

# COMPANY WEBLOG

## ARCHIVE MAY 2008

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### MY DAY: 1 May (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am.

If you don't have to bug me today, please don't. I just got three phone calls in a row and I'm kind of messed up.

The countersheets are going to be late because the die cutter is being a putz.

China Lundgren, a sixteen-year-old cousin of mine on my father's side died suddenly. Lots of phone calls to that side of the family need to be made. She was a beautiful and fun teenager and why he had to go so suddenly is a mystery only God can answer.

My 80-year-old aunt Elaine (mother's sister) is in intensive care having had a stroke. She was not expected to survive but is now sitting up in bed feeding herself and is expected to move to a rehab facility tomorrow or Saturday. I just had the longest chat with my cousin Joe (her son) that he and I have had in years. A few more phone calls to that side of the family need to be made.

#### Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: What was the smallest dinosaur?

B. Industry mailing lists: Lists of retail stores.

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

Other mail: Phone call from my old unit chaplain.

BBS: Battle force expansions.

Fed Commander Forum: Miniatures of WYN ACX.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

Sent card (B19) to FCOL.

1. Business: Printer says die cut counters are going to be a week late.

2. Warehouse: They're packing boosters.

3. F&E stuff: Kept up with SSC topic.

4. FC stuff: Reviewed reports.

5. SFB stuff: Omega: Ymatrian, Alunda, Maesron fighters; Branthodon bases.

LUNCH: Steak at appleby's.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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### MY DAY: 2 May (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Lots of good stuff this morning.

A. Dinosaur list: do males or females start evolutionary changes?

B. Industry mailing lists: Retail store mailing lists.

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

Other mail: Talked to Steve Jackson about re-starting Space Gamer magazine (several memos going back and forth). Guy asked about mis-cut counters. More calls with relatives.

BBS: banned death penalty from discussions.

Daily web crawl was completed at: Never did.

Sent card (B19) to FCOL. Resent to replace botched file.

Starlist: 21222 done.

2. Warehouse: They're packing boosters.

3. F&E stuff: Kept up with SSC topic. Gave Mike Curtis the FEAR position on a permanent basis.

4. FC stuff: Reviewed reports.

5. SFB stuff: Omega: RYN fighters. Singer fighters. Branthodon fighters. Qixa fighters. Qixa PF variants.

LUNCH: Turkey at Furr's.

Shutting down at ... 6pm

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### MY DAY: 3 May (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Lots of good stuff this morning.

A. Dinosaur list: Didn't have time to read it.

B. Industry mailing lists: Nothing much.

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

Other mail: Talked to Steve Jackson some more.

BBS: The usual stuff.

Fed Commander Forum: Contents of FCDK boosters.

Daily web crawl was completed at: Never did. Busy.

1. Sent card (B20) to FCOL.

Starlist: 21222 done.

FC stuff: Reviewed reports.

SFB stuff: Made Petrick's fixes to the Omega Five SSD book, which took the entire day, leaving me no time to work on FCDK. Petrick suddenly decided to change all of the fighters on every SSD which had fighters, and that took hours upon hours.

LUNCH: Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Shutting down at ... 9pm

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### WEEKLY UPDATE 3 May 2008

PD d20 Modern: 25A: Jean seems to be in the "types of heroes" section. 30A, something about deleting level adjustments. 2May, Ambassadors. Jonathan needs to move faster on this one.

Distant Kingdoms: 25A: Cards and covers here, need to finish the scenarios. Did not get to work on scenarios due to "time over-runs" on Petrick's Omega Five project.

CL#37, May: Ad sent to Aldo.

Origins. 23A: talked to Trey. We were supposed to talk at GTS but I was too sick.

Build a new building. 29A, conversation with lawyer who did not like the contract and offered to write a new one. Talked to contractor. 30A, lawyer wrote new contract. 1May, a glitch put the whole project on hold for maybe two weeks. The more I look at the whole deal, the less I like the whole deal.

Mother's estate: 29A, had to send more forms; that should be it.

Gorilla Games Battlestations: 23A: Long talk with Jeff and Jason, reviewed manuscript, decided to go with boxed version.

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### MY DAY: 4 May, Sunday:

I stayed home and did things for Leanna, walked the cat, and took a couple of long naps.

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### MY DAY: 5 May (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Lots of good stuff this morning.

A. Dinosaur list: How many dinosaurs were there? There are 2330 species on the official list, but many of these are dubious, turned out not to be dinosaurs, are based on one tooth or one bone, or are duplications and spelling variations. A better count might be 681 genera that are generally accepted as valid.

B. Industry mailing lists: GTS after Action.

C. Messages (2) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M.

Other mail: Talked to Steve Jackson some more. Jean about small galaxies. Scammers sending phony tactics links. Mark Tutton about minis event schedules. Ken Burnside sent a copy of his product packaging seminar, which was excellent. Somebody about Tholian attack cover art. Wolf sanctuary.

BBS: Farthest Stars, Origins, F&E Q&A, Battlestar Galactica.

Fed Commander Forum: Tactics, FCDK testing.

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Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:57 (in only 27 minutes!)

Sent card (B21) to FCOL.

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

Unprocessed reports on hand: 166 Yesterday, 166 today.

Pending Mail on hand: 219 Yesterday, 219 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 24 Yesterday, 24 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 28 March 07.

Un-filed attachments: 2 May 946; 5 May 992.

Starlist: 21222 done.

1. Business: Newsletter.

2. Warehouse: Went out and asked Mike to get me a copy of

the FCDK maps so I could check the scenarios.

3. F&E stuff: Kept up with SSC topic.
  4. FC stuff: Reviewed reports. Finalized scenarios.
  5. SFB stuff: Discussed Omega five SSDs with Petrick.
- LUNCH: bowling alley.  
Shutting down at ... 9pm

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#### MY DAY, 6 May, Tuesday:

The only two things I got done today were Communique #29 and the annual company picnic. I promised Leanna I would go home at 6pm since Tuesday is a busy night on Tivo.

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#### MY DAY: 7 May (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:15am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Lots of good stuff this morning.

A. Dinosaur list: comparing velociraptors to coyotes.

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

Other mail: Jean wanted Matt to update something. Loren about Draco-Tholians. Rick Chan about PDU counters for F&E. Art Trotman with FCDK scenario conversion notes. Scott Woodard about Savage Worlds. Mike Curtis report on kzinti SIT sent to proper file at long last.

BBS: Origins, Farthest Stars, SFB tournament manual.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK testing, Scug Art.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10: 24.

Sent card (81) to FCOL.

Starlist: 21222 done.

Business: Meeting to discuss scheduled production.

Warehouse: Went to get big maps cut into smaller maps.

FC stuff: Communique 29 reports from Petrick and Jean. Did Jean's reports on FCDK rulebook. Did Art Trotman's scenario guides for FCDK rulebook. Did Mike West reports on FCDK rulebook.

Omega SSD book first round revisions pages 1-22.

LUNCH: Marty's, a "foodie" place that was just awful.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

UPDATE: it's 9:30pm and I'm still here. Petrick convinced me to stay and finish making the first-round fixes of his SSD book. I will make the final round tomorrow and we will start printing the book. He convinced me that given the time I have to spend tomorrow with Matt getting Communique and the Newsletter done, we could not make the last 3/4 of the first round fixes (and the second round, and PDFing the book) done between 1pm and 3pm tomorrow.

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#### MY DAY: 8 May (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 8:55am.

Dinosaur list: Platypus DNA completely mapped.

Industry mailing lists: Massive layoffs at Upper Deck.

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

Other mail: Lots of communique and FCDK reports (which I did). Loren Knight about Draco-Tholians again. An artist looking for work. German dealer about special printings. Somebody starting a website for prime directive <http://www.classofy169.com>.

BBS: Wabbits, Origins, Farthest Stars, ESSC, RPGs.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK testing, Scug Art.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11am.

Sent card (82) to FCOL.

Starlist: 21222 done. 48414 done.

Matt: Uploaded Communique, sent newsletter, did header for FCDK rulebook and FCOA rulebook.

Business: Phone company guys came in to upgrade the DSL line as it's giving us problems with the new high speed thing. They did not succeed due to ... something.

Warehouse: Many phone calls to find out: "Where are the counters that were supposed to be here Wednesday?" No answer.

Communique 29 finished and sent to Matt, who uploaded it.

Omega Five SSD book. We made the last two changes today and started printing at 3pm.

LUNCH: Stockyards, huge hamburger steak.

Shutting down at ... 7pm

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#### MY DAY: 9 May (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Lots of good stuff this morning.

A. Dinosaur list: Aztec Rex. Oh, the humanity.

B. Industry mailing lists: Origins judge badges.

Other mail: Delay in drone minis due to mold maker illness.

New wholesaler in Germany wants to buy a pile of stuff.

BBS: Wabbits, Origins, Farthest Stars, ESSC, RPGs.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK testing, Comm 29.

Daily web crawl: As customary

This step was completed at: 10am.

Sent card (83) to FCOL.

Sent Alert to wholesalers who had not placed orders yet. An hour spent on Origins events, which may be untangled for the first time ever. Or not.

Ordered minis for FCDK Squadron and Border Boxes.

worked on FCDK reports until the rulebook file crashed and burned for the third time. I have backups, but what's the point, as the crash wiped out the contemporary backup, the only surviving backup is seven days old (meaning a week of reports has to be done over again), and by the time I get the reports done, it will just crash again. This file is cursed, despite being hand-rebuilt and retyped to eliminate whatever is causing the corruption. I don't know if FCDK will ever go to press because I cannot keep the files working for more than a day or two. Frankly, I just no longer care. If I can recover the files, I leave them on Leanna's desk and leave town until she finishes the reports and figures out how to do a rulebook that won't crash.

Petrick replaced five pages of the SSD books we had already printed, meaning we basically throw away \$300 worth of printing and start over. Not a good day.

LUNCH: Country Barn, good BBQ. At least that.

Shutting down at ... 6pm

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#### MY DAY: 10 May (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 10:45am.

A. Dinosaur list: new book, Famous Dinosaurs of Africa.

B. Industry mailing lists: Convention calendars.

Other mail: GAMA asked what kind of tables we want. Steve Jackson about GURPS spaceships. Bruce Graw confirming minis order.

BBS: Knipfer, Farthest Stars, RWM, F&E ESSC.

Fed Commander Forum: Campaigns, length of duels.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11:19.

Starlist: 48414 done.

Decided to press on and be ready to print Omega Five and FCDK Monday if the counters show up.

Warehouse: Getting ready for the shipments.

F&E stuff: Told Knipfer to distribute his document.

FC stuff: did all reports i could find on FCDK.

SFB stuff: Discussed Omega five with Petrick.

LUNCH: Furr's for excellent roast beef.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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#### MY DAY: 11 May (Sunday) 2008

After Leanna fixed hamburgers, I came into the office from about 1-7 and did all of the reports on the FCDK rulebook, reformatted and placed the art, and did replacements for 11 pages of the Omega Five SSD Book.

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#### WEEKLY UPDATE 4-10 May 2008

Distant Kingdoms: Release scheduled for 5 May. Delayed to 12 may by die cutter. I finished the rulebook on 12 May and Leanna turned it into a booklet for printout.

Omega Five, 8 May, starting printing SSD books, but shut this down when rulebook reports kept finding mistakes.

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#### MY DAY: 12 May (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9am.

A. Dinosaur list: Aztec Rex

B. Industry mailing lists: Convention calendars.

Other mail: Mostly stuff about Origins and FCDK.  
BBS: Webmom and facts, F&E ESSC, minis combos.  
Fed Commander Forum: Scug art, Fed Space, Stingers.  
Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:57am.

1. Sent card (85) to FCOL. (84 was sent Saturday.)

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Unprocessed reports on hand: 172 Yesterday, 126 today.

Pending Mail on hand: 219 Yesterday, 218 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 23 Yesterday, 23 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 28 March 07.

Un-filed attachments: 7 May 891; 10 May 846; 12 May 880.

Starlist: 48414 done.

FYEO: Read to A15; Downloaded to May12. Posted to A5.

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

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

Business: Meetings about production.

Warehouse: Got the counters. Made them work despite some issues with "fragile" sheets.

FC stuff: did the last reports on FCDK. Did the last art.

Finalized the rulebook. Approved rulebook for printing at 2:32pm.

SFB stuff: Did more replacement pages for the SSD book.

SSD book began printing at 2:10pm. Did the pdfs for the master fighter chart, ship chart, and PF chart.

LUNCH: Bowling Alley, Chicken Fried Steak, Leanna made me skip the gravy which sort of made this pointless.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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#### MY DAY: 13 May (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 7:30am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Lots of good stuff this morning.

A. Dinosaur list: did dinos let birds clean their teeth?

B. Industry mailing lists: Will Gencon survive the law suit?

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

Other mail: Art Trotman about FCDK scenario conversions.

Carlson about minis. Frank Brooks about PBEM. Wholesaler orders.

BBS: Origins SFBOL, F&E SSC, Volcano in Argentina.

Fed Commander Forum: Bad maps as packing material.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:23pm

Sent card (86) to FCOL.

Starlist: 48414 done.

Business: Meeting about shipping schedule. Cleaning lady.

Warehouse: Helped pack and shrinkwrap products. I did this for most of the day. I don't normally work in the warehouse but because we got the counters so late, it was the only way to get the shipments out.

FC stuff: Fixed 114S-OrionDW.

LUNCH: Taco Salad. Yummy.

Shutting down at ... 6:15pm.

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#### MY DAY: 14 May (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:45am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Lots of good stuff this morning.

Dinosaur list: Harryhausen vs Gwangi.

Industry mailing lists: Games to Troops have left US cargo depot for 186 US military locations around the world, including a copy of Captain's Log in every one. Duke Seifried had open heart triple-bypass surgery. RPGnet Gaming Index now records 10,000 unique RPG books and magazines published to date.

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

Jonathan Snyder offered to take photos of origins.

BBS: Delay in Captain's Log.

GAMA called with a glitch in our Origins booth.

Helped pack and shrinkwrap products.

FC stuff: Experimented with replacing the pink color on HET cost with orange or green for better readability. Since all of the four things there have to be white time, it's tricky finding a color dark enough. I have darkened the pink twice and it's not working so let's try ... green?

LUNCH: Steak at Montana Mike's. So-so.

Worked in the warehouse most of the day. Mike and Petrick

are working around the clock and my helping them is the only thing getting orders out. Even Leanna has taken a turn or two on the assembly line.

Made Petrick's fixes to Gallagher's hit-and-run story and sent it to Jean to proofread.

Shutting down at ... 5:45 because Leanna needs to eat and we came in one car to save gas (and the planet).

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#### MY DAY: 15 May (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:15am.

Dinosaur list: Dracorex hogwartsia (new specimen found)

Industry mailing lists: WOTC will not have a booth at Origins but is sending people to run events and answer questions.

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

Other mail: Bruce Graw has sent Death Probe, Space Boar, and Lyran NCA to mold makers. Printer says new maps for FC will be here Tuesday. We have 7 sets left as of today.

BBS: Origins stuff.

Fed Commander Forum: Booster 21.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11am.

Spent most of the day writing a memo.

Lots of mail orders, but I stayed at my desk.

LUNCH: Stockyards for pork chops.

Read and replied to a bunch of PD20M chapter 6 stuff.

Did shipping documents for new wholesaler in Germany.

Did the quarterly update for Greater Games Industry Catalog.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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#### MY DAY: 16 May (Friday) 2008

Got here at 10am.

A. Dinosaur list: Could there have been albino dinosaurs?

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

Other mail: Ken Burnside about Origins. Mike Curtis about CL37. Jean about Origins. Bruce Graw about Lyran CA molds. Adam Turner about art schedule. Nice email from Andrew Travers. Artist McLean Kendree looking for work. Paul Cordiero had some questions.

The "big boy toys" store in Tulsa now says they don't intend to send me my replacement guns or refund my money, so I'm starting with the credit card company fraud division and working up to the Tulsa Police with a stolen property felony complaint.

BBS: Origins stuff. F&E counters.

Fed Commander Forum: Booster 21. Scug art.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 2:20pm

1. Sent card (73) to FCOL and PBEM.

Memo about advertising opportunity moved to post-Origins.

Starlist: 30305 done. 89423 done.

Spent most of the day writing another memo.

F&E stuff: Reviewed F&E counter stocks and new products.

Counted single-sided Planetary Ops counters.

FC stuff: Discussed special fed/klingon firing arcs for FC with the staff, who felt these were too complicated. Worked up the "finish" list for FCDK. Got some work to do there.

SFB stuff: Edited "Tholians of Draco" article for CL37 and gave it to Petrick to review. Petrick found something in X1R and tried to ask me about it but I drew a blank. Worked up the "finish" list for O5. Got some work to do there.

LUNCH: New restaurant (Cadillac Joe's) for a good burger.

Read and replied to a bunch of PD20M chapter 6 stuff.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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#### MY DAY: 17 May (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 9am.

A. Dinosaur list: Can evolution go backward?

Other mail: Adam Turner about art. Question about posting FC ships. Bruce Graw about metal costs for minis doubling.

BBS: Origins. Rules questions. F&E with minis.

Fed Commander Forum: Hydran art. Minis. Input guide.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:40

Sent card (88) to FCOL and PBEM.

Sent EPS version of Omega 2 map to Curtis for his project.

Business: I wrote a huge blog for Petrick so he didn't have to write one today.

Mike was checking in miniatures shipments.

I asked the F&E guys to send me a scenario.

Mike West did an article on converting SFB SSDs into FC. I worked on it a bunch and gave it to Petrick to read.

I set up the pagemaker files for each chapter. I did the input guide article and the 10 questions article (well, actually, I just moved them from the leftover file). Did the page count document.

LUNCH: Furr's cafeteria, roast beef.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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### WEEKLY UPDATE 11-17 May 2008

PD d20 Modern: 12 May. Jonathan hasn't done anything in a week while taking college finals. 14 May, Jean advises me that she has finished O5/DK editing and Jonathan has finished finals and they're be at work. 15 May, most of chapter 6 went by.

Distant Kingdoms: 12 May, I finished the rulebook and Leanna turned it into a booklet for printout. 13 May, shipments began, put this on the shopping cart. Also put boosters 19 and 20 on cart.

Omega Five, 13 May, shipments began, put this on the shopping cart.

CL#37, May: 12 May, officially decided that this will be rescheduled for 23 June release. 14 May, did Hit-and-Run story (4 pages, may or may not be used). 16 May, did Draco-Tholian article (one page).

X1R: 12 May, countersheets arrived.

FC Orion Attack: 12 May, countersheets arrived, officially decided to delay this until August or September. 14 May, did Orion DW Squadron Scale.

Y2: 12 May, countersheets arrived.

Next Communique (June): 12 May, cloned the file. Inserted four ships.

Mother's estate: 12 May, two weeks and nothing from annuity company.

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### MY DAY, Sunday, 18 May

I came by the office for a couple of hours while Leanna was taking a nap and cleaned the spam out of my Email. Petrick reports that spammers have at long last discovered his email address (it's not a prefix they normally check) and he's suddenly gone from 20 to 200 spams a day. Ramses chased a flock of guinea fowl today. They belong (I guess) to someone who lives a few blocks away. I have seen these birds (or their parents and grandparents) a few times over the last 30 years. Apparently, they get out of the pen every few years and wander the neighborhood. Ramses went crazy in the target rich environment, but never scored a kill as the birds could hop and flutter just a few inches from his flashing claws. Strange thing was that the flock of five birds insisted on staying together even with a cat in the middle of the flock trying his damndest to bring one of them down.

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### MY DAY: 19 May (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:30am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Not much mail today.

Dinosaur list: Sculptors looking for modeling material.

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

Other mail: Send and posted notices for FCDK/O5 freebies. VBAM about combat repairs.

BBS: Jean's trip, CL37, seat belts.

Fed Commander Forum: Tholians, Jindarians.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10am.

1. Sent card (89) to FCOL and PBEM.

Sent EPS version of Omega 3 map to Curtis for his project.

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Unprocessed reports on hand: 126 Yesterday, 126 today.

Pending Mail on hand: 218 Yesterday, 218 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 22 Yesterday, 20 today.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 28 March 07.

Un-filed attachments: 15 May 885; 16 May 883; 19 May 849; FYEO: Read to A20; Downloaded to May19. Posted to A5.

Warehouse: Helped check new minis shipment.

SFB stuff: Petrick gave me 18 X1R ships to review.

CL37 stuff: Awards list, one of the most tedious pages in any issue. Did an FC tactics article and gave it to Petrick. Did Mark Tutton's decals article and gave it to Petrick. Did the Anarchist article and gave it to Petrick.

LUNCH: Taco Salad. Lots of shredded chicken.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### FINISHING Omega Five AS OF 1pm, 20 May 2008

1. Put it on the shopping cart. Done.

2. Have the graphics director add the cover photo to the shopping cart. Done.

3. Update the awards list. Done.

4. Issue memos to authors, staff, artists about freebies. Done.

5. Have Leanna add the unbound and hole-punched options to the shopping cart. Done.

6. Have Leanna file copyright documents. Memo sent to Leanna.

7. Have the marketing director send the "just released" Star Fleet Alert to the stores and individuals. Decided it wasn't a big deal.

8. Have the customer service director send review copies. Instructions for this given.

9. Send memo to Leanna to issue checks. Done. The only one to get a check is the artist and he's been paid.

10. Update the "new products" category on the shopping cart. Done.

11. Update the GGIC catalog listing. Done.

12. Update the text catalog on the website. The text catalog is updated but I cannot upload it until Matt is replaced.

13. Update the website schedule. Cannot do this until we replace Matt.

14. Have Leanna add the spare parts to the shopping cart. I sent her an Email on 16 May to add these and she said she did.

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### FINISHING Distant Kingdoms As of 20 May, 6pm.

1. Put it on the shopping cart. Done.

2. Have the graphics director add the cover photo to the shopping cart. Done.

3. Have Leanna add the spare parts to the shopping cart. Leanna has added these.

4. Update the website new releases page. I cannot update this until Matt is replaced.

5. Have Leanna add the unbound and hole-punched options to the shopping cart. She did.

6. Update the awards list. Awards issued.

7. Update the Fed Commander MSC with the new ship entries. This was done as part of Briefing #1.

8. Issue memos to authors, staff, artists about freebies. Preliminary list sent to Leanna.

9. Send memo to Leanna to issue checks. Only one guy (artist) gets a check and he's already been paid.

10. Update the Reference Rulebook. Done.

11. Update the "new products" category on the shopping cart. Leanna did this.

12. Have the customer service director send review copies. Instructions have been given.

13. Have the marketing director send the "just released" Star Fleet Alert to the stores and individuals. We never did this and decided not to bother.

14. Update the text catalog on the website. The text catalog is updated but I cannot upload it until Matt is replaced.

15. Have Leanna file copyright documents. Sent her an Email to do this.

16. Update the GGIC catalog listing. Done.

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### MY DAY: 20 May (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 8:45am.

Dino list: New neo-ceratopsian found. Did dinos sneeze?  
Industry mailing lists: use of copyrighted catalog text. D&D4.  
Messages (4) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M.  
Other mail: Phil Shanton about early Roms. Lots about staff's free Omega Five or FCDK. Tony Thomas tactical notes and stuff.

BBS: CL37, Mystery aircraft.

Fed Commander Forum: ISC rules for PPD.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:54

Sent card (90) to FCOL and PBEM.

Sent EPS version of Omega 4 map to Curtis for his project.

Warehouse: Started checking FCOA, X1R, and Y2 counters.

F&E stuff: Sent last Omega map to Curtis.

FC stuff: Did Hydran Gendarme (Sqdn+Fleet) and gave it to Petrick to review. It may be in CL37 with Tony Thomas's scenario. Final items list for FCDK completed. Revised CL37-FC-1Z and sent to staff. Revised two tactics pages and sent to staff.

SFB stuff: Final items list for Omega Five completed. Fixed Anarchist article and sent to staff.

CL37 stuff: Revised Draco-Tholian and sent to Jean. Revised Input guide and sent it to Jean. Revised 10 questions and sent to FC staff. Wrote the rest of the minis article and sent to SPP. Wrote proposals board and gave it to Petrick.

LUNCH: Fettuccini Alfredo (low-calorie version, of course).

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### MY DAY: 21 May (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:15am.

A. Dinosaur list: first dinosaur tracks from the Arabian Peninsula

B. Industry mailing lists: Origins, D&D-4e.

Other mail: Condolences to Colleen. Loren about draco-tholians. Jean report on input guide, draco-tholians. Paul Franz request for graphics for flyers. Eric Silverman about translations and selling into Japan.

BBS: Origins, CL37, PD minis.

Fed Commander Forum: first sightings of FCDK.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:30am.

1. Sent card (91) to FCOL and PBEM.

Starlist: Japan done (none). 46205 done.

Got the new shipment of maps and because somebody made a mistake at the final step, 83% of them are defective. I just got through going through 2000 map panels and wasn't happy with the results. The printer is very unhappy with the "finishing company" and has told them they're going to pay to do it over.

CL37 stuff: Did SFC Article, did SFBF article. Did Jean's fixes on pirates life article.

LUNCH: Whataburger with Petrick.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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### MY DAY: 22 May (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 10:30am after being sick most of the night.

Email. Only 219 spams got through filters.

Dinosaur list: ancestor found of frogs and salamanders.

Industry mailing lists: Class action POD suit against Amazon.

Other mail: FFA article, Loren Knight and the Draco-Tholians, Mike Curtis and I are discussing ways to make the Q&A process feed the warbook project.

BBS: translations, Origins.

Fed Commander Forum: VBAM.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11:59am

1. Sent card (92) to FCOL and PBEM.

Business: Meeting with printer about maps.

Warehouse: Results of 2000 map panels checked, about 200 are usable, another 300 are marginal (loyal customers would be unhappy but would not complain), and the rest are defective.

FC stuff: Fixed Gendarme and sent it to the staff. Did Klingon D5S (request by Tony Thomas) and armed freighter (request by Tony Thomas) for July Communique. Three scenarios.

SFB stuff: Approved 10 Romulan and 8 Kzinti SSDs for X1R.

CL37 stuff: Did three scenarios (two Tony Thomas, one Mike West) for FC and gave them to Petrick to check.

LUNCH: Had a huge country breakfast at 10am. Went to Burger King about 2pm and they screwed up our order.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### MY DAY: 23 May (Friday) 2008

Got here at 8:30 am.

A. Dinosaur list: Molecular clocks.

B. Industry mailing lists: Small press marketing. Robert Asprin died. Survey of how you came to the true religion (D&D). Scams from Australia with stolen credit cards.

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

Reports (1) on CL37 pages. Jean report on Gendarme, a bunch of others I did not have time to read.

Other mail: Tony Thomas about FC scenarios. Orion Attack scenario idea from Moellmer. Art Trotman about FCDK tactics. Origins badge deadline. Origins "poker" game.

BBS: gasoline prices, Talk Shoe, origins.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK, drone-plasma movement.

Daily web crawl

This step was completed at: 10:35am.

Sent card (93) to FCOL and PBEM.

Starlist: 46205 done. Two unanswered requests.

Business: Die cutter agreed to do maps over again.

Warehouse: shipment of paper (another cubic yard)

F&E stuff: Sent F&E strategy article for CL37 to staff.

FC stuff: Sent fixed D5S and Armed freighter cards to staff.

SFB stuff: Did mauler arc diagram and carronade table for Petrick's X1R project. Checked 6 Gorn and 6 Tholian SSDs for X1R.

CL37: Awards list given to Petrick and Jean for recommendations. Starline article sent to Jean. Sent F&E strategy article for CL37 to staff. Starline article sent to Jean.

LUNCH: Steak at Appleby's.

Read three days of FYEO.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### WEEKLY UPDATE 18-24 May 2008

PD d20 Modern: 20 May, I saw something called Galactic Insurance agent. 23 May, Marines. 24 May, something about merchants. This is now third in priority after CL37 and X1R.

Distant Kingdoms: 20 May, final items list complete. END ITEM.

Omega Five, April: 20 May, final items list complete. END ITEM.

CL#37, May: 19 May: did awards list, FC tactics article, Mark Tutton's article on decals, Anarchist, major F&E tactics article. 20 May: Sent a bunch of pages to staff. 21 May: Did SFC Article, did SFBF article. Did Jean's fixes on pirates life article, which was (officially) the "first page to be finished". 22 May: Did three scenarios (two Tony Thomas, one Mike West) for FC and gave them to Petrick to check. 23 May: Sent F&E strategy article for CL37 to staff. Awards list given to Petrick and Jean for recommendations. Starline article sent to Jean.

X1R: 19 May: Petrick gave me 18 X1R ships (Feds and Klingons) to review. 20 May, reviewed them, all ok. 20 May, countersheets checked for quality control. 22 May, approved 10 Romulan 8 Kzinti SSDs (total 36 out of 96). 23 May, checked 6 Gorn and 6 Tholian SSDs for X1R. 24 May, checked 4 tholian SSDs and told Petrick to do ship description pages for Fed-Tholian before doing more SSDs so Jean has something to proofread.

FC Orion Attack: 20 May, did Hydran Gendarme. 20 May, countersheets checked for quality control. 23 May, sent six ships to staff.

Y2: 20 May, countersheets checked for quality control.

Mother's estate: 20 May, got the final check, closed mother's estate. END ITEM.

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### MY DAY: 24 May (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 9:30 am.

Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Rate of Evolution.

B. Industry mailing lists: Origins stuff.

C. Messages (1) from Jean, Gary, JT, Andy P, about PD20M. Switching SFB coverage in PD20M to FC.

D. Reports (2) on CL37 pages processed. Scott Karen't SFC article. Jean list of missing awards. Reports from Stewart, Loren, Sickels sent to reports file until I get all the reports from those pages.

Other mail: Joe Carlson and a band of stars (a new music group).

BBS: Origins, Phoenix lander.

Fed Commander Forum: SFB, DK, Andros, Scug Art.

Daily web crawl

Sent card (94) to FCOL and PBEM.

Starlist: 68114 done. 27215 done.

F&E stuff: Sent F&E rulings article for CL37 to staff.

4. FC stuff: did first page of CL37 FC section, sent to staff.

5. SFB stuff: Checked four Orion SSDs for X1R.

6. CL37: Finished SFBF and Star Fleet Command articles (1.5 pages) and gave them to Petrick. Did two page Vulcan survey and sent it to Jean and Petrick.

LUNCH: Golden Coral, nice 16-ounce sirloin.

Shutting down at ... 5pm.

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### My Day, 25 May (Sunday)

I came by the office for an hour to clear spam out of my mailboxes.

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### MY DAY: 26 May (Memorial Day) 2008

Got here at 9:45 am.

Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Would \$400 million spent on dinosaur research have produced more knowledge of actual use than Mars landing?

B. Industry mailing lists: Paperback books. Everybody hates the idea of "content ratings" for RPGs to protect kids from porn.

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

Reports (8) on CL37 pages processed: Tony Thomas on project Z and 10 Questions and FC Scenarios and FC intro. Jean on Vulcan. Jean report on F&E rulings sent to "reports" file to wait for reports from F&E staff. Jean report on FC intro page. Jean and John Sickels about how to spell Zefram Cochrane. Jean Sexton report on proposal Board.

Other mail: Joe Carlson about his band of stars. Jean report on Orion DW and BR cards for FCOA. Tony Thomas report on ship cards for Comm-31 and for FCOA. Mike Johnson asked for an expanded Starlist for Ohio.

BBS: Origins. Omega and LMC tournament ships.

Fed Commander Forum: Gorn ship BPV hole (that had been filled six months ago and somebody missed it).

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:55

Sent card (95) to FCOL and PBEM.

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

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 49 Yesterday, 76 today.

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 81 Yesterday, 81 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 115 Yesterday, 115 today.

Pending Mail on hand: 218 Yesterday, 218 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: Keeping this under 30.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 28 March 07.

Un-filed attachments: 24 May 740; 26 May 759;

Starlist: 68114 done. 27215 done. 44840 done. 60608 done.

FYEO: Read to M05; Downloaded to May 26. Posted to M05.

Petrick: X1R, CL37, blog, SFB Scenarios, Y2.

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

4. FC stuff: Did fighter rules and Klingon/Federation ship cards. Did Trotman's scenario for FC.

LUNCH: BBQ at Country Barn.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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### MY DAY: 27 May (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00 am.

Email (after clearing Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Are Birds smarter than dinos?

B. Industry mailing lists: 4E marketing.

Reports (5) on CL37 pages processed: Jean's report on Awards. Several Draco-Tholian reports sent to reports file. Tony Thomas on the minis page.

Other mail: Michael Tisdell about FC tournament support. Jean's report on D5S, SeaHawk, Gorn FF, Orion BR, Gendarme, and armed freighter FC cards.

BBS: Day of the eagle comes early, Gas prices.

Fed Commander Forum: End of the Gorn BPV crisis.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:52

Sent card (96) to FCOL and PBEM.

Business: Tracking down a copyright issue.

FC stuff: Did B9 Card (two pages). Did hybrid cards for Lyran heavy frigate and heavy destroyer. Made Petrick's fixes and sent these (and the Klingon SD7) to staff.

CL37: Petrick gave me four pages of WYN history, three pages of monsters, and four X1B SSDs. Did the WHY page and gave it to Petrick and Jean. Edited Petrick's wyn history article.

LUNCH: Whattaburger with Petrick.

Shutting down at ... 7:15 to go to Robinson's BBQ.

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### MY DAY: 28 May (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 8:30 am.

Email (after clearing Spam).

Dinosaur list: China, with 146 valid dino genera, has now passed the US (145); the first time in 130 years that the US is not #1 in total number of scientifically accepted dinosaurs.

Industry mailing lists: Small companies giving special breaks to new stores to get their products into the door. Leaked copies of D&D4 are all over the internet.

Reports (10) on CL37 pages processed: Scott Moellmer report on D7V and Borders of Madness fighter rules. Mike West on an FC page. Jean report on Lyran HDD. Jean report on green HET boxes for Lyran HDD and HFF fleet scale. Jean's report on WHY article. Jean's report on Klingon B9 ship card. Tony Thomas report on Borders of Madness. Mike West report on B9 and SD7. SPP and JS about UIM overload chart which nobody noticed is totally wrong. Tony Thomas report on 8C13.

Other mail: Nice chat with Steve Jackson about the state of the game industry.

BBS: Gas prices.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:22am

F&E stuff: Got the ESSC file from Chuck.

FC stuff: Revised the fighter rules.

SFB stuff: Put the four X1B SSDs into CL37 and sent the PDF to the staff. Did the Death Probe article that Petrick wrote.

CL37: Did a ton of reports. Compiled the start of the Shipyard (ship description) section, and did what ships we had. Set up the MSC document for this issue and gave the blank grid to Petrick. Sent SFBF page to Jean; anybody else want to see it? Did Frank Brooks' PBEM articles but won't send the FC one out until I get Paul's. Sent SFC+PBEM page to Jean. Finished the History of the WYN Navy and sent it to staff.

LUNCH: Taco Salad.

Shutting down at ... 6:30

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### MY DAY: 29 May (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 7:15 am.

Email (after clearing Spam). Some Russian spam outfit is using design@starfleetgames.com as the "return address" so every Email they send to a bad address is "returned" to me, over 350 of them this morning, something no spam filter can stop because it's "legitimate" mail and I cannot ignore it since one out of 350 might actually be something I sent. Sigh.

Dinosaur list: Theropod census.

Industry mailing lists: Helping new stores get started.

Reports (32) on CL37 pages processed: Moellmer's term paper. Trotman's term paper. Moellmer report on Anarchist. Steve Petrick report on Vulcan. Jean report on Draco-Tholians. Loren report on Draco-Tholians. Jean's report on Input Guide. Loren, John Sickels, and Jean reports on Smarba. Jean report on Anarchist. Moellmer report on FC intro page. Jean report on fleet scale carriers. Tenhoff report on Death Probe article. Moellmer report on Death Probe.

Other mail: Review request from Fictional Reality. Told Toy & Game Industry Foundation to take me off their @#\$% spam list. Paul Stovell about an article he's writing. Jean made me update the BBS map. Nice phone call from Goodman and that Decipher Ezine. We're going to retroactively give them permission in exchange for some advertising. Moellmer and Jean reports on FCOA cards. Jean report on heavy Lyrans. Asked Chuck if he wanted to mess with Altered Alliances before I put it into CL37.

BBS: Origins plans.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK, Scug art of WYN shark.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:15

Starlist: 98239 Done.

Business: Tracking down a copyright issue and resolving it.

Turned in paperwork to hire a new graphics intern.

Warehouse: Sorted through 500 map panels to pull out the 200 I feel are good enough to use.

FC stuff: Reports on CL37 pages.

CL37: Processed reports.

LUNCH: pork chops at the stockyards.

Shutting down at ... I dunno, late.

SFB stuff: Did SSDs for the WYN ships.

CL37: Processed reports.

LUNCH: Chicken at Whattaburger.

Shutting down at ... late

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**Note:** Starting 1 June, I'm going to be posting an abbreviated version on most days as it has less clutter and maybe more of the people who need to read it will be reading it.  
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#### WEEKLY UPDATE 25-31 May 2008

CL#37, Origins: As of 24 May, I have 1 page finished, 18.5 in pagemaker, 21 in draft, 31.5 in notes, and 51 in "vague ideas". As of 28 May, this had seriously improved, with 8 pages finished, 40 more in pagemaker, 32 more in draft, 31 in notes, and only a few in "vague ideas". As of 31 May, his has improved to 19 finished (+11), 35 in pagemaker (-5), 33 in Draft (+1), 34 in notes (+3), and only 5 in "Nothing".

X1R, Origins: As of 24 May, Petrick has done 48 SSDs (half of the book) finished, no text pages, and the countersheets are on hand. As of 31 May, Petrick has 52 SSDs, Ship descriptions for R1 through R7, and a bunch of other stuff done.  
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## END MAY 2008 ARCHIVE

#### MY DAY: 30 May (Friday) 2008

Got here at 10:35 am. Yeah, very late, but I had some stuff to do around the house, and had brunch on the way in so I'm good.

A. Dinosaur list: Azhdarchid Pterosaur

B. Industry mailing lists: Did WOTC leak their own D&D 4th edition books as a marketing ploy?

Reports (15) on CL37 pages processed: Moellmer report on UIM charts. Brooks report on death probe. Loren Knight report on WYN history. Jean report on 8C13. Jean report on Klingon fighters and carrier. Jean report on Fed carrier and fighters. Mike West report on fighter BPVs in FC. Mike West report on fighter launch rates. Bunch of staff reports on FC stuff I sent out today, finding minor glitches.

Other mail: Note from Chris Huth with Beyond the Final Frontier on trading ad space for retroactive permission.

BBS: Origins plans, CL37 battleforce.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK, Scug.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:07

Business: Beyond the final frontier.

Warehouse: Had to climb over boxes to find where Leanna went.

F&E stuff: Told Chuck Strong if he can do Altered alliances swell, but if not, we'd kick it to CL38.

FC stuff: Scenario 8C14 sent to staff.

SFB stuff: Did scenario SL265 and sent to staff.

CL37: Processed reports.

LUNCH: Taco Villa.

Shutting down at ... 6pm, but I'm taking a dozen pages of X1R home to read.  
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#### MY DAY: 31 May (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 9:00 am.

Dinosaur list: Elanodactylus

Industry mailing lists: D&D4 costs \$105 in B&N but B&N will ship it to your home for \$60, so maybe they don't want to take space for it in the store?

Reports (3) on CL37 pages processed: Jean reports.

Other mail: Chris Huth with Beyond the Final Frontier.

BBS: Origins plans, CL37 battleforce, gas prices.

Fed Commander Forum: FCDK, Scug.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:55pm.