



Next meeting:

Sunday, December 9, 2012

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

Meeting starts at 12:00 pm Doors open 11:00 am

Note the early start time

**50th Anniversary Year
1962 - 2012**

2012 Executive

Guy Elliott
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Scott Dummitt
1st vice president

Norman White
2nd vice-president

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Norman White
Annual Show Chairman

Scott Dummitt
50th Anniversary Chairman

Meeting Dates

December 9
- 2013 -
January 20
February 3
March 3
April 14
May 26
June 23
October 27
November 10
December 8

**Annual Show
Saturday September 7
2013**

Christmas Luncheon

The December meeting will feature our traditional Christmas luncheon. This is our annual chance to socialize with fellow members and enjoy a nice repast in celebration of the season and the climax of another club year.

Note that we will be starting the meeting at 12:00 and lunch will be served at 12:30.

We will be awarding membership service pins to mark those who have completed milestone years of membership in the Society (see page 2). Santa and his elves have been busy as usual and there will be lots of door prizes for good girls and boys.

Members are encouraged to bring out their spouses. As has become traditional, members are more than welcome to wear uniform or Scottish dress to add a dash of class to the proceedings.

Gail Stone and her crew will be handling the catering for us once again so we know we're in for a tasty meal as always.

Tickets can be purchased from Gail at \$5.00 a plate. You can see her at the meeting.

If you didn't get a lunch ticket at the last meeting you need to let Gail Stone know that you're coming. Call Gail at 905-332-0653 or email her at gstone4@cogeco.ca

Vendors are welcome to set up at the meeting.

2013 Membership Dues

Dues for 2013 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.

November Auction

We had a lively annual auction at the last meeting, although there weren't quite as many lots as in previous years. We didn't have to invoke our 100 lot limit. Auctioneers **Don Ritchie** and **Frank MacKay** kept the action moving, aided by runners **Jeff Duncan** and **John Hamby**. **Gail Stone**, aided by Mike Stone and his wife had the administration and money-handling under control as usual.

Many thanks to all our auction crew and those who participated. The Society benefited by just over \$300 from donated items and paddle fees.

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

News items and notices can be submitted at omss@bell.net or 416-261-6494.

OMSS website: www.omss.ca



President's Column

From our President Guy Elliott...

This is my last message for my year as President. I got a lot of help from the folks on the Executive and it wasn't as burdensome as I feared it might. I'd even do it again – in about 2022.

One of the things that did surprise me was the people outside of the Executive who often – unasked - volunteered to be of assistance. And special thanks to the whole group who meeting after meeting had the good graces to laugh at my jokes and stories. That was very kind.

I won't go through all the Executive name by name but I would specially thank Jim Matresky. He did a lot of re-organizing of the Society's operations and even passed down to me a 'President's Handbook' that he created. Both helped me a great deal this year. Last week Scott Dummitt came to our house and after he and I had lunch at a wonderful fish-and-chip restaurant in our neighbourhood we sat down and worked through all the details in the 'President's Handbook'. It is now all in Scott's hands for next year and I hope you will support him in the same way you helped me.

Thanks again.

Society Shirts

We had a good response on the club golf shirts and the order has gone in. Scott Dummitt should have them available for pick-up at the meeting.

Welcome to New Members

We have picked up a number of new recruits to the Society over the past few months. Let's all welcome:

Nic Bax (owner of Carefree Hobbies in Oakville)

Brian Holly of Alexandria Virginia

Keith Walmsley of Bournemouth in the U.K.

Scott Watkin of Georgetown

John Pirrie of Toronto

Don Short of Toronto

Bryan Campbell of Toronto

Joseph Debono of Toronto

Robert Johnson of Toronto

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)

Phil Andrews
James Cook
Dieter Doring
Guy Elliott
Derrick Gravelle
Peter Jackson

Silver Pin (20 years)

Norman Herskowitz
Ed Tansley
Brad Wood

Gold Pin (25 years)

Brendan Furlong
Rainer Knickmann
Frank MacKay

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.

And a particular welcome back to **Bob Boothe** a member and former president of the Society from back in the 1970s. Bob left the Society when he moved to the U.S. He recently moved back to Canada and rejoined the club. As was evident at the Annual Show he is still an active painter. Great to have him back.

Welcome to all our new members. We hope you can get out to a meeting soon. Make yourself known to Gary Lenius and we'll make sure and introduce you to the membership.

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Seeking Barton Landsknecht Kit

From Frank MacKay:

"A while ago I was lucky enough to win a partial kit of the Barton/Post Militaire 200mm Mounted Landsknecht. Unfortunately, there are quite a few key pieces missing, most notably his head. Does anyone own this kit un-built? It would be most helpful if I could borrow it, cast replacements, and have it back to you in mint condition at the very next meeting."

Please contact frank_mackay@hotmail.com



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.



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

Toronto Military Show Sat. January 26, 2013

The eastern incarnation of this recurring militaria flea market is moving to Oshawa. 8:30 am to 2 pm at the General Sikorski Hall at 1551 Stevenson Road North, Oshawa. Admission is \$8.

HeritageCon 7 Sunday March 3, 2013

Annual plastic model competition (figure categories too) Presented by IPMS Hamilton. 9:00am - 4:00pm at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Hamilton, Ontario. Admission \$7 per person. Details at www.ipmshamilton.ca

Toronto Military Show Sat. March 16, 2013

The western session of this recurring militaria show will be held at the Etobicoke Olympium 590 Rathburn Road. 8:30 am to 2 pm. Admission is \$8.

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

OMSS Commemorative Figures Are Here

See Gary Lenius at the meeting to pick up your figure if you didn't pick it up at the show. We will have them at the next few meetings for pickup. (We will be mailing them out to members who can't make it out to meetings, just be patient.)

A limited number of extra figures are available through two of our vendors: Scott Dummitt and Henry Chow. The figures retail for \$32.00 each plus tax. Check with the individual retailers for offered discounts on the Anniversary figure and bring your membership card.

Moving? Send your change of address to: Gary Lenius 43 Saugeen Cres. Scarborough, Ont. M1K 3M8
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