



Newsletter of the

ONTARIO MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY

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Edited by Gary Lenius

February 2010

Next Meeting:

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Start time 1:00 pm

Branch 210, Royal Canadian Legion
110 Jutland Road, Toronto

Doors open at 12:00 pm

Featured Speaker:

David Dorward

A Visit to Mignot and Lucotte



At this month's meeting member David Dorward will be telling us about his recent visit to the Mignot and Lucotte factories in France. These are two of the oldest toy soldier manufacturers still in business. The Legion's a/v equipment has been repaired so David will be able to show us pictures from his visit.



Our New Program Chairman

Eric Clarke has volunteered to take over the duties of program chairman for the Society. It will be his job to arrange for speakers for our monthly meetings. This role was ably filled for several years by the late Charles Kaufmann, so Eric has some big shoes to fill. He's already been hard at work and we have things lined up for the next few meetings. But he will need your help and support on an ongoing basis. If you have any ideas for meeting programs or any leads on suitable speakers, please get in touch with Eric. You can contact him at 416-487-5962 or email him at ericjill@aei.ca



A big thank-you to Eric for stepping up and taking over this position.

New Membership Chairman

Ian Pearson has taken over the role of our membership chairman. He takes over from Tommy Thompson, who did this job for us for several years. The membership chairman's role is to be the point of contact for new members and to coordinate recruitment of new members. Give him your thanks and support.



Coming Attractions

March... Sergeant Al Jenkins of the Toronto Police Mounted Unit.

April... Ken Purvis from Fort York.

Best Wishes to Harold Morrison

Just heard that Harold has had a heart attack. We all hope he makes a speedy recovery.

President John Murdock	Past President Norm White
1st Vice President Jim Matresky	Journal Editor Frank MacKay
2nd Vice President Guy Elliott	Program Chairman Eric Clarke
Treasurer Gary Lenius	Membership Chairman Ian Pearson

Upcoming Meetings 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

Updating Our Constitution

Ist Vice President Jim Matresky has launched a project to bring our Society's constitution up to date. This is badly needed as the current constitution hasn't been updated since 1988 and in a number of areas it no longer reflects our current practices.

He has produced a draft that is based on how the Society currently operates. This will be circulated shortly to the membership for review and discussion. Jim's goal is to get the constitution brought up to date and approved by the membership this year.

It sounds dry but it is an important exercise. Members should be aware of how their Society is run.

Journal A Hit

We've heard a lot of positive comments about the latest issue of Journal which was published in December. Editor Frank MacKay deserves all of our thanks for sticking with it and getting out a great issue. Everyone should have their copy by now; if not contact Gary Lenius for your copy.

Frank is planning his next issue for May. But he can't do it without your support. He needs your articles, book and figure reviews, show reports, tips and techniques to fill the next issue. You don't have to be a professional writer, Frank will whip it into shape. Forward your contributions to Frank at frank_mackay@hotmail.com or see him at a meeting.

Membership Dues Are... Due!

The new year means it's once again time to re-enlist. Many members have already paid up their 2010 dues but there are still a few outstanding. Same low price: \$35 a year. See Gary Lenius at the meeting or you can mail it to him at the address at the bottom of the last page of this newsletter.

Thanks to all the members who have renewed.

A New Address

If you get this newsletter by email you may have noticed that it was sent from a different email address. We have set up a new address omss@bell.net to use for Society correspondence in place of someone's personal address. It will be also be used on our promotional materials.

Link of the Month

www.rafmuseum.org.uk

This month's link comes from Jeff Duncan. It's the website of the Royal Air Force Museum. Lots of content to explore. A neat feature is that you can send an image of your favorite warplane (like the Mosquito above) as an email postcard.



Annual Show

The countdown has started. Over the next few issues we'll roll out the details and keep you posted on progress.

Saturday June 12, 2010 10 am to 4 pm

Fort York Historic Site



The OMSS will be holding its Annual Show and Competition at Fort York again this June.

Show Committee

Norm White is serving as show chairman this year. To back him up (so far) we have **Bren Furlong**, **Scott Dummitt** and **Gary Lenius**. We'll be looking for all our members to pitch in and help make the show a success.

If you have comments or ideas or would like to help out, don't hesitate to talk to Norm or any of the committee members.

Show promotion

To promote this year's show we are doing something a little different. We are having a postcard printed that we can use as a handout at shows, hobby shops, etc. It was designed by Gary Lenius. They should be available at the February meeting, as well as some larger versions that can be used as posters.

We need the membership's help to get our promotional material out there where it will be seen by potential attendees. So if you can take a poster and postcards to your local hobby shop, library or other venue please help us out.

Vendor Tables

We will be mailing out an information package to vendors in about a month. The fee for a table will remain at \$45. If you haven't sold at a past show but would be interested please let us know.

Displays

Once again we're going to have lots of space to fill with displays and we're counting on the members to bring out interesting displays. Here's your chance to get some of your collection out of the boxes and show it off. It's not too soon to be working on those ideas. Closer to June we'll be asking members to commit to displays so we can reserve space for them.

The Ontario Model Soldier Society

On Parade 2010

Canada's Largest Model Soldier Show

Saturday June 12, 2010

10 am to 4 pm

Historic Fort York

Toronto



***Massed displays
of toy soldiers***

Miniature bands

Connoisseur figures

***Dioramas, vehicles,
artillery and more***

1/6 scale action figures

Open competition

***25+ vendor tables offering
a wide variety of hobby products***

Figures by W. Britain

**Admission to the show is included with regular Fort York admission
(\$8 adult; \$4 senior or youth)**

**Fort York Historic Site - 100 Garrison Road, Toronto Ontario M5V 3K9
For maps and directions see the Fort York website www.fortyork.ca**

**Show contact: Norman White 416-285-5600 or email omss@bell.net
Show details at www.omss.ca**



Queen's Own Rifles Band Book

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada are 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. Our own Ian Pearson did the research for this book. The publication price is \$55. See the QOR website 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 or 613-726-2999.

Kits and Figures for Sale

John Hoffman, a former member now living in Fergus, is interested in selling off his unpainted figures, including quite a few Historex kits. He also has several 30 mm Napoleonic vignettes by "Under Two Flags" and 3 Waterloo dioramas that won awards at OMSS shows.

You can contact him at jhoffmann00@cogeco.ca or 519-787-1020.

Knotel Uniform Book

Frank MacKay has found a fellow in the U.S. who is selling the excellent Knotel book on uniforms for \$18 postage paid. "Uniforms of the World, Army, Navy and Air Force Uniforms 1700-1937" by Robert Knotel, Herbert Knotel and Herbert Sieg. Hardback with dust cover. Large format 10"x 7" with 483 pages. The address is russellsantegelo@yahoo.com

Source for A+B Putty

Another tip that comes from Frank MacKay. Apoxie Sculpt is a two part epoxy putty useful for figure sculpting, conversions, groundwork, etc. It is similar to the A+B putty long used by modelers. They have a local supplier, Sculpture Supply Canada, located in Etobicoke. Check out their website at www.sculpturesupply.com

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

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 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

2010 Southern Ontario Military Muster August 13-14, 2010

The Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village is holding a two-day military event. It will feature military vehicles on display and in action. There will also be re-enactors from WW2, WWI and War of 1812. There will be tactical demonstrations from section to platoon to joint attacks. Also militaria vendors and a flea market. Located at 6155 Arner Townline in Essex county (SE of Windsor) See www.militarymuster.org for details.

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