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Saturday May 2
2015

Monthly Newsletter for May 2015

ANNUAL SHOW EDITION

ON PARADE 2015

Saturday May 2, 10 am to 3:30 pm

Fort York Visitors' Centre

New Venue for this year!

This year's show will be located in the Fort's brand new Visitors' Centre. The new centre is located outside the fort to the south and west, literally in the shadow of the Gardiner Expressway. Access is much better for loading in and the lighting for our display and vendor areas is excellent.



For full directions and details of loading in and parking, see page 2.

For the show schedule and further details see page 3.

SEE YOU THERE!!

Show Chairman

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The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

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

Fort York — Getting There



Directions (see map above)

The Visitors' Centre is located at 250 Fort York Boulevard, just north of Fleet Street.

The Gardiner Expressway will be closed this weekend for spring cleaning, so plan your route accordingly.

If driving from east or west use Lakeshore Boulevard West. Turn north onto Fort York Boulevard, which is between Bathurst and Exhibition Place. At Fleet Street turn left to head to the show parking area.

If driving from the north come south on Bathurst Street and turn right at Fort York Boulevard. Or come down Strachan Avenue.



Public Transit: Take the 511 "Exhibition" streetcar from Bathurst Station on the Bloor-Danforth subway line or the 509 "Harbourfront" streetcar from Union Station on the Yonge-University subway line. Get off at the stop on Fleet Street at Fort York Boulevard and walk a short distance north.

Parking

There is a small parking area immediately in front of the Visitors' Centre. **This is reserved for vendors' and exhibitors' loading in only.** As space is limited you must unload quickly and then move your vehicle to the main parking area. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Show parking is available at the City lot located on Fleet Street between Garrison Road and Strachan Avenue. (The bright green square on the map) This is just to the west of the Fort York Armouries. Enter via Garrison Road or Strachan Avenue.

This is a "Pay and Display" lot; the machines take coins and credit cards. The rate is \$1.00 per half hour with a daily maximum of \$8.00.

(The fort's main parking lot on Garrison road will not be accessible due to construction.)

From the parking lot it's a short walk along Fleet Street past the Armouries and left along Fort York Boulevard to the Visitors' Centre.

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

Show schedule

- 8:00 am Set-up for vendors and exhibitors
- 10:00 am Show opens to the public
- 12:00 pm Deadline for competition entries
- 3:00 pm Announcement of competition awards
- 3:30 pm Show closes, packing up begins.

Vendor Tables

We will once again have a large vendor area with more than 25 tables loaded with all kinds of hobby related merchandise. We have sold out all our available space. We have several new vendors this year so it should be great shopping.

We will also have our usual club sale table, organized by Jeff Duncan, selling items for the benefit of the Society.

Annual Competition

As part of the show The Society holds its annual modeling competition. This is open to all and there is no entry fee.

Our competition takes in a wide variety of types of models. Everything from single figures to military vehicles, vignettes and dioramas and toy soldiers displays are welcome. Unlike other shows our competition is not divided up into classes. Our judges evaluate each entry based on the type of model it is and how well it has been done and presented. Entry is simple, you don't have to navigate a laundry list of categories, just bring it out, fill in a simple entry form and let it stand on its own merits.

Our judges will award gold, silver and bronze trophies and certificates of merit to recognize worthy entries.

Entries need to be in before 12:00 noon.

Detailed information about the competition, including rules and judging criteria can be found on the Society website at

omss.ca/docs/Show/OMSS-Annual-Competition.pdf

If you don't wish to compete we also welcome displays. (check off the "Not in Competition" box on the entry form)

Large displays

If you're planning to bring out a large display (i.e. greater than 3 feet in width) make sure you touch base with Show Chairman Tom Elliott to ensure he's got a spot planned for you.

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.

Food Service

As in past years our friends from the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire will be providing us with food service. They will be serving sandwiches, muffins, coffee and beverages at very reasonable prices. No need to pack a lunch or leave the show. And the proceeds go to their programs in support of our troops and veterans.

Washrooms

Washrooms in the Visitors' Centre are located on the main level, so no more stairs!

Radio Control Tank Display

The CanAm RC Tank Club will be on hand to display their large scale tank models and do some demonstrations outdoors. Should be a great addition to the show.

Access to the Fort

A TV production will be filming within the fort this weekend, so the fort itself will be closed to visitors until after 3:00 pm.

Friday Set-up

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

Vendors and exhibitors with large displays are welcome to set up on Friday afternoon between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

Passings

Colin Cunningham

Harold Morrison passed on the news that Colin Cunningham's passing was announced April 20. Colin was a long-time member of the O.M.S.S. He was a partner with James R. Shakley on a line of toy/model soldiers sold under the name Queen Victoria's Enterprises.

He was a master painter of figurines and superb in creating dioramas. His diorama of a children's playground was of museum-display quality. He was a Britains collector and a connoisseur of a wide range of toy soldiers. His interest included die-cast toys and the 1:32 scale models meshed well with his soldiers.

Brian McDonald

At the April meeting Andy Traverse passed on the news that Brian McDonald had passed away. (It was actually last September 25th.) Brian was a member for 11 years and lived in Hamilton. He was a regular at meetings up until last year. We will miss his displays at our annual shows.

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 —

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.