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Welcome to Part 2 of the Scary Ships issue from 1998. Since we've fallen far behind in our quota of SFTs for the year, we've released this issue and #40 simultaneously. In part, the delay has been related to the signing of The Deal and related issues, such as the ongoing effort to get SFB "back on its feet" and producing new products in 1999!

Speaking of that, ADB has now acquired clearance from Paramount to start releasing products under the old license. (As of issue #39, that approval had not yet been granted. It was acquired in the middle of April.) The release of Captain's Log #18 (the long-awaited new issue of CL) and the reprints of Basic Set and Module R2 are scheduled for 26 May. Shipments to wholesalers will start before that date, with shipments to individuals just after it. If you would like to pre-order a copy, see the instructions on ADB's web site.

CHANGES TO TOURNAMENT SHIPS

Effective 1 June 99 (Judges may begin using these immediately) the Seltorian and Andromedan tournament ships have changed to the SSDs seen on pages 10 and 11 of this issue. The Seltorian needed an increase (and two phaser-1s turned out to be way too much) while the Andro was regarded as way over the line (particularly against plasma ships, hence the deletion of the PA mine option).

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT THE NEW ADB INC.

Q: How does one submit scenarios, fiction, art, etc. to ADB?

A: Email, US mail, hand it to Steve Cole at Origins, pony express, federal express, airborne express, and other ways. See the information on the back of this newsletter. Even if your material is designed specifically for Star Fleet Times, it should go to ADB—if you send it to AOG, it will have to be forwarded.

Q: Can we submit stuff over the web? If so, where?

A: You can email it to design@starfleetgames.com or put it at a secret URL and email the URL. Note, however, that ADB uses Macs exclusively, and there are a billion file formats out there. Do NOT send us 300 SSDs without FIRST sending us ONE to be sure that we know how to read the format you picked.

Q: What are your three most preferred formats in which to receive: (1) text; (2) graphics?

A: Ideally text would be sent in Microsoft Word for Mac format. Note that MS-Word for PCs has a save option specifically designed for the Macintosh, so even if you don't have one, you can still make it readable to us. Don't worry about funky formatting, column breaks, weird fonts, and so on. As for graphics, TIFF is ideal, or MacPaint if you can do that. Or, as mentioned above, put it on the web somewhere and email us a note telling us where we can find it. [Editor's Note: These rules apply to AOG as well as ADB, although AOG has PCs available and may have a wider range of conversions. However, before sending multiple megabytes of data, contact us first.]

Q: How can I get an answer to an SFB question? In the old days you did this on Genie—where do I go now?

A: We prefer you post the query in a public forum for Steve Petrick's official answer, though we will answer an email if sent to the proper location (see the back page of this issue). To post the question publicly, visit www.starfleetgames.com/discus and find the topic labeled "Rules Questions." Within that topic, you can find many questions and answers, which may include the very question you wanted to post. If you don't see it, you can create your own topic on the discussion board, where the answer will be posted by Petrick (and possibly discussed by others). While you're here, take the time to check out the rest of this extensive and ever-growing bulletin board system. Topics and discussion about nearly every facet of SFB, F&E, and the Star Fleet Universe can be found here!

Note: When making your first posting to the SFB forum, you will need to create a user profile. Information on how to do this can be found on the left side of the screen in the frame. Simply click on "User Profile," then on the "Instant Registration" button. Your password will be emailed to you shortly after you fill out the resulting form, and you'll become an official member of the SFB online community!

CONVENTION UPDATE

Star Fleet Times will print convention updates in this space from time to time (where space permits). If you know of a con where SFB events are held, or pick up a flyer which announces an SFB tournament, let us know at the locations found on the back of this newsletter. We can't print information about a con if we don't know about it!

ORIGINS (July 1-4, Columbus, OH): Once again Columbus's Downtown Convention Center will be the site of the Origins convention and the ever-popular "Gold Hat" tournament for SFB. Steve Cole and company promise to be there this year to run all the big events you're accustomed to, including the Captain's Tournament, Patrol Tournament, Saturday Patrol, and maybe even a few surprises. For more info see the Andon Games web site at www.andonunlimited.com.

GEN CON (August 5-8, Milwaukee, WI): The new Midwest Express Center in downtown Milwaukee will host its first Gen Con, including ADB-sponsored tournaments for the first time in several years. These include a Captain's Tournament, Patrol, and Saturday Patrol. Ken Burnside may also run a double-blind experimental TC tournament (using ships from Omega, the Magellanic Cloud, and Pinwheel Galaxy). Gen Con is now being run by Andon Unlimited, so the www.andonunlimited.com web site covers this convention just as it does for Origins.

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