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Model
Soldier
Society



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- 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 September 2014

Next meeting:

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

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

Featured speaker:

Guy Elliott

on

**1914:
The Canadian Military
and Model Soldiers**

For our "back to school" meeting former high school teacher (and OMSS past president) Guy Elliott has prepared a talk to mark the centenary of the Great War, Canada's role and its reflection in the world of toy soldiers. Join us for what is sure to be a stimulating and entertaining presentation.

It's also a great opportunity to bring out items related to the Great War for the Show and Tell table.



OMSS Journal

Editor **Frank MacKay** has sent the next issue of our Journal to press and we will have it for distribution at the meeting.

Upcoming meetings

October 19 will be our Annual General Meeting and elections for the executive officers for 2015.

November 16 is our annual auction.

December 14 will be our annual Christmas lunch and social.

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

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer, and I trust that you are all looking forward to the start of our fall and winter OMSS sessions. I know that I am excited about our upcoming events. . Our speaker for the September 14th meeting will be club member Guy Elliott. You may recall that he was forced to cancel his speaking engagement in June due to a scheduling conflict. He has kindly agreed to do his presentation this month instead.

I am sad to announce an unhappy event that occurred over the summer break. Carl McTaggart, one of our founding members passed away on June 27th. Carl had been ill for some months prior, and was not well enough to attend the show in May. Carl's funeral was held at Mount Lawn Cemetery on Friday July 4th, and was attended by members Jeff Duncan, John Hambly, Guy Elliott,

Jim and Eunice Matresky and myself. We sent a wreath on behalf of the society, to honour his long commitment to our club. Everyone that knew Carl will be saddened by his loss.

Please start thinking about items that you can bring to our upcoming auction in November. I look forward with great anticipation each year to see what "goodies" our members bring to sell. Bidding is always fun and hopefully everyone goes home with some treasure. Please remember also that the club is grateful for any items offered as a club donation.

Our Xmas feast in December will be the highlight of the season. I would like to suggest that all members who have them wear their kilt to this event in memory of Carl McTaggart. Carl was very proud of his Scottish heritage and always wore highland dress to the annual show and to the Xmas feast.

I look forward to seeing you September 14th,

...Norm



Passings

The members will be sad to hear that we have lost our last surviving founding member **Carl McTaggart** who passed away on June 27. Carl had been a member continuously since 1962 and was a regular at meetings up until the last few months. As Norm mentioned in his column above, the Society was well represented at his funeral.

We received the following note from Carl's son:

Hello Scott,

I wanted to thank everyone from OMSS for their support at my father's funeral.

It was great to talk to them about their memories of my father. Your society has been such a wonderful part of my father's life.

My family and I would like to wish them all the best.

Sincerely,

Doug McTaggart

Member **Dr. Stephen Eakins** of London, Ont. Passed away on June 15.



OMSS "On Parade" 2014 issue of Toy Soldier & Model Figure Magazine

Scott Dummitt will have the issues of Toy Soldier & Model Figure Magazine Issue 195 at the next meeting. This issue features the OMSS's "ON PARADE" 2014 article. Those members who have already reserved their copy of the magazine can pick it up at the meeting. The cost with tax is \$11.30.

Scott also wants to let member know that unfortunately the cost of the magazine will be going up to \$11.00 starting with Issue 196. This is due to the rising U.S. dollar, Ashdown's increase on their magazine and rising shipping costs. The good thing is that TS&MF is still less expensive than its competition which costs \$15.00 before tax at Chapters.



Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

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Canada Post has released a First Day Cover, honouring the 100th anniversary of Le Regiment de Hull. Still available are 100th anniversary FDCs of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Royal 22e Regiment (The Van Doos) and the 49th Field Artillery Regiment. If your local sub-post office doesn't have them, you can obtain a form to order by mail.

Continuing its series on Canadian Regiments celebrating a centennial year, Canada Post this year commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Royal Montreal Regiment. The regiment was formed from two English and one French militia units. The \$3 First Day Cover has a photo of its soldiers advancing in a skirmish line while on an exercise in England, 1915. The stamp was launched on September 2.

If you don't read The Saturday Star, this will be of interest: On Saturday, September 2, the Star published a Toronto-related encyclopedia of the First World War. You

would have to order copies from the Circulation Department of the newspaper, which is on-line.

A product under the banner of Canadian Heroes, has released a line of figurines about 16 cm., high. One figure was of General Brock. The toy store I saw the product in was sold out, but it might be available at other toy shops.

Military trivia: A U.S. National Guard unit had a swastika in its shoulder flash. In the early 30s, that is. Check photos of British Universal Carriers, and you'll find one from the 1930s with a swastika on it. Buddhists object to the demonization of the swastika as it is an ancient religious symbol which shows up in many cultures.

In the biography of Robin Williams, it was reported that he had 2,000 toy soldiers as a child...

Hope you've had a good summer!

...Harold



He's Ready For His Close-Up Mr. DeMille!

OMSS member **Scott Ryan** has recently landed a cameo in a Veteran's Affairs video. Scott, who in real life is an Army Sergeant serving at CFB Trenton, is also a bit of a WWII Canadian Army re-inactor. His military background, as well as his keen interest in Canada's role in the Italian campaign led to his being recommended to Veteran's Affairs for the video. In the photo Scott plays a Royal Canadian Regiment Sergeant in Italy and as you can see from his taking command (centre shot) he got right into the role.

Painted Figure Sale

Hugh McLachlan advises that although he won't be at the meeting, wife Sheila and son Andrew will be there with a selection of painted figures at VERY reasonable prices. A chance for some early Christmas shopping.

— UPCOMING SHOWS —

Toronto Military Shows

Saturday 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

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

While in Chicago...

Jeff Duncan has forwarded us a link to a list of other military oriented attractions in the Chicago area:

www.choosechicago.com/articles/view/CHICAGO-S-TOP-MILITARY-ATTRACTIONS/1263/?utm_campaign=May_2014_Leisure&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email

— UPCOMING SHOWS (cont'd) —

Montreal International Model Meet

Saturday October 4

IPMS type show with categories for all types of models including figures. 8:30 am to 7 pm at the D.D.O. Community Center, 12001, Boul. De Salaberry, Dollard-des-Ormeaux H9B 2A7

Details at:

www.apocalypsemodels.ca/MIMM2014_Home.htm

Peterborough Show ****New Name and Date****

Now called the 2014 Peterborough Annual Militaria Show and Sale it is going to be held Saturday, 18 October 2014. 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. At the Peterborough Armoury, 220 Murray Street, Peterborough Ontario

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.

Ajax Scale Model Show, Sat. October 25

The largest model show in the GTA, hosted by the local International Plastic Modelers Society chapters. All types of models including a good turnout of figures. The OMSS sponsors a figure award at this show.

10 am to 4 pm at J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate 1355 Harwood Ave. North in Ajax.

www.ipmstoronto.com for detailed info.

Toronto Militaria Fair Saturday Nov. 8

9:30 am to 2 pm. Admission \$5 At Royal Cdn Legion (Branch 22) at 1240 Woodbine Ave. in East York. www.torontomilitariafair.com

Other Collectible Shows

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