Exciting news for the San Antonio War-Gamers: We have a new store open at Rolling Hills Mall called the BattlePub. See Chris Lisanti's review on pages 2-3. If your city/local area has a new store please send us some pictures and introduce the store owners to the greater LSHM club.

There are quite a few relatively new stores around Texas - make sure to stop by and say hi - and of course spend some \$\$ to help support our local stores. Also plan to run some events and play games, and at the same time introduce new players to Historical Miniature gaming.

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The Lone Star Dispatch **May 2022**

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We are starting our preliminary planning for MillenniumCon this year. We will have to raise the price for admission a little - I don't have to tell you why. We are trying to keep costs to a minimum, but of course want to provide the VERY BEST event.

Make sure to plan to attend this year's MillenniumCon 10 - 13 November in Round Rock Texas. Watch for news on the convention.

Have a great summer – keep in touch and stay safe.

Charlie Torok



Hi San Antonio area gamers!. This is a review of a brand new gaming store in our city. Battle Pub just recently opened at Rolling Oaks mall. They are located downstairs below the food court. It is a spacious and well lit store with a large common area where there are twelve 4x8' gaming tables in addition to several other regular tables. The gaming tables have stools that you can sit on which may come in handy as you are drinking a nice beverage to include a selection of beers. The owner Jas (pronounced "Jazz" and short for James) is really excited to bring a variety of events to the store.











He has a good relationship with Warlord Games and anticipates hosting a very large D-Day and selection of 28 mm scale minis to include Warlord (Bolt Action, Konflict '47) in addition to Warhammer and some others. They are in the process of stocking 28 mm scale terrain and mats for in store use, so in the interim it would be good to bring your own terrain. They also have a good paint selection featuring Citadel and Army Painter brands. Additional board games are also available. We are increasingly blessed with a greater selection of gaming stores in the San Antonio area. Come check out Battle Pub when

you can, and tell Jas "hi" from me.

Chris Lisanti

Summer School returns to San Antonio Texas



Wargaming Goes to School

Blake Radetsky

Once again, I am running wargaming summer camps during 2022. This will be my 26th year hosting camps since the 2020 camps were cancelled. Camps are for kids ranging in age from 10 years old to 17 years old. Contact the Summer Enrichment Program at St Mary's Hall to register.

Summer Camp Schedule at St, Mary's Hall, San Antonio, Texas

Week	Time	Class Name	Description
June 6 - 10	9am-12pm	Bolt Action	28mm WW2 using Warlord Games' Bolt Action
	1pm-4pm	Gangs of Rome	28mm Roman gang warfare, Footsore's Gangs of Rome
June 13 - 17	9am-12pm	Age of Invasions	28mm Roman skirmish, using SAGA
	lpm-4pm	Test of Resolve	10mm War of the Roses, using Test of Resolve
June 21 - 24	9am-4pm	Warlords of Erehwon	28mm Fantasy skirmish using Warlords of Erehwon
June 27 - July 1	9am-12pm	Gates of Antares	28mm Sci/Fi skirmish using Beyond the Gates of Antares
	lpm-4pm	Hundred Years War	10mm Medieval battles, Triumph! Ancient & Medieval
July 11 - 15	9am-12pm	We are SPARTA!	28mm Hoplite skirmish using, Footsore's Mortal Gods
	1pm-4pm	Samurai Warfare	28mm Samurai skirmish using, Test of Honour
July 18 - 22	9am-12pm	English Civil War	10mm English Civil War battles, For King & Parliament
	1pm-4pm	Auto-Destruct-O-Rama	Hot Wheels demolition derby during the Mad Max era
July 25 - 29	9am-12pm	Judge Dredd	28mm futuristic skirmish using Judge Dredd
	1pm-4pm	Gates of Antares	28mm Sci/Fi skirmish using Beyond the Gates of Antares





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May 2022 membership report

Welcome to our newest members in LSHM



Membership Matters!

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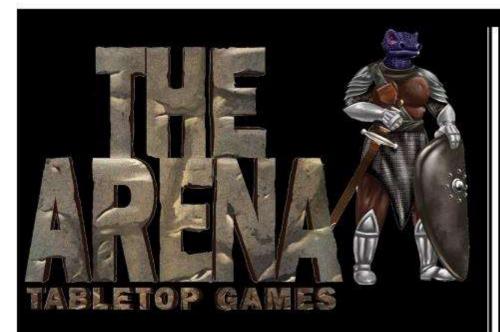
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Conventions and Events Calendar

Updated - 29 April 2022

Events are sorted by date

May 2022

12-16 May 2022 CSW EXPO DALLAS 2022 - As Scheduled

Marriott Dallas Allen Hotel - Dallas,TX

Contact: -

https://expodallas.consimworld.com/ Notes: Large Tabletop Wargames event

21 May 2022 TOUGH 'OMBRES - MAY EVENT- MID-WAR - As Scheduled

Ettin Games - Humble,TX

Contact: Brian Koches - toughombres@outlook.com

Notes: Fow MidWar

June 2022

3-5 Jun WARGAMES CON XII - As Scheduled

Bastrop Convention Center - Austin,TX
Contact: WGC - wgc@wargamescon.com

http://www.wargamescon.com/ Notes: Mostly Warhammer 40K TOUGH

4 Jun 2022

TOUGH 'OMBRES JUNE EVENT - LATE WAR - As Scheduled

The Forge - Hobbies and Games - Houston,TX Contact: Brian Koches - toughombres@outlook.com

Notes: FoW Late War Tournament

10-12 Jun 2022

BAYOU WARS! - As Scheduled

D'Iberville Civic Center - D'Iberville,MS Contact: - baliusd@yahoo.com

http://www.bayouwars.org/

Notes: Arte De La Guerre tournament

25 Jun 2022

TOUGH 'OMBRES 2ND JUNE EVENT - LATE WAR - As Scheduled

Fat Ogre Games - The Woodlands,TX

Contact: Brian Koches - toughombres@outlook.com

Notes: FoW Late War

20-24 Jul 2022

HISTORICON 2022 - As Scheduled

Lancaster County Convention Center -

Lancaster,PA

Contact: Joby Miller - director@historicon.org https://www.hmgs.org/mpage/HconHome

Notes: HMGS national convention



July 2022

22-24 Jul 2022 TWISTED-LORDS CON 2022 - As Scheduled

Sheraton Midwest City Hotel & Convention Center - Midwest City.OK

Contact: Jon Russell - jon.russell@warlordgames.com

http://www.twistedlordscon.com Notes: Bolt Action tournament

August 2022

GENCON 2022 - As Scheduled 4-7 Aug 2022

Indiana Convention Center - Indianapolis IN

Contact: -

http://www.gencon.com/

Notes: Largest game convention in USA; cultural event

20 Aug 2022 TOUGH 'OMBRES AUGUST EVENT - TEAM

> YANKEE - As Scheduled Ettin Games - Humble.TX

Contact: Brian Koches - toughombres@outlook.com

Notes: Team Yankee



MINIATURES & GAMING

September 2022

1-4 Sep 2022 REAPERCON 2022 - As Scheduled

Embassy Suites - Denton Convention Center -

Denton,TX

Contact: Reaper Minis questions@reapercon.com https://reapercon.com/

Notes: MSP Painting competition; tabletop games

ALAMO CITY GAME CON 2022 - As Scheduled 2-5 Sep 2022

La Quinta Inn and Suites-SA Medical Ctr - San Antonio.TX Contact: Andrew Hartwell - ajhartwell@acgamecon.net

http://www.acgamecon.net Notes: New convention

10 Sep 2022 ZORCON 1 - As Scheduled

> DOW Academic Center - Lake Jackson,TX Contact: Richard Kropp - coachkropp@gmail.com

Notes: New convention

17 Sep 2022 TOUGH 'OMBRES SEPT, EVENT - TEAM YANKEE - As Scheduled

Goldmine Games - Richmond.TX

Contact: Brian Koches - toughombres@outlook.com



October 2022

29 Oct 2022 TOUGH 'OMBRES OCT. EVENT - LATE WAR - As Scheduled

The Adventure Begins - Conroe,TX

Contact: Brian Koches - toughombres@outlook.com

Notes: Flames of War tournament

November 2022

4-6 Nov 2022 FALL-IN 2022 - As Scheduled

Wyndham Resort and Convention Center - Lancaster, PA

Contact: HMGS - director@fall-in.org https://www.hmgs.org/page/FIHome Notes: HMGS autumn convention

10-13 Nov 2022 MILLEN

MILLENNIUMCON XXIV - 2022 -

As Scheduled

Wingate Hotel & Convention Center - Round Rock,TX

Contact: Charles Torok - torokc@hotmail.com

http://www.millenniumcon.into/

Notes: BIGGEST MINIATURES CONVENTION IN TEXAS!



December 2022

3 Dec TEXAS BROADSIDES CHARITY EVENT - As Scheduled

TBD - TBD.TX

Contact: Brian Koches - toughombres@outlook.com

Notes: Charity event for Battleship Texas

10 Dec 2022 TOUGH 'OMBRES TOYS FOR TOTS - LATE WAR EVENT - As Scheduled

Fat Ogre Games - The Woodlands,TX

Contact: Brian Koches - toughombres@outlook.com

Notes: Flames of War

No Date MAGCON 2022 - Postponed

TBD - New Caney,TX Contact: - info@magcon.org http://www.magcon.org/

Notes:

Plan to attend the first ever ALAMO CITY GAME CONVENTION



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EVENT REPORT

(Editors Note: I attended on Saturday and had a great time – it was a well run event with a lot of variety of games.

Congratulations to Jay and everyone involved – a job well done!!).

I hope everyone had a great weekend!! Well, the event was a fun and tiring weekend,. I think it went better than I expected.

On Saturday we had 6 games going at the 9am session, 9 going at the 1pm session, and 5 at the 5 pm session. On Sunday we had 3 9am games and a 10 player Ba tournament. Our numbers were about 60 people for the weekend. Sunday also had 4 flea market tables. We had grilled burgers on Saturday and breakfast tacos both days.





Our raffle generated \$305 for each, the VFW and Table War's autism advocacy charity. Phil and Tina from Sherwood Games also donated a part of their proceeds to the VFW. We are already scheduled for next year same time and hope to break a 100 people.

Raffle results:

1250 point painted Polish army and army tray from Table War - Thomas Rains

Stalingrad Box set - Doug Earnest

6x4 Fat Mat from Table War - Josh Ward

4x3 Fat Mat from Table War - Rob Anspaugh









Join us next year for Mini-Recon 2023!!!

Bolt Action Results:

1st - William Bodin

2nd - Brian Cassaday

3rd - Thomas Rains

Best painted - Russian Army by Mike from Louisiana

Thank for your support!

Jay Casper



Twisted Lords Con 2022 - July 22-24

REVISED DATE ANNOUNCED FOR TWISTED LORDS

TwistedLords Con is back for its third year after a great two years of combining Twister Con and WarLords Game Con.

Time to plan for Twisted Lords Lords 2022. We have the same great location as last year. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again very soon.

EVENTS WILL REMAIN OPEN TO LIST, BUT EVENTS ADDED FROM JULY 01, MAY NOT MAKE IT INTO THE PROGRAM. GAMERS CAN STILL REGISTER UP TO JULY 15TH.

Bolt Action Tournament Rules are listed now under 'HOST' drop down

Red Skies Tournament Rules are listed now under 'HOST' drop down

Blood Bowl Tournament Rules are listed now under 'HOST' drop down

Where

The Sheraton Midwest City Hotel at the Reed Conference Center 5750 Will Rogers Road Midwest City, OK 73110 (South East of downtown Oklahoma City near Tinker AFB.)

Room Rate Cutoff Date - July 2nd 2021 before 6:00pm.

Room Rates are **\$109.00** for a King/Single or 2 double bed room. Booking includes a Hot Breakfast buffet coupon delivered at Check In. (up to 2 per king & up to 4 for double room).

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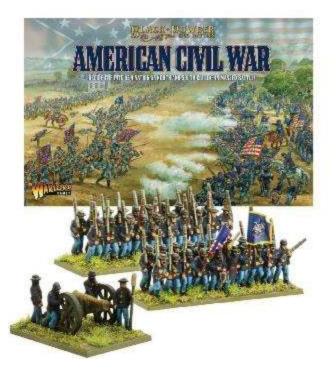
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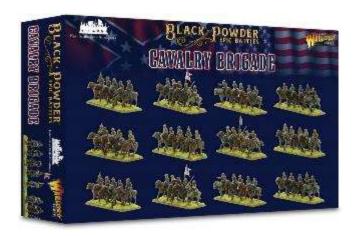
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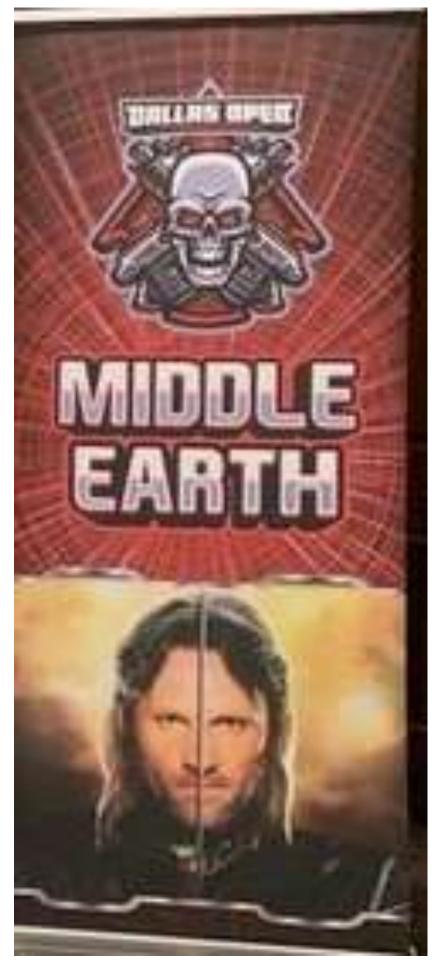
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Texas Middle Earth
Battle Strategy Game
(MESBG) Alliance
attends the Dallas Open.

Lord of the Rings players from around Texas and beyond played for the first time at the Dallas Open 29 April – 1 May. Eighteen tournament players and a number of other Helms Deep players made the first ever Dallas Open Middle Earth events a solid success this year. Bit shout out to Greg Salvador who ran the many events. We will be back in 2023 so plan to attend.



Dallas Open Friday Night: The Battle of Helms Deep



Richard and Brandon Kropp set up their BEAUTIFUL Helms Deep model. Thanks to you guys for running a great game!!





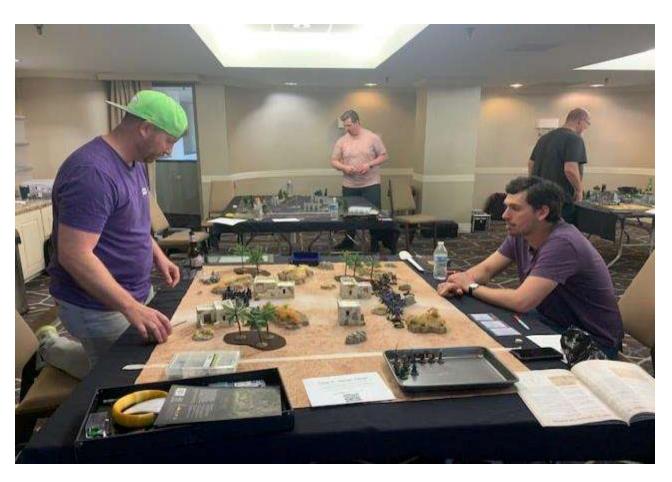
Dallas Open Awards and Players

Congratulations to everyone that played, this was the first time MESBG was played at the Dallas Open - we had 18 players and we will be back next year - plan to attend and compete for the prestigious Dallas Open Championship.

Congratulations to <u>Austin Featherstone</u> from College Station Texas - the 2022 Dallas Open Champion.

Best painted army was a tie - Eric Mills and his beautiful Far Harad along with Eli Lawson and his Isengard.













28MM ANCIENTS - WWI - ECW - TYW - LANDSKNECHTS - AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Blood & Plunder

28mm Table Top Gaming

By Wayne Appleby

by Colonel Wayne Appleby, at Texas Games https://texasgames.com/

Grant Johnson asked me to write a short article for LSHM about our North Dallas Gamers recent experience with **Blood & Plunder (B&P) by Firelock Games.** Most of us purchased the game when it first came out and have since picked up a few odds and ends. We played both sea and land battles with complete enjoyment. Now that it as been over a year since we touched our models, we found it time to get back onto the tables with this great gaming system.

We recommend all players use the B&P Force Builder at https://www.firelockgames.com/new-blood-plunder-force-builder/ Its free and allows you to print your build. Be sure to consider where your cannons are located and how you plan to fight with your crew.



While I'm a proponent of B&P Naval Battles as an English or Dutch player, some players like Clyde Rembert prefer land battles. He likes to use his Spanish with pointy sticks and Indios with poison arrows to great effect. This game has lots of army options for every faction! To assist your Table Top picture, here is my English, 200-point, Build:



21 pts -Sloop of War (Brigantine 17pts +4pts for 2 fighting platforms)
30 pts - Sea Dogs (Core -5 figs, 1 w/Fire Pots -Veterans)
Forward on 4 Swivel Guns / Ship Repair

15 pts - Experienced English Pirate Hunter Commander
Midships attached to Sea Dogs

42 pts - Sea Dogs (Core - 9 figs -Veterans)
Midships on 2 Cannon



32 pts – Veteran Freebooters (Support - 4 figs -Veterans)
Midships Mast on Fighting Platform
40 pts – Sea Dogs (Core - 8 figs, 1 w/Blunderbuss -Veterans)
Stern on 2 Cannon
20 pts – English Militia (Core - 4 Figs -Trained)
Stern Mast on Fighting Platform

Also, if I choose to pound the shore and then attack, I still like this build. But I have found that when I do a land only battle, I like to bring the same commander, 2 Units of 8 Veteran Sea Dogs, 1 unit of 8 Trained Militia and 1 unit of 8 Veteran Freebooters (2 units of melee & 2 units of shooters).

We recommend you give B&P a try. Their player aids are quick & easy to use, and we think you will love the game play! We be Pirates! Argh! Here are a few images:

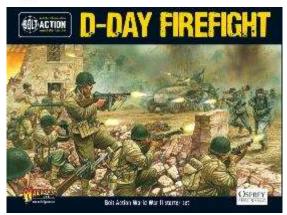


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Battle Tech

By Frank Crull



Revisiting Tukayid

The release of the Battletech Kickstarter has brought the Battle of Tukayid back into the forefront for scenarios. This time, we did an introductory scenario with Tukayid so new players could be introduced to Battletech and older players could see what happened at Tukayid. Only basic weapons systems were used and no advanced rules were used.

The scenario used involved the Jade Falcons against the ComGuards.



The Falcons had to exit the far side of the map to meet their objective of capturing one of the cities on Tukayid. The Falcon Daishi (off map) was providing covering fire to the other Clan units.

The ComGuards were present and had more units than the Clanners.







As you can see from this picture, the ComGuards are trying to block the only easy way to exit the map. The terrain on both sides of the road was hilly and difficult to cross if you did not have

jumpjets.



The Falcons decided to concentrate fire on the largest mech among the ComGuards, the Battlemaster. Fortunately, for the ComGuards, a Battlemaster can take damage. While hit several times, the Battlemaster stayed in the fight to the end.

The Falcons decided not to take the road pass and decided that they would go over the hills.



Needless to say, the ComGuards pivoted to attack the Falcons. Only the Thor had jumpjets to easily clear the hills. Both the Vulture and Mad Cat had to walk across the hills.



Meanwhile, the Falcon Fire Falcon tried to cross the other sets of hills. Unfortunately, small mechs that move slowly get shot and the Fire Falcon was removed from existence.



It was a good try by the Falcons, but the lack of maneuverability caught up with them.

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Join Frank for some BattleTech at MillenniumCon 2022







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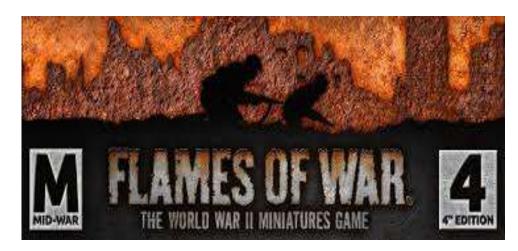
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Flames Of War Events Calendar



Calendar Key

Holiday	Out of State	In State	In State	Past Events
	Tournament	Convention	Tournament	

Contact Bryan Koches bryan.koches@outlook.com

Tournament Locations

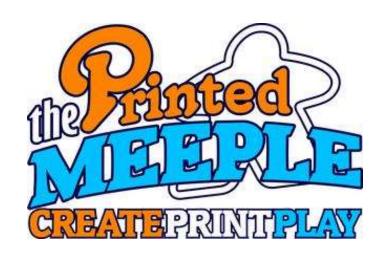
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The Forge Hobbies & Games	14520 Memorial Dr Unit #28, Houston, TX 77079			
Fat Ogre	525 Sawdust Rd, Suite 101, Spring, TX 77380			
Third Coast Games	3208 FM 528 Rd, Suite 100, Friendswood, TX 77546			
The Adventure Begins (TAB)	525 Woodland Square Blvd, Suite #130, Conroe, TX 77384			
Ettin Games	241 FM 1960 Bypass Rd E, Humble, TX 77338			
Hard Knox Games	5571 N Dixie Hwy, Elizabethtown, KY 42701			
Cardboard Corner Cafe	9240 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS			
Nashcon	Sheraton Music City Hotel			
Asian Team Championships	Singapore			
Diecon	Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville, IL			
Dallas Open	Dallasopen.org (Future Tournament?)			
GenCon	Indiana Convention Center/Lucas Oil Field in Indianapolis, IN			
Historicon	Hmgs.org (Lancaster County Convention Center)			

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5/21/22	Ettin Games	MW	1 22 2	
5/30/22	Memorial Day			
6/4/22	The Forge Hobbies & Games	LW	TBD	·
6/4/22	DieCon	TY	70	*
6/5/22	DieCon	LW	110	*
6/20/22	Juneteenth			* <u> </u>
6/25/22	Fat Ogre	LW	111	*
7/4/22	Independence Day			

7/22/22	Historicon	TY	TBD	Nationals	
7/23/22 - 7/24/22	Historicon	TBD		Nationals	
8/4/22 - 8/7/22	GenCon	TY,MW,LW (1 per day)	TBD		
8/20/22	Ettin Games	TY	TBD	ė.	
8/20/22	Nashcon	MW	105		
9/5/22	Labor Day				
9/17/22	Gold Mine Games	TY	TBD		
10/10/22	Columbus Day	-			
10/15/22	Red October @ Hard Knox Games	TBD			
10/15/22 - 10/16/22	Asian Team Championships	TY	100		
10/29/22	The Adventure Begins	LW	TBD		
10/31/22	Halloween	-1-			
11/11/22	Veterans Day		*		
11/13/22	MillenniumCon	LW	TBD	Toys for Tots	
11/24/22	Thanksgiving				
12/3/22	Texas Broadsides Charity Event (TBD)	TBD		Potentially Chris Jacksons Place All proceeds go to USS Texas	
12/10/22	Fat Ogre	LW	TBD	Toys for Tots	
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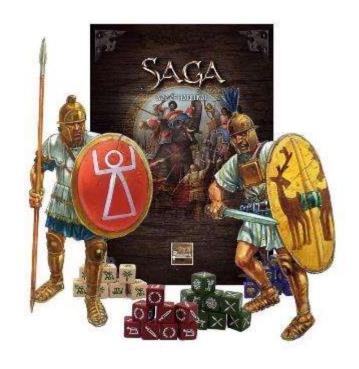
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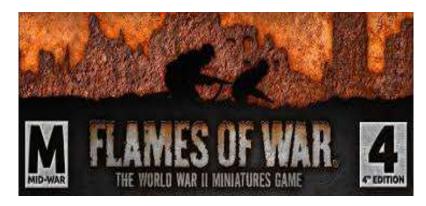




Flames of War World War II

San Antonio, Texas

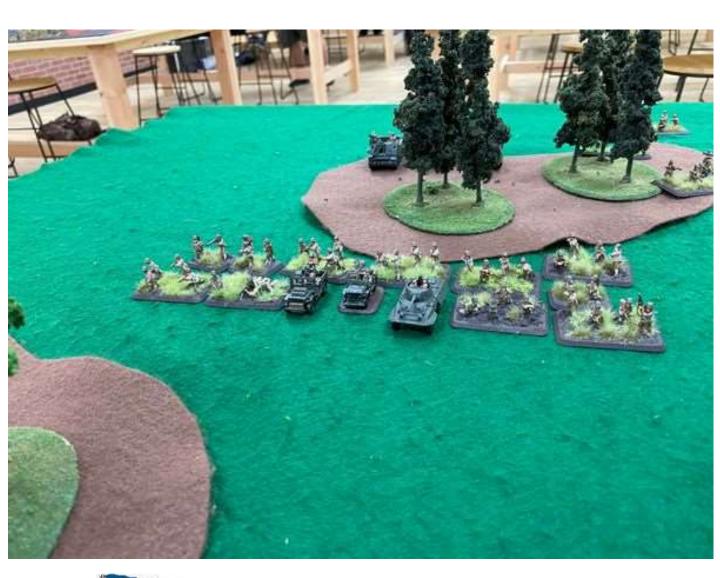
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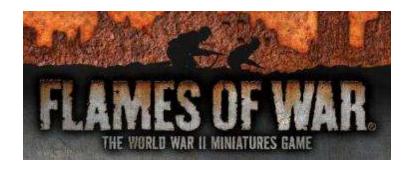
WW II Gaming at Battle Pub. Evan and I tried out the new Battle Pub at Rolling Oaks Mall on Saturday. My SS StuG company took on Evan's US infantry company in the Free For All mission.



The Americans had the first turn and moved their four Chaffees on the right flank and an infantry platoon on the left flank. The Germans responded with Nebelwerfers on the infantry and a combined Wespe (3) and StuG (5) attack on the 4 Chaffees.







The infantry took a loss or two while the Chaffees lost 2. The Chaffee return fire only bailed a Wespe but then the return fire took out the rest. The American infantry scrambled into the nearest building which provided a safe place for them the rest of the game. The middle of the game was dominated by a duel between 3 Tigers and 3 76 mm Shermans (AT 13) and a 75 mm Jumbo. The tigers were poor marksman for their first two turns and then failed to blitz on a third turn while the Shermans hit the tigers and eventually killed one.







The good American Arty was picking off StuGs killing two in the platoon and one at the HQ. The nebelwerfers then went after 3 57 mm AT guns protecting one of the two objectives and got them to break leaving the objective open. In the meantime, the Shermans got out from their concealed location because the Wespes had ranged in on their spot, but went to the left in order to counter the German AA half-tracks that were making a beeline to the Priests.

There was one 76 mm Sherman in the forest who failed its cross check that would have enabled it to shoot at the StuG contesting the objective while the OP Sherman was bailed out by the other StuGs and did not remount. Victory to the Germans. Battle Pub is a great new location for gaming on the northeast side of San Antonio.





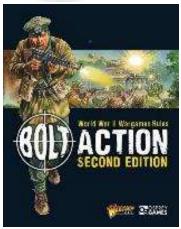
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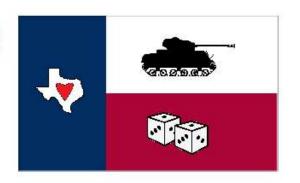
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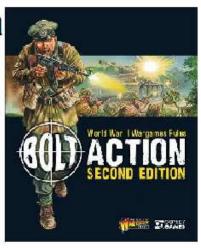
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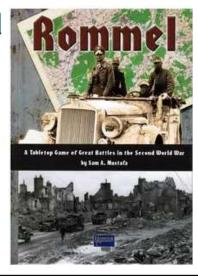
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Below is a list of the games the club will be running at least once a month. Look for event notices on our Facebook page for dates, times and locations!

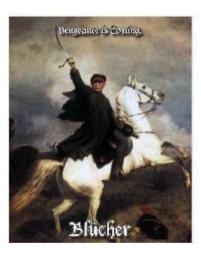
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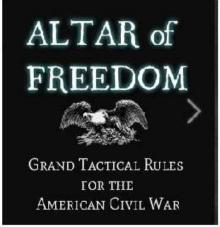
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GAME REPORT

By David Lee

Seven Days to the River Rhine





Steve Miller and I played a game of "SEVEN DAYS TO THE RIVER RHINE" at the Rat Palace in the DFW area.

This has quickly become one of my favorite rule sets.





Steve's Category B Soviet division attacked a German town in a classic pincer movement. The Americans held the town center but the Soviets put massive pressure on the flanks.







Several Soviet tanks were lost but they took out an M1 Abrams along with several American light vehicles. The M901 was the MVP. It took out two Soviet T-62s and a BMP.

The Seven Days rules are easy to learn but the command and reaction system provides a lot of depth and decision making. It's one of the best rule sets I've played and I can't wait to play again soon. Thanks for hosting such a fun game, Steve.



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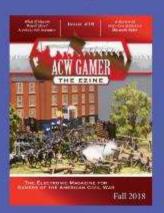


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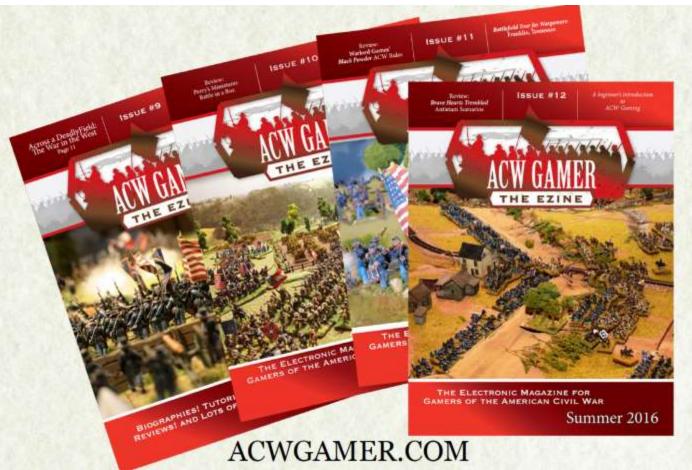
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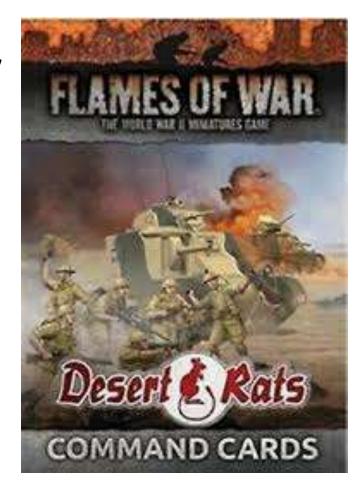
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In Praise of the "Old" Days of Gaming A. Spencer



10mm Hoplites - author's collection

The playing of wargames with miniatures is our hobby. A side "effect" of that hobby, for many of us, is the collecting of miniatures for armies we fancy to try out for a myriad of reasons. In addition, we now have a vast array of various outstanding rule systems to buy, learn and play. More come out every year offering us more choices and options for our hobby.

Yet while having my coffee this morning, I realized something — I'm not having as much fun as I used to.

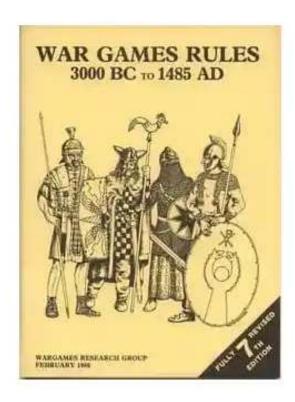
I currently play, and have painted/based miniatures for, some 15+ miniature games. And quite a few board games too. Some games cover the same era (at different levels of command). There are armies in my collection in different scales for the same period, but not the same rules. Heck, I am playing 4 different Napoleonic Wars rule sets. And I do enjoy playing them.

And based on comments picked up at game tables and conventions, others are feeling just as unsatisfied. Something is missing.



15mm Chariots - author's collection

So, when was I last really having that full satisfying "fun"? I'm going to hate myself in the morning for this – when I was playing the ancients & medieval tourneys using WRG 7^{th} and De Bellis Antiqutatus (DBA) some 30+ years ago.

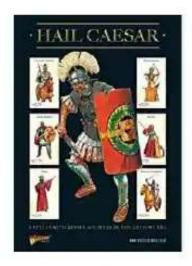


What was it that makes me long for those days? Was it the competition (no)? The intense grueling tournament scheduling (no)? The rules lawyers (NO!)? Was it perfect? Nope. Did it accurately represent warfare in those time periods? Somewhat.

So, what was attractive about those tournaments then? It was the ability to acquire, paint, and play a multitude of armies, with different styles of play, backgrounds, arms/armor, learning their history, against a large variety of other gamers (friends and new faces), play armies from 5000 BCE-1600CE with the same basic rules set.

There was no "I have to learn, relearn another rules system". And while WRG 7th got constantly revised and argued over, everyone who showed up to play had a vested interest in knowing the main basis of the rules beforehand. You went in KNOWING your army, the rules, and running it against others.

Perhaps that is why Warlord Games (WG) and Games Workshop (GW) are so successful with their land warfare rule systems. Their rules are basically the same in every revision, with just a few tweaks for flavor.



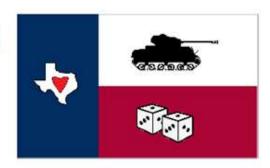
As for the more historical WG rule sets, are they the most accurate (nope)? The best researched (nope)? But if you can use the same rules for nearly 7000 years of warfare, that's pretty good "marketing". And, from a gamer's perspective – easy transition from one army/era to another.

Whether that was planned or not, many new and old gamers appreciate how the WG basic rules work the same way for multiple games. Just the "tweaks" to give it some flavor for the era is easier to grasp than completely different mechanics.

So, what's missing? In my opinion - the ability to have some focused fun.



Heart of Texas Wargamers (HoTW)



6mm Napoleonics - author's collection

Perhaps we're all too scattered with so many different (and wonderful) rule systems that we have a hard time keeping the rules from one set to another separate. Also running games as a game master for a lot of these different systems means no clear deep dive on one system as a GM, or more important — as a player. All GMing and no playing makes for a dull gamer.

As for me, it may be time to retire from "drum beating/GMing" for multiple systems and concentrate on just a couple games.

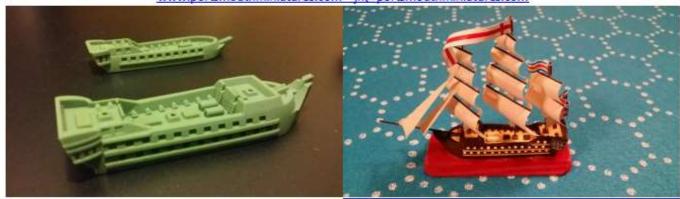
And maybe, just maybe, I might find that "satisfied joy" of playing again

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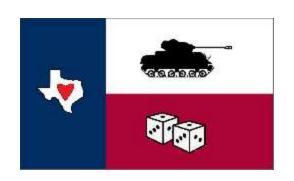








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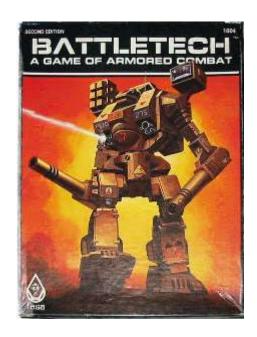
Visit to Solarius

This month's main game took place on Solarius VII, the Battletech Game World. Players get the flexibility to choose their mechs and then deal with the random events that makes Solarius so difficult.

Part of the challenge in this game was the pop-up turrets. Pop-ups in the Solarius arena are always fun and in the Steiner coliseum, the creator of the idea, it always makes for interesting choices. During the course of the game, everyone chose to purchase AC/20 autocannons for damage, which were the most expensive items to purchase. Only once was a turret purchased to prevent the turret being purchased by another player.

The turrets were indicated by the glass pebbles. Here's how everyone lined up.







As can be seen in the picture below, Solarius is mean to everyone. Notice the purple Urbanmech surrounded three heavy mechs, which all decided to blast the Urbanmech in lieu of shooting each other.





Sadly, the two Marauders and the Black Knight did not shoot at each other until after the Urbanmech blew up. To the Urbanmech's credit, it lasted three turns. Since Solarius fights are timed to one hour, no other action resulting in Mech kills occurred.

The Wolverine, Axman and Hunchback on the other end of the board could not hit anything at all. So this resulted in Solarius fight where only the one little mech died and since the criteria is just killing a mech, the black Marauder got the kill.

The turrets were popular, but when the die rolls are aginst you, you don't get hits, even with AC/20s.

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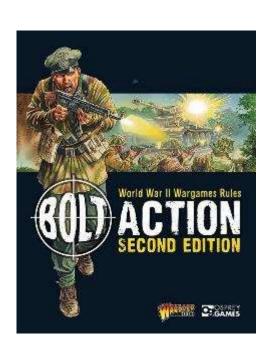
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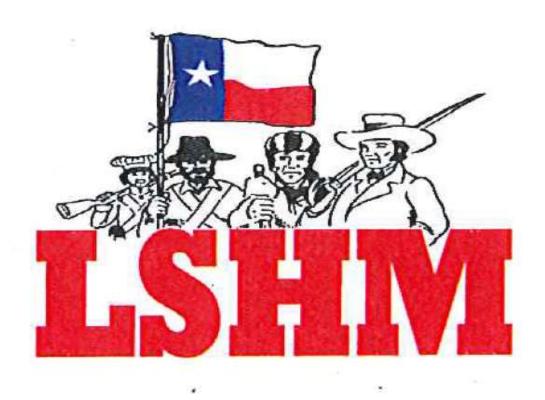
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