

The Pencil Box Soldier™

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Ponderings... by John

One of the things I have noticed about gamers is their adaptability. All set to play D&D, but the GM doesn't show up? No problem, out come the cards or dice or board game or minis and its "Let the games begin!"

This holds true for miniature games as well. Sometimes plans hit a snag and instead of Flames of War, ...Empire III or Knights of Camelot fill the gap. Unexpected situations can lead to great gaming and a lot of fun.

Keep an open mind and always bring your sense of humor, it's an interesting world out there. -JR

Flames of War ... Not!

FOW was scheduled but not played this month. Instead, some folks played a small-scale learn-the-rules version of Empire III Napoleonics while the rest of us played The Knights of Camelot (KOC).

The KOC is an old, old TSR board game. It may be old, but what a lot of fun!! I usually don't play board games, but I took my own advice and tried it out.

The object of the game is to become... yes... a Knight of Camelot! This is accomplished by doing good deeds, going on quests and so on. The game can be played two ways; more seriously, or, what we chose to do, i.e. irreverent, full of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" references and laughter with each dice roll.

Sometimes the older games can be the most fun, my advice is to seek out an old game from time to time and give it a try.

Thanks to Steve S. for the KOC game. -JR

Painter's Guild

A reminder, each Wed is a meeting of the painting guild. Need some help or painting hints? Stop in and let the guild give you a hand finishing off those pesky half painted armies.

Just starting out? No problem we can help you there also, historical, fantasy, sci-fi we paint 'em all!

Green Bay Tactical Miniatures
Gaming Club Newsletter

With the upcoming "Major Mini Con" in October, the guild has been busy. If you are interested in helping out, stop by.

Of note, Pat got in some brand-spankin' new Vallejo paints this week, every military color you can dream of!

DBA- 15mm

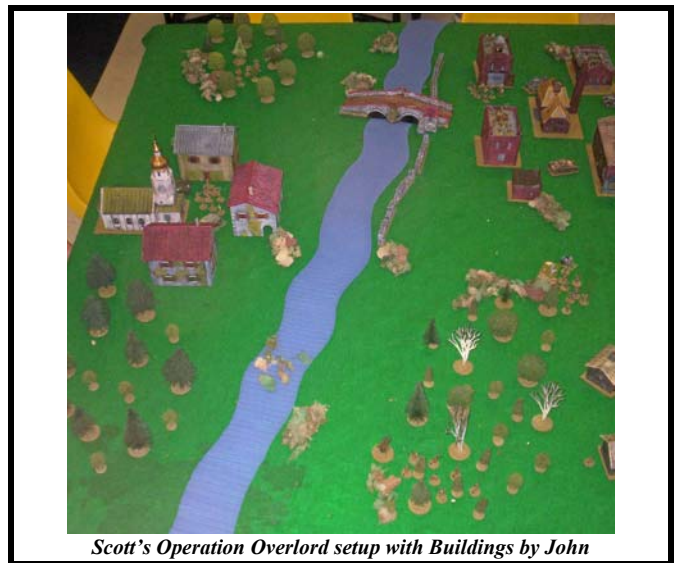
It's BIG FUN on a ^{small} scale. There is just something satisfying seeing Aztecs beat the stuffing out of some of Caesar's best! -JR

Whatdayaknow!

- **The Brain Teaser for September:**
What army unit did musician Jimmy Hendrix belong to?

- **Last month's quiz:**
What was the name of the American Division that fought in the Russian Civil War? Yes, the U.S. did send troops into Russian during this conflict!

Answer: The Polar Bear Division



Operation Overlord – 20mm

Under Scott's steady hand Axis and Allied paratroopers battled it out to the last. The carnage was immense and the fun quotient high. In the end, it was deemed a "draw", both sides shook hands and agreed to a rematch. On the 20mm WWII horizon are new squads of Romanians, more tanks, more trucks and a few more buildings. Stop in and see why these Operation Overlord games are so popular on Sept 16th. -JR

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Bombardier to Pilot

B-17 Queen of the Skies – the missions are flying deeper and deeper into Nazi controlled Europe. The squadrons lost reflects this fact! Shot up planes return to base with half or more of their crew KIA. Pilots and crew come and go, but the mission remains the same, “free Europe from Hitler’s grasp”

On a side note, a couple of our pilots are in “double digits”, the first to fly 25 missions takes home the prize!

Consult the Gnome Games calendar for when and where to enlist. -JR



Iron Clads ala Steve last month

IRONCLADS

The Time: 1864

The Place: Charleston, SC

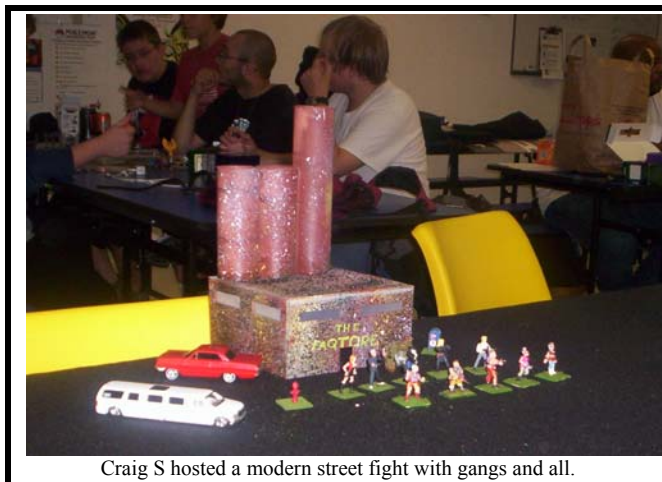
Facilitator: Bob Rondou

Union Iron Clads attempt to blockade this vital Confederate port. Iron Clad ships, wooden, steam powered frigates, death and destruction on a grand scale. Throw in some shore batteries crewed by determined Rebel defenders and the action comes fast and furious.

It was all that and at night too, with the Confederates attempting to break the Union incursion. The secret weapon of the South, their submarine, the Hunley, makes a surprise appearance. Soon the water is filled with burning ships and screaming men. -JR

Craig’s Monthly Minis

Each month Craig Shaft hosts an event at the Gnome. This month there were Gangs and Streetfights and Limos and abandoned warehouses! Awesome stuff, thanks Craig! -PF



Craig S hosted a modern street fight with gangs and all.

“Mega Mini Wars” Re-Renamed “Major Mini Con”

Same event, yet another new name: “Mega Mini Wars” is now “Major Mini Con” *and* we have a mascot “Major Mini”.

Pat met one of Cartoon Network’s cartoonists at GenCon and asked him to create an image for our event. The result was better than we could have hoped and *Major Mini* was recruited!



There’s still time to add your favorite miniature, historical, sci-fi, or fantasy game to the convention schedule. A “SWAP MEET” side event has been added with more details to come. Sign up today at Gnome Games and be part of the fun! -PF



Trying out the Dojo Game Area

Club Statistics

Founded:	October, 2005	
President:	John Royal	
V P:	Lee Demerath	
Liason	Dale Carpieaux	*Johnny Reb *40K
Officers:	Dale Carpieaux	*Axis & Allies
	Derrick Demerath	*Medusa V
	Pat Fuge	*Flames of War
	Scott Hebel	*40K *Op. Overlord
	Jason Pries	*Memior 44
	Todd Prochniack	*DBA
	Bob Rondou	*IronClads *DBA
	Steve Schneider	*B17 *IronClads
	Craig Shaft	*Ancients *IronClads
	Craig Shaft	*Bro. vs Bro. *MISC.
	Chuck VanNorman	*Pig Tickler
Enlisted:	57 members	
New Recruit:	Eric Summerside	
Club Sponsor:	Gnome Games LLC	

MISSION STATEMENT

"To promote this fellowship of military history through the promotion and education of wargaming. Our aim is to create interest through competitive games, study groups, workshops. Our goal is growth through fun and sharing." -Bob Rondou

CLAN WARS

Our newest recruit, Eric, along with friend Randall, a current member, put on a game of Clan Wars this month. Clan Wars is a miniature game based on the popular card game "Legend of the Five Rings" (aka L5R). It is kind of an Eastern version of Warhammer with Samuri, demons, and all sorts of interesting possibilities.

It looks like a lot of fun. We are hoping to see another round of Clan Wars at Major Mini Con! How about it Eric and Randall? -JR



**Medusa V – Lots of gray and black figs –
Hey Guys, looks like you need to come to Painters Guild and learn
from the old-timers! -pf**

Games Workshop –

40K Medusa V

There have been many Medusa V games played. You name the 40K army and it has probably shown up at the store. -JR

40K In General

Speaking of 40K, in a preview of Major Mini Con, a Mega 40K battle was held at the Gnome Games Dojo. This facility is where our upcoming event will be held.

Lots of beautifully painted minis and vehicles graced a well laid out table.

Orks, space wolves, gray knights, titans, blood angels, iron warriors and tyrnids battled it out among the wastelands of a forgotten planet.

A big thank-you goes to Dale, Victor, Mike, Larry, Scott, Lee, Kendall and Derrick. -JR

Our Calendar

September:

Meetings begin @6pm unless noted otherwise

- 2nd Open Gaming
- 6th Painters Guild
- 9th DBA 15mm Ancients
- 9th-10th WARHAMMER WEEKEND
- 12th B-17 Queen of the Skies
- 13th Monthly Meeting and Painting Guild
- 16th Operation Overlord 20mm WWII
- 20th Painting Guild
- 23rd Johnny Reb III
- 26th B-17 Queen of the Skies
- 27th Painting Guild
- 30th Flames of War

Note: Warhammer Weekend includes: a painting contest, demos, and a Mordheim game hosted by our own Scott H.

More Ponderings ... by John

How about using the old Alternative Armies Flintlock figures in a Mordheim game? How could you go wrong with Orks in Napoleonic uniforms wandering into a Mordheim setting?

Have a GREAT MONTH everyone and keep pushing those miniatures and rolling those dice. -JR

If you have a question or comment please email us at : wargames@gnomegames.com