



*Next meeting:*

**Sunday, November 10, 2013**

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

Meeting starts at 12:30 pm Doors open 11:00 am

**Founded 1962**

**2013 Executive**

Scott Dummitt  
President

Norman White  
1st vice president

Gail Stone  
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Gary Lenius  
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Journal editor

Norman White  
Annual Show Chairman

**Meeting Dates**

- 2013 -

November 10

December 8

- 2014 -

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 26

June 22

September 14

October 19

November 16

December 14

**Annual Show**  
**Saturday May 3**  
**2014**

**Annual Auction**

This month we will be holding our annual auction. This is your chance to sell off items you no longer need or want or to pick up some new treasures from your fellow members.

**Note the earlier start time!**

We will start the meeting at 12:30 so that we can complete the auction without running too late.

**No vendor tables at this meeting.**

**Auction Ground Rules**

1. You must be a member in good standing to put up lots for sale.
2. Bidders must register and receive a bidding number. There is a fee of \$1.
3. The number of lots will be limited to 100; first come, first served.
4. A minimum reserve bid may be placed on a lot.
5. There is no selling fee or commission.
6. Hobby related items only please.

**Auction Description forms**

Some members have asked to get the auction forms ahead of time so they can fill in the descriptions of their items. So included with this newsletter is a form you can use for this. Cut it along the dashed lines and it makes 4 copies of a form that can be completed ahead of time and then attached to the lot cards at the meeting. Photocopy the sheet if you need more than 4.

**December Luncheon**

The 8th of December will see us holding our annual Christmas season luncheon. Price per person is \$5.00 and this includes a roast beef dinner, beverage and desert. Gail Stone and her family have once again kindly volunteered to cater our meal and we thank her kindly. In addition any additional dessert donations by our members are always warmly welcomed. See Gail at this month's meeting to reserve your tickets or contact her at 905-332-0653 or [gstone4@cogeco.ca](mailto:gstone4@cogeco.ca).

**Annual Show Moves to May**

For 2014 we have had to move the Annual Show to the first weekend in May. See the president's column on page 2 for further information.

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.



**President's Column** *From our President Scott Dummitt...*

For those of you at the last meeting, we dropped a bombshell on our membership when we announced that we had lost the facilities at Fort York for our annual show & competition in September. Well we have some good news. We have negotiated with Fort York and are booked for Saturday 3rd of May, 2014.

Along with the change in our date, there will be some changes that will have to be made in the way we run the show. Our set-up time on the Friday will be shortened and access to the fort will be strictly enforced by the fort staff and the OMSS. As they say folks; "The times are a changing" and we are going to have to change with it if we wish to retain the uses of the first class facilities we have at Fort York. The fact that we are still able to hold shows at this facility is a real feather in our cap, as far as I know we are the only society to annually hold our show within a historical facility.

Along with the news that we once again will be holding our show at Fort York, I have talked with Ken Osen, the new General Manager at William Britain Limited, and once again it looks like we will have the privilege of that company putting in an appearance at our show. Ken has some great ideas in store for the future of William Britain

Ltd. and I believe that you will be surprised with some of the ideas he has in mind.

We also once more will have the company of an old friend to the society, Merle Tubman; Vice President of Borgfeldt (Canada) Ltd. Merle will again be at the show to answer your questions about the products that this major Canadian wholesaler carries.

This coming meeting we will be holding our annual auction. It would be greatly appreciated if we had some volunteers turn up early to help set up tables and chairs. The auction is set to take place at xxxx and our own Don Ritchie has once again kindly agreed to be our auctioneer. Gail Stone and family will be selling the auction paddles and collecting your money at the end of the auction. For information about selling or bidding please contact Gary Lenius before the meeting. Remember this is a cash event as we do not accept Credit Cards at the auction.

Lastly, it is November and that means Remembrance Day. Take a moment to purchase a Poppy, and remember why we wear that symbol. We have been very fortunate in this country. We have an all volunteer military and the men and women of the Forces have answered the call to duty when it was necessary. On behalf of the Ontario Model Soldier Society, I thank all serving members of the Canadian Forces and Veterans for their service.

**Elected Officers for 2014**

At the October meeting we held the election for the slate of officers who will take the helm of the Society in January. They are:

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| President           | Norman White |
| 1st Vice-President  | Gail Stone   |
| 2nd Vice-President  | Tom Elliot   |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Gary Lenius  |

The other members of the executive are appointed by the president and all have volunteered to continue to serve for the next year as well. Please give them all your support.

**Meeting Dates for 2014**

Our meeting dates for next year have been booked with the Legion. See page 1 of this newsletter

**In Remembrance**

As a small thank-you to our veterans the Society has once again participated in the "Raise a Flag" program at Sunnybrook. We have sponsored a flag to be placed on the lawn in front of the veterans' wing on November 11.



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Canada Post has issued stamps commemorating The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment and a First Day Cover (FDC) of The Royal 22nd Regiment (Van Doos.) Full information is available in "details" (the CPO magazine) for October - December, free at sub post offices. If you can't get a copy, write for one at the National Philatelic Centre, 75 St. Ninian St., Antigonish NS B2G 2R8. The issue of the magazine contains thumbnail histories of both regiments.

## Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

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Still available are FDCs and stamps of The Black Watch, The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, The Princess of Wales Regiment and the Royal Regiment of Canada. An FDC of the 49th Field Artillery Regiment also is available, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the regiment.



Referring to the "Hasty Pees" the author, Farley Mowat, wrote a regimental history, published in 1955. This was a break-through in Canadian publishing as it was the first time a regimental history had gone well beyond the limited circulation of the usual regimental and corps histories. The book has been

republished several times and is still available.



## New Members

Welcome to some new members who have joined our Society over the past few months.

**Alex Monsour** joined the club in August and was at our Annual Show. He hails from Guelph and is a "newbie" collector. He was introduced at the October meeting.

**Jeffrey Kaplan** joined us in May from Charleston, South Carolina.

**Ron Peraziana** has been an enthusiastic recruiter for us. In May he brought us two new members, **Michael Gustar** of Ancaster and **Michael Smith** of Hamilton.

**Brian Duncan** of Toronto also joined us in May.

**Neil McGavock** of Mississauga joined us in May as well.

**Ronald Hogg** of Pickering, a past member of the Society, rejoined us in June.

**Paul Kenney** joined us in September all the way from Agassiz, British Columbia.

**A. Duncan Johnstone** of Hamilton joined us in September also.

A hearty welcome to all new and returning members. If you make it out to a meeting make yourself known to Gary Lenius or Scott Dummitt and we will make sure you're introduced to the membership.

## Magazine Articles Wanted

Our friend and fellow society member **Stuart Hessney** is looking for people to tap into their literary skills, and special interest. As most of you know Stuart is the editor of Toy Soldier & Model Figure magazine, the largest selling toy soldier magazine in the world. It truly is an international magazine and submissions to the magazine come from collectors all over the world, and that's where we come in. I know we have people who know how to put together informative papers and so I am asking our many OMSS members to think about doing an article for TS&MF magazine.

Find a subject about your collection that you enjoy, put together an informative article on collecting, painting, and molding, take some HD Photos using a digital camera, and send it to Stuart at: [toysoldiereditor@adelphia.net](mailto:toysoldiereditor@adelphia.net).

Remember to let Stuart know that you are a member of the OMSS and if your article is printed you will receive a free copy of TS&MF magazine.



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