

ACE Game Club Newsletter

Minutes of the August 1 Meeting

Noel More, with nerves of steel, was at the helm. He announced that next Saturday, August 7, will be a cleaning day at the Hampton store's game room. The action will start at 12:00 noon, and will not take too long if enough people show up. Noel made the general announcement that the "Magic Guys" have reserved the short table for Saturdays during the day, up until the D&D campaign starts in the evening. Also, Noel said, the game club has bought chairs. We will have enough places to sit when they are delivered. Noel reported that the club is up to 136 members, and that probably about 20 have expired on account of moving away. Both new and current members will have the opportunity to purchase new game club T-shirts shortly, as the shirts are on order. The new shirts will feature the ACE logo on the back.

Jim asked for a vote on the look of the new club T-shirt. The shirt can be either the same as the one modeled by Noel, said Jim, or it can have the new logo done for the store a year ago, featuring a big "fireball" like a comet. The members voted unanimously in favor of the new comet design.

Jim outlined upcoming club events. This Tuesday (August 3) evening will be DBA (ancients miniatures). We will be teaching how to play. If the game is successful, we will expand into the DBA-fantasy rules, "Hoard of the Things," and use 25mm miniatures. Chris Borucki will run the game on Tuesday, and 15mm Roman armies will be provided. BattleFleet Gothic has not run on Monday lately, but players should check out the cool space station in the display case made from a smoke detector. Players interested in Full Thrust should let Jim know what ships they want today—these can be used for either Full Thrust or BattleFleet Gothic games. For Warhammer Fantasy players, ACE now stocks Harlequin miniatures to make your armies more cost effective!

Noel announced that the game club wants to thank Dave Peterson for doing its newsletter for the past three years. Dave's plaque is not back from the trophy shop, but we will get it to him after his vacation. Jim added that the club really appreciates the many hours of behind-the-scenes effort that Dave has done to get out the club's schedules and newsletters.

Jim described the Pokemon tournaments that have been running at ACE in Hampton. For the past three weeks he has been running Pokemon CCG tournaments every Saturday at 11:00am for ages 6 - 12. He has been trying to teach kids about sportsmanship and fair play. With the store heavily populated with Pokemon players and their parents, Jim said that he does not want any RPG games happening in the front part of the store. This is to avoid getting dirty looks from the parents when the RPG players get carried away and start cursing up a storm. RPG sessions must take place in the game room until further notice.

Jim recounted that last week's BattleTech tournament ended in mutual head-shots. Next week's BattleTech event will be 3025 Inner Sphere mechs without jump jets. Also, an all-night game fest is planned for the Saturday night of Labor Day weekend.

Jim said he would like to fill in the fall weekly schedule with some new events. Monday's are open, Tuesdays will be DBA, Wednesdays will be D&D, RIFTS meets on Thursdays, and Necromunda meets on Fridays and Saturdays. Another note: the club owns a copy of Samurai Swords which can be checked out at the front counter. Great care must be taken with zillion little pieces, however.

Brett Mclean spoke to the group about ImagineCon (April 20-23 at the Virginia Beach Pavillion) and passed out some brochures. Jim added that it looks like it will be a good gaming con, and definitely a step up from some other Cons in the area. Brett asked the members

to let him know what games would be good for the con. The ACE game club can offer experts in BattleTech, 40K, RIFTS, D&D, WFB to support Con events. There is a sign-up sheet on the Con's web site for those who would like to commit to participate. And there is a mini-con event coming up at Pembroke mall September 17 - 19. Brent said that there will be both dealers and gaming at this event. Help is also needed for this event, if anyone is interested.

Jim turned to the latest gaming industry gossip. Rumors are circulating the Games Workshop may be bought by Wizards of the Coast, though GW is denying it. *[Remember, these are just rumors, gang! -Ed.]* Fasa and Ral Partha have been bought by Decipher. Earlier in the year Hasbro bought Avalon Hill, the publisher of many classic wargames. This consolidation is not good; it tends to sink many games when there is an economic down-turn.

On a happier note, Jim said that ACE will be getting in the new \$115 resin Madcat kit from Armorcast. This kit really looks great, and is due in very soon.

And with that, Noel declared "Meeting's over!"



[Chris Borucki was kind enough to fill me in on Historicon in Pennsylvania, from which he had just returned, after the meeting. One of the Con's highlights was an enormous game table with the corner of a city and a waterfall (see photos). One of the featured events at Historicon was an "iron man" tournament of six tabletop games in a row, running from Saturday noon until Sunday noon. Whew! -Ed.]

ACE Store and Club Happenings

First of all, AGC has New Shirts!!! with the "new" logo on the back.....Prices for members start at \$13.95 for ash color and \$14.95 for black.....The club has sizes from Large to XXXLarge!!

ACE in Hampton is running Pokemon Tournaments for ages 6 - 13 on each Saturday.....Start is at 11 a.m..and entry fee is \$3.50.

ACE in Hampton is holding a Pokemon League.....Sorry but all seats are filled.....75 in fact!!.....The league meets on Saturdays 3-5, Sundays 1-3, Mondays 5-7 and Thursdays 5-7.....Participants earn Pokemon badges.....

ACE in Newport News is also running a Pokemon League.....Please call 877-3756 for details.....

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ACE in Hampton is running a Magic the Gathering Arena Continuous Draft League.....The league is open to all and will run until mid September

ACE in Hampton is having another "All-Nighter" this coming Saturday (Sep 3).....The day before the AGC meeting.....Rumor has it that Axis and Allies is definitely going to be played as well as Samurai Swords.....

ACE Hampton will be running a MAJOR Battletech tournament this Saturday (not Sunday).....Entry fee is \$10.00 with the prize being a PAINTED Armorcast MADCAT!!! Retail for this baby (unpainted) is \$115.00!!!!.....It is on display in the ACE Miniature cabinet.....

There is a "Mini Con" being held at Pembroke mall on Sept 18 and the Con has requested the AGC for support to run some of their games.....See the white board in the Game Room for details.....

96X radio station is also putting on a large con of sorts at Scope in October and asked us to run some demo games of WHF, WH40K and/or Battletech.....The initial understanding was that in return ACE would get a booth to hawk our wares/club.....Well, the last meeting was that they would gladly accept our help in running one or more games and would only charge us \$1200.00 for a booth!!!!.....I explained that I preferred the first understanding better than the last.....I was told they would get back with us.....

Imagine-Con is still looking for solid participation from the club to run some of their games next April.....I don't believe we have much support.....The Imagine-Con rep will make a pitch at the meeting.....

It would be appreciated if the gamers who plan on being in the store for more than an hour park in the rear.....With all the Poke-folks coming in the store, there is no place for them to park.....

We would also like to get BattleFleet Gothic going again.....

Imagine Con 2000 Preview at Pembroke Mall

Imagine Con is proud to present the Imagine Con "Mini Con" to be held at the Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach, VA on September 17-19, 1999. This is a promotional event to promote Imagine Con's big convention occurring next April 20-23, 2000 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion and Double Tree Hotel. The Mini Con will have guests, a vendor area, an art show, gaming area, and panel room. [See <http://www.imaginecon.com/pembroke/index.htm> for details. This event info has been lifted from the imaginecon.com web pages.]

Admission is only \$5.00 or only \$2.50 if you bring a can of food, which will be donated. Guests already confirmed for the event are as follows: Authors- David Niall Wilson, John Rosenman, Kay Reynolds, Mark Rainey, and Willam Trotter. Artists - Dorian Cleavenger, Elf, R. Wayt Smith, Richard Pollard. Media - Manon Kelly, Roxanne Michaels, and Tina Krause. More to soon be announced! So, come join us for a weekend full of fun and excitement! Check the web for daily additions and immediate changes. For more information contact John Prescott at info@imaginecon.com or call the Imagine Con Head Office at 757-424-1853.

Pembroke Mini Con Gaming Schedule

Friday 17th

12:00PM: till 4:00PM Palladium Games Tournament "Quest for Avalon" for characters lvl 1-3 by Eric Johnson.

12:00PM: Atlantis Comics hosts Warhammer 40,000 Open game.

12:00PM: till 7:00PM Open Shadowrun game.

12:00PM: Rage demo hosted by Chris Holland.

12:00PM: Basement Games host Demonstrations of their gaming systems.

1:00PM: till 5:00PM Mage Demo Hosted by Jonathan Ackerman and Larry Najjar of White Wolf Games "Wolf Pack" demo team."

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2:00PM: till 6:00PM Star Wars LARP hosted by The Academy and the Game Society.

5:00PM: Playtest of Eric Johnson's " Omniverse" role-playing game.

5:00PM: L5R demo hosted by Chris Holland.

7:00PM: till 11:00PM Vampire Revised Camarilla Demo Hosted by Jonathan Ackerman and Larry Najjar of White Wolf Games "Wolf Pack" demo team."

7:00PM till 11:00PM Vampire Revised Sabbat Demo Hosted by Jonathan Ackerman and Larry Najjar of White Wolf Games "Wolf Pack" demo team."

11:00PM: till 2:00AM Vampire Revised Demos Merge

Saturday 18th

10:00AM: Palladium Games Tournament begins.

10:00AM: AD&D "Return to the Tomb of Horrors" game hosted by Robert Bergeron.

10:00AM: till 2:00PM Warzone Demonstration hosted by Allen Angelhoff from Target Games.

10:00AM: Basement Games host Demonstrations of their Gaming systems.

10:00AM: Atlantis Comics hosts Warhammer 40,000 open gaming.

10:00AM: till 7:00PM 1st edition AD&D game.

10:00AM: till 2:00PM Palladium Games Tournament "Quest for Avalon" for characters lvl 1-3 by Eric Johnson.

10:00AM: Rage demo by Chris Holland.

10:00AM: Star Wars LARP hosted by The Academy and the Game Society.

10:00AM: Registration for Warhammer Fantasy Tournament with Chris Walden-publisher and editor of the Tidewater Dragon

11:00AM: till 3:00PM Wraith Demo Hosted by Jonathan Ackerman and Larry Najjar of White Wolf Games "Wolf Pack" demo team."

11:00PM till 3:00PM Trinity Battlegrounds Demo Hosted by Jonathan Ackerman and Larry Najjar of White Wolf Games "Wolf Pack" demo team."

12:00PM: Warhammer Fantasy Tournament hosted by Chris Walden-publisher and editor of the Tidewater Dragon

12:00PM: Daggery Sheath hosts a Sanctioned Sealed Deck Magic Tournament.

12:00PM: Pokeman Tournament starts.

12:00PM: Comic Alternative's Star Wars tournament begins.

2:30PM: till 6:30PM Chronopia Demo hosted by Allen Angelhoff of Target Games.

3:00PM: Star Wars LARP hosted by The Academy and the Game Society.

3:00PM: till 7:00PM Palladium Games Tournament "Quest for Avalon" for characters lvl 1-3 by Eric Johnson begins.

3:00PM: Doomtown Demo by Chris Holland.

3:00PM: L5R demo by Chris Holland.

7:00PM: Warzone/Chronopia open gaming hosted by Allen Angelhoff.

7:00PM: till 11:00PM Mage Demo Hosted by Jonathan Ackerman and Larry Najjar of White Wolf Games "Wolf Pack" demo team."

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8:00PM: Eric Johnson's " Omniverse" playtesting begins.

Sunday 19th

10:00AM: B5 Tabletop open game begins.

10:00AM: Palladium Games Tournament "Quest for Avalon" for characters lvl 1-3 by Eric Johnson begins.

10:00AM: Shadowrun open game

10:00AM: Rage demo hosted by Chris Holland begins.

10:00AM: Basement Games hosts Demonstrations of their gaming systems.

10:00AM: Warhammer 40,000 open gaming hosted by Atlantic Comics.

10:00AM: Star Wars LARP commences hosted by The Academy and the Game Society.

10:00AM: till 2:00PM Kindred of the East Demo Hosted by Jonathan Ackerman and Larry Najjar of White Wolf Games "Wolf Pack" demo team."

10:00AM till 2:00PM Trinity Battlegrounds Demo Hosted by Jonathan Ackerman and Larry Najjar of White Wolf Games "Wolf Pack" demo team."

3:00PM Mini Con Closes