

COMPANY WEBLOG ARCHIVE SEPT 2008

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MY DAY: MONDAY 1 SEPT 08

DragonCon Trip: Went to the Atlanta Zoo. Started home and got to Murfreesboro. Saw the guys there.

MY DAY: TUESDAY 2 SEPT 08

DragonCon Trip: Headed home from Murfreesboro, went to the Memphis Zoo, and got somewhere in Arkansas.

MY DAY: WEDNESDAY 3 SEPT 08

DragonCon Trip: Got home to Amarillo late in the day, exhausted, angry with myself for wasting so much time and money on a trip that (other than Jean, PD20M, and Murphreesboro) was a waste.

MY DAY: 4 September (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 10am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: 27-Similicaudipteryx. Museum of Northern Arizona regains accreditation. 28- Alvarezsaurid arms. 29-abelisaurid. 30-Pailin supports creation teaching. 1- Oryctos. 2-Psittacosaur. Mythunga camara. 3-hooks vs claws. 4- Multiple losses of flight in ratites?

Industry mailing lists: 27-Gencon. GAMA announcements. 28-GTS deadlines. 1- Team Frog Customs Brokers. 2-Dragoncon. 3- Mongoose Joins the Rebellion Group.

Other mail: four FCOA reports. Three Starlist requests. Twelve on PD20M. Six on copyright-violating websites. Notice that my old Brigade commander (Colonel Yowell) had passed away of cancer. F&E questions sent to OWG. Question about PD20M wealth that I answered. Did three starlist requests. Running conversation with an old friend who hates the current GAMA management. White Tiger pictures from Loren. Scott Moellmer about Tacticon. Revised LSM file from Chuck Strong, send to Leanna to have printed. Jay W about VBAM book. Board Game Geek Con asking us to come back. Douglas Erwin asked for a list of free downloads. Store asked for support stuff.

BBS: FC EM, KD4M, Y2.

Fed Commander Forum: SFB vs FC, ships wanted.

Daily web crawl was completed at: Well, never did, actually.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Spent almost the entire day deleting spam that came into my mailbox and attachments folder while I was gone.

Warehouse: Inspection tour showed Mike had done a lot of work.

LUNCH: Montana Mike's for a decent steak.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

MY DAY: 5 September (Friday) 2008

Got here at 10:20am (Had to wait at home for plumber.)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Ridiculous claims on Jurassic Fight Club.

Industry mailing lists: Nothing much.

Other mail: Insulting email from BGG. Got a very promising resume from a guy who could be Matt 2.0.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: Not much.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 3pm.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Talked to Reaper about minis production. One of their employees who is involved in our production is being such a total jerk (refusing his employer's orders to do our stuff and insisting he will personally force us to leave over his employer's objections) that Reaper is not keeping its schedules. Something

is going to have to seriously change.

Warehouse: Mike assembled a new cart.

FC stuff: Send memo to FC staff.

SFB stuff: Reviewed Lyran Y2 stuff for Petrick.

RPGs: Jean had me verify the PD20M progress level data.

LUNCH: Country Barn for quite excellent BBQ.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

MY DAY: 6 September (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 10:00am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: More ridiculous claims on Jurassic Fight Club.

Industry mailing lists: Nothing much.

Other mail: several Emails from Jean about PD20M.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: Not much.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 3pm.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Interviewed and hired Matt 2.0 (Eric).

Personal: Bought a new car.

Warehouse: Took Eric on a tour of the warehouse.

SFB stuff: Reviewed ISC Y2 stuff for Petrick.

RPGs: Jean had me verify weapons data for PD20M.

LUNCH: Texas Road House.

MY DAY, SUNDAY 7 Sept:

Summary Report: I came in for a couple of hours to catch up on email and clean out files.

MY DAY: 8 September (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Evolution of flightless birds.

Industry mailing lists: copyright infringement and plagiarism.

Other mail: Lots of PD20M and FCOA stuff.

BBS: Master Ship manual.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 6pm.

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: 311 yesterday, 311 today.

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

MSSB items done today: None.

Old Unanswered Email: Cleared back to 30 Dec 06. (+2)

Old Unanswered Email, total: 4 Sept 2,764. 8 Sept 2,742.

Starlist: 4 Sept: 12953, 53528, UKBA2 2JW.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Hired Eric.

FC stuff: Worked all day on FCOA.

SFB stuff: Read the Hydran Y2 stuff.

RPGs: A bunch of memos from Jean.

Other: Picked up my new car. I decided to keep the Voyager for big loads of stuff (once or twice a month) and bought a new Cobalt just to drive to work, lunch, and errands.

LUNCH: Rabbit food and grilled chicken.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at ... 6pm.

My day: 9 Sept (Tuesday)

Summary Report: I came in this morning, did the three cards that had to go to press (on Ken's sheet) and went home sick. Came back at 5pm and did the 16 cards that have to go to press tomorrow morning and now I'm going to go home.

MY DAY: 10 September (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: How big did pterosaurs get?

Industry mailing lists:

Other mail: Lots of PD20M and FCOA stuff. Bruce Graw about taking over our miniatures production. Got a phone call from my Aunt Joyce that my Aunt Elaine died this morning at the age of 80.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: Never did due to phone calls from the family.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Went to check proofs of new ship cards. Wrote job description for Eric so he can get college intern credit. Calculated thickness of FCOA spine so Eric could do this.

FC stuff: Sent ship cards to press.

SFB stuff: Read the Carnivon Y2 stuff.

RPGs: A whole bunch of memos from Jean. I can no longer tell the difference between "Strong Hero" and "Thong Zero".

Other: Picked up LSM production at ABC Blueprints.

LUNCH: Tried a new restaurant (Lincoln's). Nothing special.

Shutting down at ... 6pm. (Leanna and I came in the same car to save gas and she won't stay past six.)

MY DAY: 11 September (Patriot's day) 2008

Got here at 10:15am (could not get to sleep, so I overslept)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

A. Dinosaur list: Japanese theropod

B. Industry mailing lists: How to sell games to libraries.

Other mail: Lots of PD20M stuff. Bruce Graw about minis production. Adam Turner about art. I got all of today's email done (first time in a week that I have) and started on earlier leftover mail. Several from Mike Sparks wanting art-graphics for PD20M. Intern office about Eric. VBAM had some questions about something. Reaper about shipping our stuff.

BBS: FC vs EM. FC vs medium asteroids.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl: This step was never completed.

Starlist: 85737,

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Sent Eric a bunch of things to do.

Warehouse: Went looking for F&E rulebooks.

F&E stuff: Went looking for F&E rulebooks.

FC stuff: Had Eric make graphics I needed.

RPGs: A whole bunch of memos from Jean.

Other: Visited my cousin Joseph, whom I had not seen in 3 years (we talk on the phone more often), to give my condolences for his mother's death. We resolved to see each other more often in future (but I haven't seen him since the funeral).

LUNCH: Turkey dinner at Cracker Barrel.

Shutting down at ... 6pm

MY DAY: 12 September (Friday) 2008

Got here at 10:00am (I had something to do at home)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Lucky break for dinosaurs.

Industry mailing lists: selling games to libraries.

Other mail: Adam sent a gorgeous Booster 22 Cover. Somebody who bought the MRB wanted to know what SSD books to buy. F&E guys about base costs. Jean about PD20M. A retailer thanking me for the sales stuff we sent him. VBAM about campaign book.

BBS: Same old.

Fed Commander Forum: Same old.

Daily web crawl: This step was never completed.

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 33 Yesterday, 44 today.

1. A request to have a typo on the product list fixed, and Eric did it.

2. BBS map update requested by Jean.

3. BBS map update requested by Jean.

4. BBS map update requested by Jean.

5. BBS map update requested by Jean.

6. Added store to retailer list. Updated list.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Sent Eric a ton of website updates.

FC stuff: Worked on FCOA.

RPGs: Read chapters 4 and 5 of PD20M.

Other: Family gathering for my aunt's funeral.

LUNCH: Montana Mike's for steak.

Shutting down at ... 8pm.

MY DAY: 13 September (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 11:00am (I was late because I went to my aunt Elaine's funeral.)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Lots of fun stuff.

Industry mailing lists: Not much.

Other mail: Adam sent covers for the other boosters. Flurry of PD20M files from Jean. To tell you the truth, I was sick most of the day and didn't pay that much attention.

BBS: Same old.

Fed Commander Forum: Same old.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 4:15pm.

One Week Grace Mail on hand: 44 Yesterday, 47 today.

1. Eric uploaded the new D6-D7 decal guide. Jean noticed that Mark Tutton had mis-spelled "Amarrillo".

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Sent Eric a ton of website updates.

FC stuff: Worked on FCOA impulse cards.

RPGs: A lot of Jean memos.

LUNCH: Furr's for roast beef

DINNER: Took Eric out for burgers and male bonding.

Shutting down at7:30.

MY DAY: 14 September (Sunday) 2008

Summary Report: Came in from 2:30pm to 4pm to clean up some email and get ready for Monday. GPA elections (I don't know many of those RPG types and didn't vote, and since five people were running for five seats, it was kind of silly anyway.)

MY DAY: 15 September (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am (could not sleep last night; so I overslept this morning.)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: How dinosaurs beat crocogators in the Triassic for the right to rule the Jurassic.

Industry mailing lists: GPA show case system.

Other mail: 15 emails from Jean about PD20M.

BBS: F&E escort rule.

Fed Commander Forum: Same old.

Daily web crawl was never fully finished.

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Unprocessed reports on hand: 38 Yesterday, 38 today.

One Month Grace: 280 yesterday, 280 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: Keeping this under 50.

MSSB items done today: Nothing got done due to FCOA finale.

Old Unanswered Email: Cleared back to 28 Dec 06. (+0)

Old Unanswered Email, total: 4 Sept 2,764. 12 Sept 2,707.

Starlist: 13 Sept: 70503, 45390, 31008.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

Eric Olivarez: Product covers, website updates.

Website work orders done: Sent him 117. He did 115.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Shipment arrived from Reaper, including all of the molds and masters. We will take our work to another caster due to Reaper employee who declared he would force us to leave.

FC stuff: Worked on the FCOA rulebook.

RPGs: A lot of Jean memos.

LUNCH: half of Leanna's lunch. (diet)

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at1am.

MY DAY: 16 September (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Triassic dinosaur evolution

Industry mailing lists: GPA showcase system. Anthony Gallela resigns as head of GAMA.

Other mail: A few emails from Jean about PD20M. Somebody named Brad had a story idea; I hope I set him on a path that will produce something publishable. Guys reminding me of stuff to put on the website next week. FCOA interior art from Adam. Convention in Denver getting things set up for February.

BBS: G3. Sargasso.

Fed Commander Forum: Same old.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 1pm.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Drove over to Trafton to check proofs on ship cards (missing dollar sign on Wesayso Corporation logo) and covers (missing counter illustration on booster pack 22).

FC stuff: Worked on the FCOA rulebook. Rebuilt the ship description pages (damaged in a computer crash) because I hated how they looked anyway, and Adam's art (which arrived this morning) was so darn cool I had to change the layout to use it to best effect.

RPGs: A lot of Jean memos.

LUNCH: BBQ at Country Barn.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at7pm.

MY DAY: 17 September (Wednesday) 2008

Steve Cole is out of the office for his 31st Wedding Anniversary but will return tomorrow.

MY DAY: 18 September (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 36 Yesterday, 66 today.

Dinosaur list: Two legs vs. four.

Industry mailing lists: More fallout from GAMA executive director's sudden resignation and the fight for his job.

Other mail: Starship gunnery in PD20M. Anniversary wishes. That outside company wants us to print-on-demand more of their books. Moellmer about his fiction story. Eric reports on website work orders. Mike Sparks sending a bunch of convention boxes.

BBS: The usual

Fed Commander Forum: The usual

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 2pm.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Went to trafton to check proofs on their new cover printer, which might be less expensive.

FC stuff: Worked on the FCOA rulebook.

RPGs: A lot of Jean memos.

Other: Took my brand new car (Spitfire) in for a estimate to repair the damage caused when Leanna dropped the garage door on the roof and caused over \$800 in damage.

LUNCH: Garden salad with grilled chicken.

Shutting down at7pm.

MY DAY: 19 September (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 66 Yesterday, 59 today.

Dinosaur list: Martialis heureka

Industry mailing lists: People campaigning to be the new GAMA director.

Other mail: FCOA final reports. A starlist request that did not include the zip code. Neale Davidson with some very nice art. Several Emails about a snafu on the PHP Forum I caused by giving Eric incomplete instructions.

BBS: web requests.

Fed Commander Forum: LDR point values.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 3pm.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Dealing with printers. Dealing with getting Reaper

paid for the last shipment.

Warehouse: Went out there to help Eric and Mike get set up.

Took 250 each of boosters 21 and 23 home to assemble.

FC stuff: Worked on the FCOA rulebook.

RPGs: No memos from Jean, but Mike asked me for a bunch of art to insert into the book.

Other: Intern education chat with Mike.

LUNCH: Salmon at Montana Mike's.

DINNER: Leanna's leftover porkchops from Montana Mike.

Shutting down at7pm.

MY DAY: 20 September (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 59 Yesterday, 60 today.

Dinosaur list: Feathered dinosaurs.

Industry mailing lists: People campaigning to be the new GAMA director. GPA asking people to vote for their board elections.

Other mail: Lots of PD20M stuff from Jean.

BBS: Ship names. EM exception #2.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 1pm.

Jean made me update the BBS map.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Warehouse: Packed over 300 booster packs at home.

FC stuff: Finished the FCOA rulebook and sent the "last chance" version to the staff.

RPGs: Lots of memos from Jean.

LUNCH: Pizza.

Shutting down at7:30

MY DAY: 21 September (Sunday)

Summary Report; I came in for a few hours to finalize the play aid cards and rulebook for FCOA.

MY DAY: 22 September (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:40am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 60 Yesterday, 38 today.

Dinosaur list: Libonectes atlasense

Industry mailing lists: An alert that somebody we all know has a "bad business" complaint on his record.

Other mail: VBAM sent a partial manuscript.

BBS: Orion Attack, F&E Tactical notes, Sargasso.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl was completed at: 1pm.

Jean made me update the BBS map.

Monday Update and status report

Unprocessed reports on hand: 38 Yesterday, 38 today.

One Month Grace: 280 yesterday, 280 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: Keeping this under 50.

Old Unanswered Email: Cleared back to 28 Dec 06.

Old Unanswered Email, total: 4 Sept 2,764. 12 Sept 2,707.

Starlist: 18 Sept: 68104.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

Eric Olivarez: Product covers, website updates.

Next Star Fleet Alert: Sent today.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Packed a bunch of FCOA.

Warehouse: Packed over 300 booster packs at home.

FC stuff: Finished the FCOA rulebook and started printing it.

RPGs: Lots of memos from Jean.

Other: Took my car in for repairs.

LUNCH: Split a chicken dinner with Leanna.

DINNER: Hamburger at home.

Shutting down at7:30

MY DAY: 23 Sept (Tuesday):

Summary Report: It was a strange day. I had a trip to the dentist (teeth cleaning, being diabetic I have a lot of gum issues

that require me to get my teeth cleaned two or three times as often as the rest of you) at 9am. So I got the office late, did some Email, went to lunch (Country Barn, probably my current favorite), came back and had to clean up the office before the guy from the Amarillo Economic Development Agency "dropped by" (they get to do that since they gave us that \$50,000 prize a few years ago) which took most of the afternoon. I did a little more email, helped out in the warehouse, and eventually went home. I took Ramses for a walk. He caught a ground squirrel and brought it home to play. After he and Isis chased it for half an hour, it escaped through a hole in the fence. At home, I packed another 300 boosters to keep my hands busy so I would stay on my diet.

MY DAY: 24 September (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:20am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 41 Yesterday, 47 today.

Dinosaur list: Arctic dinosaurs.

Industry mailing lists: showcase booths at shows.

Other mail: PD20M reports, some guys trying to get me to buy art from them.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: talked with Alliance about order quantities. Talked with Trafton about ordering new map panel print run. Took a print job to Whitney and took Eric on a tour of their printing plant.

Warehouse: Packed over 300 booster packs at home. Mike loaded more boosters into Leanna's car for me to pack.

FC stuff: Listened to the printers printing FCOA.

SFB stuff: Petrick handed me the Fed Y2 stuff.

RPGs: Lots of memos from Jean.

F&E: posted Hydran SIT; asked Chuck what was the next step in ISC war and what I could do to implement it.

LUNCH: Furr's for a nice roast beef and veggies.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at7:30pm.

MY DAY: 25 September (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 47 Yesterday, 46 today.

Dinosaur list: building a computer simulation of a dino.

Industry mailing lists: The travails of Ken Whitman.

Other mail: Some PD20M stuff.

BBS: website requests, campaigns, F&E stuff.

Fed Commander Forum: Web sales.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 3pm.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: finalized the Stardock Jefferson contract memo and sent it. Talked (again) with Trafton about ordering new map panel print run.

Warehouse: Mike unloaded 300 boosters I had packed and said he needed me to pack another 100 copies of #24. I packed 35 "bags of Zocchi parts" and have exhausted the supply of "junk tugs". I'm not sure if there will be more such bags after these sell.

FC stuff: I did Communique #33 and gave it to Petrick to read. Made his fixes and sent it to the staff. Moellmer found a mistake Petrick made.

SFB stuff: I read the rest of Y2. Petrick handed me the eight pages of annexes (not the MSC) for Y2 and I proofed it the same day and handed it back.

RPGs: Jean finalized chapter 3 and was doing editing on page 155.

F&E: I got a memo from Chuck about base costs. I did a complete base cost update and sent it to the staff.

LUNCH: Turkey at Cracker Barrel.

DINNER: I'll find something at home.

Shutting down at6:30pm

MY DAY: 26 September (Friday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Pterosaur take off.

Industry mailing lists: GPA elections.

Other mail: Reports on Comm 33.

BBS: The bear facts about Joe Stevenson.

Fed Commander Forum: Hex-shaped counters

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 5:06pm.

I sent Eric Communique #33 to upload. I sent Eric an updated Text Catalog to upload. I sent Eric major overhauls to the product schedule page. I sent Eric a ton of stuff to be in the Hailing Frequencies Newsletter.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: continued conversations with Cenveo (also known as Trafton) about the map panels. The laminator changed the job specs to "blade cut" instead of "die cut" which (as you all know) will ruin the maps and turn the \$10,000 job into a pile of scrap paper. Going back now to have them to the quote over. They did the quote over, saying the price did not increase, but it did increase, so now they're not sure what is going on and are checking their math.

Warehouse: Mike sent me home with boxes of boosters to put into bags for the mail order sales.

FC stuff: did reports on Communique 33 and gave it to Eric to upload. He uploaded it.

SFB stuff: I did the second of the six MSSB reports that would not fit into the line item format without some work.

RPGs: Jean finalized chapter 2. Jean reports through page 160. Mike asked me to send him a bunch of art from the GPD book to use in PD20M.

F&E: I figured out that I had in fact not sent the base thing to the F&E staff and sent it.

Other: Air conditioner at home is out and we're using the backup unit (which keeps only the bedroom livable) until Monday.

LUNCH: Buns over Texas for the best hamburgers anywhere.

DINNER: I'll grab a sandwich somewhere on the way home.

Shutting down at6pm. (Have to leave now to make the Walmart Run with Leanna or I don't get anything.)

MY DAY: 27 September (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 8:00am. I had packed 60 copies (each) of boosters 22 & 23 at home last night.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 56 Yesterday, 42 today.

Dinosaur list: Scleromochlus

Industry mailing lists: Nothing much today.

Other mail: PD20M stuff. MACE convention support request. Jean asked for a bunch of pages of PD20V3.5 and GPD. Mike Sparks needed some labels printed for a warehouse packing project he's in the middle of.

Older mail (held during the final FCOA week) that I finally answered today:

Sept 5-Jay VBAM about other possible joint venture projects.

Sept 7-Request from Mike West to publish Degraded Crew and Retirement in Communique 34.

Sept 8-Mark Tutton about the global flood.

Sept 12-A convention called GASPcon sent out a mass email asking companies for support.

Sept 12-Leanna gave me an updated distributor list for Eric to load on the Website.

Sept 12-Note from Jean to update the tournament page on the website (which was last updated four years ago).

Sept 13-Mike Bennett had an idea for something I could do for the Commander's Circle. Wasn't much support for it but I am still studying the matter.

Sept 16- Eric Hauge (a returning SFB player) wanted to thank me for doing the faster Fed Commander.

Sept 16- Gorilla Games wanted some background information.

Sept 16-Dale McKee had an idea which is incredibly cool but which I have no time or money to pursue. Put on file for later.

Sept 16-Jay Vbam wanted some background stuff I had Mike mail him.

Sept 17- Support request from Conquest Reno. Sent form email.

Sept 18- Conquest Vegas wanted to be listed in Hailing Frequencies. Sent this to Eric.

Sept 19-A starlist request from Britain OX28 5GH

Sept 21- request for info about doing a train game.

Sept 22: A guy complained that a notoriously pushy player had forced him (and, at least in theory, a lot of my other customers) off of the BBS. (Between 22-27 Sept, Jean and Petrick have looked into the case.) I reviewed the reports and asked for more specific information so I could personally look into the matter.

Sept 25: somebody wanted a forum avatar for his ship. No biggie. Done. I think. Sent to Eric who will tell me if I did it right.

Sept 26: Ken Burnside's idea for "digest size rulebooks" required me to ask him for more details.

BBS: Jean bans dirty words. Gosh dang it!

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 2pm.

Next Star Fleet Alert: 26 Sept, did one dated 29 Sept and sent it to Mike to send and I sent it to Eric to upload.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Talked with Cenveo about map print run.

FC stuff: updated the FC master ship chart and sent it to Eric to upload.

SFB stuff: Conferred with Petrick on Y2. If he can just get TC and AP to kill each other, the product will be done on time.

RPGs: Jean was on page 161. Working through timeline with Jean. Page 1 (Y48). Page 2 (Y66). Page 3 (Y83).

F&E: Waiting for Chuck to explode over my not liking his base changes. He must be out of town.

Other: Air conditioner at home is out and we're using the backup unit (which keeps only the bedroom livable) until Monday.

LUNCH: Furr's for actual food (roast beef, potatoes, veggies)

DINNER: Walked to Whataburger to have a burger with Petrick.

Shutting down at6pm, mentally exhausted.

MY DAY: 28 September (Sunday) 2008

Got here at 3:00pm I had packed 60 copies (each) of boosters 21 & 24 at home last night.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 42 Yesterday, 26 today.

Dinosaur list: New dinosaurs in JVP

Industry mailing lists: Nothing much today.

Other mail: PD20M stuff, lots of that. Reports on some nutcase telling lies on BGG; nobody is taking him seriously. Another train game question.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

RPGs: 28 Sept, Jean was on page 6 of the timeline, Y130. Page 7 Y156. Page 8 Y166. Page 9 Y173. Page 10 Y182. Page 11 Y225.

LUNCH: Beans and ham, Leanna cooked.

DINNER: Burger on the way home.

Shutting down at6pm

MY DAY: 29 September (Monday) 2008

Got here at 12:30pm, I had to wait for the air conditioner repairman, who got to the house at 10:30.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 26 Yesterday, 26 today.

Dinosaur list: Nothing, really.

Industry mailing lists: GPA board elections end with the five nominees each receiving one of the five empty board seats.

Other mail: PD20M stuff, lots of that. Mike finished the Zocchi Bag project. Apparently, Mike Powers is miffed I didn't do what he told me to do. Another memo from a guy wanting to do a train game. Those guys trying to show me their art cannot grasp that my Mac isn't going to read their site no matter how many

times they tell me it should be able to. A guy reporting that one of the Starlist entries he got is outdated. Dale McKee about a "kewell, but why are we doing it" project he thinks would be kewell. I think it would be kewell too but have nothing to show Leanna to convince her we should spend money on it. Sculptors report they are near completion on the new ships for Orion Attack. An outside design company about some ideas for new products.

MSSB items done today: 29 Sept, I reviewed a major case study by Tos Crawford and sent it to the staff/players for comment.

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

Old Unanswered Email: Cleared back to 17 Dec 06. (+2)

Old Unanswered Email, total: 4 Sept 2,764. 29 Sept 2,650.

Starlist: 27 Sept: OX28 5GH-UK. 29 Sept: UK KT16.

Eric sent out the Newsletter.

Mike shipped orders and sent Star Fleet Alert.

Petrick almost finished Y2

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

FC stuff: Did squadron scale Hydran DW for FCHA. Updated new MSC with Jean's Fixes.

SFB stuff: I fixed Petrick's problems with the MSC and MFC for Y2. Moellmer sent in a splendid Y2 report.

RPGs: Jean was up to the "acknowledgements" section which was page 173 out of 190 in the old book.

Other: Air conditioner fixed for now but is going to have to be replaced this fall.

LUNCH: BBQ at Country Barn.

DINNER: BBQ at Robinsons.

Shutting down at7pm.

MY DAY: 30 September (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:20am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 26 Yesterday, 26 today.

Dinosaur list: color of fossil feathers. Gliding vs soaring.

Industry mailing lists: Game industry is unaffected by the financial crisis. In good times, happy people buy games. In bad times, people stay home and play games they bought instead of going out and spending money on restaurants.

Other mail: Dale McKee's project. Some stuff on the Hyksos from Mark Tutton. Gallows Con asking for support. Lots of Jean's PD20M stuff. More outstanding reports from Moellmer; Y2 is shaping up as a very exciting product. Jean reminded me to take my pills and record my blood pressure (116 over 74, far better than 180 over 150).

MSSB items done today: 30 Sept, did five Jean sexton reports on MSSB. They were about the narrative text and could not really be done as line items.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

FC stuff: did the Hydran DWH squadron scale and gave it to Petrick, then later made his fixes. Did the ISC CC squadron scale and gave it to Petrick, he had no fixes. Worked on Communique 34, picking the reprint ships, doing the scenario, and setting up the scenario variations section but not actually doing them.

SFB stuff: did some Jean sexton reports on MSSB. Petrick asked me for a suggestion on how to fix the Hydran early years fleet battle weakness, and I gave him one. Andy Palmer liked it, so it must be wrong.

RPGs: Fixed several PD20M Excel charts for Jean. Read numerous PD20M files for Jean.

Went to put flowers on mother's grave one year to the day after she passed away.

LUNCH: Salad.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at7pm.

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