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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 October 2014

Next meeting:

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

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

Featured speaker:

Neil McGavock

on

The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan



The Commonwealth Air Training Plan was one of Canada's major contributions to the Allied victory in World War II. For our October meeting Neil McGavock will be talking to us about the history and impact of this aspect of the air war. A fairly new member of our Society, Neil is a longtime enthusiast in aviation history and is on the executive of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society.



It's also a great opportunity to bring out items related to World War II aviation, the RCAF or RAF for the Show and Tell table.

Upcoming meetings

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.

Officers for 2015

As called for by our constitution, at the October meeting we hold elections for the Society's executive officers for the next year. The candidates will take office as of January 1st.

For 2015 the Executive Committee is proposing the following slate:

Gail Stone for president

Tom Elliot for 1st Vice-president

Jim Qualtrough for 2nd Vice-president

Gary Lenius for Secretary/Treasurer

This will be Gail's second time around as president; we're lucky to get her back in harness. New to the Executive is Jim Qualtrough and we think he will be a great addition.



Gail Stone



Tom Elliot



Jim Qualtrough



Gary Lenius

Donations from the Deeley Family

We continue to get request for help in disposing of collections.

Earlier this year we were contacted by Michael Deeley of Niagara on the Lake. His late son David had been a prolific modeler and he was looking for a home for his large collection of 1/72 scale figures, vehicles and other hobby material. He was willing to donate them to the Society to see that they went to folks who would appreciate them.

Jim Matresky and **Guy Elliott** volunteered to make the trip down there and collect and organize the stuff and this was done over the summer. (Thanks again, guys)

The bulk of the material will be put out for sale at the October meeting. It will be priced to move. There are large number of 1/72 scale figures painted and mounted for wargaming, mainly Napoleonic. Also a number of World War II tanks and other vehicles.



Queen's Own Rifles

New history to be published.

The QOR is getting set to publish the latest chapter in the regiment's proud history. It will be titled "In Peace Prepared, A History of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada 1950 to the 21st Century"

"This new hardcover book is an interesting and informative account of the military history of the regular force and militia battalions of Canada's oldest continuously-serving infantry regiment from the post-World War Two years to the present time. Includes much anecdotal material provided by those who have served in The Queen's Own, along with numerous photographs."

Until October 30 you can order the book at a pre-publication price of \$20 (plus \$12.50 for tax and delivery). The publication price will be \$30.

You can order by credit card at 905-982-0317 or download an order form at

www.qor.com/files/2014-08-20-Order-Form.pdf

Kings Figurines

Our Society's website and its associated email address (omss@bell.net) occasionally brings in notices from new manufacturers in the hobby. Recently we received a mis-sive from a company called Kings Figurines. They make highly detailed resin figure kits out of Europe. On the military side they produce a range of Landsknechts in 25 mm and mounted French Musketeers in 54mm.

They are currently running an internet-based fund-raising campaign to finance a new range of figures of North American pioneers, the first figure to be a mounted frontiersman.

Under the heading of now for something completely different, they also produce a range of musician figures. The first of a "Guitar Legends" series is a figure of bluesman B.B. King. Their "Rock Band" series features four different sets of 3-5 figures, complete with instruments based on groups such as Kiss, ZZ Top and Queen.

You can check out their website at www.kingsfigurines.com



MMSI Show

Phil Andrews Wins Silver in Chicago

The Military Miniatures Society of Illinois held its annual show this past weekend in Chicago. Our own Phil Andrews won a silver medal for his mounted figure of a bugler of Lord Strathcona's Horse from the First World War. Well done, Phil!



Phil also sent us a link to an online photo album of pictures from the show. Lots of break-taking work, proving once again that this show is the premier event for connoisseur figures in North America.

www.flickr.com/photos/101955084%40N04/sets/72157648651275756

On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman.

www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/

World Model Expo: Chicago 2017

World Model Expo is an international modeling show held every three years around the world. The most recent was held earlier this year in Stresa Italy. The OMSS is a founding member of the World Model Soldier Federation, the umbrella group that sponsors the Expos. The show was held in Toronto in 1998.

A Chicago based group that includes such luminaries as Shep Paine and Bill Horan put forward a proposal to hold the next World Model Expo, in 2017, in that city. The OMSS voted in support of their bid and it has been accepted. The show will be held the weekend of 7-9 July in downtown Chicago.

OMSS On Parade 2015

We have signed our contract with Fort York for our 2015 Annual Show, which will be held Saturday May 2nd. **Scott Dummitt** and **Gary Lenius** have designed our show postcard and flyer and we will have these at the meeting so we can start getting them out to hobby shops and other sites. Show theme will be the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. Start painting!

The Ontario Model Soldier Society
presents
ON PARADE 2015
Canada's Largest Model Soldier Show
Saturday May 2, 2015
10 am to 3:30 pm
Historic Fort York, Toronto
This year's theme: "Waterloo, 1815"

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

Free Toy Soldier to Kids
12 and under
(while supplies last)

25+ vendor tables offering a
wide variety of model soldiers
and other hobby products

Admission to the show is included
with regular admission to Fort York
(\$9.00 adult; \$5.50 senior or youth,
child \$4.25)

Fort York Historic Site
250 Fort York Blvd., Toronto Ontario
For directions see www.fortyork.ca
Figures by Del Prado Collection

Show contact: Tom Elliot 905-542-2393 or email omss@bell.net
Show details at www.omss.ca

— UPCOMING SHOWS —

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.Clark Richardson Collegiate 1355 Harwood Ave. North in Ajax.

www.ajaxscalemodelcontest.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

Toronto Military Shows

Saturday 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

Other Collectible Shows

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

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