



Newsletter of the

ONTARIO MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY

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Edited by Gary Lenius



September 2011

Next meeting

Sunday, September 11

Start time 1:00 pm

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion
110 Jutland Road, Toronto
Doors open at 11:00 am

“On Parade 2011”: Another Successful Show

The Society’s Annual Show and Competition held June 11 at Fort York went off smoothly and a good time was had by all attending. The weather forecast was a bit threatening but we lucked out and the rain held off.

We had a full complement of vendors again this year and there was lots of lively trading going on. We also had a very successful club sale table, looked after by Jeff and Heidi Duncan.

The 1/6 scale group came down from Ottawa again this year and took over the upper floor of the blockhouse with their large scale figures and vehicles.

Some very nice work was on display in the competition area. Our judging this year was done by Ian Pearson and Phil Andrews and they worked at it very diligently. Photos of the competition entries and the rest of the show will be up on the OMSS website soon.

One sour note was that we were left with a couple of empty tables on the ground floor of the blockhouse. We didn’t get as many members bringing out displays as in the past. I hope we can put out a better effort next year for our 50th anniversary show.

Kudos to Show Chairman Norm White and all the crew who helped make the show a success. Scott Dummitt has written up the show for Toy Soldier and Model Figure magazine and reports that we received a nice spread again in the publication. He should have copies available at the meeting. Scott has also done a writeup on the show for our website and it will be posted shortly.

Remember, next year the show moves to September due to War of 1812 celebrations at the fort. The show will be held Saturday September 8, 2012.



Featured Speaker for this month

Scott Dummitt

Show and Tell Theme for September:

“What I Did On My Summer Vacation”

For this month’s show and tell it’s a classic “back to school” theme. Did you do anything of interest related to our hobby over the summer? Visit an historic site? Acquire something interesting? Complete a figure? Bring your summer souvenirs down to the meeting and tell your fellow members about them.

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Meeting Dates for 2011

September 11

October 16

November 13

December 11



President's Column

From our President Jim Matresky...

I hope everyone had a great summer. It doesn't seem all that long ago that we had our Annual Show and Competition at Fort York – and what a Show it was! Congratulations to Norm White and his cast of helpers who put together such a

great day.

Because so many people helped out in the organization and in the actual setting up on Friday, it would be impossible to thank everyone involved, but special thanks must go to Gary Lenius for organizing the awards and all the dozens of little details that go unnoticed unless they are not done. Once again, Frank and Janet MacKay provided refreshments and lunch beyond all expectations. Jeff and Heidi Duncan and Evelyn Brown on the "Club Table" and Eunice Matresky and Gail Stone on the "Aitchison Table" helped to pump up the funds of the Society. Security was handled very ably by Gail Stone, Steve Rollason, Mike Chrus, Bren Furlong, Eric Clarke, Norm White, John Hambley and Jim Qualtrough. Ian Pearson and Phil Andrews did a fine job in their first year of coordinating the judging.

Last but not least, thank you to all the vendors who supported OMSS by taking the time to set up their wares for sale at the Show. Without you the Annual Show would not have been the great success that it was.

Finally regarding the Show, I would like to remind everyone that the next Annual Show and Competition will take place on Saturday September 8, 2012, as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Norm White has once again agreed to coordinate next year's Annual Show and Competition. Thanks again, Norm!

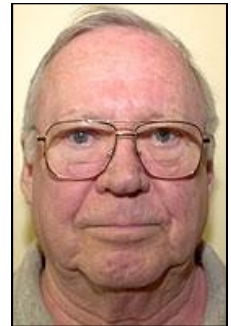
Now that the events of the summer are drawing to a close, we can all get back to some serious modeling. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday September 11 at our monthly meeting.

A Note from the IODE

"Mrs. Janet MacKay, Vice Regent of the 48th Highlanders Chapter, Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE), would like to thank the OMSS for the opportunity to provide lunch services at your annual show on June 11, 2011. Thanks to the generosity and appetite of OMSS members, a profit of \$183 was raised, a new record for the three years the IODE has participated in this capacity. One hundred percent of these funds will be donated to the Support Our Troops overseas campaign--likely to fund the purchase of Tim Horton's gift cards which will be presented to our soldiers this Christmas. The IODE was happy to be of service and we look forward to doing it again next year if required. A grateful thank you and warmest regards to all your members."

Farewell to Don Swait

We were sad to hear that member Don Swait passed away April 6. (The news reached us just too late for the last newsletter.) Don had been a member since 1986 and lived in St. Catherines. He was a regular participant in the annual competition for many years although he hadn't been too active recently. Don's son Steve is also a member. Our condolences to his family and friends.



Across the Ether

Our club website (www.omss.ca) has attracted a few missives over the last while. Here are a few items that may be of interest:

Gettysburg Diorama

Stuart LeCrerar of the Medicine Hat Model Association out in Alberta sent us a message about a project completed by their group. It's a recreation of the entire Gettysburg battlefield in 1/72 scale. It includes over 31,000 figures, many of them conversions. The model is 54 feet long!

You can view the completed diorama on the Internet at

nonprofit.memlane.com/mhmma

(click on "Photos" to see all the pictures.)

The problem with a model like this is where do you display it. They have been unable to find a place to display it and are looking for any suggestions.

Collections for Sale

A couple of people have contacted us looking to sell toy soldier collections.

Paul Alexander has a number of 1950's Britains sets to sell including a Landau, Coronation Coach, Royal Horse Artillery and Humber Staff Car sets. You can contact him at 416-453-3143.

Don Jordan is looking to sell a collection that includes Britains, Marlborough, Tradition, East of India and King & Country sets. His email is inferno@execulink.com

Military Mugs

Tristram Carter has launched a line of mugs featuring military figures. He sells them on eBay; his store address is: stores.ebay.co.uk/qmslocker





Crowley Collection for Sale

We have been contacted by Noreen Crowley who is looking to sell her late husband Gary's collection. They are mostly Britains sets of Napoleonic and Revolutionary War subjects, plus some Don Troiani Civil War sets and some Conte Revolutionary War and Zulu War sets. She has sent me a list which I will send out by email or I can mail it out on request.

You can contact her at 905-894-9781 or by email at gcrowley@sympatico.ca. She's in Ridgeway (down near Fort Erie).

Prince August Molds

Scott Dummitt is now the Canadian contact for Prince August Limited Molds. He has a small selection of Napoleonic and Traditional Toy Soldier Moulds in stock as well as the casting starter kits. He will order in other molds for interested customers with a small deposit. Sets of three molds are approximately \$60.00 plus tax. He is also looking for a source for casting metal. At this time Cerrotru (a type of hobby casting metal) is approximately \$17.50 - \$21.00 a lb. He hopes to have a stock of it on hand for hobbyists.

Calvin Tan Figures at Hornet Hobbies

Some of Calvin Tan's original WWII figures are currently on display at Hornet Hobbies 1563 O'Connor Drive. These are gold medal winners from some of the top international shows. Great inspiration for painters. You can also see some of his work online at zyclon.blogspot.com

Seeking Composition Figures

Hans Doring is looking for composition figures from such makers as Elastolin, Lineol and Hausser. You can contact Hans at 416-421-9951 in the evenings. Hans is also looking for someone who can do some repairs to composition figures for him.

Looking for Painted Figures

Stanley Kershman is interested in buying painted connoisseur figures and flats. You can contact him at stanley3211@hotmail.com or 613-726-2999.



If you know of an upcoming show that might interest our members, drop Gary a line.

Chicago Toy Soldier Show Sept. 25

The big one. Room trading all weekend and formal show Sunday. 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. At the Hyatt Regency Woodfield 1800 East Golf Road Schaumburg, IL 60173
Details at www.toysoldiershow.com

MMSI Chicago Show October 14-16

The other Chicago show, hosted by the Military Miniature Society of Illinois and featuring connoisseur figures. See the website www.mmsichicago.com for details.

3rd Annual Military History Weekend Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16

Sponsored by: W Britains, Osprey Publishing and the Virginia War Museum. Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-3pm. At the Hospitality House Hotel 415 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
Website: www.militaryhistoryweekend.com

The Hobby Show November 4-6

Includes the Great Canadian Game Show. Formerly held at the International Centre they are moving to Downsview Park in Toronto this year. See www.thehobbyshow.com

Michigan Historical Collectibles Show Nov. 12-13

Combined model soldier and militaria show.
At Madison Place 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights MI, 48071 (I-75 and 13 Mile Road)
Website: www.michiganshow.com

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