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Annual Show
Saturday September 7
2013

Monthly Newsletter for September 2013

Saturday September 7th the OMSS will be

ON PARADE

Our Annual Show and Competition at Historic Fort York

10 am to 3:30 pm

Join us as the Society hosts its yearly celebration of our hobby. We've got a great show planned, all it needs is your participation. We are back at Fort York again this year.

This issue of the newsletter is all about the show.

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We need...

Volunteers for show setup on Friday

A few good men needed. We'll be starting around 10 am. Let Norm White know if you can help out.

Entries for the Annual Competition

Don't be shy! We've got lots of trophies this year. All types of models welcomed.

Displays

Give your fellow members and the public a glimpse of some of your collection. Member's displays are always a highlight of the show and a great public favorite. Let Norm White know what space you require and he'll set aside a spot for you.

Korean War Displays

We will also be doing a pooled display around our theme commemorating the Korean conflict 1950-53, so bring down any appropriate pieces you have to help us fill it out.

Volunteers for Show Security

While you're at the show, help us out by taking a turn at security. It's just a matter of keeping a quiet eye on the displays and answering people's questions.

Vendors

We have a couple of spots left in our vendor area. Only \$45 for an 8 foot table. Contact Norm White as soon as possible to reserve.

Show Contact

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See you there!

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

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President's Column

From our President Scott Dummitt...

It's been a hot humid summer but with the Fall fast approaching temperatures have become bearable again and it's time to get ready for our annual Show and Competition "On Parade". Last year's show was a tremendous success despite the morning downpour. Our attendance was quite good and the displays and competition pieces were wonderful. In fact we had over 80 competition pieces last year. Let's show that it wasn't a fluke and continue that success this year. Those of you planning to put in displays need to contact show Chairman Norm White (416-285-5600) or Vice-Chairman Tom Elliot (905-542-2393) as soon as possible and tell them how much room you will require for your display. We are currently looking for figures, vehicles or artifacts (hats, badges, etc) pertaining to the U.N. side of the Korean War. These will all be placed on a Society table showing that we do remember our Korean War veterans.

If you're a vendor please get your show registration forms and payment in now as we need to confirm your space.

We have been fortunate once again to get our information out through magazines, post cards, posters and several well known sites on the internet including Friends of Fort York, and the City of Toronto. Don't be afraid to use your internet skills to post us to other similar sites if we are not on them or to mention to your friends, local newspaper connections and so on. The more people who attend the more fun it is for all of us and remember "On Parade" is also a great way for us to encourage new membership. I've already heard from one of our U.S. members who plans on coming up from Virginia, now there's commitment for you.

Fort York Parking Charge

For many years we have been fortunate that we haven't been charged for using the fort's parking facilities but unfortunately that has changed. The City of Toronto, not Fort York, has installed a "Pay and Display" parking system as used in other city lots and on-street parking. Cost is \$1.50 per hour or a maximum rate of \$8.00 per day. It's unfortunate that we are now paying for parking; however the OMSS has been using the fort's facilities for free since we moved the show there. Compare the price of parking at the fort to what it cost to park at the CNE, a city hos-

pital or Lester B Pearson Airport and we are still doing very well. The OMSS still does not pay for the use of Fort York's "Blue Barracks" or the Block House, so we are still saving a great deal in comparison to what it costs us to use Castle Loma, Harbour Front, or even the Royal Canadian Legion. I know it's an inconvenience, but please don't let the cost of parking ruin your day at the fort.

Photos of Displays at "On Parade"

Don't forget to bring your digital camera to "On Parade" 2013. Each year Frank MacKay, Ian Pearson and Scott Dummitt are looking for photos of the people and displays from our show. Ian can use them for the achieves, Frank for "The Journal" and Scott uses them for his "Toy Soldier & Model Figure" magazine articles. The photos for the articles need to be clear, well focused High Digital photos and you need to send along what the photo is about, whose items they belonged to and who took the photo (i.e. "Try it Now", Ian Pearson, photo by Jeff Duncan). If your photo is used in TS&MF magazine your name will be mentioned as the photographer. Photos for TS&MF need to be submitted by the 12th of September at the latest as the editor needs them for the 15th. Photos can be sent to scottjd@sympatico.ca for TS&MF, ivpear@idirect.com for Ian Pearson and Frank MacKay can be reached at frank_mackay@hotmail.com.

Toy Soldier Magazine Show Issue

Scott will once again be ordering extra copies of the issue of "Toy Soldier & Model Figure" magazine that covers our show. Talk to him to reserve a copy for yourself. \$9 plus tax. They should be available for the November or December meeting.

Peterborough Militaria Show

At this time I have three confirmed displayers for the Peterborough Militaria Show on the 21st of September. The show starts at 8 am and is over at 2:30 pm. These small shows are lots of fun because people seem to ask questions more and members can take their time explaining the displays. Please contact Scott Dummitt or Gail Stone if you have the time to put in a display. This is also a good way to get new members interested in joining our Society.

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Send an email to omss@bell.net to get yourself on the email distribution list.

Your editor (the guy who has to stuff envelopes every month) will thank you.

Fort York: Getting There

Fort York National Historic Site is located at the end of Garrison Road, just east of the CNE grounds and just west of Bathurst Street along the original shoreline of Toronto.

Due to construction of the new visitors centre the entrance off Fort York Boulevard is closed to automobiles. You must enter by Garrison Road just west of the Fort York Armouries (as shown at right).



Driving from the East

1. Take the Gardiner Expressway west to the Spadina/Lakeshore exit.
2. Continue onto westbound Lakeshore Blvd. West.
3. Turn right at Fort York Blvd.
4. Make a quick left turn at Fleet St.
5. Turn left into the fort entrance just past the Armouries.

Driving from the West

1. Take the Gardiner Expressway east to the Jameson exit.
2. Continue onto eastbound Lakeshore Blvd. West.
3. Just past the CNE turn left onto Fort York Blvd.
4. Make a quick left turn at Fleet St..
5. Turn left into the fort entrance just past the Armouries.

Parking

Parking is available just outside the fort's west gate. It is a "Pay and Display" system. Purchase a ticket from the machine and display on your dashboard. The rate is \$1.50 an hour with a daily maximum of \$8. (Coin or credit card)

Public Transit Directions

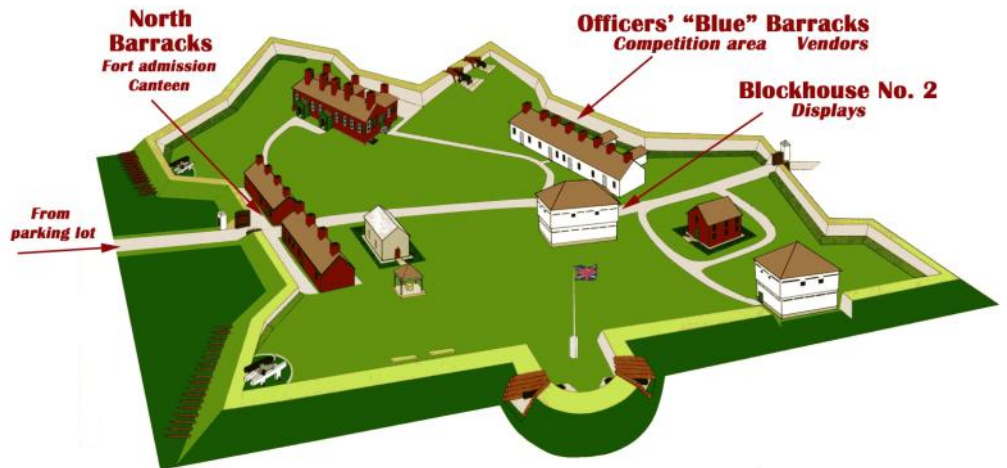
Take the 511 streetcar south from Bathurst subway station to the stop at Fort York Boulevard. Walk west on Fort York Boulevard to the footpath under the Gardiner Expressway up to the West Gate of the fort.



Show Layout and Details

The map at right shows the layout of Fort York and the buildings housing the show.

(Feel free to explore the other buildings and displays within the fort.)



Our show will be held in building known as the Officers' "Blue" Barracks. (It's actually painted white.) The vendor and flea market area and the competition area will be here. Additional displays will be in the adjacent Blockhouse No. 2 on both the ground level and upstairs.

Schedule for September 7

8:00 am	Set-up for vendors and exhibitors
10:00 am	Show opens to the public
12:00 pm	Deadline for competition entries
3:00 pm	Announcement of competition awards
3:30 pm	Show closes, packing up begins.

Show Set-up

Vendors and members with displays are welcome to set up on Friday afternoon. We have said 2:00 for this as we can't guarantee when exactly the tables will be delivered and set up. We must be out of the fort by 5 pm. Otherwise you'll have two hours on Saturday morning from 8 am to 10 before the show opens to the public.

Vendors and participants with large displays will be able to drive their vehicles into the fort and directly to the display building during the set-up times only. For safety reasons all vehicles must be escorted in, show personnel will be on hand to assist with this.

It's strictly drive in, unload and drive out. You can't leave your vehicle inside the fort while you set up.

Similarly, after the show closes vehicles will be allowed in to pack up, under supervision, as soon as the grounds are reasonably clear of visitors.

Admission to Fort York

There is no admission fee for our show, but members and visitors are required to pay fort admission. (Adult \$9, Senior \$5.50, Youth \$5.50, Children \$4.25.) Admission may be paid at the canteen in the North Barracks at the western entrance to the fort.

Vendor Area and Flea Market

We have more than 25 tables offering toy soldiers old and new, books, modeling supplies, action figures and more. Lots to look at and there's sure to be something to tempt your pocketbook.

We will also have a Society sale table with a wide range of items that have been donated by the members.

Food Service

No need to pack a lunch or leave the fort to forage for food. On site catering will once again be provided by a volunteer crew from the International Order of Daughters of the Empire. They will be selling muffins and coffee in the morning and sandwiches and cold drinks later in the day. As we have seen in previous years it's top rate grub at reasonable prices. They will be located in the Blue Barracks within the vendor area.

The IODE is donating all proceeds to John McDermott House, a palliative care unit for terminally ill first responders and military personnel at Sunnybrook Hospital. A great cause so chow down!

Washrooms

Public washrooms are located downstairs at the right rear of the "Blue" Barracks building. There are also washrooms across from the fort entrance.