

# ACE Game Club Newsletter

## Minutes of the Meeting of August 4, 2002

Game Club President Charlie Brown called the meeting to order. Eighteen members were present. The minutes were taken by Scribe Scot Alsop (Acme Temp Service), who kindly stood in for Dave Peterson. Dave, who was away on vacation, received praise for the August Newsletter article on the EverQuest d20 Role Playing Game, and John was thanked for the modified Hero Click Figs.

Jim Destromp conducted the locker review. Tony, Jimbo, and Randy were present to pay. Johnny was not present and was behind two months. Lockers were available for \$1 per month to members, but there were no takers.

Jim Destromp told the members that he will serve as the BattleMaster for sanctioned Mechwarrior Dark Age events at ACE. There will be no entry fee, except for buying buttlods of figs. These tournaments were proposed for 4:00pm on Saturdays. The first event will be September 1 at 2:00pm. Jim will not play; he will just give out the prizes. See the board for sign-ups. The prizes for the weekly tournaments will be Limited Edition figures. A black named LE Atlas and a named LE tank will be awarded to the winners each week in September. A Marquee Tourney is scheduled for September 28.



**Jonah Levin is the top prize in ACE's September Dark Age tourneys. Come on, you know you want him. He's only 300 points.**

Scot conducted the calendar review. Mondays are the Devil May Cry BESM campaign from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Tuesdays are Jim's HackMaster campaign (expanding up to five, no deaths). Wednesdays are Dave Saunders' Third Edition D&D campaign and Warhammer 40,000 with Mike Kehs after 4:00pm. Thursdays are Rich's Third Edition D&D campaign. Fridays are a First Edition D&D Discussion Group, and Enio's free HeroClix tourney. Saturdays are the Mechwarrior Dark Age tournaments with BattleMaster Jim. Warhammer 40,000 is still rolling as well. Sundays are the Mage Knight league, BattleTech tournaments (the last one had nine players), Pokemon League, and Dragonball Z CCG (no Sunday afternoon RPG group). An all-nighter was scheduled for August 17. Event sign-ups were put on the board, and it was agreed that the members would petition for Masako's blessing.

It was reported that Charlie's Xbox LAN HALO game on July 20 went well. LAN X is scheduled for August. Leo Bruno's Warhammer Fantasy Battle on July 26 saw the Bretonian, Chaos Human, and Undead forces wipe up the field with the Chaos Daemons, Orks, and Lizards. It was UGLY.

It was announced that elections for Club officers will be held at the October 6 Game Club meeting. There was a discussion about voting down the prohibition on voting in a President for a second term. Charlie was not happy.

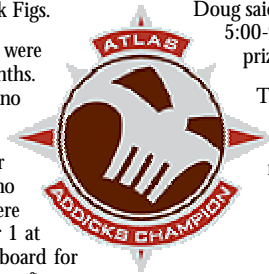
Enio and Doug reminded the members that they have been running HeroClix at 6:00pm on Fridays. The game is very fun and easy to learn. There will be a new expansion for HeroClix in October, and the DC Comics starter set, HyperTime,

will be released in September. Doug won the most recent HeroClix tourney by stomping Charlie.

Enio announced that he will be leaving the area to take a new job in September. There was much sadness. Charlie claimed that the Xbox thing will not go this month.

Doug said that he would run a Mage Knight tourney on Wednesday August 28, 5:00-9:00. There will be a \$3 entry fee. Armies will be 500 points. The prizes will be signed cards and a Mage Knight display.

The Game Club treasury reported no expenditures this month. The project of organizing a movie night was on hold. A pitch was made for Game Club shirts. After all, if you have to wear a shirt, why not make it an ACE Game Club shirt?



**This is the first LE named tank unit to be released for Dark Age.**

Scot conducted the meeting attendance drawing. You must be present to win, and the drawing is based on the previous month's attendance roster. In other words, you must be present at two consecutive meetings to qualify. Mazi Hargrove won the \$10 gift certificate, but was not wearing an ACE Game Club T-Shirt. Charlie declared the meeting adjourned.

## Mechwarrior Dark Age Assaults ACE, by Jim Destromp

Wizkid's new Mechwarrior Dark Age system has been enthusiastically received at Atomic Comics. Booster packs have been hauled away by numerous players by the truck-load.

A Mechwarrior Head to Head tournament with 300-point forces was held on September 1. When the dust settled after the final, hard-fought round Randy Dilday won first place, and Charlie Brown took second.

Additional Mechwarrior Dark Age tournaments will be held on September 7 at 4:00pm (Dropship Down), September 14 at 4:00pm (Reach for the Sky), September 21 at 4:00pm (Poseidon's Fury), September 28 at 4:00pm (Black Gold), and September 29 at 12:00pm. A black LE Atlas and a named LE tank will be prizes at each of these events. All tournament participants will qualify to mail-order one of two LE mechs and a matching faction pin for \$5.00. The Marquee tournament on September 28 will use campaign scenario four (Black Gold) rules. Don't miss out on these great events!



## Get the Duke, by Lewis Rich

On this, the 10th glorious day of January, did the Thursday Night Marauders of Mayhem seek to rescue the long held Duke of Daggersdale. We are happy to report that the Duke was successfully rescued and suffered only burns to 50% of his body due to friendly fire. Mistress Mable reported that he will live and is expected to make a full and magical recovery.

The daring Marauders of Mayhem are also credited with the eradication of an entire temple of Red Wizards of Thay. However an unconfirmed rumor is that they only killed a few guards, and the rest of the temple fled safely back to Thay.

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When asked about the rescue of the Duke of Daggersdale the ambassador from Thay had this to say:

"The deeds of the Marauders have made them an enemy of the nation of Thay. They have pillaged and burned a sacred shrine to the Gods of Thay. Thanks to the selfless sacrifice of 3 temple guards and 3 temple priestesses, the shrine to Fertility was safely evacuated. It saved the lives of 16 pregnant priestesses and many other helpless temple servants. Yes, the Duke was there as our guest. He was under no compulsion or restraint. Actually he had taken part in many rites of fertility, and is the proud parent of all 16 children. The first one should be born within the next 5 months."

The seneschal of Daggersdale was unavailable to comment on this development. Upon hearing the news of the 16 new heirs to the Duchy of Daggerdale he swooned and was taken away to be treated by his priest.

We will keep you updated on new developments. Next week: eye witness to the rescue of the Duke. Ulagar, personal guard of the high priestess, recounts the retreat from the temple.

-Harper Ritcher of High Point



Tara Bishop is one of two exclusive LE figures that tournament participants can mail-order this month.



Danni Haag is another LE figure available to tournament participants by mail in September.

## Announcements

Thomas Auler is looking for players for a campaign of the new **Lord of the Rings Role-Playing game**. Contact him at [tauler@hotmail.com](mailto:tauler@hotmail.com) for details.

Dan Conley has updated the rules for **QuickFire2**. QuickFire2 acts as a "Rosetta Stone". It provides an environment where any miniature can be used. QuickFire2 was designed to provide an easy to learn, fun to play, four-dimensional game that teaches the principles of war and the tactical employment of combat forces. Get all the details at <http://www.quickfire2.net>. The full rules are available for download. The Morale rules have recently been updated.

## Wizkids GenCon Photo Album, via Wizkids web site



An alpha version of the new **Crimson Skies** game was demonstrated on this special two-level table.



A new line of plastic tiles and components will be available for **MK Dungeons**—and all you salivating D&D players as well.



Conquest players got to assault a seriously huge castle on the Conquest table.