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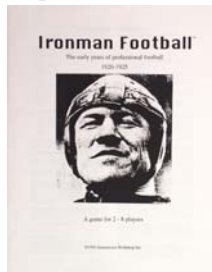
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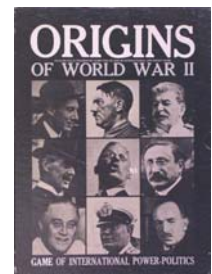
EPGS meets from 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM this Saturday, May 28th, in Oxford Valley Mall's Community Room. Subsequent meeting dates are scheduled for the first and third Saturdays each month through the end of 2005.

Anniversary Gaming

May 28th is the anniversary of many events having related games. Bill Micklow is disappointed that he didn't get to play *Wilderness War* at the May 7th meeting and thinks the anniversary of the start of the French and Indian



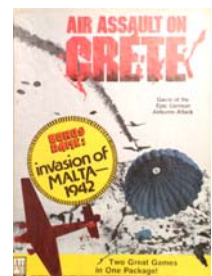
War is an even better excuse for playing his favorite game. Birthday boy Jim Thorpe is pictured on the cover of *Ironman Football* (Simulations Workshop) and *Decathlon* (Sports Illustrated), and he is prominently featured in the latter game and its successors *Track Meet* (Sports Illustrated) and *Decathlon* (Avalon Hill). Numerous James Bond games exist, including some published by Victory Games. Neville Chamberlain is pictured on the cover of *Origins of World War II* (Avalon Hill) (second row, first column). *Norway 1940* (Quarterdeck, Hobby Japan), *Invasion: Norway* (GMT) and the *Europa* series game *Narvik* (Game Designers'



Workshop) cover the campaign for Norway in World War II. The campaign for Crete is covered by *Crete* (Poultron/S&T#18), *Paratroop* (SPI/S&T#77), *Descent on Crete* (SPI), *Crete 1941* (Excalibre), *Air Assault on Crete* (AH) and *Operation Mercury* (GMT). The "Orient Express", the famous train running from Paris to Istanbul, is the inspiration for *Oriente - Express* (Herder Spiele), *Orient Express* (Just Games / Jumbo) and *Murder on the Orient Express* (Ideal). Although the game *San Francisco* (Amigo) deals with redeveloping the city after the 1906 earthquake, there are two subsequent May 28th events of importance to the city: the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge and the relocation of the baseball New York Giants to San Francisco.

May 28th

- 1754 Washington ambushes French troops, starting French and Indian War
- 1888 All around athlete Jim Thorpe born
- 1902 Philly born Owen Wister publishes *The Virginian*, most popular western novel
- 1908 James Bond creator Ian Fleming born
- 1928 Auto manufacturer Chrysler merged with Dodge
- 1933 Nazi Party wins elections in Danzig
- 1934 Dionne quintuplets, first to all survive infancy, born
- 1937 Golden Gate Bridge opens in San Francisco
- 1937 Neville Chamberlain elected Prime Minister of Britain
- 1940 British and Norwegians temporarily capture Narvik
- 1940 Belgium surrenders to Germany in World War II
- 1941 British evacuate Heraklion, Crete
- 1942 Mexico declares war on the Axis
- 1948 North Korea boycotts national constitution assembly at Seoul
- 1957 Baseball owners vote to permit Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants to move to California
- 1959 Monkeys Able and Baker survive trip into space
- 1961 Amnesty International started
- 1982 "Orient Express" resumes service. The train goes from Paris to Istanbul in 26 hours.
- 1991 Ethiopian rebels capture Addis Ababa, leading to Eritrean independence



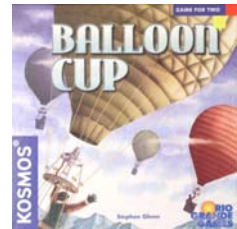
June 4th is the anniversary of the greatest victory in the history of the United States Navy: The Battle of Midway. There four of the six existing Japanese fleet aircraft carriers were sunk at a loss of only one American carrier. Numerous games exist covering the battle, including *Midway* (Avalon Hill 1964), the first wargame covering an air battle. Other games on the subject include *Battle for Midway – Decision in the Pacific* (Game Designers’ Workshop), *Incredible Victory* (Quarterdeck), *Victory at Midway* (XTR/Command#14), *Midway* (Avalon Hill 1991), *Second World War at Sea: Midway* (Avalanche) and *Lightning War: Midway* (Decision).



And, there are plenty of other June 4th anniversaries with related games. Birthday girl Ruth Westheimer’s eponymous game is *Dr. Ruth’s Game of Good Sex* (Victory). Games on the British retreat from France at the start of World War II are *Dunkirk – 1940* (Simulations Design Corporation) and *Dynamo: Dunkirk, 1940* (3W/Wargamer#53). Games on the hypothetical German invasion of Britain in World War II include *Fight on the Beaches* (3W/Wargamer#40), *Seelöwe* (SPI) and *Britain Stands Alone* (GMT). Games on the Italian Campaign include *Anzio* (Avalon Hill), *Santa Maria Infante: On the Road to Rome 1944* (Critical Hit)

June 4th

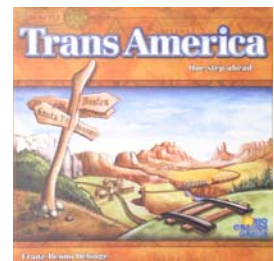
- 1738 British King George III born
- 1784 First female balloonist Elisabeth Thible sets endurance (45 minutes) and altitude records (8500 feet)
- 1862 Confederates evacuate Fort Pillow, leading to loss of Memphis two days later
- 1876 First transcontinental express train from New York to San Francisco in 83 hrs
- 1896 Henry Ford test drives his first automobile
- 1917 First Pulitzer Prizes awarded
- 1919 Congress passed 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote
- 1928 Dr. Ruth Westheimer born
- 1939 Sylvan Goldman invents first shopping cart, a folding chair on wheels
- 1940 Evacuation of Dunkirk ends; 40,000 British surrender
- 1940 Churchill gives “We shall fight on the beaches” speech
- 1941 German Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm II dies
- 1942 Battle of Midway begins
- 1944 Americans enter Rome
- 1944 D-Day, originally scheduled for June 5th, postponed because of bad weather
- 1979 Cleveland’s baseball team hosts “Ten Cent Beer Night”. Drunken fans cause forfeiture of game.
- 1987 Jonathan Pollard admits spying for Israel
- 1989 Chinese government massacres hundreds at Tiananmen Square



Hopefully the person who thought I listed too few anniversaries of World War II events will now be happy with the numerous events from these two dates: Belgium, Narvik, Dunkerque, Crete, Midway and Rome.

The Games We Played

Puerto Rico was played four times, *Goa* three. Also played three times was the combined *Axis & Allies* and *Fortress America* variant *Axisworld 1950*. Numerous games were played twice, including *Fortress America*, so it and its variant is the champ this month. Other games being played twice were old favorites *Advanced Squad Leader*, *Amun-Re*, *Blokus*, *Medici*, *Meuterer*, *Ra*, *Ricochet Robot* and *TransAmerica*, and new games *Dancing Dice*, *Empire of the Sun*, *Louis XIV* and *Ticket to Ride: Europe*.



Thanks to Steve Cameron, Alex Bove and Jason Wagner for helping compile this information.

NEW	GAME	PUBLISHER	APR 30	MAY 7
	<i>Acquire</i>	3M / Avalon Hill / Hasbro/Avalon	1	
	<i>Advanced Squad Leader</i>	Avalon Hill / Multi-Man	1	1
	<i>Age of Mythology</i>	Eagle		1
	<i>Amun-Re</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	1	1
	<i>Attika</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
G/P	<i>Axisworld 1950</i>	wargamer.com	1	2
	<i>Blokus</i>	Sekkoia		2
G/P	<i>Bonaparte at Marengo</i>	Simmons	1	
	<i>Cannibal Pygmies in the Jungle of Doom</i>	Z-Man	1	
	<i>Carcassonne with many expansions</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
G	<i>Case White / Poland: First to Fight</i>	GDW / Games Research/Design	1	
	<i>Coloretto</i>	Abacus / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Cribbage</i>	?	1	
G	<i>Dancing Dice</i>	DaVinci / Mayfair		2
G	<i>Das Zepter von Zavandor</i>	Lookout		1
	<i>Daytona 500</i>	Milton Bradley		1
	<i>El Grande</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
G	<i>Empire of the Sun</i>	GMT	2	
	<i>Fortress America</i>	Milton Bradley	1	1
G	<i>Frodo-Orc-Boromir</i>	Tom List		1
	<i>Game of Thrones, A</i>	Fantasy Flight	1	
	<i>Goa</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	1	2
G	<i>Grave Robbers from Outer Space 2: Skippy's Revenge</i>	Z-Man	1	
	<i>Great War at Sea: Russian-Japanese War</i>	Avalanche		1
	<i>Hannibal: Rome vs. Carthage</i>	Avalon Hill	1	
	<i>Hive</i>	Gen Four Two	1	
G	<i>Jambo</i>	Kosmos / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Kardinal und König / Web of Power / China</i>	Goldsieber / Rio Grande / Überplay	1	
G	<i>Kung Fu Samurai on Giant Robot Island</i>	Z-Man	1	
	<i>Liar's Dice / Call My Bluff / etc.</i>	ES Lowe / MB / FX Schmidt / etc.		1
G	<i>Louis XIV: Intrigue in the Court of the Sun King</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	2	
	<i>Manifest Destiny</i>	GMT	1	
	<i>Medici</i>	Amigo / Rio Grande	1	1
	<i>Memoir '44</i>	Days of Wonder		1
	<i>Meuterer</i>	Adlung		2
	<i>Palladium</i>	Palladium Books		1
	<i>Pirate's Cove</i>	Days of Wonder		1
	<i>Puerto Rico</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	2	2
	<i>Ra</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	1	1
	<i>Railroad Dice: The First Rails</i>	Wassertal		1
	<i>Ricochet Robot</i>	Hans im Glück / Abacus / Rio Grande		2
	<i>Saint Petersburg</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
	<i>San Juan</i>	Alea / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Stalingrad Pocket</i>	The Gamers		1
	<i>Star Wars - The Queen's Gambit</i>	Hasbro/Avalon		1
	<i>Tichu</i>	Abacus		1
	<i>Ticket to Ride</i>	Days of Wonder	1	
G	<i>Ticket to Ride: Europe</i>	Days of Wonder	1	1
	<i>Tikal</i>	Ravensburger / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>TransAmerica</i>	Rio Grande		2
	<i>We the People</i>	Avalon Hill		1
	<i>Wings of War</i>	Fantasy Flight	1	
12/2	TOTAL	-----	27/30	34/42

G = New Game

GP = New Game and Publisher

Military Games are Red

Railroad games are Blue

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Gaming Groups in and Around Philadelphia: Trenton, Wilmington, Harrisburg and Points Between May 2005

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The Penn Gamers meet Wednesday evenings on the University of Pennsylvania campus in West Philadelphia. For the latest info about meeting locations, check <http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~pgamers/meetings.html> To get on their mailing list, visit <http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~pgamers/list>

The Philadelphia Area Gaming Enthusiasts - www.philagamers.org PAGE CenterCity meets Sunday night (6:30 till 10:30PM) at the Ethical Society building at 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square. If the door isn't open, just ring the bell and we'll come down and get you. www.phillyethics.net/site/directions.htm

PAGE Glenside meets on Tuesday nights, from about 7:30PM till 11:30 or so. The location is the North Penn VFW Hall Post 676 on Jenkintown Road in Glenside/Ardley/whatever they want to call it, about half a block from the R2's Ardley station. Email lists - page@yahoogroups.com, pagecentercity@yahoogroups.com and page_announcements@yahoogroups.com

King of Prussia's Valley Forge Brewing is home to The Philadelphia Boardgamers Meetup Group every two weeks. See <http://boardgames.meetup.com/99/about> however, this group is looking for a new organizer and people seem to be moving to the [P A G@yahoogroups.com](mailto:PA_G@yahoogroups.com) organized by Brian Bohmueller - riversol@yahoo.com

Roundtable Games meets in Conshohocken (610) 825-6120 or email Don Corcoran - doncorcoran@usagimail.com

The Ambler Gamers - Email list – AmblerGamers@yahoogroups.com

Bux-Mont Historical Gamers – north & west suburbs of Philly Wed nights. POC - Dick McFarland, Morwood@erols.com

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The Eagleville gaming group meets on Thursday nights. Contact Matt Hendricks, at the gbcgs@yahoogroups.com

Lansdale, Pa - Gaming meetings Thursday, 7:00PM until 10:00, about a mile from Exit 31, PA Turnpike Northeast Extension at Bill Chapman's house daddyhwilliam@juno.com. German-style boardgames, old time miniature games, non-German style games. Lansdale_Gamers@yahoogroups.com or games.groups.yahoo.com/group/Lansdale_gamers

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Lancaster Gamers - for general board and wargames - meet Tuesdays at Six Feet Under Games, by the Rockvale Outlet Center, Lincoln Highway-Rt 30 & Rt 896, Lancaster, PA. lanc_gamers@yahoogroups.com

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Reading, Pa. Area Wargamers - Thursday nights at the Golden Eagle in Fairgrounds Square Mall, 3050 N. 5th St, 610-921-3160 for directions. Historical miniatures. POC - Keith Eshelman (610) 927-3539, Historicalgamer@aol.com, or Eric Feifer (717) 872-7984 See <http://home.comcast.net/~efeifer/schedule.htm>, <http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/readingwargamers>

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