

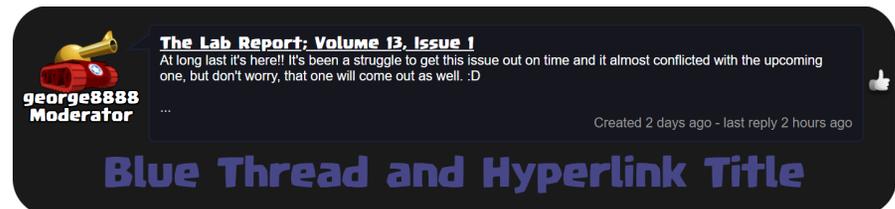
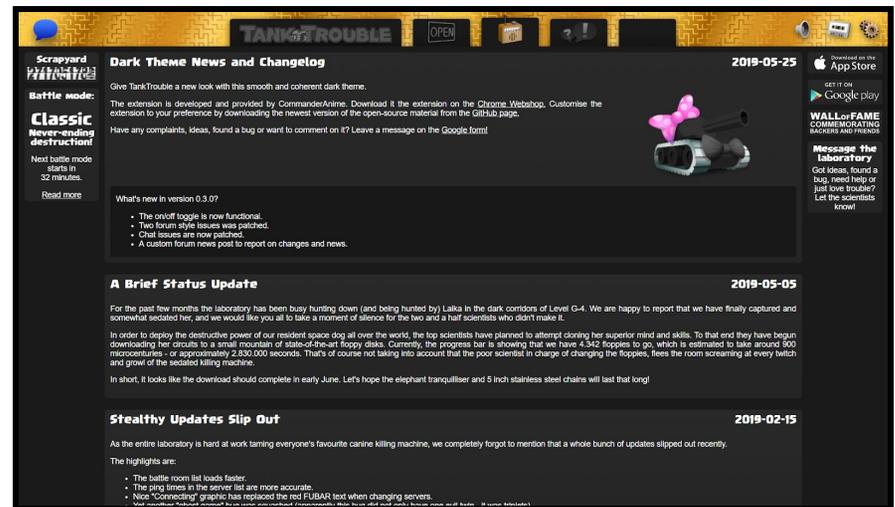
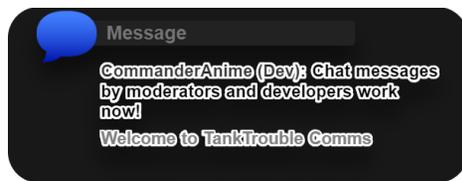


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## Dark Mode v0.3.0

By *george8888*

A brand new update just came out a few days ago and it includes the on/off toggle which makes it incredibly easy to switch between the default view and the dark mode view. Lots of bugs were patched, a custom news post appears, and the titles of players sticks even when dark mode is turned off. In the coming update all TLR thread headers will act as hyperlinks to their respective issue and the body of text will be tinted blue. To continue this effort, CommanderAnime asks to report any bugs and leave feedback on the google form provided in their thread.



**Blue Thread and Hyperlink Title**

## TheRage Deranks

By *george8888*

It had been a mere few issues back that marked the highest rank achieved by any player and now they've given it all away. TheRage achieved over 20,000 rank points legitimately in a span of a few weeks. But just about two weeks ago it had come to the forum's attention that they had given all that rank to fellow players.



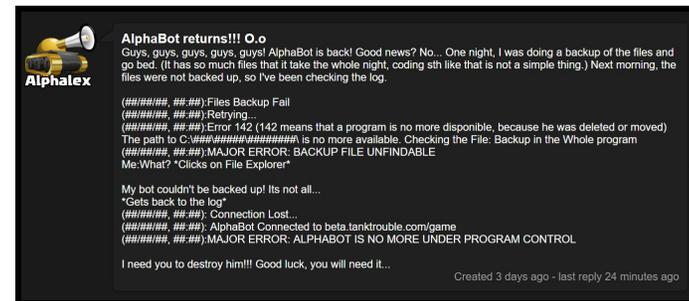
According to TheRage, "There was not much I was achieving by maintaining such a high rank, apart from personal satisfaction [...] I chose to give back to the community by donating 24,000 Rank to my friends and other users as a token of appreciation for their support in my rank journey." Currently, they stand at just over 5000 rank which was earned in the past two weeks. This generous donation of rank has placed them in a lower bracket as there are a few players who have tens of thousands of rank points. Regardless, the community sees this player as an outstanding competitor.

## AlphaBot Returns

By *george8888*

A few months ago the forum was visited by a supposed bot account that could verse the best players on Beta. Numerous attempts were made to try to figure out if this was a hoax or if it was in fact a skilled AI of sorts. But shortly after the first appearance, they skirted away. Now a new thread has been made on the forum stating that the bot has made a return. The name of the bot is AlphaBot and was created by Alphalex. From the thread, it appears as if though this may be a sort of play on the story of Laika. There are some similarities such as losing the bot, recapturing it, and various uncanny errors. Regardless of what the story behind this bot is, they'll most likely make an appearance on Beta.

[Read more about AlphaBot here.](#)



## Cantina Chat #16

By *george8888*

Although the last issue was only released a few days ago, the community poured in their responses to that cantina chat. The topic was simple and relatable which probably

helped bring in more replies. The question was simply about the way players were introduced to this game and how long they've been playing. Here are some of the responses.

“I found out about this game at school, it was time to go home and my parents were late in picking me up. So, i was sent to a study center. in study center were given breaks every hour, during one of these breaks one of my friends was playing the game on an unblocked site. when i went home i was able to go onto the TT classic site and create my account. two and half years latter and i'm still here. :P”

~Spiros04

“5 years”

~Joel5D

“i played for 6 years and i took a long break on other accounts”

~the\_mad\_scientist

“i found tank trouble through my friends when they were playing 10 years ago from now or 11 give or take”

~herio

“A friend put up tank trouble at school. Got blocked. But eventually, i found my way to the original TT site, made an account there. Started out with a tank called Shivertooth, made a new tank called TripleStryke. Many refer to me as TS.

I started playing TT in 7th grade, or 2014/5. Took a break for about 2 years before coming back for a few. Now I am still not 100% back as I don't have access to it in school, and can only access the 1.5 hours before bed. I've also busied myself with FRC, work, and everyday life. The community certainly grew from what I remember.”

~TS

For this cantina chat, let's keep things simple once more. There are varying opinions on the moderation team and that's to be expected. The main goals of moderators are to keep TankTrouble free from any spam, maintain a friendly atmosphere, and help improve the quality of the site. How do you perceive the mod team? Do you think they're doing a good job? Is there anything that they could improve upon? Keep in mind that this isn't a place to berate and insult anyone, rather provide constructive criticism.

[Click Here for Google Form](#)

### **Coloring Page Activity**

*By george8888*

Here's a coloring page of an active and helpful community member; Spiros04! Make sure to print it out and color it at home. Submit pictures to get featured in the next issue.

[Click Here for Coloring Page](#)

## Statistics Corner - May 2019

By Dalek-Buster

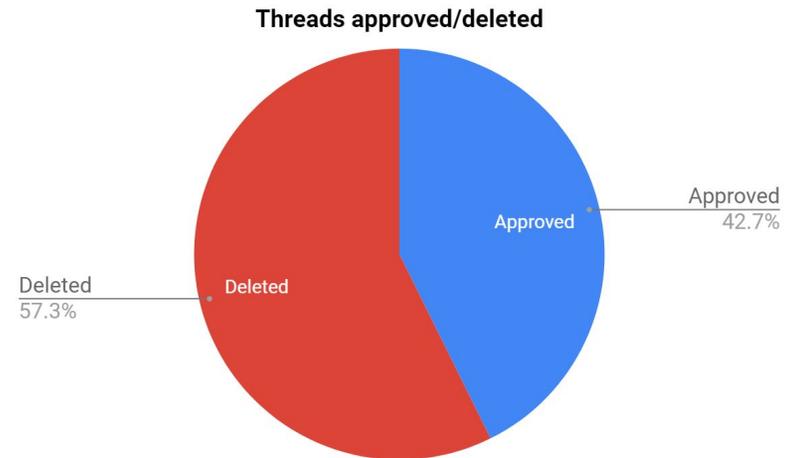
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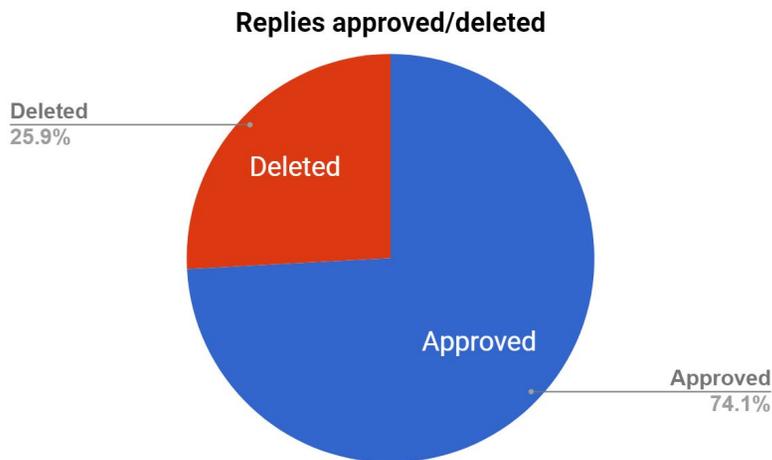
In April 2019, we saw some more threads created. And that's it. Every other statistic was worse than the previous month, including the percentage of threads and replies deleted on the forum.

I once again concluded that we probably won't see any noticeable rise in activity, other than some of the usual ebb and flow, until the highly anticipated Laika update comes out. One month later, and it still hasn't come out. However, as anyone following the news and *The Lab Report* will know, that will all change on June the 7th 2019! But we'll look at that in the next stats corner. So, for now, let's get straight into it:

	April 2019	May 2019
<b>Tanks created</b>	146,480	<b>127,206</b>
<b>Tanks destroyed</b>	14,520,800	<b>16,593,100</b>
<b>Threads created</b>	346	<b>396</b>
<b>Percentage of threads deleted (rounded to nearest integer)</b>	52%	<b>57%</b>
<b>Replies posted</b>	2012	<b>2495</b>

<b>Percentage of replies deleted (rounded to nearest integer)</b>	22%	<b>26%</b>
<b>Threads and replies banned</b>	4 threads banned, 1 reply banned.	<b>5 threads, 1 reply</b>





On the plus side:

- More tanks destroyed
- More threads created
- More replies posted

However, on the negative side:

- Fewer tanks created
- Higher percentage of threads deleted
- Higher percentage of replies deleted
- Several threads banned

I'll admit, the rise in both forum activity statistics (threads created and replies posted) surprised me. It was certainly a pleasant surprise though. Why has this happened? I'm not sure. However, it should be noted that both rises are minor. Plotted onto a line graph of forum activity over the past

year, I'm sure they'd barely be noticeable. Nevertheless, it's certainly encouraging to see a minor increase despite there being no clear cause of it.

I am yet again disappointed by the increases in percentages of threads and replies deleted. They've been trending upward for too long now, and it's really about time to see a decrease. Here's hoping that Laika's early June arrival will see a rise in more *productive* threads and, as a result, more productive replies. It's also worth pointing out that there was one user spamming threads earlier this week, which has slightly disproportionately affected the threads deleted statistic, though it would still be high even if that hadn't happened.

On June the 7th, Laika will finally arrive on BETA. I am hoping, and expecting, that this will have a noticeable positive impact on the statistics for June 2019. Let's hope I'm proven right! See you again soon for the June 2019 statistics. :)



**The YouTube Column**

*By the TT Community*

*No new videos.*

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