

Newsletter of the

ONTARIO MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY

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Edited by Gary Lenius



December 2011

Next meeting

Sunday, December 11

Start time 12:00 pm

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion

110 Jutland Road, Toronto

Doors open at 11:00 am

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Note the earlier start time!

Christmas Luncheon

We hope that you can join us for our annual Christmas luncheon on December 11. Let's make our last meeting of the year a special occasion.

Note that we will be starting a bit earlier than usual. Lunch will be served at 12:30.

Gail Stone will once again be organizing the catering for us, so you know we're in for a good feed.

This year we are planning some special presentations. We will also have our usual awarding of membership pins to members who have attained milestones. (See page 2) There will also be some special gift draws.

Members are encouraged to bring out their spouses.

Vendors are welcome at this meeting.

Lunch Tickets \$5

If you haven't already got your ticket from Gail Stone, please contact her as soon as possible to let her know you're coming. She needs to have a good idea of numbers to lay on the food. You can contact her at 905-332-0653 or gstone3@cogeco.ca

The photo shows Canadian soldiers having Christmas dinner at Ortona in 1943

Kilts Welcomed

It's been a growing tradition over the past few years for members to strut their stuff in highland dress for our annual luncheon. So if there's a kilt hanging in your closet, here's a chance to air it out. Put your best foot (knee?) forward!

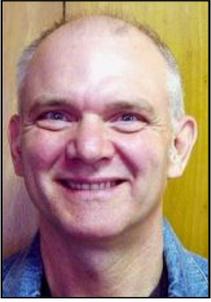
New Issue of Journal Expected

Our Journal editor Frank MacKay has been working diligently on a new issue of the OMSS Journal and will have it ready for distribution at the meeting.

2012 Membership Dues

Dues for 2012 are payable as of January. Renewal notices will be going out at that time. However our Treasurer Gary Lenius will be glad to take your money at the meeting if you want to get the jump on the new year. The dues have been held to the same rates as the past few years:

- The Regular membership rate is \$35 for the year.
- Junior membership (16 and under) is \$20.
- Family membership (2nd member at same mailing address) is \$20.



President's Column

From our President Jim Matresky...

Our November meeting is always one of my favourites as one never knows what goodies are going to show up at our auction and this past month was no disappointment. Many great bargains were found and many members were glad to sell items in order to make room for more purchases in the future. Don Ritchie, our auctioneer, kept things moving at a brisk pace. Many thanks to Gail Stone and her family and Evelyn Brown for taking care of the financial part of the venture, and to Gary Lenius for providing the information cards and the paddles. Our runners, Jeff Duncan, John Hambly and Brent Reeves did a great job as well.

I look forward to our December Christmas Luncheon on December 11, once again provided by Gail Stone and her elves, at around 12:00 noon. Gary Lenius will be giving out the membership pins and Guy Elliott will be coordinating our awards presentations. As usual we will be presenting deserving members with the Life Membership Award, the Society Print and the Society Figure. (This year the Figure was cast by Don Ritchie and painted by Phil Andrews.) Of course our vendors will be back, providing opportunity for last minute pre Christmas shopping.

Since this is my final President's Column, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped to make this year such a success. Our Executive has worked tirelessly to keep things running smoothly and our members, without portfolio, John and Evelyn Brown and Jeff Duncan have once again contributed so much time and effort. A special thank you to my wife, Eunice, for doing all the typing for this column and the Executive Minutes and Agendas.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members. Happy Collecting!

50th Anniversary Dinner Survey

We are planning to hold a special dinner to mark the Society's 50th Anniversary year as part of the 2012 Annual Show in September. Since the last meeting, all members should have received by either email or regular mail, a note about the dinner asking you to reply with your intention to attend (or not). If you haven't replied yet, please do so as we need your responses to establish numbers that we can plan around. Thanks to all those who have already responded.

Membership Pins

As we come to the finish of another year in the Society it is time to recognize members who have reached certain milestones. Every December we present Society membership pins to celebrate members who have completed 10, 20 and 25 years of membership. This year's recipients are:

Bronze Pin (10 years)

Richard Arnold
Eunice Matresky
Jim Matresky
David Purton
Dan Watson

Silver Pin (20 years)

William Ko
Bruce Sundstrom

Gold Pin (25 years)

John Hambly
Ron Hutchinson
Colin Mattock
James Shakley
David Zink

We hope you can all make it out so we can present your pin in person. If not we will mail it out to you.

Custom Britain's Figure Ordered

As one of the projects to mark the Society's 50th anniversary year of 2012 we have contracted with William Britain to produce an exclusive commemorative figure for us. It will be a Queen's Ranger similar to the figure we use as our club logo. This was approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting in October.

The figure will be 54mm in scale and will be boxed with a special certificate. It will be our exclusive figure and will not be available to the public.

The target is to have the figure ready in time for the 2012 Annual Show in September. Each member in good standing will receive one of these figures. There will also be a few extra for those who wish to purchase additional figures for their collections.

Thanks to Scott Dummitt for negotiating this deal for us with William Britain / First Gear.

Mark that date...

Saturday September 8, 2012 the OMSS Annual Show celebrating the Society's 50th Anniversary



News from Harold Morrison

Just in time for the bicentenary, Canadian author Rene Chartrand has completed a book on the Forts of the War of 1812. It will be published February 21, 2012 by Osprey as part of their fortifications series. (You can preorder it from amazon.ca)

After many years, Eddy Luczko has sold his molds of toy soldiers and parts to Brian Jenkins. 1642 Chastain Parkway East, Pacific Palisades. California 90272 U.S.A. No word yet on size of catalogue or when production begin.

Thanks Howard, keep 'em coming.

Link of the Month

www.planetfigure.com

If you're a painter or just enjoy looking at connoisseur figures then this month's link is for you. Planet Figure is a great site for news and reviews on new figures and articles and discussion forums on everything to do with figures. Give it a visit if you're in need of information or inspiration for your next figure project.

Thanks to Frank MacKay for suggesting this one.

Welcome New Members

We have two new recruits for the Society:

Ron Peraziana joins us from Hamilton.

David Hambly hails from Peterborough.

Make them welcome.

Farewell Old Friends

Since the last newsletter we have learned of the passing of two former members of the Society. It is many years since they were with us last but some long time members may remember them.

Jim Risk passed away January 19. Jim was a commercial artist as well as a figure painter and he painted the original for the Queen's Ranger print that we use as our presentation print.

William Devaux was a member for about 20 years up until 2001. He passed away May 5.

Highlights of the Ajax Show

Here are a couple of photos from the Ajax Model Show held October 29. Didier Hachem's 100mm scale vignette of Waterloo was breath-taking. The corvette HMCS Snowberry in 1/72 scale was very impressive.



2011 Executive Committee

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Seeking Composition Figures

Hans Doring is looking for composition figures from such makers as Elastolin, Lineol and Hausser. You can contact Hans at 416-421-9951 in the evenings. Hans is also looking for someone who can do some repairs to composition figures for him.

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.

Collections for Sale

A number of folks have contacted the Society for help in selling collections:

Andrea Risk has a number of figures, painted and unpainted that belonged to her late father, former member Jim Risk. There are also some military books. Contact her at jimmar3@sympatico.ca

Noreen Crowley is looking to sell her late husband Gary's collection. They are mostly Britains sets of Napoleonic and Revolutionary War subjects, plus some Don Troiani Civil War sets and some Conte Revolutionary War and Zulu War sets. You can contact her at 905-894-9781 or by email at gcrowley@sympatico.ca. She's in Ridgeway (down near Fort Erie).

Paul Alexander has a number of 1950's Britains sets to sell including a Landau, Coronation Coach, Royal Horse Artillery and Humber Staff Car sets. You can contact him at 416-453-3143.

Don Jordan is looking to sell a collection that includes Britains, Marlborough, Tradition, East of India and King & Country sets. His email is inferno@execulink.com

Mary Moss in Ottawa has recently asked if anyone in our organization would be interested in purchasing her late Husband's collection. He had figures from the following manufacturers: Corgi, King and Country, Stadden, and other miniature soldiers. WWI, WWII German. Mary can be contacted at memooss@rogers.com



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

HeritageCon 6 Sunday Feb 12, 2012

Model show to be held at the Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton. 9am to 4pm. Admission is \$5. For details visit www.ipmshamilton.ca

WellCoME XV Saturday, April 14, 2012

Wellington Country Modellers Exhibition at Bishop MacDonnell Catholic High School 200 Clair Road West, Guelph, Ont. \$7 admission. All types of models including several figure categories. Detailed flyer available at www.thesprue.com

Buffcon 29 Sunday April 15, 2012

Presented by the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society. At the Knights of Columbus Club 2735 Union Rd. Cheektowaga (Buffalo) NY. All types of models including figure categories. Admission \$6. Check www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com for details.

Can/Am Con 10 Saturday April 21, 2012

International Scale Model Contest presented by IPMS Champlain Valley. At the Holiday Inn 412 Route 3 Plattsburgh New York. Includes figure categories.

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

Meeting Dates for 2012

Monthly meetings (all Sundays)

January 8	June 10
February 12	October 14
March 11	November 18
April 15	December 9
May 6	

Annual Show: Saturday September 8, 2012

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