



Next meeting...

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto

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

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www.omss.ca

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Meeting Dates

- 2015 -
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
June 14
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

Annual Show
Saturday May 2
2015

Well, the summer break is over. Join us this Sunday for our first meeting of the fall season.

Our June meeting was a washout. We turned up at the Legion to find it locked up and no one there to let us in. A sign was posted saying that the branch was closed due to a plumbing emergency. No one from the Society had been notified and we were unable to get in touch with anyone in authority at the Legion.

We had a bit of a "tailgate" meeting in the parking lot for those who had showed up. But it began to drizzle and then rain and we had given it up and left by 1:00.

It took a while to get the full story of what was going on at the Legion. Unbeknownst to us there had been a serious shakeup at the Legion since our previous meeting. All the staff were let go and the Legion Zone Command had actually stepped in and taken over the branch. A forensic audit was in progress. In the turmoil our booking was overlooked.

Over the summer our 1st vice president Tom Elliot approached the Legion to get a handle on the situation and determine whether we could continue to meet there. It took a lot of persistence on his part but he was able to get them to commit to host our meetings for the rest of the year. So the September meeting is going ahead as scheduled.

The executive will continue to monitor the situation at the Legion as it develops. If things do not turn out to be stable we may have to consider an alternate meeting location.

Toy Soldier & Model Figure Magazine - OMSS Show Edition

Scott Dummitt will have copies of Toy Soldier & Model Figure magazine with the "On Parade" 2015 article at the meeting for those who reserved a copy. Please pick up your copy at the meeting. Lots of photos of our show (8 Pages) with coverage of everything from re-enactors, displays, vendors, RC Tanks, 1/6th scale and so on.

Calendar Project

Journal Editor **Frank MacKay** will be convening a meeting of the Calendar Committee after the September meeting. As the calendar will be published in December, all members are urged to submit photos for possible inclusion in the calendar at this time, as the layout will be commencing shortly. High resolution and quality pictures on CD would be ideal, but quality prints may also be submitted. Please describe all images and note the photographers name. The OMSS Journal will acquire one-time rights for all pictures used.

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

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



Special Correspondent

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

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For members on the Internet, the following will be of interest:

Call up the site Uniforms of the Nova Scotia Militia and will have three pages of highly-detailed uniforms. The images are on the small side, but anyone with computer smarts should be able to enlarge them.

More information, and in a larger format is available from Uniforms of the Quebec Militia.

It's good to have humour in our military pursuits from time to time. Jeff Duncan does this nicely with a four-page word and photo spread about Britains village idiot, in the October issue of Toy Soldier and Model Figure magazine. (Scott Dummitt has this issue.) Jeff gives a history of the production and withdrawal of the village idiot from the Farm series. This was caused by howls of protest from mental health agencies. so it seems there was Political Correctness even in the 1930s. A photo of Don Ritchie's village idiot is included. I liked the mix of village idiots with soldiers in regular uniform. Jeff's village idiot band is

known to many, many model soldier societies'

Let me segue to another example of humour in this regard. Years ago, Military Modelling printed a tongue-in-cheek write-up and photos about the underwear of the Third Reich. Some readers chuckled, while others were outraged. While it was intended to be funny, some even took it seriously. To be serious, for a moment, surplus stores now sell undershirts with the Bundeswehr eagle on them. Life imitating humour.

When in Kingston, I always visit the Novel Idea bookstore. It features, an excellent array of books and usually some good military ones. On the last visit I bought 'Soldiers of the Queen, the Canadian Grenadier Guards of Montreal, 1859 - 2009.' The large format book is 500 pages and has a rich lode of visual information about the regiment. The author is Brigadier-General William J. Patterson. The book is published by the regiment.

Harold

Peterborough Annual Militaria Show and Sale

The OMSS has display tables at the Peterborough Militaria Show on Saturday, 17th of October. We are looking for volunteers to display at the show. We encourage those that come to wear their OMSS golf shirts if they have them. This is a small show, however we have found that people are genuinely interested in our display. If you are interested in attending contact Gail Stone or Scott Dummitt. The show runs from 9 am to 2:30 pm and is located in the Armoury at 220 Murray Street in downtown Peterborough.

Photos for the OMSS Calendar

Scott Dummitt will have his digital camera at the September meeting to take photos of items brought in for the OMSS Calendar. Just contact Scott at the meeting and he will get your info plus set up the photo shoot.

Shep Paine

One of the titans of the modeling world, Shep Paine of Chicago suffered a massive stroke and passed away at the end of July. Shep was a key member of the Military Miniatures Society of Illinois (MMSI) and a longtime friend of our Society. For many years he judged at our annual competitions, going back to our days at Casa Loma. His many friends in the Society will miss him.

Article on Shep at the MMSi website:

www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com/new-page-2/

2016 Annual Show Date Booked

Tom Elliot reports that we have booked the Fort York Visitors' Centre for Saturday, May 14 for our 2016 show. Mark those calendars!

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.

In Our Mailbox

We have received a query from the widow of our late member Stephen Eakins of London Ontario:

My husband, Steve, was a member.

Stephen Eakins, London Ontario.

Sadly he died last year. I have found some boxes in the basement. They contain metal (lead), casts, unpainted soldiers, some paints and brushes. He was hoping to get around to making and painting soldiers.

Is there any way that i could find someone who would be interested in these.

I also have boxes of soldiers.

I would be very grateful if you could give me some names as I don't want to just dump this.

With thanks, Averil Eakins

Anyone interested can contact Mrs. Eakins at

averileakins@rogers.com

On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman. Lots of interesting postings.

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 —

Toronto Military Shows

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

Chicago Toy Soldier Show

Sunday September 27, 2015

10:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg, Illinois

The big one. Room trading actually starts a couple of days earlier.

Show website www.toysoldiershow.com

Peterborough Militaria Show and Sale

October 17, 2015

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MMSI Chicago Figure Show & Exhibition

October 23-25, 2015

One of the premier North American shows for connoisseur figures. At the Chicago Marriott in Schaumburg, Illinois

Website www.mmsichicago.com

Ajax Scale Model Show

Saturday, October 24, 2015

The largest model show in the GTA, put on by the local chapters of the International Plastic Modelers Society. All kinds of models: planes, ships, tanks, etc. and figures. Lots of vendors of kits, books, modeling supplies.

10 am to 4 pm at J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate, 1355 Harwood Ave. North, Ajax ON Admission \$5.

Website www.ajaxscalemodelcontest.com

Other Collectible Shows

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