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(Neb)-Creator Of Star Wars Ships Thrills Chadron Fans [Listen](#)

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CHADRON - A steady stream of Star Wars fans visited Game Changer in Chadron on Saturday for the chance to meet and get the autograph of 87-year old Colin Cantwell of Boulder, the man who did the initial drawings and models for near all the spaceships in the original Star Wars movie.

Cantwell - who also played a key role on the graphics side of 2001: A Space Odyssey, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, and War Games - left the movie industry in the 1980s and was left out of the Star Wars history for decades, but is now in high demand.

Sierra Dall, Cantwell's life partner for more than 2 decades, didn't learn of his movie background until 2014 - about the same time Star Wars collectors and die-hard fans did. She says it's wonderful to see the response he now draws.

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Most of Colin Cantwell's working life was in the computer industry, and he was retired for a number of years before his ties to Star Wars made him famous. Sierra, who is 75 herself and handles the business and logistics side of his appearances, says he's far from retired now as they travel nearly year round.

Game Changer owner Adam Stone admits he booked Cantwell's visit almost as much for his own enjoyment as for business purposes. He's owned Game Changer for 5 years, but personal appearances such as Colin Cantwell's are a relatively new and growing side of the business.

Stone says he has an upcoming announcement about a November event that will be the biggest of the year, but he's not ready to give any hints at this time.