

# COMPANY WEBLOG

## ARCHIVE MAR 2008

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### MY DAY 1 March (Saturday)

Worked all day on the countersheets. I don't remember when I got here, when I left, or what I had for lunch.

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### MY DAY 2 March (Sunday)

I came in for three or four hours and worked on the countersheets. Leanna cooked at home.

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### MY DAY: 3 March (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:40am. Snow, wind, cold.

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spam.

**Note:** Any time Dinosaur list or Industry mailing list are not listed, it just means there was nothing important that day.

A. Dinosaur list. New dinosaur found two hours from Amarillo.

B. Industry mailing lists. Huge flap that Amazon is selling the new D&D-4.0 books at 39% off (this is pre-release), driving brick and mortar stores not to order them (and to get really steamed).

Several (11) Emails with Jean, JT, Gary about PD20M project.

Tony Thomas says that the monitor mini is going in the mail.

Reports on counter sheets. Items fixed.

BBS, check it, Jean's report. Jean has it under control.

**(Note,** this function happens every day and I won't mention it again unless there is something more important).

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:18pm.

**This update list is posted every day, but I will delete all but the ones on Monday from this compilation.**

Pending Mail on hand: 117 Yesterday, 117 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 181 yesterday, 180 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 346 yesterday, 359 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 11 June 07.

Un-filed attachments: 1356 on 29 Feb. 1271 on 3 March.

**Blog:** Every day, I posted something about the blog, most of the time "Petrick did it" or "Canned third-day blog" so I will delete these routine entries unless there is some reason to note something special.

**FYEO:** Every day, I posted my progress on reading these reports. I will delete them from this compilation.

**Petrick:** Every day had a mention of what Petrick was doing. (During March, he was working on X1R, Y2, Omega Five.) I will delete these unless there is something special.

**Mike Sparks:** Every day, i had a mention of what Mike was doing, using bookbinding and packing orders. I will delete these unless there is something special.

Matt: Countersheets.

Next Star Fleet Alert: Mike sent the marines alert.

Meeting with contractor #1.

Working on FCBP1 and FCBP1 Countersheet.

Working on Y2 countersheet.

Build a new building. Contractor #1 had a bid, a little lower.

Klingon Armada Deal: sent them reference copies of games.

Silent Death Deal: sent them reference copies of games.

LUNCH: Bowling Alley, Chicken-fried steak.

PD d20 Modern: Pages have been arriving from Jean every day. I saw the Gorns go by.

FC Battle Packs 1-2: did countersheets. (These products were later cancelled.)

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### MY DAY: 4 March (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 8:30am. Cold, trace snow on the ground.

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spam.

Industry mailing lists. Discussion of D&D marketing

practices, past (3.5) and future (4.0). That, and the death of Gary Gyga, caused the number of industry messages to explode.

Five Emails with Jean, JT, Gary about PD20M project.

Reports on counter sheets. Items fixed.

Daily web crawl was completed at: noon.

Somebody noticed that the D5W card in FC lacks the center warp engine. (It's there, but it's on the wrong drawing layer and doesn't print.) Fixed.

Mike West wanted the K7R fleet plasma arcs changed. Ok.

Starlist: One request, 97801, done.

Matt: Countersheets.

Working on FCBP1, FCOA, FCDK FCBP1 Counters.

Working on Y2 and X1R countersheets.

I called to get the forms to do the last thing to settle mother's estate.

Klingon Armada Deal: sent them reference copies of games.

Silent Death Deal: sent them reference copies of games.

LUNCH: Weinerlicious. Those Bavarian skirts are soooo cool.

RANDOM EVENTS 1: Staff meeting.

PD d20 Modern, I saw the Hydrans go by, and Mike sent me the first five "confirmed, finished" pages.

Distant Kingdoms: countersheets to press.

X1R: countersheets to press.

Y2: changed some icons on advice of Iron Crown., countersheets to press.

FC Orion Attack: final fixes, countersheets to press.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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### MY DAY: 5 March (Wednesday)

High winds last night caused considerable damage to the fence, or rather to the metal panels at the top of the fence which keep the bengals in the yard. I did some repairs to it this morning, and came by the office for an hour to see if there were any emergencies (one minor file transmission problem with the counters, solved), but I now have to go get some lumber and screws and stuff and get back to the house to meet the handyman I hired to help me repair it. Until the fence is repaired, the cats have to be kept inside, and given their wild blood, that's going to be a very bloody proposition. So, I needed a day of physical labor to clear my head and de-stress anyway.

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### MY DAY: 6 March (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 10am. Snowing!

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spam.

Industry mailing lists. Creating a new "Gygax award".

Emails with Jean, JT, Gary about PD20M project.

Still getting about one Email per day of somebody who got dropped out of the BBS by the unknown 27 January glitch.

Notes from Mike Sparks on incoming minis and PD20M.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11:09am.

Somebody asked about new monster minis. We are sending the space boar and death probe to casting now. Reaper has good dragons and Iron Crown has a sun snake.

Convention in houston asked for demo copies.

Phone call to Bruce Graw to arrange for minis production.

Matt: Website.

LUNCH: Vegetable plate at Calico County.

Shutting down at ... 5:30pm

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### MY DAY: 7 March (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9am. Clear and cold.

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spams every single day.

Emails with Jean, JT, Gary about PD20M project.

Note from a company in China about plastic space ships.

Notes from Adam Turner about FCDK interior art.

Invitation to attend a convention.

Notes from Jean about BBS topics being deleted.

BBS. Silent Death, Fed member ships, F&E production form.

Fed Commander Forum: Master rulebooks, alliances, tugs.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:33

Several PD20M items from various files sent to Jean.

Discussion with Adam Turner and three fiction authors about doing a graphic novel.

Email from last June about Seltorian language, told Loren to turn it into a CapLog article.

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### MY DAY, 8 March 2008, Saturday

A rare Saturday off. I am jumpy and nervous and cannot figure out what to do with the day off other than vegetate, but I need to get some stuff done around the house. Working the hours I do, if I'm at home, I'm either unconsciously or watching just enough TV to keep tivo from overloading. (I still have some pre-strike shows to watch.) Lots of stuff is half-done and sitting in the way. For three months, getting to the home computer has meant climbing over a cabinet we have to move to get the exercise room back to where we could exercise (something that has also never happened). I came by the office to clear the Email because the 600 or so that get through the spam filters every day would destroy my mailbox if left to their own devices. I'll be leaving in a moment to take Leanna shopping and then go home to clean out the garage enough to move that cabinet.

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### MY DAY 9 March (Sunday)

Having two days off in a row for the first time in a long time was very strange. The first day (yesterday, Saturday) I just vegetated in front of the TV like I do every Sunday, but I woke up with more energy than I have had in years and got a ton of "honey-do" items done around the house, including moving that cabinet out of the living room. I got to work Monday morning feeling better than I have in months. I gotta start doing this whole weekend off thing once a month.

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### MY DAY: 10 March (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9am. Clear and not so cold.

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spams every single day.

Lots of fun as my Email "forgot its password" sometime after I left on Saturday and didn't download anything until this morning.

A. Dinosaur list. Discussing 10,000 BC (not happily).

B. Industry mailing lists. (Mostly Gary Gygax.)

1. Several (18) Emails with Jean, JT, Gary about PD20M project.

2. Reports on Communique from Jean, Mike F, Art T, Mike W, Scott M. Fixed the issue and sent it to Matt to upload.

3. Somebody complained that the update list was two years out of date (the revision I did a year ago never got uploaded) so I spent three hours updating it and sent it to Matt.

BBS. Hero RPG, movies, silent death.

Fed Commander Forum: Zocchi Tugs, future, ships wanted.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:02

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Pending Mail on hand: 117 Yesterday, 117 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 174 yesterday, 176 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 286 yesterday, 268 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 7 June 07.

Un-filed attachments: 1587 on 7 March.

Starlist: Several requests. Two with incomplete info returned to be done over. One for 23462 done.

Matt: Newsletter

Next Communique #27 (March): did the issue and gave it to Petrick to proofread.

LUNCH: Taco salad.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### MY DAY: 11 March (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9am. Clear and almost warm.

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spams every single day.

A. Dinosaur list. Still Discussing 10,000 BC (not happily).

B. Industry mailing lists. Somebody found another pirate site and let the pirated publishers know. Legal action is pending

1. Mostly people thanking me for emails I sent yesterday.

BBS. DST, G3, Silent Death.

Fed Commander Forum: X-ships, new ships, Future plans.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:09.

**One Day Grace Mail on hand: 73 Yesterday, 73 today.**

Determined to do five of these per day and clear the bloody file.

1. An old memo (found in file) sent to "pending".

2. Ken Burnside, told to send memo about squadron strike.

3. Roger Morgan story. Read it, had Petrick read it.

4. What turned out to be an old memo from myself about ships that might be used in battle packs. Already did that.

5. A memo from GAMA about shows they attend and sell advertising opportunities at.

**New mail of note that came in during the day (and old mail),**

1. Nice email from Starmada.

2. Squadron strike memo from Ken Burnside I will read later.

3. Note from Fictional Reality Magazine about reviews.

4. Discussion of Graphic Novel project with Adam Turner.

5. Note from Jeffrey A. Webb about doing the PD6 thing.

Starlist: 77568 done.

Matt: Website.

LUNCH: Barnaby's Beanry for very good roast beef sandwich.

Took (too much) time to do a refit chart for Tos Crawford to show him why we are NOT doing a refit chart.

Shutting down at 5pm to go check on my car being repaired.

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### MY DAY: 12 March (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 10am. (Leanna is sick, delaying my arrival.)

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spams every single day.

A. Dinosaur list. Dino feathers in amber.

B. Industry mailing lists. Mostly discussing Gary Gygax.

1. Messages (8) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.

2. Customer asking for links to downloads.

**One Day Grace Mail on hand: 73 Yesterday, 73 today.**

1. A memo from a CGI artist wanting to do art for free to build up his portfolio.

2. Memo to check out a questionable website.

3. Another memo to check out a questionable website.

4. Note from John Schneder on minis.

5. Obsolete note from Reaper about FedEx minis.

Matt: Website. Fixed BBS when it locked up for 5 minutes.

Worked on building plans. ALL DAY.

LUNCH: Burger with Petrick.

Left at 3:30 to take cats to vet and check on Leanna, who needed food. Got back to office at 9pm.

Shutting down at ... Midnight.

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### MY DAY: 13 March (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am.

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spams every single day.

A. Dinosaur list. MSNBC article on 7 deadly dinos.

B. Industry mailing lists. Mostly discussing Gary Gygax.

1. Messages (3) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.

2. A convention that wants to negotiate a different deal on product vs ads. I don't have the authority to do that.

BBS: G3, among others.

FC Forum: LTT, C8, cloaks, Comm 27, future, B10.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11:10am.

**One Day Grace Mail on hand: 73 Yesterday, 66 today**

1. Malis Alleman about death probe mini.

2. The last of the C4F memos from last month.

3. Note from myself to update FC product list page, sent to Matt.

4. David M about casting a 3d thing Adam Turner did.

5. Andrew Granger about submissions.

**New mail of note that came in during the day (and old mail),**

1. FC rules items from Mike West.

2. Adam Turner about graphic novel.

3. Lots of other Emails that I didn't keep track of.

Next Star Fleet Alert: Memo on schedule to wholesalers.

Warehouse: Helped order more Zocchi miniatures.

LUNCH: Steak at Montana Mike's.

PD d20 Modern, gorns and tholians, oh my! Mike gave me ten more finished-confirmed pages.

Shutting down at ... 6pm

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### MY DAY: 14 March (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am.

Going through Email. Deleting 600+ spams every single day.

A. Dinosaur list. "the inner bird"

B. Industry mailing lists. History of RPGs, who invented what rule idea in what order in what year. Zzzzzz.

1. (23) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M Tholians.

2. Other PD20 messages, Orions, schedule.

3. Assorted other messages. A Houston convention thanking for support. VBAM asking about the forum. SJGames about PDFed. Adam Turner with interior art for FCDK. Mark Ewbank about HERO. Thexter about ship art.

BBS: playtest scenarios, VBAM, G3.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK, Full Thrust.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 2:20pm.

Mail & phone calls during the day:

1. Note from Jean to update BBS map.

2. Matt Alleman about spaceboar mini.

3. Gamewyze added to store list.

4. Question about starlist answered

5. A starmada email I should have answered earlier.

1. VBAM wanted to talk to Paul Franz about FCOL.

2. Jeff Webb had d6 questions I sent to Scott Palter.

Blog: The one I wrote about schedule.

New book to read: Ann Coulter on democrats.

LUNCH: Turkey at Furr's.

Meeting with contractor #4.

Shutting down at ... 7pm

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### MY DAY: 15 March (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am.

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list. Moving Lungs.

B. Industry mailing lists. College degrees for game publishers.

1. Messages (7) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.

2. VBAM and FCOL.

Leanna about doing a new juggernaut mini since we can't get any of the first two. Leanna and Petrick about an advertising idea nobody liked. Art Trotman about FC scenarios. Mike West about FC scenarios.

BBS: G3, FC Scenarios.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:53pm.

**Mail & phone calls during the day:**

1. Loren Knight wanted to do an article.

2. Note about Gettysburg to an old friend.

3. Request to update chain of command chart. I didn't have time but I did it anyway and it's now being "staffed".

4. Update to list of stores.

5. Turned down an advertising offer after staff discussion.

LUNCH: Not memorable.

Shutting down at ... 7pm

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### MAY DAY: 16 March (Sunday)

Stayed home and did stuff for Leanna. During a run to town on errands, I cleaned out my Email files and was almost killed when the steering suddenly went out on my car. Managed to get the car stopped and Leanna came and got me.

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### MY DAY: 17 March (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am.

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list. The earliest sauropod (from Spain).

B. Industry mailing lists. Game complexity vs realism.

1. Messages (5) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.

2. Three FC Scenarios from Tony Thomas.

3. Three FC scenarios from Mike West

4. FC Scenario from Art Trotman

5. Thexder did some art that could go on a future back cover.

Lance Jones questions about products needed to return to SFU. Dan Bivona about software. Fabio Palumbo questions about where ships were published.

BBS: Internet, shopping cart

Fed Commander Forum: Scout rules, Klingons.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

1. Sickels PD Feds memo sent to Pending.

2. KDL reminder I had not answered his earlier memo.

3. KDL's original memo about FUDGE RPG.

4. Dennis O'Neill wanted something on the site updated (done).

5. William Wilson proposed some articles I told him to send.

1. More from Jean about PD20.

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Pending Mail on hand: 123 Yesterday, 123 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 177 Yesterday, 177 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 236 Yesterday, 236 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 5 June 07.

Un-filed attachments: 1536 on 11 March. 1440 on 17 March.

Starlist: 16130 done.

LUNCH: Grilled chicken.

RANDOM EVENTS 1: Meeting with Contractor #1.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### MY DAY: 18 March (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 8:30am.

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list. Earliest ever T-rex-ish found in Colorado.

B. Industry mailing lists. Contract templates.

1. Messages (2) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.

2. First samples of FUDGE writing from KDL and Jean's gentle nudges to use standard English instead of informal English.

Other messages: Chuck Strong about the SoP update.

Lance Jones sent a scan of BDCR so we can reprint it.

BBS: Internet spam.

Fed Commander Forum: Scouts, New minis.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:30am

Mail & phone calls during the day:

1. Reply to a dinosaur memo from an old friend.

2. Another part of the above conversation.

3. Another Sickels PD Fed memo sent to pending file.

4. Ken Burnside memo about Squadron Strike SFU adaptation.

5. A note to turn in some advertising today. (I better do it.)

1. Notes from friends and relatives about the Steve Cole obituary. (the other Steve Cole who died)

2. Ann Dupuis about Fudge rulebooks.

Starlist: 98366 done.

Matt: Website. Art for advertising.

Sent advertising info to Where We're Going and Game Buyer.

FCDK rulebook.

LUNCH: Pasta with Broccoli.

PD d20 Modern, Sent data to Game Buyer. Sent Mike 15 pieces of "lost" art that the pagemaker links needed.

Distant Kingdoms, major work on rulebook.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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### MY DAY: 19 March (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 10:30am. (doing stuff at home)

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list. Arthur C. Clarke died.

1. Messages (2) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.

Other messages: The "other" Steve Cole.

BBS: de-motivation posters. What a hoot.

Fed Commander Forum: Laminators

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

1. Various conversations with J Webb (D6)

2. Various discussions with JT and Jean about upcoming changes in the d20 license. We plan to stick with V3.5 and not do

V4.0 at all and expect no loss of market penetration.  
Starlist: 10977 done.  
SFB stuff: Loryiill PF Flotilla SSD.  
Build a new building. meeting with Contractor #1.  
Prime Directive Fudge: saw Jean talking to KDL about style book.  
LUNCH: Huge Country Breakfast With Ham at 9:30, followed by BBQ sandwich at 3:30.  
PD d20 Modern, sent Mike the "lost" art for chapter 2.  
Shutting down at ... 2pm to go get dental surgery. Or so I thought. Dentist cancelled so I worked until 5:30.

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#### MY DAY: 20 March (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 8:45am.  
Going through Email (after clearing Spam).  
A. Dinosaur list. New mummy dino.  
B. Industry mailing lists. Paizo Pathfinder.  
1. Messages (10) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.  
2. Messages (6) from Jean, Scott P, and Jeff about D6.  
Jean about FUDGE. Two FC scenarios from Tony Thomas.  
BBS: G3, PD20.  
Fed Commander Forum: Scouts, laminators.  
Daily web crawl was completed at: 2:30.  
**Mail & phone calls during the day:**  
1. Found another Sickels PDFed file that I sent to pending.  
2. Evaluation of Adam Turner cover for booster 21.  
3. Evaluation of Adam Turner cover for booster 20.  
4. Evaluation of Adam Turner cover for booster 19.  
5. Lance Jones memo on reprinting Red Alert or Code Red.  
1. European report from John Crawford.  
2. More FCDK art from Adam Turner; put in rulebook.  
FC stuff: FCDK rulebook.  
SFB stuff: Omega SSDs.  
LUNCH: BBQ at same place as yesterday; really good stuff.  
RANDOM EVENTS 1: Planning meeting for GTS trip.  
PD d20 Modern, age tables, changing d20 to PD20.  
Distant Kingdoms, Lyran and WYN background.  
Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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#### MY DAY: 21 March (Friday) 2008

Got here at 7:15am.  
Going through Email (after clearing Spam).  
A. Dinosaur list. Non-seasonal bird mating (just for fun).  
B. Industry mailing lists. GAMA benefits.  
1. Messages (4) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.  
Other messages: Evin about his F&E Vassal program. Todd Boyce about an idea for missile minis with a clicky base.  
BBS: F&E Charts, PD20  
Fed Commander Forum: Minis, campaigns.  
**Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:01pm**  
1. Artist Terry Whisenant, sent standard form letter.  
2. Note from myself to update the text catalog..  
3. Note from myself to update the "just released" page.  
4. A memo from Jean about a topic that could be deleted.  
5. Note from Aldo reminding me about advertising already  
Various: Jeff Webb about D6.  
Updating text catalog.  
Omega SSDs. Qixa flotilla. Worb flotilla. Vari flotilla.  
LUNCH: Bowling Alley, chicken fried steak  
RANDOM EVENTS 1: Go over to phone company and sign something to get faster internet at home.  
PD d20 Modern, Jean & Mike got to page 36.  
Omega Five, I haven't kept this updated, but I have done several SSDs, including the PF flotillas for the Vari, Worb, Qixa, Loryiill, Iridani, and Drex. Petrick sent a list of what he wants and in what order.  
Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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**NOTE:** I think what I'm going to start doing is posting the full report on Saturday and less extensive reports during the week.

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#### MY DAY: 22 March (Saturday) 2008

Got here at noon. (Paying back sleep deficit.)  
Going through Email (after clearing Spam).  
A. Dinosaur list. Meat eater family tree alternative theories.  
B. Industry mailing lists. Podcasts.  
C. Messages (8) from Jean, Gary, JT, about PD20M.  
Other mail: Error in worb flotilla. Request for info about Central Casting. Jean decided that Sun Snake is right and Sunsnake and Sun-snake are wrong. Copyright violation (somebody posted his own F&E SIT); told to remove it. Mike Curtis and FEAR.

BBS: Insurance, F&E captured ships, Alliance restocks.  
Fed Commander Forum: larger size ship cards.  
Daily web crawl completed at: 6pm. Got interrupted a lot.

#### **Mail & phone calls during the day:**

1. Note from Aldo about April ad in Game Buyer..
2. Note from Jeff Webb on D6; he's busily at work..
3. Terry O'Connor applied to be a Ranger..
4. John Crawford retyped the CL#3 story.
5. Article from Peter Doyle.

Discussion with Jean and JT of conversion of Klingons and Romulan books to d20M.  
Discussion with Scott Woodard of savage worlds contract and project memo.  
Jean's evaluation of Jeff Webb's D6 "audition file".  
Jean's report on Hydrans.  
Chat with Ted Geibel who just returned to "the grid" after a family tragedy.  
Loren about Tholoped art.  
Staff meeting.  
FCDK rulebook.  
Omega SSDs.  
Prime Directive D6: I annotated Jean's evaluation of Jeff's audition file.

GURPS starships (Gary Plana): Waiting for progress.  
LUNCH: Chicken strips at Willy's.  
RANDOM EVENTS 1: Major staff meeting. High praise for Mike and Jean in getting RPG progress. Decision made about ad card in the Origins Poker Deck; assignment given to Matt. Major discussion about printing counters for FCDK, FDOA, Y2, and X1R (which has gone ahead, even though the cost is through the roof). Decision made to defer production of Battle Packs 1 and 2 and discuss with retailers at GTS if we should do those or should instead do Gorn Attack and Kzinti Attack.  
PD d20 Modern, I saw stuff for page 42 go by. I read a bunch of pages for Mike.  
Distant Kingdoms, Jean's report on Hydrans.  
Shutting down at ... 8pm.

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#### MY DAY: 23 March, Sunday:

I came by for an hour to clear spam out of my Email and pick up something for Leanna to eat.

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#### MY DAY: 24 March (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:52am  
Going through Email (after clearing Spam).  
A. Dinosaur list. plesiosaur  
Messages (23) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M.  
Other mail: John Crawford retyped CL5 fiction. Note to Rick Loomis about advertising due today.  
BBS: origins, X1R.  
Fed Commander Forum: New Ships, Orion Attack, Q-ships.  
Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:38.

#### **Mail & phone calls during the day:**

1. Old email from WEG reminds me to drop them a note.
2. Year-old list of storelist corrections from Vanessa..
3. Another year-old storelist corrections from Vanessa.
4. Another lost Sickels PDFeds file sent to the right place.
5. Note from a fiction author about a story. ANSWERED.

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Pending Mail on hand: 129 Yesterday, 135 today.  
Unprocessed reports on hand: 181 Yesterday, 182 today.

Many reports on PDFed were then transferred to "pending".

Un-filed out-bound email: 156 Yesterday, 161 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 20 May 07.

Un-filed attachments: 1297 on 22 March.

Starlist: 33872 done.

Matt: Did the "poker ad" for Loomis.

LUNCH: Cafeteria, balanced meal.

RANDOM EVENTS 1: Laid down for an hour when breakfast made me sick.

PD d20 Modern, they finished chapter 2.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### MY DAY: 25 March (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 8:59am

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

Dinosaur list. New dino in Mexico.

Industry mailing lists. GTS

Messages (21) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M.

Other mail: FCDK reports, April fool's suggestions.

BBS: FCDK stingers, insurance, backup systems.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK stingers.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:10

#### One Day Grace Mail on hand: 49

1. Request by a printer to be on my "useful contacts" list..

2. Old report for Hydran MSSB that was mis-filed..

3. Access to Alliance inventory system.

4. FCOL request for tholian ship cards.

5. A memo about an ad which we did yesterday.

New mail of note that came in during the day (and old mail):

More PD20 Urdu. Leanna about backup systems. Casting a new mini (didn't work). Key20 added to my reference book.

Current Goals: F&E stuff, Omega SSDs, Contracts, Building, FCDK playtest reports.

Starlist: UK IV3 8SX done.

Matt: Website updates (chain of command chart, catalog).

4. FC stuff: Sent ship cards to final check. Did Lyran pages of rulebook and gave them to Petrick to check before staff.

5. SFB stuff: Omega: Rebuilt Prober DD, converted to DDE.

LUNCH: Asian buffet, the third time in my entire life I have had Asian food. I had one thing of sushi (the only piece I have ever had) and one piece of Chinese beef, and the rest was American food (and pretty good, but Leanna hated it and won't go back).

RANDOM EVENTS 1: Phone call from banker to chat about business and tell us what good customers we are.

Shutting down at ... 7:15pm.

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### MY DAY: 26 March (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 8:52am

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

Dinosaur list. Your first dinosaur book as a child.

Industry mailing lists. Printing ads on bikinis.

Messages (4) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M.

Other mail: FCDK rulebook reports.

BBS: Flamewar (Jean handled it).

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK playtesting.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11:32.

#### One Day Grace Mail on hand: 46 Yesterday

1. Note from Leanna to do the KLINGON SPACE rulebook.

2. Note from John Schneder about minis. Answered.

3. John Guillory about SFBF. Answered.

4. VBAM asking for info for the campaign thing. Sent links.

5. Michael Lui question (two of them, actually) about CAVX.

Klingon space: Did this, and as expected it only took an hour. Gave to Petrick to check.

FC stuff: Lyran rulebook pages. FCKS rulebook. FCDK rulebook reports by Trotman, West, Filsinger. Then the file crashed. Leanna is trying to recover at least part of it.

5. SFB stuff: Omega: Kolighar DDE.

RANDOM EVENTS 1: Our banker invited us to a private lunch in the executive dining room in order to explain other things the bank could be doing for us. This is part of their marketing

effort to reach smaller companies that are obviously successful and continuing to grow, but aren't billion dollar accounts (yet), but maybe the bank could make a buck offering us some service. They offered us a better deal on credit card processing but couldn't actually deliver a better deal so we stayed where we are. For what it was worth, I was allergic to everything they had for lunch and went home hungry. I had to get a sandwich on the way back to the office.

Shutting down at ... 7pm

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### MY DAY: 27 March (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:47 am.

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list. Velociraptor safari.

B. Industry mailing lists.

C. Messages (28) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M. This took up most of my morning.

Other mail: John Schneder II about upcoming minis, Thomas reports on FCDK rulebook, head of GAMA sent a note of thanks for some suggestions I submitted, VBAM question on what empires to include in their campaign book (all of them). Alliance restock orders.

BBS: Withering fire (rejected).

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK Stingers.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:12pm.

#### One Day Grace Mail on hand:

1. Found one message that was in there twice. SCORE!

2. Banner advertising memo. Answered.

3. Loren Knight tholoped drawing.

4. Memo from Petrick about Omega SSDs he needs.

5. Trent Telenko requested an F&E ruling.

Matt: Interior graphics for FCDK.

4. FC stuff: Trying to cover the corrupted pagemaker file.

5. SFB stuff: Omega: Some work on PF variants.

LUNCH: Only bad steak I ever had at Montana Mike's.

RANDOM EVENTS 1: Meeting with contractor.

Shutting down at ... 6:45pm.

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### MY DAY: 28 March (Friday) 2008

Got here at 10 am.

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list. Land of the Lost movie.

B. Industry mailing lists.

Messages (6) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M.

Other mail: Telenko sent thanks for ruling. Notes from Jean about company moving plans and building.

BBS: FCDK.

Fed Commander Forum: Hellbore chart.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:28.

#### One Day Grace Mail on hand:

1. Finalized Klingon Space.

2. Did the "how to build an FD7" article from John S.

3. George Ebersol about fiction writing.

4. F&E questions waiting two months, sent to Mike Curtis.

5. John Berry questions about fiction writing.

**New mail of note** that came in during the day (and old mail): Jeff Webb about D6. Alliance about their surprise early restock. Orions and "racial greed".

Building. Called lawyer to set up "building trust".

SFB stuff: Omega: Trobrin PF Variants.

LUNCH: La Fiesta for enchiladas.

Shutting down at ... 5:30pm

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### MY DAY: 29 March (Saturday) 2008

Longer, annotated version, posted each Saturday.

Got here at 10 am.

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list. Godzilla (what type of dino is he?)

B. Industry mailing lists. Superman court ruling.

Messages (8) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M.

Other mail: Jeff Webb and D6.

BBS: Lyran BCH.

Fed Commander Forum: Hellbore chart.

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Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:18

**Mail & phone calls during the day:**

1. Question about submissions, answered.
2. File recovery guys who couldn't recover anything. (We could.)
3. A story by William Hughes I promised to read later (e.g., now).
4. GAMA trade show flyer program.
5. Leanna sent me some business investment stuff to read.

**NOTES:** In theory, I answer every Email on the day I get it. In practice, this doesn't work out. Some are reports, and are sent to the report file to be dealt with when all reports are in. Some items just take more time to answer than I can spare that day, and go to the "one day grace" file. Some low-priority high-workload items go to the "pending file". Every day, I try to do five items out of "one day grace". I am making steady progress.

**NOTES:** I use my out-basket as a "list of things I am waiting for people to send me". So I delete or file mail that isn't "waiting for an answer". I have a lot of old mail in the out basket that needs to be filed or deleted or (sometimes) I need to bug somebody to send me an answer.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 14 April 07.

**NOTES:** I used to use my in-basket as a defacto "list of things to do". The problem was that the workload never let me finish one day's mail on that day, and I had 4,000 emails in my in-basket, some of which just needed to be filed or deleted and some of which needed to be answered. So I have pushed hard to go through a few each day, moving some to pending or "one day grace", others filed or deleted as appropriate. I have now answered (or put into pending) all Email back to 14 April of last year. Every day, I push back a few more days (the "plus" number in parens) but this adds things to ODG and Pending. Sigh. In a year or so, I should have completely cleared out my in basket.

Un-filed attachments: 1215 on 27 March. 1187 on 29 March.

FYEO: Read to M20; Downloaded to M29. Posted to M20.

Petrick: X1R, Y2, Omega Five, SFB Scenarios, CL37.

Mike Sparks: did more bookbinding, packing orders, PD20M.

Matt: off duty

4. FC stuff: Trying to recover the corrupted pagemaker file.
5. SFB stuff: Omega: Drex PF variants. Lyran BCH.

Visit with the chaplain from my old State Guard unit for a wide-ranging talk on moral issues that are not allowed on this BBS.

LUNCH: KFC.

New things to read: Sears book on Gettysburg.

PD d20 Modern: 22M, I saw stuff for page 42 go by. I read a bunch of pages for Mike. 24M, they finished chapter 2. 25M, lots of Lower Urdu like Strong Hero, Fast Hero, and Oversexed Captain. 26M, I saw Andy and Jonathan arguing about something that got listed twice (which one to delete?). 27M, the size crisis. 28M, the Orion racial greed crisis. 29M, resolved Size Crisis. Saw arguments about the Levels Crisis.

Distant Kingdoms: 22M, Jean's report on Hydrans. 24M Lyran pages. 26M Stinger rules, then the file crashed. 27M, recovered most of file. 28M, trying to rebuild the file.

Omega Five, April: 22M, did Vari PFT and Trobrin PFT SSDs. 24M, did Vari CLE. 25M, did Prober DDE. 26M did Koligahr DDE. 28M did Trobrin PF Variants. 29M did Drex PF Variants.

Shutting down at ... .6pm.

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**MY DAY: 30 March (Sunday) 2008**

Sunday: I stayed home, but I packed 100 SFBF games.

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**MY DAY: 31 March (Monday) 2008**

Going through Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list. Velociraptor attacks.

B. Industry mailing lists. Some local convention is in a panic because the city is requiring all game companies selling games there to buy a \$135 business license.

C. Messages (4) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M.

Other mail: A retailer with a product inquiry. John Schneder about minis. Jen won't be coming to Origins. Loren Knight reports that the Canis Major dwarf galaxy passed through the Omega Sector a few million years ago causing rifts in the energy barrier. Thexder sent some ship filler art. Tony Thomas about his painting article. An FC scenario from Mike Bennett. Mike West and Jean about battlepack topics. Bruce Graw telephoned that he had found the lost masters of the Lyran NCA and Hydran Overlord and would get them into production.

BBS: FCDK report format, X1R, F&E Q&A

Fed Commander Forum: Klingon designations.

Daily web crawl: Astronomy picture of day, DVD rentals, Ebay auctions (SFB stuff), Scan for copyright violations, check server, boardgame and sci-fi websites, Ann Coulter, Alliance inventory.

Somebody posted a copy of the AdvMis rulebook on his website, and his ISP is now shutting down his entire website and kicking him out of their system.

This step was completed at: 2:47pm.

**One Day Grace Mail on hand: 36**

1. Old Jean Sexton report on "why" file finally processed.
2. Shawn Hantke asked if I would do a graphic for him.
3. Mike Curtis had a question about a player reference item and I had to ask him more questions. This one remains pending.
4. I read a story Ted Fay sent and gave it to Petrick. Pending.
5. Reviewed contract for Dead In Space contract. Answered.

I am down to some that cannot be "answered and deleted" but require me to take steps not under my control, such as asking somebody something and waiting for an answer. Thus, I will take some action on five items per day but may not clear five items.

**New mail** of note that came in during the day (and old mail): Sent Petrick home as he has been sick for two days. Got a note from printer on die cutting schedule which is not good and is going to change the schedule on several other products.

**This update list is posted every day, but I will delete all but the ones on Monday from this compilation.**

Unprocessed reports on hand: 147 Yesterday, 147 today.

Pending Mail on hand: 176 Yesterday, 177 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 151 Yesterday, 147 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 13 April 07.

Un-filed attachments: 1187 on 29 March.

Starlist: 37130 done.

Matt: Loaded first minis conversion article onto web site.

[http://www.starfleetgames.com/documents/Building\\_an\\_FD7.pdf](http://www.starfleetgames.com/documents/Building_an_FD7.pdf)

Next Star Fleet Alert: With the new die cutting schedule, we will have to reschedule some stuff. Well, everything.

Warehouse: Inspection of Mike's clean-up project.

FC stuff: Scenario read and filed. Leanna recovered FCDK.

Omega: FRA and Worb gunboat variants.

RANDOM EVENTS 1: Dentist called and said they forgot to tell me I had an appointment today, and could I please come over.

LUNCH: Bowling Alley. Black eye pea day. (Score!)

Shutting down at ... .7pm

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**END OF MARCH 2008 FILE**

## Company weblog, supplemental file

### Posts from "Current ADB News"

#### Jan 1-March 31 2008

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The bookbinder was broken for a few weeks during January 2008. We bought a second one (we found a good deal on a used one) so we wouldn't have to rely on a single machine.

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##### Jan 23rd:

Tomorrow, we will begin shipping CL36s to mail orders.

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##### Jan 27th:

Trouble logging into the BBS? If you have trouble, Email Jean. Two people have reported trouble; both feared they had been kicked out. (Nobody has been kicked out in weeks or months, and those who get kicked out are ejected after multiple warnings, so, no, you weren't kicked out.) We're not sure why some people are having problems, but the more data, the faster we can puzzle it out.

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#### By Jean Sexton on Monday, January 28, 2008

Ok guys, everyone that I have checked who is having issues logging on is no longer registered. We didn't do it; we don't know why it happened. I can't determine a pattern to it.

The solution seems to be to re-register using your old information, if you are ABSOLUTELY sure it is not password related. Feel free to email me to ask me to check; realize that there may be a delay as I do have to do my "real world" work.

I would appreciate feedback from those who do re-register--does it link to your old profile, do you have to have to create a new one? Will it let you re-register with your old information? All of this will prove useful in trying to find out what is happening and in helping the next guy who emails with me with a problem.

Thanks for your patience and understanding, guys.

Jean, WebMom

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#### By Steve Cole on Monday, January 28, 2008

Did your BBS registration disappear? We don't know why, but on 27 Jan 2008 a lot of user data disappeared from the database. It wasn't anything we did, and there isn't much we can do about it. (Matt is now backing up the database every week so we should be able to restore things in future.) Please accept our apologies and re-register with your original user name.

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#### By Steve Cole on Monday, January 28, 2008

THINGS I GOT DONE TODAY

1. Communique 26 sent to staff.
2. Module Y2 ship list (prelim) done.

3. Sent revised bathroom plans to the architect for the new building. (We were having arguments with the Americans with Disabilities act, which did not even apply to what would have been my private bathroom, but the architect refuse to stamp the plans until it did.)

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#### By Steve Cole on Thursday, January 31, 2008

8am, and I just noticed there is an inch of snow on the ground outside. Leanna has her hair appointment today so she has to get to town earlier than usual, and we're planning to have breakfast on the way in.

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#### By Steve Cole on Sunday, February 10, 2008

NAME A STARSHIP FOR YOUR LADY!

Show someone how much you really love them by naming a starship in the Star Fleet Universe after her!

For \$9.95, you can name a starship after your wife or girlfriend, or for \$19.90 you can name one for each of them! You can name starships for any or all of the women in your life: your mother, daughter, sister, cousin, or the secret object of your admiration!

For only \$9.95 we will name a starship from the WYN Navy after

your lady friend, and send you a cheesy laser-printed certificate commemorating this fact. Even better, we will record the starship name in book form in the US Copyright Office just as soon as we get around to doing the WYN Navy Master Starship Book!

Don't delay, we might finish that book any day now and then we won't be able to name any more starships for girlfriends except on the much less pretigious errata sheet!

If you are naming a starship for a lady friend and do not want your wife to know about it, then be sure to give us a separate address to mail the certificate. There will be a separate \$9.95 charge not to tell your wife who else you are naming starships for, but heck, we will throw in a starship named for her for free!

[http://store.starfleetstore.com/merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store\\_Code=S&Product\\_Code=9996&Category\\_Code=](http://store.starfleetstore.com/merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=S&Product_Code=9996&Category_Code=)

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#### By Steve Cole on Sunday, February 10, 2008 - 05:18 pm

First person to order a starship name: Steve Petrick, who named a WYN Battle Destroyer for Jean Sexton.

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#### By Loren Knight on Sunday, February 10, 2008 - 05:35 pm

I don't know but for a game designer that interacts with his player base and contributors as much as you do it is greatly useful.

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