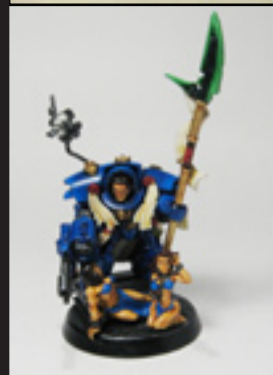
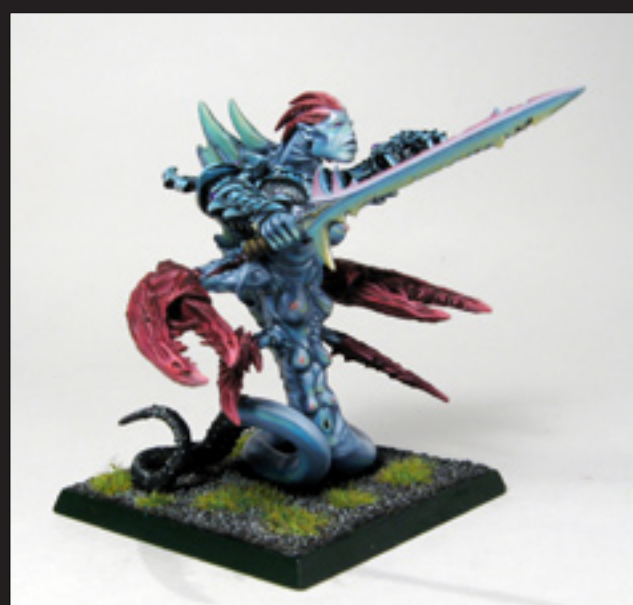




ADEPTICON 2008

RETROSPECTIVE





FROM THE ADEPTICON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Once again, both old friends and new faces came together in Chicago for one heck of a Wargaming weekend. Having been involved with AdeptiCon from the beginning - first as an attendee and then as part of the Council - I think it is safe to say AdeptiCon 2008 set a new standard for us to live up to.

AdeptiCon's success is the culmination of a lot of hard work from a great number of people, and is directly related to you, our attendees. It's your feedback that drives the improvements and changes that's made AdeptiCon so successful. So thank you for making AdeptiCon one of the best hobby experiences around. It continues to be a pleasure working to make this event happen each and every year.

We've had a couple of months to catch our breath. In 2008, we moved into a new venue, setting new standards. We not only continued to offer the great core events, such as the 40K and Fantasy Tournaments that AdeptiCon is known for, but we also greatly expanded our "Specialist Games" offerings, open gaming, and demos - because the Games Workshop hobby is about more than just tournaments.

We held one of the largest Lord of the Rings events to be found anywhere. We brought in special guests like Phil Kelly and Graham McNeil. We had more vendors, played more games, and gave out more swag, both as prizes and just for attending, than we've ever done before.

Most importantly, more fun was had and friendships made.

The process for creating AdeptiCon 2009 started before AdeptiCon 2008 ended. With the changes to 5th edition Warhammer 40K, and our expanded lineup of Warhammer Historical and Specialist Games events, the only thing we can promise about AdeptiCon 2009 is that it will be bigger and better than ever before.

See you next spring!

Hank Edley, AdeptiCon Executive Committee



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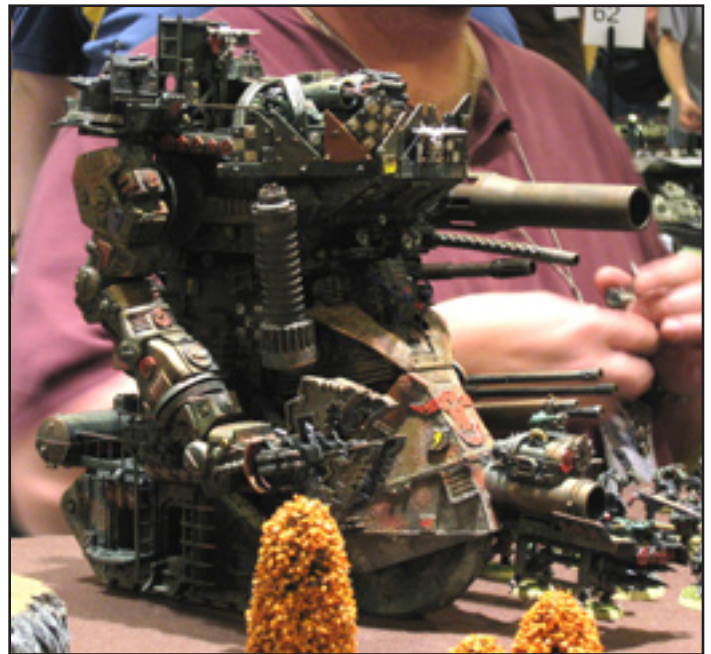
Not for the faint of heart, the 40K Gladiator is four rounds of no-holds-barred competition, where almost anything goes. 146 players began with dreams of claiming the title of AdeptiCon Gladiator Champion, but only one would survive four rounds of competition against the best players in the nation.

The number one rule of the AdeptiCon 40K Gladiator remained the same: **No Whining**. As long as minimum levels of sportsmanship and painting were adhered to, only gameplay would determine the winner.

Even without a paint score, participants went all-out with the paint jobs on their models, with eye-popping conversions and beautiful painting that would have fit in just fine at any Grand Tournament...if a Grand Tournament allowed the models used in the Gladiator.

With the release of the Apocalypse rules the previous fall, 2008 was the year of the super-heavy vehicle, gargantuan creature, and flyer, as the number of armies including one of the three increased significantly over previous years.

ForgeWorld Resin or scratchbuilt conversions - would they make a difference in the outcome?





WARHAMMER 40K GLADIATOR





WARHAMMER 40K GLADIATOR





WARHAMMER 40K GLADIATOR



When the evening was over, two players had clawed their way to the top of the roster, proving themselves the best players in the room...or at least the luckiest. For the rest, there were only good games...and plans for next year.



Gladiator Champion
Bill Kim

2nd in Command
Brian Poole





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WARHAMMER FANTASY ESCALATION & DEVASTATION



This year, Friday saw not one, but two Fantasy tournaments running simultaneously. Between the two tournaments, 93 Warhammer Fantasy players participated in the two AdeptiCon Signature Events.

The ever-popular Warhammer Fantasy Escalation tournament returned, and attendees brought some of finest models seen anywhere to demonstrate their mastery of Warhammer Fantasy at the 1000, 2000, and 3000 point levels.

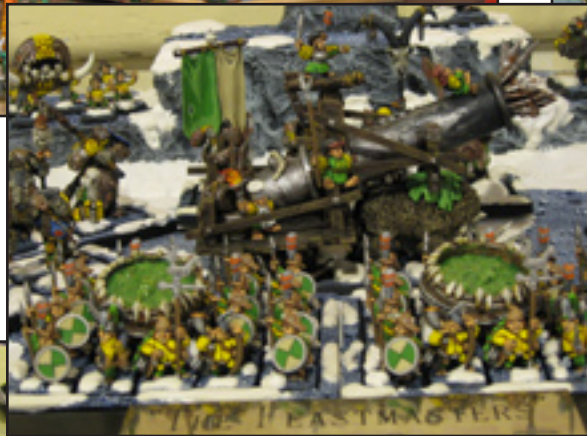
New to AdeptiCon, the Warhammer Fantasy Devastation tournament put a new twist on the tournament scene, as players could only advance their surviving models to the next round.

Regardless of which tournament they played in, attendees were guaranteed an AdeptiCon-level challenge.





WARHAMMER FANTASY ESCALATION & DEVASTATION





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WHFB Devastation
Devastation Champion
Oleg Verlanski



Devastation
Tourney's Choice
Johnny Hastings



Consolation Champ
Marc Morales



Best General
Jeff Baxendale



Devastation Close
Sterling Daley



WARHAMMER FANTASY ESCALATION & DEVASTATION



**WHFB Escalation
Overall Champion
Casey Cronan**



**WHFB Escalation
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Eric Hagen**



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LORD OF THE RINGS TEAM TOURNAMENT

On Friday, 40 players participated in the second Lord of the Rings Team Tournament, bringing the battles of Middle Earth to life in the Midwest.



Attendees played along-side their teammates as each pair strove to dominate their opposition. With each team vying for the top position, ultimately only one could stand as the undisputed champions.





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LORD OF THE RINGS TEAM TOURNAMENT





LORD OF THE RINGS TEAM TOURNAMENT



**LOTR Team Tournament
Best Overall
The Corruption of Durthang**



**LOTR Team Tournament
Best Sportsmen**



**LOTR Team Tournament
Best General**



**LOTR Team Tournament
Best Army**



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ARMAGEDDON

Battles on an Epic scale took place at AdeptiCon 2008, as Epic Armageddon returned to the lineup of events after a hiatus of several years.

Players eagerly joined in the fun as whole armies waged war in the Atrium, home to the Specialist Games and Warhammer Historical events.



A greatly expanded lineup of Specialist Games and Warhammer Historical events kept attendees busy all weekend, including those that wanted to avoid the competitive atmosphere of the AdeptiCon tournament scene.





WARHAMMER 40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT



The largest Warhammer 40K tournament in the world, the AdeptiCon 40K National Team Tournament brought over 350 Warhammer 40K players together in teams of four.

Every year, the participants in the Team Tournament strive to outdo their opponents in all areas of the hobby, from gameplay, to painting, to theme, and in every category possible. This year was no different.

On the next few pages, check out the work done by participants in this year's 40K National Team Tournament.





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WARHAMMER 40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT



Every year at the AdeptiCon 40K Team Tournament, some teams go above and beyond in the creation of display boards, banners, and other paraphernalia. This year was no exception, as the team "300+" brought a display board depicting the siege of an Imperial fortress by 300+ orks.

This intricately-detailed work of art, featured multiple levels, hundreds of finely-painted figures, and the kind of attention to detail that AdeptiCon participants have become famous for. Check it out!





WARHAMMER 40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT





WARHAMMER 40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT



**Overall Champions
Da Boyz**



**Best Team Tacticians
We Piss FN Excellence**



**Best Theme & Appearance
Checkmate Hobbies**



**Best Sportsmen
Iron Fist League**



**Best Imperial Theme
Howling Griffons**



**Best Displayed Army
300+**



WARHAMMER 40K NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT



**Team Tournament Scholars
Villus Populus**



**Close but not Quite
Dakka Detachment One**

NOT PICTURED

**Best Xenos Theme:
Glance in the Pants**

**Let the Dice Fall Where They May:
Flying Hellfish - Necron Menace**

**Headhunters:
1-800-Inquisition**

**Best Hybrid Theme:
Fly Lords of Terra**

**Best Heretical Theme:
Two Tau One Cup**

**Best Appearance:
Team Kung-Fu Grip**



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WARMASTER

This year, Warmaster players joined Epic and Battlefleet Gothic players at AdeptiCon with the latest addition to the Special Games roster of events.

The figures may have been small, but the battles were truly epic.

With the addition of the Saturday Warmaster events, AdeptiCon's lineup of Specialist Games events runs all weekend long.





WARHAMMER HISTORICAL

From ancient Rome to the high seas, from the streets of Prohibition Chicago to the boom-towns of the Wild West, AdeptiCon's Warhammer Historical events gave attendees a chance to refight the battles of history.

From one-shot demo games, to day-long tournaments, Warhammer Historical events were the newest successful addition to the AdeptiCon lineup of events.

Look for an expanded lineup of Warhammer Historical events at future AdeptiCons!





WARHAMMER HISTORICAL





WARHAMMER FANTASY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Unfortunately, we didn't get any pictures of the actual Warhammer Fantasy Battles Championships this year. Which is a shame, because the standards of painting, competition, and sportsmanship were raised once again, and our turnout was the largest ever.

Here are the award winners from the AdeptiCon 2008 Warhammer Fantasy Championships:



Best Overall
Jeffrey Schlittgen



Best Sportsman
Aaron Tosch



Best General
Alan DeFrancesco



Best Appearance
Johnny Hastings



Tourney's Choice
Army
James Hyde



Tourney's Choice
Ambassador
Jon Cash



Close but not Quite
Michael Sells



WARHAMMER 40K CHAMPIONSHIPS / TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT INVITATIONAL

147 players took part in the 2008 Warhammer 40K Championships, bringing their best 1850 point army to compete against fellow hobbyists in three rounds of competition.

Another 27 players participated in the first Tournament Circuit Invitational. To receive an invitation to this exclusive event, players had to score in the top 10 for battle points during a 2007 Games Workshop Tournament Circuit event.

Both events featured keen competition, unique AdeptiCon missions, and some of the finest examples of miniature painting and converting around.





WARHAMMER 40K CHAMPIONSHIPS / TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT INVITATIONAL





WARHAMMER 40K CHAMPIONSHIPS / TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT INVITATIONAL





WARHAMMER 40K CHAMPIONSHIPS / TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT INVITATIONAL



**40K Championships
Best Overall
John Willingham**



**40K Championships
Best General
Justin Kirby**



**40K Championships
Best Sportsman
Jeff Miller**



**40K Championships
Best Appearance
Aaron Towler**



**40K Championships
Player's Choice
Brian Carlson**



**40K Championships
Close but not Quite
Derek Stanley**

**Not Pictured:
40K Championships Codicier: Tony Coutley**

Invitational Warmaster: Neil Cauley

Invitational Second in Command: Tim Schmidt

Invitational General of Mention: Gareth Hunt



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WARHAMMER FANTASY TEAM TOURNAMENT

The Fantasy Team Tournament keeps growing every year, and every year the players keep upping the ante as they bring pairs of armies, gorgeously painted and converted, and bring their A-game to face off against their fellows from across the country.

2008 saw 128 players split into 64 teams square off in three rounds of heated competition. Check out this year's participants...and maybe get some ideas for yourself.





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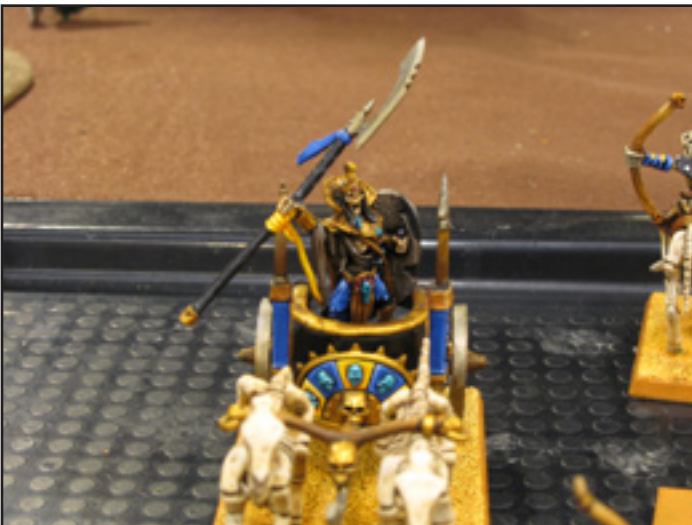


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WARHAMMER FANTASY TEAM TOURNAMENT



**Best Overall
Imperial Woodland**



**Best General
Team Shake and Bake**



**Best Sportsmen
Da Mammass Boys**



**Best Appearance
The Tormentors**



**Best Theme
Kings of Carpet Hammer**



**Tourney's Choice
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BATTLEFLEET GOTHIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday may have been the last day of AdeptiCon 2008, but for aspiring admirals, the Battlefleet Gothic Championships was the culmination of a weekend of miniature wargaming madness. After three rounds, one player would rise to the top and be named overall champion, excelling in gameplay, painting, and sportsmanship.



Overall Champion
Robert Sautbine



Best Tactician
Robert Carr



Best Sportsman
John Ross



Best Fleet
Andrew Karolus



SPECIALIST GAMES EVENTS

All weekend long, various Specialist games events took place. These non-competitive events gave AdeptiCon attendees a chance to enjoy gaming in a relaxed atmosphere.

Old favorites like Space Hulk joined newer games, like ForgeWorld's Aeronautica Imperialis.

AdeptiCon attendees also had a chance to bitz swap at the bitz trading event every night.





HOBBY SEMINARS

AdeptiCon's hobby seminars have developed a reputation as the place to go to develop your painting, modelling, and converting skills. Our slate of instructors have dozens of awards between them, and they're all happy to share the tricks that won those awards with our attendees.

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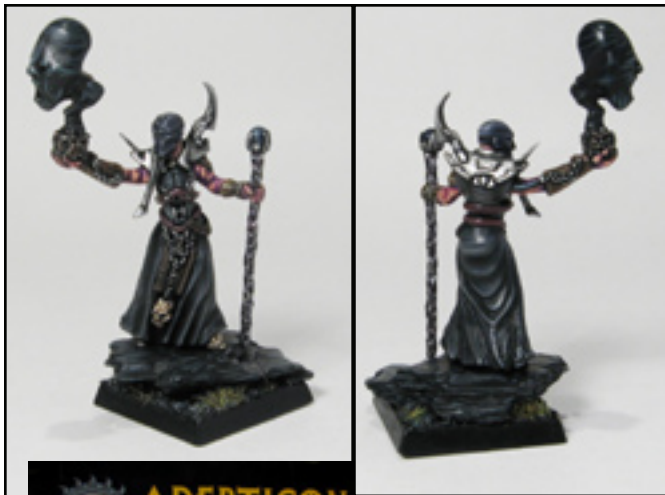
ROGUE DEMON PAINTING COMPETITION

The Rogue Demon Painting Competition gives attendees a chance to enter their best work in the categories of Single Miniature, Squad/Regiment, Monster/Vehicle, Open Category, and Youngbloods. And every year, the quality of entries goes up.

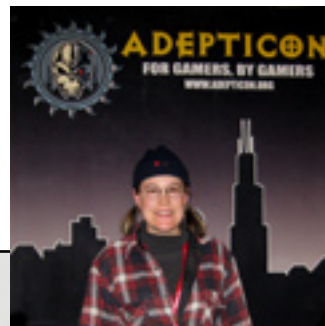
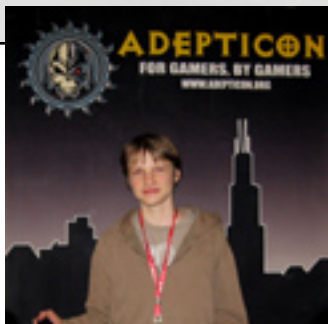
Here are the winners of the 2008 Rogue Demon competition.



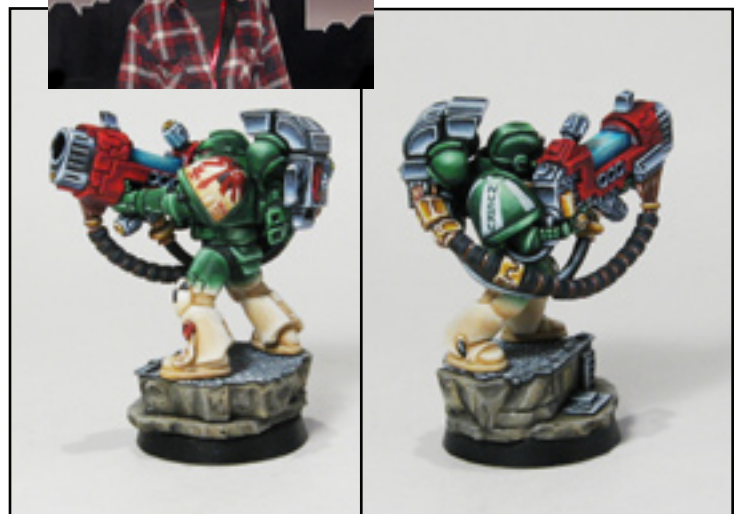
**Single Model
Gold
Bennet Blalock-
Doane**



**Single Model
Silver
Dylan Gautier**



**Single Model
Bronze
Cathy Wappel**





ROGUE DEMON PAINTING COMPETITION

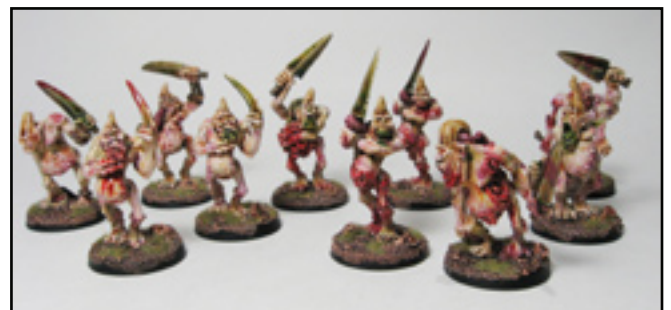


Squad
Gold
James Wappel

Squad
Silver
Bennet Blalock-
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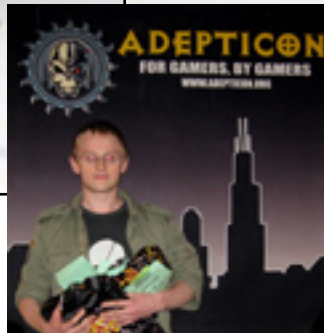


Squad
Bronze
Jaime Welling
(Not Pictured)





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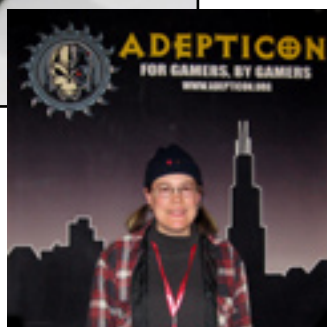


Monster/Vehicle Gold &
Best of Show:
Bennet Blalock-Doane



Monster/Vehicle
Bronze
James Wappel

Monster/Vehicle
Silver
Cathy Wappel



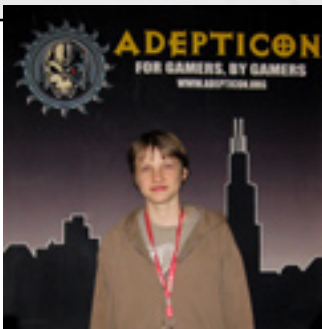


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Open
Gold
Greg Niswander



Open
Bronze
John Schaefer



Open
Silver
Dylan Gautier

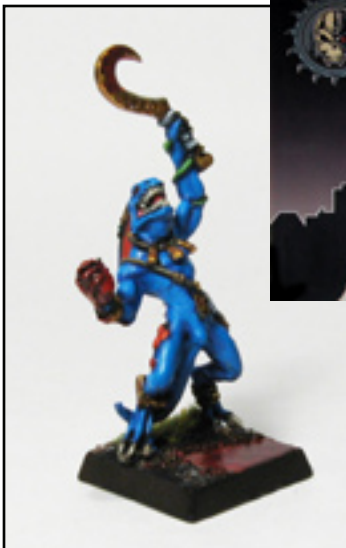




ROGUE DEMON PAINTING COMPETITION



Youngbloods
Gold
Tony Grippando



Youngbloods
Silver
Giovanni Pavenna



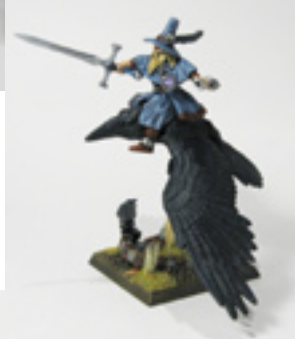
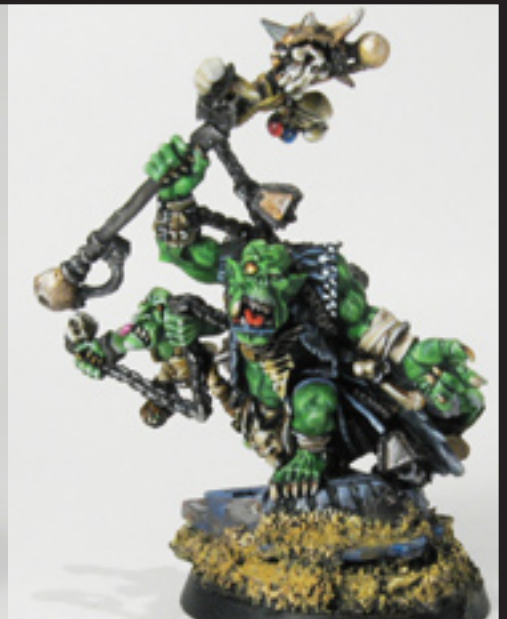
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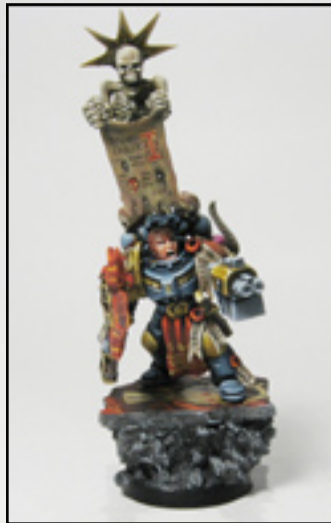
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