



Next meeting:

Sunday, March 3, 2013

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

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

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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**

Featured Speaker:

Scott Dummitt on Toy Soldier Bands

What they are based on and how to display them

While many of you know that Scott was a member of the Royal Canadian Navy for 25 years, you may not realize that throughout his military career he was also a volunteer Musician with three Canadian Forces Pipe Bands. Performing with these bands as a supplementary duty gave Scott a wonderful opportunity to travel throughout Canada and the United States representing his country at numerous events. Some of these included playing for a state dinner in Ottawa for President Clinton, performing for Prime Minister Chretien, two Governor Generals, U.S. Army General Shalikashvili Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Change of Command at Colorado Springs (NORAD), The Korean War Memorial dedication parade in Washington D.C. and the opening ceremonies for P.E.I.'s Confederation Bridge.

Other venues that Scott performed at were the 1985 Victoria Area Tattoos, the 1987 Esquimalt Tattoo, The Governor General's Music Achievement Awards, the Hamilton Tattoo, The Maxville Highland Games, the Williamsburg Highland Games (VA), The Stone Mountain Tattoo and Highland Games (Atlanta, GA), the Kingston Tattoo and the Fort Ticonderoga Tattoo.

Being involved in all these events, plus his own interest in military bands gave Scott a great opportunity to meet bandsmen from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. This also led to him expanding his own collection of toy soldier figures by creating bands that many collectors were not aware of. At our March meeting Scott will talk about the various types of bands that collector's have in their collections and how they can properly be displayed.



The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

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President's Column

From our President Scott Dummitt...

As we get ready for the March meeting I got thinking about how the winter is one of those productive times for people to work on their hobby. As the majority of us are middle age or more I think that winter sports is pretty well past most of us, thus we have more time to put into research, planning and painting figurines, or kit bashing 1/6th scale sets. Of course if you are like me you make plans to work on your figures but something inevitably comes up. Even still with winter more than half over, this is a great time to work on something for this year's "ON PARADE", or if you don't plan on doing a new figure(s), maybe planning on a



Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

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If your special interest is uniforms of the 19th century and you can't afford all those Osprey books, here's a special message for you: 'An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Military Uniforms of the 19th Century' gives solid coverage and ample colour plates of uniforms from 1850 to 1900.. The 23 cm. x 29 cm. book, has 256 pages and credits sources for the information.

It is an Anglo-American effort by Kevin Kiley, the American, Digby Smith and special consultant Jeremy Black They separate uniforms by infantry, cavalry, artillery and special corps Kiley and Digby both were active service army officers for their respective countries. Black is a highly respected authority in British military history. This encyclopedia was published by Lorenz Books in 2010.

I ordered my copy through Amazon. At first I received a message stating it couldn't be sold in Canada. So I directed it to a friend in the U.S.A. The book seller later advised he could send it to me. I received it directly. There are various prices on Amazon's web site, so I won't give a price.

For members interested in the American Revolution, Kiley has written a book on 'An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Uniforms of the American Revolutionary War' also published by Lorenz Books.

Britains 2013 catalogue will be available in late February. As this is the 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg during the U.S. Civil War, more figurines will be released featuring Union/Confederate troops. Also, it is the 120th anniversary of the Britains company. If the

display of some items you currently have in your collection. While I haven't gotten anything painted lately for myself, I did finally manage to finish painting off the display room for my figures. Next step is building display cabinets.

Another project which I encourage you to look at is writing an article for "The Journal". This unique publication is solely made up of original articles contributed by OMSS members and is an ample opportunity for you to say something about your interest in the hobby. Whether it's writing a letter to the editor, giving helpful hints, talking about an aspect of the hobby you enjoy, or something entirely different, the "Journal" is your chance to express yourself in writing. Journal Editor Frank MacKay is always happy to work with any member who feel their efforts need a little sprucing up and Frank is always looking for contributors. Please take some time and put your thoughts to paper.

catalogues are received in February, perhaps members Henry Chow and Scott Dummitt will be able to provide some details.

I don't stay up all night worrying about it, but I wonder what happened to the Eddy Luczco moulds of Britains figurines and parts. They were acquired by a buyer who was supposed to continue the production, but they disappeared into a California limbo.

Speaking of moulds, I used to joke that photocopying was all very well, but when was three-dimensional copying to be introduced. It's here now. I'll skip the technical details, but suffice it to say that if a car or house key were copied in this process it would be strong enough to start a car or open a door.

In the late 40s and early 50s I recall the sale of pirated versions of Britains soldiers and artillery pieces by a Japanese company called Nihon toy soldiers. For all the antique stores and toy fairs I have visited, I have never seen any survivors of this brand. I recall Japanese infantry of around 1900 charging and a look-alike rendition of Britains #1292 artillery piece.

Worst broken promise to a toy soldier collector: "Yes, I said my cousin would give you his collection of Britains, but he changed his mind and has given them to his seven-year-old nephew..."

For all the blanket media coverage about Conrad Black, no one seems to have asked him this question: Do you still collect model model soldiers? If so, any recent acquisitions? Who, in your estimation, makes the best model soldiers.?

Canadian Militia Prints

To be sold by Sealed Bid Auction at April and May Meetings

We have two antique framed prints (shown at right and below) done by the Canadian Artist, John David Kelly, which were donated to the OMSS by the family of former member John English. We are going to hold a "Sealed Bid" auction in April and May for these two unique prints representing units of the Canadian Militia in the 1880s and the 1890s.



Print #1 (April auction): *The Canadian Militia - 1889* by John David Kelly

The first print representing the 1880s will be auctioned off at the April 2013 meeting, while the second print representing the 1890s will be auctioned off at the May 2013 meeting. The framed prints measure approximately 1.5' high by 3' wide.

This auction is available only to OMSS members and you must be in good standing (current dues paid up) to bid. At the meeting there will be a bid box available along with blank pieces of paper and pencils. You can enter your name and bid at the meeting and place it in the bid box up to the day of the auction. Or you may mail your bid to Guy Elliott. To do this you must place the bid amount on a piece of paper with your name and address and enclose it in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside of each envelope and the print (1880 or 1890) indicated on that envelope. Each individual print bid must be in a separate envelope. The sealed envelopes must then be placed in an envelope and mailed to:

Mr. Guy Elliott
OMSS Print Auction
17 Shaunavon Heights Cres.
Toronto, Ont.
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Bids for the April auction must be received by 12 April 2013, and for the May auction no later than 24 May 2013. Winning bids at the meeting must be paid the day of the auction. Winning bids by mail will be given 14 days to make payment. Out of town winners will be contacted by phone, if in Canada or U.S., or by Email if overseas. Personal Cheques will be accepted for payment of winning bid. Out of town winners will be responsible for shipping charges and insurance on top of their winning bid. International members will be required to pay by International Money order or by Western Union Money Transfer.

All bids will be opened at the monthly meetings in front of attending members and announced during the meeting. Proceeds from the auction will go towards operation of the OMSS.

For further information regarding this auction please contact:

Scott Dummitt at (705) 939-1028 scottjd@sympatico.ca
or Guy Elliott: sandy-guy@sympatico.ca.



Print #2 (May auction): *The Canadian Militia - 1898* by John David Kelly



Newly Unearthed Treasures

Frank Barrett has re-discovered a toy chest he has not looked at in years. At the next meeting 95% of the items for sale have never before been offered.

Included will be: Assyrians, Romans, Landknecht, English Civil War, Knights. In addition there are early Gord Dumbleton up-graded Britain's British and Napoleonic Lancers, as well as Britain's Danish Hussars, Johillco U.S. Marines, Mignot, and World War II German mobile units including a few Afrika Corps.

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

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.

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.



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

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.

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 or dkdorward@sympatico.ca

Info about the show can be found at

www.ipmsroscoeturner.org

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

Werner Schroth is currently in Credit Valley Hospital and is undergoing treatment for cancer in several areas of the body. Prognosis is not being discussed. He is in excellent spirits however and always appreciates a phone call from any OMSS member, as model soldier talk is much more pleasant than the routine and boredom of a long hospital stay.

His phone number: 905-813-1100 ext. 1068

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