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**a New Year ... a New Day ... a New Game ... a New**

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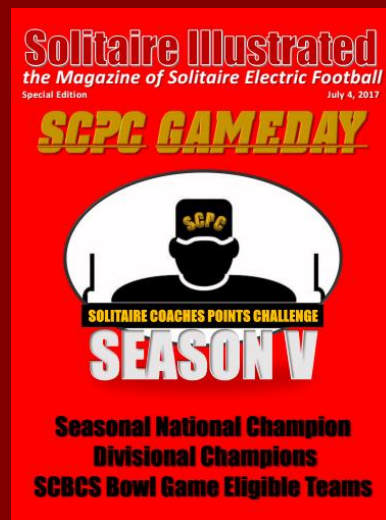
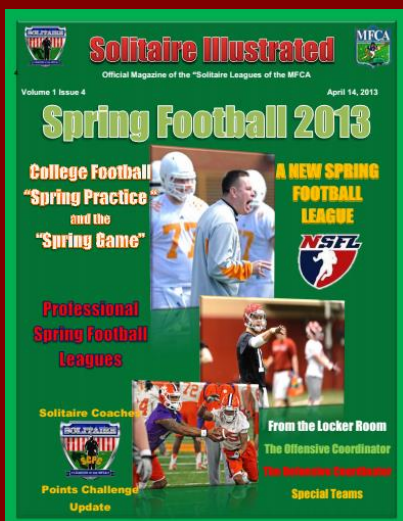
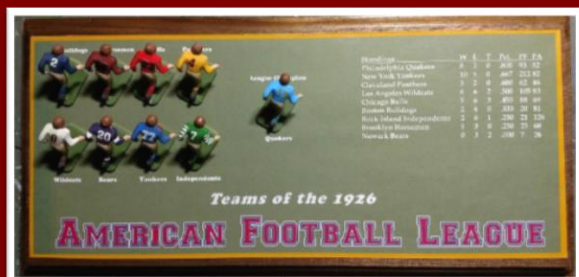
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# *from the Editor ...*

## *Happy New Year*



*... and Happy New Year to the Community of Solitaire Electric Football "Coaches".*

*It's a New Year and for me that always means a chance for a new beginning, a new outlook on life, a time to put the past behind and to look forward to a better future.*

2017 was a year of reflections, coming to grips with:

- #1. turning 60 years old.
- #2. realizing I only have a few more short years to live.
- #3. realizing I haven't achieved the level of success that I had hoped to by this time.

Don't get me wrong, life has been very good to me, overall. After 3 attempts @ marriage (and 3 divorces) 18 years ago (in November) I finally found my soulmate and true love, and 17 years (in July) I married her, my very caring and loving wife, Sylvia.

I have 2 very outstanding stepsons, Ben and Adam Coile, and through Adam we have been blessed with 3 outstanding young grandsons and 1 beautiful granddaughter. All very athletic and talented and already exhibiting excellent leadership qualities that will serve them well into their futures.

From my first marriage, I have a very beautiful daughter Racheal, and an extremely beautiful and talented young lady, my granddaughter *Alyssa Zayne Taylor*. Remember that name because she is an aspiring model and a very creative and talented artist.

But probably the thing that has defined me and my life most over the last 20 years (since November, 2017) is that I rediscovered my favorite game from my childhood, for it was 20 years ago this past Christmas that I received a new electric football game and discovered that subculture of the game and hobby "solitaire electric football".

So with that and the beginning of a NEW YEAR, I have decided to reissue, write, edit and publish the new "Magazine of Solitaire Electric Football" – Solitaire Illustrated GAMEDAY.

Solitaire Illustrated GAMEDAY will again focus on that format of play that most people who play the game of electric football participate in.

It is hard to put a value on the number of “coaches” who play the game in a “solitaire” format that I know or have known of. I have seen many coaches and leagues come and go over the past 20 years.

But one thing I do know and am sure of:

***“Solitaire Electric Football Coaches” are the most creative and innovative people to play the game and have done more to influence and keep the game alive than any other segment of the game and hobby, ESPECIALLY those who play in organized leagues and tournaments’.***

Yeah, there I said it!

Solitaire electric football players and coaches have been the ones to come up with the most innovative rules of the game, creative styles of play and realistic game play procedures, than any other players, coaches and organizers of league and tournaments in the game and hobby today.

Most solitaire coaches have played in or been involved with multiple player league and tournament organizations, but for whatever reasons there may be, have chosen to spend the majority of their electric football activities playing in a solitaire format.

I, myself, have been involved with and participated in many national, regional, and local leagues and tournaments and still value very much the friendships developed and fellowship experienced by playing in these organizations. But it is only through solitaire, that I have been able to play the game the way that I want to play it, with the teams, figures and bases that I want to play it with, on the gameboards that I want to play it on, with the equipment that I want to use and with the rules that I have developed to add more REALISM, EXCITEMENT and – most of all – FUN!!! to my game day experience.

With “Solitaire Illustrated GAMEDAY” it is the MISSION and PURPOSE of this publication to:

***“further advance and promote the game and hobby of “Electric Football” to the general public by featuring the “coaches and leagues of Solitaire Electric Football” through informative and educational news items, feature articles and reports published on a regular basis”.***

As of today, the plan is to publish this magazine on a “quarterly” basis. Much depends on the amount of information I am able to gleam from internet websites, facebook pages and from my own experiences of playing the game and how much time I can freely put into it.

Any help from other players and coaches in the form of comments, suggestions and article submittals will be very much welcomed and appreciated. I will also accept paid advertising from any person, business or organization that sells, promotes or produces products and services to the general public as long as it is related to the game and hobby of electric football.

All inquiries should be sent to [efffanatic@charter.net](mailto:efffanatic@charter.net) with “Solitaire Illustrated GAMEDAY in the subject heading.

***Thanks and again HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2018!!!***

***Chris LeMay, Editor and Publisher***



# Solitaire Illustrated

## **GAMEDAY**

**Vol. 1 Issue 1**

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... Photos of game play action

### **Custom Figure Galleries**

... Photos of custom figures from the many Custom Figure Artists

... Content will vary from issue to issue dependent on what is available from submittals and other sources.

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# Feature Article ...

*Every Issue of "Solitaire Illustrated GAMEDAY" will feature an article of interest that may not necessarily be about electric football or playing solitaire electric football but about the "coaches" who play the game and other areas of interest that they may have.*

Solitaire electric football coaches have a wide variety of interest that are not always related to the game and hobby but may have something to do with miniatures or football in general.

For example, I am a woodworker and cabinet builder by trade and I work for a company that fabricates and installs museum displays and trade show exhibits.

I have had the opportunity and privilege to work on some of the most visited museums in the country with very high profiles and related to the history of football and other sports such as the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH, the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, WI and the New York Mets Hall of Fame at Citifield in Flushing, NY.

Since we are located in Nashville, TN, I have worked on exhibits at the

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and built and installed 2 small display cabinets for the University of Vanderbilt's Athletic Training Facility.

In my 12 ½ years of working for this company I have gained some very valuable experience that has helped in my further development of woodworking skills and graphic design abilities that I hope to apply to doing more to promote the game and hobby of electric football.

My life long goal has been to be an artist and craftsman and to be able to make a living selling my crafts and art work. After 40 long years, that goal is finally within reach.

I am also a student of the rules of football and the history of the gridiron game as played in America and Canada. One goal I have for 2018 is to go to a CFL game and visit the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.



# Pro Football Hall of Fame Exhibits



# Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame Exhibits



# New York Mets Hall of Fame Exhibits



# League Reports ...

*The main purpose of "Solitaire Illustrated GAMEDAY" is to promote the game of electric football by featuring the "coaches and leagues of Solitaire Electric Football".*

Electric football is played by numerous individual "coaches" who own and operate multiple team leagues and play their games in a solitaire format.

It is hard to keep track of these leagues since, for the most part, they are very low profile and "come and go" often without ever being noticed or little to nothing is known of their existence.

It is often typical for a single individual, who received their first game in their youth, and not having anyone else to play the game with to play the game by themselves, acting as the coach of both teams on the field. This is what defines playing the game in a solitaire format –

*"one player playing the game and acting as the coach of both the offensive and defensive teams at the same time"*

Such was the case, in my situation as a young boy of 12, when I

received my first game of electric football. It was the Christmas of 1970 and my first set was of the Tudor Model 520 AFL game with the Chiefs and Jets in official uniforms.

My brother was 15 at the time and I had a younger sister. My Dad worked alternating shifts so he was usually sleeping at odd hours. That left me to entertain myself and I spent many hours playing electric football by myself.

Over the next year, I bought more teams until I had a "league" of 8 AFL /NFL teams. Technically they were all NFL teams since the AFL and NFL merged in 1970.

I played 10 seasons with these teams, until I turned eighteen and was a senior in high school and like most boys of that age become more interested in girls and my electric football game found a permanent home under my bed never to see the light of day again.



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# Game Reports...

*Game reports have become a very important part of my “Solitaire Electric Football “ existence. It is through these reports that I am able to share my GAMEDAY experiences and also to keep a recorded history of my “league” game play.*

Not everyone keeps a written report of their league games. With the advances in technology of cell phones and digital video recording devices many use video and photos to record their games and then to share them on network and social media especially facebook.

I prefer to keep a written report of my games with detailed play – by – play game action. I do take some photos to share on the MFCA’s Solitaire Forum and facebook group pages related to electric football and an occasional video.

Even with my first league in the early ‘70’s. I kept a notebook with hand written play-by-play game reports and then spent hours compiling stats for teams and individual players.

Today I do the same thing but in

much greater detail and then spend hours after a game typing up the play-by-play report and compiling stats.

If I took photos and videos, I spend even more time editing them and then writing up a game summary and posting this info to various forums and facebook.

These are the things that I need more people to do because these are what I need to make this publication successful.

**AND LOTS OF PHOTOS!!!**

This is after all “Solitaire Illustrated”. To quote a famous saying:

***“A picture is worth a thousand words.”***



# Game Action Photos ...

*Written game reports and game summaries are good but most people want to see photos and videos . Here are some photos from some of my past games.*





# Custom Figure Galleries ...

*Here is where I will showcase and feature some of the great custom figure creators and painters "miniature football artists"*



**Pittsburgh Steelers' Willie Parker by Timothy Dale Smith**





# Electric Football Group Pages on facebook

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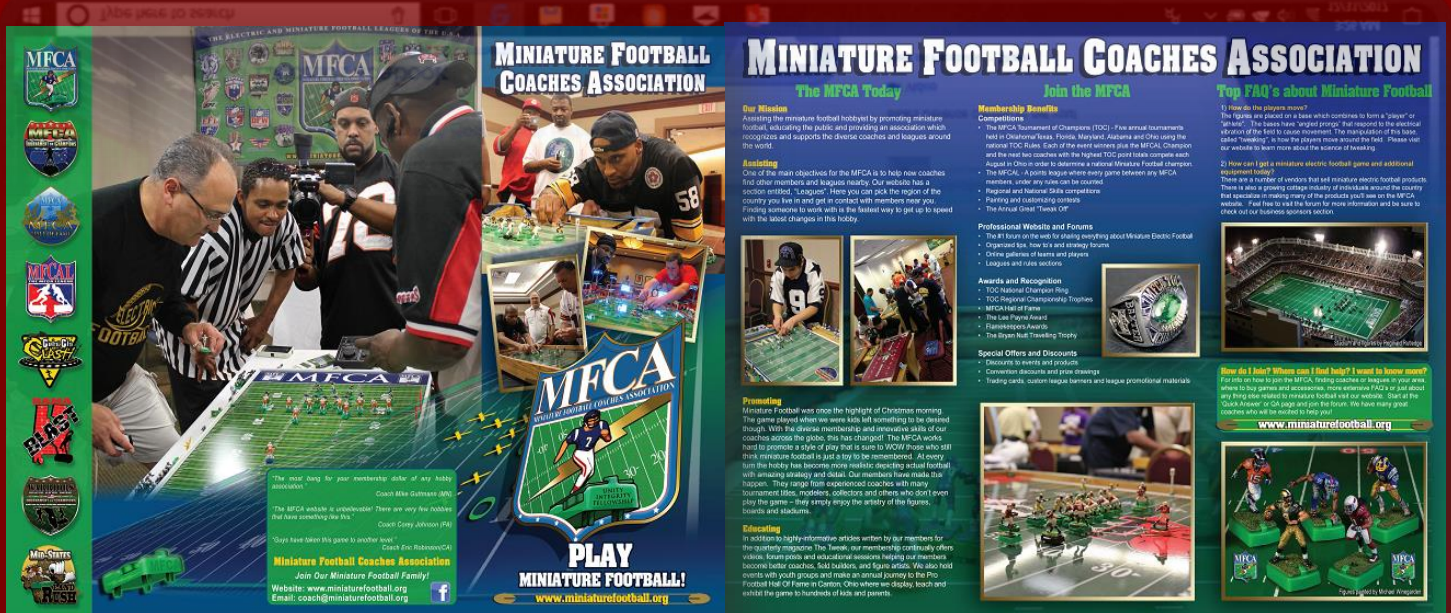
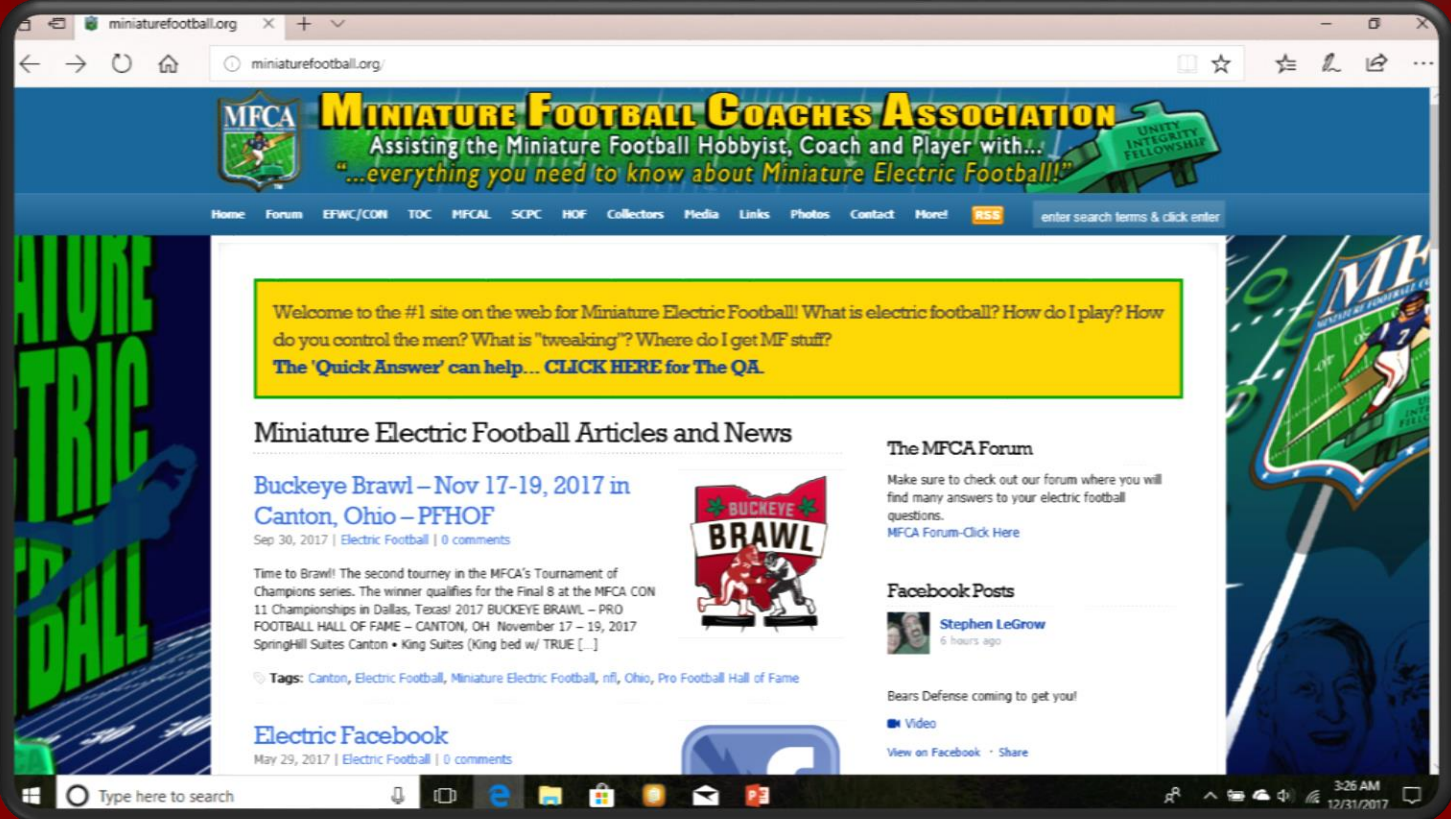


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