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Monthly Newsletter for 5 May 2019

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2019

13 January 2019 - 10 February 2019 – 10 March 2019
 14 April 2019 - 5 May 2019 – 8 September 2019
 6 October 2019– 17 November 2019 - 8 December 2019

Annual Show

Saturday June 15, 2019

Month Newsletter for May 2019

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Next meeting...

Sunday, 5 May, 2019

Branch 643 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto
 Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

Letter from the President



We had a good turnout of members at our April meeting. Guy Elliot gave a presentation on the World War II Japanese army which was stationed in Manchuria China. Frank MacKay gave a presentation on acrylic paints and painting techniques. He traced the changes in paints through the years from the expensive model paints he first used to the acrylic paints of present day. During the presentation many members provided their tips on paints and painting. Frank gave us this tip-to put a dab of the paint on the top of the paint container, so you know what the colour the paint dries as.

The President of the British Model Soldier Society has challenged each of the BMSS members to try to obtain a new member for the BMSS. So, I put the same challenge out to the OMSS members. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the OMSS activities, approach them and invite them to join the OMSS.

It is less than two months to our annual On Parade show on June 15. This is your chance to show part of your collection or your recent model pieces to the public. Scott will provide more details on the show at the meeting. You can buy your ticket for the post show meet and greet event from Gary. If you attend the meet and greet you could win some donated products from Britains and John Jenkins.

Lastly a big shout out to our Ottawa Chapter members. I hope some of you will be able to attend the On Parade show.

Enjoy your Victoria Day weekend.

OMSS President Lorne Farr



In Memory of Alexander (Sandy) Spalding

It is with sadness that we announce the sudden passing March 1, 2019, loving husband to Moira, father to Sarah-father-in-law to Jon, and very proud and loving Papa to and Poppy. Sandy was pre-deceased by his parents Norrie Spalding of Dundee, Scotland and his brother James of Ontario. He will be lovingly remembered by his sister McCabe, sister-in-law Gladys Spalding and his many and nephews both in Canada and Scotland. Sandy was born Scotland and came to Canada in 1977. Moira followed in they married in Regina, Sask. and where Sarah-Mae was born. Sandy had a long career in the electrical engineering field with a few different companies where he forged many friendships. The Mississauga Scottish Club was a big part of his life for many years and upon his second retirement he was able to pursue his hobbies, one being his love of collecting miniature soldiers. He belonged to the Ontario Model Soldier Society and Toy Collector Clubs for many years. He loved history, cooking, gardening and playing pool and horseshoes with his friends and neighbours in his New Hamburg retirement community. He was a voracious reader. Sandy had a passion for soccer which he played in Scotland and provincially in Canada. He kept up with his soccer teams back in Scotland and watched games any chance he got. Sandy was always available to help anyone in any way he could which endeared him to many and he will be sadly missed.



ON PARADE 2019 NEWS UPDATE

With just over a month to go to our annual show and competition, we have approximately 34 vendor tables spoken for, although some of those are not confirmed as we have not received payment.

Remember, if you have not paid for your tables by the 30th of April, the price goes up to \$60.00 per table on the 1st of May, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Our intrepid Club Table Manager, Jeff Duncan, has asked that some of our members and club vendors (remember those free tables you get each month), kindly donate some figures for our Club Table at this year's show. Jeff has managed to bring in a tidy sum the last two years and we hope that he can continue to do so with your support.

We have seen a substantial increase in people who have signed up for this year's "Meet & Greet". Due to a misunderstanding, the Britains people thought they would not be able to make the supper, however circumstances have changed and we believe they will now be joining us. Remember the meal is only \$20.00 if you pre-book. We need pre-booking so we can order the meals. We will be carrying a few extra meals but their price goes up to \$22.50 the day of the show. If you live out of town and are planning on attending the dinner please contact Gary Lenius or Scott Dummitt and confirm. The meals are being booked the 16th of May. In addition, we now have 9 door prizes to be drawn for as William Britain Limited, John Jenkins Designs and Thomas Gunn Miniatures have all generously donated prizes for this event.

Lastly, don't forget, if you are planning on staying over at Humber College on the weekend of the show, the accommodation portal on the OMSS web site closes on the 14th of May.

What's New in the Hobby? – May 2019 by Brendan Hogan



This month's "What's New" column features a number of exciting releases from John Jenkins Designs, Thomas Gunn Miniatures, and King & Country. My picks of the batch from JJD are the additions to the Battle of Saratoga series. My particular favourites are a mounted Colonel Daniel Morgan (\$125.98 CAD) and an officer carrying the National Colour of the Continental Army's 1st Canadian Regiment (\$84.83 CAD). Colonel Morgan commanded the elite Morgan's Riflemen, a light infantry unit that

used rifles instead of the standard musket. The 1st Canadian Regiment was one of the few units in the Continental Army that had a national rather than state affiliation. Despite its name, a significant number of recruits came from Pennsylvania and other states. My favourite new figure from TGM is also a flagbearer – a Russian Pavlovski grenadier from the Napoleonic Wars (\$73.56 CAD). If you look closely, you can see that this grenadier has suffered a serious injury to his knee. National Color. This figure is limited to 100 in quantity, so order soon if you'd like to add this piece to your collection. K&C has produced a mounted figure of the Duke of Wellington (\$172.43 CAD). The Iron Duke needs no introduction, but K&C had captured



Nosey's likeness perfectly. K&C has also delved into the Scottish Wars of Independence releasing two knight figures: Sir William Wallace and Sir Archibald Douglas (\$172.43 CAD each). Both figures are sculpted in combat poses and the heraldry on them is spectacular. K&C opted for a more realistic depiction of Wallace than his portrayal in the Mel Gibson *Braveheart* movie.



A CAPITAL REPORT (from the OMSS Ottawa Chapter) by Bob Thompson

Our April 23 meeting was well attended with an active agenda including the following:

OMSS golf shirts bulk order – We had 7 firm orders with colours ranging from the traditional Dill (3), to new charcoal (3) and Heather Grey (1).

Discussion on current hobby news – What's New, upcoming shows, and reports on recent hobby related shows

OMSS Ottawa participation at upcoming Toy Soldier Shows

1. - June 02 Military Hobby Show at the Walkley Road Armoury in Ottawa. (This is the closest we have to a toy soldier show in Ottawa) ... OMSS Ottawa will be out with an information table (with our new banner stand); an OMSS Ottawa vendor table; and several members will be out as vendors and exhibitors.

2. – June 15 OMSS On Parade Show – Aside from general participation, 3 Ottawa members will be out as vendors; OMSS Ottawa will have a vendor table, and Juan Lopez will be exhibiting his 1/6 scale 3D printed weapons. (We're also looking forward to the Friday Night "Room Trading" session.)

"Show & Tell" Presentations: - The topic for this month's "Show & Tell" was "Mint in Box". Many members trotted out their favourite figures or boxed sets. Outstanding was Doug Cope's 1950's Britain's Coronation Coach Set. Juan Lopez decided it was Anti-tank night and brought out a great collection of 1/6 scale WW2 anti-tank rifles (all without boxes as he designed and 3d printed all the guns himself). Our 1/6 guys excelled with a nice "Indiana Jones vs Nazis" vibe diorama. The "Mint in Box" topic was well hidden (a 1/6 scale box in the diorama contained a 1/1 scale package of mints).

The meeting wrapped up with the usual buying, selling, trading, and conversations.

The next meeting of OMSS Ottawa is Tuesday May 28 ... the Show & Tell theme is "Machine Guns".

Visiting the "Capital Region"? Why not join us for one of the Ottawa Chapter's Meetings. Contact Bob Thompson 613-523-3103 or Email: thompson_robert@rogers.com for further info.

(The OMSS Ottawa Chapter meeting dates for the rest of 2019 are on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December): *May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, and December 17 (3rd Tuesday in December).*

Results of the survey to define the contents of the OMSS Banner Stand: - With 13 voting forms completed, and a complicated numeric system to weigh opinions, we determined the following:

Priority of Types of Figures for the banner:

- 1st - A tie between New Toy Soldiers and 1/6 Scale "Action Figures" (47 points each)
- 2nd – Model Soldiers (Matte painted 54-60mm figures) (46 points)
- 3rd – Traditional Toy Soldiers (vintage 54mm gloss painted, made as children's toys) (45 points)
- 4th – Connoisseur Figures (25 points)
- 5th – Plastic Figures (painted or unpainted) (19 points)
- 6th – Wargame Figures (14 points)

(The 11 other types of figures categories received 9 or less points each.)

Priority of specific Subjects for the figures on the banner:

- 1st – WW2 (65 points)
- 2nd – Napoleonic Era (43 points)
- 3rd – WW1 (40 points)
- 4th – Victorian Wars (34 points)
- 5th – Seven Years War (25 points)
- 6th – Medieval (19 points)

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7th – grouping of 3 unpainted iconic green army men
 8th – Wargame unit of War of 1812 US Infantry
 (Depending on design decisions not all figures will make it to the actual banner)

OMSS GOLF SHIRTS – FINAL CHANCE TO ORDER!

If you are interested in purchasing an OMSS Golf Shirt with the Society Logo stitched into it, the May 5th meeting will be your last opportunity. We presently have enough orders to sell these unique shirts at \$35.00 a piece. The shirts will be ordered on the 6th of May and will be available from Scott Dummitt on the 14th of June when we set up for the show and at our annual show on the 15th of June for pick-up from the Club Table (Jeff Duncan). If you can't pick up your shirt, then please make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you or contact Scott Dummitt (705) 939-1028 to make arrangements for shipping. Shipping in Ontario is around \$16.00 and is by Canada Post Expedited.



Available Colours

Dill (Club Colour)	White
Wine	Charcoal
Stone	Grey Heather
Light College Blue	

Sizes

Men – XS to 6XL

Ladies – XS to 3XL



OMSS May Meeting Guest Lecturer – Don Down

Don Down is a member of the Central Ontario Branch of the Western Front Association. Founded in Great Britain in 1980 the Western Front Association seeks to perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of those of all sides who served their countries in France and Flanders and their own countries during the Great War. Don and his wife Mary joined the Association after the diary of Mary's great uncle Private William Leo Meagher was returned to Canada by an American relative Dorothy Sherwood. Leo Meagher served with the 44th Battalion and the 10th Machine Gun Company during the First World War and was killed on April 10th, 1917 at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Don and Mary are currently working on a companion to Leo's diary.

Since his retirement from the field of social work in 2014, Don has written and led historical tours in the Peterborough area and has appeared on local television. Don also collects model soldiers. His modest collection reflects an enduring interest in Canadian military history. Don will speak on the Peterborough connection to what W. Britain has called "The War Along the Nile."

ON PARADE 2019 VENDORS

Each month starting in January 2019 we will be publishing the names of vendors who have signed up and paid for their spot at 'ON PARADE' 2019. This gives those attending a chance to approach or contact these vendors prior to the show and make arrangements for picking up certain items. In addition this section will indicate who plans on setting up on 14 June for room trading at Humber College. Room trading will take place between 6 pm & 8:30 pm. Want to be included in the list? Just print off the 2019 vendor's form on the OMSS web site and get your cheque into Gary Lenius as soon as possible.

Vendors

John & Evelyn Brown – Vintage Toy Soldiers, home castings and Militaria – (905) 275-2446 – Email: johnnev@sympatico.ca.

SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS – W. Britain Ltd, John Jenkins Designs, Thomas Gunn Miniatures, Del Prado, Armies in Plastic, Pride of the Nation and More. www.gijoeacanada.com – (705) 939-1028 – Email: gijoe@kos.net - Room Trader

Tommy & Kirk Thompson – Vintage hollow cast William Britain Figures – (705) 252-0990 or Kirk (647) 500-7795.

Ed Tansley – Ducal Toy Soldiers – (416) 695-0609 – Email: edtansley@hotmail.com.

Les Eslary - A variety of Metal Toy Soldiers & Publications – (905) 627-5893 – Email: leslary@cogeco.ca

Andy Traverse – Variety of Toy Soldiers – (905) 627-0213 – Email: andytraverse123@gmail.com

John Drown – High Quality imported Connoisseur figures from Russia – (705) 725-9177 – Email: jdrown@rogers.com

'The Unsportsman Collectibles' (Bob Thompson) – New (post 1967) sold out Britain's toy soldiers, Plastic figures, Military Collectible Cards and Vintage metal & plastic figure sets - (613) 523-3103 – Email: thompson_robert@rogers.com - Room Trader.

Dave Norman – Modern William Britain Ltd and King & Country figures – (647) 519-2454 – Email: davenorman54@yahoo.ca

Henry Chow – Vintage (pre-1967) William Britain Limited hollow cast, Ceremonial Series, Current Britains – (416) 250-6631- Email: toysoldier.chow@gmail.com

Andrew Laschuk – 1/6th Scale Toys and Figures – (519) 728-9379 – Email: crusader@bell.net

Toy Soldier Club – King & Country, John Jenkins Designs and First Legion. – 1-888-339-2109
www.toysoldiersclub.com

OMSS Ottawa Chapter – A variety of Military Miniatures and related articles being sold by chapter members.

Keys & Collectibles – King & Country, - 416-640-0328 – Email: keysandcollectibles@gmail.com

Bob & Ron: TWO GUYS SALES – Variety of Toy Soldiers and Books –

John Hoffmann - Napoleonic Historex, Airfix figures, 30mm flats – 519-787-1020 Email: jhoffmann00@cogeco.ca

Dennis DeRusha – Assorted Toy Soldier, Vehicles, etc - 613-592-5692 –Email: kanatad2@rogers.com

D-Day Wear (Joe Wilson) – Commemorative Military T-Shirts, Golf Shirts, Hats and More – 1-877-827-3278 – Email: ddaywear@gmail.com

Morley Verdier - Plastic and metal figures, plastic models, books,