



Sieg Zeon

Model Contest!

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Excitement was high as we gathered together for our second club model contest of 2025.

After the success of Adam's "Mad Max Model Contest" in May, expectations for the Sieg Zeon contest were even higher. After all, this was the contest idea that had the highest number of votes when we decided on events back in November 2024. Most would agree, that Ed's Sieg Zeon contest was among the most anticipated model contests of 2025.

What is Zeon?

Zeon is the main antagonist faction of the Gundam Universal Century universe. This being the universe of the very first Gundam series including "Mobile Suit Gundam". In the Gundam Universal Century Universe, mankind has polluted the Earth so much that millions of people were sent to live in space as colonists. The majority of whom were the less fortunate. The Earth governed the colonies forming the "Earth Federation". Zeon is a cluster of space colonies that are the furthest from the earth that was originally called "Side 3". After years of questionable governing tactics from the Earth Federation (some of which is detailed in "Mobile Suit Gundam the Origin"), Side 3 colonists fought for independence and reorganized as "The Principality of Zeon" after Zeon Zin Deikun, their pacifist president who was assassinated. Not long after, Zeon begins the "One Year War" which is the main conflict of the "Mobile Suit Gundam" series.

The Appeal of Zeon

Despite being antagonists and committing some of the most horrific atrocities, Zeon remains an iconic faction in not only Gundam but all of fiction. Between their noble goals, inhumane methods, and morally polarizing characters, Zeon always keeps the series exciting. As if that weren't enough, Zeon has some of the most popular and highest selling model kits. Nearly 50 years later, the "Zaku II" mobile suit still gets new models and variants and remains one of the most beloved by fans.



Scott and Adam observing the contest entries.

We were most pleased to have a nice crowd of well over 20 people! We were delighted to meet so many new builders including Stephen, Brent, and Haruto.

This event also marked the first Model Contest participation from some of our preexisting members including Emerson, Lucas, Junior, Josh, and Nate. It was great to get so much participation. We had 19 entries! A new club record! Ed also graciously provided free beverages.

Contest Rules

The contest rules are the following: only 1 entry per person, entry must be 1/144 scale or smaller, entry must be from the Zeon faction, and the model must have a mono eye.

Categories

There were 3 categories: Beginner (Built and painted 3 or fewer kits) Advanced (Painted 4-8 kits) and Master (Painted over 8 kits).

Judging

Ed organized Group Judging. Each judging participant gave each build a rating from 1-5.

Beginner Category Entries



Left: HGUC 1/144 Scale Quibeley by Andrew

Right: HGUC 1/144 Dra-C (Sleeve Version) by Emerson



Left: HGUC 1/144 Dom Test Type by Lucas



Right: HG 1/144 Police Zaku by Brent



Left: HGUC 1/144 Doven Wolf by Junior



Right: HG GQUUX Gelgoog by Haruto



HGUC 1/144 Char's Gelgoog by Ben

Advanced Category Entries



Left: HGUC 1/144 Zaku I Kitbash by Matt



Right: SD Zaku II by Scott



Left: HGUC 1/144 Black Tri Star Zaku II by Jose



Right: HGUC 1/144 Char's Zaku II by Stephen

Expert Category Entries



Left: HGUC 1/144 Hygog by Nate



Right: HGUC 1/144 Zaku II diorama by Justin



Left: HGUC 1/144 Zudah by JD



Right: HGUC 1/144 Psycho Zaku by Adam



Left: 1/250 Scale Char's Zaku II by Aaron



HGUC 1/144 Rozen Zulu by Sydney



Left: HGUC 1/144 Hygog by Josh



Right: Zaku head diorama by Lee

Winners



Honorable Mention Winners: Left- SD Zaku II by Scott Right: HGUC 1/144 Psycho Zaku by Adam



Beginner Category Winner: HG 1/144 Police Zaku by Brent (Left)

Advanced Category Winner: HGUC 1/144 Char Zaku II by Stephen (Right)

Expert Category Winner: 1/250 Char Zaku II by Aaron (Bottom)



It is only fitting that a Zeon theme model contest would have a plethora of Zaku entries. The scores were very close and there was a great display of skill and creativity.

Most importantly, members were seen laughing and having a great time and meeting fellow builders. We would all like to thank Ed for creating and hosting this contest and Emilio for allowing us to host it at GTC.

With another awesome contest closed out, we turn our attention to the Tri City Classic Contest and look to close out the year strong!

