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

Got here: Got here at 8:30am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. New Sauropod.
2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.
3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing important.

4. Various reports on CL36 stuff, including a lot of proofreading from Jean.

5. Somebody sent an appeal to the CVP no heavy fighter rule but that starship left the stardock years ago.

6. Chuck said he's back and I'm prioritizing sending him scenarios for F&E for CL36.

Checked the BBS. Seems calm.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:45am

I did find, buy, and receive the missing civil war book.

Pending Mail on hand: 62 Yesterday, 62 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 211 yesterday, 228 today

Blog: New Year's Greetings

FYEO: Read nothing... skipped it today to work on CL36

F&E stuff: No SIT reports, so I cannot work on that. No reports on the FEAR Q&A so I cannot work on that either. Worked on F&E Scenarios for CL36 Instead, and did the CL36 SIT and the WYN SIT.

LUNCH: Barbeque at Country Barn. The new owners have really improved what was already excellent barbeque.

Captain's Log #36: Determined to put some points on the board, I put the 11 finished SSDs into pagemaker and did the first draft of the MSC (90% finished) first thing this morning, which let Petrick finish up his work on them. Sent "eagle spreads its wings" to Chuck about 1:30. Sent the "two powers war" to the F&E staff at 2:20. Did the SIT for the F&E version of the new ships. Sent a bunch of stuff to Jean. Designated 20 "easy kill" pages for tomorrow's target-rich hunting day. I hope to get at least 12 done. I especially want to get the SSDs, MSC, and ship descriptions out to be checked (volunteers contact me by Email) so the F&E boys can figure out the SIT.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY THOUGHT OF THE DAY

It's good to feel like you're making progress.

Shutting down at ... 7:30pm.

MY DAY: 2 January (Wednesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 8:00am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Debating bite power of tyrannosaurids.
2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.
3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing important.
4. Somebody invited me to do a podcast.
5. Report from Mike West on FC CWLs for CL36.

Checked the BBS. Seems calm.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:23.

Mail & phone calls during the day:

1. Matt stopped in for a few minutes and fixed that goof I made on the web site product release schedule.

2. Interesting Email on creation science (not for the reasons creationists thing its interesting).

3. Somebody asking about the old CapLogs and offering to help; sent to Leanna.

4. Assorted CL36 reports.

Starlist: 90504, 53532; both done.

Blog: Petrick did it.

LUNCH: steak at Logan's Roadhouse.

RANDOM EVENT #1: Long phone conversation with printer.

Captain's Log #36: Determined to put some points on the board, I targeted 20 "easy kill" pages with a goal of doing at least

12 of them. I finished the one FC scenario I had already started working on at 9:30, and a second one (which wasn't even on the easy target list but was easy to do) at 10am. It took until 10:46 to update the MSC with the last of Petrick's scribbles; I did this so that when he sends me the ship descriptions in a few hours I can Email out the SSDs. After lunch I did the Venue section, which took about two hours and is four pages (and 7 line items). Did Fog of War, 3 pages, which brought me to 10. This isn't going fast enough. Did the ship descriptions, which gets me to 11. Did the F&E SIT, which got me to 12, and that was my goal, and I need to go do some non-CL36 things.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

MY DAY: 3 January (Thursday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:00am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list.
2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.
3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing important.

4. Jean sent me my list of things to do for the day. I'm glad somebody does that (after nine years! Finally!) so I can avoid wandering off working on something less critical that somebody mentioned in an Email or something.

5. Nice note from Fictional Reality.

6. New year's card from an old state guard buddy. Some of our friends are being sent to Mexican Border duty (armed and paid).

7. Lots of CL36 reports, mostly from Jean, also from Gary Plana, Paul Franz, and others.

8. Note from Loren Knight on art. He also asked if we would be printing the Star Fleet Assault counters in March (no, we won't, that game is far from ready to publish, and technically isn't even ready to playtest, although some are testing it anyway).

9. Continued efforts by Petrick to contact Robert Cole, one of our veteran expert SSD checkers.

Checked the BBS. Had to employ nuclear artillery on Jeff Wile's country in the Game of Nations. Sorry about the mess.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11pm.

Mail & phone calls during the day:

1. Assorted CL36 reports.

2. Leanna and Matt were doing a new cover for the reprint of Module M and we had to raise the price as costs have gone up about 40% since then.

LUNCH: Bowling Alley

RANDOM EVENT #1: A while ago, I set up an Email folder for incoming reports. During my depression period, I tossed in a bunch of stuff that wasn't reports but that I didn't want to deal with (turning it into a "things to do when I feel better" folder). Today, I went through the whole folder, and edited the subject lines so that the product being reported on is listed first and the reports sort into some kind of order. Lots of non-report stuff was sent to other folders, answers, or discarded. This cut the file from 221 to 178, and I found several CL36 articles and scenarios that had gone missing.

Captain's Log #36: Quick point on the board, I did a third FC scenario; the fourth page will go for tournament rules.

I set aside today to work on the story. We've never done this before. I sent the text one page at a time to Jean, who proofread it and made dozens of trivial spelling/punctuation/grammatical changes, and added a few comments and questions. I just take each page, resolve what she asked/noted (if there is anything), and then hope that the formatting doesn't blow up (and it did not) Page 1 ok at 12:23, page 20 at 2:12, final searches at 2:20, printed check copies at 2:25.

FC Line of Battle: Matt worked on the cover.

FC Briefing #1: Matt worked on the cover.

PD d20 Modern: Matt worked on the cover.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Organizing the reports folder made me feel good and made me want to work on the MSSB again.

Shutting down at ... 6:30

MY DAY: 4 January (Friday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 8:30am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control. She pointed out a question I needed to answer.

3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing. Neither generated enough posts to kick out an archive today.

4. Assorted CL36 reports: Paul Franz on his articles. Jean Sexton on snapshots, 10 questions, Input Guide, the story. Jeff Laikind and Jerry Contu on 530. FC ship cards from Art Trotman. Tony Thomas reports on FC Scenarios. Frank Brooks on his PBEM pages, SSDs, Venues, Fog of war.

5. Report on Communique 25 by Jean Sexton.

6. Revised F&E Scenario from Chuck Strong.

7. More art from Loren Knight.

8. Memo from Adam Turner on art.

9. Report on F&E SIT project from Jeff Laikind.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:33 but I only got it done that fast because I focused on doing so, and didn't get distracted to do reports as I opened them.

Blog: Petrick posted one I wrote.

1. Un-filed old mail: 432 yesterday, 432 today.

LUNCH: Corndogs.

Captain's Log #36: Quick point on the board, the five page F&E Scenario was sent out to the staff by 10:30. Kudos to Chuck Strong for this fast turnaround during a difficult period. Kudos to Petrick for his excellent UPDATE article which was in such good shape it put 3 more points ... uh pages... on the scoreboard before lunch. Processed all of Nick's questions (well, other than the two pages in the "I just cannot deal with this crap now" file) and turned them and the leftovers from CL35 into three pages and sent that to the staff (twice, I found some questions I left out). Matt finished the cover; It's ready for Monday morning. Petrick finished up the two pages of term papers, bringing "my" score for the day to 17 pages finished. Inspired, I waxed rhetorical on the F&E update page, bringing the day's total to 18 and the overall total to 98. I lost a page somewhere as the page count sheet says 99. Oh well.

FC Line of Battle: Matt worked on the cover. I wrote up the text he needed. It's ready for Monday morning.

FC Briefing #1, 18 Feb: Matt worked on the cover. I wrote the text he needed for it. It's ready for Monday morning.

PD d20 Modern, 18 Feb: Matt worked on the cover. Petrick and I tweaked it and approved it. It's ready for Monday morning.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY THOUGHT OF THE DAY

It's good to have Matt back from Vacation.

Shutting down at ... 6:00

MY DAY: 5 January (Saturday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:45am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Discussion of "artistic cowardice" in not showing certain Jurassic dinosaurs with feathers.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing.

4. Assorted CL36 reports: Jean Sexton on FC scenarios, igneous, venues. Mike Curtis and Chuck Strong on F&E Q&A.

5. Question from Adam Turner about art.

6. Jean Sexton report on FC Briefing #1.

7. Somebody got a Revision-3 rulebook a year and a half after we did revision 4 and wanted to know what to do.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl

FYEO: Read ... through today. At least I plan to, not quite finished as I post this.

LUNCH: Texas Roadhouse.

RANDOM EVENT #1: Since the input guide for CL36 is done, I typed a few notes into the input guide for CL37 and posted them on the BBS.

RANDOM EVENT #2: I had to go count and close two minis

contests in order to identify and list the winner in CL36.

Captain's Log #36: I read the F&E TacNote file at home last night and went ballistic this morning over the horrid use of unintelligible jargon used in some papers. I also read the FC battle tactics article last night and made further notes about the proper format. I put the battleship article into the issue and formatted it, 3 pages down. I put Petrick's tournament rules into the issue and printed the out for his review before sending them to the staff. He fixed a couple of typos and sent it out. Did the intro page for Fed Commander (which included the tactics). I did the Starline minis page and sent it to a few people I thought might be interested. Petrick gave me three scenarios which filled six pages. I did the comms page.

FC Line of Battle: Leanna-Petrick-SVC reviewed cover.

FC Briefing #1, 18 Feb: Leanna-Petrick-SVC reviewed cover.

PD d20 Modern, 18 Feb: Leanna-Petrick-SVC reviewed cover.

I'm tired, but it's a good tired.

Shutting down at ... well, it's 6:30 but I'll be here until I finish FYEO which could be 30-45 minutes.

MY DAY: 6 January (Sunday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 2:30pm for a few hours.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Nothing.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing.

4. Assorted CL36 reports: Laikind on everything. Moellmer on tournament. Jean on lots of things. Art Trotman on FC scenarios.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl: The usual

LUNCH: Leanna cooked stew at home.

Captain's Log #36: I read through much of the issue last night and marked a few things. Petrick gave me the AA reports (one page) and the F&E Tacnotes (3 pages) so I did those and sent them to Jean. With Chuck's report and Petrick's help, I fixed the problem with the F&E scenario. Ready for Matt to finish cover.

FC Line of Battle: Asked Staff for more battleship scenarios.

FC Briefing #1, 18 Feb: Asked Staff for more scenarios.

I could have worked more but I'd like to have SOME home life. Shutting down at ... 6pm.

MY DAY: 7 January (Monday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. GAMA is considering alternating the GTS show between east and west coasts, odd years, even years. East Coast guys all for it especially if it is in THEIR city, so when they finally pick a spot they might not get such strong support. Alliance seems to have cancelled the east coast show for this year to spend the time running a show in Vegas.

4. Assorted CL36 reports: Jeff Laikind on when he'd have his Gencon Report. Jean on Victory at Origins, campaign update, F&E Q&A, starline. Chuck Strong on F&E Intro page. Filsinger on tournaments.

5. Adam Turner uploaded the Briefing #1 cover.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl completed at: 4:51pm, after I had finished CL36.

Pending Mail on hand: 78 Yesterday, 80 today.

Blog: Petrick posted something. Should I read it?

LUNCH: plate lunch at Maddy's Diner.

Captain's Log #36: Matt finished the cover and sent it to press. Jean asked for the text of the term papers file because (given that 12 different people wrote it) there are typos, style book problems, grammar problems, punctuation problems, and

other problems in every single line. Petrick had done the two story scenarios Sunday, so (rather than doing Growler which for some reason I find tedious) I did those three pages before lunchtime. Then I did the rest, removed five pages, rebalanced the page count, did the Table of Contents, posted the preview Table of Contents.

FC Line of Battle: Matt finished the cover and sent it to press. I did one of the three scenarios and sent it to the staff.

FC Briefing #1, 18 Feb: Matt finished the cover and sent it to press.

PD d20 Modern, 18 Feb: Matt finished the cover and sent it to press.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY THOUGHT OF THE DAY

An east coast GTS could be amusing as it would let us meet new retailers we don't see at GTS-Vegas.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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MY DAY: 8 January (Tuesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 7:30am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. The annual list of new dinosaurs has been published. I put it on the BBS.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Debating Mac vs PC for graphic design.

4. Assorted CL36 reports: Seventeen reports from Telenko on rule 530. Jean reported on

5. F&E guys want to check the Hydran DN history they checked six months ago, and the F&E scenario Petrick is "fixing" since it uses 80% of the Romulan Fleet to attack the Tholians.

6. Got Jeff Laikind's page-and-a-half-report on Gencon. You ask a chemical engineer for two paragraphs and this is what you get. Oh well, I'll take out the F&E scenario to have room for it.

7. I keep getting this spam stuff that says "January 70% off" and various other percentages from 60% up to 85%. If it hits 90% I might actually go see what they're selling.

8. More CL36 art from Loren.

9. Report from Petrick on DW FCRs confirming that they have 8 fighter factors of spares.

10. Tony L Thomas finished the last two scenarios for Line of Battle.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 8:39am

1. Assorted CL36 reports.

Pending Mail on hand: 80 Yesterday, 81 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 265 yesterday, 288 today

Starlist: One request received. Did it. Received another one (from Australia this time) and did that, as well.

Blog: Sent Petrick the CL36 Table of Contents and told him to use that for today's blog.

Next Star Fleet Alert: I did one for today listing the three new products, had Jean catch the glaring mistake everybody else missed, and had Mike send it to the trade. Then I did three more, one for each product with more information, and sent those to Jean to review overnight so I can send them Wed-Thur-Friday.

35. Communique #25 (January): Finished. Processed the reports on 8 Jan and sent it to Matt. END ITEM.

36. January Newsletter: Need to work on this. 8 Jan, sent Matt all of the stuff he needs for it, but he has to upload the four new Star Fleet Alerts before he can release it on schedule on the 10th.

LUNCH: Taco salad.

I started getting "frantic" (kind of a five-minute nervous breakdown sort of thing) when a file crashed, so Petrick took me around the corner for a double cheeseburger so I would calm down.

Captain's Log #36: Jeff Laikind sent a huge Gencon report. I couldn't use much of it due to a lack of space, but I will have Matt put it on the website and link it in the newsletter. Told the F&E guys to do one. Started doing reports. Got about 15 pages done, which means 25 out of 120 totally finished.

FC Line of Battle: Finished the rule "book" (actually, four

pages of scenarios) and sent it to the staff for checking.

Border Box 6: Did the Star Fleet Alert for it.

Shutting down at ... 10pm

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MY DAY: 9 January (Wednesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 7:15am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Nothing important.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing important.

4. Assorted CL36 reports: Mostly from Jean. Chuck fixed the Hydran DNs, finding mistakes that the F&E staff did not find when they were sent the article the first time. Never did hear from most of the F&E staff about most of the F&E stuff. Tos Crawford sent some info on Fog of War.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 8:08am, and I was doing some other stuff during that time so it wasn't two hours of admin.

Starlist: One request received but it was incomplete. Sent back to be done over.

Next Star Fleet Alert: Matt did the graphics for the three press releases, one each for today, Thursday, and Friday. I did them, sent them to Matt to put on the site, and sent them to Mike to Email one per day.

LUNCH: Taco salad.

1: At dinner last night, Petrick and I had a long chat about going to Iraq with one of the contractors as camp guards. Maybe if Paramount would just sue us and shut us down we could go?

2. Leanna and I watched the season finale of The Hills and wonder if Heidi will have the brains to dump Spencer and if Audrina can figure out that Justin Bobby is a lost cause. And while we hope Lauren and Brody can evolve their friendship into love, it's not always easy to do that. Have fun in Paris, Lauren.

3. I took a two-hour dinner break to go home and move some furniture Leanna couldn't stand to live with for another 3 days. Petrick never took dinner but then he came in at 9am.

4. Major drama as printer didn't like the covers we sent and Matt had to come back in and resend them. He wasn't happy but then neither was anyone else.

5. I think I only had two "five minute nervous breakdowns" and I think I only shot three staffers (two of whom I just wounded).

Captain's Log #36: Sent the Star Fleet Alert for it. Processed reports on F&E rule 530. Did the campaign update. Found a way to count and I still have 99 reports on CL36 to process and not all of the reports have arrived. Finished the Hydran DN article (and destroyed four Hydran DNs in keeping the F&E guys happy). Did the F&E SIT. Took half an hour to re-key all reports to final page numbers, making it easier to match them up. Did table of contents. Fixed fighter history. Fixed the story. Fixed Growler as best I could. There were so many format and typo problems that Jean had to do the file over again and it did not survive the trip to her and back, so I let Petrick fix what he found and moved on. Petrick did the mark ups (but for two) in the Fed Commander's section and dealt with Jean's reports, but had to send some line items back for clarification. Eventually stopped at 10:37 having done 73 pages, but with "re-reports" on over 30 of the 73 we have supposedly finished, and alibis on several of them, for example, scenario graphics.

Border Box 6: Leanna took the cover to the printer.

FC Briefing #1: Sent cover to press.

PD d20 Modern: Sent cover to press.

Shutting down at ... 11pm

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MY DAY: 10 January (Thursday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Nothing important.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Continued discussion of holding a trade show outside of Vegas, with the usually fruitless results.

4. Assorted CL36 reports: Jean Sexton, Mike Filsinger.

5. FC staff helping me find the lost rule on crippled ships 8B2b.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10am.

Blog: Petrick did it.

January Newsletter: Matt sent it out. END ITEM.

LUNCH: Went to favorite BBQ place. Waitress plopped a plate in front of my and said "I changed your order to this to save you \$2 since you obviously wanted the special but couldn't substitute but the cook said I could!" I pointed out that I had ordered the FULL dinner of CHUNKED meat instead of the LUNCH SPECIAL with HALF as much SLICED meat since that was what I WANTED. Also, the food was COLD and the "chopped" meat Leanna got tasted like dirt. Also, toaster was broken so they served rolls that were not cooked all the way through. Called manager, complained, waitress cried that we didn't appreciate her effort, ruined my appetite.

Had to go to printer to check proofs.

Somone who ASKED to be on the press release list COMPLAINED we were sending Spam which required SIX emails and two phone calls with the hosting company.

Captain's Log #36: Checked cover proof at trafton. Finished making "all the changes the proofreaders" found at 9:00pm. Then made all of the "re-reports" from proofreaders who were asked "what does THIS mean?" at 10:15pm. Now we just lack: (for tomorrow), the alibis, the "final pass", the "conversion to PDF", "proofing the PDF", "doing pages over that didn't PDF" very well.

FC Line of Battle: Mike sent out the Star Fleet Alert for it. Checked cover proof at trafton.

Border Box 6: Finished the Star Fleet Alert for it. Leanna checked the proof at Whitney.

FC Briefing #1, Checked cover proof at trafton.

PD d20 Modern, Checked cover proof at trafton.

Shutting down at ... 11pm.

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MY DAY: 11 January (Friday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Nothing important.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Continued discussion of holding a trade show outside of Vegas, with the usually fruitless results.

4. Assorted CL36 reports: Mostly arguing over F&E 530.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10am.

Next Star Fleet Alert: Mike Sent out the alert for the 11th.

LUNCH: Bowling alley, chicken fried steak.

1: Had to go to printer to pick up border box 6 covers.

2. The other printer sent over the covers, but trimmed them from the wrong side, causing us a lot of extra work.

Captain's Log #36: Did the ship names before lunch. Petrick did the "final marks" while I was at lunch. Finally had it ready to print at 7pm and decided that since we were all brain dead we would go home, get some sleep, and print Saturday morning.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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MY DAY: 12 January (Saturday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Nothing important.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Continued discussion of holding a trade show outside of Vegas, with the usually fruitless results.

4. The last CL36 reports.

5. Memo from Jonathan Snyder about doing an E-module. Printed it out to read.

6. Jon Berry had a story idea and I asked him to send me an outline.

7. Loren Knight had a story ready and I told him to send it to me.

8. Courtney Parsons asked if I wanted FC scenarios. (yes).

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: Noon.

Starlist: One from Florida, done. One from Missouri, done.

FYEO: Read ... 6th and 7th.

14A. Art for Squadron Border Box 6. This has been printed and the product ships Monday. END ITEM.

LUNCH: Pizza.

1: Had to run home to pick up the marked up copy of CL36 I spent the night reading so I could fix half a dozen pages. But at least I got to see Ramses trot down the hallway with a mouse in his mouth. I opened the back door and he took his little friend outside.

Captain's Log #36: Replaced the pages, did another check copy. Officially started printing at 10:55. The first book was bound at 4:15pm. Turns out that the accidentally trimmed-backwards covers work great and allow us to do the books a better way. Somebody remind me to do the large print edition.

FC Line of Battle: I finalized the "rulebook" for this product and Leanna started printing it at 4:30. The print run was finished by 5:30. But then, it's a 4-page rulebook.

Border Box 6: We got the battleships Friday (I forgot to mention this) and the covers and started packing Border Box 6 today. I did the "instructions" to explain which one was which.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY THOUGHT OF THE DAY
Ran a survey to see which of the ABBA filksongs I should sing at Origins. 3 people voted for SOS, 5 for "give a ship to me" (Take a chance on me), 7 for Rolandus (Fernando), and 11 for "This is me, killing you" (Knowing me, knowing you). But 127 voted for "none of the above".

Shutting down at ... 6pm, taking home the leftover term papers and tactical notes to read.

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MY DAY: 13 January (Sunday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Nothing important.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing important.

4. That guy looking for a free trader figured out what to buy.

5. Lots of mail sent to Matt with lists of things to do.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: Sometime.

1. Ryan Opel called about my transfer to Iraq.

1. Un-filed out-bound mail: 605 yesterday, 631 today.

2. Warehouse: I personally packed the Line of Battle print run since everybody else was busy. Of course, Leanna folded the rules sheets and Mike had pre-packed the ship cards weeks ago.

LUNCH: Turkey, mashed potatoes, & gravy. Made it a point not to send back for seconds.

Captain's Log #36: Added to shopping cart.

FC Line of Battle: Packed the print run.

Border Box 6: Resolved the Reaper invoice.

FC Briefing #1: Updated the FC MSC and formatted it for inclusion.

Shutting down at ... 4:30pm so I could have a relaxing evening and watch the last half of the Cowboys game.

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MY DAY: 14 January (Monday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 8:45am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. A few interesting things.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control. She pointed out some question to me but I had already answered most of them.

3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing important.

4. That guy looking for a free trader

5. I found a sculptor who can do the RPG minis but (a) don't have time to talk to him (b) until we get some RPG books don't I don't need to talk to him.

6. Kerry Harrison from Starjammer Entertainment wanting to know if we would do a version of PD for Savage Worlds. Send standard answer (yes, given someone to write it, reasonable royalties, and some reasonable expectation of a market).

7. Email with Adam Turner about art. He sent what he

thought was PD20M but it was really PD20F. I sent him assignments for the entire year.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.
Daily web crawl was completed at: Not sure I actually did.
Pending Mail on hand: 84 Yesterday, 86 today.
FYEO: Read ...8th. I put 14th into file for later.

Matt: added pictures to the new entries on the cart. Added links on the website master index to the website update list. Uploaded FC MSC to the commander's circle. Sent me images of PD20M and of FCB1 for star fleet alerts. Uploaded preliminary minis photos.

Petrick: Partially dealt with the drogue thing. Moved leftover term papers and such to bulk files.

1. Un-filed out-bound mail: 631 yesterday, 632 today.
2. Warehouse: I had to stop and pack more Line of Battle.
LUNCH: Corn Dogs.

Captain's Log #36:

1. Sent the first wholesaler shipments today.
2. Sent Matt the PDF of the table of contents for the CapLog product info page.

3. Updated the Index of All Captain's Logs and sent that to Matt to put on the CapLog product info page. This had never been done for CL35 and so I included that as well.

4. Created a PDF of the SFBF page and sent that to Matt to put on the SFBF product info page.

5. Matt put the picture of the cover for CL36 on the shopping cart.

6. Note that Leanna put the SSD pack and large print edition, as well as the bound/unbound punched/unpunched options on the cart yesterday.

7. Sent memos to staff, artists, and authors about their free copies and, as the case may be, payments.

8. Added the F&E SIT entries from CL36 into the various Master SITs.

9. I constructed the 10-point large print edition, but the sixteen PDF files have to be assembled and proofed and some pages will have to be replaced.

FC Line of Battle: Sent the first wholesaler shipments today.

Border Box 6: Sent the first wholesaler shipments today.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

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MY DAY: 15 January (Tuesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:15am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. A bunch of interesting stuff I haven't had time to read.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Nothing important.

4. Update from John Sickels on his FEDERATION project.

5. Discussion with Mike West over improving the procedure (on my end) for FC Q&A. I'm going to have him send all questions and answers for the month to me and I will process them into Communique, changing the answers or the rulebook if/as necessary.

6. Email with Jean about how we're going to get more done (by having her push me and hold me accountable). The plan is to set up weeks of five hard work days, a sixth day for clutter and overflow, and the 7th day to stay home and rest so that the intensity doesn't burn me out.

7. Call from Ken Burnside, who is buying a bunch of our inventory to take to conventions.

8. Art Trotman asked about playtest schedules.

9. Scott Woodward about Savage Worlds.

10. Email going back and forth very fast between Jean and Matt about stuff being uploaded.

11. Heard from Bill Schoeller about his free CL36. I didn't have a current address for him.

12. Chat with Adam Turner about art schedule.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: Well, sometime.

Pending Mail on hand: 86 Yesterday, 100 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 176 yesterday, 177 today.

Blog: Canned blog, day divisible by 3.

FYEO: Read ...9th. I put the 15th into file for later.

Matt: Uploaded stuff I told him to upload.

Petrick: Packed orders, worked on X1R.

LUNCH: Taco Salad.

1: Our contact guy at the building contractor showed up, said he was quitting his employer (who has done nothing on our building in a month) and going with a new and better company, and asked to take our building with him. We agreed, so long as we became a high priority.

2: Had a long conversation with Reaper about problems with the recent miniatures.

Captain's Log #36:

1. Sent the second wholesaler shipments today.

2. Matt uploaded: Index of all Captain's Logs 18-36. SFBF Battleship cards. CL36 contents page.

3. Wrote the publisher's notes and told Petrick to write editor's notes. He didn't think I was serious until about 6pm when I wouldn't let him go home to supper. If he does them tomorrow I will send them to Jean for proofreading.

FC Line of Battle: Sent the second wholesaler shipments today. Alliance, which sent in their order last week, send in a restock (they sold out before we shipped them) for double their previous amount.

Border Box 6: Sent the second wholesaler shipments today. We're going to be in critical shortage on the King Condor due to a high defect rate from Reaper. They are replacing them.

CL#37, May: Ordered the art for Growler. Petrick said he would do six pages of Growler from his existing stockpile.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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MY DAY: 16 January (Wednesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:15am.

1. Dinosaur list. Didn't have time to read it so sent it to the one day grace (ODG) file.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Rick Loomis is going to restart his old E-Zine called Wargamer's Information. Rick is a good guy.

4. Conferred with Adam Turner on how to draw the Fed CX for the cover of X1R.

5. Sent Email to six people who do game reviews to confirm information.

Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at:

1. Heard from Wargamer's Information, Fictional Reality, ; ordered review copies sent.

Immediate Mail on hand: 0 Yesterday, 16 today. This is a new thing I set up. Most mail SHOULD be answered on the day it arrives, but sometimes I miss one for some reason. So rather than let it get pushed off the screen by later mail, I put it in "one day grace period" folder and will do it the next day.

Pending Mail on hand: 100 Yesterday, 86 today.

FYEO: Read ...10th. Posted 6-10. I put the 16th into file for later.

Matt: Uploaded stuff, checked the forum, sent stuff to myspace.

Petrick: did his designer's notes, working on X1R.

Mike: Sent orders, QCed battleships, prepared 60 defective ships (out of 500) for return to Reaper.

2. Warehouse: Packed 60 more F&E grab bags. Each includes five sheets, plus a copy of PQ which is pretty useless but it's not one of the five you are charged for.

48. Send review copies of CL#36 and FCLOB: On 16 Jan, I sent six reviewers requests to confirm they still do reviews and for current shipping addresses. Review copies will be sent out as we receive confirmations that they are still in the review business.

LUNCH: Turkey at Furr's.

The bookbinder suddenly stopped working. We have enough to send the US wholesalers, but not to Canada, UK, staff, or mail orders. Called the manufacturer, who said a technician would call us in a day or two, and that we needed to have a volt-meter on hand so he could walk us through diagnostics to identify the

blown part, which they can then FedEx to us.

Captain's Log #36:

1. Sent the third wholesaler shipments today.
2. Did the "just released" alert and gave it to Mike to send tomorrow.

3. Sent Leanna a note to do the copyright documents, but she won't do them until February with two other products.

4. Sent the Input Guide to Matt and sent him the capitalization list to upload.

5. completed finalization process.

FC Line of Battle: Sent the third wholesaler shipments today.

Prepared the "just released" alert for Mike to send Friday.

Border Box 6: Sent the third wholesaler shipments today.

Squadron 16-17-18, 18 Feb: Long conversation with Reaper yesterday means these will be on time. Paid them \$40 to fix a defect John made in the Lyran DNL. Told Matt to send me cover images so I can do the alert.

Shutting down at ... 6pm

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MY DAY: 17 January (Thursday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 8am

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Dinosaur list. Didn't have time to read it so sent it to the one day grace (ODG) file. With the last five.

2. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

3. Industry mailing lists. Guys were looking for places to buy dice, and quickly were given two sources. Strange industry. Can you imagine Ford asking General Motors where they can get a good deal on bolts?

4. Distribution discussion with another company.

5. Ben Haggard Emailed about getting is free copy. The way we do this is he "orders" it on the cart but doesn't pay for it, and uses special instructions to tell Leanna that it's a freebie. Leanna then matches his "order" with the Email from me saying he gets one, and it goes out through the normal process.

6. Discussion of minis with John Schneder.

7. Discussion of SSDs with Sir John Hacker.

8. Adam Turner sent in his new 3d CX for the X1R cover. Gorgeous. Sent to Petrick for his comments. Checked the BBS. Nothing that's a problem.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:15pm, but with many interruptions.

1. Series of phone calls with FastBind figured out what part was bad and got two spares on the road to us.

2. A game review outfit seems to have changed to review only computer games so I took them off the review list. The other review places were sent to Mike to be sent games.

3. Two people who got Star Fleet Alert bounced and I sent them to Mike to be deleted.

Blog: Petrick posted the last reserve blog. Uh-oh.

FYEO: Read ...12th, 13th, 14th, 15th. I put the 17th into file for later.

Matt: Uploaded some stuff.

Petrick: Worked on X1R, and on the bookbinder. Answered rules questions.

Mike: Packed orders. Sent Star Fleet Alert.

LUNCH: Steak at Logan's Roadhouse.

After hearing from the bookbinder company, we got the needed replacement part on its way Federal Express.

FC Briefing #1: I sort of looked at part of it.

PD d20 Modern: Conference with Jonathan Thompson, Leanna, Petrick, Jean, and Mike Sparks. We're going to have Mike do the page layouts (Leanna taught him how) so that this project can move ahead without my being the bottleneck.

CL#37, May: I did 3.5 pages of "Why" and gave them to Petrick to read.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY THOUGHT OF THE DAY

I am a game designer. Why am I (SVC) doing page layout (which takes up a lot of my time) when somebody else could be taught that relatively simple task? (Leanna has taught Mike how to do it, and he'll be starting on PD20m next week. If this works, and it should, we'll be going much faster on RPG products since the

hold up has been getting me (SVC) to take time away from running the company or designing products to do page layouts.

Shutting down at ... 7:30pm.

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MY DAY: 18 January (Friday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:15am. Weather is clear, cold, and windy. Leanna came in with me to make sure I don't work late. I'm pretty exhausted from too many long nights.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

1. Shawn Hantke sent a list of cart minis without painted photos. You guys need to get busy!

Checked the BBS. Jean already handled the only problem, and no, it wasn't the first time that guy had an illegal post deleted.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:54am (I refused to be interrupted).

One Day Grace file; determined to do ten items before lunch.

1. Gorilla con wants to trade ad for box of games. Told them where to get the ad, and to drop me an Email when to confirm they would run it.

2. DINOSAUR digest 4163.

3. DINOSAUR digest 4164

4. Peter J. Van Horn asked if he could buy special formats (unbound, hole punched) through his local store. YES! His store just orders them through our cart and gets the discount terms on the website under retailers. It does have to be a REAL local brick and mortar store.

Jonathan Thompson sent in a proposal to do PD books for the new Mongoose Traveller open license. Assuming that there is no cost, this is a PERFECT system for us as it is dedicated SciFi fans, not fantasy gamers who might (on a rainy Thursday) play scifi.

6. Steve Petrick clarified a "why" question for me, clearing the file to go to Jean after I fix some typos.

7. Sent Amazon feedback on that book I bought.

8. DINOSAUR digest 4165

9. Randy Green reminded me that he had done a "day of the eagle" story that might work for CL37. I found the story in the file and called it up on my screen to read after lunch.

10. Total Confusion asked for a convention box. I told them where to download the ad and that Mike would send the box when they confirmed that they would run it.

New mail that came in during the day:

1. Leanna checking with me on who got freebies.

2. Jonathan Thompson dropped in to say he would have more info on PD Traveller when he got the new books that aren't released yet.

3. John Schneder dropped me a note discussing doing a Paravian and a Carnivon as a market test.

4. Jean had me fix a typo in the CL36 designer notes.

5. GAMA is taking legal steps against a company selling PDFs of out of print games without permission.

Starlist: One request received (Alaska); done.

Petrick: Working on Tacnotes.

1. Business: Dealing with bookbinder. The thermostat replacement did not fix it, so the technician talked me through a series of tests, found a bad relay, and sold us a new motherboard which will be here Saturday.

30. Ninja Magic deal (drone minis): 18 Jan got reply. Sent him a reply. Got another reply.

LUNCH: Salad buffet at Pizza Hut.

CL#37, May: Petrick gave me 85 pages of F&E Tacnotes to read. I read 28 pages last night. I edited Randy Green's day of the eagle story and gave it to Petrick. If it survives his Green Pen Of Death then we have a cover story.

Shutting down at ... 5pm. Too brain dead to do much.

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MY DAY: 19 January (Saturday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:15am. Weather is clear, cold, windy.

1. Shawn Hantke sent a list of missing cart photos and I uploaded it to the BBS.

2. Ryan Opel asked for an audition for an F&E Staff Job. Sent him the Gorn file.

3. Somebody ask if anybody in Houston Texas could demo ADB products. Any volunteers?

4. Got a note from those guys who were selling illegal PDFs of out of print games from defunct companies who had, on request, removed the games I own the rights to (and some I didn't, maybe just to be sure) but they still list dozens of illegal downloads.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

One Day Grace file; determined to catch up on this.

1. Old industry list I meant to read and finally did.

2. DINOSAUR digest 4166

3. DINOSAUR digest 4167

4. DINOSAUR digest 4168

5. A note from Jean of non-working links; sent to Matt.

New mail that came in during the day:

1. John Carlson sent me an X1R ship but I told him to send X1R ships to Petrick, not to me.

2. Mike Curtis sent me cart photos but I couldn't use them and so he sent new ones.

3. Total Confusion confirmed, Mike given orders to send box.

4. Andy Reid sent in a new idea for a Klingon ship I put in R12.

5. RPG Project: Note to JT about PD20M. Sent long Email to KDL about Fudge. Sent note to Woodward about Savage Worlds (got reply!). Sent Email to a professional D6 writer who previously said he would do conversions for us. That effectively completes the planned RPG day.

Petrick: Cleaned out the F&E Tacnote file and sent me the case studies and longer articles.

Dealing with bookbinder. Replaced motherboard and it still does not work. Will call technician Monday.

4. FC stuff: Did Juggernaut CA and CL.

LUNCH: Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Distant Kingdoms: Did survey of needed minis.

CL#37, May: Petrick gave me 85 pages of F&E Tacnotes to read. I read the last of it last night, style-booked the approved papers, cleared the "suspended" papers (tossed a few, sent a few to my "long articles file", edited a couple for regrade, sent a few back to be done over after we fix special raids).

2. Wrote a one page snapshot article about Smarba and gave it to Petrick to read.

3. Sent Jean the two pages of WHY stuff (down from three when I discovered that the CL34 stuff remaining in the file had never been removed).

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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MY DAY: 20 January (Sunday):

I stayed home. The theory was to help Leanna pick up the house but in fact I spent most of the day sound asleep.

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MY DAY: 21 January (Monday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:10am. Weather is clear, not so cold.

1. F&E SIT reports from Frazier for Gorns and Hydrans.

2. Jean reported that the blog link does not work; sent to Matt.

3. Mike West comments on FCDK ship selection.

4. Paul Franz said that the PBEM Jug-CL I sent worked, so I sent him the Jug-CA.

5. Telenko said he would do demos in Houston.

6. Mark Ewbank was thrilled to hear that Mike Sparks was taking over PD page layout so that SVC is no longer the bottleneck.

7. Dal Dowling had an FC rules question I sent to Mike West.

8. Ryan Opel sent Hydran reports on F&E SIT.

9. Andy Reid sent some thoughts about SFC.

10. Mike West sent his reports on FC Briefing #1 ships.

11. Mike West about some early Tholian ships; I sent this to SPP.

12. Grafton trying to grasp what I'm trying to ask him about which version of his story is the latest one before I read it.

13. Jeremy Gray responding to suggestion for tactics article.

14. K David Ladage about FUDGE project.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:40pm. (web crawl after lunch).

1. Found an FC article from Doyle (Photon Dodge) and put it into the CL37 file. Somebody remind me to read it later. If I read it now, I don't get anything else done on the ODG file.

2. Reviewed a story proposal by Jon Berry.

3. Dal Downing found a mistake in a cart photo; changed description to handle it for now. Might replace it later.

4. DINOSAUR digest 4169

5. DINOSAUR digest 4170

6. DINOSAUR digest 4171

7. DINOSAUR digest 4172

8. DINOSAUR digest 4173

9. DINOSAUR digest 4174 and Caught up!

1. Grafton sent in the current draft of his Vortex story.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 14 Dec 07

FYEO: Read ... 16th.

Bookbinder, arranged to have local general repairman come in and talk on phone to technician in Florida. Still not fixed.

LUNCH: Ham and vegetables (Furr's cafeteria)

PD d20 Modern: Sent Jean memo to remind me to work on it.

CL#37, May: Read the Vortex story and gave it to Petrick. He gave me back the Panzers story to fix but I don't have time today.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Every day, I get Email, and I try to deal with it, but many days I don't. Over 9 years, I have accumulated 4,000 Emails I did not deal with. I'm slowly trying to deal with them, going back about a week every day. Many of those go into the "pending" file and the "one day grace" file, but at least they are somewhere they will be dealt with. (About a year later, in Feb 09, this was down from 4000 to under 700.)

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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MY DAY: 22 January (Tuesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:20am. Wild chill is minus five (F).

Going through Email. The usual spam.

A. Dinosaur list. Read, posted two interesting notes.

B. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

C. Industry mailing lists. Nothing, actually.

1. Lots of Email about the FCDK ship selections, and a final decision was made.

2. Nice note from VBAM understanding the delays.

3. Nice note from Ann Dupuis on Fudge.

4. Note from Gary Carney about an article he wants to write, but I fear that it is so central it would have to be done in-house.

5. Mike West sent some Q&A for FC.

6. John Berry sent some notes on his story but I'll have to answer them in a few days.

7. Mike Bennett sent in a scenario for Briefing #1.

8. old friend Mike Baker just started playing FC and asked some questions. I told him where to find the example article in communique #2 which should clear that right up.

9. Note from Scott Woodard about using FC instead of SFB in Savage Worlds.

10. Scott Tenhoff reports on Hydran SIT.

11. Loren Knight sent in a story for me to read. Not sure when I will have time but it's in my stack.

12. Alliance doesn't understand Leanna's new terms.

13. Several from Matt about the stuff he's uploading.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: who knows?

1. John Schneder sent some minis photos but I asked him to give me photos that had less empty space (the ship bigger in the same size frame).

2. A guy in prison asked to be sent the F&E OB and sent a couple of bucks so I printed him a copy.

One Day Grace Mail on hand: 31 Yesterday, 33 today.

Pending Mail on hand: 88 Yesterday, 88 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 167 yesterday, 166 today.
Un-filed out-bound email: 373 yesterday, 400 today.
Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 7 Dec 07
Blog: Petrick did it.
FYEO: Read 16th.
Matt: Posted and fixed a bunch of stuff on the site.
Petrick: X1R Ship list.

1. Business: Bookbinder. Might be heating element. Part ordered.

4. FC stuff: FCDK ship selection done.

5. SFB stuff: Preliminary X1R ship list posted.

LUNCH: Grilled chicken and salad.

RANDOM EVENTS: Getting the bookbinder not fixed.

Distant Kingdoms: Ship selection completed.

X1R: Preliminary ship list posted 22 Jan.

Shutting down at ... 7pm. (Posting this at 6:30, but I will spend the next 30 minutes cleaning out email and watching the X1R topic for the first questions about what I screwed up on the chart.)

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MY DAY: 23 January (Wednesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:20am. Weather is clear, not so cold.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

C. Industry mailing lists. Dave Wainio, the convention guy for the GPA, was seriously broken up in a skiing accident.

1. Note from Todd Boyce at Ninja Magic about new plasmas and drones he is sending to the investment casting outfit. This produces a metal master to use to make a master mold.

2. Scott Tenhoff sent some comments on the Hydran Xship SIT mess which I passed to the staff.

3. John Schneder sent some more minis pictures. One of the ones he sent is actually one he sent and I paid for over a year ago which was never put on the cart. I wonder if I need to check that list against what I paid for to see if Jolene installed them or not.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11am.

One Day Grace file; I cut this from 40 down to 30. Answered a few, figured out a few were duplications of others, moved a couple to another file after sending a note that I had them.

Discussion with Ninja Magic of methods of doing molds.

FYEO: Read 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th. Posted 11-15, and 16-20.

Matt: Uploaded and cleaned up some stuff.

1. Business: Bookbinder. Part arrived 1:20pm. Repairman "Bob" arrived at 2:00pm. Up and running at 4pm.

3. F&E stuff: SIT (G: need CS; H: need CS).

30. Ninja Magic deal (drone minis): 23 Jan, he sent drone, plasma, and mine sculptures to be recast in metal.

37. Prime Directive Fudge: 22 Jan, nice note from Ann Dupuis.

LUNCH: Salad, lots of salad.

Shutting down at ... 8pm

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MY DAY: 24 January (Thursday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 8:45am. Weather is clear, not so cold.

1. Somebody asked an FC question.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10am.

1. I sent a note to Ann Dupuis about Fudge.

1. Somebody showed me some generic "starship crew" minis that are being marketed.

2. I thought we had an emergency deadline for origins events but I think now we just have to send them one paragraph.

3. Somebody had a question about miniatures.

4. A wholesaler asked about an upcoming product.

1. Business: Meeting with building contractor. Building codes changed the building from 80x80 to 75x95 but the analysis of the codes was WRONG and I proved it. Bathrooms are bigger so all those employees in wheelchairs can use them.

33. Victory by any means Deal: 23 Jan; wrote draft deal and gave to partners to read.

LUNCH: BBQ at a favorite place, which is now under a new owner who seems to think that you're just there to enjoy his interior decorations and don't really care if the food is awful.

1: Bookbinder un-fixed itself. Repairman called.

2. Dentist appointment. Apparently, I'll be going back soon and often for treatments of something I don't understand.

3. Kyocera technician did routine maintenance.

Squadron 16-17-18, 18 Feb: Ships on order, covers ready. Ordered cover for SqBx 19 so we can print four at once.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Heard that WOTC is releasing all three D&D-4 core rulebooks on the same day, which has stores annoyed that this deprives them of two "event days" and that it drives local store customers to buy from Amazon where that big an order means free shipping.

Shutting down at ... 7pm. Still here at 7:30 and probably will be until 8pm or later. Something the dentist did made me sick, too sick to drive. Hoping to feel better soon.

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MY DAY: 25 January (Friday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:00am. Weather is clear, not so cold.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

A. Dinosaur list. Interesting stuff.

B. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

C. Industry mailing lists. A discussion of PDF catalog software. Various discussions of ongoing local conventions. The website selling ripoff copies off zombie copyrights got shut down by their ISP for violating the policy against using copyrights without permission.

1. Long Email discussions last night with another company in the industry about buying one of their magazines. This morning, Leanna was unimpressed with the concept.

2. Chat with Steve Jackson who decided not to license OGRE and GEV to ADB.

3. Email from a guying trying to sell me a bookbinder.

4. Email from Reaper than replacement King Condors will be shipped today. (last time they said date, they were 2 days late.)

5. Ann Dupuis sent a note about FUDGE and said to pour a ring of salt around the building to keep demons away from the bookbinding machine.

6. Paul Cordeiro sent some minis photos for the cart.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: Not really ever finished.

Busy.

1. GAMA got our promotion blurb for the events.

1. Business: Bookbinder is still working.

LUNCH: Bowling Alley. Always good.

Staff meeting.

Shutting down at ... 6pm. Friday, and I'm tired.

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MY DAY: 26 January (Saturday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 10:30am. Weather is clear, not so cold.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

A. Dinosaur list. History channel said "Earth was a firey hell 55 million years ago". Wrong. It was 30-50 degrees warmer than today, no ice at North Pole.

B. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

C. Industry mailing lists. Freeloaders vs Pirates. See Blog.

1. Jean's daily list of things for me to do, and my daily excuses.

2. Adam Turner asked about art for FCDK cover.

3. Reaper tracking number for Monday King Condor shipment.

4. Jean sent several reports on FCB1.

5. Chuck reports on SITs; no more SVC excuses not to do them.

6. Note from Ann Dupuis on Fudge.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: Actually, I never did.

Busy busy.

One Day Grace file; determined to catch up on this.

1. Question about tholian miniature.
2. Contact with somebody who might have minis we can use.

Staff meeting decided that we would not create a new RPG booklet for Free RPG Day because of my backlog of things to do. Starlist: One request, sent.

Blog: Petrick did something. I sent one to Jean for proofing.

1. Business: Leanna printing more Glory/Empire. Special care with bookbinder to avoid defective copies. I updated the Auto-Reject list with suggestions by Jeremy Grey.

3. F&E stuff: SIT (received Chuck's reports). FEAR (staff?). With Chuck's reports, I did the Hydran and Gorn sits, sent the Klingon SIT out for reports, and processed three archives.

LUNCH: very good pizza.

Took an hour off, went home, took Ramses rabbit hunting.

Y2: Set up Excel File.

Shutting down at ... 10:30pm. Leanna said I could work this late if I promised to stay home all day tomorrow.

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MY DAY: 27 January (Sunday),

mostly stayed home to rest and help Leanna around house. Came in for 30 minutes to delete Spam.

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MY DAY: 28 January (Monday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 7am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

A. Dinosaur list. Interesting stuff.

B. Jean's BBS report. All under control. NYPD Blue discussion.

C. Industry mailing lists. Piracy issues discussed.

1. Jean sent some web fixes for Matt.

2. Jeremy and John S offered to help with Origins minis events.

3. Lots of Email about the BBS deletions. Still trying to figure out why it happened. Matt did a backup so it won't happen again.

4. John Schneder sent some seltorian pictures for the cart.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:52pm.

1. discussion about a convention in Vegas at GTS time.

FYEO: Read ... 21 and 22. Downloaded 28th to file.

Matt: Added a link to updates on the index. Did some things to try to fix the BBS deletion issue. Uploaded shopping cart pictures and the revised F&E Battle Board.

1. Business: Called to arrange shipping of "Gibbs", the new bookbinder.

LUNCH: Taco Salad

1: Phone call with City Zoning Commission.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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MY DAY: 29 January (Tuesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

A. Dinosaur list. Interesting stuff.

B. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

C. Industry mailing lists. Nothing much.

1. Jeff Laikind advice on minis scenarios at Origins.

2. Mike Bennett helped me fine lost scenarios.

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:07

1. Several Emails with Wolfcon, a convention we apparently forgot to send a box to (twice).

Pending Mail on hand: 92 Yesterday, 95 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 181 yesterday, 191 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 327 yesterday, 305 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 26 Oct 07

Starlist: 98005, done. 70503. Done.

Blog: Petrick did something.

FYEO: Read ... 23rd, 24th, 25th. Downloaded 29th to file.

Matt: Uploaded a bunch of stuff.

LUNCH: Steak at Montana Mike's.

1: somebody asked me to do three painting guides (Seltorian, LDR, and WYN) and I waited for Jean to put them on

my list of things to do.

PD d20 Modern, 18 Feb: 29 Jan, I sent all but one file to Jean, more than she can read in one night.

Shutting down at ... 5:00 because I have to pick up Isis at the vet and take her home and calm her down.

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MY DAY: 30 January (Wednesday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9:30am.

Going through Email. The usual spam.

C. Industry mailing lists. Lots of discussions about who is having a booth at Origins and Gencon and where it is.

1. Jeff Laikind asked if he could share his DAC program with those running our big minis scenarios at Origins. (sure).

2. Art Trotman asked if I was publishing his scenario. Not yet. (The list I posted is a list of all I have so we know what's lost. His scenario requires a new ship card, and so cannot go into FCB1.)

3. William Hughes and I discussed his story.

4. Jean sent me a to do list and I did all I could, and sent Emails to people who need to send me stuff.

5. Four guys offered to check PD20M stuff, and I sent them all a preliminary assignment to look for d20V3.5 stuff in the chapters that aren't changing to see if they need to change anything. (It's obvious when a whole page changes; it's not that obvious when there is one off-hand D20 thing in the middle of a page of stock SFU background).

Checked the BBS. Jean has it under control.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

1. Request for missing F&E Battle Board (on page 29 chart book)

2. Long delayed answer to Adam about Fed CX cover for X1R.

3. I went through every Email and killed a few, but I'm finding more in old files all the time.

1. More Email with Wolfcon.

2. Sickels sent story fixes I passed to Jean.

Petrick: X1R, Y2, CL37 after action (kzinti fighter drones)

Mike Sparks: Mail orders. Bookbinding. Minis QC.

Matt: Uploaded a bunch of stuff and did a bunch of minis links.

2. Warehouse: Sent non-working airsoft guns back to Tulsa.

3. F&E stuff: Since the staff never answered the FEAR questions, I reorganized and restarted the process and sent questions 101 and 102 to the staff. I also did 3/4 of a page of rulings for CL37.

LUNCH: Corndogs.

Shutting down at ... 6pm (Ok, that's 20 minutes away, and I will work until then, but I am leaving at 6pm).

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MY DAY: 31 January (Thursday) 2008

Got here: Got here at 9am. Snow on the ground. Cold

Going through Email. The usual spam.

Dinosaur list. Jean's BBS report. All under control.

C. Industry mailing lists. Discussion of GAMA plan to let stores by extra buyer badges but not get extra freebies.

1. Guys offering to help with PD20M.

2. Notes from Reaper about the replacement ships.

3. Note from Adam Turner about CX art.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:30am

1. Sent Loren Knight a note about his story.

1. Reaper and getting the restocks we need on order.

2. Tormenting Art Trotman about what ship is in Comm 26.

FYEO: Read ...26, 27. Downloaded 31st to file.

1. Business: Dealing with Reaper invoices.

LUNCH: Furr's, baked fish.

RANDOM EVENTS: Snow.

Omega Five, April: I did a bunch of PF SSDs for Petrick (all he gave me, not sure if all there are). Well, I did the PFs and the PFLs. Next I have to build the flotilla sheets.

Shutting down at ... 7pm

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