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Monthly Newsletter for October 2018

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2018

14 January 2018 - 11 February 2018 – 11 March 2018
 8 April 2018 - 6 May 2018 – 9 September 2018
 14 October 2018– 25 November 2018 - 16 December 2018

Annual Show

Saturday June 15, 2019

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2018 Executive

John Hambly
 President

Lorne Farr
 1st vice president

Dave Norman
 2nd vice-president

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 Officer

Dave Norman
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 Calendar Co-ordinator

Jeff Duncan
 Club Table & Donations

Next meeting...

Sunday, 14 October, 2018

Branch 643 Royal Canadian Legion | 10 Jutland Road Toronto
 Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

Letter from the President



Welcome back members, It was good to see our members back to the Legion for our regular meetings starting back up after our Summer break. It was also a joy to see John and Evelyn Brown for a quick drop in visit. John is doing well and is on the mend and we wish them both well. Guest speakers seem to be a problem lately and we have put out a call to all members to help us and Eric Clarke our program chairman to get new guest speakers for the meetings. Our October meeting has had member Garry Robinson and friend step up to the plate and will give a talk on relatives from World War One.

Alert! Alert! Our auction at the November meeting had to be bumped to November 25th due to some booking hick-ups at the Legion. I hope this will not create a lot of problems for those planning on attending. Details on the Auction will follow later and we hope to see members gather up there unwanted treasures to bring. The auction is always a lot of fun but this year we will do all bidding in \$5.00 increments not a \$1.00 because this will make it run faster for us as the day is a full one. We also ask members please keep your items military related only!.

At our last meeting it was great to see my challenge to the club is being fulfilled by the members and we have gained 5 new members and counting. Special guest Larry Stricker from the Canadian Toy Collectors Society gave us a short talk about their show in the GTA which is coming up in October. He is also in charge of the group that is restoring the Hal Jackman collection at the ROM. He has promised to come back to our club and speak on this in February or March of 2019. Thanks again to all those members who have brought in new members to our club. Keep up the good work!

Next meeting is our general meeting to elect new people for the offices of the Executive. We wish to let the members know that Dave Norman has had to step down from his position as 2nd Vice so this position will need to be filled as soon as possible so that

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Lorne Farr has a Vice to fill his position when his year is done. I again ask our members to think about getting involved more in the club by coming on board to the executive.

Once again we had a winner of the presidents pick trivia contest and the answers were Ian Fleming and Bletchley Park. So bone up on your history and I will have another trivia question for October meeting. There will be no question for the November meeting but will resume back at our Christmas Luncheon in December. This will be special one with goodies for all.

Happy collecting your President, John Hambly

OMSS MEETING DATE CHANGE!

THE DATE FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER TO THE 25TH OF NOVEMBER. SAME TIMES APPLY

William Britain Ltd, Sir Arthur Currie Prototype Figures to Be Sold at OMSS Auction

The OMSS received two unpainted prototype figures of Lt General Sir Arthur Currie this year from W. Britain Limited along with certificates guaranteeing that these are only two of three produced. The two figures we have are to be auctioned off at the annual OMSS Auction on 25 November 2018. As the proceeds from the sale of these two figures is to go to the OMSS, and to make as much possible on these pieces of OMSS and W. Britain history, we are opening the auction of these two figures to anyone who wants to bid on them. If you cannot attend the auction in Toronto, which many of our members and other interested parties can't, we will accept bids by mail. Here's how this will work.

Send the following information to Gary Lenius at: OMSS Auction, Gary Lenius, 43 Saugeen Crescent, Scarborough, Ontario, M1K 3M8

1. Name, Address, Phone Number and Email if you have one.
2. Total amount you are willing to bid.

The opening bid for these figures (two separate lots) is \$35.00. The bid will go up in increments of \$5.00.

All bids by mail must be received by Gary Lenius by the 23rd November 2018.

Out of town winners will have 14 days to get their payment in. If the payment is not received within 14 days after notification, the next highest bidder will be contacted.

If and out of town bidder should outbid someone who was at the auction, the person at the auction will have his contact information recorded in case of a default of payment.

Shipping will be done by Canada Post Expedited in Canada and Tracked if International. The winning bidder, if shipping is required, will be charged for the shipping cost as well.



What's New in the Hobby? – October 2018
by Brendan Hogan

For this month's article, I've decided to highlight John Jenkins Designs' forthcoming Roman and Carthaginian warships from the Punic Wars. These ships and figures were showcased at the 2018 Chicago toy soldier show. The Punic Wars were a series of three wars fought between Rome and Carthage from 264 BC to 146 BC. At the time, they were some of the largest wars that had ever taken place, and JJD has decided to make figures and models covering the naval aspect of the conflict.

Carthaginian and Roman marines will also be available as normal foot troops with textured bases. Please note that these ships are designed to represent the naval battles of the Punic wars, to create a practical display with figures, and are not accurate scale models of the ships of the period. These model ships will be available in early 2019, and will be pre-order items only. Stay tuned for more details!



In other news, the JJD's figure of Canadian First World War Raymond Collishaw, which was previewed at *ON PARADE 2018*, has been released and is priced at \$56.00 CAD.

ON PARADE AFTER SHOW REPORT

been done by anyone connected to the show within the OMSS, vendors or participants. To ensure that this does not happen in



At the September meeting the Executive discussed issues that had arisen from this year's ON PARADE. While the show was a success for the main part there were a few problems that occurred and will have to be corrected if we are to continue holding the event at Humber College.

First off there was damage to the gymnasium floor. Both Jim Qualtrough and Scott Dummitt attended a meeting with Humber Events Staff and the Gymnasium Manager during the Summer to see what damage was done. The ON PARADE staff felt that the damage had been done by the table rental company but due to the fact that our contract says we are responsible for any damage that occurs in the gym, the OMSS agreed to pay to have the floor area repaired, but at the same time stated that we did not feel the damage had

in the future the Executive has promised Humber that starting with the 2019 show we will have protective "Hard Shell Castor Cups" underneath the legs of every table put up in the Gymnasium. Tables will not be wheeled into the Gym but put on the loading dock and brought in separately by volunteers (the same process will be used to take the tables out after the show). The OMSS will purchase and store the castor cups and we believe we can get many many years of service out of them. Vendors who plan on bringing extra tables or shelving will be required to provide their own floor protective padding or they will not be allowed to assemble the extra devices.



Interlocking foam matting 2' x 2' per square makes an ideal cushion for vendors who plan on placing shelving or stands in their vendor area. These are available through business's such as Canadian Tire, Wal-Mart and Michael's Craft Supplies. You must have floor matting if you plan on putting up additional shelving.

A second problem that occurred was a report of alcohol, in this case beer, being brought into the event. Both the Show Executive and the OMSS Executive want to make this clear to everyone, Alcohol and Drugs will not be tolerated at the show. The facility is not licensed and we could lose the opportunity to hold any further events at Humber College. In the future anyone caught with Alcohol or Drugs of any kind at the show will be told to pack up and leave immediately.

Another problem was people coming in through the back door without proper

This Month in History

On the 13th October 1812 during the early hours of the morning, an American invasion force crossed the lower Niagara River at Queenston, Upper Canada (modern Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario). The British/Canadians under the overall command of Major General Isaac Brock had been expecting the invasion; however Brock had surmised that it would come above the Falls closer to Chippawa. The attack started approximately at 4 am in the morning and the Americans came ashore at Queenston and surrounding area. Brock who was woken by a messenger at Fort George rode to Queenston where he gathered up men from the 49th Regt. of Foot Light Company, who had been pushed out of the redoubt on the escarpment, as well as 49th Grenadiers and York Militia Flank Company. Quickly leading a counter attack the General who was over 6' tall made an easy target for an American rifleman who shot Brock, killing him instantly. While the battle was won under the direction of General Sheaffe, the loss of the popular Brock was a blow to the Canada's.

authorization. If you are a vendor and have not picked up your pass from the administration table, you cannot enter through the back door until you have a pass. We had not only vendors without passes entering, but attendees coming in early as well. Next year we will have people at the door checking for passes, so if you don't have one, you must go through the front and get your pass.

We had over 200 people attend this year's show which was good news. Another 29 people attended our very first after show "Meet and Greet" and it was successful as well as we had folks stay past the 10 pm ending. William Britain Limited provided three figures from their "Regimental" line as draw prizes and there was plenty of food to fill everyone's tummies. ON PARADE 2019 will have a three man Executive to manage the show, which includes Scott Dummitt, Jim Qualtrough and Tom Elliot. We are striving to make each show bigger and better and the best way to do so is to get the cooperation of our membership. Remember next year's show is on the 15th June, 2019.

On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman. There are lots of interesting postings.
www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/



OMSS JOURNAL NOW AVAILABLE!

Volume 54, Issue 2 of the OMSS JOURNAL will be available for pick-up at the October meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We do send copies out by mail, but with the rising costs of postage it is a drain on the Society's operating funds. Copies will be available for pick-up for members who have paid up their dues to date. Thanks to Brendan Hogan and Jeff Duncan for their continuous great work on getting our Society's publication out.

OMSS OTTAWA CHAPTER NEWS

Our August Meeting was our largest to date, with 17 attendees. Our first “Show & Tell Theme” (WW1) was well represented. Dennis DeRusha gave an interesting presentation on the short lived Britain’s Deetail Mexicans. There was a lively display of 1/6 armour (a custom Bren Carrier and a fully functioning Stuart Tank that almost spilled the owner’s beer).

Our September 25 Meeting had 18 attendees. The “Show & Tell Theme” - “The Battle of Britain” included an excellent rendition of Churchill’s famous speech. Juan Lopez gave an amazing presentation on his adventures in 3D printing including a display of 1/6 Motorcycles with riders, 3D printed custom weapons and helmets.

The next meeting of the OMSS Ottawa Chapter will be Tuesday October 23 – the “Show & Tell Theme” will be “Medical Services”. (The November 27 meeting will have “the War of 1812 (Chrysler’s Farm)” as the “Show & Tell Theme”.)



Left: Dennis DeRusha with Britains Deetail Mexicans

Above: Juan Lopez gives talk on 1/6th 3D Printing of equipment

Shows & Events

Peterborough Militaria Show and Sale – Saturday, 13 October 2018 – 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, - 220 Murray Street, Peterborough, Ontario. Admission is \$5.00, Children 12 and under free with adult. All proceeds in support of local charities. The OMSS is looking for members to man the OMSS display at this show. We have been regulars at it for approximately 6 years and have been well received. For show info contact: Ian Kyle at i.kyle321@nexicom.net or Vince at vincemathewson@gmail.com. For display info contact Scott Dummitt at gijoe@kos.net

Canadian Toy Collectors’ Society Toy Show & Sale – Sunday, 14 October, 2018 – 9 am to 3 pm. Etobicoke Olympium, 590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke, Ontario. Admission: Adults \$10.00, Children 6 - 10 years \$1.00, Under 6 years Free. For more info contact Larry & Brenda Stricker at (905) 648-2507 or visit CTCS.ORG.

The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.

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