



Newsletter of the

ONTARIO MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY

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Edited by Gary Lenius



November 2011

Next meeting

Sunday, November 13 Start time 12:00 pm

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

Annual Auction

This month we will be holding our annual auction. This is your chance to sell off items you no longer need or want or to pick up some new treasures from your fellow members.

Note the earlier start time!

We will start the meeting at 12 noon so that we can complete the auction without running too late.

No vendor tables at this meeting.



Auction Ground Rules

1. You must be a member in good standing to put up lots for sale.
2. Bidders must register and receive a bidding number. There is a fee of \$1.
3. The number of lots will be limited to 100; first come, first served.
4. A minimum reserve bid may be placed on a lot.
5. There is no selling fee or commission.
6. Hobby related items only please.

Auction Description forms

Some members have asked to get the auction forms ahead of time so they can fill in the descriptions of their items. So included with this newsletter is a form you can use for this. Cut it along the dashed lines and it makes 4 copies of a form that can be completed ahead of time and then attached to the lot cards. Photocopy the sheet if you need more than 4.

Thanks to Jeff Duncan for the photo of the auctioneer figure. It's a William Hocker depicting Harry Phillips to mark 25 years of toy soldier sales at Phillips auction house in 1996 and to celebrate their 200th Anniversary.

December Meeting: Our Christmas Feast

The December meeting (December 11th) will feature our traditional Christmas luncheon. Gail Stone will be handling the catering for us once again. Tickets can be purchased from Gail at \$5.00 a plate. You can see her at the meeting.

If you can't get out to the meeting you can reserve your ticket with Gail at 905-332-0653 or email her at gstone4@cogeco.ca

2011 Executive Committee

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President's Column

From our President Jim Matresky...

One of the highlights of our October meeting was Harold Morrison's account during Show and Tell of how he finally acquired a figure for which he had been searching for more than 50 years. Also during Show and Tell Grant Lawson explained how he almost became a member of the French Foreign Legion.

The October meeting is of course designated by our Constitution as our Annual Meeting, the main purpose of which is to elect our Executive for the upcoming year. The membership elected Guy Elliott as President, Scott Dummitt as First Vice President, Norm White as Second Vice President and Gary Lenius as Secretary-Treasurer. All of these members have a wealth of experience and I am sure will do a great job next year – our 50th Anniversary Year.

Gary Lenius, our Treasurer, gave a detailed report on our financial situation which illustrated that we certainly have more than adequate financial resources to support all the great projects which we have planned for our 50th.

Scott Dummitt, our new 50th Anniversary Committee Chairman presented a proposal from W. Britain Ltd. to produce a 54mm Queen's Ranger Figure exclusive to our OMSS. The membership approved the financial support necessary to go ahead with this project. The figure will be presented to all the active members of the OMSS in 2012 and to all new members in the near future.

Frank MacKay also made a presentation regarding the 50th Anniversary Pin. The membership again approved the funding for this project. Each member will receive the pin at the Christmas Luncheon.

As always, our membership has supported our veterans by donating \$50.00 to the Sunnybrook Hospital Remembrance Day venture to support the soldiers who have served our country in the past.

Gail Stone, who once again has generously volunteered herself and her family to provide the Christmas Luncheon this year, was selling tickets for the event. Please see Gail at the next meeting to buy your tickets for this traditional occasion.

More giveaways were available at the end of the meeting as the remainder of Paul Aitchison's molds and bases were there for the taking.

As usual, one of the highlights of our meeting was the products offered by our many vendors at the beginning of the meeting. Many good deals were made.

The vendors will not be selling at our November meeting as that is our Annual Auction. Please remember that our Vendors will be selling their wares at the Christmas Luncheon in December for those who want to do some last minute shopping. Also, please remember the earlier starting time for the Auction at 12:00 noon and come early as only 100 lots will be allowed for sale. A paddle will cost \$1.00 and visitors are welcome as buyers, but only members may sell at the Auction. Don Ritchie has volunteered to be our primary auctioneer.

See you at the Auction where I'm sure we will see some great bargains!

Mark that date...

Saturday September 8, 2012 the OMSS Annual Show celebrating the Society's 50th Anniversary



Right Seeks Left: Object Casting

At the end of the last meeting we put out some boxes of molds from the late Paul Aitchison. **Harold Morrison** reports that the box he got has only one half of the molds. If you also ended up with a set of unmatched halves he would love to get together and sort out some complete molds. See him at the meeting or contact him at aitchrwm@istar.ca or 416-269-3522.

Saluting Our Veterans

To mark Remembrance Day this year the members at the October meeting voted to participate in Operation "Raise A Flag" at Sunnybrook Veterans' Centre. The Society has purchased a flag which will be placed on the lawn there November 11 (see photo at left). Thanks to Norm White for suggesting this way to salute our veterans.

For more information or to participate in the program personally visit sunnybrook.ca/foundation/raiseaflag





New Rene Chartrand book in works

Harold Morrison reports that Rene Chartrand, author of many books on uniforms, is preparing a book on the Canadian militia uniforms of the 19th century. Rene wrote two volumes of the three volume history of Canadian army uniforms.

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.

Collections for Sale

A number of folks who have contacted the Society for help in selling collections:

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

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

Mary Moss in Ottawa has recently asked if anyone in our organization would be interested in purchasing her late Husband's collection. He had figures from the following manufacturers: Corgi, King and Country, Stadden, and other miniature soldiers. WWI, WWII German.

Mary can be contacted at 613-271-9191 after 5pm



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

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

This show has been cancelled. Their next show date has not been announced yet.

Combined model soldier and militaria show.

Website: www.michiganshow.com

HeritageCon 6 Sunday Feb 12, 2012

Model show to be held at the Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton. 9am to 4pm. Admission is \$5. For details visit www.ipmshamilton.ca

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

Meeting Dates for 2012

Monthly meetings (all Sundays)

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| January 8 | June 10 |
| February 12 | October 14 |
| March 11 | November 18 |
| April 15 | December 9 |
| May 6 | |

Annual Show: Saturday September 8, 2012

Reserve Bid \$

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