SPRING FEVER 5-7 March 2010



Getting started slowly on Friday Morning

Spring Fever is a relatively recent production from Triangle Simulation Society, the war game club which brought us SOUTHERN FRONT and HMGS, more or less in that order. It has followed SOUTHERN FRONT to the North Raleigh Hilton. A nice venue, but also one which does not seem affected by the recession. And TSS needs the biggest of the "meeting rooms" at the hotel.

This in turn has forced some dramatic initiatives. And in this case it involved bringing in a sizeable WARHAMMER Tournament which filled a good bit of the room in prime time. Since the usual shops and GMs which form the core of TSS activities were out in force, the place was crowded and lively throughout the weekend.

There were the usual suspects. Chris Hughes, noted sculptor and wargamer, presented his 40mm Napoleonics in a stylish Peninsular War Skirmish game. At least that's where I thought it was located. And Dave Bonk as usual ran some games with computer assistance. They looked good anyway, in spite of the computers.

Given the presence of a sizeable WARHAMMER Tournament in prime time it was hard to tell whether or not the hard core TSS gang was as numerous as they appeared at SOUTHERN FRONT last Fall. But taken together the place was full and active. In fact, much of the time the place was filled to near capacity. This may be a step up from the old Holiday Inn. But it doesn't have a lot of room for growth.



Chris Hughes 40mm Napoleonics. No French force could function without the cantiniere.



The Dark Side of the Force Was Well Represented by a WARHAMMER Tournament



WWII In 54mm-I think the Germans won



Wall to Wall Gaming on Saturday



Inevitably on Saturday Night TSS Fancy Turns to Raffles and Auctions

More than most groups, Triangle Simulation Society is determined to have conventions for the gamers for miles around. And they'll pay for them any way they have to-whether it takes subletting to a the Dark Side, or raffles and auctions. Or for that matter, all of the above. That they do it well is proven by the fact that they have been running these conventions in the Raleigh area since well before Wally's Basement.

And in this case, the convention's timing as well as location came in handy. It was half way to COLDWARS 2010 and one week before!