

SLA Monthly

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News

Website Issues

You may have noticed, our website had a little downtime last month. I checked in with our Engineering Chair for the background.

For those not so net-savvy, there are a number of parties involved in getting our website to work. In addition to our own coding, we have one company who store our files for us and another who holds the “phone book” that translates the website's URL (you may have seen number sequence starting with 192.168,...) into the more human-friendly tenforward.slasims.com, so you don't have to remember IP numbers for every website you visit. In this case, the problem was with the phone book, so once we identified that, it was a matter of contacting the appropriate support desk to apply a fix and update the issue.

There is work going on in the background to make our website as stable as we can, but when the third-parties have problems themselves, the best we can do is figure out which one so we can notify them and hope they're on the ball.

If the website does go down and we haven't posted a note in the Facebook group, drop us a note there or an email to Admins@slasims.com & Moderator@slasims.com and we'll get right on it.

Art

I'd like to brighten up the newsletter, so it isn't just a screenful of words and Galifestus kindly agreed I could use some of his artwork (see next page). If you have any sim-related art you'd be happy to share, please let me know either by PM (Foxy) or email (Publications@slasims.com).

Council

May is approaching and that is when three of the Council seats come up for their regular elections. The three due in May are:

- Finance Chair – responsible for the official fundraising needed to pay for our web and email services

- Publications Chair – responsible for the monthly newsletters, such as the one you're reading right now

- Engineering Chair – responsible for the management of the day-to-day operation and upkeep of the website and e-mail system

In addition to these, there is a vacancy for:

- Recruiting Chair – responsible for getting us new members and matching them to our sims

A fuller description of the posts and prerequisites can be found on <http://www.slasims.com/group/charter.html>.

We will also be looking for an Election Commissioner. This is a one-off role just for this election cycle. The Commissioner presides over the election, tallies votes and reports the results to the SLA members.

If you are interested in standing for any of these positions, keep an eye out for the announcement that nominations are open, which will have notes on how to apply.

Friends of the SLA

SciWorld 2014 is an online convention for the role-playing community running from May 1 - May 3.

As one of the events taking place, Torchwood Ten will be running a LA sim, most likely on Saturday May 3 at a time when UK/European folks are able to attend. We'd love to see other sims come along and be present. Plus this year, it looks like Tigra and the surviving members of Oberth 7 may attend. For those of you who don't know, we owe Tigra et al a huge debt of gratitude for starting our hobby!

In addition to other sims, past years' events have included guest speakers and presentations. The schedule hasn't been finalised yet, so see website http://roleplay.wikia.com/wiki/2014_SciWorld_Online_Convention for more details as they are confirmed.

Calendar

Our Live Action sims are as follows:

- Lionheart:** Sunday @ 8pm Eastern AIM room SLALionheart
- Mercutio:** Monday 9pm Eastern AIM room mercutio
- Potemkin:** Thursday 10pm Eastern IRC room #uss-potemkin on Magicstar Server

Useful links

- SLA Sims website <http://www.slasims.com/>
- 10 Forward forum <http://tenforward.slasims.com/index.php>
- Asimov Fleet wikia http://asimov.slasims.com/wiki/index.php?title=Main_Page
- SLA CafePress shop <http://www.cafepress.com/SLASimStore>
- SLA Zazzle shop <http://www.zazzle.com/slasims>
- Simming wikia http://roleplay.wikia.com/wiki/Role_Play_Wiki
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/14375556203/>

