

ACE Game Club Newsletter

December 1996

Business Conducted at the November 3rd Meeting

Purchase of Heater

Michael Menard opened the meeting with a recommendation to get a heater for the Mercury Blvd ACE gaming room with club funds. Jim D. required that the heater not use fluids of any type for fuel. Frankie offered possible use of an unused heater from his workplace. In the event that this unit does not turn out to be available, the club voted 17-0 in favor of spending up to \$30 for an electric heater.

Loan of Buildings

Denbigh store manager Shelley wants demonstration games to be run at an upcoming sale on Nov 16th. The Denbigh store has suitable terrain except for buildings. Michael recommended that we loan the black buildings, the Fire Base, and the Bastion to Denbigh for the sale (a sale is also scheduled for the Kiln Creek store two weeks later). Club members voted 17-0 in favor.

Funding of Terrain Materials and D&D Accessories

Michael recommended to the club that money be spent to purchase a large sheet of 2" foam for making terrain ("level two" hills in BattleTech). According to Jim D. the cost will be about \$60 for a 4' x 8' sheet. A 10' x 8' sheet of 1 3/4" blue foam could be used if the 2" thickness is not available. Frankie volunteered to investigate the availability of, buy, and help make terrain out of the 2" foam. As it was understood to be a special-order item, Frankie was nominated by the group to contact Jim Morris about piggy-backing on a larger order. According to Leo the Norfolk HQ store on Military Highway is the place to order. Club members voted 17-0 in favor of authorizing Frankie to spend up to \$80 on foam.

Jim D. pointed out during the foam discussion that many club members that play only D&D would like to see some club funds spent to enhance their gaming. Michael also mentioned hearing negative feedback from D&D people about club spending. He said that he has asked them what they want to buy, but doesn't know what they have decided to do. (The D&D players

MarsCon 97 will be held in Williamsburg on January 10-12 at the George Washington Inn (newly renamed the Ramada Inn). It is sure to be a jam-packed weekend of gaming. Special guests of the Con include Bill Smith, Peter Schweighofer, and Patty Jackson (I

in question were not present for the meeting.) Michael suggested that Carlos, Jeff, and the other D&D players select a person to take responsibility for making the D&D purchase. This D&D representative should be identified to Michael Menard via phone during the next month. Club members voted 17-0 in favor of spending up to \$50 from club funds for accessories to be used by D&D role players.

Michael asked the group for suggestions about the purchase of additional terrain-making materials. He said that he can provide white glue from a gallon jug of Elmer's glue that he has at home. Michael recommended the purchase of a quart of flat black and a quart of flat gray acrylic house paint. As an experienced figure painter and terrain builder, he recommended water-based acrylic paint for use on foam. The purchase of flocking was also recommended; it was thought to be available at Hungates, Gamer's Guild, and Paul's in Norfolk. Mike Clancy recommended the purchase of lichen for soft cover (bushes or undergrowth in Warhammer 40,000). The purchase of lichen was added to Frankie's shopping list, as Frankie was interested in having it for the Denbigh "Eye of Terror" demonstration game. David asked him to type up a battle report for the next club newsletter. James volunteered to help Frankie to make terrain.

Other Business

A recommendation to acquire a pencil sharpener was made. Pat was nominated to bring a pencil sharpener.

Jim D. said that he would like to see another Necromunda campaign started by the group, and perhaps a Warhammer 40,000 campaign or league. He also gave Dave Peterson two thumbs up for doing a great job with the club newsletter.

Michael Menard nominated Mike Clancy to mail post cards for the next club meeting.

The next club meeting will be held at the Hampton ACE store on December 8th at 1:00pm.

MarsCon 97: Not to be Missed

don't know who they are either!), and the gaming guest of honor will be Greg "Macho Women With Guns" Porter of the Blacksburg Tactical Research Center. West End Games will be running several Star Wars Role Playing Games and a table in the dealers' room.

The Friday night theme party will be a Mexican Fiesta. A large gaming room will enable you to play and play and play without stopping for food or sleep for the entire weekend. Warhammer, Warhammer 40,000, D&D, Star Fleet Battles, Magic, and BattleTech fans are usually represented in force. There will also be 7 sanctioned RPGA games, including 3 AD&D modules. Three Live-Action Role Playing (LARP) games will also be held: The Gate of Horus, Machiavellian Madness, and Vampire: The Masquerade. Kirk McLaren of "Amulets by Merlin" will run an amulet maker's workshop. There will be a dance on Saturday night. World's Best Comics and Walden Software will sponsor computer gaming by providing PC's and the latest hot software for you to try.

If this sounds to you like a weekend packed with fun and gaming, you are starting to catch on. Best of all, MarsCon is close enough to drive back to each day, and cheap enough (only \$37 per night) to stay over if you wish. And besides, what else is happening in January after the holidays are over? This could be your big chance to find opponents for those new games you got at Christmas!

Registration for MarsCon will be \$10 until Jan 1st and \$15 at the door. For further info or to pre-register, write MarsCon 97, c/o James F. Allen, 429-7 Lester Road, Newport News, VA 23601.

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ACE Game Club Events

December

- 1 Forgotten Realms Campaign, 1200n-500pm (Carlos Ramos GM)
- 5 Jim D's D&D Campaign, 900pm - midnight
- 7 Jeff's First Edition AD&D Campaign, 1200n-500pm (Jeff Wingu)
- 8 ACE Game Club Meeting, 100pm (be there!!)
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- 25 Santa brings lots of new games, miniatures, paints, and brushes to your house. (Hope you've been good this year!)
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January

10-12 **MarsCon 97**, George Washington Inn, 500 Merimac Trail, Williamsburg, VA. A Science Fiction/Fantasy/Gaming Relax-a-Con. Featuring 3 LARP games, large gaming room, Japanimation, Friday night theme party, and one of the best Con Suites on the East Coast. Registration \$10 til Jan 1st, \$12 at the door. Special \$37 single/double per night room rate. 800-666-8888 for rooms.

Fill this space!!!

If your ACE Game Club event, campaign, tournament, or LARP is not listed in this issue of the Club Newsletter, *what are you waiting for!!!* Contact club scribe Dave Peterson at 868-6344 and get the word out on your event. The Newsletter also wants write-ups and stories from your campaigns and tournaments.

New and Up-Coming Releases:

- 4 Nov BattleTech Trading Card Game (limited edition first printing)
- 4 Nov Bubblegum Crisis Role Playing Game
- 4 Nov Warhammer 40,000 1997 Citadel Miniatures Catalog
- 4 Nov Slann Mage Priest on Palanquin
- 18 Nov Predator Annihilator Tank
- 25 Nov Bretonnian Army Book
- 25 Nov Plastic Bretonnian Bowmen Box
- 25 Nov Wood Elf Army Box
- 25 Nov Explorer Corps Sourcebook
- 2 Dec Warhammer Magic Supplement
- 9 Dec Ariel, Mage Queen of Loren
- 16 Dec Warhammer 40,000 Chaos Army Box
- 16 Dec Impetus of War (BattleTech novel)
- 16 Dec First Strike! (BattleTech Scenario Pack)
- 20 Jan Warhammer Fantasy 1997 Citadel Miniatures Catalog
- 20 Jan The Battle of Coventry (BattleTech Scenario Pack)