

# COMPANY WEBLOG

## ARCHIVE AUG 2008

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### MY DAY: 1 August (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:15 am.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: no soft tissue in T-rex bones after all.

Industry mailing lists: Gencon. Future of RPGs.

Other mail: Notes (lots of them) from Jean about what JT lacks to finish PD20M. A judge about buying gift certificates. Jean about somebody interfering with her staff.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: booster 21.

Daily web crawl was completed at: sometime.

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 102 Yesterday, 94 today.

1. An email from Leanna I delayed at the time but did what she wanted and forgot to delete.

2. An email from an old friend I finally had time to read and answer.

3. A note to update something on the website. OMG.

4. A note to update the list of stores. Done.

5. A note to update something on the website. OMG.

### Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

Business: Worked on business plans, memos, contracts.

Warehouse: Staff meeting to decide to shift to P65 alloy for minis.

RPGs: Memos with Jean on various issues.

LUNCH: Chicken fried steak at the bowling alley.

DINNER: Nothing so far.

Shutting down at ... 7pm

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### MY DAY: 2 August (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 8:15 am.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Acrocantnosaurus

Industry mailing lists: Gencon vs the Teamsters.

Other mail: Jean sent the "rogue" for PD20M. Mike Sparks needed me to change a graphic for PD20M.

BBS: Igneous vs the Iridani.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighter debate rages on.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11:00

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 94 Yesterday, 89 today.

1. An obsolete memo about the F&E firestorm scenario deleted.

2. A request for info from a media source. Sent info.

3. Memo from a friend in Europe. Answered.

4. Memo from WOTC taking me off of their Gencon mailing list.

5. Memo from Leanna about a credit card company. Filed.

6. A note from SJG about a gurps starship game.

7. Memo about alliance retailer summits. We are not going.

8. Something that had artists upset but I don't get it.

9. A memo from "gamer girl" that I sent to Jean.

10. A memo from JT about d20 logo cancellation.

### Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

Business: Worked on business plans, memos, contracts.

Warehouse: Did photo-guides for Reaper quality control. 25 of them. Gigantic pain in the ass (and took five hours) but necessary to show Reaper what to check for.

RPGs: Memos with Jean on various issues.

LUNCH: Texas Roadhouse.

DINNER: I don't know yet what I am going to eat or where.

Shutting down at ... 7pm

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### MY DAY 3 Aug: Sunday

I stayed home to rest and do things for Leanna, who made her famous hamburgers for lunch. The bone spur in my neck

(which pinches a nerve) has kept me from sleeping much for the last week. Due to a cramp in my leg, I couldn't drive to work anyway.

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### MY DAY: 4 August (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:00 am.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: A new very old dino in Poland.

Industry mailing lists: Setting up a POD plant. Origins had 1,000 more people this year than last year. GTS had 48 fewer.

Other mail: JT asked me about final frontier format. An artist applied for Matt's job but it cannot be done by Email. Chuck sent revised TR rule, and I sent back two further changes. VBAM offered to do a train game for us. Somebody else reminded me he was due a GIA commendation. Gary Carney about his FC Magellanics module. Petrick rejected a proposed change to ESGs and I turned that into a proposals board item. Flatcon wanted convention support. No problem. A convention we had never heard from (Nuke Con) sent an Email to every company asking for support, and we send them the standard list of what we will do and how they get us to do it.

BBS: copyright violations on Ebay, using P65 alloy in minis.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters. Timeline.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 5:44pm.

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 89 Yesterday, 80 today.

1. Check in with Gary Plana about the GURPS starship combat book.

2. Old VBAM memo long since answered.

3. Old VBAM memo long since answered.

4. Old VBAM memo long since answered.

5. Request to playtest star fleet assault. Sent to OMG.

**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, 121 today.

One Month Grace: 258 yesterday, 263 today.

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

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 4 Feb 07. (+1)

Un-filed attachments: 1 Aug 319. 2 Aug 299. 4 Aug 280.

Un-transferred file folders: 1 Aug 80. 2 Aug 63. 4 Aug 38.

Starlist: done 4 Aug: 98902, 43623.

FYEO: Read Jul 26; downloaded Aug 4; posted thru July 25.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

### Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.

Business: Sent Reaper the priority of needs list so they can break down the last order.

Warehouse: Sent Reaper the quality control photos.

F&E stuff: Reviewed Chuck's tactical Reserve rule, had two changes for him to make. Got the last report for the orion SIT.

RPGs: Jean sent a memo about science specialists.

LUNCH: Salad with shredded bacon.

DINNER: Hamburger and fries.

Shutting down at ... 10pm

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### MY DAY: 5 August (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 10:20 am after romantic breakfast with Leanna.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: biogunk in T-rex bones.

Industry mailing lists: Somebody reported a peer-to-peer file sharing index that violates copyrights. GAMA lawyers are all over this and so is the US Secret Service. Somebody is about to be in a lot of trouble.

Other mail: Gorilla Games about SFBS. Some lady wants to find Jagdpanther copies for her boyfriend. Ken wants to do demos. Jean sent the usual BBS report and list of things to do. Flatcon confirmed sponsorship. Ken Lin reminded me of a promise. Two non-gamer friends in the Navy sent me some info on ship construction. Another artist looking for work.

BBS: Five nations. Master & commander.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters, again. No end to this, and no agreement, or hope for peace. Half threaten to quit if I publish fighters and half threaten to quit if I do not publish fighters. Both

insist that I must force the other side to play FC their way. No compromise is acceptable to either side.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:00 noon.

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 80 Yesterday, 76 today.

1. Note to a copyright infringing site.
2. Somebody doing an FC Campaign.
3. earlier note from the guy doing an FC campaign.
4. Marketing opportunities sent to OMG.
5. A note about somebody doing minis we might be able to use.

#### **Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Worked on press release memo.

Warehouse: Watched them do POD books for another company to sell at Gencon.

F&E stuff: Thought warm thoughts about Chuck.

FC stuff: Did a whole bunch of rulings and rules questions.

SFB stuff: set the price for Y2 and it's monstrous 120-page SSD book.

RPGs: Jean sent a memo about D6 and Ken Burnside's suggestions.

LUNCH: Romantic country breakfast at 9:30am.

DINNER: Chopped beef sandwich.

Shutting down at ... 6:30

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#### **MY DAY: 6 August (Wednesday) 2008**

Got here at 9:00 am.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Jurassic fight club, Nano-ty vs T-rex.

Industry mailing lists: GAMA elections and who "everybody knows" that I have never heard of. (Basically, some of the d20 crowd think they're the only ones in the industry, that everybody has heard of every one of them, and that nobody else exists, let alone matters.)

Other mail: Memo from Jean about pd20m security specialist. Marketing idea from Dale McKee. Jean's proofreading report on the press release. The entire FC staff telling me that I forgot to attach Comm32 to the Email I sent them. Note from Jean about PD6. Note from Ken Whitman about POD printing; he's working up a presentation and wanted my input since I'm a known POD guru. Note from Mike West about a possible FC rules change. Somebody asking if I'm going to Gencon. Note from the dealer who is going to sell our stuff at Dragoncon.

BBS: Master & Commander. No more factory seconds.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters in FC again.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 4:30pm

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 76 Yesterday, 73 today.

1. List of sites to check, sent to OMG.
2. ship submissions for stellar shadows, sent to OMG.
3. submission, robot opponent, sent to OMG.
4. Proposed software, sent to OMG.
5. List of board game reviewers, sent to OMG.

#### **Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Talked to GGIC about them changing the deadline forward ten days with two days notice (over a weekend!). Went to see some off-site warehouse storage available for rent.

Warehouse: Did QC on the 800 books we printed for the other company. Trimmed about 200 to correct alignment issues and rejected about six.

RPGs: Memo from Jean about pd20m security specialist.

LUNCH: BBQ at country barn.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

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#### **MY DAY: 7 August (Thursday) 2008**

Got here at 9:00 am.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: complaints about Jurassic fight club.

Industry mailing lists: GAMA elections.

Other mail: Somebody wanted to find decals and I sent them to Mark. Lots of PD20M memos. Something from that guy in Belgium. A note from Jean about progress on PD6.

BBS: Colors of weapons.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters in FC again.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:01am.

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 73 Yesterday, 71 today.

1. Note from Vanessa, who is doing well.
2. Another note from Vanessa.
3. A fiction proposal I don't have time to read.
4. A note from Ryan on the war on terror.
5. A link for Matt 2.0 to add to the site, sent to OMG.

#### **Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Dealt with emergency order for more books from another company to sell at Gencon.

F&E stuff: Did the Orion SIT and sent the staff the line items for the Romulan SIT.

FC stuff: Wrote the ship descriptions (two pages) for FCOA.

SFB stuff: Petrick handed me the scenario file for Y2.

CL38: Jonathan Snyder's review of Star Trek Conquest was processed into pages.

RPGs: Memos from Jean about pd20m department head and orion Slave girl.

LUNCH: Turkey at Cracker Barrel.

DINNER: Robinsons.

Shutting down at ... 6:30pm.

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#### **MY DAY: 8 August (Friday) 2008**

Got here at 9:10 am. I read Petrick's Y2 scenarios last night.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Hadrosaur growth rates. Torvosaurus

Industry mailing lists: GAMA elections. Gencon.

Other mail: Ken's report from WBC. The other company sent a replacement page after I noticed an error on it. The guy with Kobold Quarterly figured out that I wasn't going to be ads for scifi games in a dungeon magazine. Filsinger and West on the possible change to EM in FC. Comm 32 reports from Filsinger and Moellmer. Chuck's TR rule, next draft.

BBS: Some kind of issue with RAT 28.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters in FC again.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 3:15pm.

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 71 Yesterday, 65 today.

1. A store wanting tournament support. I will talk to Leanna.
2. Loren had an idea for a sphere building barge.
3. Marketing idea I will look at later.
4. A note from Ken about a project I had forgotten.
5. A note from Jean about the capitalization guide.
6. A note from GGIA.
7. A note from Leanna about something I already did.

#### **Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Had to go have picture taken for local newspaper as a previous award winner.

Warehouse: Had to go check proofs on the covers for the books we're doing for another company.

F&E stuff: Got Frazier report on Romulan SIT. Reviewed the next Draft of Chuck's TR rule and sent him the final changes.

SFB stuff: I read (last night) the scenario file for Y2.

RPGs: I saw Jean and JT and Gary discussing Captain Prestige Class.

LUNCH: awful. Just dreadful.

DINNER: who knows what I'll find in the freezer.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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#### **MY DAY: 9 August (Saturday) 2008**

Got here at 7:30 am.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: life size robot dinosaurs on sale.

Industry lists: GAMA elections. Gencon. Anticommons.

Other mail: Tony Thomas reports on PD20M. RAT 28.

BBS: RAT 28.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters in FC again.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10am.

NEW RECORD SUDOKU TIME: 3 minutes 3 seconds!!!

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 65 Yesterday, 60 today.

1. Petrick report on Battlestations. Dealt with.
2. Dale McKee thought on minis.

3. A note on the d20 situation. Dealt with.
4. A note from Gary Plana about GPD starships.
5. Notes (4 of them, so this is also OWG-6, OWG-7, and OWG-8 for today) from Chuck about SoP update for F&E. Whatever was going on back in March has been overtaken by events and I told Chuck to just send me the new one.
9. Note from Leanna about off site storage. Dealt with.
10. Note from Leanna about Dragoncon. Dealt with.

#### **Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Conference with Leanna on accounting.

F&E stuff: Did some rulings files and sent a question back to Chuck for him to decide if he wants to pursue it or drop it. Posted the Vudar SIT and the R11 SIT and gave the Seltorian SIT to Petrick for him to scribble on.

FC stuff: Started pulling FCOA scenarios from file. Did more Comm 32 reports. Actually put together the entire FCOA rulebook and sent it to the staff but most of it is empty format, placeholders, and raw scenario drafts.

SFB stuff: Staying out of Petrick's balliwick. I'm very proud that he did 22 pages of Y2 this week.

CL38: Did a half page article on Iridani tactics. Finished the story and sent it to Jean and artists.

RPGs: I saw some stuff go by about classes.

LUNCH: Furr's cafeteria, roast beef.

DINNER: I'll microwave something at home.

Shutting down at ... 8:30

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#### **MY DAY: 10 August (Sunday) 2008**

Got here at 1:30pm.

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Didn't see one today. Strange.

Industry mailing lists: GAMA elections. Gencon.

Other mail: Note from Jean about our weight loss buddy program. Everybody signed off on the RAT 28 fix. Somebody asked me what ship was the kzinti CL mini (0510). Somebody asked for starlist but left out the post code, meaning I cannot find him. Jean got the F&E TR rule posted for Colonel Strong.

BBS: G3

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters in FC again.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 2:30pm.

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 60 Yesterday, 51 today.

1. A source for minis I will have to look into later.

2. An FC proposal I will have to look at later.

3. A note to go swap links with a website I will check into later.

4. A request for free games I will look into later.

5. Something for Matt 2.0 to upload in September.

Starlist: done: 44224.

#### **Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Sunday. Not much.

Warehouse: Sunday. They're not out there.

FC stuff: Did Jean reports on Comm 32.

CL38: Looked at the first draft of the cover art.

RPGs: Saw some memos go by.

LUNCH: Leanna cooked pork chops, which was the first thing she cooked for me when we were dating.

DINNER: I'll microwave something at home.

Shutting down at ... 4:30pm.

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#### **MY DAY: 11 August (Monday) 2008**

Got here at 8:30am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Theropod teeth.

Industry mailing lists: Gencon.

Other mail: A note from Gary Plana about some lost GURPS stuff we're going to use in Final Frontier. Petrick changed a ship description in Y2 after I proofed it and wanted me to see it again. Jean's final checks on Comm-32. Mike West report on Comm-32. Somebody wanted to know if we were going to do kit bash packs again (we have three in stock and on the cart). Ryan Opel report on Romulan SIT. Jean's daily BBS report tells me who is naughty and who is nice. Note from Dynaverse. Petrick report that he did

14 SSDs for Y2 yesterday. Question from VBAM about supplies. Adam Turner asking where the shuttle hatches are on a Lyran CW.

BBS: Peladine questions.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters in FC again.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10:08am.

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

Unprocessed reports on hand: 95 Yesterday, 93 today.

Processed a few just to reduce body count.

One Month Grace: 280 yesterday, 288 today.

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

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 23 Jan 07.

Un-filed attachments: 1 Aug 319. 10 Aug 167. 11 Aug 135.

Starlist: done 9 Aug: 44224. 11 Aug Canada-T3K4H8.

FYEO: Read Aug 8; downloaded Aug 11; posted thru Aug 5.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

#### **Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Went to look at an off-site storage facility.

Warehouse: Discussed means of moving stuff around in the warehouse.

F&E stuff: Chuck sent me some LDR SIT data. Got Romulan SIT reports.

FC stuff: Did Jean reports on Comm 32. Did FC Firing Arcs for borders of madness. Posted Comm-32.

SFB stuff: Staying out of Petrick's balliwick. He did 14 Klingon SSDs yesterday, a major part of the 22 pages he has to do each week to finish this on time.

CL38: Did FC Firing Arcs for borders of madness

RPGs: PD20M field researcher.

LUNCH: BBQ at country barn.

DINNER: Walked to Whattaburger for a working dinner with Petrick and the Klingon SSDs from Y2.

Shutting down at ... 9pm

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#### **MY DAY: 12 August (Tuesday) 2008**

Got here at 9:15am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Jurassic fight club.

Industry mailing lists: Gencon.

Other mail: The usual morning memo from Jean (to do, take meds, try to stay calm). Note from Dynaverse. Problem with the second print job for the other company. We're working on it. Jay Davis wants to do a facebook page for FC (sure, go ahead). GAMA sent another copy of the note about attendance at Origins being up 1,500 over last year. Jon Cleaves asked when the Vudar would be in Communique (this year).

BBS: NASA budget.

Fed Commander Forum: Fighters, drone speeds.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 3pm

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 46 Yesterday, 43 today.

1. Advertising opportunity I will check after Dragoncon.

2. Advertising opportunity I will check after Dragoncon.

3. Something to do for CL#38 after Dragoncon.

4. F&E questions moved to FEAR file.

5. F&E questions moved to FEAR file.

Starlist: 11 Aug Canada-T3K4H8. 12 Aug Canada- T2J 2S8.

Two guys from Calgary on back-to-back days. How weird!

#### **Worthwhile tasks TODAY.**

Business: Went to look at another off-site storage facility.

Warehouse: Helping with book printing.

FC stuff: Orion option rules written, sent to Mike West. Revised.

RPGs: Memo from Jean about how much JT lacks on PD20M is ... flabbergasting.

LUNCH: Cracker Barrel. Incredibly unimpressive, plus the incompetent waitress who tried to kill me put me in a bad mood.

DINNER: Microwave something at home, I guess.

**What happened about the new warehouse-office project?**

We decided to delay for a year and re-evaluate the situation. It was very expensive (\$350,000) and every time we got any

information, it was the final firm estimate for this or that line item was double the price the rough estimate was. This is all old news (a hundred messages discuss this during six months of late last year and early this year) and it need not be gone over again. The price did seem quite high to me (2500 feet of office, 5500 feet of warehouse), every "rough estimate" (say, utility connections, landscaping, taxes, architect fees) doubled when the "real estimate" showed up, and when others who had built buildings looked at the proposed contract and laughed out loud and said "you will be lucky if the contractor only adds \$50,000 to the cost through extra charges he will convince you are necessary but could not be anticipated" I just decided to rethink the whole idea.  
Shutting down at ... 6:30pm.

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### MY DAY: 13 August (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

A. Dinosaur list: Therpod database.

B. Industry mailing lists: Gencon.

Other mail: The usual morning memos from Jean (to do, take meds). Petrick reports more progress on Y2.

BBS: Dragoncon, sabots in FC (not happening).

Fed Commander Forum: FC vs BoM.

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

**One Week Grace Mail on hand: 43 Yesterday, 38 today.**

1. Information on a Japanese distributor.

2. More info on that Japanese distributor, which I used to send them an introductory Email.

3. Request to do Vudar in Communique, how about October?

4. Note about a site with questionable copyright matters.

5. Note about a site with questionable copyright matters.

**Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Leanna still hunting for warehouse space.

Warehouse: Mike still begging for warehouse space.

F&E stuff: Did LDR SIT and posted it. Thanks Chuck!

FC stuff: Worked on Comm 33. Inserted 2 ships, selected the other two to be done.

SFB stuff: Petrick had me review four Romulan SSDs.

RPGs: New height and weight tables. Marine advanced class. Additional hit points. Slave Girl. Field Researcher advanced class. Maximum age. Disabling a Hydran (the extra arm screws up the rules).

LUNCH: Steak at Applebys.

Shutting down at ... 7:30

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### MY DAY: 14 August (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Boneyard blog.

Industry mailing lists: Discussions of the new D&D4 GSL, why nobody would accept it, and the new changes to it WOTC made.

Other mail: A guy in West Virginia who cannot seem to get starlist to work. No, turns out he can figure it out, but he wants me to change the rules just for him (and that's not happening). Got very upset with a friend who thinks I promised to use his story as the lead story in a product when in fact I just told him it might be a back-story if there was some space and I'd use the story there if I could even though I don't like the story.

BBS: No pseudo-plasma in FC (or BoM, get over it). ISC rapid base.

Fed Commander Forum: Captain's Potted Plant.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 3pm.

**One Week Grace Mail on hand: 38 Yesterday, 33 today.**

1. something to read. I'll read it later.

2. Copy of my PHP password. Filed in correct place.

3. Request for review copies. Done.

**Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: The hunt for warehouse space reaches a success point as we rent "the gulag" for a small monthly fee.

Warehouse: Meeting to discuss how to use the new space.

F&E stuff: Did the new Romulan SIT and posted it.

FC stuff: Did the Fleet Scale SD7 for Comm33.

SFB stuff: Petrick had me review the Romulan ship descriptions.

CL38: Didn't have time to work on it.

RPGs: Male/Female vs Man/Woman vs Dude/Bitch.

LUNCH: Pork chops at the Stock Yards.

DINNER: I guess I'll nuke something.

Shutting down at ... 7:00pm

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### MY DAY: 15 August (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:10am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Nothing.

Industry mailing lists: Nothing, really. Everybody is at Gencon and not on internet.

Other mail: Lots of PD20 stuff and Petrick reporting progress on Y2. A note from John Maier of Dragon con. A lost soul finally contacted us about getting his free CL36.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: Nothing much.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 3:31pm.

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

1. Big submission, sent to OMG to read on road trip.

2. World League Eight prizes awarded (finally).

3. Request for a copy of the master table of contents. Sent.

**Worthwhile tasks TODAY.**

Business: Went with Leanna to a local company that has a new machine and can print F&E LSMs and maybe XSMs, so we might have those back on the cart in a week.

Warehouse: Went to our printer to see if their lift gate truck would work for moving our stuff. Cheaper to rent from them on the basis of "when your truck and driver are just sitting around..."

F&E stuff: Sent F&E staff the Tholian line items to report on.

FC stuff: Sent the staff the cards from Boosters 22-24 so they could check the Orion optional weapons list.

SFB stuff: Petrick had me review the Orion ship descriptions.

RPGs: Jean gave JT a list of the stuff he had failed to do.

LUNCH: Logan's, huge steak. I gotta remember to order the smaller one. (yeah, right).

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at ... 7pm

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### MY DAY: 16 August (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 10:10am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Dromaeosaur Predation

Industry mailing lists: All quiet on the Gencon front.

Attendance is reportedly lighter than expected.

Other mail: Frazier's Tholian SIT report.

BBS: Paul Scott's meltdown.

Fed Commander Forum: Paul Scott's meltown.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 12:02pm.

**One Week Grace Mail on hand: 31 Yesterday, 30 today.**

1. Painting example article, on hold for Matt 2.0 to upload.

2. Painting example article, on hold for Matt 2.0 to upload.

3. Loren Knight report on a CL38 article.

**Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Dealing with the BBS mess. Working on the Stardock Jefferson deal memo.

Warehouse: Watched them stage pallets for Operation Gulag. Discussed moving my boxes of personal junk to the Gulag.

F&E stuff: Got Lyran SIT reports from: Stew, Chuck, Ryan.

FC stuff: Did two scenarios for FCOA and sent them to staff.

SFB stuff: Proofread Gorn ship descriptions for Y2.

CL38: Did a report on some articles and sent updated files to Jean who had not proofed those pages yet.

RPGs: Saw some memos from Jean. Vulcan healing.

LUNCH: Pizza

DINNER: Cold pizza.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

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### MY DAY: 17 August (Sunday) 2008

Got here at 3:30pm

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Theropod tooth replacement rates.

Industry mailing lists: Nothing, really.

Other mail: tons of PD20M stuff. Mike Curtis Tholian SIT reports. FCOA scenarios from Mike West and Art Trotman.

BBS: FC EM.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 5pm.

LUNCH: Leanna cooked tenderized steak.

DINNER: Watermelon.

Shutting down at ... 5:30

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### MY DAY: 18 August (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:10am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Evolutionary speed of large-brain birds.

Industry mailing lists: Nothing, really.

Other mail: Jon Berry fiction idea. Lots of PD20M stuff. Jason Gray proved to everyone that he doesn't have a clue what's going on in RAT 28.

BBS: Where is Q'n'nabia? I know, it's in 5810.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 9:17am

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 27 Yesterday, 27 today.

1. Finally jumped the hoops to join the GAMA yahoo group.

2. FEAR question file sent to correct file at long last.

3. Somebody wanted me to make him a special avatar and I did.

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Unprocessed reports on hand: 65 Yesterday, 65 today.

Processed a few just to reduce body count.

One Month Grace: 301 yesterday, 301 today.

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

Unanswered In-bound Email: Cleared back to 10 Jan 07.

Un-filed attachments: 1 Aug 319. 17 Aug 40. 18 Aug 20.

Starlist: 16 Aug: 92841. 18 Aug 30204.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

Next Star Fleet Alert: CL#38 sent to Mike to send out.

**Worthwhile tasks TODAY.**

Business: Did Star Fleet Alert.

Warehouse: Operation Gulag. (Moving the first truckload of pallets to our new expansion warehouse.)

F&E stuff: Waiting for the last SIT report.

FC stuff: Did Lyrans STT and gave it to Petrick to check.

SFB stuff: Printed out countersheet graphics for early ISC so Petrick and I can make sure the SSDs match the Iron Crown minis.

RPGs: PD20M Lyrans, Kzintis, Merchants.

LUNCH: Salad.

DINNER: Burger.

Shutting down at ... 11pm.

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### MY DAY: 19 August (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 8:50am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Pterosaur fingers.

Industry mailing lists: The game company that does "Army builder" reports 3-4 pirate users for every customer who paid for their game, which was released with "uncrackable" software that could not be copied (or so they thought).

Other mail: Mostly about PD20M Orions.

BBS: MSSB.

Fed Commander Forum: War cruiser art.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:37pm.

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 27 Yesterday, 25 today.

1. A nice lady trying to buy copies of JagdPanther for her boyfriend's birthday present. Arranged to make photocopies.

2. Copyright violating site follow up.

3. Mike West memo on Orion option mounts.

Next Star Fleet Alert: CL#38 sent to Mike to send out.

**Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Preliminary plan sheet for Dragoncon.

Warehouse: discussion of pallet shifting.

F&E stuff: Waiting for the last SIT report.

FC stuff: Did scenario 8PA5 for FCOA. Did scenario 8PA7 for FCOA.

SFB stuff: Proofread the plasma blaster rule (Korlivilar).

RPGs: PD20M Orion Slave Girls.

LUNCH: Steak.

Shutting down at ... 6pm

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### MY DAY: 20 August (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:45am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: evolutionary speeds.

Industry mailing lists: Gencon attendance up 6%. WOTC just did a bunch of layoffs.

Other mail: Seven various reports on PD20M. VBAM query about blockades. Adam Turner request for info on Y2 cover. FCOA reports: Scott M (couldn't find the item, asked for more info); Mike West (several, fixed); Scott M again (convey); Mike West (optional weapon rules); Tony Thomas (several). Polymancer offered to include our star fleet alerts on 42,000 CDs they plan to pass out at Game Expo.

Visitor in office: Tony Freeman from our printer, who is the guy loaning us his truck. He's selling us some surplus shipping boxes for his cost which clears warehouse space for him and we can use them up easily enough.

BBS: MSSB.

Fed Commander Forum: Rule change straw poll.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1:37pm.

**One Week Grace Mail** on hand: 25 Yesterday, 27 today.

1. Tony Thomas about FC Impulse Cards.

2. Petrick about problem term papers.

3. Follow up on a copyright violator website.

Starlist: 36830, 48036.

**Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Talked with Tony Freeman about truck and boxes.

Warehouse: Reviewed plans for Operation Gulag Phase 2.

F&E stuff: Waiting on Ryan's Tholian SIT report.

FC stuff: Added engine doubling rules for all of the new ships. Did reports from Moellmer,

SFB stuff: Worked on formatting MSSB Reports. Reviewed the rules for the five ISC early plasma weapons.

RPGs: Reviewed zillions of PD20M reports.

LUNCH: Robinson's BBQ.

DINNER: Cheeseburger.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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### MY DAY: 21 August (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:15am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Petey, the teenage T-rex, just found in Hell Creek.

Industry mailing lists: WOTC layoffs.

Other mail: Several PD20M memos. Final Tholian SIT report. Actually went to the server today and deleted 298 "stuck spams" that have been building up since 10 May.

BBS: Atlantis cancelled, SSJ3, FC EM.

Fed Commander Forum: Private messages.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

**Worthwhile off-list tasks TODAY.**

Business: Cleared server of mail.

Warehouse: Reviewed pallets set up to go to the Gulag.

F&E stuff: Did the Tholian SIT.

FC stuff: worked on scenarios but didn't finish any.

SFB stuff: One complex MSSB report.

RPGs: Jean is sending huge chunks of text to Mike.

LUNCH: Cracker Barrel, Turkey

DINNER: 350 calorie tv microwave dinner. Yummy.  
Shutting down at ... 6pm

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### MY DAY: 22 August (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:05am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Jurassic fight club.

Industry mailing lists: GAMA benefits. Fan expo in Toronto.

Other mail: Lots and lots of PD20M stuff. I am sure there was something else in there but I don't remember it.

BBS: the usual.

Fed Commander Forum: New EM rule meets approval from those who actually looked at the situation.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 2:33

**Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.**

Business: Bought a pallet of surplus "book shipping boxes" from our printer.

Warehouse: Two truckloads of stuff taken to the new off-site warehouse. (We kept a box or two of everything, and have a system in place to make a run to the "Gulag" every two weeks to get another box of whatever we used a box of, so we always have a box and a part of a box.)

F&E stuff: Posted a "strong order" Fed SIT.

SFB stuff: Sent "dimensional mole" scenario to Petrick. Did the ISC early weapons tables so Steve Petrick could send out the final playtest SSD draft.

RPGs: Jean is sending huge volume of files.

LUNCH: Chicken, beans, sopapillas, salad.

DINNER: Breakfast nutrition bars.

Shutting down at ... 9:30pm.

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### MY DAY: 23 August (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 11:35am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Stegosaurus had four spikes; JFC was dead wrong saying some had eight. Many mistakes in that episode that have real dino scientists laughing their asses off.

Industry mailing lists: Fulfillment options.

Other mail: Almost entirely PD20M stuff from Jean.

BBS: the usual.

Fed Commander Forum: Refits for the USS Enterprise.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 2pm

**Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.**

F&E stuff: Shuffled the Gorn and Hydran SIT so I can date sort them later and post them on the appropriate weeks.

SFB stuff: Fixes to Early Years ISC weapons firing costs.

Reviewed Early ISC cruisers.

RPGs: Jean is sending huge volume of files.

FYEO: Read today's file (23 Aug).

LUNCH: Chicken dinner at KFC

DINNER: Family party, see below.

Shutting down at ... 5pm to go to a family event (my aunt and uncle's 50th wedding anniversary)

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### MY DAY: 24 August (Sunday) 2008

Got here at 12:30pm

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: New Therizinosauroid

Industry mailing lists:

Other mail: Idea to sell stuff on Ebay. Lots of PD20M stuff. Jonathan did not do a good job getting complete (and error free) files to Jean. PHP forum log in issues. (Leanna is the only one who can help with those. Everybody, please contact HER and leave me out of this.)

BBS: the usual.

Fed Commander Forum: The EM thing.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 6pm.

**Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.**

F&E stuff: Reviewed new base cost calculations. Excellent work by Colonel Strong.

FC stuff: Finished the FCOA rulebook.

SFB stuff: Looked at some y2 stuff for Petrick.

LUNCH: Never did eat. Sick at my stomach.

DINNER: Hamburger.

Shutting down at ... 7pm.

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### MY DAY: 25 August (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:15am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Jurassic fight club continues to amuse scientists.

Industry mailing lists:

Other mail: An intriguing Email that might be from an Aunt I haven't spoken to in 35 years. A little PD20M stuff. Lots of stuff about FCOA trying to tweek the book before dragoncon.

BBS: the usual.

Fed Commander Forum: Defiant, Decals, and Orion Attack.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 10am.

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

Unprocessed reports on hand: 38 Yesterday, 38 today.

One Month Grace: 305 yesterday, 305 today.

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

MSSB items done today: None, Dragoncon Hold.

Old Unanswered Email: Cleared back to 3 Jan 07.

Old Unanswered Email, total: 24 Aug: 2,867.

Starlist: 21 Aug 91202. 25 Aug 70816.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

**Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.**

Business: Trying to get stuff ready for Dragoncon.

Warehouse: Trying to get stuff ready for Dragoncon.

F&E stuff: None today, but I did look at the Echelon rule and base cost stuff Sunday.

FC stuff: Several items on FCOA.

SFB stuff: Petrick working on Y2 had some items for me to check on.

RPGs: Jean is sending huge volume of files every day.

8. FYEO: Read today's file (25 Aug). Posted through 25th.

LUNCH: BBQ at Country Barn.

DINNER: Ate a cold can of corned beef at home.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

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### MY DAY: 26 August (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 10am

**Routine:** Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Jurassic Fiasco Club.

Industry mailing lists: GPA elections.

Other mail: Battlestations won't have a playable prototype in time for Dragoncon. Phone call from Dragoncon event judge. The FBI sent me a note that the lottery I won (the one I never heard of) is legit so it's ok to send them my bank account number. Steve Jackson is sending Jean a set of GURPS books. Somebody wanted to know how to get Starlist. A total of 23 Emails from Jean (and one from Gary Plana) about PD20M.

BBS: Flamewar warning in courts topic.

Fed Commander Forum: Request for Q-ships to playtest.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 11:25am.

**Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.**

Business: Trying to get stuff ready for Dragoncon.

Warehouse: Trying to get stuff ready for Dragoncon.

F&E stuff: Chuck has it covered for now.

FC stuff: Posted the Q-ships for open season playtesting.

SFB stuff: Read the ISC early years ship descriptions for SPP.

RPGs: Jean is sending huge volume of files every day.

8. FYEO: Read today's file (25 Aug). Posted through 25th.

LUNCH: Big country breakfast at 9am.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

**Dragoncon:** I have left the building, headed east for Oklahoma City, Murfreesboro, and Dragoncon. I hope to meet a new bunch of SFBers and FCers there. Plus, Jean and Leanna will meet for the first time.

Update at Midnight: I am in a hotel in Oklahoma City. I plan to get a good night's sleep and a waffle or two before we hit the

road in the morning. It is, supposedly, ten hours of "rolling time" to Murfreesboro TN.

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**MY DAY, 27 AUG (REPORTS BY PETRICK)**

1:34pm: SVC and Leanna are in Arkansas and all is well.

5:47pm: SVC and Leanna are safely across the Mississippi and anticipate arriving in Murfreesboro in three to four hours.

9pm: SVC and Leanna are in Murfreesboro and have met the playtest group there.

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**MY DAY, 28 AUG**

**Dragoncon Trip, 4pm (report by SVC):** We are in the hotel in Atlanta. The room is great (big, cool, very nice), but outside the door is a 105 degree construction zone with carpenters and painters going every which way. We may or may not try to get to the zoo (We didn't until Monday). The four hour drive took six hours and I'm shot.

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**MY DAY: FRIDAY 29 AUG 08**

**DragonCon:** Went to the con, talked to the guys doing the tournament, found out that their reports of "sixty people" in the tournament include ten or twelve in the tournament and the rest people who stopped by to watch a demo game. Convention has an insane number of people, treats gamers like crap, and treats SFB gamers worse since it considers them part of "trek track" but gives them no support for the revenue they generate. Even so, good to meet a lot of people. Jean showed up in mid-afternoon.

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**MY DAY: SATURDAY 30 AUG 08**

**DragonCon:** Jean and I sat at the tournament all day working on PD20M while Leanna did SciFi things.

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**MY DAY: SUNDAY 31 AUG 08**

**DragonCon:** Sick. Stayed in room and sort of worked on PD20M.

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**END OF AUG 2008**