

COMPANY WEBLOG ARCHIVE JULY 2008

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MY DAY, 1-3 JULY

Nothing was posted due to the problems with my computer that were caused when Leanna (while I was at Origins) installed a CD burner that I did not want or need, and have not used (nine months later, still have never used it). I told her not to install the thing, but she did it anyway. She never did explain why.

MY DAY, 4 JULY Quick update

I have worked full days all week (including today, when I wasn't going to) mostly because my computer is sick. I've been backing up files. For strange reasons, some of the files back up in batches, others have to be backed up one at a time. For Mac 9, there is a program which will avoid that but Leanna couldn't find a copy for sale and the company that makes it doesn't sell it. Go figure. Anyway, not a lot of work done and what I did try to do didn't go well, but at least my blood pressure is higher. I will catch up the updates when the computer is fixed. Strangely, it cannot copy or paste without crashing. We know the problem but have to finish the backups before we can fix it.

What's causing the mayhem is the submissions. Lots of people send me jpgs but not all jpgs are equal, and some of them won't copy to another hard disk without open-save-as which is a pain (same for gifs, pdfs, rtf's, and other files; some will drag-copy and some will not). I spent all day yesterday doing one file of 2893 submissions.

MY DAY, 5 JULY

Nothing was posted due to the problems with my computer

MY DAY 6 July "sort of update".

After Leanna got the new hard disk installed on Thursday 3 July, I spent most of 4 and 5 July (12 hours one day, 16 the other) transferring files (some vacation). Theory was to back everything up and then have her fix WORD so I would be able to go back to work, which she did, even though I lacked time to back up all of the submissions. Then she found out all she had to do to fix WORD was replace one little support file. Sigh. The "fix" (re-installing all the software) screwed up all kinds of things (my browser doesn't work now, none of them work, but at least Word, Excel, pagemaker, and Freehand do work) so I can only get to the BBS from the PC in the other room, a computer I hate to use. Whimper. So I'm down here on Sunday (not that unusual, but I wanted to clean out the garage) trying to fix things that went wrong and back up the rest of the files. Sigh. I lack over 4,000 files, all of them various proposals-submissions which are in zillions of formats that have to be "Open one file, do save as, close file, open next file" instead of "drag 300 files to new hard disk, go get sandwich, repeat". Megasigh. Anyway, it's getting done and the new hard disk is spiffy since the old one was full and causing no end so trouble due to fragmentation issues. Dozens of people have sent me .jpg files, but there are a LOT of slightly different formats which are .jpg and only the "photoshop" version will drag-save to the new hard disk. None of the .gif files will drag-save. About 1/3 of the .pdf files will drag-save. None of the .rtf or .txt files will drag-save. None of the .bmp files will drag-save and I haven't got any program that will open them anyway so I guess it was a waste of time to not just reject them and tell the authors to send new ones, a process I am working my way through now. Ultra-sigh.

MY DAY: 7 July (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:20 am. Went home from 9:30-1pm to talk to gardener about what is ruining my lawn (grubs and fungus).

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Did mass extinction have a single cause?
B. Industry mailing lists: Gencon.
Other mail: Some Chinese lawyer wanting to help me stop intellectual property theft (sounds fishy).
BBS: ISC war, Post-Origins stuff.
The Hot List: Talk to John S and Tony T about minis.
Contracts for Silent Death, Klingon Armada, Gorilla Games, VBAM. Communique for June (done). Communique for July.
Orion Attack. SFB Module Y2. CL#38. Anything Jean needs on RPGs.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 2pm.

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: 66 Yesterday, 101 today.
One Week Grace Mail on hand: 131 Yesterday, 135 today.
Unprocessed reports on hand: 124 Yesterday, 125 today.
Pending Mail on hand: 220 Yesterday, 220 today.
Un-filed out-bound email: Keeping this under 50.
Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 28 March 07
Un-filed attachments: 1 July 647. 2 July 588. 7 July 587.
Starlist: 80205 done. 23453 done.
FYEO: Read to J4; Downloaded to July 71. Posted to M31.
Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.
Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.
Business: Considering trip to Dragon Con.
Warehouse: Lots of mail orders.
F&E stuff: ISC war topics heating up.
FC stuff: Communique 30 finished.
LUNCH: Grilled chicken and salad.
Shutting down at ... 7pm.

MY DAY: 8 July (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Jurassic Fight Club
B. Industry mailing lists: Gencon. Chinese scams.
Other mail: James Beadle product line questions. Joe Carlson about submissions. Jeffrey Cochran about his captain's log. Leanna about my paypal account.
BBS: ISC war, Post-Origins stuff.
Fed Commander Forum: The usual.
Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.
FC stuff: Communique 30 uploaded, 31 written.
SFB stuff: Sculptor memo.
LUNCH: Buns Over Texas.
Shutting down at ... 6pm.

MY DAY: 9 July (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Comet into Canada 12,000 BC
B. Industry mailing lists: Gencon.
Other mail: Jean and Leanna about Dragoncon. Two PD20M files from Jean.
BBS: ISC war, Post-Origins stuff.
Fed Commander Forum: The usual.
Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:40am.
Business: Planning trip to Dragon Con.
Warehouse: Went through the booth box, brought the stuff I need to do into the office, packed the box away until next year.
F&E stuff: ISC war topics heating up.
FC stuff: Communique 31, Petrick fixes made, sent to Jean.
LUNCH: Salad.
Shutting down at ... 6pm.

MY DAY: 10 July (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:00 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Colors of feathers detected in fossils.
B. Industry mailing lists: Gencon.
BBS: ISC War
Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Business: Planning trip to Dragon Con.
SFB stuff: meeting on early ISC weapons.
CL38: Set up files. Set up page count document.
LUNCH: Rudy's BBQ, a new place. Underwhelming.
Shutting down at ... 8pm

MY DAY: 11 July (Friday) 2008

Got here at 10:00 am. Leanna looked so great this morning (she has lost a lot of weight recently) that I insisted on taking her to our favorite place for a romantic breakfast and we got here late.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

- A. Dinosaur list: UN names eight new world heritage sites.
- B. Industry mailing lists: Gencon.

Other mail: Adam Turner about CR model for cover of FCOA. Sickles about Fed book. Splendid obituary for Jesse Helms by Ann Coulter. Bad news from Jean about an idiot who damaged part of her garden.

BBS: ISC War

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl was completed at: noon.

Starlist: 80205 done. 23453 done. I have a backlog of these.

F&E stuff: ISC war topics on fire

FC stuff: Communique 31 posted.

CL38: Did 1.5 pages (Arcturia).

LUNCH: Country Barn for BBQ, very good.

Shutting down at ... 8pm

MY DAY: 12 July (Saturday) 2008

Worked 9am to 7:30pm.

SHORT FORM: did OK6, Orion DN, Orion CA, and Commercial Platform cards for FC: Orion Attack, had Petrick check them, and sent them to the staff. These will go to press Tuesday on a sheet of cards that Ad Astra Games is printing. This means, by the way, that boosters 22-23-24 will be released the same day as FCOA. Read and posted two days of FYEO. Sent Organian page of CL38 to Jean.

MY DAY: 13 July, Sunday

I came in for five hours and did the reports on the four ship cards that have to go to press Tuesday.

MY DAY: 14 July (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:00 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

Dinosaur list: Enantiophoenix electrophyla

Industry mailing lists: Gencon.

Other mail: Jean Sexton report on consistency of ship card terminology. Leanna wanting a printable Klingon Space rulebook set for loose leaf. Jean Sexton about proofreading policies and practices. Polymancer offering us a free ad in a convention program. Adam Turner with colorized Orion art. Andy Reid about fighters on freighters. Will McCammon about the FC version of SFB command cards (not a new idea). Patrick Doyle's FC tactics. Mike West report on ship cards.

BBS: ISC War

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:30am

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Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 80 Yesterday, 88 today.

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 142 Yesterday, 146 today.

Unprocessed reports on hand: 126 Yesterday, 124 today.

Pending Mail on hand: 220 Yesterday, 220 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 77 Yesterday, 33 today.

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

Un-filed attachments: 1 July 647. 11 July 574. 14 July 567.

Folders of un-transferred files: 8 July 240. 13 July 215.

FYEO: Read to Jn17; Downloaded July 14. Posted to Jn15.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

Business: Planning trip to Dragon Con.

FC stuff: I continued working on the four new cards. Mike Sparks said we had to pull one of the four and reprint the short-stock planet killer card. I did nine pages of Comm-32 and sent it to staff.

CL38: Did three pages (Patrick Doyle's FC tactics); after Petrick read them, I sent them to two random Mikes.

LUNCH: Pizza. Then, Robinson's for supper.

Shutting down at ... Midnight.

MY DAY: 15 July (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 10:20 am. Having worked to midnight Monday night, I slept in and listened to the rain this morning.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: 11,000BC comet in Canda.

B. Industry mailing lists: Companies doing D&D4 products without paying for or accepting the license. Gencon policies confuse and terrify new exhibitors.

Other mail: Final reports on the new ship cards. Chuck Strong with Origins minutes. Adam Turner sent a preliminary FCOA cover. Ryan Opel sent a hilarious but ancient joke. New distributor in Finland sent in his first order. Jean sent a really wicked joke about a blonde mortician.

BBS: ISC SIT

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 4:52pm.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 88 Yesterday, 94 today. I have GOT to launch a major effort to cut this down. Charge!

1. Jonathan Thompson about meeting at dragoncon.
2. Memo to Chessex about consignment sales.
3. Burnside about the card sheet to print this week. (several)
4. Asked Leanna to send Paul Franz the images he wants.
5. Exchanged greetings with Alex Chobot.
6. John Schneider II reports work starting on DR and Complat.
7. GAMA newsletter reviewed for secret codes.
8. Adam Turner about calendars and graphic novels.
9. Jean Sexton about RPG projects.
10. Scott Alan Woodard about savage worlds RPG project.
11. Long memo from Loren Knight one every idea he ever had.

12. Leanna about my paypal account.

13. Michael Tisdell about FC tournaments (several Emails).

14. Petrick about a movie I should put on my netflix list.

15. Jay Waschak about VBAM.

16. Ryan S. Johnson who can POD print card decks.

17. Did four Starlist requests.

18. Mike Curtis about FEAR.

End of the day, this was down to 55.

Starlist: done 15 July: 83704 01863 45023 64138

Warehouse: Checked FC card stocks.

F&E stuff: ISC SIT format loved. Discussed web casters with Chuck Strong and it turns out that the factors and rules are correct and written and the proposed change is not happening.

FC stuff: I finished the four new cards but could only send three to press due to the imminent out of stock problem on card 16.

RPGs: Sent Jean the first first HERO files in two formats for her to decide which she wants.

LUNCH: Robinson's

Shutting down at ... 5:30pm. Leanna wants to go home and I came to work in her car.

MY DAY: 16 July (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:20 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Biodiversity.

B. Industry mailing lists: Companies saying they will do "for use with D&D4" products without the GSL license which nobody seems to care for.

Other mail: Chuck Strong memos on ISC war and Origins. Note from Mike West about LDR CA PV. A British mail order dealer asked to be on the store list, which is limited to brick and

mortar stores. The guy we were supposed to hire today (to replace Matt) left an Email saying he decided to go somewhere else. Mike Curtis sent in a question he had answered which he thought needed to be in CL#38, and now it is. Chuck Strong sent a file copy of the Origins Minutes. Jean about RPG file formats.

BBS: ISC SIT

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl was completed at... sometime.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 94 Yesterday, 61 today.

I have GOT to launch a major effort to cut this down. Charge!

1. Mike West about when to print the FC Rev 5 rulebook.
2. Alliance and Diamond about Graphic Novels & Calendars.
3. Memo to Adam Turner about Graphic Novels.
4. Memo from Mike Curtis changing conversion of FHP to major.
5. Patrick Doyle about the Gorn Anchor article.
6. Patrick Doyle about plasma tactics article.
7. Several CL38 reports from Jean.
8. Gary Carney article for CL38 that turned out to be good.
9. Memo from Loren Knight that said he was going to send me the memo I read yesterday.
10. Note from Chuck about ISC reaction movement.

Business: Planning trip to Dragon Con. Memos about graphic novels.

F&E stuff: Next round of ISC base rules with Chuck. Almost there.

FC stuff: Fixed PV of LDR CA.

CL38: Make Patrick Doyle fixes to plasma articles. Did Jean's fixes to the Organian Myths article.

RPGs: Sent all HERO files to Jean.

LUNCH: Enhiladas.

Shutting down at ... 6:30pm. Spent two hours at home reading some stuff Petrick wrote for CL38.

MY DAY: 17 July (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:10 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: reasons not to date a T-rex.

B. Industry mailing lists: Gencon GPA showcase.

Other mail: Neale Davidson about Leanna's Fighting Starships. Patrick Doyle with fixes to his article. Gary Carney about some fiction he wrote. Paul Franz about some art he needed. Told Boyce from Ninja Magic with a Tholian fighter mini design. Diamond about carrying the Cloisonne pins. Neale Davidson about Leanna's Fighting Starships.

BBS: ISC SIT. Star system Alpha.

Fed Commander Forum: Adam's Orion is a big hit.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

Everybody should read the Ann Coulter energy editorial. Alternative energy has yet to produce more energy than it used, but it has consumed billions of dollars because it sounded good to voters.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 61 Yesterday, 57 today.

I have GOT to launch a major effort to cut this down. Attack!

1. Two old Emails from Neale about Leanna's fighting starships.
3. Email from Todd Boyce about weapons on fighter minis.
4. Three Emails from Petrick and West about FC ESGs.
7. Several Emails from Mike West about Orion option mounts.
10. Emails from Tisdal and Filsinger about FC tournaments.
14. Randy Green about Dragoncon.
15. Mike West Juggernaut questions in FC.
16. Ryan Opel offered to update the CL16 index if I would send him the original files so he knows where to start.
17. Mark Theurer about reviews in Fictional Reality.
18. Tony Thomas suggestions for ship in Comm 32.
19. Obsolete memo from Petrick about Omega 5 ribbons (done).
20. Old memo from Mike Curtis about FEAR files (done).
21. Michael_Cessna looking for a publisher for his RPG book.

Business: Planning trip to Dragon Con.

F&E stuff: Did the B10 part of the Klingon SIT, which was about half of the total Klingon reports. If I can do two pages of reports per week, well, we'll be done faster than two pages perm month.

FC stuff: Sent the six cards to press..

SFB stuff: Petrick has it handled.

CL38: Read Petrick's Arastoz article (last night) and gave it back to him this morning. Discussed Draco-Tholians with Petrick and sent the revised article to Loren.

RPGs: Discussed the draft memo with Jean.

LUNCH: Pork chops at the stockyards.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

MY DAY: 18 July (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:10 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

Dinosaur list: Tazoudasaurus

Other mail: Jean reminded us to do the photos of minis to show Reaper where the phaser bumps are. Moellmer about an upcoming on line event. Somebody asked if the F&E games we sell are the latest rulebooks. (Why wouldn't they be?) Alliance about selling the cloisonne pins. Jean sent her "memo to RPG staff" which I approved and sent back to her. Revised Tholian fighter from Todd Boyce. A guy wanted permission to make refrigerator magnets to build a playing group. I am not sure how such things would build a group, but the last guy who asked for that permission went into business selling refrigerator magnets, so I'm a little hesitant.

BBS: Star system Alpha.

Fed Commander Forum: latest version of Klingon Border.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:30.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 57 Yesterday, 29 today.

Continued major effort to get this down to zero. Attack!

1. Patrick Doyle fix to his article.
 2. Note from Reaper about "QC checksheets" we need to do.
- Business: Planning trip to Dragon Con.
Warehouse: Trying to deal with a POD order from another company we might do for them as a professional courtesy.
F&E stuff: Posted the new Klingon SIT. Worked on Kzinti SIT.

CL38: Sent the Draco-Tholian article to Jean.

RPGs: Approved Jean's memo to writers. She sent it out.

LUNCH: Cracker Barrel. Underwhelming.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

MY DAY: 19 July (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 9:00 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Are turtles and crocodiles actually reptiles?

B. Industry mailing lists: copyright violating website found.

Other mail: Kzinti SIT reports from Tenhoff. Several Emails from Jean as RPG writers contact her. Randy Green about Dragoncon. Scott Rutter asked about tournament support. Charcon wanted to trade ads for product (standard convention deal) so I said "sure". Note from Jean about resuming work on PD20M.

BBS: Star system Alpha.

Fed Commander Forum: Gorn advantages.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11am.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 29 Yesterday, 34 today.

Continued major effort to get this down to zero. Attack!

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. FC rules change proposals by Mike West and Mike Filsinger moved into the master file of unresolved issues.
- 8, 9. FC tournament changes from Mike Filsinger and Mike West.
10. Email from Todd Boyce asking questions for fighter and shuttle minis. I answered it (two months after I should have).
11. Note from Loren about F15 design.
12. djdood about idea for a FC ship card change that the staff violently rejected as "the FC version of the crawford box".
13. djdood about fedex mini that he(?) did.
- 14, 15. Notes from Michael Grafton about his Vortex story.
16. Discussion with Filsinger and West about FC products.
17. Todd Jolley about an FC Master weapons chart.
18. Mike West proposed change to FC PPD rules.
19. Mike West proposed change to FC victory system.
20. Chessex about Dragoncon.

21. Obsolete memo from Mike Curtis (we have talked about the same subject later, so this one is just old news.)

22. Note from Scott Alan Woodard with data about savage worlds license. Talked to Jean about contacting them.

Starlist: done 19 July: 16601

Warehouse: Emailed Reaper about minis production. Worked on minis QC guides but need more photos from Leanna.

Did the easy part of the Kzinti SIT reports.

FC stuff: Rewrote tournament rules and sent to Mike & Mike. Set up topic for new PPD rule. Set up topic for revised victory rule.

SFB stuff: Discussed ISC ships with Petrick. Decided to concentrate on warp ships with warp weapons, as sublight system doesn't exist and the warp-ships/slow-weapons is dumb.

CL38: tournament page preliminary draft.

RPGs: Studied a note from Jean about PD20m. Reviewed savage world license.

LUNCH: Furr's for roast beef. Very good. Lots of veggies.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

MY DAY: 20 July (Sunday) 2008

Got here at 2:00 pm.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

Jean reports. Mike & Mike discussing FC stuff.

BBS: Origins restaurants. FC victory conditions and PPD.

Fed Commander Forum: Gorn advantage. Energy tracking.

Orion Attack (12 out of 19 ship cards done).

SFB Module Y2 (early ISC weapon design set for this week).

CL#38 (2.5 pages done, 5 in PM, 4 more in draft mode).

Jean RPGs (PD20M seems to have reached chapter 8; not sure if she skipped other chapters).

Daily web crawl was completed at: 3pm.

F&E stuff: Deleted all of Dave Butler's notes about "delete notes about plus fighters" since the staff rejected his proposal that this wasn't necessary, agreeing with me that it WAS needed.

LUNCH: Leanna cooked steak and potatoes at home.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

MY DAY: 21 July (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:00 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Turtles and alligators vs. true reptiles.

Other mail: Jean reports on PD20 Chapter 8. FC Scenario from Mike Bennett. Somebody asked a question about FC Academy.

Emailed Matt Alleman about minis.

BBS: Origins restaurants. FC victory conditions and PPD.

Fed Commander Forum: Gorn advantage. Energy tracking.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9am.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 19 Yesterday, 22 today.

Continued major effort to get this down to zero. Attack!

1. Inventory report from Mike Sparks.

2. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-at54tjZzw>

3. Rob Simmons sent in a Border of Madness report noting that F15 fighters mop the floor with the Klingons.

4. Petrick memo on judge rewards.

5. Mike West with various technical edits to FC rules (such as adding references to 4A4 in a lot of places).

6. chessex about Dragoncon.

7. Sent exploratory Email to Savage Worlds.

8. Finally got Will Cameron paid for the Federation Express.

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Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 28 March 07. (+0)

Un-filed attachments: 1 July 647. 17 July 494. 486.

Un-transferred file folders: 8 July 240. 16 July 210. 20 July 179.

Starlist: done 19 July: 16601

FYEO: Read July 2; downloaded July 21; posted thru June 30.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

Business: Sent prices to a company wanting us to print books.

F&E stuff: Two minor fixes to every SIT (G32, BS-BATS).

FC stuff: Did the Monitor ship card, had Petrick check it, sent it to the staff.

SFB stuff: Did first pass on the plasma blaster, plasma cannon, plasma vortex, plasma-V, and drone-P for early ISC; sent to Alpha test list.

CL38: Mental note to do vortex story tomorrow.

RPGs: Jean reports on 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147. Sent exploratory Email to Savage Worlds.

LUNCH: Salad because Leanna wanted to go there. (Leanna, I am not a rabbit!)

DINNER: Salad because Petrick wanted to go there. (Petrick, I am not a @\$%! rabbit!)

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

Really good day.

1. Scale shows I have lost ten pounds since Origins.

2. I sent a new record in computer-Sudoku (hardest level) of 3:08, cutting four seconds off my previous record. It's not really the way I like to do Sudoku as it is works with "guess, ask for check, move the one that's wrong" but even so, 3:08 is only possible if you can get a lot of them right on the first try.

3. Pretty much caught up on current Email.

MY DAY: 22 July (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:30 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Turtles and alligators vs. true reptiles, again.

B. Industry mailing lists: West End Games. (Although I am not sure what is going on. People just say: "We all know, but we're not going to rehash it. Darn shame about it.")

Other mail: Jean on adding ISC back into PD20M. Jean reminded me to write the whack-a-mole scenario. Strange attachment sent to Loren to open for me.

BBS: Weather channel. FC victory conditions and PPD.

Fed Commander Forum: Gorn advantage. Energy tracking.

Daily web crawl was completed at: noon.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 22 Yesterday, 21 today.

I am going to close this out today, moving everything to OWG.

1. Loren Knight got the file to open. I sent the stuff (FC term papers) to Petrick to deal with.

2. Told Mike Sparks to send sample books to Savage Worlds.

3. CharCon 2008 says they got the ad swap data.

4. Gary Plana asked me to post the Sanctuary cast photo.

5. Tim Curry sent me the photo his publicity house did for him.

6. Tournament box for San Diego Game Fest 29.

7. Finally got Matt Alleman paid for space boar and death probe.

8. Robert Simmons got his lost campaign ribbon.

9. Petrick sent a report on Star Fleet Battle Stations.

10. Discussion with Michael Cessna about publishing his Hong Kong in space RPG setting book.

11. Grafton outline for romulan story sent to OWG.

12. Sent a nice note to Frey at Dynaverse.

Business: Printed prototype books for other company.

F&E stuff: Finished and posted Kzinti SIT. Sent Lyran line items to staff.

SFB stuff: Discussed Omega Six with Petrick at dinner.

CL38: Petrick said he would do battleforce next.

RPGs: Jean discussion of ISC in PD20M. Savage Worlds green-lighted the deal.

LUNCH: Tasteless chopped steak and mashed potatoes at a place convenient to the errand Leanna and I were running.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

MY DAY: 23 July (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 8:45 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Finding dinos in northern Siberia.

B. Industry mailing lists: Are pen-and-paper RPGs dead?

Other mail: Jean's reminder to take pills and record BP. Frazier about base upgrade paths (sent to Chuck Strong). Mike West idea for a ship in communique. Somebody asked for referrals to get minis painted. Frazier's report on Lyran SIT. University intern department on the hunt for a new Matt. Tenhoff report on Lyran SIT. Rick Knox about FC playtesting.

BBS: Aft Hull. Lyran Fast CL. ISC weapons in FC.

Fed Commander Forum: commander's circle.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:41 (Sudoku, 3:17)

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 21 Yesterday, 0 today.

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 146 Yesterday, 167 today.

Plan is to eliminate this in three weeks.

1. University intern department. Sent them a note.
2. Old Email about a fiction story. Obsolete, deleted.
3. Another old Email about a fiction story. Obsolete, deleted.
4. Old set of instructions for Matt; I had never confirmed he did these. He did, so deleted it.
5. Note from Leanna to check banners on TMP. Made note for Matt-2.0 to replace them with new ones.
6. Old Email to Jeff Laikind about info for Gencon page. He never sent it and didn't go this year.
7. Note from Ann Dupuis about Fudge license. Sent it to Jean for her files.
8. Note from short-run card printer who went out of business. Deleted as obsolete.
9. Note from Scott Woodard on savage worlds, sent to Jean for her file.
10. A guy had applied for the FEAR job before I gave it to Mike Curtis. I suggested he work with Mike to learn more about the game and the system and be read when Mike Curtis retires in a few years or so.

Other Tasks

Business: Printed prototype books for other company.

FC stuff: Read the PPD topic. Did the Squadron scale Lyran MP and gave it to Petrick to read.

SFB stuff: Read the battlegroup article.

CL38: Sent the battlegroup article to Jean.

RPGs: Jean sent more and more pages of PD20M.

LUNCH: Leanna (who hates fish) took me to Red Lobster (where we haven't been in ten years). Expensive, not enough food on the plate, but very tasty.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

MY DAY: 24 July (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 8:55 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

Dinosaur list: Molecular Clocks.

Industry mailing lists: defining the levels of game publishers, who is big, who is medium, who is small, how do you tell?

Other mail: Mike West cleared an old FC issue. Read a story submission by Jonathan Snyder. I didn't like it. Mark Tutton about continental drift. ClineCON in Pittsburg wants support. Ken Burnside sent me a really neat dinosaur link. Answered some questions about Leanna's Starships for Neale Davidson. Adam Turner about graphic novel project.

PD20M stuff from Jean: Merchant skills, height & weight,

Plus 12 Emails from Gary Plana about PD20M.

BBS: I had to resolve a tractor beam question.

Fed Commander Forum: Pinecone and the memos.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 0 Yesterday, 0 today.

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 167 Yesterday, 158 today.

1. Found an old Email from Chuck Strong about ESSC. Since it has now been published as an official rule, I don't need this early draft any more. Deleted.
2. An old Savage Worlds email made redundant and deleted.
3. Old newsletter from university; I have later copies. Deleted.
4. Another obsolete memo from TMP. Deleted.
5. Old Email about credit card rip off. As the bank is currently

slapping the company for ripping me off, I don't need this old note to do something about it.

Business: Printed more prototype books for other company.

F&E stuff: Went over last version of the

FC stuff: Did Orion BC, Double Raider, Small Q-ship, Large Q-Ship, and BCH squadron scale ship cards and gave them to Petrick.

RPGs: Read lots of reports from Jean, Jonathan, & Gary.

LUNCH: Steak at Appleby's. Chatted with manager about under-done broccoli.

DINNER: Home to nuke something out of the freezer.

Shutting down at ... 5:45pm.

MY DAY: 25 July (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:15 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Juvenile Tarbosaurus

B. Industry mailing lists: Trade day at Gencon.

Other mail: Chuck Strong sent me the next rule to review. I put it in OWG until Monday. Loren Knight memo on traffic from M81 to M zero. Adam Turner about graphic novel plots. Chuck Strong sent me the ISC base rule to post. Neale Davidson about LFS. Note from Jean about Savage Worlds. Ithaca Cup announcement. Jean won a distinguished service award from the day lily society. (Is there such a thing as a night lily?) The guy who runs ClineCON 2008 in Pittsburgh won't understand why game companies only want to trade product for ads and do not want to fly demo teams to his convention. Nice note from Mark Tutton. Jean's daily reminder to take my pills and record my blood pressure. Jonathan Snyder about fiction. Jean's daily list of things for me to do. I keep telling you guys, if you want me to do something, figure out how to get Jean to put it on my list. Stew Frazier sent something on F&E base upgrades that I told him to send to Chuck. A nice note from Jen Burriss, my previous booth babe (my god-baby is doing fine). PD20M reports from Tony Thomas. Jonathan Snyder about fiction. PD20M reports from Jonathan Thompson.

BBS: Old Caplogs, D6, ISC in FC, Lioness, Hemp is a very hungry crop (this must be a new play by Maya Anjalou).

Fed Commander Forum: SeaHawk art.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:30pm.

Unanswered stuff in the In-Box: 0 Yesterday, 0 today.

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 158 Yesterday, 155 today.

1. Website willing to post press releases. Sent to Mike.
2. Note to discuss distribution and pod printing with a guy who only sells PDFs. Sent to OMG.
3. Somebody about an E-module. Sent to OMG.
4. Somebody about us printing his Emodule. Sent to OMG.
5. Obsolete message about equipment for sale. Deleted.
6. Somebody about a Stellar Shadows project. Sent to OMG.
7. Someplace willing to post press releases. Sent to Mike.
8. Obsolete Email from Petrick about Omega five. Deleted.
9. Copy of a memo about how to write a project definition memo. Sent to Jean who may find it useful.
10. Old memo from Neale Davidson that should have been answered by now, and I think it mostly has been, but answered it anyway. How it got into this file is unclear.

Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

Business: Answered some strange survey about IT budgets.

Warehouse: Mike had me order minis from Bruce Graw.

F&E stuff: Posted Chuck's ISC base rule. Received but didn't have time to read his reaction group rule.

FC stuff: Make Petrick's fixes to six squadron ship cards for FCOA.

SFB stuff: Keeping out of Petrick's bailiwick.

CL38: Started working on edits for story and immediately ran into a question I had to ask the author, so, no progress until I hear back from him.

RPGs: Lots of reports.

LUNCH: Steak at Logan's Roadhouse.

DINNER: I'll microwave something at home.

Shutting down at ... 7:30.

MY DAY: 26 July (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 9:10 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Tanystropheus

B. Industry mailing lists: State of the industry.

Other mail: Starlist request without state or zip code. Jean proofed the reserve blogs I wrote for Petrick. Five reports from Jean and one from Gary Plana on PD20M, then a lot more of them during the day including Jonathan. Bruce Graw about ships. Gorilla Games wanting some background files.

BBS: ISC special base rule.

Fed Commander Forum: Romulan logos.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 2pm.

Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

Business: Are we still in business?

Warehouse: Bruce Graw said he would make minis.

F&E stuff: Chuck selected Ryan Opel for F&E staff.

FC stuff: Did the fleet half of the last 6 Orion Attack ships and gave them to Petrick to check.

SFB stuff: Keeping out of Petrick's bailiwick.

CL38: Waiting to hear from Vortex Author.

RPGs: Lots of reports.

LUNCH: Very tender and juicy roast beef at Furr's.

DINNER: I'll microwave something at home.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

MY DAY: 27 July (Sunday) 2008

Got here at 1:30 pm.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Jurassic Fight Club

B. Industry mailing lists: Nothing much.

Other mail: Mike Bennett about a scenario. Adam Turner art for the Gorilla Games project. Adam Turner about graphic novels. About a dozen emails offering me videos of Angelia Jollee (I have tomb robber, do I need anything else?). Several PD20M reports by Tony Thomas and one by Jean explaining patiently why I am completely wrong in a decision I made yesterday. (So what else is new?)

BBS: Background Question.

Fed Commander Forum: wartime shakedown.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 3pm.

It's Sunday. I mostly just cleaned up clutter and filed stuff.

LUNCH: Leanna cooked Turkey at home.

Shutting down at ... 5pm.

MY DAY: 28 July (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:30 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Albertonykus borealis

B. Industry mailing lists: Can a new RPG ever hit big time?

Other mail: A question about Romulan Space. F&E Lyran SIT reports from Chuck and Ryan. A retail store updated its listing in Storelist. Gary Carney had some questions he should have sent to Petrick, so I forwarded them. Ken Burnside about D6 (twice). Jean about HERO. Sent proxy to GAMA. Jean about pd20M height-weight chart.

BBS: Problem with search new after four days. D20. Mike Powers was posting routine messages and then deleting them. No one seems to know why he was doing this, but it was apparently part of his ongoing meltdown.

Fed Commander Forum: wartime shakedowns.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:30am

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 137 Yesterday, 127 today. Time-critical & Easy get done; the rest goes to One Month Grace.

1. Found a lost Starlist request and did it.
2. Note from web host I kept so I could check back on an issue and it's been resolved.
3. BBS map update note from Jean sent to OMG.
4. Filksong sent to CapLog file.
5. Jean wants Mobile Base marked "not capitalized" in the cap guide. Sigh. I guess.

6-7. Emails about website support for a site I belong to.

8. Another lost starlist request. How did these get in HERE?

9. Needed updates to site, sent to file for Matt 2.0.

10. Jean wants "impulse" not capitalized in the cap guide. Whatever. Just give her what she wants. It hurts less than arguing.

File down to 117.

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

Unprocessed reports on hand: 124 Yesterday, 124 today.

One Month Grace: 241 yesterday, 241 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: Keeping this under 40.

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 25 Feb 07. (+1)

Un-filed attachments: 1 July 647. 27 July 424. 28 July 407.

Un-transferred file folders: 8 July 240. 27 July 140. 28 July 130.

Starlist: done 28 July: 22406, 98125.

FYEO: Read July 14; downloaded July 28; posted thru July 10.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

1. Business: Talk with other game company about books for Gencon.

2. Warehouse: Told Mike he was doing a good job.

3. F&E stuff: Got third and fourth (of five) Lyran SIT reports.

4. FC stuff: Busy, didn't do any.

5. SFB stuff: Keeping out of Petrick's bailiwick.

6. CL38: Revised the story.

7. RPGs: Tony Thomas, Jon Thompson, Jean Sexton reports.

LUNCH: Salad, Pizza Planet.

DINNER: BBQ, Robinson.

Shutting down at ... 9pm

MY DAY: 29 July (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Prehistoric Monsters Revealed (history channel)

B. Industry mailing lists: GPA showcase booth at Gencon.

Other mail: Adam Turner about art. Several Emails from Jean and Gary about PD20M. Loren Knight about fiction. Lyran SIT report from Curtis. VBAM asked for information on ground combat in a campaign setting. Request from Alliance for info about a product that isn't even on the schedule. Gary Plana about planets.

BBS: solar power. Just who is ADB's art director?

Fed Commander Forum: The next issue.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10am

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 127 Yesterday, 117 today.

Time-critical & Easy get done; the rest goes to One Month Grace.

1. A note about the building we're not going to build. Deleted.
2. Note to update RPG gaming index, sent to OMG.
3. Confusing note about an impractical idea somebody had for us to lose money printing special countersheets. Deleted.
4. A note about GPD4e errata sheet, sent to Gary & Jean.
5. Origins event registration, I had kept a copy waiting for them to confirm it and didn't delete it when they did.
6. A publicity lead I don't have time to follow, sent to OMG.
7. Advertising opportunity I don't have time to check out, sent to OMG.
8. a reminder to ask somebody a question. I asked it.
9. Note to Bruce about minis long since done.
10. Another advertising opportunity I don't have time to check out, sent to OMG.

File is now down to 107 items.

Un-filed attachments: 1 July 647. 28 July 407. 29 July 394.

Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

1. Business: Worked on business plans, memos, contracts.

2. Warehouse: Discussed how schedule impacts warehouse.

3. F&E stuff: Got the last Lyran SIT report, so I can do that.

4. FC stuff: Busy, didn't do any.

5. SFB stuff: Keeping out of Petrick's bailiwick.

6. CL38: Petrick found a glitch in the story. I found another one.

7. RPGs: Numerous memos about matters great and small.

LUNCH: BBQ at Country Barn.

DINNER: BBQ at Robinson's.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

MY DAY: 30 July (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 8:15 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: dinosaur encyclopedia.

B. Industry mailing lists: Gencon stuff.

Other mail: Ken had an idea Leanna isn't going to do. Jean had some memos about D6. Somebody wanted permission to do something and I'm going to have to ask the corporate attorney before I answer. Frank sent some F&E questions that I sent to Chuck so he can send them to Ryan (being military, Chuck is touchy about chain of command issues). Jon Jordan about a fiction story. Gorilla Games about the project. DSP said we would have a D6 contract by next week.

BBS: Website requests. War & Peace.

Fed Commander Forum: The fighter debate starts anew.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9am

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 117 Yesterday, 111 today.

1. Note from an old gamer friend I finally had time to answer.
2. A file from Jean on dragons I needed to go over.
3. a note from Jean to send her something that I had sent her since this note went to one week grace.
4. An FC scenario from Mike Bennett that just needed to be filed.
5. Michael Grafton fiction outline.
6. A copyright violation website I reported earlier but had to check up on (it's been shut down).
7. An FC idea from Wil McCameron which the staff voted "no".
8. FC tactics submissions sent to Petrick.
9. A reminder of something I want to do that has to go to OMG.
10. Something for Matt 2.0 to do, sent to OMG.

Starlist: done 29 July BS130DX (UK), 80226.

Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

1. Business: Worked on business plans, memos, contracts.
2. Warehouse: Leanna went to get covers made for the contract books we're doing for the other company.
3. F&E stuff: Lyran SIT updated. Orion SIT reports sent out.
4. FC stuff: Busy, didn't do any.
5. SFB stuff: Keeping out of Petrick's bailiwick.
6. CL38: Nothing today.
7. RPGs: Memos about D6.

LUNCH: Taco Salad.

DINNER: I ate something but danged if I remember what.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

MY DAY: 31 July (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:15 am.

Email (after clearing way too much Spam).

A. Dinosaur list: Triassic theropod found in Poland.

B. Industry mailing lists:

Other mail: Jean finished some PD20M pages. A note from the other game company, so impressed with the POD books we did that they want us to do a run of huge books for a pre-release at GenCon. Gorilla Games about the next playtest round. Leanna asked if she should wait until we do a regular order to get B10 stands for a guy who wants 125 of them; I said to go ahead and order them from Bruce now. A store asked to be added to listing; asked them what they stocked.

BBS: war and peace.

Fed Commander Forum: carriers and fighters in FC.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:44pm.

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 111 Yesterday, 102 today.

1. Notes for me to write a one page caplog snapshot. Written.
2. A note for Matt 2.0 to fix something on the site. OMG.
3. Chuck Strong tactical reserve rule. Edited.
4. Went and looked at some cool graphics from a new artist.
5. A note about something to do for dragoncon. Done.
6. A note for Matt 2.0 to fix something on the site. OMG.
7. FC tournament report send to Mike West & Mike Filsinger so

they can change the tournament rules to fix the issues.

8. Two FC ESG questions from Mike West.

9. A request for an FC ship, listed it in Communique notes file.

10. A question from Adam about what art to do next.

Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

1. Business: Worked on business plans, memos, contracts.
2. Warehouse: We got the covers for the contract books. They must have been happy as they want us to do another one.
3. F&E stuff: Edited Chuck's F&E tactical reserve rule.
4. FC stuff: Busy, didn't do any.
5. SFB stuff: Keeping out of Petrick's bailiwick.
6. CL38: Wrote a one page story. Petrick gave me the growler files so I can do those pages any time I want.
7. RPGs: Chapter 6 of PD20M done.

LUNCH: Turkey at Cracker Barrel. Not enough food but then eating "enough" food made me fat.

DINNER: Nothing so far.

Shutting down at ... 8pm

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