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Meeting Dates

- 2014 -

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

June 22

September 14

October 19

November 16

December 14

Annual Show
Saturday May 3
2014

Monthly Newsletter for April 2014

Next meeting:

Sunday, April 13, 2014

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

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

We hope to see everyone out for our last meeting before the annual show.

As of publication time we hadn't confirmed our featured speaker but Program Chairman Eric Clarke will, as usual, come through with something interesting for us.

Donations for Club Sale Table

Jeff Duncan will be running the Society sale table at our Annual Show again this year.

If you have items to donate, please bring them to the April meeting.

Membership Dues for 2014

Dues for 2014 are now payable. Gary Lenius will be glad to take your money at the meeting. We have held our dues to the same low price: \$35 a year. (\$20 for the second member in a household or for juniors 16 and under)

Thanks to all those who have sent their money in. A reminder notice will be going out shortly to the laggards.

Welcome Some New Recruits

We have added a few new members to the club so far this year:

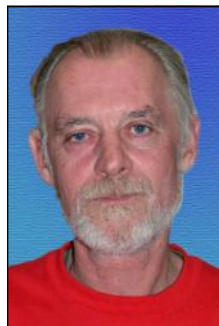
Chris Georgeson from Farmington Hills, Michigan. Chris is secretary of the Great Lakes International Model Toy Soldier Society.

Mark Cridland hails from Keswick.

Richard Moore joins us from Beaverton. He's a long-time friend of Ian Pearson and Scott Dummitt.

Ken Hopgood of Peterborough.

Welcome to all our new members and we hope to see you out at a meeting soon (or at the Annual Show).



Richard Moore



Ken Hopgood

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

News items and notices can be submitted at omss@bell.net or 416-261-6494.



President's Column

From the pen of our prez Norm White

Greetings to all members! Well it looks like spring is finally in the air, and naturally, a young man's thoughts turn to --- the upcoming OMSS Annual Show and competition. I hope everyone is as excited as I am about this year's event. I urge all members to place an item in the competition or display area. This is the showcase for our hobby to the general public, and helps generate interest in what we do.

We are less than a month away from the show and April 13th will be our last meeting before the event.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for security or set up detail. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting. We need all members to contribute, to make our show a success. If you are bringing a display, please inform Tom Elliot, our show chairman.

If you were not at the last meeting in March, you missed a wonderful and informative presentation by Richard Feltoe, a war of 1812 re-enactor from the Volunteer Battalion of the Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada. He spoke, at length about the history and war service of the battalion, and brought a large variety of uniforms, equipment and weapons to enhance his talk.

I would like to close this message with a warm and heartfelt thank you to the OMSS executive who make the job of being president so easy. I would also like to give a vote of appreciation to Jeff Duncan and The Browns, Mr and Mrs, who unfailingly look after the club draw and the front table.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on April 13th

...Norm



IPMS 50th Anniversary

Our friends at the International Plastic Modelers Society are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. The IPMS was founded in the U.K. in 1963 and the Canadian and U.S. branches were started the following year. There are IPMS chapters all over North America. Locally they put on the HeritageCon show in Hamilton (just held last month) and the Ajax Plastic Model Show in the fall.

You can keep tabs on them at www.ipmscanada.com

The US branch will be holding its national convention this year August 6-9 in Hampton Roads Virginia. They expect over 3,000 models at this show. For details see www.ipmsusa2014.com

Journal Editor Needs Pen Pals

Frank MacKay, our long-suffering Journal editor, makes the following plea:

"The OMSS Journal is in dire need of letters to the editor for the next issue or that section may be eliminated from the magazine. Everyone has something they'd like to say about the hobby, the OMSS, the Journal, etc. Why not express your opinions and make your voice heard? If you won't write an article, surely you can jot your concerns down in a brief paragraph. If we have nothing to say, we don't need a magazine."

Please forward your contributions to Frank at frank_mackay@hotmail.com

Judging Help Needed

Ian Pearson is organizing the judging for the Annual Competition at our Annual Show in May. He is looking for some additional help for the toy soldier and action figure entries. Contact Ian at ivpear@idirect.com or see him at the meeting.

Still waiting for your postman to brave hail, sleet and snow to deliver your paper copy of the monthly newsletter? Let us send it to you by email. 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.

Annual Show Countdown

ON Parade 2014
Saturday, May 3 Fort York Historic Site
Toronto

The show is fast approaching; here's the latest news.

Exhibitors

Scott Dummitt has been in touch with W. Britain and Borgfeldt Canada and both firms will be participating in this year's show and displaying some of their product lines. We look forward to meeting new Britain's head Ken Osen. For the first time this year we will also have a display from Hudson and Allen, makers of scenic materials and diorama accessories (everything from road signs to castles).

Vendors

Vendor tables will be \$50 this year. We have had to raise our price to help cover increased costs at Fort York. The vendor area is filling up nicely but there are still tables available. Get your registration in ASAP to guarantee space. Booking information is available on the website (omss.ca).

We have had interest from 2 or 3 people with large collections they are looking to sell. So there should be lots of interesting stuff on offer in the vendor area. We will also as usual have our club sale table run by Jeff Duncan.

Publicity

Advertising has been arranged in Toy Soldier and Model Figure magazine and also Esprit De Corps. We will also be putting a small ad in the Toronto Star this year.

Show posters (8.5" x 11") and postcards will be available at the meeting. We need your help to get these out to suitable locations such as hobby shops.

Theme

It being 2014 our theme this year is the 100th anniversary of the First World War. The theme is just a suggestion, displays and entries from any period are welcome.

Displays

If you are planning to bring a display for the show or competition we need to know what your space requirements are so that we can plan our table layout. (Anything bigger than 2 feet square) Let Tom Elliot know what you will need.

Food Service

Catering will once again be provided by Janet MacKay and her crew from the IODE. Good eats right at the show.

Show chairman: **Tom Elliot** 905-542-2393

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Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

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René Chartrand, a well-known Canadian military historian, will be attending the OMSS annual competition, May 3, as a vendor. René has an excellent selection of toy soldiers from Britain's golden age of the 1950s and military Dinky toys from the same era. He can't display his whole collection, but if you have a hard-to-get item you have always wanted, check with René to see if he has it.

Painting tip: Q tips are those thin 'sticks' with cotton swabs on each end. Also available, are Q tips with pointed cotton ends. They are useful for painting, especially small jobs, since they can be thrown away after use. No cleaning of brushes!

Army Outfitters, formerly at the north end of Avenue rd., recently opened a new location at 1884 Danforth Ave. The store has a staggering number of military books but does not include underwear of the S.S. (joke). They have a wide selection of militaria which would be difficult to categorize in this space. Not to mention platoons of toy soldiers. There's a web-site at militaryantiquesto-ronto.com. The new store is right beside Wheels and Wings, hobby store. Except for a.m. and p.m. rush hours, there is on-street parking. For non-drivers, the location is about halfway between Coxwell and Woodbine, about (maybe less) a ten-minute walk

Rich? Interested in the First World War? Currently available, a book entitled, 'The Great War--Photos From the Imperial War Museum.' Authors are Mark Holborn and Hilary Robert. Currently on sale at Indigo ...for \$114.

For our members interested in war maps, there is 'Mapping the First World War' with maps from the IMW. Author is Peter Chasseaud, price \$45 and the publisher is Knopf.

Also new is a book 'Great War Tommy: the British Soldier.' It features many technical drawings of weapons and lots of colour photos. The author is Peter Doyle, book price \$39.

I was horrified by the TV sight of Cossack militia whipping the women of Pussy Riot. But that reminded me: Timpo used to produce a mounted Cossack with a whip. To think that I doubted the authenticity of that figure with that weapon.

BBC-TV plans year-by-year coverage of the 100th anniversary of the First World War, extending over 2014 - 2018. Yes, but how about 2019, 100th anniversary of the Allied Expedition into Russia?

— ON OFFER —

Books from Werner Schroth Estate

Bryan Gibbins is selling some of Werner's books on behalf of his family.

Vols 1 & 2 Funken Lace Wars, Vols 1 & 2 Napoleonic Wars, mint condition, \$40 for either set.

Funken WW1 & WW2 . \$20 the set

If anyone is looking for books on flats and history there are also some available, some in German. There will be more items to come.

Contact Bryan at brygib@rogers.com

Books for Sale

David Dorward is looking to sell

Eat Your Weakest Man, Inside the Canadian Airborne Regiment, by Rui Amaral, \$20

Winged Stallion, Fighting and Training with the First Airborne, Michael Packe, \$10

dkdorward@sympatico.ca 905-584-5838

— UPCOMING SHOWS —

Toronto Military Shows

Saturday April 12, June 28, September 27, November 29

Bi-monthly militaria show. Buy/sell/trade. 8:30 am to 2:00 pm \$8 admission. At Hansa House 6650 Hurontario St. Mississauga.

November show at General Sikorski Hall 1551 Stevenson Rd. North in Oshawa.

Details at torontomilitaryshow.com

Ottawa Military Heritage Show Sat. April 26

9 am to 3 pm. \$8 admission. At the Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa.

Fall show October 25.

Gettysburg Toy Soldier Show and Sale

Sunday April 27, 10 am to 3 pm. At the Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA. toysoldiershowpromo.com/annual_gettysburg_show

MFCA Show May 9-10

Miniature Figure Collectors of America. One of the premier shows for connoisseur figures plus a giant sale area. Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia, PA. (where GW and the boys lost their shirts).

www.mfcashow.com/current.html

Peterborough Show September 27

The Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Militaria Show will be held at the Peterborough Armouries on 27th September 2014. Show time is from 9 am to 2pm. This show offers a wide variety of militaria, prints, club tables and more. We are looking for members who are willing to help set up a display at the show as we have done for the last two years. Interested members can contact Scott Dummitt at (705) 939-1028 or scottjd@sympatico.ca.

Chicago Toy Soldier Show Sunday, Sept. 28

The big one. Room trading goes on for 2 days prior to the formal show. At the Hyatt Regency Woodfield, 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL

www.toysoldiershow.com

Other Collectible Shows

Check out www.collectorshows.ca for some other locally hosted toy, train, and nostalgia shows.

The Ontario Model Soldier Society
presents

ON PARADE 2014

Canada's Largest Model Soldier Show

Saturday
May 3, 2014
10 am to 3:30 pm
Historic Fort York
Toronto

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



Band of the Royal Canadian Regiment by Don Ritchie

25+ vendor tables offering a wide variety of hobby products
Admission to the show is included with regular Fort York admission
(\$9.00 adult; \$5.50 senior or youth)

Fort York Historic Site - 250 Fort York Blvd., Toronto Ontario M5V 3K9
For maps and directions see the Fort York website www.fortycork.ca

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