

The Lone Star Dispatch

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The Lone Star Historical Miniatures

(LSHM). We promote miniatures wargaming in primarily historical periods but also fantasy/sci-fi. We are not dedicated to one rule set or scale. We promote miniatures wargaming by running events, helping local conventions, and assisting with tournaments, financial backing and run demo games. We will also run gaming classes at schools. We encourage all gamers to be a part of our group to help support our common hobby.

Please forward to all miniature gamers here in Texas and beyond.

"Officers Mess - a note from the LSHM Board"

By Charlie Torok

Hello and welcome to the June edition of the LSHM Newsletter. This month we celebrate everything Waterloo since it is the 200th anniversary of that battle. The LSHM San Antonio group plans to fight a number of Napoleonic battles in miniature, see the following pages for dates, times and locations.

We had a very successful Flames of War Early War tournament on 30 May, held at Dragons Lair San Antonio. Many thanks to Ian Straus who ran the tournament. See the following pages for a run down of the results, thanks to all who participated.

The LSHM group is gearing up for a number of big events – first off is a 6 June Bolt Action tournament at Dragon's Lair SA. A perfect date to hold a D-Day tournament, contact Will Easton for more details – still plenty of time to sign up.

On 25 July LSHM will hold its second Muster event. Muster II will be held at Dragon's Lair SA – see the following pages for more details.

Finally, we are in the preliminary planning for our marquee event – MillenniumCon 18 held in Round Rock, TX on 6-8 November. We are looking for individuals and groups to assist us in running this great event.

Lots of big events coming soon. Get involved and get active in gaming.

We are always looking for input and news from around Texas – so far lots of news from the San Antonio Chapter of LSHM – we want your group showcased in the newsletter, just write me.
Charlie Torok



Flames of War

Early War Tournament

30 May



Early War FoWSA II

May 30, 2015, By Ian Straus,

The Early War Flames of War tournament was a resounding success, we had 18 players participate along with 2 officiating and another 10+ stopped by to take a look. There were 12 wonderfully “decorated” tables and some great competition and beautifully painted armies.

Mark Bayne won best general, Jacob Mayer won 2nd general and Charlie Torok won best table.

Mark Bayne won best painted army, and Jacob Mayer won best sportsman. Clay Longino won worst dice.

I am proud of all who attended, all excellent sportsmen and players. I had a fine time and i believe all the players did too. Special thanks to Mark Leroux for assisting; to Tom McBrayer for arriving earliest and also helping with the tables; to Dragon's lair for the venue; and to Mark 4 Miniatures for providing the prizes taken by 2nd general Jacob Mayer (See photo: best general Mark Bayne is in the background at left, Jacob Mayer is in foreground).

I invite everyone to the (late war) FoWSA 10 tournament on September 12th. Watch the FoWSA blog for the details.

Ian Straus



Results

Player	Nation	Unit type	Rank
Mark Bayne	French	Fusiliers, colonial	1
Jacob Mayer	German	Czech panzer co	2
Mike McGrail	Soviet	Strelkovy	3
Chris Jackson	Italian	Bersaglieri	3
Elliot Selle	French	Fusilier, active	5
Justin Baeza	German	Fallschirmjaeger	5
Hal Rudd	German	Schutzen	7
Clay Longino	British	Gds rifle	8
Joe Shaffer	German	Schutzen	8
Art Douglas	German	Infatry	10
Chris Lisanti	French	Armor	10
Charles Torok	Italian	Bersaglieri	12
Kyle Miller	Australian	Infantry	13
Mark Greenwald	Soviet	Tankovy	13
Nathaniel Lisanti	Soviet	Strelkovy	15
Tom McBrayer	Soviet	Gds Strelkovy	16
Roger Modderman	German	Fallschirm	17
Michael Lisanti	German	Infanteriekompanie	18



Join us for these upcoming events:

June - July 2015

Operation Overlord

The date set is **Saturday June 6, 2015.**

There is an opening for 5 Armored Platoons for the Axis and 5 Armored Platoons for the Allies. All other platoons are to be Reinforced Platoons.

Cost: \$5.00...

Points: 1500 Armored Platoon or 1250 Reinforced Platoon

Restrictions: Maximum Platoons allowed in an army list is two or less.

D-Day theater lists or normal army list of 1944 and earlier troops, vehicles, and equipment is allowed.

Arrival time: 10:00 AM (sharp, after set up has been handled the start time will be 11:00 AM)

This will be like the Battle of the Bulge event I previously ran. A one full game event with all tables to be linked to one overall score to determine if the Allies or the Axis win. Will the Atlantic Wall hold or will the Allies establish the much needed second front?

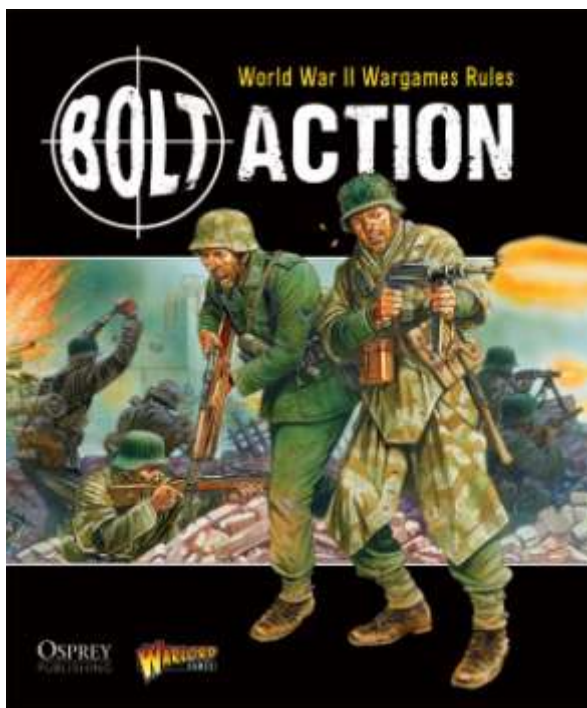
Any questions - please ask and spread the word.

See: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/708364662615535/>

Contact: Will Easton at txntemplar@gmail.com

San Antonio

Bolt Action Group (BAG)



Join us for these upcoming events:

June - July 2015



San Antonio Muster II Historical Miniatures Games Day

When: 25 July 2015

Where: Dragon's Lair SA

Time: 11am – 3pm

Cost: Free

**This event is open to all
interested in Historical
Miniatures War Gaming**

**Contact: Charlie Torok at
torokc@hotmail.com**



2-4 players per game

28mm Rome vs Carthage

Napoleonic Naval fight

28mm Western gunfight

Micro Armor WWII

28mm Napoleonics

15mm All Quiet on the Martian Front

Wings of War

Advanced Squad Leader Gaming Group

And others.....

Austin, Texas Gaming

Thursday, June 4th at
Great Hall Games Austin
Contact Pete Attack

We are going to have a SAGA night with the theme of "Big" SAGA. Players will be required to field an 8-point warband. This will give players a great chance to use heroes, swords for hire, or just more hearthguard and warriors (because no self respecting warlord is going to bring more levy!).



We played a 4-player scenario one night at Great Hall (Wooden Oaths scenario) that pitted Irish, Saxons, and Vikings against one another. The scenario starts with two teams of two players, but allows the players to change sides throughout the game. Treachery was never more fun!

The Viking host closing in on an Anglo-Saxon line.



TEXICON

**25 – 28 June
2015**

"Where the West Begins"

Grapevine Convention Center

1209 S Main St.

Grapevine, Texas 76051

Dallas / Fort Worth /

Arlington Area

Wargaming

The website www.texicon.net

Texicon is a general table top game convention. Texicon occurs every year the last weekend of June, but not where the days bleed over into July. We honor the 4th, of course! We host Board Games, Miniatures, and Role-Play games. We also have Seminars where experts inform and educate our attendees about a multiplicity of topics. We are excited to announce that starting in 2015, Texicon has added Texicon's Historical Hall. It is an area set aside specifically for historical gaming. We have two Curators for the Historical Hall. However, we are looking for one or two more. Joe Shaffer has indicated that he may want to take up that gauntlet in 2016. We are glad that his health is improving. Hi Joe. Sorry to spill the secret, but hey I'm excited.

We understand that gaming does more than just provide great fun. Conventions build community, provide a place for people to make new friends, learn new ideas, make connections, get help. This is why we have a Venue Assistance Program. Every year, in September, we take submissions from Brick-and-Mortar stores that need help in liquidating product that is not selling. This happens for several reasons. Game Stores take risks that may or may not succeed. We step in when they do not. The Venue Assistance Program purchases dead and non-moving stock at the stores cost. We give this product away during Texicon in our Game Wagon. What is Game Wagon, you may ask. Game Wagon is a red Radio Flyer wagon with slats. We load this with gifts for our attendees. Kevin and Karl Pajak pull the wagon around the con, ringing an old fashioned school bell yelling "Game Wagon!" We then stop at the tables and hand out this product. We also purchase new games from vendors to give away, but these are specifically designed to introduce recently released products to our community. So, you get old, new, and other.

Texicon offers Historical Tournaments. This year it is Flames of War, hosted by Chris Baker. He and the Twins worked closely with a well know sculptor to craft a Limited Edition Texicon Exclusive Objective Marker for 2015. That is right, anyone who enters the Flames of War Tournament will get this limited edition 2015 only miniature. We are going to press just enough to give to each player, the tournament host, staff, and the special guest. Then, we smash the mold. That is right, there will be no more made after this. Too see it, go here: <http://texicon.net/FlamesOfWar.html> We will soon have a professionally painted one up on the website.

We were also excited by LSHM offering to join us more fully in 2016. We used our resources to contact game stores for LSHM all across Texas to help expand LSHM's POC (as Charlie puts it). This is just part of who we are. We help whenever and where ever we can. We look forward to seeing more history. But please, can some of you run some Historical War Board Games too? Please. And, maybe a Role-Play game. Did you know that Miniaturists who role-play have a leg up on those miniaturists who don't? It is true. Just ask Mel. "Hey Mel, is that true?" Mel, "Yes." There you are folks. You heard it from Mel.

Sincerely, Kevin and Karl Pajak

MILLENNIUM 18

Pivotal Battles of History - 200th Anniversary of Waterloo

Hello all! This is Mark with a short report about MillenniumCon. The web site is up and running:

<http://www.millenniumcon.info/>

DATES: Friday, November 6th - Sunday, November 8th, 2015

LOCATION: Wingate Hotel and Convention Center, Round Rock, TX (North of Austin, TX)

CONVENTION HOURS: Friday: 12pm - 12am; Saturday: 8:30am - 12:00am; Sunday: 9:30am - 1:30pm

REGISTRATION HOURS: Doors open Friday: 11am; Saturday: 8am; Sunday: 9am

PRICES AND REGISTRATION: Weekend pass = \$30; Single Day Pass = \$20; Online Registration will start in October, You may also register at the door

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: The Wingate Hotel and Convention Center offers special room rates for MillenniumCon attendees, \$89 plus tax and fees. Mention that you are with the MillenniumCon convention when you make your reservation, and you will get your rooms at the discounted rate. You must make reservations by phone (512-341-7000). Internet reservations for the hotel do not give the special discount. The hotel offers a complimentary hot breakfast, free internet, and in-room microwaves and refrigerators.

Contact us if you have questions or any suggestions.

Mark Leroux



We need volunteers !

Contact Charlie Torok at: torok@hotmail.com

If anyone has a trailer to transport 50+ folding tables that would be a great help.



Volunteers Needed

- Front Desk – Hospitality
- Concessions
- Table setup and teardown
- Prize donations

We are looking for individuals or groups to work 2 hour shifts during the convention. Contact Charlie Torok: torokc@hotmail.com for more information.

We have a Truck – just need a Trailer!!



Truck and Trailer needed:

Art Douglas has volunteered his truck, now all we need is someone to loan us their trailer!!! We will need this to haul our folding tables from San Antonio to Round Rock on The morning of 6 November, then Take them back Sunday afternoon. We will provide The labor to load and unload.

If you have a trailer we would very much Appreciate the assistance.

Contact Charlie Torok or Mark Leroux for details.



Join LSHM

July is Membership Month at LSHM

Summer (July) and Fall (November) are our traditional membership drive months here in LSHM. We use two events to push our members to re-new or sign up.

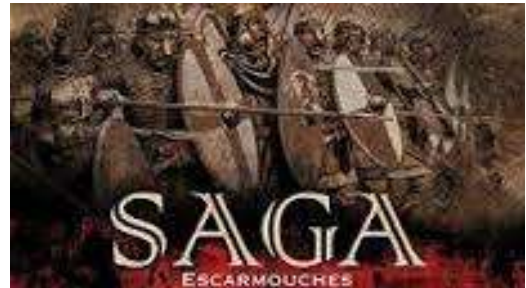
The cost of membership is \$5 and this goes towards promotion and prizes for our many events state-wide. This low cost membership helps us to promote the hobby through running tournaments and events in order to get gamers out gaming!! Please consider joining the group and helping promote our hobby.

Contact one of the board members, or come on out to our San Antonio MUSTER II held 25 July, or attend MillenniumCon in November. Both events are highlighted in this months newsletter. Thanks to all, the LSHM Board of Directors



SAGA game night at Dragons Lair 15 May

LSHM – SAGA Game Night at Dragon's Lair SA. Friday night a number of us met up at Dragon's Lair San Antonio for some SAGA. Excellent games played. Friday night is open game night at DL, so if your interested in trying out these two game systems or others come join us.



If you are interested in playing this fun and easy to learn, but hard to master game there are 3 very active groups in San Antonio, Austin and Houston areas. Come join us.



Past Events

English Civil War Warlord's Pike & Shotte in Dallas, Texas

By Steve Miller as reported from the "Rat Palace Redux":

I finally got to meet Oscar Barela after lots of FB time. We had a GREAT game of Black Powder Pike and Shotte. If you're working on your army, hurry up and get to paintin'. If you're waffling about playing P&S, stop. The game is well worth your time investment to learn. I'm looking forward to playing instead of ref-ing. The Rat Palace Redux is my gaming house in Red Oak, Texas; a suburb of DFW. You're always welcome!



More Past Events: Battle Reports

Bolt Action in San Antonio, Texas

Battle Report: 22 May 2015:
Somewhere on the eastern front

[By Tyler Buenaflor](#)

[May 22 at 9:04pm](#)

...[Casey Pittman](#) and my self were fighting off the red horde who's generals were [Oscar Barela](#) and [Charles Torok](#). It ended in a slug match between my Hungarians and Oscar's soviets. Charlie and his Russians took on Casey and his Germans. Although the game ended in a draw all players had a great time.



The Battlefield: opening moves



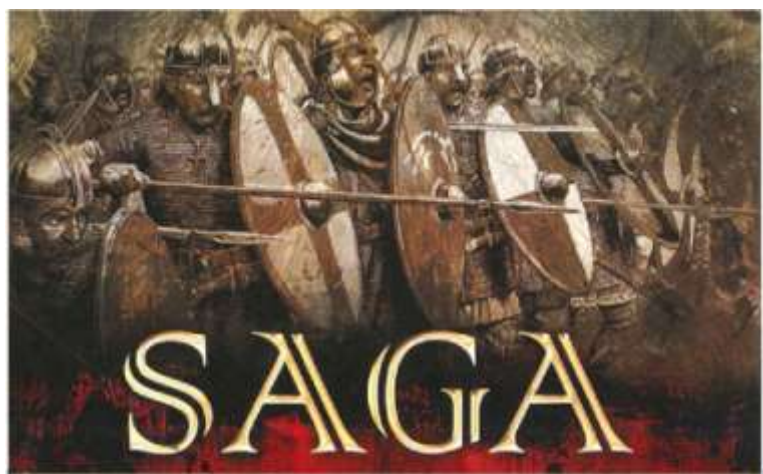
Hungarian's on the attack!



Future Events



SAGA every 3rd Friday at
Dragon's Lair San Antonio



WHO: San Antonio SAGA Game Group
WHEN: We play the 3rd Friday of each month (6pm-9pm)
WHERE: Dragons Lair San Antonio
All are welcome to join
POCs: Charlie Torok (torokc@hotmail.com) & Blake Radetsky (fifthussars@rocketmail.com)



WHO: San Antonio LoTR/Hobbit Game Group
WHEN: We play the 3rd Friday of each month (6pm-9pm)
WHERE: Dragons Lair San Antonio
All are welcome to join
POCs: Charlie Torok (torokc@hotmail.com)



Waterloo 200th Anniversary Battle [18 June 1815] Napoleon at War 15mm

When: 18 June (possibly 20 June) 2015
Where: Dragon's Lair San Antonio

If you are interested in fighting a Napoleonic battle on
The anniversary of Waterloo contact
torokc@hotmail.com

Join us for a re-fight of the famous battle between
Napoleon – Wellington and Blucher!

Contact Charlie Torok: torokc@hotmail.com



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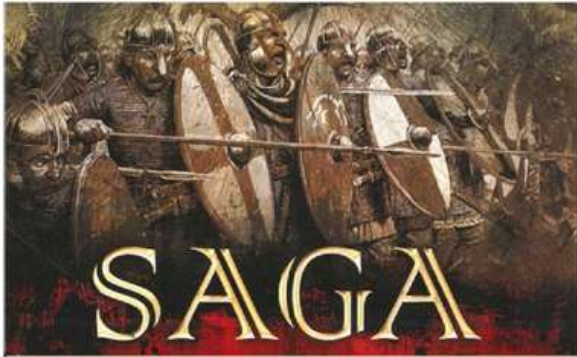


LSHM is planning to run a few Games at GAMEXPO this year. If interested contact Charlie Torok or Mark Leroux



GameExpo San Antonio

October 9-11th there is a new con in San Antonio, GamExpo



SAGA – Houston Texas

When: 6 June 2015

Where: Fat Ogre, Houston TX

The Houston Area SAGA Players can be found on Facebook (under the same name). Currently we have a recurring SAGA tourney/event on the first Saturday of every even numbered month at Fat Ogre in The Woodlands.

Contact Russell Helms at: vorthrax@gmail.com

More Future Events???

We need your event listed here!



The Workbench

Gamers sharing their projects
across Texas!



My D-Day Terrain Project – FINISHED!!!

by Russell Pickett

[Russell Pickett](#)

Here is the finished project, my 6 foot table done up. This terrain will be showcased at the D-Day Bolt Action tournament to be played at Dragon's Lair San Antonio on 6 June 2015 – exactly 71 years to the day!! Stop by and play or watch to see this great gaming event!!!



We need your project here!!!

Send your article and pictures to Charlie Torok: torokc@hotmail.com



More Workbench

There is a group of us here in San Antonio who are building ECW armies using Warlords Pike & Shotte rules – if Interested Come join us!!



English Civil War Project – Pike & Shotte

By Blake Radetsky

I teach war gaming classes during the summer on two campuses to kids ranging in age from 9 to 16. I need to send in class info in November and I just picked up the Warlord Games Pike and Shotte rules. So decided to hold an English Civil War class. I contacted Warlord Games and told them what I was doing and they sent me the For King and Country box set in January to use in class. I had a Scots Covenanter regiment box. The plan was to have the Scots go against a Royalist force. I did not have enough of either for 10 students to move around on the battlefield. I bought more, another For King and Country box for the Royalist and several packs from Old Glory of Scots, plus some artillery and limbers.

I have to say at this point that I Do Not Like Gluing weapons, hats and arms on miniatures. The most would be one item like a shield or a head and I'm okay with that. I like my miniatures to be one cast, clean it prime it and paint it. Miniature done.

While assembling this mass of plastic rain decided to arrive and the humidity level stayed above 60 percent forever it seemed.

I have only completely painted two wings of Scot musketeers and two wings of Royalist musketeers, as of May 27th. This class starts on June 8th. I am using the army painter system to see if it will help speed things up. Today May 27th the humidity level is at 54 percent, that means priming time. Let's see how far I get before class starts now that I have some minis primed.



If you are interested in helping out with this project contact one of the LSHM Board Members, e-mail located on first page.

More Workbench

[Christopher D. Rothstein](#)

(Building my new Bolt Action German army)

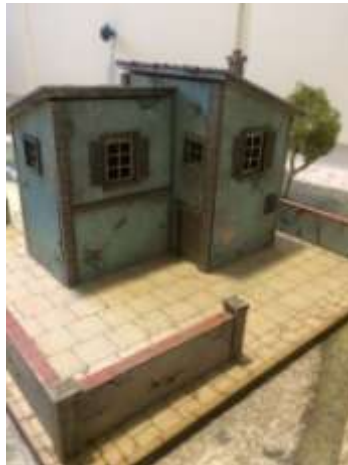
Thanks to Joe Wicker for helping me break in the army this month at [Dragon's Lair San Antonio](#). I had a great and very informative game that helped me get a grip on a lot more of the rules.

My Tiger I was off to a very brave and impressive start keeping his British reacting. She even got her first kill by perfectly lining up his Bren carrier with no other option but to try and out run the shot... those little tracks were fast but not fast enough. Joe called in an air strike on my Tiger in retaliation but there must have been some confusion because the pilot was late coming and when he finally showed up all he did was scratch the paint and scare his allies. A great game!!!



[Casey Pittman](#)

Got some buildings from crescent root terrain in. I am extremely pleased with them. They come pre painted and partially assembled. Just had to snap the walls in place. There are no stair wells like the 4ground ones, but I am okay with that.



More Workbench

Gamers sharing their projects
across Texas!

[Joseph Wicker](#)

My first US Jeep is done. Hey Will, your Jeep could look like this too. My US Army is coming along but I won't be at the Tourney to use it this weekend.....sigh. It would be awesome to play on Russell's beach board.



[Tyler Buenaflor](#)

Hungarian River battalion



We need your project here!!!

Send your article and pictures to Charlie Torok: torokc@hotmail.com

