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Model  
Soldier  
Society



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- 2013 -

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March 3

April 14

May 26

June 23

October 27

November 10

December 8

Annual Show

Saturday September 7  
2013

Monthly Newsletter for June 2013

Next meeting:

**Sunday, June 23, 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:**

**Korea - A View from a Waggoner**  
**Captain JR Pearson CD RCASC**

This month we have another talk on this year's theme of the Korean War. After Ian Pearson's father passed away several years ago he found a stash of colour slides from his service in Korea. They show front line areas mainly covering vehicles, uniforms, tactical signs and buildings. Ian has put together a presentation from them.

**Special Sale at June Meeting**

Former society President **Bryan Gibbins** has donated a large selection of paintable figures, both three dimensional and flats, various sizes, to be sold at our June meeting. The proceeds go into the society coffers. Prices will vary from \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00. There are some really nice items in this selections and some figures that are quite unique. Get there early for best selection.

We will also be selling three bound volumes of "Campaigns" magazines. The late **Nick Darrow** had these professionally bound. There are also some early number s of "Toy Soldier" magazine.

**OMSS Does Oklahoma**

*No, the Society is not going into musical theatre.* Earlier this month our own **Ian Pearson** attended the Tulsa Model Show put on by the Historical Miniatures Society of North Eastern Oklahoma. At his suggestion we sent him with one of our Queen's Ranger commemorative figures to present to their society on behalf of the OMSS.



*June 2nd was the 60th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. I like to commemorate it as I am a Coronation baby, complete with silver spoon issued by the Governor-General! ...GL*

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

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



### President's Column

From our President Scott Dummitt...

Well we are half way through the year and halfway through my term as President. Its been interesting and busy since taking the helm (Navy pun intended) but I have been very fortunate in having a good group of people supporting me in both the Executive and the society membership.

We have just received a donation of figures from former President Bryan Gibbins and will have these for sale this coming month at the meeting.

This is the last meeting coming up before the summer break and before our annual show and competition at Fort York. We are going to need members to volunteer to help with the set-up at the show and to provide a bit of time at security the day of the show. Please take a few moments and sign up on our sign-up sheet at the meeting so that Show Chairman Norm White and Vice Chairman Tom Elliot have an idea of how much help they will have.

Last years show was a great success with regards to displays and competition pieces so please lets get together and continue riding the wave of that success with another great effort this year.

Scott Dummitt and Scott Ryan took a road trip to Gettysburg last year, as recreated below by Scott Ryan. ...Ed

### Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison  
[aitchrwm@bell.net](mailto:aitchrwm@bell.net)



Looking for a varied range of 54 mm figures in metal and plastic? The Sentry Models and Hobbies shop at 1633 Bayview Ave., has a wide selection. Not only that, Joe McEvoy, owner of the store, has an interest in painting figures himself. There's a wide selection of miniatures which he has painted, and if there no customers needing immediate service in the store, he will take time to give tips on his painting techniques. To put it mildly, he is a master painter. As well as figurines he has an excellent variety of paints, brushes and appropriate supplies for the hobby.

The shop's telephone is 416-480-1687, See [sentrymodels.wordpress.com/about](http://sentrymodels.wordpress.com/about) for full info.

The store is south of Eglinton Ave. East,. On-street parking is available. The TTC bus, which connects with the Davisville subway station, provides easy access.

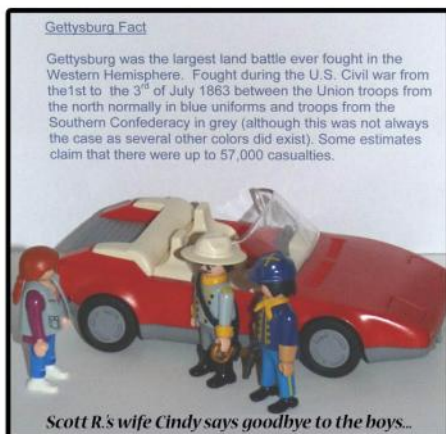
### John English Donations

The second of the two large format Canadian Militia prints donated by John English was auctioned at the May meeting. **Eric Lowe** was once again the successful bidder; he got them both. Well done Eric and enjoy them.

There are a few other items John has given us which will be going on sale at the Society table at the Annual Show at Fort York in September.

## Scott and Scott Go To Gettysburg

...a recreation by Scott Ryan



Gettysburg Fact

Gettysburg was the largest land battle ever fought in the Western Hemisphere. Fought during the U.S. Civil war from the 1st to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1863 between the Union troops from the north normally in blue uniforms and troops from the Southern Confederacy in grey (although this was not always the case as several other colors did exist). Some estimates claim that there were up to 57,000 casualties.

Scott R's wife Cindy says goodbye to the boys...

"Why do I think you two are going to fight all the way to Gettysburg?"



Gettysburg Fact

There are currently 400 cannons at the Gettysburg's Battle Field.

The boys go souvenir shopping...

"I don't think we'll be able to get this back through Customs."



Gettysburg Fact

Many claim that the town of Gettysburg and the battlefield are haunted. There are several ghost tour operators that conduct guided tours every night.

The boys go on a Ghost Hunt tour...

"OK, OK, you can come out now. There really are no ghosts here this time."

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# ON PARADE 2013

**Canada's Largest  
Model Soldier Show**

**Saturday  
September 7, 2013  
10 am to 3:30 pm**

**Historic Fort York  
Toronto**



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

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

**Massed displays of  
Toy Soldiers, Bands  
and Military Parades  
Connoisseur Figures  
Dioramas  
Vehicles and Artillery  
1/6 scale action figures  
Open modelling  
competition**

*Figure by W. Britain*

**This Year's Theme: Remembering Korea 1953-2013**

Fort York Historic Site - 250 Fort York Blvd., Toronto Ontario M5V 3K9  
For maps and directions see the Fort York website [www.fortyork.ca](http://www.fortyork.ca)  
Show contact: Norman White 416-285-5600 or email [omss@bell.net](mailto:omss@bell.net)  
Show details at [www.omss.ca](http://www.omss.ca)

## On Parade 2013

Saturday September 7, Fort York

The show is coming up fast. We hope you're all busily working away on entries for the competition and displays. Our show postcards and flyers are now available. Help us publicize the show by taking some to your local hobby store or other suitable spot. See Gary Lenius at the meeting.

### Korean War Theme

Our theme for this year's show is the Korean Conflict, often called Canada's Forgotten War. So we'll be looking for suitable displays. (anything early 50's vintage will do.) We are planning a group display space where all members can contribute material, even if they don't have enough for a large display of their own. So review your collection and see what you could contribute to the cause.

### Vendor Tables

It's time to book your tables for the show. We have held the price to same low price. \$45 gets you an 8 foot table. A mailing will be going out to all our previous vendors. Or you can download the vendor info sheet and registration form from our website [www.omss.ca](http://www.omss.ca). We usually sell out our available tables so the sooner you book the better.

## Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Military Show: Volunteers Needed

The Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Military Show will be held again at the Peterborough Armoury on Saturday 21 September 2013. The OMSS put on a great display last year and according to members who attended there was a lot of interest in our display. We are looking once again for volunteers to put on displays at the show and need to know by July so we can coordinate table allotment with the organizer. This is a nice small show, starting at 8 am and ending around 2:30 pm. If you haven't had a chance to visit Peterborough lately, this is a good excuse. Please contact either Scott Dummitt or Gail Stone if you wish to participate.

## Link of the Month

### How to Talk to Your Sea Dog

[www.seatalk.info](http://www.seatalk.info)

[www.sailingnavies.com/glossary.php#top](http://www.sailingnavies.com/glossary.php#top)

**Phil Andrews** has sent along a couple of useful links for us land-based lifeforms that like to read about the days of sail. E.g. Patrick O'Brian's Jack Aubrey series or C.S. Foresters classic Hornblower novels. At these sites you can look up those nautical terms that have you stumped. Just the thing for the reader that can't tell a lubber's hole from a sea-cock.

## Need Help With Collection

Janet Stevenson's late husband Hugh was a member of the Society some years ago.

"My husband, Hugh Stevenson, (who died a few years ago) was a member of your organization. He hand painted a large collection from various military groups, mostly soldiers, but also tanks and other militaria. Since I'm now planning to move, I would like to sell the collection which is housed in purpose-built showcases which vary from 8" to 12" wide and about 4' high. There are 6 cases.

Perhaps someone from the society might catalogue the collection and put it on the web for sale. I would appreciate any help you can give me in disposing of my husband's collection."

She is in London and can be contacted at [pcejhs@uwo.ca](mailto:pcejhs@uwo.ca)

## Kick Starting General Grant

Dana Lombardy has asked us to help publicize a Kickstarter campaign for a new book call "Grant Rising" which will chart Ulysses S. Grant's early Civil War campaigns with detailed maps and illustrations. Check it out at:

[www.kickstarter.com/projects/680099836/grant-rising-first-in-a-new-series-of-civil-war-ma](http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/680099836/grant-rising-first-in-a-new-series-of-civil-war-ma)



### Seeking Monogram Figures

Frank MacKay seeks to complete his collection of the old 54mm Monogram Merite figures. Figures needed are: #804 Berdan Sharpshooter; #805 French Horse Artillery; #809 Viet Cong; #810 Texas Infantry 1862; #811 US Infantry 1780; #820 King's German Legion. Painted or unpainted, packaging not important but figure must be complete.

[frank\\_mackay@hotmail.com](mailto:frank_mackay@hotmail.com) 416-283-3472

### Seeking CEF Collar Tabs

Jeff Duncan is looking for a set of First World War Canadian Expeditionary Force collar tabs. Buy or trade.

[heidihogardens@rogers.com](mailto:heidihogardens@rogers.com) 519-855-6134

### 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 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.

### Bill Wilson - new email

Bill Wilson of Bolton is looking to sell a large collection of Wm Britain's figures dating from the 40s and 50s. There are several hundred figures including farm figures and zoo animals but only a few boxed sets.

If interested of for further details contact him at 905-857-1384 or email [billwilson968@gmail.com](mailto:billwilson968@gmail.com)



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

### International Napoleonic Society Annual Congress July 29 - August 2, 2013

At the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Details at [www.napoleonicsociety.com](http://www.napoleonicsociety.com)

### OMSS "On Parade 2013" Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013

Our own show. See page 3.

### Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Militaria 2013: Show and Sale - Saturday, September 21, 2013

9:00 am to 2:30 pm. 220 Murray Street, Peterborough Ontario  
Admission: \$3.00 Per person, Children under 12 free when accompanied by and adult. Maximum family charge \$7.00. Additional information available at (705) 749-3149.

### Casting Call

We've had a couple of requests from people looking for someone to do molding and casting.

**Robin Ward** needs someone to produce figures to go with vintage Dinky vehicles.

Email [swardn225@rogers.com](mailto:swardn225@rogers.com) or 905-836-2271

Former member **Kieran Boyle** is looking for someone to do some mold making and casting for him.

Email [kieranhtfa@shaw.ca](mailto:kieranhtfa@shaw.ca) or 905-719-8187

### 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)

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or email: [omss@bell.net](mailto:omss@bell.net) Phone: 416 261-6494