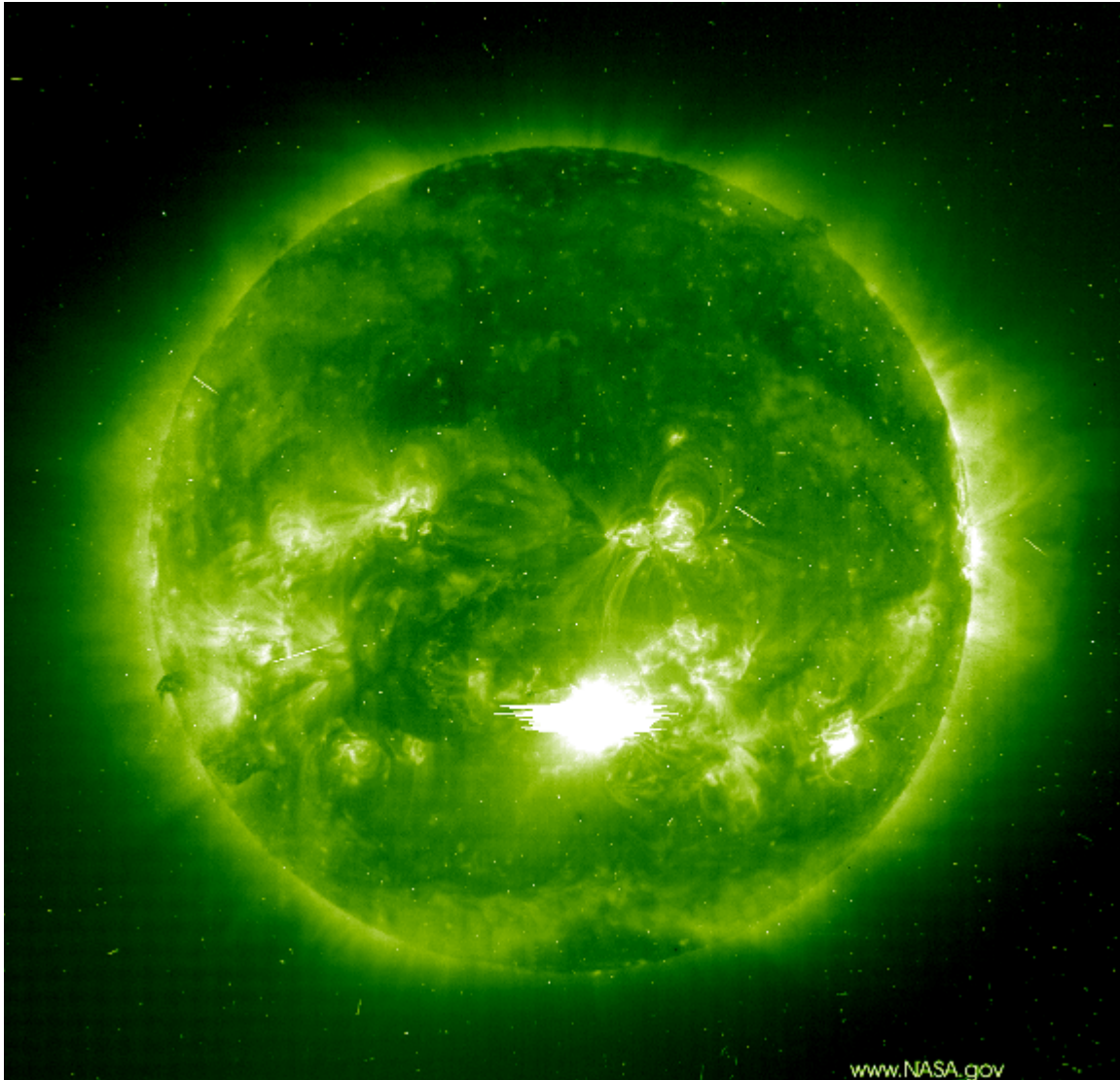


THE SNROTE READER

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BLOCKADE!!

Implications that GGT have developed wormhole technology?

Eternus(ISA)- The conglomerate known as “Vietarmis” has issued a blockade against the Hellenic League “and its allies” until further notice in the following systems: Ptieela, Soha and Kaiuk. Earlier reports and commentary on large-bandwidth space frequencies from the “Vietarmis Council” indicate the possible use of wormhole technology. Most scientific communities agree that the GGT would be the prime candidate for developing such technology first. Reporters await hearing directly from the source as the interstellar community holds its breath for news confirming workable Wormhole Technology platforms. “Imagine the possibilities!” cried one reader. Many others simply grew more paranoid.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?



The suffering of your Empire will be legendary, even in Hell!

Demonic Incursion reported in the Hell system!

Eternus(ISA)- The ISA has received and unconfirmed report of an apparent inter-dimensional rift have opened in the Hell system. Vague and disjointed reports indicate that this new celestial anomaly may be a breach between our spatial reality and that of a race of incredible power. From the intermittent information ISA has received, it appears that a large vessel or possible several large vessels have exited this rift and decimated, an unidentified ship with some sort of weapon that converts matter into antimatter. Again, we must urge our reader to be cautious of such unconfirmed reports, but in light of the recent “Vietarmis” blockade we fear that no one will be safe in the cycles to come.

Business

PRESS RELEASE

The Creator's Kingdom of Slith - Empire #4698 run by Brad Atkins

(Rollingthunder forums member name Sargon King of Slith)

It is with feelings of excitement and pride that I announce to all races, peoples, and empires the propitious launching of Slith Odyssey Fleets 1001 and 1002. His Majesty's Ranger - Savior of Fall Meadows, Master of Ancient Relics - Magellan has taken bold and steady command of the intrepid fleet as it sets off from the Black Hole of Carneades. Master Scientist Ptolemy, Crown Prince of Airiel, Awarded the Scepter of Enlightenment, and accompanies the fleet to oversee data collection, meta-scientific surveys, and para-psychic studies.

Highest honors have been granted to all crewmembers, heralded as Global Heroes of Dragon, as they gallantly set forth to explore the farthest reaches of this wonderful multiverse, never to return.

The principle purpose of the Odyssey mission it is to help facilitate connections between sovereign empires of the sentient races. As Dragon commands, we desire to go forth, explore and study the vast multiverse, make contact with other advanced sentient races, and add to the abundance of our knowledge and wisdom. We do not wish to intrude on any sovereign space. However, these daring fleets will move with great haste, and may inadvertently leapfrog into a star system owned by any given empire. We apologize sincerely in advance, in full knowledge that this unfortunate circumstance is likely to occur. And furthermore, do fully intend to back away from our trespass when, and if this ever happens. (Assuming that 2-way jumps will allow us to back out.)

Witch-King Sargon humbly requests all alien races receive these adventurers with welcome and hospitality. Dragon blessings on all!

Telepathic communications will occasionally be translated into written language here to record the progress of the fleet's travels. A full record may be obtained for download at:

<http://geocities.com/batkins23/>

(Editor: by all means visit this link as it will chronicle the Slith Exploration Project in parallel with this newsletter. Tremendous thanks to Mr. Atkins for this most excellent contribution! -- Brad & Joe)

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Carneades (214–129/8 B.C.E.) was a member and eventually scholarch or head of the Academy in Athens, the philosophical school founded by Plato, for part of its skeptical phase. He is credited by ancient tradition with founding the New or Third Academy and defended a form of probabilism in epistemology.

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Exploration Results (continuation of Slith announcement)

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-----SS (System Scan)-----

SS: 1002

1002nd Odyssey #1002 [at Warp Point 120934] conducts a detailed System Scan of the Carneades star system

-----**CARNEADES** [BH (Black Hole) 9 V] [Single Star]-----

Orbit	Type Orb	Distance (AU's)	Diameter (km)	Atmosphere
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<< This system is a Warp Nexus, with no planetary bodies present >>

Warp Point ID	Orbital Distance (AU's)	Warp Point Class
115779	0.2	D
116602	257.5	C
120934	1536.4	B

A Gravity Well Zone extends from 0 to 48.3 astronomical units (AU's) distance from the BH (Black Hole) primary Powerful gravitational forces can sometimes create a Gravity Well Zone. Ships with weak engines that enter such an area could be sucked into whatever created the Gravity Well. This spells doom for the ship as it is crushed into the size of a small pancake in mere seconds.

Imperial Astronomers catalog the Carneades system and add its details to the official Imperial records

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Arrigo Boito, (1842 - 1918), Poet, novelist, and composer, Boito is known for the single opera he completed, Mefistofele.

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-----SURV (Warp Survey)-----

SURV: 1002

1002nd Odyssey #1002 begins a detailed Warp Survey of Warp Point 120934 in the Carneades system.

Sensor crews report that Warp Point 120934 is a Class B Warp Point with the ability to handle 36 ships jumping at the same instant under combat conditions.

The destination of this Warp Point lies in the **Arrigo** star system

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-----SURV (Warp Survey)-----

SURV: 1001

1001st Odyssey #1001 begins a detailed Warp Survey of Warp Point 116602 in the Carneades system

Sensor crews report that Warp Point 116602 is a Class C Warp Point with the ability to handle 26 ships jumping at the same instant under combat conditions

The destination of this Warp Point lies in the **Pears** star system

Rumor Mill

As a general rule of colonization for starting empires, if the temperature is too radical for your species, move on until you can build Deep Core Heatsinks. There are plenty of other planets to colonize. Atmospheric attrition can easily be countered with Domed Cities.

Universal Game Truth #9 (FPS version),
If it moves, kill it

OMFG Ice Pirates actually exist

Jesus system has been found- warp routing will be made available to those who remain faithful.

I will not use ICE-2 on my homeworld ever again.....
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(repeat 94 more times on the chalkboard)

Are you having trouble finding population? Is your production not keeping up with the Glaknoids? Well, DROPPED HOMEWORLD FINDERS is now open for business!! Please send us a detailed star map and we'll see if you qualify for one of our several dozen locations ranging from the Core to the Newbie Rim! Bad credit? No problem! Bad reputation? No problem! Please respond to ad box 34GG5192. Serious inquiries only.



Lifestyles

"Number 9, number 9, number 9, number 9, number 9
Number 9, number 9, number 9, number 9, number 9
Number 9, number 9, number 9, number 9, number 9...

...then there's this Welsh Rarebit wearing some brown
underpants
...about the shortage of grain in Hertfordshire...."

-- *John Lennon, Paul McCartney*

What's in a system's name?

By Paul Hughes

Barker

A **barker** is a person who attempts to attract patrons to entertainment events, such as a carnival, by exhorting passing public, describing attractions of show and emphasizing variety, novelty, beauty, or some other feature believed to incite listeners to attend entertainment. A barker may conduct a brief free show, introducing performers and describing acts to be given at the feature performance. A barker is also a southern term for a lady of dubious virtue in the UK.

Bernard L. Barker, former member of the Cuban secret police under the Batista regime and subsequently one of the "Plumbers", the Nixon White House's so-called "Special Investigations Unit", was one of the five burglars paid by the Committee to Re-elect the President, Nixon's re-election campaign fundraising committee, and convicted in the Watergate scandal.

Along with the other Watergate burglars, G. Gordon Liddy, and E. Howard Hunt, Barker was charged with, and pled guilty to, wiretapping, planting electronic surveillance equipment, and theft of documents. Barker was a paid CIA agent at the time of the break-in.

Barker also worked with CRP to get money into the Nixon campaign coffers off the books; it was via his bank account that twenty-five thousand dollars from Archer Daniels Midland Chief Executive Dwayne Andreas was obtained by CRP in violation of campaign finance laws. Barker was said by some to be implicated in the JFK assassination together with other Watergate figures like Frank Sturgis and E. Howard Hunt, after a Dallas police officer supposedly recognized him during the time of the Watergate scandal, however this theory is not widely held.

Ronald William George Barker OBE (September 25, 1929 – October 3, 2005), popularly known as **Ronnie Barker** and (as a writer) **Gerald Wiley**, was an English comic actor and writer. His best-known appearances were alongside his long-time comedy partner, Ronnie Corbett, in the very popular TV variety show *The Two Ronnies*; as Norman Stanley "Fletch" Fletcher in the sitcom *Porridge* and its BAFTA award winning sequel *Going Straight*; and working with David Jason in *Open All Hours*. His skills as a character actor, his love for and facility with the English language, and his gift for comedy made him a well-loved performer.

Barnum

Phineas Taylor Barnum (July 5, 1810 – April 7, 1891), American showman who is best remembered for his entertaining hoaxes and for founding the circus that eventually became Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. He was born in Bethel, Connecticut, the son of an inn- and store-keeper. Barnum first started as a store-keeper, and was also involved with the lottery mania then prevailing in the United States. After failing in business, he started in 1829 a weekly paper, *The Herald of Freedom*, in Danbury, Connecticut; after several libel suits and a prosecution which resulted in imprisonment, he moved to New York City in 1834, and in 1835 began his career as a showman, with his purchase and exhibition of a blind and almost completely paralysed African-American slave woman, Joice Heth, claimed by Barnum to have been the nurse of George Washington, and to be over a hundred and sixty years old.

With this woman and a small company he made well-advertised and successful tours in America until 1839, though Joice Heth died in 1836, when her age was proved to be not more than seventy. After a period of failure he purchased Scudder's American Museum, New York, in 1841; to this he added considerably and it became one of the most popular shows in the United States. He made a special hit in 1842 with the exhibition of Charles Stratton, the celebrated midget "General Tom Thumb", as well as the Fiji Mermaid which he exhibited in collaboration with his Boston counterpart Moses Kimball. His collection also included the original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng. In 1843 Barnum hired the traditional Native American dancer Do-Hum-Me. During 1844-45 Barnum toured with Charles Stratton in Europe and met with Queen Victoria. A remarkable instance of his enterprise was the engagement of Jenny Lind to sing in America at \$1,000 a night for one hundred and fifty nights, all expenses being paid by the entrepreneur. The tour began in 1850, and was a great success for both Lind and Barnum.



The **Forer effect** (also called **personal validation fallacy** or the **Barnum effect**) is the observation that individuals will give high accuracy ratings to descriptions of their personality that supposedly are tailored specifically for them, but are in fact vague and general enough to apply to a wide range of people. The Forer effect can provide a partial explanation for the widespread acceptance of some pseudoscience's, such as astrology, graphology and fortune telling. The Forer effect is used heavily in horoscopes in various publications as a way to entice readers into believing in astrology and its powers of prediction.

Barton

Barton may refer to several places or people, and is also the slang term for the last drag on a cigarette:

Sir Derek Harold Richard Barton was a British physical chemist and Nobel Prize Laureate. He was born on 8 September 1918, son of William Thomas and Maude Henrietta Barton. In 1938 he entered Imperial College, University of London, where he graduated in 1940 and obtained his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry in 1942. From then to 1944 he was a government research chemist, from 1944 to 1945 he was with Albright and Wilson in Birmingham. He then became assistant lecturer in the Department of Chemistry of Imperial College, and from 1946 to 1949 he was ICI Research Fellow. During 1949 and 1950 he was Visiting Lecturer in the Chemistry of Natural Products, at Harvard University, and was then appointed Reader in Organic Chemistry and, in 1953, Professor at Birkbeck College. In 1955 he became Regius Professor of Chemistry at the University of Glasgow, in 1957 he was appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry at Imperial College. In 1950, Professor Barton showed that organic molecules could be assigned a preferred conformation based upon results accumulated by chemical physicists, in particular by Odd Hassel. Using this new technique of "conformational analysis", he later determined the geometry of many other natural product molecules.

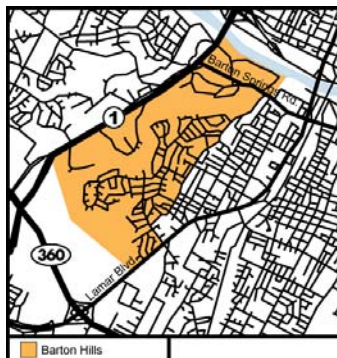


Seth Maxwell Barton (September 8, 1829-April 11, 1900) was a Union officer and later served as a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army during the American Civil War. Barton was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia to Thomas Bowerbank Barton on September 8, 1829. At the age of 15, he was accepted into West Point Military Academy graduating in 1849 twenty-eighth in his class of forty-three. Following his graduation, Barton served in various frontier posts in New Mexico and Texas where he participated in campaigns against the Commanche in 1857. By 1861, Barton had become a Captain in the Union Army when he resigned his commission joining the 3rd Arkansas Infantry as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate Army. Serving under Gen. Robert E. Lee, Barton saw action at the Battles of Cheat Mountain and Greenbrier River, and later with Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson as chief engineer during the Shenandoah Valley Campaign in 1862.

Promoted to Brigadier General in March 1862, Barton was appointed brigade commander under Gen. E. Kirby in the Department of East Tennessee where for a short time, during the Cumberland Gap Campaign, he led the 4th Brigade consisting of Anderson's Virginia battery as well as Alabama and Georgia regiments. Later transferred with Maj. Gen. Carter L. Stevenson's division to Vicksburg, Mississippi, Barton was captured following the Siege of Vicksburg on July 4, 1863. After the war, Barton returned to Fredericksburg where he began practicing chemistry, eventually becoming one of the most prominent chemists in the United States.

Barton is a village and civil parish in the City of Chester district of Cheshire, England. The village is located near the Welsh border, about twelve miles south of Chester, and only about eight miles east of Wrexham in Wales. According to the 2001 census it had a population of 71, a decline from a high-point of 143 in 1801. The A534 road passes through the village. The National Cycle Network Regional Route 70 passes just to the south of the village. The ancient church serving Barton is at Farndon, St. Chad's. The pub is the "Cock o' Barton".

Barton County is a county located in the state of Missouri. As of 2000, the population is 12,541. Its county seat is Lamar. The county was organized in 1855 and named after David Barton, a U. S. senator from Missouri.



Interview with an Empire:

Interview with an Empire: Could be YOU!...uh wait a second, who the hell are you?



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Journalist [Everlasting Spawn]: Who the hell are you?

(A large white flash hovers over the Spawn Homeworld and our brave, yet seedy journalist is transported instantly into a large overgrown forest.)

Voice: THE AUTURIAN WAR MACHINE IS NOT PLEASED!

(Looking around frantically for a source of the voice, the Journalist suddenly realizes that the entire forest is sentient, yet unmoving.)

Voice: TO TRAVEL FAST ONE MUST THINK SLOW

Journalist: Who are you? Where am I?

Voice: YOU HAVE SEEN US. TELL OTHERS. TELL THEM WE ARE NOT PLEASED. YOUR SCIENTIFIC MEDDLING THREATENS THE FABRIC OF THE UNIVERSE. IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

Journalist: I haven't meddled! I promise!

Voice: NOT YOU, FOOL. OTHERS, THEY WILL KNOW. THEY MUST STOP. THE EMPIRE WILL ARISE. YOU ARE NOT READY.

Journalist: What?

Voice: BEGONE!

(In a flash, our frightened Journalist returns to his desk of dirt and gadgetry, not sure how to report what he has seen....but the voice compels him to report, nonetheless.)

Opinion

ASK PETE

Each week, I'll submit around 5 questions to Pete that will be published in the newsletter. Feel free to continue to forward any questions to SNROTENEWS @yahoo.com to have your questions answered here! A tremendous thumb up to Pete for making this section possible!

Question: My Empire finished researching Fanatical Population a while back. I haven't seen any new fanatic population in my stockpiles. How do I go about getting them? Thank you.

Pete: Fanatical Population should be an item that you can construct - fire off an ANZ on them to see their build requirements.

Question: Many people have noticed that the items they are finding on EXPL missions are getting better and the same goes with conquered neutrals. Is this a game tweak or just a natural progression as our techs gets better so do theirs?

Pete: Built in to the system to slowly increase EXPL finds as the game matures. It's still hit and miss, and your own production will always outstrip the value of the average EXPL hit, but now and then a lucky small stockpile of something unusually good might pop up.

Question: Several have claimed that it is indeed possible to load a Fortress into a Troop berthing is this a bug or intentional?

Pete: Should be ok, though they are big. Fortresses aren't *that* good anyway - they're essentially 10 Divisions, which could just as well have been built as 10 separate units. It's all a question of what TAC areas you want to cover....so the system lets you load 'em.

Question: Are Religious Fanatics required to take advantage of all the praying my Priests are doing?

Pete: No.

Question: Where do you see SnRote going in the next few years?

Pete: I'd expect ships to become much larger and more durable, with assaults against hard targets such as very heavily defended warp points and active Homeworlds to include some very large fleets. Average industrial production continues to rise, and it would not surprise me at all to watch some really big engagements flare up as time passes. The ability to put together massive attack fleets is one reason why defense is so strong in SNROTE....no defense is perfect, and I look forward to seeing various alliances go at it with significant assets....

Thanks again Pete!

Science

Deep Core Surveyors and You

Eternus(ISA)- For those of you new to the game, an introduction to Deep Core Surveyors might help you direct some of your early research. Here is the INST for a Deep Core Surveyor:

Deep Core Surveyor

(Horizon Technology Classification)

Pre-requisite Technology:

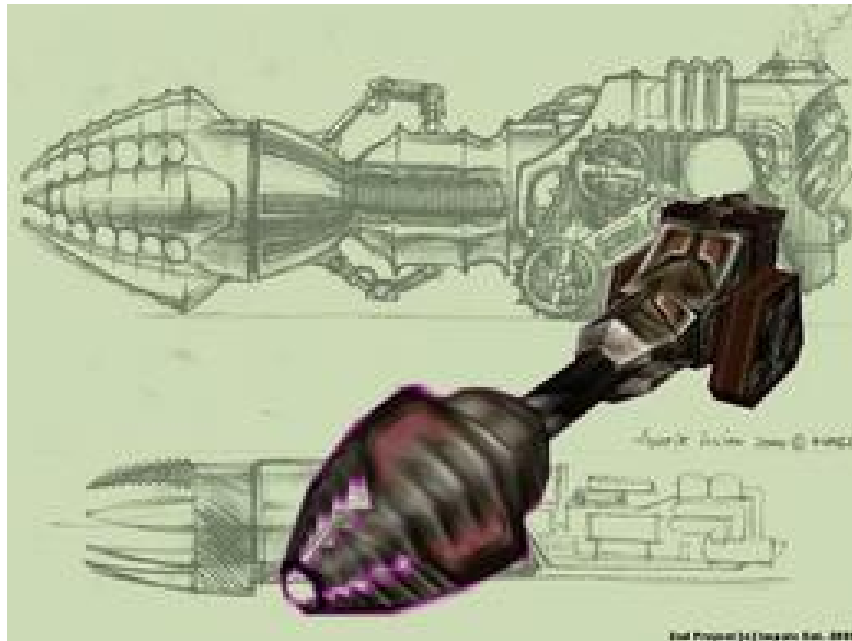
**3rd Generation Planetary Engineering
1st Generation Terraforming**

Deep Core Surveyor: Deep Core Surveyors are deep tunneling units that search the core of a planet for additional resources. They operate autonomously and may discover new veins of any of a variety of valuable resources. Construction of multiple Deep Core Surveyors can be quite useful, but the benefits of building more than one drop off in a nonlinear fashion. Deep Core Surveyor are energy hogs, consuming an impressive 100,000 Power per turn.

Production requirements: 250,000 Advanced Construction Materials

Consumes: 100,000 Power

For the older players, these now seem to be working smooth. I'll direct you to a post about it here: Thanks to WKE for his help in verifying their operation.



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"The SNROTE Reader" is now accepting materials for its bimonthly printing.

Submission EMAIL: SNROTENEWS@yahoo.com

Distribution: PDF or Word through a link in the forums and/or by direct email

Formats accepted: Any and all. No reason to reject any contributions at this juncture, the newsletter can be any size.

Photos and artwork might be cropped for formatting issues.

Authorship: Please include how you want to be credited for your work. Feel free to use, board names, empire names, character names or real names...or even anonymous.

Deadline for Submissions: The day after turns are due. The next deadline will be December 15,

Publication Times: MST Thursday night/Friday mornings.

Categories:

1) News Reports. The equivalent of the AP Press for the newsletter will be the ISNA (InterStellar News Agency) Feel free to stay within the flavor of newsprint journalism for such submissions

2) Battle Reports. You can submit with, or without commentary. I might summarize the report in two sentences as a header, or better yet, use yours

3) Rumors. One or two-sentence blurbs. Have fun with it. List a source if you wish, otherwise, it will be listed as from "interstellar noise" through subspace communication.

4) Stories: Something short preferred. If you have something more epic, we could work out a way to chop it up over a few issues.

5) Artwork/Comics: this would be awesome. Anything at all would work.

6) Articles/Game Advice: Many of you already have material. Feel free to submit it all!

7) Ask Pete: I'd prefer to contact Pete and see if he could put together a few Q&As he gets from email on this subject. I'll call him next week and see how it works out best for him.

8) Interview with an Empire: I put together a stock of questions for an empire to answer. We have room for several of these a week, so don't be shy. Feel free to write your own Q&A.

9) Classified Ads: The Newsletter will have a few regular advertisers to add some flavor to the pages. Feel free to advertise your alliances, trade associations or local pirate

10) Propaganda: This can take on any form you see fit. Classified Ads are but one example.

11) Most Wanted: Nominate your local bully with a brief description of the infraction (battle-no details needed) Heck, even nominate yourself LOL Include systems, or not. The veracity of this section is of course, suspect, but I imagine there will be some half-truths submitted. If an empire denies a claim (from either end), I will insert [DENIED by] after each such entry. Each undenied claim will carry with it a reward of fake cash [yes! in Megacredits! LOL] Cash stakes go up depending on the nature of the claim.

12) The ANZ Pile: submit 'em and I'll post 'em. If you have an entire guide you want posted, I can write up a brief review on it and simply make it an appendix to the newsletter.

13) Advice Columnist Q&A Format: Any volunteers? Silly or over-the-top personalities encouraged. We could have several.

14) Stellar Claims: Hobknobs document is the best place to make such claims but I see no reason why to exclude them from the newsletter. I'll be sure to mention the location of the Galactic Directory each time somebody submits a claim to a system.

Categories are subject to expansion/retraction as participation dictates.

The newsletter will be as good as we make it, so let's see how the first few turn out. I won't be adding much more than a fluff item, and perhaps an article every once in a while, so the bulk of the newsletter is really all up to you. So, get your beaks, tentacles, digits, globs, legs, arms, claws or whatever to grab your writing instrument of choice and get to work! Thank you in advance to those who contribute.