** Jean's reports were all I had in the morning.  
**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Orion CA.

## MY DAY: 25 March (Wednesday) 2009

Got to the office at 8:55. Weather is cold, but above freezing.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Triceratops Was A Social Animal. Industry mailing lists: Titan Games new store. BBS is fine (Smoot-Halley, anyone?). Forum has 11 topics with new posts. APOD has Orcus, the anti-Pluto. Sudoku 3:22. Web crawl completed at 10:50. Lunch chicken-pasta veggies (Cheddars). Starlist 77073. Out box has 65 emails. Old in box down to 450.

BBS Reduction Project: Did November compilation of dayblog and sent to Eric; deleted 30 posts. Work sent to Eric: total rebuild of RPG section. Read FYEO for 11-12 Dec. Clutter Box reduction project: Cleaned one more box out of Jean's office. (These are "clutter boxes" which were full of stuff when in the old building). Building carpenter list: Petrick and Mike completed Operation Gulag IV without my help. Sent Lyran CF card to FCOL.

**Email:** Jean's BBS report and meds reminder. Lots of Briefing #2 reports. Somebody pointed out (correctly) that the RPG part of the website is a total mess so I told Eric to go fix it without giving him ANY instructions what to do. We'll see how that works out. Another artist looking for work. Sent a lot of emails delaying the Open House.

**Staff Meeting:** Leanna delayed the open house one week due to an expected show storm. Petrick reported that the Gulag was evacuated. Mike had some examples of the new minis shipment. SVC said he expected to release Briefing #2 on 6 April. Later follow-up meeting confirmed that all guests had been contacted and discussed a proposal from a wholesaler to try a promotion to get us into more stores.

**Old Email:** (329 pending after morning triage.) Copied the FCB2 reports to the file, deleting about 25.

**Stacks Report:** 29%.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Orion SAL, CR, LR. Sent the four Orions to the staff. Hydran TEM.

Went home at 8pm.

## MY DAY: 26 March (Thursday) 2009

Got to the office at 10am (Leanna is sick, and I stayed home until she was ok to leave by herself). Weather is cold and is scheduled to snow tonight. The sign company came and installed the logo and the window-tinting company replaced the crappy blinds with a white window film, and the front door now looks incredibly professional. See the office tour.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: How did sauropods get so big? BBS is fine. Forum has 7 new posts. APOD has a fairly boring star cluster. Sudoku 3:05 (very good). Ann Coulter's column exposes the dirty little secret: Wall Street is run by Democrats, not by Republicans. Web crawl completed at 11:05. Lunch was the turkey special at J's (as it is every Thursday). Starlist 75061. Out box has 66 emails. Old in box down to 440 and back to 13 April 2005. BBS Reduction Project: Set up December compilation but didn't do much on it. Work sent to Eric: photo tour #3. Read FYEO for 13 Dec. Building maintainance list: Did photo tour #3. Mike and Steve Petrick went to Taylor Warehouse to spread tarps over the inventory before the snowstorm hits and we find out for the first time if the roof leaks.

**Email:** Jean's reports. Team FC reports on Briefing #2. Somebody asked if we sell stands for his old minis. Explained the Cygnus protocol to Jean.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: The rest of the Hydrans were done and sent to the staff.

I left at 6pm so I could be home safely before the bad weather is scheduled to hit at 8pm.

## MY DAY: 27 March (Blizzard day) 2009

Stayed home due to the bad weather.

## MY DAY: 28 March (Saturday) 2009

Got to the office at 10am. Weather is cold. Snow in drifts up to two feet deep. Clear skies and no precipitation or wind.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Ramphoryncus. Industry mailing lists: Optimal length for RPG books. BBS is find. Forum had 11 active topics. APOD has a photo of one of the pieces of that asteroid that landed in Sudan. Sudoku 3:17. Web crawl completed at 11:38am. Lunch was roast beef and veggies at Furr's. Starlist had some updates from a guy who got his list last week. Out box has 67 emails. Old in box down to 430 and back to 11 April 2005. BBS Reduction Project: did about half of

December compilation.

**Email:** Over 600 in 36 hours, of which all but a dozen were spam, and that's just the 600 that came through the filters, which stopped nearly 3,000. Jean's daily reports and reminders. FCB2 reports from Tony Thomas. PDFeds discussions by the staff covering Rimworld, Cygnus, and other things. The troublesome C7 molds. Gary reported somebody who just happened to be using initials similar to one of our products, but we don't own the initials. Details of PDF deal with Steve Jackson.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Did the preliminary work on the Lyrans and sent the Lyran DNE to Mike West (since it was a new build, i wanted one guy to find all I missed without wasting everybody's time).

Leanna decided we were leaving at 5:30pm.

## MY DAY: 29 March (Sunday) 2009

Got to the office at 10:15am. Weather is clear and cool. Snow (where piled by drifts or snowplows) continues to melt.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: What spinosaurus ate. Industry mailing lists: copyright complaints about a website. BBS is ok. Forum has five active topics. APOD has a supernova in a spiral galaxy. Sudoku wasn't working right because the hard disk is trying to index. Web crawl completed at 10:50. Lunch was turkey dinner at Calico. Out box has 68 emails. BBS Reduction Project: Finished the Dec 08 dayblog compilation and sent it to Eric to upload. Read FYEO for 14+15 Dec. Worked with Steve Petrick on the final ship selections for FCB2.

**Email:** Jean's reports. Staff reports on FCB2.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Seven Lyran ships, and fixed the DNE that Mike West and Petrick reported on; sent Lyrans to staff.

Went home at 7pm.

## MY DAY: 30 March (Monday) 2009

Got to the office at 8:46am. Weather is cool and clear.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Coelophys. Industry mailing lists: nothing much. BBS ok. Forum ok. APOD has a mud volcano on Mars -- fascinating. Sudoku 3:01, very good. Web crawl completed at 9:30. Lunch at Dennys. Read FYEO for 16-17 Dec 08. Worked with Steve Petrick on ship selections for FCB2.

**Email:** Lots of Emails saying "Free Viagra"; I cannot find this country on the map. TeamFC is discussing selections for the last 14 ships in FCB2. Mike West sent Pulsar and Nebula rules for FC; Tony Thomas wrote the Black Hole rules. Jean's usual reports and reminders. An Email with an idea for a new game. Todd Boyce did a revised Klingon fighter. F&E guys wanted a copy of Fifth Power for Origins. Several Emails with VBAM about possible game projects.

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Lyran BCE, HFF; sent to staff. Set up the rulebook pages for ships and sent them to the staff. Did the four WYN ships. Since they are "new builds" I only sent them to Petrick and West.

Went home at 7:30pm.

## MY DAY: 31 March (Tuesday) 2009

Got to the office at 9am on the dot. Weather is clear & cool.

**Daily Routine:** Dinosaur list: Neoceratodus africanus. Industry mailing lists: Dark Tower. BBS ok. Forum has 6 actives. APOD has a gorgeous nebula. Sudoku 3:25. Web crawl completed at 9:30am. Lunch was ribs at Country Barn. Starlist 32955. Out box has 72 emails. Old in box down to 420 and back to 8 April 2005. BBS Reduction Project: Did the January dayblog compilation. Read FYEO for 18 December. I have finally faced the fact that I'm never going to catch up. Tomorrow, I will "abandon" the last 100 days and start reading FYEO the day it arrives.

**Email:** Mike West report on WYN ships. An Email about a business deal. An email asking if Star Fleet Assault might be done with minis and without hexes. Jean's daily report.

**Old Email:** (312 pending after morning triage.)

**Primary work:** Briefing #2: Finished the four WYNs and sent them to the staff. Did the Klingon G2 and F5C. Did the Romulan KE4R and KF5CR. Hydran Saracen and Pegasus. Sent to staff. Sent staff a memo to pick the last six ships (armed freighters, small aux cruiser and light monitor, Fed OCA and CLH, Klingon D6J and F5J, flat-faced Lyran DD and FF, Peladine, Vudar, Tholian DPCs, specialty freighters. Did the Mike West report on the Middle Years ship list.

Went home at 6:15pm to take Ramses hunting. He had a good walk but found nothing to chase.

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