



Next meeting:

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

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

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February 8

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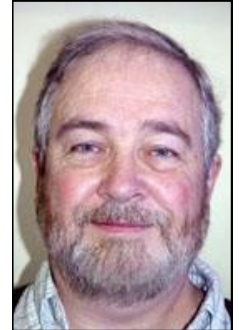
Annual Show
Saturday May 2
2015

Featured Speaker for the April Meeting:

Guy Elliott

Canadian Military Vignettes

This month past president Guy Elliott has prepared a presentation for us entitled "Canadian Military Vignettes". Guy is always a lively speaker and his presentation is sure to entertain and inform.



March Meeting Highlights CanAm RC Tank Club

At the March meeting our guest speaker was Dean Godin from the CanAm RC Tank Club. He gave us a very interesting talk about the relatively new hobby of radio controlled tank models. These guys build and customize large scale (1/16) tank models and hold wargames with them.

The level of technology involved in these tanks is very impressive. The operator can drive the tank by remote control, traverse the turret and even fire the gun (simulated with light and sound). Onboard computer boards control tank-to-tank combat via infra-red beams and sensors. They can even mount miniature video cameras on the tanks to get a first-person view. The CanAm club are going to be participating in our Annual Show next month, displaying some of their vehicles and doing some outdoor demonstrations. Should be a nice added attraction to our show.

Their club website at canamtankclub.com has lots of pictures and videos of their models in action.

Big News About Our Annual Show - See Page 3

We will be holding the show in the new Fort York Visitors' Centre.

A Message from Toy Soldiers Club - See Page 4

A special offer for OMSS members.

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 president Gail Stone

Everything is moving ahead for Annual Show which is less than a month away. I hope everyone has their display or competition entry ready. Our show depends on the participation of everyone. Don't forget that the venue, while still at Fort York, is in the new Visitor centre which is just outside the main part of the Fort. Hope to see everyone there.

Our speaker in March was from the AMPS group and was very interesting with his tanks. I noticed after the meeting that Mike Chrus was negotiating a purchase of one of these tanks. Their show is held on May 29-30 at the Ontario Regimental Museum in Oshawa. This is held in conjunction with the Aquino Tank Day at the museum. I took the time to watch a 10 min video of what goes on

there and it looks really interesting. I have been to that museum a couple of times and there is some interesting things to see. In 2002 Bob and I had the opportunity to go there and be part of a parade to Camp X along with people from Belgium. The parade went from the museum through Oshawa to Camp X where there was a ceremony at the site and then back to the museum. Our participation in this was arranged as part of our Peterborough Kenner Collegiate reunion. Part of the curriculum of our school was cadet training for the guys (back in the 50's). After the parade we happened to meet Ian Pearson and had a tour of the museum. The Amps group is going to be part of our show this year and will be putting on a show just outside the visitor Centre.

Pres. Gail

Note I have a new email:

gailestone71@gmail.com 905-332-0653

2015 Membership Dues—Same Low Price

Membership fees for 2015 are now due. Gary Lenius will be glad to take your money at the meeting.

We have held the dues to the same level again this year: \$35 for Regular membership; \$20 for Junior or Family members.

Journal Content Needed

Our Journal editor **Frank MacKay** reports that the cupboard is bare as far as new content goes so he is appealing once again for contributions from the members. Articles, book and figure reviews, show reports, letters to the editor, etc.... All are needed to fill up the next issue.

You can send him your input at frank_mackay@hotmail.com

You Think You Have Dusting Problems?

A massive diorama of the Battle of Waterloo, built in the 1970's was recently cleaned and restored to mark the 200th anniversary of the battle. It is located at the Royal Green Jackets Museum in Winchester UK. There are over 21,000 figures in the diorama. (Scale of the figures looks to be in the range of 25 to 30mm.) Here's a link to an article with pictures of the diorama and the restoration work.

www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3030264/Amazing-model-shows-extent-Battle-Waterloo.html

Another article:

www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/uknews/11521961/Battle-of-Waterloo-diorama-restored-and-brought-back-to-life-in-pictures.html?frame=3259484



New Faces

At the March meeting I was able to meet three of our newest members and grab their pictures for their membership cards.

Left to right, they are:

Robert Kennedy, Daniel Sneyd and Robert Thompson.

By the way, if you'd like to update your membership card picture, talk to Gary Lenius at any 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.

OMSS On Parade 2015 Saturday May 2, 2015 Fort York Historic Site



NEW VENUE

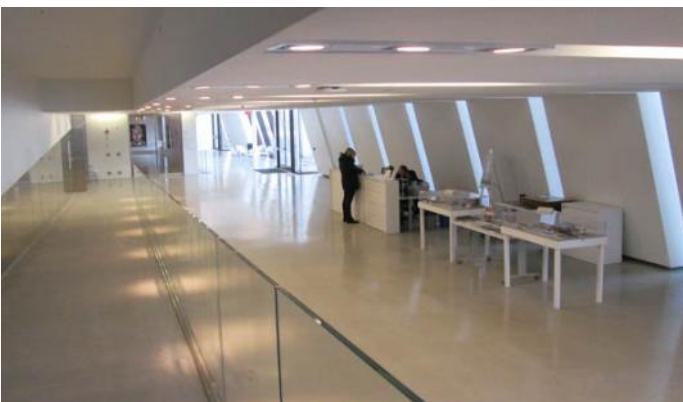
Our 2015 show is going to be held in the brand new Visitors' Centre at Fort York.

A production company is going to be filming in the fort itself that weekend. So the fort has shifted us into their new Visitors' Centre.

The new entrance to the Fort York site, the Visitors' Centre sits literally in the shadow of the Gardiner Expressway just to the west of the fort. The new entrance to the fort off of Fort York Boulevard just north of Fleet Street leads directly to it. It was opened a couple of months ago and finishing work is still going on.

The new building is quite spacious and well lit. Lighting in the Blue Barracks where we had our vendor area in the past was always an issue. This will be much better. We should have at least as much space for vendors and displays in the new building. It also has a large well-lit room that will serve very well for our competition area.

A major advantage of the new location is that there is direct access into the building for loading and unloading from the parking area off of Fort York Boulevard. We won't have to drive vehicles into the fort with all the attendant hassle.



The Show Committee is excited about the new venue. Chairman Tom Elliot is working closely with the fort.

Food service will be on hand again courtesy of our IODE friends. No need to pack a lunch or leave the show.

We have been in contact with the Radio Control Tank club and they are keen to come out and participate in our show. They would put on a display of their vehicles and do some demonstrations out on the fort grounds for us (weather permitting). Should be a great addition to the show.

Show Theme

The **2015 Show theme** will be the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, which should be fertile ground for displays and competition figures. But, of course, you're not limited to the theme when it comes to subject and period.

Vendor Tables

Planning to sell at the show? You need to get your booking in as soon as possible.

Tables will be the same price as last year: \$50 for an eight foot table. The vendor info package and booking form are posted on our Society website www.omss.ca. We have 15 tables booked already, including a few new vendors.

Displays

If you're planning to bring out a display for the show please touch base with chairman Tom Elliot to discuss your space requirements.

Club Sale Table

As usual Jeff and Heidi Duncan will be organizing our Club sale table at the show. They're looking for donated items so check your cupboards and see what you can help the club out with. Please bring donations out to the meeting.

You can email Jeff at heidihogardens@rogers.com

Friday Set-up

As usual we will be doing most of the physical setup for the show on the Friday (May 1). Volunteers are needed to help out. Talk to Tom Elliot if you can help out.

Show Chairman

Tom Elliot telliot45@hotmail.com 905-542-2393

A Message from Toy Soldiers Club

The Th  berge brothers of the Toy Soldiers Club shop in Quebec City have been a regular presence at our annual shows for quite a few years now. However they have had to send their regrets this year due to an impending addition to the family. Thomas sent us the following message:

Dear friends of the OMSS,

Exceptionally this year, my brother and I won't be able to bring our troops to the Toy Soldiers Show. My Heir is on the way and I must stay on guard duty at the fortress of Qu  bec.

Now, my fellow collectors, to celebrate this event and apologize for my absence, we offer you something. We will pay the taxes on your purchase at our store during May! Just mention that you are member of the OMSS on your orders to get the discount.

But don't worry, this is only a battle that we miss. We will be there next year to continue the war hobbies with you!

Best wishes and happy collecting

Thomas Th  berge of Toy Soldiers Club

The store's website is www.toysoldiersclub.com

On Facebook?

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

www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/

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

— UPCOMING SHOWS —

Gettysburg Toy Soldier Show, April 26, 2015

10 am to 3 pm. \$6 admission. At the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg PA.

www.toysoldiersshowpromo.com/annual_gettysburg_show

On Parade 2015, May 2, 2015

Our own annual show. See page 3.

AMPS - Great White North Show

May 29-30 Oshawa Tank Museum

The Armour Modelling and Preservation Society (AMPS) is putting on their model show in conjunction with the Tank Museum's Aquino Tank Day. A chance to enjoy both models and full-size vintage military vehicles.

The OMSS will be sponsoring an award for figures at this show.

Show details at www.ampsgreatwhitenorth.com

Tank Day details at www.ontrmuseum.ca/OMVAevent.htm

Toronto Military Shows

Saturday June 6 at Etobicoke Olympium

Saturday September 19 at Etobicoke Olympium

Saturday November 28 at General Sikorski Hall, Oshawa

All shows 8:30 am to 2 pm. Admission \$8.

Quarterly militaria shows

Website torontomilitaryshow.com

IPMS National Convention July 22-25

The plastic modelling fraternity is holding its annual bash in Columbus Ohio this year.

Show website ipmsusa2015.com

Napoleonic Historical Society Annual Conference

August 28-30 Toronto, Ontario Conference packed with excellent information on the Napoleonic Era.

Website <http://www.napoleonichistoricalsociety.com/Conferences/Index.htm>

Other Collectible Shows

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