

The SLA Monthly

Sim Profile: *Stargate: SG-6*

Play By Message Board Based Stargate Simulation

The SG-6 team was established in 1997 when it was discovered that the Stargate could travel to more worlds than Abydos – a lot more worlds. Originally conceived of as a medical unit, SG-6's role has changed throughout the years, adapting to growing needs of Stargate Command and the Department of Homeworld Security. While primarily a team of specialists, SG-6 has always retained the primary function of all SG teams: exploration.

The team is currently composed of specialists from fields as diverse as search and rescue and linguistics. The team's individual skills contribute to a greater whole, which makes the team well suited for its jack of all trades role in the SGC: astrophysicists working side-by-side with special forces soldiers to get the job done. SG-6 is one of the front line teams working to defend the Earth from extraterrestrial threats.

A note from Major Michealis, acting CO: *Welcome to the dangerous side of the galaxy! The Goa'uld have been virtually wiped out. The Replicators are gone. And the Ori have been completely defeated.*



So... what's next? We've set out to create a game consistent with the world of Stargate but that is ready to come into its own. Keep an eye out – we're determined to make SG-6 the SLA's sim to watch in 2009!

Here is a sneak peak at the current SG-6 mission “Demons.” The team, under new leadership, has undertaken a first strike mission against a new and powerful enemy. Unfortunately, bad intelligence and a Stargate malfunction have left the team in an unwinnable confrontation – one which may foment a galaxy engulfing war! Now the team must fight its way back to the gate and back home.

Team Statistics

Team Name: SG-6

Home Base: Cheyenne Mountain Complex;
Colorado, United States

Years Deployed: 10 Years

Team Size: Unlimited

Sim Statistics

Founded: June 2003

SLA Member: 5 Years

Current CO: Major Kurt Michaelis, USAF

Current XO: Corporal Dale Winters, BA

Current Crew Size: 10 members

Website: <http://sg6.stargatesims.com/>

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Special Year End Edition of the SLA Monthly! This Month, we hear from the SLA council as they discuss their work over the previous year and their work going forward in 2009.

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Year End Reports from the Council Chairs

Warp, Council Moderator: As Council Moderator, my job involves dabbling in many of the facets of the SLA. The most obvious is the Council itself (the chairs as well as the Fleet Captains and the Host Panel delegates), and on that front, things are going well. We have a number of recent additions, and they've been learning the ropes and jumping in! Several have taken charge on important bills and helped tackle responsibilities like welcoming new hosts. With so many new faces, there are some procedural questions on occasion, but I'm pleased all in all.

The SLA itself is also doing well. Our recruiting numbers are climbing and government positions that had been vacant are again filled. We've been expanding rapidly for the past year, and our sim roster has now crossed 20. (The Council wants to take care not to expand beyond our means to support our sims, so we carefully review our position with each sim joining that roster, and the future will hold more events like the recruiting drive announced by Brawl in December.) Compared to a year ago, I'm worried about fewer sims and noting more excitement and interest in a number of areas. There's always room for improvement, of course, but I feel like the group has had a strong, practically resurgent year.



Our weakest area this year – my weakest area in particular – has been diplomacy. The FSF offered invaluable assistance with our Ten Forward upgrade, but beyond that and some activity surrounding SciWorld, there's been little interaction between the SLA and other simming groups during the past year. We're still on good terms with many groups, but we haven't taken much action to strengthen those ties. This is on the list of things to focus on for the next year!

Tavey, Personnel Chair: The biggest job over the next few months is the Command School. For those of you who are not aware of its existence, the Command School is a collection of essays available for hosts and prospective hosts. The essays are there to help train prospective hosts, give current hosts ideas on how to approach some situations and allows all hosts to draw upon the experience of some of the seasoned SLA hosts.

It has been a couple of years since the last overhaul. The material needs a little freshening up in a couple of cases; and a thorough revamp in others. That revamp includes examining the manner in which the school is made available to hosts and prospective hosts, determining where important revisions can be made and bringing the Live Action Sim section up to par with the Message Board / Play by Email section. The entire Command School section has already been cleaned up, with all previous sessions put into Ten Forward archives.

Another ongoing task is compiling an up to date record of all the SLA host Teams, including contact information. Life happens and knowing who to get hold of and how is important. (Subtle hint hosts: if you don't think I have your information, please send it to me via PM on Ten Forward).

Tony Brawl, Recruiting Chair: I have been in the position since April of this year, and have been in the SLA nearly three years now, most notably in the Ark Royal and SG-6. Since I took over my current position, I've focused quite a bit on getting the SLA name out there. We've continued to see recruits for our *Stargate* sims, partly contributing to the expansion of the SGC, and a marked increase in recruits for *Star Trek* sims since the time I started.

In 2009, we're looking to take advantage of the new *Star Trek* movie in May, which we hope will bring an influx of recruits, as well as continued growth and further expansion. I plan on quarterly recruiting blitzes, upping our presence on the Web, as well as exploring sims in genres we haven't exploited yet, such as fantasy, horror and superheroes, or genres we're just beginning in, such as the urban sci-fi setting of *Torchwood*. The coming year will be one to watch, so keep your eye out!



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Saint, Engineering Chair: I'm the guy who, with Warp and Shuni (from the FSF), is responsible for working on the new look of the boards. With the boards came with a lot of changes as well. Old accounts were deleted if they had been inactive since January 2007. Topics that were older than January 2008 were placed in public archives. Also, the administrator and moderator systems were reworked. A new global moderator group was created, and it presently consists of Brawl, Clenner, Dane, Foxy, LrShadow, Tavey and Zania. This setup has worked out quite well so far. It is one of my goals that the boards will continue to be updated on time and on schedule. Also, Warp has written a new backup script, so the boards will not suffer another hiccup like we have seen in the past.

Over the first few months of my term, I have overseen and created a new site for the Monarch. Stargate Command has a brand new look. I implore you to go take a look at their fleet site. A number of the SLA's Web sites have received updates recently. Given our recent expansion rate, the main site will be a continual work in progress. In addition to the main site, websites for the Lionheart, Trinidad Station, the Ark Royal, SG-6 and Starbase 27 all saw changes. Also worthy of note is the *Stargate* fleet, which recently increased in size after the breakup of SG-8. The resulting sims all received dynamic websites powered by the SMS system



What should you look forward to in the future? As I like to tell Tavey, sky's the limit. Current projects include: a Web site for one of the newest sims to SLA, the USS Kentucky; a new website for Torchwood Ten; and tentative plans are in the work for an improved Zealous Web site. You may be asking yourself, "How can I help out?" It's easy. If I don't IM you back, feel free to e-mail the Admins string or e-mail engineering@slasims.com. Also, if you need something pretty simple, the Requests forum has been reopened for all hosts. I welcome you to contact me by any means you can.

Zania, Finance Chair: This past year has been a transition when it comes to Finance. The time, up until now, has been spent trying to get our affairs in order, including our PayPal account for donations, as well as doing research on various resources that could be used to bring in funds. My overall goal is to try and find ways to create sustainable, regular financial support for the SLA. This will allow us to have the funds to pay for our hosting costs and domain fees, without having to rely on special fundraising events.

The first priority in terms of projects for this year is to get the SLA calendar on sale. With 2009 right around the corner, just about everyone needs a calendar, so why not get one that helps to feature the SLA? The next priority is the launch of the SLA Zazzle store. This store gives us the creative freedom to design a wide variety of items, including t-shirts, hats, mugs, and more. It also has a few more features and functionality compared to what Cafepress has to offer, so once more images can be donated toward the project, expect to see a much bigger product selection.

The last two things on the plate for the immediate future are actually old ideas. The first is a fundraiser, the Intergalactic Penny Drive, which will begin shortly after the beginning of the year. I have a few ideas in terms of prizes for the person that donates the most within a specific amount of time. The second is the return of the SLA cookbook. This idea received a lot of positive response, but we were not able to find a printer, until now. Dust off those recipes, which we can share with a SLA twist! As the SLA continues to go into the future, it does become necessary for us to find sources of sustainable funding. It is our hope, through these ideas, we can achieve that goal and help the SLA maintain our presence on the web for years to come.

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Year End Reports, Continued

Prax, Publications Chair: Perhaps my most visible contribution to the SLA over the past year has been the rebirth of the SLA Monthly – the very document you are reading this instant! In January, the Monthly was published for the first time in almost 3 years. While it hasn't always been Monthly, I have strived to make sure the content is the best and most interesting that it can be. In 2009, I hope to make sure the Monthly gets in your inbox at least once a month. And with our recent additions, I see no reason why we shouldn't be covered in the way of profiles for a whole year. I would also like to play around with adding new content to the Monthly as well, though I don't want to suggest anything here that may not see the light of day.



In 2008, I had the honor of working on Ten Forward with Saint and Warp. Before the facelift, I worked with them both on updating some of the administrator messages, pruning some of the older entries and making sure each sim's name was prominently displayed on the Forum Index page. While I lack the technical skills of Web site building or forum updating, I have tried to offer simming expertise and aesthetic judgments during the forum remodeling. I think overall it worked out very nicely. I've since been made an Administrator on the board and have begun learning how to do some more complicated work on the boards.



Over the next month, Tavey, Warp and I will be overhauling the Sethies. It is my hope, since I'm the driving force to the overhaul, that we will open up nominations by late January. I will do my best to ensure we meet this deadline. After the Sethies are finished, I will begin work on updating some of the wording and messaging on the SLA's main site as well. The updates will reflect some of our recent changes and additions as well as making corrections to minor errors that have been spotted on the site by some astute members of the SLA. In the coming year, I hope to meet more hosts and simmers from around the SLA. And I hope to help get the name of each sim out there for members and non-members to read about.

BITS AND BOBS

The Changing Face of the SLA in 2008!

In the past year, the SLA has welcomed the USS *Pegasus*, USS *Kentucky* and USS *Mercury* to its ranks. The SLA also saw the addition of *Stargate: SG-5* and *Stargate: SG-7* to Stargate Command. Additionally, this past year saw the successful reboot of the USS *Ark Royal*.

Every reader is encouraged to check out these new sims!

Did you know that the SLA is on Facebook?

If you're on this fast growing social network, be sure to stop by our [group page](#), join up and say "Hello," on our wall. It's a great way to get to know the people behind the characters.

We'll be glad to see you.



Did you know that the SLA is on MySpace.com?

The SLA is also on MySpace, the most popular social network. Be sure to drop by our page, located at <http://www.myspace.com/slasims>, and friend us!

We'll be sure to check your profile out and friend you back.

