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MY DAY: 1 October (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 8:35am. I spent several hours at home reading the first part of the VBAM campaign book Federation Admiral.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 26 Yesterday, 10 today.

Dinosaur list: surface/volume ratio in pterosaurs

Industry mailing lists: Not much.

Other mail: Jay Waschak about VBAM-FA. Mike Sparks wanting graphics for PD20M. Jean and Jonathan Thompson about PD20M. Genghis con about support. Two different designers about train games. Somebody reported a bad link and I sent it to Eric as work order 166. Starlist request. Necronomicon support request.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: Survey to pick ship for Communique.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

FC stuff: did squadron scale ISC frigate. I completed the "Finish Like A Pro" list for Orion Attack.

RPGs: this is supposed to be the "big nearly final day". Got a lot done.

Other: Wrote reports and comments on Federation Admiral.

LUNCH: Montana Mike's for a good steak. They were out of baked potatoes but the mashed potatoes were unusually good.

DINNER: I'll nuke something at home.

Shutting down at7pm. Taking a complete copy of PD20M home to flip through so that Mike and I can finish the thing tomorrow (with long-distance help from Jean and JT)

MY DAY: 2 October (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 7:45am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

A. Dinosaur list: great artwork at

<http://www.studioschouten.com.au/dinosaurs.asp>

B. Industry mailing lists: Not much.

Other mail: Chinese board game manufacturer. P20M stuff from Jean. Foreign website scam. Had some friends in other companies ask to have their d20 modern scifi books mentioned in our PD20M book (no problem, glad to do it).

Ann Coulter's column today pretty much shows who stands where on the Fannie Mae fiasco. Be careful who you vote for if you do not want to have this mess all over again.

MSSB items done today: 2 Oct, Scott Tenhoff noted something in a part already finished so I went back and fixed it.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: took covers for BB7, SQB20, SQB21 to Whitney Russell for printing.

Warehouse: Helped Mike pack the box to Reaper.

F&E: teleconference with Colonel Strong on base cost formula.

FC stuff: did the SparrowHawk-J ship card.

SFB stuff: reviewed the Hellgun for the early Hydrans.

RPGs: read some stuff from Jean (shuttles, sample characters) and passed it along to Mike to paginate. Reviewed PD20M and gave Mike a bunch of changes to make.

Starline: shipped some of the Reaper molds to AOG so they could resume production of the ships we have the least of. Got photos from John S of three new ships he did (nice work): the Complat, Slaver, and Double Raider. Posted photos to website.

Other: Did two pages of notes on Federation Admiral.

LUNCH: Enchiladas.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at 6:30, taking home PD20M to read.

MY DAY: 3 October (Friday) 2008

Got here at 8:45am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 15 Yesterday, 10 today.

Dinosaur list: Pachyrhinosaurus lakustai

Industry mailing lists: GAMA newsletter.

Other mail: VBAM Federation Admiral.

Lots of mail about PD20M: Jean-16, Mike-7, JT-1.

MSSB items done today: 3 Oct, did six line items which finished the fourth page of the report file.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: went to Whitney Russell to approve proofs of the Squadron Box 20 and 21 covers.

Warehouse: kept pushing for progress in the contract book publishing division.

3. F&E: Got some kind of memo about Kzinti DWs which I do not have time to read.

FC stuff: turned the pink HET blocks green on all of the FCKA ship cards.

SFB stuff: discussed transporter inhibitor issue with Petrick.

RPGs: Did a bunch of Jean's fixes of PD20M and edited two tricky pages that Mike needed me to fix. Continued to work with Mike all day on this book.

Starline: got email from John S that the Slaver, Commercial Platform, and Double Raider were en route.

FYEO: read 6 Sept.

Other: Tom Nystel (old state guard buddy) stopped by. Tom is a serious Democrat but agrees that both parties share blame for the financial mess, and that much of the cause is items not under control of either party.

LUNCH: Whataburger with Petrick where we started a new game of Die In Place, the Army leadership training RPG.

DINNER: Pick up something on the way home.

Shutting down at 6:30. Taking PD20M home so I can mark the page references and do the index.

MY DAY: 4 October (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 8:25am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 10 Yesterday, 21 today.

Dinosaur list: Pachyrhinosaurus lakustai

Industry mailing lists: Not much.

Other mail: Mostly PD20M stuff.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Discussed production schedule with LMC and SPP. Created an art tracking File so I can keep track of art.

Warehouse: Helped Eric finish contract book publishing.

3. F&E: Got some kind of memo about base PFs which I did not have time to read.

FC stuff: changed the HET blocks on the FCBA cards to green.

SFB stuff: discussed the need for Y2 ship names with Petrick. We need a bunch of them and did not get very many responses from our requests to create them.

RPGs: did the index for PD20M. Worked with Mike and Jean all day to finish this book. The book is essentially finished, but because we cannot ship until Wednesday (due to other conflicts) we told Jean she had until Monday for final fixes.

8. Starline: Asked Tony Thomas about the Gendarme.

LUNCH: Logan's Roadhouse.

DINNER: Burgers with Petrick and Round Two of Die in Place.

Shutting down at 6:30.

MY DAY: 5 October (Sunday) 2008

Summary Report; Worked from 1pm to 5pm, then from 10pm to 1am, on PD20M.

MY DAY: 6 October (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:05am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 21 Yesterday, 31 today.

Dinosaur list: Non-diversity of birds.

Industry mailing lists: Not much.

Other mail: Mostly PD20M stuff. GASPcon wanted support. Michael Bennett got some damaged part in this FCOA and I asked for an address to send replacements. Sent Adam the ship lists for the next three squadron boxes.

MSSB items done today: 6 Oct, finished page 6 of reports and sent the team pages 4-6 of the fifth (E) Draft.

Weekly status report:

Old Unanswered Email: Cleared back to 6 Dec 06. (+1)

Old Unanswered Email, total: 1 Oct 2,478. 2 Oct, 2,233

Starlist: Oct 4, 49045. 6 Oct, 30305, 95610.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: went to Whitney to pick up covers for Squadron Boxes 20 and 21.

Warehouse: had Mike send convention box to GASPcon.

Marketing: Sent Eric everything he needs for the October newsletter.

FC stuff: did communique 34 and sent it to staff.

SFB stuff: three more MSSB-Hydran pages finished.

RPGs: watched with pride as Mike made the last of Jean's fixes on PD20M. I did the FLAP list for this product.

Starline: I did the back covers for the three squadron boxes (Leanna did the bar codes and Eric took the photos).

Other: took Isis rabbit hunting at 8 this morning, but she thought we were going to the vet and started screaming which scared the rabbit. She saw the rabbit run away and looked up at me with a classic "Oh" expression.

LUNCH: Veggie plate at Calico county.

DINNER: BBQ at Robinsons.

Shutting down at 7pm.

MY DAY: 7 October (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:15am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 31 Yesterday, 19 today.

Dinosaur list: Confuciusornis

Industry mailing lists: Not much.

Other mail: Strangely, no PD20M stuff. I wonder if something happened, like Jean finishing that project?

MSSB items done today: 7 Oct, 9 line items, finishing page 7 of the book and page 7 of the report file.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Meeting to discuss priorities gave Jean two days for a quick proofread of Y2 before she has to start editorial work on PD Fed.

FC stuff: sent G1 to selected staff people.

SFB stuff: some MSSB stuff.

RPGs: I actually spent almost all of today updating the project memo for PD FEDs.

Starline: reviewed and approved new minis from Schmeer.

FYEO: read 10-11 Sept, posted 6-10 Sept.

Other: nice chat with our neighbor who had been away.

LUNCH: Veggie plate at Chedders.

DINNER: Whataburger.

Shutting down at 6pm.

MY DAY: 8 October (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 10:25am. (Overslept)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 19 Yesterday, 31 today.

Dinosaur list: Tapejara

Industry mailing lists: PAX

Other mail: Lots of reports on Comm34. Jean Sexton and John Sickels sent in a bunch of comments on the PDFed project. They have the same initials. Coincidence? I think not!

MSSB items done today: 8 Oct, did 13 line items which finished page 8 of the report file and page 8 of the document, through the carrier pallet.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Kyocera repair guy serviced Kate.

Warehouse: Received another shipment of paper. I did the

UPS shipment today because everybody else was busy.

Marketing: changed PD20M in shopping cart to note need for d20M rulebook. Eric finished the Hailing frequencies newsletter.

FC stuff: shuffled what FCHA cards have already been done and gave them temporary numbers 201-216. I finished all fo the reports I received on Communique 34.

SFB stuff: Read Moellmer's fiction story for Y2.

F&E: answered DW question and processed the next to last batch of questions.

RPGs: worked on PDFed project memo, file availability analysis, and work plan.

Starline: conferred with Bruce Graw on production and asked Mike to find out what Lyrans and Hydrans we will need.

Other: Somebody sent me a free PDF of the space marine boarding manual, which is a hoot to read.

LUNCH: Hamburgers at a new sports bar. We won't go back as Leanna does not like "coated" French fries.

DINNER: Knowing Leanna, i won't actually get anything that could be addressed by the name "food".

Shutting down at 6pm, since I came in Leanna's car to save gas, and she said to get in the car or she'd bring me a clean shirt in the morning. The sofa in the warehouse did not look inviting.

MY DAY: 9 October (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am. (Overslept)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 31 Yesterday, 24 today.

Dinosaur list: Jurassic Fight Club blew it again by putting horns on a Pachyrhinosaurus.

Industry mailing lists: GAMA newsletter.

Other mail: VBAM about a project. Some of the guys I sent the G1 ship card to asked for rules I never wrote. Mike Curtis about using the salami system to get me to process his F&E Q&A files in real time. (If he sends them in small chunks, I can do a check a day -- on most days anyway.) Jean's report on the BBS. Jean's report on the Newsletter.

BBS: Five Nations.

Fed Commander Forum: Grease pencils vs china markers.

MSSB items done today: 9 Oct, finished draft E page 9 and sent pages 7-9 to Team MSSB.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Discussed maps reprint with Trafton.

Warehouse: talked to Mike about need to find out ASAP if we had enough ships for Border Box 7 shipments or if I have to order more from Bruce.

Marketing: did Star Fleet Alert for 13th, waiting for art. Sent Eric instructions to do FCOA product information page. Eric finished the newsletter, and at 4pm we were just waiting for Jean to release it. Helped Eric take photos for FCDK page. Eric finished the FCDK page.

FC stuff: did the Lyran CL (Sq) and ISC CS (Fleet) and send 6+1/2 of the FCHA cards out to the staff. Eric uploaded communique 34. Discussed some rules questions with Mike West.

SFB stuff: page 9 of Hydran MSSB. Talked with Petrick about how to finish Y2.

F&E: discussed base building costs with Chuck so he can finalize the numbers and I can do the SITs.

RPGs: sent a two-page "mysteries" article to Jean to add to her stack of PD Fed stuff. Set up PD Fed page count document.

Starline: Reviewed situation on minis production.

FYEO: read 12 and 13 Sept.

LUNCH: Pork chops at the stockyards.

DINNER: Whataburger with Petrick.

Shutting down at 8pm

MY DAY: 10 October (Friday) 2008

Got here at 8:20am. (Couldn't sleep)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 24 Yesterday, 32 today.

Dinosaur list: Nova Arctic Dinosaurs.

Industry mailing lists:

Other mail: Derek Fulton sent us a scan of a missing painting guide from the old TFG set. Jean started work on PD-Fed.

MSSB items done today: 10 Oct, did nine line items, finishing page 10 of the report file.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Discussed maps reprint with Trafton. Monthly finance meeting says we're not out of money yet.

Warehouse: Ordered more minis from AoG for BB7 and general restock.

Marketing: Eric did a ton of web stuff. I helped.

FC stuff: Did the Squadron Scale Lyran BC.

SFB stuff: more MSSB. Helped Eric do Y2 cover.

F&E: waiting for new base cost data from Chuck.

RPGs: processed government article and sent it to Jean.

Lots of Emails from Jean and Sickels on the first few pages of the lead story. Lots of those.

Starline: Ordered more minis.

FYEO: read Sept 13th.

LUNCH: Buns over Texas.

Going home now. Don't feel very well.

MY DAY: 11 October (Saturday) 2008

Got here at 1: 50am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 32 Yesterday, 33 today.

Dinosaur list: Leonardo Exhibit

Industry mailing lists: WOTC has a job opening for a game designer but requires you to move to Seattle (no relocation assistance) and work in the office (no telework). Some thing this is fine and are applying. Some think it's an outrage.

Other mail: Random smatterings.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Reviewed production plans.

Warehouse: reviewed plans with Mike Sparks to restock the inventory.

3. Marketing: finished the star fleet alert for Monday, had Petrick and Leanna read it, and send it to Jean, who isn't in her office until this evening.

FC stuff: approved a ruling by Mike West.

SFB stuff: 10 Oct, read the Y2R1 and Y2R9 sections at home. reviewed the last two pages of Module Y2. Checked all SSDs for "A HULL" since Jean asked me to.

6. F&E: waiting for new base cost data from Chuck.

RPGs: Jean sent the last of the story and I reviewed it. Jean sent the "mysteries" section and I reviewed that. I updated the page count document.

Starline: conferred with Bruce Graw about the problems he is having with the Reaper-made molds.

FYEO: I read 15 Sept and posted 11-15 Sept.

Other: helped Eric do the cover for Y2.

LUNCH: Furr's cafeteria, where the roast beef was great but the real joy of food was in so many good vegetables. Even better, we found out that they had officially stopped putting onions in the green beans, meaning Petrick and I could eat them! They said "so many people complained, we had to take the onions out." They didn't seem to grasp that it was the same two guys complaining every week for nine years.

DINNER: something at the house.

Shutting down at 7pm.

MY DAY: 12 October (Sunday) 2008

Summary Report: Got here at 3:30pm. Answered Email. Worked on the story for Y2. Discussed Y2 issues with Petrick. Went home at 5:45pm.

MY DAY: 13 October (Monday) 2008

Got here at 8:50am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 33 Yesterday, 14 today.

Dinosaur list: Canadian T-rex "Black beauty"

Industry mailing lists: Not much.

Other mail: Dale McKee about art. My aunt about getting my nephew into the Mayflower Society. (I'm in it, and he can use my provenance to get in.) Jean about the Y2 fiction story. Jonathan Thompson about the PD20 and MT projects.

BBS: Five nations. F&E campaigns.

Fed Commander Forum: a new rulebook.

Daily web crawl: This step was completed at: 10:04. Sudoku time 3 minutes 9 seconds, way off my record of 2:43.

Weekly status report:

Unprocessed reports on hand: 34 Yesterday, 34 today.

One Month Grace: 302 yesterday, 302 today.

Un-filed out-bound email: 58

Old Unanswered Email: Cleared back to 18 Nov 06. (+9)

Old Unanswered Email, total: 1 Oct 2,478. 13 Oct, 2,136

Starlist: 12 Oct, 13413. 13 Oct, no requests.

Petrick: Y2, CL38, blog, SFB Scenarios.

Mike Sparks: bookbinding, packing orders, RPG layout.

Eric Olivarez: Product covers, website updates.

Website work orders: Sent him 191. Done: 1-177, 181-4.

Next Star Fleet Alert: Gave the one for 13 Oct to Mike to send.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Went over to Trafton to check a proof only to find they had done it all wrong.

FC stuff: did squadron scale Iroquois, did Squadron scale Pegasus-cruiser.

SFB stuff: did the scenario graphics for Y2.

RPGs: reviewed (and decided we don't need) more weapons for PDFEDS.

FYEO: read 16 Sept. As always, extracted new ship names from historical datafiles.

MSSB: finished report page 12. This did not finish MSSB page 12 so nothing send to staff yet.

Other: nice chat with a church friend about the finding of Joseph's tomb.

LUNCH: BBQ at Country Barn.

DINNER: something at the house.

Shutting down at 7pm.

MY DAY: 14 October (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:30am. Stayed in bed, listening to the rain.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 14 Yesterday, 32 today.

Dinosaur list: Not much.

Industry mailing lists: GAMA is asking for more resumes for the new executive director.

Other mail: Adam Turner with G3 art. Tony Tuthill wants to do a phone interview with me. Dave Mattingly about doing True 20 book for PD. Jean had edited Scott Moellmer's early years fiction story; if Petrick finds no space for it in Y2 I will use it in Captain's Log. Bruce Graw about using the Reaper molds.

Starlist: 14 Oct 62948.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: went over to Trafton and approved the proof for the maps, which they had done correctly. Went to Zip Print to approve the proof of the cover for Y2; they had "trimmed" it wrong and were fixing it.

Marketing: did draft of the next Star Fleet Alert.

FC stuff: Created a consolidated rules update list.

SFB stuff: reviewed a memo from Petrick about BPVs.

RPGs: Sent a note to Dave Mattingly about doing True 20.

Starline: Bruce says tin prices have come down.

MSSB: I finished report page 13 and accidentally did page 14. I sent pages 10-12 to the team.

Other: 13 Oct, Leanna ordered a bench for the wolf sanctuary so I can sit all day (25 Oct) and watch Genghis Khan chew on the meat I take to him.

LUNCH: Taco Salad.

DINNER: something at home.

Shutting down at 6pm. (It's the day I came in one car with

Leanna and I could leave early or stay all night.)

MY DAY: 15 October (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:05am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 32 Yesterday, 16 today.

Dinosaur list: Not much.

Industry mailing lists: GPA is setting up their GTS booth.

Other mail: some kind of scam from someone pretending to be my backup internet account.

BBS: Joe Stevenson hates London. Who'd have thought that?

Fed Commander Forum: New rulebook.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Warehouse: at home on Tuesday night, I packed another 100 Booster 17s.

3. Marketing: Sent the next Star Fleet Alert to Jean.

FC stuff: did the Squadron scale Vudar CA. Wrote the Vudar rules for Communique 35. Gave both to Petrick.

SFB stuff: worked with Petrick on Y2 most of the day.

6. F&E: waiting to hear from Chuck.

RPGs: reworked the page count and content list for PD FEDS.

MSSB: finished page 15 of reports and sent pages 13-15 (both reports and the actual book) to staff.

Other: Eric did a bunch of web work orders.

LUNCH: Salad.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at 7pm.

MY DAY: 16 October (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 10:35am. (Rough Night).

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 16 Yesterday, 14 today.

Dinosaur list: Double decay analysis

Industry mailing lists: Not much.

Other mail: Mike West saying when he will analyze the CRUL. BBS report from Jean. Something from the host company about upgrading software; maybe Eric can figure it out. Seven emails from Jean about PDFED and two from Sickels answering her. Memos from Petrick's staff about final Y2 items.

BBS: Farthest Stars. Exploration of interest.

Fed Commander Forum: last chance for decals, CRUL.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: weekly partners meeting.

Warehouse: at home on Tuesday night, I packed another 100 Booster 1s and 100 Booster 2s.

FC stuff: Worked on Comm-35.

SFB stuff: worked with Petrick on Y2 BPV changes for most of the day.

RPGs: reviewed Jean's edits of the Fed government file.

8. Starline: Sent memo to Mike listing the ships in SB22-23-24 and BB8 so he can review inventory.

MSSB: did report file page 16. It's a 33-page file, so I lack 17 pages, which could in theory mean we'd have the E-draft finished in 3 weeks, but given that CL38 is in our immediate future, don't count on it.

Other: Made plans to rent a truck and move stuff from off-site storage building #1 ("the Island") to off-site storage unit #2 ("the gulag") to shut down the island and save \$99 per month.

LUNCH: Turkey at cracker barrel.

DINNER: scrounge the cabinets at home

Shutting down at 7pm.

MY DAY: 17 October (Friday)

Summary Report: Got here at 10am after a bad night. Did some office stuff, then lunch (which was pretty awful), then spent the afternoon with Petrick, Eric, and Mike moving most of the stuff out of Warehouse #2 into Warehouse #3. We will need at least four hours tomorrow to finish moving it.

MY DAY: 18 October (Saturday) 2008

Summary Report: Got here at 9am: We finished moving the stuff out of warehouse #2 into warehouse #3 (a.k.a., "the gulag"), turned in the truck, and most of us (SVC, LMC, Mike, Eric) went home at 1:30. (Petrick stayed until dark working Y2.)

MY DAY: 19 October (Sunday) 2008

Summary Report: Got here at 1:00pm-6:30. Cleaned up email and read the BBS. Petrick was here most of the day working on Y2. I helped him lay out the MSC. I also telephoned Jean to discuss my plan for her to churn out "an RPG book per month" during 2009.

MY DAY: 20 October (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Leftover stuff in the In-Box: 14 Yesterday, 24 today.

Five emails from Jean and two from John Sickels about PDFEDS. Eleven emails from Jean about the CRUL.

SFB Module Y2 Finished and started printing.

Jean RPGs (PDFeds: pages edited: 28)

Weekly status report:

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

One Month Grace: 306 yesterday, 306 today.

Un-filed out-bound emails: 43

Old Unanswered Email: Cleared back to 12 Nov 06. (+1)

Old Unanswered Email, total: 1 Oct 2,478. 20 Oct, 1,769

Starlist: 14 Oct 62948. 15-20 Oct, no requests.

Next Star Fleet Alert: Sent the one for today.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: meeting with Leanna set the price of G3 at \$27.95. Current plans are that Jean cannot finish Federation-d20m in time to ship before January. (GURPS version would follow as soon as SJGames approves it.) We cannot ship anything between 17 Nov and 20 January; it's just the way the system works.

Warehouse: 18 Oct, completed the move of stuff in the offsite warehouses. 20 Oct, I drove across town to pick up the Y2 covers and bring them back to Mike.

Marketing: sent Star Fleet Alert for G3. Bought a small ad in a local conservative newspaper a friend of my father's is trying to get off the ground.

FC stuff: finished the CRUL and gave it to Eric to upload into commander's circle. He did so.

SFB stuff: 18 Oct, gave Petrick a little help on Y2. 19 Oct, laid out the MSC for Petrick. (He had done it, but I had to get it from Excel into pagemaker.) 20 Oct, reviewed the final printouts and ordered Y2 into production.

6. F&E: 20 Oct, Chuck sent me the revised base cost data.

RPGs: 18 Oct, I read some draft text from Jean about Fed colonization programs. 19 Oct, read more memos from Jean. 20 Oct, read even more memos from Jean. PDFEDS now has 28 of 144 pages finished.

Starline: Reviewed stockpiles of Lyran, Orion, and Hydran ship and authorized some overstocked blisters be cut open to provide ships for fast-selling squadron boxes while we wait for restocks.

MSSB: did reports for page 18 and send pages 16-17-18 (reports and E-draft) to the team.

Other: ordered 100 pounds of raw meat (beef hearts, beef kidneys, chicken necks) for the wolf party on Saturday.

LUNCH: Buns over Texas.

DINNER: Leftover chile at home.

Shutting down at 6:30pm.

MY DAY: 21 October (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 10:05am. (My medication is causing sleep issues.)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Dinosaur footprint trackway found

Industry mailing lists: People leaving for Essen.

BBS: FC support ships. F&E escorts.

Fed Commander Forum: Are FC and F&E compatible?

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: meeting with Leanna and Mike. We sold more Border Box 7s than expected and had to call Bruce for emergency restock of Lyrans and Hydrans.

Warehouse: I ordered more Lyrans and Hydrans.

3. Marketing: I did the Star Fleet Alert for the 27th and gave it to Patrick to proofread. I did a "just released" alert for tomorrow and gave it to Mike.

FC stuff: sent up a sticky on the forum for the CRUL. Added a lost update item to the CRUL for the next update. Mike sent two more CRUL items and I sent them back with notes.

SFB stuff: added Y2 to the cart but it won't be active until Leanna does the options.

F&E: 20 Oct, Chuck sent me the revised base cost data.

RPGs: did the Star Fleet Alerts for Federation.

Starline: ordered more ships from Bruce. Put Border Box 7 on the cart but it won't go active until tomorrow.

FYEO: read 19 Sept.

MSSB: made some fixes Jean wanted, change Y170-5, Y170-75, and Y170-175 to Y170-Y175.

Other: talked with Wild Spirit about the raw meat I am taking to the wolf party. They want me to let the frozen chicken necks thaw so they can be used in the pumpkins. I doubled the order for "cheap leftover cow parts normally used in dog food".

LUNCH: Enchiladas and salad.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at 6pm.

MY DAY: 22 October (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: dinosaur dance floor.

Industry mailing lists: card printers

Other mail: Not much.

Jean RPGs (PDFeds: pages edited: 28)

Next Star Fleet Alert (22 Oct): Just released, Y2 and BB7.

Next Star Fleet Alert (27 Oct): Prime Directive Feds.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: strategic direction discussions with SPP. Company will focus on Kyocera-books (RPGs, MSSB, and the contract game systems) in addition to FC and CapLog.

Warehouse: nobody asked me to go out there and I just quietly ignored the entire situation.

Marketing: Mike Sparks sent the "just released" alert for Y2 and BB7. Jean reported on proofreading the one for Monday. Updated Greater Games Industry Catalog datafile. Asked them about ad deadlines for the free ads we have coming.

FC stuff: did Fleet Scale IRQ and DWH. Did Squadron scale Vudar DW for Communique 35. Did the scenario for Communique 35. Did Fed LTT-S for CL38.

SFB stuff: Patrick showed me some new ground bases.

RPGs: Discussed with Jean.

Starline: reviewed order status, updated PO#s. Bruce shipped the emergency Lyran-Hydran restock today. Hydran gendarme arrived. Sent the gendarme, Orion DN, Orion DBR, Orion Slaver, and commercial platform to Bruce.

FYEO: read 20-23 September, posted 16-20 Sept.

CL38: meeting with Patrick says we need to be doing five pages per day (total, not each). Did Fed LTT-S for CL38.

MSSB: Did pages 19-20 of the reports and the document itself, putting me two pages ahead for the week.

LUNCH: Salad.

Shutting down at 7pm.

MY DAY: 23 October (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: dinosaur tail feathers.

Industry mailing lists: Nothing, much.

Other mail: Got a big edited CL38 article from Jean.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: partners meeting about a possible deal.

Warehouse: went out there to look at the bench I am taking to the wolf place.

SFB stuff: reviewed a proposed new rule from Loren Knight and said "no".

RPGs: told Jean it was ok to tell people that Federation wouldn't come out until January.

Starline: Bruce received the sculpts for the five new minis, sent them to have a master mold made.

CL38: rebuild the page count document and post it. Send memos to staffers about their stuff.

MSSB: got carried away. Did (and sent to staff) the files and reports for pages 19-21 and for pages 22-24, which means I have done this week's pages (16-18), next week's pages (19-21), and the pages for the first full week of November (22-24).

Other: Preparations to drive to the wolf party tomorrow.

LUNCH: Turkey at cracker barrel.

DINNER: Microwave brisket at home.

Shutting down at 6:30pm.

MY DAY: 24 October (Friday) 2008

Summary Report: Got here at 9:00am. Checked Email. Dealt with Jean's crisis over Klingon lifespans. Jean had fixes to Eric's work on the website.

Wolf Halloween Trip: Loaded car. Grabbed lunch and picked up lock washers for the bench we're donating to the wolf sanctuary. Picked up 100 pounds of raw meat (beef heart, beef kidney, chicken necks). Left for New Mexico at 1pm. Got to Grants about 7pm and checked into hotel. Jumped into hot tub. Went to bed.

MY DAY: 25 October (Saturday) 2008

Wolf Halloween Trip: In New Mexico at the wolf Halloween party. We got there about 11am and had a private meeting with the managers, who promoted us to the rank of "biggest donors" because of the check we brought and made us honored guests. Took beef hearts to Genghis Khan and his girlfriend Artemsia (she has a classic "bad boy complex" to beat the band and adores Genghis Khan instead of filing spouse abuse charges against him). Did some survey work of their road system and pointed out what was causing the drainage problems and how it could be easily solved by moving the water via a culvert to the downhill side of the road. Cut up the meat. When "pumpkin stuffing time" came I put a pound of kidney, a piece of heart, and three chicken necks in each pumpkin which was already half full of raw hamburger. Leanna and I enjoyed the presentations by various wildlife and animal rescue organizations. Then it was time for the pumpkin toss. The wolves know what pumpkin day is and tore into them, but found this year's pumpkins to be superior to anything previously offered as they included a wide variety of snacks. Sang a few songs around the campfire, drove back to the hotel, jumped in the hot tub and then went to bed.

MY DAY: 26 October (Sunday) 2008

Wolf Halloween Trip: A pleasant drive home. Unexpectedly good lunch at Denny's in Santa Rosa. Got home at 4pm and took a nap. Did not go to office. Checked BBS from home and, well, we all know how THAT turned out.

MY DAY: 27 October (Monday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Epidexipteryx

Industry mailing lists: some charity auction rejected a bunch of donated wargames, outraging the entire industry.

Other mail: I finally got the email finished at 2:30. Lots of it, most of it from Eric about the website work orders.

BBS: six star generals and red-headed stepchildren.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Next Star Fleet Alert (27 Oct): Prime Directive Feds. It's ready. It's sent. What will I do on 3 Nov?

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: mostly, I caught up on Email.

Marketing: sent star fleet alert for 27th.

FC stuff: did fleet scale Hydran DWF.

RPGs: Memo from Jean about Klingon lifespan.

Starline: Memo from Bruce of a shipment en route.

CL38: Got two edited pages from Jean. Took the Arastoz article that SPP wrote, SVC read, and Jean proofread, and put it into the book. Wrote the Lyran CA class history article.

MSSB: I did this week's pages last week.

Other: Memos to wild spirit about the weekend and ideas for next year.

LUNCH: Furr's Fresh Buffet. Underwhelming.

DINNER: Robinson's.

Shutting down at 7pm.

MY DAY: 28 October (Tuesday) 2008

Got here at 9:00am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Hushiyaolong

Industry mailing lists: GAMA announcements.

Other mail: Fiction submission. Bruce Graw report on minis.

Black nebula.

BBS: G2 fighter loads, Noraid, FC special torpedoes.

Fed Commander Forum: New Player questions.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Meeting on map shipment (and storage of surplus), miniatures shipments, and ending the "hand to mouth" operation of the warehouse. (The time Mike spent paginating PD20M is directly translated into low warehouse stocks of print on demand products. This means many items have zero inventory and getting an order out the door requires special printing one or two copies of some products. This is seriously inefficient, but Mike is working full speed and cannot catch up.)

Warehouse: SVC and SPP did the backlog shrinkwrapping in order to get the orders out more efficiently.

FC stuff: did the fleet scale Vudar DW. Finished communique 35 and gave it to Petrick to read.

Starline: Memo from Bruce about new ships.

FYEO: read part of 24 Sept.

CL38: 28 Oct. Did the 10 questions half-page, the 2Z rule for FC (1.5) pages, the WHY page, the Anarchist page,

Other: talked to air conditioning contractor.

LUNCH: KFC. Leanna likes the new chicken strips.

DINNER: Robinson's BBQ.

Shutting down at 7pm.

MY DAY: 29 October (Wednesday) 2008

Got here at 9:15am.

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: gigantism as liability

Industry mailing lists: Nothing much.

Other mail: Insane rants from Aaron Staley. Emmett Plant with some interesting marketing ideas. Tony Tuthill wants to broadcast a phone interview. Jean reports on CL38. Moellmer and West reports on Comm-35 and the Vudar. Jean report on BBS.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Business: Meeting with John Sickels about Federation and about Orion pirates.

Warehouse: checking maps.

FC stuff: made Petrick's fixes to Hydran DWF, DWH, IRQ.

F&E: Selected a scenario and sent it to Chuck.

RPGs: Meeting with John Sickels.

Starline: got masters of the five new ships.

FYEO: finished Sept 24 and started on 25.

CL38: Sent another couple of pages to Jean.

12. Other: I'm sure there was something.

LUNCH: Country Barn.

DINNER: Montana Mike's with John Sickels and Petrick.

Shutting down at midnight.

MY DAY: 30 October (Thursday) 2008

Got here at 10:40am. (I was here until midnight and slept in.)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: T-rex had great sense of smell.

Industry mailing lists: Nothing much.

Other mail: Not a lot, other than a fiction writer who hasn't done enough research and thought he could reload drone racks with a transporter.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Warehouse: checking maps.

FC stuff: reviewed some reports.

Starline: sent the Orion DN back to TT for fixes to the problems they had in mold making.

FYEO: finished Sept 25, read Sept 26.

CL38: worked mostly on this.

Other: went to vote.

LUNCH: Cracker Barrel.

DINNER: Fat Boys.

Shutting down at4:30pm to go do early voting.

MY DAY: 31 October (Friday) 2008

Got here at 10:10am. (Sleep issues with my medication.)

Routine: Email, mailing lists, office, etc.

Dinosaur list: Bird like footprints from Triassic.

Industry mailing lists: Nothing much.

Other mail: Eric did a bunch of work orders. Jean sent in the second part of battle group. Fiction author still asking about drone loading. FYEO. Starlist request. Store registration. Paul Franz sent in this articles.

BBS: The usual.

Fed Commander Forum: The usual.

Worthwhile tasks accomplished TODAY.

Warehouse: checking maps.

Marketing: Discussed new banners with Eric.

FC stuff: did two hybrid SSDs for CL#38, along with the fleet scale stuff.

Starline: got a shipment of minis from Bruce.

CL38: I'm doing a lot, but not getting it all recorded here. Did Jean's reports on Draco, which moves one more page to the "finished" column. Got the PBEM and OL articles. Reading through Petrick's article on Romulan bomber bases. Did the FC page for OL/PBEM and sent it to Jean (1). I did the three pages of Hybrid SSDs (two new Fed cruisers) (3:4). I did a new SFB Block 5 SSD (1:5). Got the ship description file, MSC, and MFC into pagemaker (7 pages, which haven't gone to Jean yet).

LUNCH: La Fiesta (enchilada plate)

DINNER: burger or something

Shutting down at8pm

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