

MINUTES

OMSS OTTAWA – Thursday 29 May 2025

OIC – Alan M

Minute Man - Doug C

Photographer – Julian B and Bob T

List of Attendees:

Bob Thompson, Doug Cope, Sylvain Allaire, Terry Hoskin, Alan Macdonald, Steve Hammond, Mark Hilash, Michael Canivet, Dennis deRusha, Morley Verdier, Julian Bomford, Scott Paget, John Shrivess, Paul Theriault, Eduardo from Montreal



INTRODUCTIONS

New Attendee introductions? - Paul Theriault a war gammer

How are our other 'regulars' doing? - Juan L was ill and Francois Brisebois was to come to a Tuesday meeting but alas, not tonight. Where is Egor. Brendan Hogan still on duty in Latvia.

OMSS CLUB BUSINESS & SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

OMSS Executive Update – our rep Steve Alexander was not at the meeting

OMSS Zoom Meetings – nothing to report

OMSS On Parade – 7 June 2025 – several members are to attend and

Bob T needs a roommate and do not worry his room has 2 beds.

Ottawa Chapter –

A vote was taken on our **Preferred Meeting Day** if we have to switch.

Monday and Tuesday are still preferred by most. **Bob T** has booked the last Tuesday of every month for balance of 2025. Most would come to a meeting on 30 December.

Summer Meeting Schedule: The July and August meetings will be at the usual dates but informal and no minutes will be taken.

OMSS Ottawa Special Projects

- Reports on 4 potential projects: - nothing new to report on any of the 4
 1. **Mini show – Dave Waddell** is in charge but no Dave?
 2. **Juan L's Open House – Juan L** is in charge
 3. **Local OMSS auction – Stanley K** is in charge
 4. **Trunk Sale – Juan L** to organize

OMSS Technical Capacities – *no news*

WHAT'S NEW? – ANNOUNCEMENTS, & SHOWS

HOBBY NEWS, COLLECTIONS FOR SALE

- **Michael C from former Toy Soldier Market – Michael C** distributed a list to all of the items he has left to sell. He plans to take most to On Parade so order now.
- **Scott's Soldiers on YouTube** – he reports 65,000 views to date
- **Replica Miniatures from England** – The Riel Rebellion figures to be shipped in 10 days. Replica Miniatures will be at the Chicago soldier show.
- **Collections for Sale –**
 - **Tradition Collection** in Toronto – all Napoleonic figures – no news to report
 - **Haisel Collection** Kingston – soldiers and vehicles – no news to report
 - **Used Britain's Collection** – Ottawa – **Bob T** reports that **Kelly H** is negotiating to buy this collection
- **Other News –**
 - The temporary over-painting of figure bases – **Bob T** asks for suggestions on how to temporarily paint brown soldier bases green. **Doug C** suggests trying green electrical tape. **Steve H** suggest a wash that can be removed.

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

- **OMSS Toronto - June Meeting** – Sunday, 7 June 2025 – no July or August Meetings
- **BMSS June Zoom Meeting** –
- **OMSS June Zoom Meeting** – 17 June – Show & Tell Topic is "D-Day"
- **OMSS Ottawa Monthly Meeting** – 24 June, 2025
- **OMSS On Parade** – Toronto – 7 June
- **Scott Dummitt Open House** – 8 June (from 11am to 3 or 4 pm) – He offers a 15% discount for cash payments
- **Chicagoland Toy Soldier Show** – 28 September – **Steve A** will be a vendor and **Scott P** to attend
- **Walkley Road Armoury Model sale – 28 September** – scale plastic model show and sale
- **CAPCON 2025** is scheduled for Saturday, 18 October 2025 at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, ON. IPMS Ottawa's scale plastic model show – **[See A below]**
- **Ottawa Nostalgia Show** – Nepean Sportsplex - 19 October
- **Ottawa Military Heritage Show** – Nepean Sportsplex – Saturday 25 October

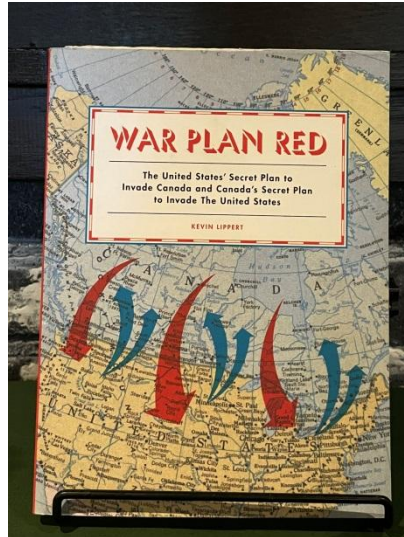
EVENT REPORTS:

- **BMSS Zoom Meeting** – May – **Bob T** was online and **James Opie** was host
- **May OMSS Toronto Meeting** – no news
- **OMSS 20 May Zoom Meeting** – 11 participants - Topic "Ending of WW2 in Europe" – **Bob T** reports a good meeting but none of the presentations was on topic.

Show & Tell Presentations – topic “Police and Paramilitary”

“War Plan Red” Presentation – Bob T had the book on display – [See B Below]

The book outlines conflicts in 1812, 1835, 1839 and the 1859 to 1872 Pig War, the conflicts during the US Civil War, the 1867 Alaska purchase by USA, the 1866 Fenian raids [See C Below], and the 1867 dispute over Canadian Federation plus the 1921 plan for the Canadian invasion of the USA, and a 1930 USA plan to invade Canada



Bob T – a number of books for sale

- a series of cards with photos of bridges and roads to be used as display back drops
- a neoprene mat with water on one side and roads on the other for staging displays
- 3 figures from an unknown company – a Hopi Indian, a jockey or matador



Julian B – his latest 1/6 scale 3 story part building for a French war scene
A German motor cycle and side car – 21st Century Toys [See D Below]



Terry H – NWMP sled and dogs by Kingcast – [See E Below and guess who is involved with Kingcast]

- A 1934 Ford Paddy wagon plus figures including one RCMP, a bobby, a red cap.
- He also had a truck with cops in barrels



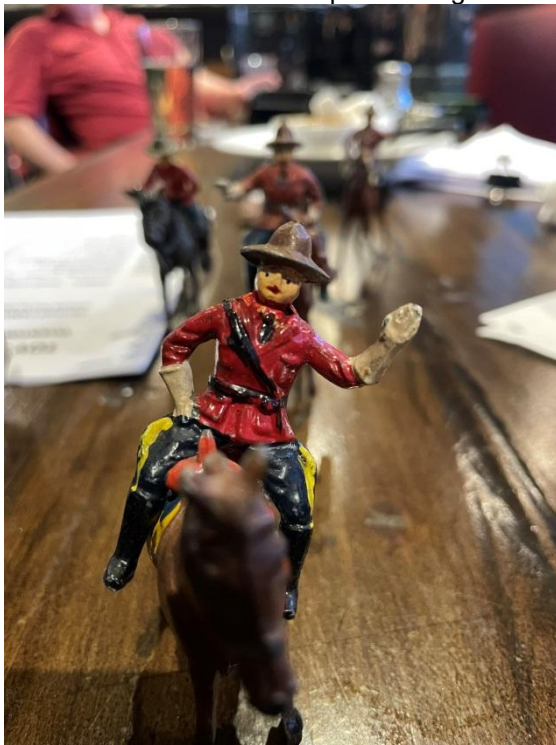
Steve H – had a series of 1/6 scale **X Files** figures on display in their boxes including: Scully, Mulder, Smoking Man, Frank Black and John Doogett. Also 3 figures including: NYC Swatt, Cleveland Swatt and unknown Swatt



Alan M – some recent acquisitions: a Centurion tank, a Duck, a hovercraft with a now broken propeller, a medium artillery tractor and a Super Match Box Everglades Boat. Also a black O Gauge windup locomotive. He also displayed his grandfather's Canadian Army Medical Corps badges plus a German War Vet's pin.



Doug C – brought out several of the mounted RCMP figures that he had last week since they are ‘police’
– for sale - plus a Corgi diecast OPP Chevy BelAir cruiser



Sylvain A – USA Revolutionary war Provost Corps figure, 2 Imperial Guards, a Gendarme,
1 border police figure and more



Dennis D – RCMP figure who is saluting by **Spirit of the Empire**. Several trees, a USAF Hawaiian, 1 red cap, One bobby plus a Marshal figure who is Gary Cooper from High Noon





Morley V – had 3 records that he is taking to On Parade to sell

Paul T – told the story of the 7 fighting brothers from his family.

Doug C – explained that in peace time the Navy Shore Patrol consisted of regular service members who rotated through the duty whereas the Army and Air Force had permanent 'police' units.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT LAST POST

Upcoming OMSS Meeting Dates:

- June - OMSS Toronto Meeting –
- June - OMSS Zoom Meeting — Show & Tell Topic is
- June - OMSS Ottawa Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 24 June –
Voting For June Meeting Show & Tell Topic: and the winner is 'Mercenaries and Auxiliaries'
Morley V will be the OIC host.

FUTURE OTTAWA OMSS MEETING DATES FOR 2025

Bob T was able to reserve the following Tuesdays for the remainder of our meetings in 2025:

24 June, 29 July, 26 August, 30 September,
28 October, 25 November, 30 December

Meeting Adjourned

Additions:

A] IPMS Ottawa - International Plastic Modellers Society <https://www.ipmsottawa.com/>

IPMS Ottawa is a local chapter of the *International Plastic Modellers Society*, an international organization of hobbyists interested in building plastic model kits. IPMS Ottawa was established in 1966 as one of the first Canadian IPMS local chapters. Our membership of approximately 70 members has a passion for plastic models of all types – including aircraft, military vehicles, automotive, ships, figures, science fiction/fantasy, and more! While we recognize there are many different types of scale models, IPMS Ottawa focuses on scale models made of plastic.

IPMS Ottawa holds regular monthly meetings aimed at plastic scale model builders — from novice to experienced — which include presentations, discussions, build nights, contests, and more. IPMS Ottawa (International Plastic Modellers Society) is the Nation's Capital chapter of IPMS Canada for those interested in building plastic scale models of all types. Plastic scale model builders — from novice to experienced — enjoy sessions of presentations, tips, and contests with other people interested in this hobby. When possible, we participate in open house displays and conventions at a variety of locations. Come and join us — we look forward to sharing this hobby with you! IPMS Ottawa Club Meetings: In-person club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month except where otherwise noted.

B] War Plan Red from Wikipedia

War Plan Red, also known as the **Atlantic Strategic War Plan**, was one of the color-coded war plans created by the United States Department of War during the interwar period of 1919–1939, covering scenarios related to a hypothetical war with the British Empire (the "Red" forces, likely in reference to the Red Ensign and red coat). Red is the colour traditionally used to denote British territory on most world maps. Many different war plans were prepared by mid-level officers primarily as training exercises in how to calculate the logistical and manpower requirements of fighting a war, and War Plan Red outlined those steps necessary to defend against any attempted invasion of the United States by British forces. It further discussed fighting a two-front war with both Japan and Great Britain simultaneously (as envisioned in War Plan Red-Orange).

War Plan Red was developed by the War Department after the 1927 Geneva Naval Conference, and approved in May 1930 by Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley and Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams III and updated in 1934–35. It was a routine hypothetical exercise that neither required nor received presidential or congressional approval. With the outbreak of World War II in 1939, it was decided that no further preparations would be made but the plans were to be retained. War Plan Red was not declassified until 1974.

The war plan outlined actions that would be necessary if, for any reason, the US and UK went to war with each other. The plan assumed that the British would initially have the upper hand by virtue of the strength of the Royal Navy. The plan further assumed that Britain would probably use its base in Canada as a springboard from which to initiate an invasion of the United States. The assumption was taken that at first, the US would fight a defensive battle against invading British forces, but the US would eventually defeat the British by blockading Canada's ports and cutting off its food supplies. It is debated whether this would have been successful, however, and if the plan would have ultimately resulted in a stalemate.

War Plan Red first set out a description of Canada's geography, military resources, and transportation and went on to evaluate a series of possible pre-emptive American campaigns to invade Canada in several areas and occupy key ports and railways before British troops could provide reinforcement to the Canadians—the assumption being that Britain would use Canada as a staging point. The idea was that US attacks on Canada would prevent Britain from using Canadian resources, ports, or airbases.

A key move was a joint US Army-Navy attack to capture the port city of Halifax, cutting off the Canadians from their British allies. Their next objective was to "seize Canadian Power Plants near Niagara Falls." This was to be followed by a full-scale invasion on three fronts: from Vermont to take Montreal and Quebec, from North Dakota to take over the railhead at Winnipeg, and from the Midwest to capture the strategic nickel mines of Ontario. In parallel, the US Navy was to seize the Great Lakes and blockade Canada's Atlantic and Pacific ports.

C] Fenian Raids

from Wikipedia

The Fenian Raids, occurring from 1866 to 1871, were a series of armed incursions into Canada by members of the **Fenian Brotherhood**, an Irish-American organization seeking to liberate Ireland from British rule. These raids, though ultimately unsuccessful in their goal, played a significant role in shaping Canadian identity and strengthening the movement towards Confederation.

Fenian Brotherhood:

The Fenian Brotherhood was a secret society of Irish patriots who had emigrated to the United States. Many were veterans of the American Civil War. Their primary goal was to gain Irish independence by putting pressure on Britain. Some Fenians believed that seizing Canadian territory could be a leverage point in negotiations with Britain.

Fenians planned to coordinate raids in Canada with an uprising in Ireland, hoping to force Britain to withdraw from Ireland. The Fenians launched several raids into Canada in 1866, primarily along the Niagara frontier, but also in other areas like Campobello Island. One of the most significant events was the **Battle of Ridgeway**, where Fenians under Colonel O'Neill fought against Canadian forces, ultimately being repelled. Further raids occurred in 1870 and 1871, including one in Pembina, Manitoba.

The Fenian raids helped unite a divided Canada under the concept of Confederation in 1867, as Canadians from different regions and ethnicities rallied together to defend their territory. The Fenian threat led to increased public support for the Canadian militia as the British Colonial Office sought to reduce its military commitments in the colonies. The raids exposed the vulnerability of the Canadian border and reinforced the need for a unified and independent Canada.

D] 21st Century Toys

<https://www.toysoldierco.com/21st-Century-Toys/Brand.aspx?BrandID=64&AssocDeptID=2>

When they first arrived on the scene in the 1990s, 21st Century Toys took the toy soldier world by storm. Unfortunately, the company was forced to close down in the early 2000s, but we still carry supplies of their figures and vehicles in stock. These toys are so highly detailed that we don't hesitate to call them 'museum quality' merchandise. 21st Century Toys are accurate down to the last detail and their vehicles contain many moving parts: the turrets rotate and the guns elevate, hatches open and close, figures can be placed at the controls, and so on. Unlike New Ray, these vehicles are not motorized, but the paint work is superior. 21st Century Toys' toy soldiers are hand-painted as well, and again, the attention to detail is remarkable. No World War II collection should be without these remarkable items.

What happened to 21st Century Toys?

They were struggling in sales and one of the big box stores was going to put them up as exclusive. I think it was TRU. Then, that box store started selling their own boxed brand of military toys and reneged on their deal. The Sentinel line comes to mind (hence it being tru) and with that, 21st Century Toys went out of business.

E] KINGCAST

[HTTPS://TRAINSANDTOYSOLDIERS.COM/KINGCAST/](https://trainsandtoysoldiers.com/kingcast/)

Kingcast toy soldiers was started by Peter Cowan in Wales. Hand painted Peter produced a variety of figures, elephants, and vehicles of high quality. Having manufactured sets of **Northwest Mounties**, Royal Canadian Artillery, Boer War, Indian Army, the Boxer Rebellion, a Ballon Observation Set, numerous types of canons, howitzer, along with horse draw wagons and of course the British Commonwealth.

Peter Cowan is well known for his attention to detail, hand painted and detailed figures. Kingcast work elephants of India are particularly sought after by collectors. Peter Cowan's work resembles that of Trophy, Ducal, and Dorset.

Plus Guess Who is also involved with Kingcast - Replica Metal Soldiers

<https://www.replicametalsoldiers.co.uk/store/kingcastproducts>

KINGCAST - THE FULL RANGE - COMING SOON

A range of classic figures available for the first time in over 20 years as part of the Kingcast range by Replica Metal Soldiers and Models. Originally designed and produced by Peter Cowan this is an iconic range that I am pleased to offer once again. Available as a painted boxed limited signed edition by (me) Andrew Stevenson, (owner and artist of Replica Metal Soldiers and Models). Production will be strictly limited to Only 10 of each set, produced as painted boxed sets.