

*A VERY, VERY, VERY COLD  
COLDWARS 2015*

*5-8 March 2015 At The Lancaster Host*



**Looking Out The Front Door of The Lancaster Host 5 March 2015**

**I had planned to stop over on the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> in the DC suburbs before finishing the trip to Lancaster for set up on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately I was warned by family members that I had better keep going. A major winter storm was coming in, and the increasingly heavy rain was to turn to snow overnight. I mushed on through the rain and increasingly dismal Washington DC area traffic (what were all those idiots doing on the BW Parkway at 7pm Wednesday night?) Indeed I made it to the motel down the hill from the Host and settled in for a good night's sleep. And as promised, when I got up the next morning there was almost two feet of snow on the ground with more in the air. I was able to get down to the barn and unload, but had to wait until someone made tracks through a bottom of the hill route before I could mush out, park my car in the lot shown, and abandon it for a couple of days. Fortunately I had brought boots for trekking about the town.**



**The Ever Alert Staff Were Set Up But Business Was Initially Slow**



**But Early On They Were Setting Up In The Lampeter**





**Already Some Of Those Colorful Ancients Games Were Under way**



**And Other Games Began To Trickle In**





**By Late Morning Pete Panzeri Was Setting Up The Battle of Selma-1865**



**Forrest's Cavalry Support Defenders Against Wilson's Cavalry Corps**





**Old Men And Boys Man The Defenses**



**Meanwhile Sci-Fi Games Picked UP**





**These People Are Getting Together For A Vendetta Against Vampires**



**The Vendetta Is Headed By A Cult-I Prefer the Vampires**





**Elsewhere Andy Jackson's Troops Defended New Orleans**



**The Brits Wishing They Had Picked A Different Tour For Mardi-Gras**





**In Spite Of The Snow Games Picked Up Around The Host**



**Super Shermans From An Arab-Israeli War**





**A Naval War Broke Out In The Distlefink**



**Featuring Ships You Could Actually See**





**By Evening The Lampeter Was Picking Up A Bit**



**With The Usual Colorful Ancients Games**





**Looks Like Richard Borg's Unseemly (no toy soldiers) Ancients**



**And The Game Of Thrones Drew Some Enthusiastic Tiddly Winkers**





**By The Next Morning Distlefink Was filling Up**



**There Were Many Theme Games-Almost 150 Years Since Appomattox**





**Of Course ACW Has Long Been A Favorite**





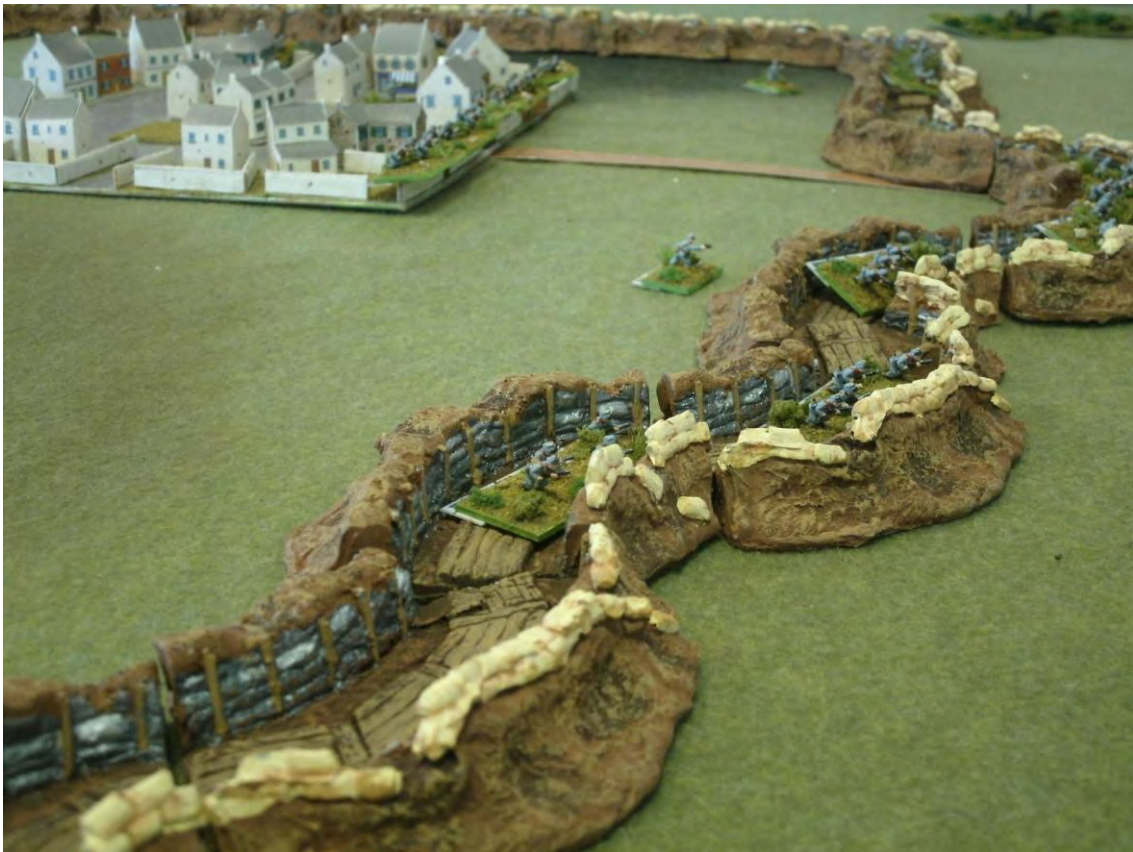


**Somehow the Dark Side Emerges With WWII Griffons and Pterodactyls**



**Colorful, But Hardly Historical**





**But The H.A.W.K. Room Returned to History For Brusilov's Offensive**



**And Bruce Weigle's Franco Bavarian Clash In The Winter Of 1870-71**





**By Friday Wally's Basement (aka Flea Market) Was Filling Up**



**And The Ancients Corner**





**Frank Presented An Epic Mars Needs Steam Game**







**The Age Of Sail Is Represented In The Crowded Distlefink**







**I Ran No Games-The SCW Was Represented Only In 28mm**



**But I Don't Understand Why The Legion Liberating The Alcazar Are Carrying A Falange Flag**





**Upstairs Off The Foyer The Painting University Was In Full Swing**







**And There Were Even A Few “Native American Wars” Epics**







**By The Next Morning (Saturday) The Shopping Crowd Was Up To Strength**







**Coming Up The Harford Area Weekly Kriegspielers Also Had A Full House**



**Including A Bit Of WWII-Less Prevalent Than Usual**





**Napoleonic Battle Of Paris In 10mm**







**Next Door The BATTLETECH Bunch Were Also Filling up**



**And The Distlefink Was Booming**





**No Convention Is Quite Right Without A Touch of Beau Geste**



**These Jihadis Seem To Have Captured The Supplies**





**There Is Always Room For Rourke's Drift**







**This Game Seems To Be About Naval Aspects Of The American Civil War**







**In The Distlefink Foyer The Long Range Desert Group Raids An Airfield**







**A Touch Of Pike And Shot-Rupert Versus Brereton At Tipton Green**







**A Bit Of WWI Aviation**



**Not That Different From Earlier Models Used On Mars**



**I could go on. There were a lot of colorful games. After a slow start in the wake of the blizzard people kept coming in and setting up Some games may have been cancelled due to snow, but it warmed up on Saturday-I could even move my car from motel to convention and back, in spite of my years of living in snow free Florida.**

**Saturday night my eldest grandson, a “WORLD OF TANKS” addict, played in a game loosely based on Kursk in which nothing but tanks participated-something that certainly would have appealed to the unfortunate German and Russian infantry who were forced to participate in 1943, Otto Schmidt ran a colorful 18<sup>th</sup> Century epic using mythical armies. Youngest grandson won a TSATF Zulu War Game on Saturday-which the Brits usually lose.**

**I did not search the Host for remnants Sunday. I packed up carefully and did my best to finish painting my latest Minairons figures. They are a challenge, but eventually I made some progress (see below.)**



**Next Time I Run A Game With Them**