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Ontario  
Model  
Soldier  
Society



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**Meeting Dates**

- 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**

**Monthly Newsletter for January 2013**

*Next meeting:*

**Sunday, January 20, 2013**

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

Meeting starts at 1:00 pm Doors open 11:00 am

**Featured Speaker:**

**Ian Pearson**

**On**

**OMSS History**

The Society just completed its 50th year. Our archivist Ian Pearson has been collecting and cataloguing material on the Society for quite a few years now.

Join us as he hits the highlights of our first 50 years.



**2013 Membership Dues**

Dues for 2013 are now payable. See Treasurer Gary Lenius at the meeting to keep your membership up to date.

We have held the dues at the same low prices as last year:

- 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.

Thanks to all those who re-upped at the December meeting or have mailed their dues in. If you can't make it down to the meeting Gary will be sending out a reminder notice by mail in the coming weeks.

**OMSS Golf Shirts**

**Scott Dummitt** asks that anyone who ordered a shirt but didn't pick it up at the December meeting please see him at the meeting. If you can't make it out try to arrange for another member to pick up your shirt.

Everyone who received their shirts at the last meeting was very pleased with how well they came out. A big thank-you to Scott for organizing them.

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

News items and notices can be submitted at [omss@bell.net](mailto:omss@bell.net) or 416-261-6494.

OMSS website: [www.omss.ca](http://www.omss.ca)



## President's Column

From our President Scott Dummitt...

*(With the new Year we have a new president. Scott hasn't been with the Society long but his energy and ideas and his willingness to pitch in has impressed us all. We look forward to a successful year under his leadership. ...Ed)*

On behalf of myself and the OMSS Executive, I want to extend my wishes of a Happy New Year's to all our members and their families. For much of the country we have had a traditional white Christmas and I'm sure many of you received some toy soldier related gifts for Christmas. I know I was fortunate enough to.

I would also like to thank outgoing OMSS President **Guy Elliot** for making the transition process a remarkably smooth one for me. Guy not only was kind enough to invite me to his home to go over details about the position, but continuously throughout the year passed tips onto me in order to make my upcoming term an easy one. The fortunate thing is Guy will still serve this coming year on the Executive as Past President and his wisdom and guidance will no doubt be a great asset.

The Annual Christmas dinner was once again a success and thanks go out to **Gail Stone** and her family for their hard work putting it together for us. Our special guest, Merle Tubman, Vice-President of Borgfeldt Canada Ltd., came bearing gifts as everyone at the dinner received a wonderful Meccano race car kit. It took me 45 minutes and a lot of cussing to assemble at home. I wonder how many of you passed yours along to the grandchildren or found yourself using the same descriptive language I did when those small nuts kept falling on the floor?

The highlight of our Christmas dinner was the annual awards. For 2012 the Society Figure award went to **John Hambly**, the Society Print award went to **Jeff Duncan** and the Life Time Membership award went to **Gary Lenius**. I can't think of three more deserving members. All three members constantly give of themselves to make sure that our Society meetings and events go on without a hitch. Congratulations to all of you.

Finally, in this our 51st year of existence as the Ontario Model Soldier Society, I want to thank you all for putting your faith in me to carry out my term as President. I hope to be worthy of that faith.

## News from Fort York

Construction of the long awaited visitors' centre has begun. It will be located to the west of the fort in the shadow of the Gardiner Expressway (which will hopefully stay up for a few more years). Completion is some time in 2014. This has necessitated closing the entrance to the fort off Fort York Boulevard. Access to the fort during the construction is via Garrison Road off of Fleet Street just west of Fort York Armoury (i.e. the old way in).

Alas the days of free parking at the fort are gone. They have installed a Pay and Display system at their lot. That's life in the big city.

The Friends of Fort York organization is responsible for the Fort's website and they recently launched a revamped version of the site. It looks really great. You can check it out at [www.fortyork.ca](http://www.fortyork.ca).

If you don't already subscribe to the Friends email newsletter the "Fife and Drum" I highly recommend it. Go to the "Newsletter and Archive" page from the "Resources" menu on the website to peruse back issues and subscribe. It's free. It always has interesting articles on the history of the Fort and the Toronto Garrison as well as current goings on.

## MMSI Show on the Move

The Military Miniature Society of Illinois has run one of the premier shows for connoisseur figures for many years. Frank MacKay has passed on the news that their host hotel has turfed them. They will therefore be moving this year's show (October 11-13) to the Hyatt Regency Woodfield. It's in the same neighbourhood so no big deal for getting there.

MMSI website is at [www.mmsichicago.com](http://www.mmsichicago.com)

## Hamilton Airshow News

The Hamilton Airshow held at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in June is always a worthwhile event for military history buffs. This year there will be a special treat, a flying De Haviland Mosquito. The show will be June 15-16.

See [www.hamiltonairshow.com](http://www.hamiltonairshow.com) for show details.

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## Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

[aitchrwm@bell.net](mailto:aitchrwm@bell.net)

Having trouble with eyes and buttons? Get a high quality felt tip pen that offers blue, gold metal and plain metal tips. ...Dots all, folks!

Do any members know of a source for black and white templates which can be used to duplicate articles of uniforms?

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## December Meeting

### *A Good Time Had By All*

Due to a mix-up at the Legion about our meeting date we couldn't use the hall as usual but everyone attending agreed that the club room worked out fine and actually made a cozier venue for our yearend social.

As usual **Gail Stone** did us proud with the catering. How she turns out such a great meal for only \$5 is a perennial wonder. Thanks also to **Kim and Mike Stone** who assisted her.

Special guest Merle Tubman of Borgfeldt Canada brought us all a gift kit of Meccano.

A special thank-you also goes out to **Ed Tansley** for his contribution of draw prizes.

## Toy Soldier Poster at the ROM

Bill Wyatt reports that the Royal Ontario Museum is now selling a new poster celebrating the Hal Jackman collection of Toy Soldiers. It became available just before Christmas and sells for \$11.95.

Bill sent along a photo of his copy:



## Print Wanted



**James Hamilton** is looking for the person who bought at the November 2012 Meeting Auction the package of Colour Canadian Military Prints and Canadian History Prints. He is looking to obtain from them the large 16 by 20 Colour Military Print by Tom McNeely of 3 Scottish Soldiers by a fort in Upper Canada circa 1812. It was published in 1966 by Rolph, Clark, Stone Limited.

Please bring the print to the meeting in January or contact James at 416 621 8977.

## Link of the Month

### *War of 1812 Articles*

[news.nationalpost.com/category/news/war-of-1812](http://news.nationalpost.com/category/news/war-of-1812)

Another tip from **Jeff Duncan**. This link will take you to a page that collects all the articles on the War of 1812 that were published by the National Post recently.

## Imrie Miniatures

This New York state based outfit has closed its shop and become strictly an online and mail order business. They are passing their lowered costs on by cutting their prices. They stock a wide range of the famous Imrie/Risley kits at very reasonable prices plus some new figures and other modeling supplies.

One of their new releases is a figure of Sir Isaac Brock.

Website [www.saratogasoldier.com](http://www.saratogasoldier.com)



### Fort York Book for sale

Small book, autographed by the author, Carl Benn entitled: The Battle of York and booklet on Fort York, \$15 plus postage or pick up at meeting.

Contact David Dorward, 905-584-5838  
or email [dkdorward@sympatico.ca](mailto:dkdorward@sympatico.ca)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:stanley3211@hotmail.com) or 613-726-2999.

### Taking It On The Road

#### *Indianapolis Here We Come*

**Frank MacKay** and **David Dorward** are planning a road trip to the Indianapolis IPMS model show on March 23. They are looking for a third person to come along (and share expenses) for the trip.

Any interest? Contact [Frank\\_Mackay@hotmail.com](mailto:Frank_Mackay@hotmail.com) or [dkdorward@sympatico.ca](mailto:dkdorward@sympatico.ca)

Info about the show can be found at [www.ipmsroscoeturner.org](http://www.ipmsroscoeturner.org)



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](http://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](mailto: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.

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