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It has been years since I last went to an event for the simple pleasure of talking to AFOLs and looking at their models. That is why, when I saw on the Cremona Bricks facebook page that they were organising an event relatively close to Milan in mid October, I quickly used a flight searcher ... et voilà, my plans for the weekend were made!

The event took place in Desenzano del Garda, a village on the shore of Lago di Garda, 75 Km from Cremona and 120 Km from Milan. the venue is an idyllic place - an 11th century castle from which you can see the lake. A marquee for the exhibition was set up in the inner courtyard. Around the marquee there were three play areas for kids to imitate the exhibitors in different construction activities. Inside the castle there were some sales points and a Pick-a-Brick for visitors that served to raise funds for the RLUG.

In the exhibition area, there was a small selection of themes, models and dioramas. In the central part there was a large City diorama. It contained a mix of sets and interesting MOCs, including some official, modified and original modular building. I especially liked the Ferrari dealership, which was very complete and modern, with a large shop window and a parking lot that was the envy of any rich man. As in every self-respecting City diorama, there was a train running around the display.

Another diorama I liked a lot, due to its level of detail and originality, was one about ancient Egypt. Although a large tan coloured model may seem monotonous, the small scenes and allusions made it very eye-catching. The medieval diorama was extraordinary. It was a collaborative display with many different styles and hundreds of details you could spend hours observing.

In addition to the large dioramas, there were smaller scenes with diverse themes, like Fabuland, 4.5V Trains, Friends, a model of the Titanic and a number of Star Trek BrickHeadz.

The dinner at that night was very lively and, despite my limited italian, I had a great time and met many AFOLs. The menu? Delicious pizza, of course.

There were 58 exhibitors at the event and it drew some 15.000 visitors, and although it might be considered a small event if you look at the exhibition surface, it was very successful and I recommend it especially because of the cordiality of those participating. Some of them agreed to collaborate with HispaBrick Magazine®, and you can find some of their articles in this edition.

I would like to thank Cremona Bricks for all the kindness they showed me during my visit, and especially Luigi Priori, who helped me to prepare the trip.

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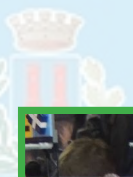
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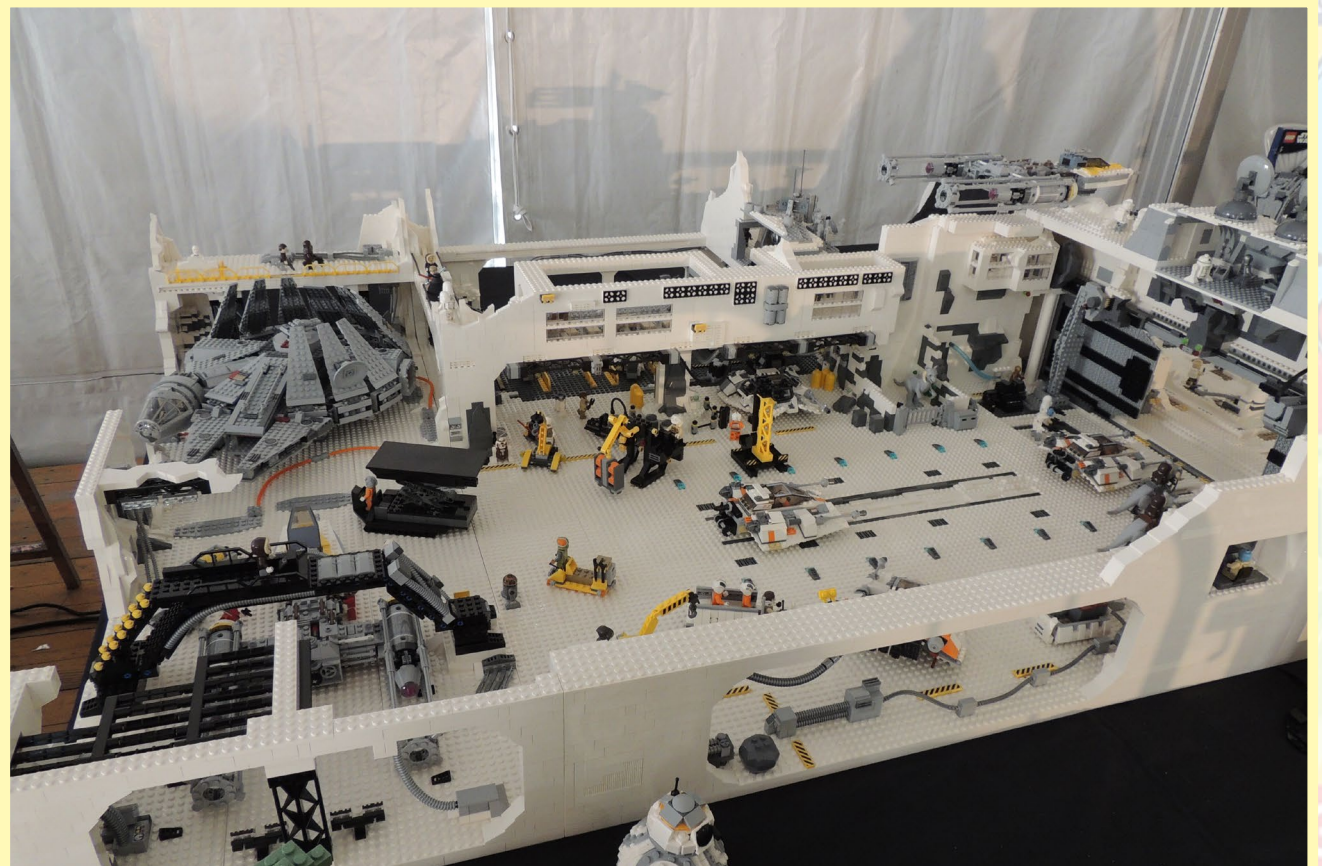
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