



RETROSPECTIVE



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FROM THE ADEPTICON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Well, by all accounts, AdeptiCon 2007 was the most successful AdeptiCon to date. This marked AdeptiCon's fifth year, and while a lot of hard work from a great number of people goes into making AdeptiCon happen, our success is directly related to you, our attendees. Those that experience AdeptiCon continue to return every year and work to spread the AdeptiCon gospel to the masses of Games Workshop hobbyists. Thank you for making AdeptiCon one of the best Games Workshop hobby experiences found anywhere.

AdeptiCon 2007 was a little more than four months ago, and with help from our creative staff, this Retrospective covers the highlights. For me, being apart of AdeptiCon has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. AdeptiCon has given me the opportunity to share the hobby with thousands. It has allowed me to forge friendships all across the United States and abroad. It is truly an example of what separates the wargaming hobby from computer and console gaming. AdeptiCon for me is a social gathering; a yearly weekend when old friends converge on Chicago to meet over a few beers and roll some dice.

Everyone involved makes it his or her mission to bring the best possible Games Workshop gaming experience to Chicago for one weekend a year. To do that means not sitting on our successes, but to take in feedback, evaluate each aspect of the convention, and determine what went well and what could use some improvement.

That process for 2008 started during AdeptiCon 2007. It became clear that we had outgrown a venue that was a very successful location for us. We realized such growth on the Warhammer Fantasy side that we felt the Warhammer Fantasy group deserved more resources dedicated to them. So next year at AdeptiCon 2008, we'll be changing venues to the Crowne Plaza in Rosemont, IL, located right next to O'Hare International Airport. Being close to the airport makes it more convenient for our attendees, but the most important thing is that our floor space will double to 24,000 square feet.

Last year was also something of an experiment. We brought other Games Workshop game lines to the tabletop with a Lord of the Rings tourney, a Battlefleet Gothic tourney, and some Aeronautica Imperialis demos. All of which, we're happy to say, received very positive feedback. It was evident that while AdeptiCon had grown and our "bread and butter" events continued to do very well, we had a segment of our attendees looking for other side events to participant in. So next year you can look forward to more Specialist Games events, Warhammer Ancient Battles, and more demos, open gaming, and scenario-driven events.

Thanks again for being a part of AdeptiCon – For Gamers, By Gamers. We look forward to seeing you in 2008!

Hank Edley
AdeptiCon Executive Committee Member



INTRODUCTION

On March 30th, 2007, almost eight hundred Games Workshop Hobbyists converged on the Chicagoland Schaumburg Marriott for the "Can't Miss" event of the year. The volunteer-run event has become the highlight of the year for many in the Games Workshop hobby, giving them a chance to meet and play with hobbyists from across the globe, show off their best work, and learn from some of the best-known names in the hobby.



Each AdeptiCon 2007 attendee received their choice of one of the two AdeptiCon limited edition minatures available this year. The "Dreaded Mecrob" (above left) sculpted by Tim Lison and the Cylcoptic Warrior (above right) sculpted by Jeff Wilhelm.

Over three days, attendees competed in our eight tournaments, played demos, attended seminars, or participated in one of our many other events. With all the excitement, nobody could possibly see everything that went on, so here's the 2007 AdeptiCon Retrospective, with pictures from throughout the weekend.



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WARHAMMER 40K

GLADIATOR

In the 40K Ballroom, the Warhammer 40K Gladiator tournament opened the weekend. 134 competitors brought 2000 points of their finest for 4 rounds of no-holds-barred competition. Titans, superheavies, and Tyranid monstrosities all saw play on the tabletop as participants took advantage of the opportunity to field all the models normally reserved for the display shelf.

Although painting isn't judged in the 40K Gladiator, many participants went far beyond the "fully painted" standard required. Check out for yourself some of the beautifully painted armies and models that saw action during the AdeptiCon 2007 Gladiator.





WARHAMMER 40K

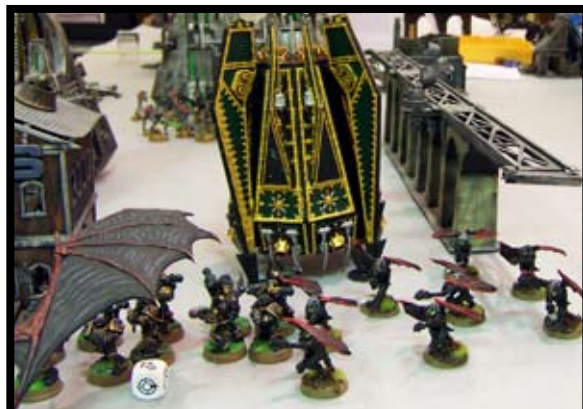
GLADIATOR





WARHAMMER 40K

GLADIATOR



Champion
Troy Clifton



Second in Command
Tim Schmidt



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WARHAMMER FANTASY ESCALATION

In the Fantasy Pavillion, 63 attendees played in the 2nd annual Warhammer Fantasy Escalation tournament. An AdeptiCon signature event, the Escalation tournament challenges competitors to excel at the 1000, 2000, and 3000 point levels.





WARHAMMER FANTASY

ESCALATION





WARHAMMER FANTASY ESCALATION



Overall Champion
Bruce Chirrey



Best Sportsman
Jim Emerick



Best General
Jordan Braun



Best Army
Tim Walker



Best Painted
Johnny Hastings



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Todd Wiatt



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LORD OF THE RINGS TEAM TOURNAMENT

2007 saw the first AdeptiCon Lord of the Rings Team Tournament. This event featured two-person teams competing against each other, with each team consisting of one "Good" army and one "Evil" army.



The wars of Middle Earth were recreated in the Fantasy Pavillion, with participants bringing the Fellowship of the Ring, the Riders of Rohan, and the mighty Mumakil to life on the gaming table.

Over three rounds of competition, one team managed to emerge victorious over its competitors...



LORD OF THE RINGS TEAM TOURNAMENT



Master of Middle Earth
CAGO 2



Best Team Sportsmanship
Taskforce Basement II



Best Team Generals
Heroes of Middle Earth



Best Team Army
The White Council



VENDOR HALL / BITZ TRADING

AdeptiCon expanded its vendor hall this year, giving attendees a chance to shop throughout the weekend. Games Workshop, ForgeWorld, Black Library, Battlewagon Bits, and Gale Force 9 were present all weekend, with full line-ups of product on hand.



Several painting services, including Blue Table Painting, were also present, with samples of their work available for perusal.



Attendees also got a chance to swap and sell their own bitz, models, and whole armies at the Bitz Trading sessions on Friday and Saturday Nights. Many attendees took advantage of this chance to pick up some bargains or get rid of some unwanted product.





WH40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

The 2007 AdeptiCon Warhammer 40K National Team Tourney was our largest ever, with 90 teams and 360 players competing. This made it the largest Warhammer 40K Tournament in the world, and our attendees made sure that it also showcased some of the finest modeling and painting ever seen.





WH40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT



Team shirts, banners, and thematic army displays abounded in the 40K Ballroom as teams sought to outdo their competitors.

But painting and theme were only part of the scores. In the end, the overall champions needed not only good sportsmanship, coherent theme, and stunning appearance, but also had to prove themselves victorious on the gaming table.



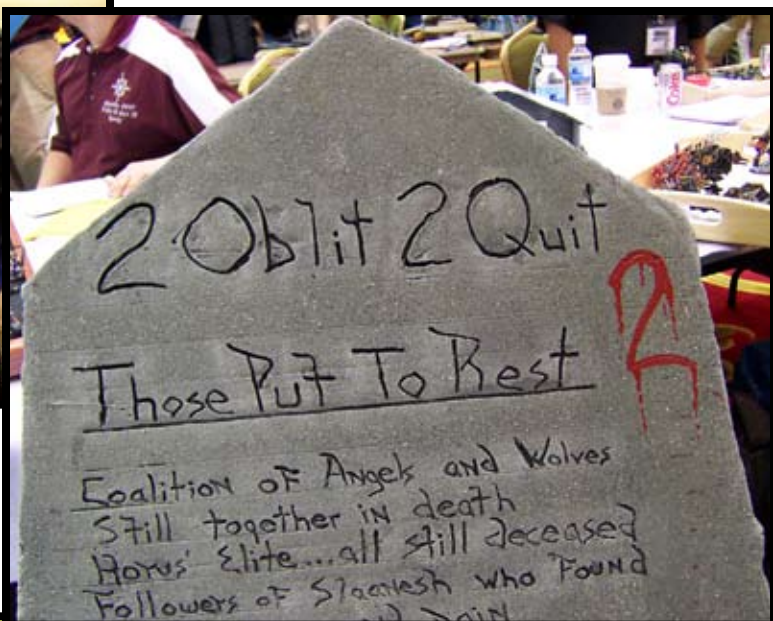


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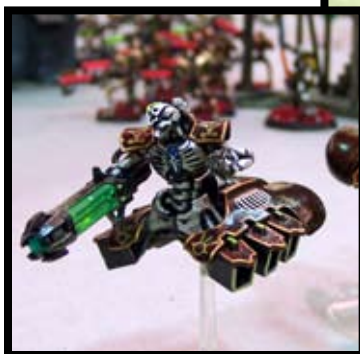


WH40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT





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Team Tournament Champions
Checkmate Hobbies



Best Team Sportsmanship
Name



Best Team Tacticians
Craftworld 40K Fight Club



Best Team Theme & Presentation
2 Oblit 2 Quit 2



Best Team Appearance
Casus Belli



Best Imperial Team
Emperor's Jack-Booted Thugs



WH40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT



Best Heretical Team
Wrecking Crew
Detachment 1



Best Xenos Team
Wrecking Crew
Detachment 2



Best Hybrid Team
Warmongers



Headhunters
Dakka Detachment One



Team Tournament Scholars
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Let the Dice Fall Where They May
Team Brokeback

Not Pictured: Close But Not Quite - Robot Ninjas



WH40K NATIONAL TT ARMY SPOTLIGHT

Wrecking Crew Detachment 2 came with an awe-inspiring army display, featuring an Orky drive-in movie theatre, including promotional posters of such "classics" as "The Texas Choppa Massacre" and "Waagh of the Worlds".

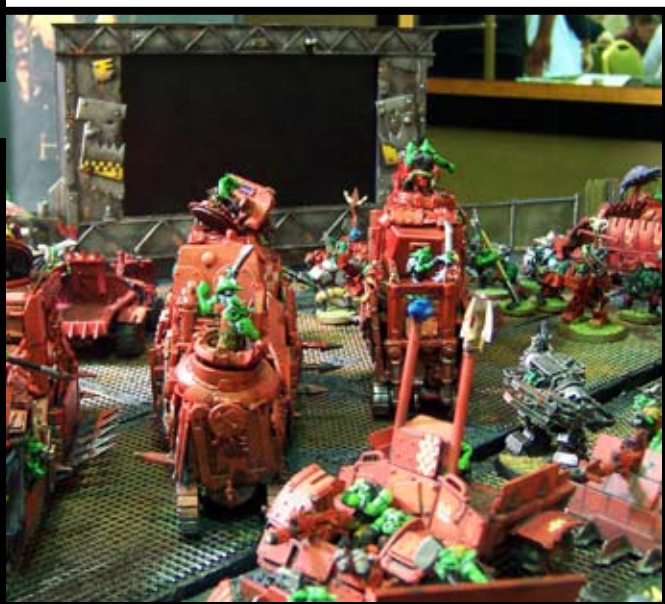




WH40K NATIONAL TT ARMY SPOTLIGHT

The attention to detail in their army was simply astounding, with a 'MekDonalds' drive-through (complete with "orkified" menu), and full-sized orkish weapons to complete their team's ensemble.

Without a doubt, the Wrecking Crew Detachment 2 earned their "Best Xenos Team" award.





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WARHAMMER FANTASY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Saturday, the Fantasy Pavillion played host to the AdeptiCon Warhammer Fantasy Championships. 80 players brought their A-games for four rounds of keen competition. As usual, beautifully painted armies and displays were the rule, and many hours of work had gone into creating these masterpieces.





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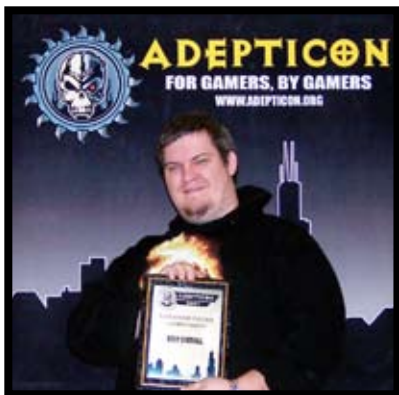


WARHAMMER FANTASY CHAMPIONSHIPS





WARHAMMER FANTASY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Overall Champion
Jordan Braun



Best Sportsman
Casey Cronan



Best Painted
James Hyde



Best Army
Tim Walker



Close But Not Quite
John Stentz

Not Pictured:
Best General
Shane Chapin



40K CODICIER/ FANTASY LOREMASTER

The 40K Codicier and Fantasy Loremaster Challenges, last year's hit quiz-show style competition returned to AdeptiCon 2007, as AdeptiCon attendees showed their knowledge (or lack thereof) about the backstory and universes of Warhammer 40K and Warhammer Fantasy.



Congratulations to the winners of the 2007 40K Codicier and Fantasy Loremaster Challenges!

**40K Codicier Champion
Hod Sheikhnia**

**Fantasy Loremaster Champion
Alex Gonzalez**



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WARHAMMER 40K CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Warhammer 40K Championships filled the 40K Ballroom on Sunday, as 160 players competed for honors in the final 40K event of the weekend.

As had been the case throughout the weekend, AdeptiCon's attendees brought some of stunning masterpieces to play with.





WARHAMMER 40K CHAMPIONSHIPS





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Overall Champion
Mike Mutscheller



Best Sportsman
Eric Hobin



Best General
Dennis Wendt Jr.



Best Appearance
Brian Carlson



Player's Choice
Corey Hink



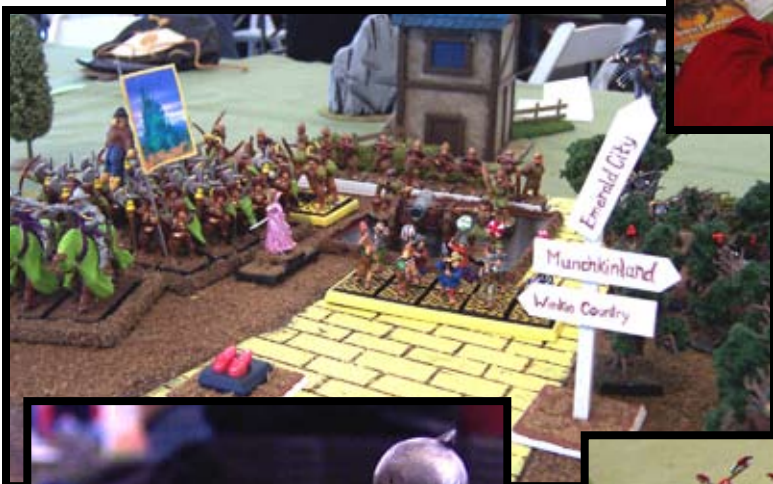
Close But Not Quite
Darian Dalangin

Not Pictured: 40K Codicier - Ragnar Arneson



WARHAMMER FANTASY TEAM TOURNAMENT

The Warhammer Fantasy Team Tournament capped the weekend in the Fantasy Pavillion, with 2-player teams competing against each other for pride and glory. Gorgeously converted, painted, and themed army were the rule as dice rolled all day long.



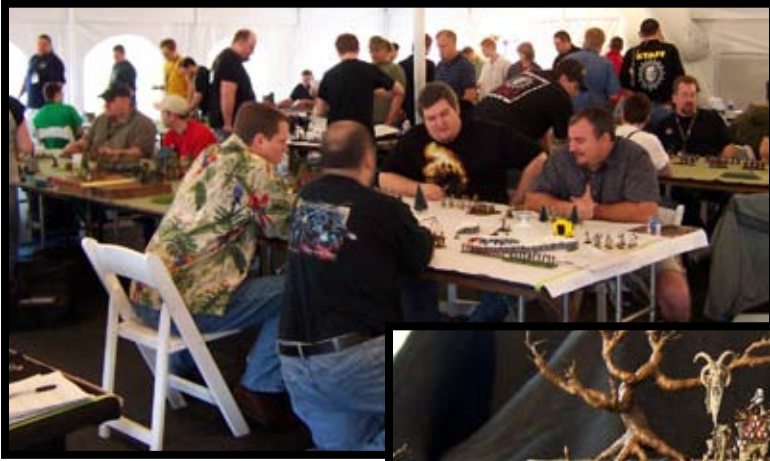


WARHAMMER FANTASY TEAM TOURNAMENT





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WARHAMMER FANTASY TEAM TOURNAMENT



Best Overall Team
East Lustria Company



Best Team Sports
The Lost Crusade



Best Team Generals
Green Tide



Best Team Appearance
The Unclean



Best Team Theme
Tastes Like Sushi



Tourney's Choice
Trick or Tree



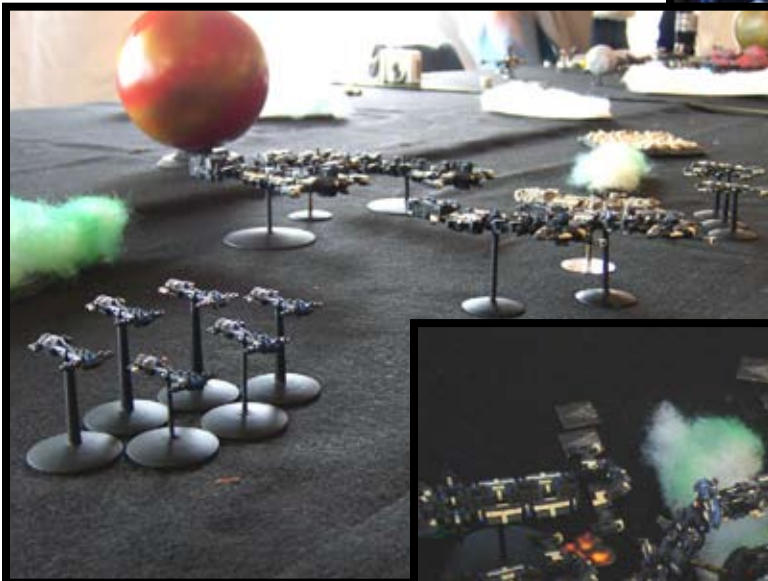
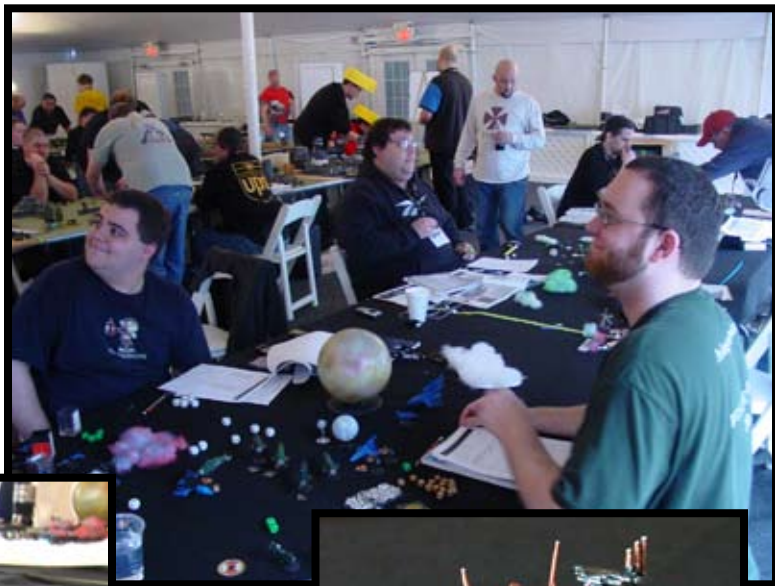
Close But Not Quite
Agents of Chaos



BATTLEFLEET GOTHIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 saw the first-ever AdeptiCon Battlefleet Gothic Championships. Players brought 1500 point fleets to battle in the void of space, on AdeptiCon's new outer-space gaming tables.

For three rounds, battle raged across the stars as the players brought their fleets to bear on one another.



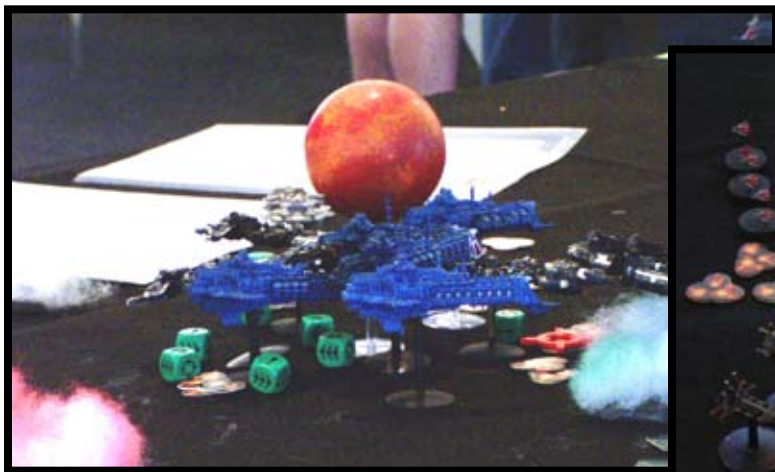


BATTLEFLEET GOTHIC CHAMPIONSHIPS





BATTLEFLEET GOTHIC CHAMPIONSHIPS



Best Overall
Shane McRoberts



Best Fleet
Laren Larson

Not Pictured:
Best Sportsman
Ryan Pyneberg



HOBBY SEMINARS

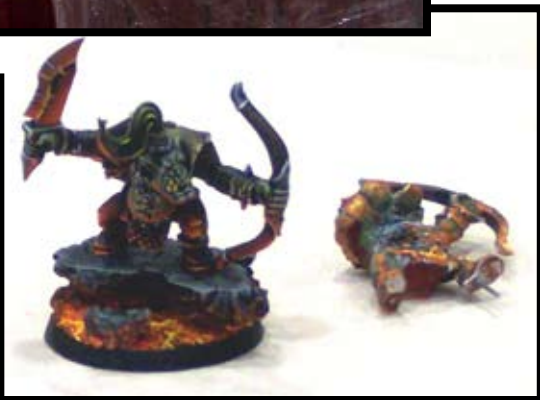
AdeptiCon's lineup of hobby seminars continued to grow, as attendees took the opportunity to learn from some of the best painters, sculptors, and converters in the hobby.





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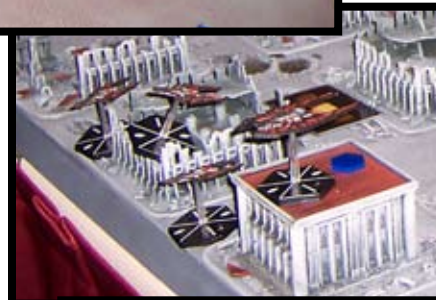
In addition to seminars on topics such as terrain building, object source lighting, and army speed painting, AdeptiCon 2007 also featured seminars with our Guest of Honor Jervis Johnson, who sat down with AdeptiCon attendees in Interactive Roundtable Discussions to talk about the future directions of the Games Workshop hobby.





AERONAUTICA IMPERIALIS DEMOS

Throughout the weekend, AdeptiCon 2007 featured demo games of ForgeWorld's first game, the aerial combat wargame Aeronautica Imperialis. Dozens of attendees got a chance to check out this newest addition to the Games Workshop hobby, and to see for themselves the amazing models ForgeWorld has created for this game.





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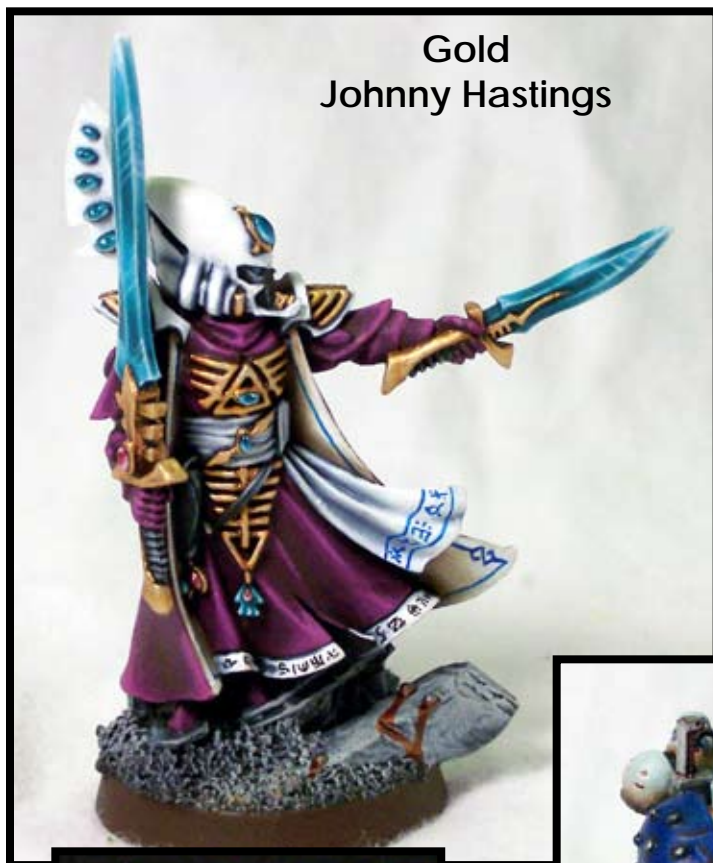
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ROGUE DEMON

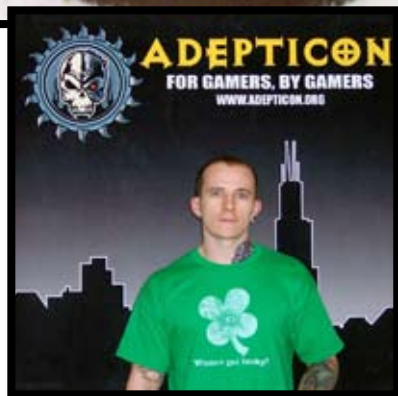
AdeptiCon's Rogue Demon Painting Competition has become a competition to match any other in the world. This year's entries continued to display a rare mix of skill and artistry rarely seen anywhere.

Category: Single Miniature



Gold
Johnny Hastings

Silver
John Shaffer
(Not Pictured)



Bronze
Dylan Gautier

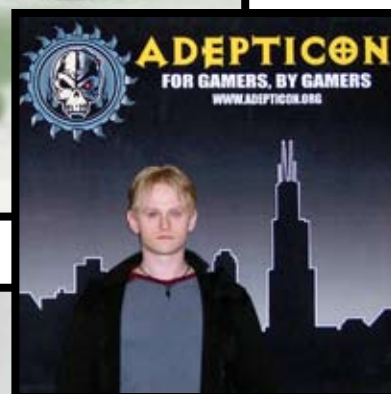


ROGUE DEMON

Category: Squad or Regiment



Silver
Dave Taylor





ROGUE DEMON



Bronze
Keith Koene

Category: Youngblood



Gold
Tony Grippando



Silver
Alex Bouch
(Not Pictured)



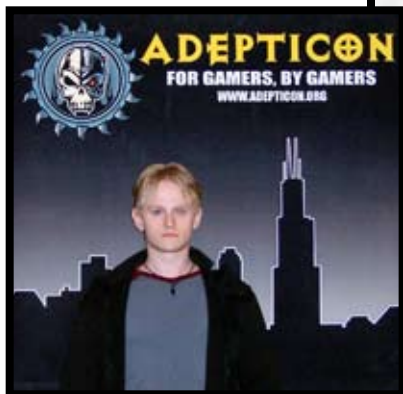


ROGUE DEMON



Bronze
Conor Hanson

Category: Vehicle/Monster



Gold
Bennet Blalock Doane
AdeptiCon 2007
Rogue Demon
Best of Show
Bennet Blalock Doane





ROGUE DEMON



Silver
Dylan Gautier



Bronze
James Wappel



ROGUE DEMON

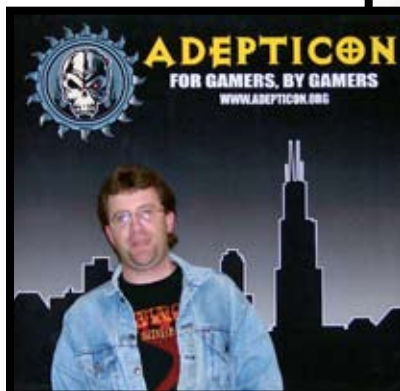
Category: Open



Gold
Mark Maxey



Silver
Shawn Welte





ROGUE DEMON



Bronze
Cathy Wappel



Masterclass Auction
Best of Show
Cathy Wappel



JOIN THE ADEPTICON TEAM!

In 2008, AdeptiCon will be moving to a larger venue, which means more room for tournaments, open gaming, demos, seminars, and everything else that has gone into making AdeptiCon the finest event in the Games Workshop Hobby. One thing that this means is that we're on the lookout for more staff to help make sure we continue to live up to the standard of excellence that we've established over the past five years.

We'd like to invite you to become a part of the AdeptiCon 2008 team! We're looking for volunteers who are excited and passionate about building and supporting a hobby that has given all of us some great times.



We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

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- Fantasy Tournament/Event Staff
- Specialist Games Tournament/Event Staff
- Hobby Seminar Instructors
- *Communications
- *Terrain Building (Chicago-area residency required)
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E-mail awc_nfp@yahoo.com today with your name, contact info, and areas in which you'd be particularly interested in volunteering. A member of the AdeptiCon Council will get in touch with you.





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