



Newsletter of the

# ONTARIO MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY

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## January 2010

Next Meeting:

**Sunday, January 17, 2010**  
**Start time 1:00 pm**

Branch 210, Royal Canadian Legion  
 110 Jutland Road, Toronto  
 Doors open at 12:00 pm

Happy New Year to all our members. We hope your holiday season was happy, healthy and safe.

**For our January meeting we are going to be in the Legion's pub room.** Unfortunately there has been some confusion on the Legion side over what dates we had booked and another function is booked into the main room.



The Christmas luncheon at our December meeting was a little more sparsely attended than usual. It seems that a freezing-rain warning scared off some members, especially those coming from out of town. In the event the predicted bad weather did not materialize. However those who came out did enjoy a very interesting talk from our special guest speaker Scott Taylor of *Esprit de Corps* magazine. He gave us a lot to think about with his take on the situation in Afghanistan.

And of course Gail Stone and her helpers treated us once again to a sumptuous lunch. Thanks also to Shirley Ward for the baked treats. John Hambly brought out some great draw prizes donated by his employer Home Depot. All in all a great way to finish off the year.



Featured Speaker:

**Norm White**  
 on  
**The Little Big Horn**

The speaker we had hoped to have for our January meeting had to cancel due to a conflict. We are looking at getting him for our April meeting, so watch for that. Norm White has kindly volunteered to step into the breach and tell us about his recent trip to the Little Bighorn battlefield, and what insights he gained into George Armstrong Custer's last battle.

<i>President</i> John Murdock	<i>Past President</i> Norm White
<i>1st Vice President</i> Jim Matresky	<i>Journal Editor</i> Frank MacKay
<i>2nd Vice President</i> Guy Elliott	<i>Program Chairman</i> vacant
<i>Treasurer</i> Gary Lenius	<i>Membership Chairman</i> Tommy Thompson

Upcoming Meeting for 2010	
February 21	September 12
March 21	October 17
April 18	November 14
May 16	December 12
Sat. June 12 — Annual Show	

*Masthead figures painted by Gary Lenius*

## Link of the Month

[www.mont-saint-jean.com](http://www.mont-saint-jean.com)

This is one for those of who haven't lost all their high school French. It's a French site dedicated to the uniforms of the armies involved in the Waterloo "Hundred Days" campaign of 1815. In addition to uniform illustrations it also includes detailed tables of organization.

For the linguistically challenged here's another one to check out:

[theminiaturespage.com](http://theminiaturespage.com)

This is a web-magazine oriented to wargamers but containing a lot of information on many historical periods, uniform details and modeling tips. There are message boards where members trade info and tips on all kinds of topics.



## Online Shopping

Ian Pearson suggested some members may want to check out the website [www.hobby8.com](http://www.hobby8.com). It's an online hobby dealer that carries a wide variety of kits. Among their offerings are Verlinden and Dragon figures.

## Queen's Own Rifles Band Book

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada will be celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2010. As part of the celebration they have commissioned a book "THE BANDS OF THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA (1860-2010)" by Captain CD (Chick) McGregor. It is being published this month and will sell for \$55. See the QOR website [www.qor2010.com](http://www.qor2010.com) for ordering information.

## Looking for Painted Figures

Stanley Kershman is interested in buying painted connoisseur figures and flats. You can contact him at [stanley3211@hotmail.com](mailto:stanley3211@hotmail.com) or 613-726-2999.

## Goodbye to Keith's

Scott Dummitt has passed on the sad news that Keith's Hobbies has gone out of business as of December 31st. Long located on Yonge Street in North York, Keith's moved out to Brooklin a while ago. But the new location never gelled and has now closed.



*If you know of an upcoming show that might interest our members, drop Gary a line.*

## Michigan Historical Collectibles Show January 23-24, 2010

Semi-annual show that combines 100+ tables of toy soldier vendors, historical miniatures and a militaria show. 9 am to 3 pm \$6 admission. At Madison Place Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071 (I-75 and 13 Mile Road)

Show website [www.michiganshow.com](http://www.michiganshow.com)

## 2010 Living History Conference Feb. 27, 2010

Presented by the Upper Thames Military Re-enactment Society at St. Paul's Cathedral in downtown London, Ont. 8:30 am to 5 pm followed by a pub social. A number of workshops including one given by our old friend Peter Twist. \$40 includes a box lunch. See [www.royal-scots.com/conference.html](http://www.royal-scots.com/conference.html) for details.

## Toronto Military Show Saturday March 27, 2010

Etobicoke Olympium, 590 Rathburn Rd 8:30 am to 2 pm  
Buy, sell and trade military collectables including medals, badges, antique pistols and muskets, swords, flying gear and uniforms. Admission \$7. Free parking.

## TORCAN 2010 Saturday, May 29, 2010

CNIB Centre, 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto  
The GTA's premier plastic modeling show, Torcan is jointly hosted by IPMS Toronto and Peel Scale Modellers. Armour, planes, ships and figures. For details see [www.ipmstoronto.com](http://www.ipmstoronto.com)

## Looking out for each other

Know of a member who's been ill or in hospital? Let Gail Stone know so that we can send them the Society's best wishes. Contact Gail at 905-332-0653 or by email at [gstone4@cogeco.ca](mailto:gstone4@cogeco.ca)

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