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Operation YawSpoon

The latest in TEST Squadron.



Insider: Seung

We sit down with our Spreader of Truth, whom recently grew a fu manchu, for an interview.

Retaliator Sale

Get em while it's hot



The Unknown Ships



Many of you are new to Star Citizen, or may have been inactive for quite awhile. The idea is to put out info on confirmed ships, that have not been put up for sale. After the two initial articles this month and next month, we will put out an article covering possible changes to new ships monthly. (Warning - This article is pretty long)

Currently these are the ships that haven't been put on sale but are planned for release (Some or all may not be released until PU);

- Retribution-Class Super Dreadnought
- Bulldog
- Crucible
- F8 Lightning
- Genesis-Class
- SWACS Variant
- Military Test Variant
- Prowler
- Endeavor-Class
- Reliant
- 85X
- Xi'an Bomber
- Xi'an Cargo Ship
- Manticore
- Pisces-Class
- UEE Dropship

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Officers vs. Mods

Some of you may have noticed that in mumble, we now have officers! Now for those of you don't yet know the difference. We sat down with Montoya and asked him to provide the answers.

"We needed to differentiate between members that are there specifically for moderation, and others that might not be as active on mumble.

Officers have the same level of permissions, but are not specifically there to handle specific situations like interpersonal conflicts, recruitment and general moderation of mumble.

We expect all officers to be able to perform the task of moderators, but moderators have a more clearly defined role."



The Unknown Ships

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There are also some ships mentioned in CIG's lore that may or may not be in game at some point, these ships will be covered next month.

This is what is know about the ships listed.

Super Dreadnought

Mentioned in the Behring Applied Technology Galactic Guide, this ship is manufactured by a joint collaboration of companies. Little is know about this ship as of now except it has an impressive array of 130mm "ship buster" railguns.

Bulldog AKA Vanguard

This ship is a deep space fighter based on a WWII plane. It was said it may be released next week.

Crucible

This ship is said to be able to repair ships in space. Quite a useful ship if you ask me!

F8A Lightning

Little is known about this ship. It was only ever mentioned by Ben Lesnick. "After the F8A enters full production we'll see the existing surplus Hornets sold off... but those are all things that will happen further on in the timeline."

Genesis-Class

The base version of this ship will be a high end passenger ship and can be modified for cargo shipping. The UEE also has variants for recon and flight test operations.

Prowler

A stealth boarding craft. Not much more info is available at this time.

Endeavor-Class

Built as a research vessel. Being it's modular, it can be outfitted into a flying hospital. The docking bay can hold one Cutlass Red vessel. It has also been known to be used for production of narcotics and more black market goods.

Reliant

A two person starter ship. Relying on heavy use of Xi'an technology.

85X

From what i can gather this is to be an escape/landing shuttle for the 890.

Xi'an Bomber

Xi'an Cargo Ship

Both these ships have only been mentioned, no details. Obviously the bomber is a bomber and a cargo ship is a cargo ship though!

Manticore

Once again only mentioned, no details.

Pisces-Class

Once again, you guessed it, only mentioned and no details.

UEE Dropship

All that was stated, in a monthly report, was it was in the works.

This concludes a growing list we will try to add to as more information is presented. Next month, ships mentioned in official lore!

Insider: Seung, Spreader of truth

Seung literally begged me to interview him, unfortunately upon joining TEST I drank around 34 beers that night and am now enslaved as a hamster for the next 34 years. That being I am required to obey the Master of Hamsters and type exactly what he wants me to.

Alright so in our last issue we talked with Montoya about the founding of TEST. He said you were the first to jump aboard and you helped him man the helm. Why did you choose to help Montoya in his time of need?

The only logical answer I can come up with is that I must

have been insane. Why else would I pledge years of servitude to our glorious master without compensation for a game that wasn't due at that point for around 3 years? But then again I've been having an awesome time going pew pew so maybe it was worth it... maybe.

You've been apart of a few organizations before. For our affiliate members and main members with affiliate orgs, what would you suggest they watch out for?

I have been parts of coalitions, corporations, guilds, and yes Minecraft servers as well and -



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- the most important thing that shines through all the time is that it all comes down to enjoying yourself. It is sad to see so many awesome communities falling apart due to drama, people no longer deriving fun from the game, etc. By joining up with TEST I hope to ensure that while you are screaming nonsense while flying an Aurora into the side of a Bengal, you have fun and made your time playing Star Citizen with us worthwhile.

What would you inform members of about mumble to encourage them to join us more often?

You get to hear our glorious leader's voice why wouldn't you want to join Mumble? Oh yeah, its also always fun to hear the screams of members as they are executed by our commissars for saying the wrong things.

Sticking to mumble, how would you describe the interaction TEST has on there?

A herd of drunk cats yowling away at the moon high on catnip.

You've been here from the beginning, what things are you proud of in our growing organization?

I sometimes lie awake at night wondering what kind of horrors I helped Montoya unleash upon our sweet innocent world.

On the TEST recruitment page it is stated, "After which each drink you consume will entail a year's worth of inept servitude as a hamster." How many years does TEST have total of hamster servitude?

Damn it Zaraphadox, that clause was supposed to be a secret! We totally don't operate hamster gulags in the forum underworlds.

6. On the topic of alcohol, what is your alcoholic beverage of choice?

I'm allergic to alcohol.

But while I love beer and bourbon (like the classy gentleman I am), my favorite would be soju with sides of KFC (Korean Fried Chicken) or pajeon.

In the interest of keeping current and future pilots (really just Vanisher) amongst the seeing, do you plan to keep setting the bright color scheme as the default?

We are refreshing to white and gold actually to keep both parties satisfied.

On February 27th, at 8:35 AM, we received a troubling report stating; "We are in the midst of a Hamster Rebellion. Please remain calm and head to the nearest SYHIAD (Stick Your Head In A Ditch) post."

Were you able to successfully contain the rebellious hamsters and eradicate the leaders of said rebellion?

What is this fictitious nonsense you are spouting? Our glorious hamster proletariat are ever so respecting of our glorious leader and wouldn't dare to commit such treasonous and selfish acts. In fact, if you can take me to the person who spread this nonsense I will arrange a visit for him to our nice hamster reservation for a permanent tour.

Most members fill out the standard questionnaire to introduce themselves on our forums, you however had no need. So we ask you two things, Kirk or Picard? What aspects of Star Citizen grabs your interest?

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Weather in space

This month we expect another round of a stupidly large amount of snow in space. We could be wrong. None of us at *The TESTIE Times* are close to being meteorologists, so that's how you know our data will be accurate.*

Space school's around the verse will be closed until further notice.



* - our data will never be right, we're too drunk to actually care however.

Insider

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In last weeks issue of T3 we asked Montoya "is there any advise you would give to new members of TEST" so, we ask you the same question!

First, don't be afraid to dive into the forums, chat, or mumble! You will find that both the staff and drunkards that hang out there are very approachable! Second, even if the full game is not due for at least an year we are always constantly finding ways to have fun in other games and such so please join in!

So concludes this months interview. I think I might have asked too many questions... Two pages is a bit much.

Ship Talk

Black Sunder has begun a series of articles of the TEST forums in regard to current ships and thoughts on them.

He covers specs, possible uses, and if it's worth your money for what you want to do.

We suggest you take a look and give him some input. Both story URL's are below.

Ship Talk #1 - <https://testsquadron.com/threads/exploring-the-unknown-ship-talk-1-updated.3433/>

Ship Talk #2 - <https://testsquadron.com/threads/aurora-rain-ship-talk-2.3510/>

Fan Fiction

The year was 2681... Yeah I know that's over 200 almost 300 years ago and I don't look any older than 30, but stay with me here.

I was standing at the edge looking out past Orion's edge, wondering if there were more jump points out there shrouded by the thick cold black. You might ask yourself why was he... Why was I, Renshnard all the way out there? And, yes I am named after the 4 headed mercury lake beast of Xian mythos.

Ok, to recap. I, Renshnard, was out at the edge of the Orion system contemplating a suicidal deep space run to try and find my own Jump Point to cash in on.

You can't get the gravy if you won't risk the biscuit." Pappy always said, but then again Pappy was a spice fiend and thought the Xian are the creator from the Old Bible of Earth.

I was on my third strike and trying to stay under the radar. If the UEE found me this time, I would be up for a nice long stretch on a prison mining rig somewhere. I had already done 5 years in the G-Pit. A maximum security joint nestled away in class 2 gravity well. Easy enough to enter but impossible to leave without a large engine battery behind you. G-Pit supplied the UEE with all the raw rocks it could need and we the unlawful with all the work force they could handle.

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Lead Editors Corner

This month's shoutout goes out to the new staff brought onto *The TESTIE Times*.

This issue is the product of multiple writers, artists, and editors. Never did I think that T3 would ever have this many people working together to bring TEST news.

Honestly having people helping has made the making of T3 easier. Alone I has grabbing for any story possible, now I can focus on making everything more reader friendly.

On the subject of making things reader friendly;

The TESTIE Times will be making a change to it's appearance in the near future. This is mainly because I am using a friends laptop and don't want to download anything to his PC.

Once I make it home, I will begin making T3 in a better program allowing more specific edits.

If anyone has suggestion for a good program for this, please let me know!

-Zara



Fan fiction

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The first two strikes were for borrowing ships. I never kept them, I temporarily took possession of them, but I guess the law doesn't make that distinction. The third was a bit more macabre. I made the mistake of breaking into what I thought was an empty storage facility tucked far out of Armitage orbit. The Kuzahi mafia was at the same moment using the facility as a Xian genetic material harvesting plant. In those days there was a large demand for Xian tech and people parts. Some wanted them to study, others sought it out as an aphrodisiac. What it was for didn't and doesn't matter, because it came from the death of other living sentient beings. They would kidnap and kill any Xian

they could, then chop them up like animals, parting them out like steaks and then putting the left overs in a blender to make a creams and powders to be sold as cure-alls and boner pills.

I was already horrified, and the real monster had yet to rear its head.

To be continued...

Patreon

Recently Montoya started up a Patreon project. For those of you who dont know what Patreon is we'll do our best to explain.

Patreon is where people who want to make something go to get funding for everyday people like you. Basically it's like kickstarter. You give someone money and in return they agree to give you something based on your patronage.

Here is what was said by Montoya on the Patreon site,

"Keep the beer flowing at TEST Squadron by pledging your support and helping me (Montoya) build the best damn gaming organization we can!

What started off as an idea for a bunch of friends to spend a few hours playing online on the weekend has blossomed into a massive 5000 member organization!

Your contributions allow me to dedicate more of my time into further developing TEST Squadron into all that it can be!

Giveaways, prizes, event planning, media and propaganda generation, backend server development, twitch streams, promotions and consumption of fine spirits.

These things take time and effort, none of which could be done without your support!"

-Montoya

Visit the page at; <https://www.patreon.com/TestSquadron>

Operation Yawspoon

Many of you know about OPPF, Operation Pitchfork. For those of you who don't know,

OPPF is a group planning on attacking the Vanduul at the end of the beta test, taking Vanduul ships for themselves, pretty much all out warfare against the Vanduul.

Here at TEST, we don't hate the Vanduul, they are just misunderstood. The UEE attacked them, naturally the Vanduul responded in kind. In an attempt to foil the plans of OPPF as well as expanding our fleet with Vanduul ships, as well as the ships OPPF members have.

No details on this operation are available beyond what has been stated above.



Retaliator Sale

The Retaliator has come back on sale.

The standalone ship is \$275.00 before VAT.

The package is \$300.00

The package contains,

- Retaliator
- 6 Month Insurance
- Squadron 42 Digital DL
- Digital Star Map
- VFG Industrial Hanger
- Beta Access
- SC Digital DL
- Digital Making of SC
- 10,000 UEC
- Digital SC Manual
- Digital Game Soundtrack

Needless to say the Retaliator is impressive. A six crew bomber. Length is sitting at 71 meters, mass at 188,000 kg. It has 2 TR5 primary engines. 2 TR3 maneuvering thrusters, 6 TR4 thrusters, and 12 TR1 thrusters. One S6 power plant.

Weapons consist of two S3 hardpoints and 5 S4 manned turrets.

Shield isn't the best, sitting at one S3.

While this beast won't be able to take a ridiculous amount of damage, it should be able to pick off targets with little difficulty.

On the topic of just released ships, there is a possibility of the Vanguard being released soon.

Suggestions

Want something in T3, want something changed, want to contribute? Well good news my fellow TESTies, you can!

Stop by our thread on the TEST forums and we can cover or fix what you think is wrong!

T3 Help/Suggestions - <https://testsquadron.com/threads/helping-with-the-testie-times.3371/>



Note

Here at The TESTIE Times we try to get the most accurate information. Unfortunately we're human and we make mistakes.

If we wrote an article and you feel you have been poorly represented, Feel free to contact our lead editor, Zaraphandox, on either the TEST forums or the RSI forums.

He will do everything he can to rectify the situation and provide you chance to get another article in the next issue.

If you are asked for information on an article, you may decline to answer, change info (up till the release date), or request your name is not mentioned.

TEST in Star Citizen News

This month in TEST in SC news, Shive is still dominating in racing. Eiyon has taken fourth in Old Vanderval and is still fourth in Rikkord. Congratulations to both of you and keep on doing what your doing!

TEST members have been spotted at PAX. Captain Richard Lonewolf and BadNewsBaron, who apparently didn't want to sport our colors (it's okay we forgive you guys), and TommyB!

In other news, leaked pictures show Montoya and Mini-Montoya inspecting the facilities of the Intel division. Moments later he flexed too hard and the facilities exploded. 10 personnel were wounded in the explosion.



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Meet our highly unskilled news team

52 beers were harmed in the making of this newsletter



Zaraphandox - Editor and writer. He enjoys RPG, RTS, and FPS games. He has no clue what he's doing as he designs this newsletter.



Ryan2534 - Writer. He enjoys CSGO and Star Citizen.



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Editors Note

Thank you for taking time to read this months edition of *The TESTIE Times*.

T3 is looking for more writers, artists, editors, and anything else you can think of! If you are interested PM Zaraphandox.



