

MINUTES

OMSS OTTAWA - Tuesday 29 April 2025

OIC – **Steve H**

- Minute Man – **Doug C**

- Photographer – **Bob T**

List of Attendees:

Kelly Hayes, Michael Canivet, Terry Hoskin, Doug Cope, Bob Thompson, Morley Verdier, Steve Hammond, Steve Alexander, Mark Hilash, Alan MacDonald, Sylvain Allaire, Dennis DeRusha, Brendan Hogan, Juan Lopez, Tom Wright, Stanley Kershman

INTRODUCTIONS – the OIC began by announcing that ‘The Movie is Starting’

New Attendee introductions? - none

How are our other ‘regulars’ doing? **Bob T’s** birthday – later **Doug C** skipped on his bill leaving Bob to pay – Happy Birthday or what? **Brendan H** is soon off to Latvia on duty – say safe.

OMSS CLUB BUSINESS & SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

OMSS Executive Update – **Steve A** had nothing new to report

OMSS Zoom Meetings – No News to Report

OMSS On Parade – 7 June 2025 – **Dennis D, Steve A, Bob T, Juan L, Stanley K, Alan M** and **Steve H** plan to attend or to be vendors

Accommodations – **Bob T** reports no joy in contacting Humber College directly – if you wish to stay there please contact on your own. Later he reported: “We have arranged for an OMSS group reservation for the On Parade weekend at the **Stay Inn** located close to the On Parade venue - a block of 10 rooms for OMSS members. The group rate for OMSS members is \$209 plus taxes per night for a single King bed room, or \$219 plus taxes per night for a double Queen (2 beds) room. To book a room, contact the Stay Inn directly at the number below, and mention the O.M.S.S. group booking reservation. Making reservations and payment are responsibility of individuals, not the OMSS.”

Ottawa Chapter

– Special Presentation – **Bob T** got his 5 year OMSS pin and presented a 25 year OMSS pin to **Dennis D**. Photos were taken. – Meeting host for May Meeting will be **Alan M**



OMSS Ottawa Special Projects

- There was some discussion regarding alternatives to the Military Hobby Show at the Armoury
 - a committee will be formed in the fall to discuss next year's show.
- Reports on 4 potential projects:
 1. **Mini show** concept by **Dave Waddell** was for a show at the Legion Hall in the west end but there are issues with the Legion which has new members in charge – stay tuned
 2. **Juan T** will decide at the our June meeting when to have the **Open House** at his home.
 3. **Local OMSS auction** – **Stanley K** began a lively discussion about the why, when and how of a live auction - likely this fall starting around 7 PM
 4. **Trunk Sale** – **Juan L** to arrange likely in September

OMSS Ottawa Membership List – **Doug C** – nothing new to report

OMSS Technical Capacities – OMSS Toronto & the Ottawa Chapter are both still looking for a volunteer computer-literate member to help us improve our technological capabilities. – nothing new to report

WHAT'S NEW? – ANNOUNCEMENTS, & SHOWS

HOBBY NEWS, COLLECTIONS FOR SALE

- **Michael C** from former **Toy Soldier Market** – He was at the Aylmer show on the weekend
- **Scott's Soldiers** on YouTube – **Scott P** not at meeting <https://www.youtube.com/@scottssoldiers2375/videos>
- **Replica Miniatures from England** – nothing new to report
- **Collections for Sale** –
 - **Tradition Collection** in Toronto – **Bob T** reports there are 20 sets and he will get list. Mostly Napoleonic
 - **Haisel Collection** Kingston – **Bob T** reports still no price, mostly red box Britain's and some Ducal.
The vehicle part of the collection are 1/43 scale
 - **Used Britain's Collection** – Ottawa – **Bob T** reports that the lady has sent photos or 11 Britain's post WWII sets in boxes but the figures are well used aka worn
 - **Doug C** brought 12 RCMP mounted figures – some Timpo, some Johillco he sold 6
- **Other News** –
Stanley K brought some magazines and shared them with the group. Well done

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

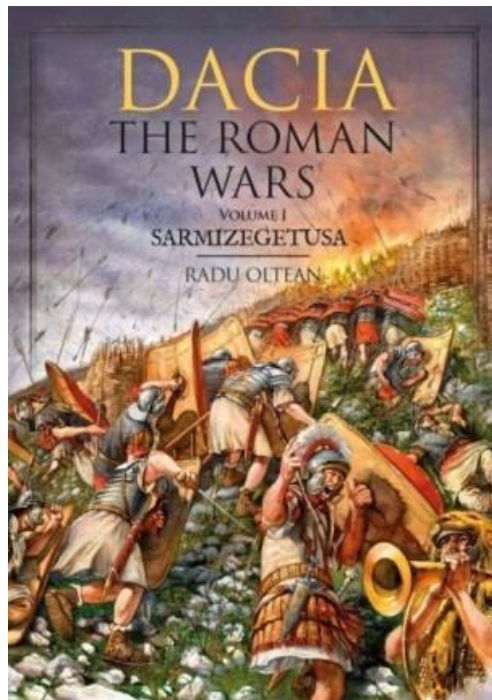
- **OMSS Toronto May Meeting** – Sunday 11 May 2025
- **BMSS May Zoom Meeting** – ?
- **London Toy Soldier and Historical Figures Show** - London, England - 10 May
- **Cangames** (Gaming Convention) - May 16-18 – Ottawa Curling Club – **Bob T & Morley V** are vendors
- **OMSS May Zoom Meeting** – 20 May - Show and tell topic is "Ending of WW2 in Europe"
- **OMSS Ottawa Monthly Meeting** – Tuesday – 27 May -
- **OMSS On Parade** – Toronto – 7 June
- **Scott Dummitt Open House** – 8 June (from 11am)
- **Chicagoland Toy Soldier Show** – 28 September – *Replica Miniatures* will be there.
Steve A will be a vendor and **Bob T** hopes to attend
- **Ottawa Nostalgia Show** – Nepean Sportsplex - 19 October
- **Ottawa Military Heritage Show** – Nepean Sportsplex – Saturday 25 October

EVENT REPORTS:

- **BMSS Zoom Meeting** – Friday 4 April – no news –no one at this meeting attended
- **Prescott 2nd Annual Model Train & Toy Show** – the Saturday **12 April** show was well attended – huge crowd
 - **Doug C** and **John S** were vendors and **Doug C** sold more toy soldier sets than trains.
- **April 13 OMSS Toronto Meeting** – nothing to report
- **OMSS April 15 Zoom Meeting** - Show and tell topic was “Medieval Knights” – 12 participants (5 Ottawa, 4 Toronto, 1 Montreal, 2 England) - **Bob T** reports a good meeting and Ian from England emptied a second tub from under his bed and showed photos of all.
- **International Toy Soldier Club (Replica Miniatures) – April 19 Monthly Club Call** – nothing to report
- **BMSS Annual Show** - Saturday 26th April 2025 in Reading, UK – nothing to report
- **Ottawa Military Heritage Show** – Nepean Sportsplex – **Saturday 26 April** - our executive member arrived late to set up – show started earlier and **Bob T** reports good sales
- **Aylmer Hobby Show – 26 and 27 April** – in a shopping mall – **Juan L** reports he had a good show and has been invited to display at 2 more shows including the Almonte store run by the host of the Military Heritage Show – **Michael C** was a vendor and reports good sales. **Morley V** attended.

Show & Tell Presentations – topic “NAVY”

- Morley V** – displayed a **Del Prado** Imperial Guard figure – [see A Below]
- Also a Roman Wars book that illustrated uniforms and equipment



Doug C – a number of mounted RCMP plus 2 of the Britain's sailors adapted to carry a stretcher



Dennis D – a Hockes naval band set of 8 plus 1

- The Naval Brigade of East India
- Sailors with a stretcher
- A RN Wren
- A US naval figure by Corgi
- Also a 1919 document signed by General 'Black Jack' Pershing [see B Below]





Sylvain A – his excellent album with photos of his collection

- 4 figures – 2 Royal Marines

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Alan M – he was attired in his uncle's USN Gob hat and had an HMCS Haida sailor's cap

- A flotilla of Dinky ships
- Dinky 671 OSA Missile Boat
- A navy sailor in white who is a piggy bank
- Dinky seaplanes including the 706 Mercury Seaplane
- A yellow blimp
- A fleet of **Tootsie** toy ships – one an armed merchantman - **[see C Below]**
- A blue aircraft carrier by **Triang** – **[see D Below]**
- Armies in Plastic kits from **Wheels & Wings Hobbies** in Toronto **[See E Below]**
- Some **Barclay Manufacturing Company** sailors – **[See F Below]**
- Photos of ships
- A union jack full size ship's flag



Steve A – a Nile river gun boat

- HMS Victory gun crew
- Admiral Nelson figure
- A naval landing party by **MARS** – [See G Below]
- A gun crew from **Steadfast** – [See H Below]
- A Confederate army naval crew
- US Marines colour party by Britain's

Steve H – a Kriegsmarine 1/6 figure – boxed

- boxed 1/6 boatswain figure
- bagged Russian figures with a magazine
- a Napoleonic sapper with a spade
- 2 Russian diecast vehicles

Kelly H - a Britain's boxed 4.7 inch naval gun

- a John Paul Jones figure
- a Britain's US marine figure

Mark H – an Action man RN postwar figure

- a scuba diver 1/30 scale from **Lone Star** – [See J Below]
- a sailor at the ship's wheel
- a boxed Canadian forces figure from 2011

Michael C – **King and Country** Hong Kong naval figure

- Some Egyptian and Napoleonic figures
- a WWI figure – 1 Union army soldier plus Robin Hood series figures





Bob T – a number of plastic ship model kits including the New Jersey, and a Missouri ‘stubby’ kit

- a Triang task force in a box and a corvette
- RN naval ratings in a dome from Dollarama
- Several **Scott Dummitt** naval sets
- Pre-dreadnaught diecast small ships including a monitor [not the Monitor]
- A ship in a bottle
- 2 flats – Spanish ships
- Britain’s model 2 man sub

- Battleship row plastic in a box
- RCN Thomas Gunn beach commando
- RN 30 mm field gun team
- A sailor with Lily Marleen by a lamp post
- An Ideal toys pirate ship with figures
- **Don Ritchie** naval cadets and a sea cadet band
- A Britain's wren and a sailor
- A water spout

MEETING ADJOURNMENT LAST POST

Voting For May Meeting Show & Tell Topic: and the winner is '**Police and Para-Military**'

Upcoming OMSS Meeting Dates:

- 11 May May OMSS Toronto Meeting –
- 20 May - OMSS Zoom Meeting — Show & Tell Topic is "Ending of WW2 in Europe"
- 27 May OMSS Ottawa Monthly Meeting - Tuesday - Show & Tell Topic is '**Police and Para-Military**'

Meeting Adjourned

ADDITIONS

A] History Works/Del Prado

<https://www.toysoldierco.com/History-Works/Brand.aspx?BrandID=173&AssocDeptID=12>

History Works, owned and operated by Richard Walker, the former general manager of Britain's, offers beautifully sculpted and excellently painted metal figures at reasonable prices. Formerly known as Del Prado, which pioneered budget-conscious soldiers for novice as well as experienced collectors. Because History Works' many ranges cover a wide variety of historical periods, most collectors will be able to find something to suit their taste.

B] General John Joseph "Black Jack", Pershing,

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/John-J-Pershing>



General of the Armies John Joseph Pershing, nicknamed "Black Jack", was an American army general, educator, and founder of Pershing Rifles. He served as the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I from 1917 to 1920. **Born:** September 13, 1860, Missouri, United States. **Died:** July 15, 1948 (age 87 years), Walter Reed Army Medical Center

C] TootsieToy <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TootsieToy>



Tootsietoy is a manufacturer of die cast toy cars and other toy vehicles which was originally based in Chicago, Illinois. Though the TootsieToy name has been used since the 1920s, the company's origins date from

about 1890. An enduring marque, toys with the Tootsietoy name were consistently popular from the 1930s through the 1990s.

Tootsietoy had its beginnings in the two diecasting companies of the Dowst and the Shure Brothers who were established near the same time in the 1890s. The Tootsietoy brand also had origins in a range of miniature cars in the form of charms, pins, cuff links and the like, introduced circa 1901 by the Chicago based Cosmo Company owned by the Shure Bros. which bought Dowst in 1926. The name, however, remained Dowst Manufacturing Co. The first actual model car from the company was produced between 1909 and 1911. One was a closed limousine which was followed by a 1915 Ford Model T open touring car.

By the early 1920s the name 'tootsie' was being used as a brand name and "Tootsietoy" was registered as a trade mark in 1924. The 'Tootsie' moniker apparently came from one of the Dowst Brothers' granddaughters, whose name was "Toots". Tootsietoy made metal prizes for Cracker Jack boxes, and this success in the 1930s may also have led to Dowst providing cast pieces for the game Monopoly. The company also produced a large assortment of die-cast dollhouse furniture.

In the 1920s trains, cars, trucks, military vehicles, aircraft, pistols and a variety of other toys were manufactured by Dowst. Vehicles often had white rubber tires which over time become brittle and often have not survived play-wear and time. One of the unique offerings were a set of 1932 Graham diecast cars -

One car that definitely was a promotional model was the 1935 LaSalle made for General Motors that came in sedan and coupe versions packaged in a special smallish blue and dark rose box. Another interesting model was the 1936 Lincoln Zephyr which was available in a gift set with a 'Roamer' camper trailer. World War II work later had the Dowst Co. making detonators for grenades and mines as well as belt and parachute buckles. As would be expected, little toy production was seen during wartime production, though some paper toys were made.

By the late 1960s, Tootsietoys were made in both the United States and Hong Kong. Though most Tootsie toys are produced in Asia today, they were traditionally produced in Chicago, and were also made in a few other American factories such as Rockford, Illinois. Tootsietoy, however, should not be confused with the similar brand Midgetoy, which was also based in Rockford.

Tootsietoy, which is now owned by J. Lloyd International, Inc., is still based in Chicago and makes about 40 million cars per year.

D] Triang - Lines Bros



Lines Bros Ltd was a British toy manufacturer of the 20th century, operating under the Tri-ang Toys brand name. Lines Bros Ltd, at its peak in 1947, was claimed by the company to be the largest toy maker in the world. Under the Tri-ang Toys brand name, Lines Bros Ltd also made children's bicycles, such as the Unity Dragster TT.

The brothers George and Joseph Lines made wooden toys in the Victorian era, their company being G & J Lines Ltd. George was a trained carpenter, while Joseph was more business focused. Joseph had four sons, three of whom formed Lines Bros Ltd soon after the First World War. They were **William, Walter and Arthur Lines. Three Lines** making a triangle - hence Tri-ang. Arthur's son, Richard Lines, was largely responsible for the **Tri-ang Railways system**. At the start of the Second World War, production of children's toys was deemed non-essential by the British Government. As a result, production facilities were converted to weapons manufacture, specifically the Sten Mk III submachine gun. Manufacture of toys resumed shortly after the war ended.

At their peak they had 40 companies world-wide, including the famous **Hornby, Meccano and Dinky brands**, but as a result of losses overseas they were in financial trouble. In 1971 Lines Bros. Ltd called in the Official Receiver. The Group was broken up and sold off. Rovex Tri-ang Ltd (which had the Hornby Railways among its portfolio) was **Pocket Money Toys Ltd** and then sold as Rovex Ltd, complete with its factories at Westwood and Canterbury, to Dunbee-Combex-Marx Ltd. (DCM). G & R Wrenn, a linked toy railway company, bought itself free as Wrenn Railways. The remains of the Tri-ang brand was sold off. As a result, the **Tri-ang Hornby system** took the name **Hornby Railways** from January 1972, with the **Dinky and Meccano** businesses being acquired by **Airfix**.

Model ships

Minic Limited, a Lines Bros subsidiary, produced a range of 1:1200 scale waterline ship and harbour models between 1958 and 1965 which were marketed under the **Tri-ang Minic Ships** brand. After a reorganisation in the mid-1960s Minic Limited became a subsidiary of **Rovex Industries Ltd** (later **Rovex-Tri-ang Ltd**) which was acquired by **Dunbee Combex Marx** (DCM) as Rovex Limited after Lines Bros went into receivership in 1971. Rovex Limited reintroduced a limited range of the original waterline ship and harbour models in 1976 together with four new battleships under the name "Minic Ships and Harbours by Hornby" the "Tri-ang" trademark having been acquired by Barclay Securities who purchased Tri-ang-Pedigree Ltd when Lines Bros was liquidated. The Hornby "Second Series" of Minic Ships, which were manufactured in Hong Kong, did not sell well and was discontinued in the late 1970s / early 1980s.

The **Triang** name and **Minic** trademark were acquired by **Charles Shave** of Hong Kong in 2003. The new company reproduced the original 1960s harbour models, together with a good range of modern merchant vessels and US Navy and Royal Navy warships. Production numbers have been low, but these new "Third Series" models have now been on sale for longer than either of the earlier sets.

E] Wheels & Wings Hobbies <https://www.wheelswingshobbies.com>



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Warhammer & Gundam Deals.

F] Barclay Manufacturing Company - from Wikipedia and <https://www.barclaycompany.com/> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barclay_Manufacturin...

The Barclay Manufacturing Company was an American metal toy company based in New Jersey that specialised in diecast toy cars and hollow cast toy soldiers.

For over three generations, the Barclay name has been synonymous with charming and affordable cast metal figures. We proudly carry on this tradition, by offering not only one of the largest assortments of hand-made metal figures available, but we're also one of the very few firms left still producing their ware in the traditional fashion! Whether it's people for your winter village, the trains running under your tree, or that unique gift with an old-time nostalgic feel, we're here to help you!

G] Mars

<https://www.marsfigures.com/>

We produce figures in 1/72 scale. We also offer you the production of other famous producers. You can get acquainted with the detailed assortment information in the Catalogue section.

H] Steadfast Soldiers

https://toy-soldiers.store/Steadfast_Soldiers_in_Gloss

Steadfast Soldiers in Gloss 54mm. **R P World Models Limited** produce the STEADFAST SOLDIERS at their factory in Nottingham, England, for several years and this will continue. R P World Models have been toy soldier manufacturers for almost 14 years and are well known for their high quality, hand painted figures.

The company makes its own moulds, casts all figures and hand paints and packs product on site ready for distribution. The business is owned by company director, Bob Prati, who has 23 years' experience of toy soldier manufacturing. Size 54mm

J] Lone Star Toys

from Wikipedia

Lone Star Products Ltd. was the brand name used by the British company **Die Cast Machine Tools Ltd (DCMT)** for its toy products. DCMT was based in Welham Green, Hertfordshire, north of London. Starting as early as 1939, DCMT manufactured die cast toys for children. The '**Lone Star**' name was chosen because of a demand at the time for toy guns and rifles popular in the Western films in cinemas all over Britain. Eventually, the company also made tie-in toy guns licensed from the James Bond films and The Man From U.N.C.L.E. TV series.

Toy soldiers

Harry Eagles, one of the sons of Henry George Eagles who co-founded Crescent Toys had been known by the nickname of Harvey. When Crescent moved to South Wales in 1949, Eagles remained in London where he started the **Harvey Toy Company**, producing figures in hollow-cast metal. Eagles sold his trade name and designs to Lone Star where a variety of plastic soldiers were sold from 1955 to 1976,