

Minutes

OMSS OTTAWA Meeting

Tuesday, 30 June 2026

OIC – Julian B

Minute Man – Doug C

Photographer – Bob T

List of Attendees:

Francois Brisebois, Doug Cope, Michael Canivet and wife, Terry Hoskin, Morley Verdier, Bob Thompson, Julian Bomford, Juan and Solez Lopez, Kelly Hayes, Steve Hammond, Tom Wright, Sylvain Allaire, Mark Hilash, Steve Alexander



INTRODUCTIONS

- New Attendee introductions: none

- How are our other regulars? Alan Macdonald is away on a gig jamming with friends in Toronto ...

OMSS CLUB BUSINESS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

OMSS Executive Update – Bob T hands out membership cards to some, others still waiting

Future of OMSS Zoom Meetings:

- Zoom meetings are suspended until we can establish a processes with volunteers.
- Bob T will see if OMSS can organize a July Zoom meeting. Several members have stated that they feel that OMSS Zoom meetings are needed.

OMSS Ottawa in 2026

- With Bob T stepping down as the principal organizer a new system is needed. Over the next few months the current plan is to establish a slate of volunteers to keep the Ottawa Chapter going. Bob T plans to circulate process notes regarding how the Ottawa Chapter is to operate. Julian B volunteers to host the July Meeting. Someone is needed to submit a report with a few photos to go in the monthly OMSS Newsletters.

Proposed OMSS Ottawa Toy Soldier Show - Current plan is for a show in February 2027.

- Dave Waddell is lead and plans to arrange a meeting to organize the show in late August 2026.

WHAT'S NEW? – ANNOUNCEMENTS, & SHOWS

HOBBY NEWS, COLLECTIONS FOR SALE

- **Michael C** (former Toy Soldier Market) – still selling and brought plastic figures to the meeting
- **Scott's Soldiers on YouTube** – **Julian B** plans to create a slide show to illustrate Scott's videos
- **Replica Miniatures from England** – no news
- **Scott Dummitt** – no news
- **Toy Soldier Club (Quebec)** - they do not have a store front and **Bob T** reports that they are now the only King and Country dealer in Canada

Other Toy Soldier News -

- Barrett Toy Soldier Collection** – All 10 shares taken – Sorting and inventory process is moving ahead
- Selection of items and dispersement of collection likely late July. **Bob T** runs a lotto for shares at the end of the meeting.

Crysler's Farm

There was a discussion of the possibility of an OMSS tent and show tables at Crysler's Farm on the St. Lawrence River. If we are to proceed then talks must be held with the 'Friends of Crysler's Farm' **[See B Below]**

EVENT REPORTS:

OMSS Ottawa 26 May Meeting – Refer to **Doug C's** meeting minutes – Show & Tell was "Axis Powers"

International Toy Soldier Club June Video Meeting – no date and no news

BMSS June Zoom Meeting — James Opie – no date and no news

Arnprior Toy Train Show – 6 and 7 June – no one at the meeting attended

OMSS ON PARADE – Toronto – 13 June 2026 – attendance: approximately 200 down from other years

- **Bob T** reports a good representation from OMSS Ottawa including: **Morley V, Dennis DeRusha, Alan M, Scott Paget, Eduardo, Brendan Hogan, Dave Waddell & Tom W.**
Ottawa Chapter Dealers at the show were: **Bob T. & Steve A.**
- For next year **Steve A** suggests that the Ottawa group should rent a van and go as a group
- Report is that OMSS will reserve a block of rooms at Humber College for next year

OMSS Ottawa Spring 2026 Trunk Sale – Saturday 20 June - Many thanks to **Juan L** for organizing

- **Juan L** reports a good turnout and lots of items bought and sold

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**OMSS OTTAWA
TRUNK SWAP MEET**

**Barley Mow
1541 Merivale Rd., Nepean
(Baseline & Merivale)
rear parking lot trunk sale**

Bring your own collection, buy or sell,
friendly collectors of all types & scale
toy soldiers & military vehicles.



Saturday June 20th, 11-2pm
Drinks & snacks in Barley Mow at 2pm

For more info visit:
Facebook OMSS Ottawa Group or email juanlopez@rogers.com

Special Report on STELLACON (hosted by the **Michigan Toy Soldier Company**) : **Morley V** attended.

He reports no entrance fee and about 40 dealers with 60 tables featuring 1/6 to 72 scale figures.

Flea Market had few metal soldier figures. **[See A Below]**

Canadian History Museum – Francois B reported on his attempts to donate his collection of civilian figures to this museum. No joy and they showed little interest. **Mark H** reports that most of the museums have little money or resources to handle such gifts and therefore he recommends that you do not waste your time attempting to make such donations.

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

OMSS Toronto Monthly Meetings – Next Meeting is September

Toronto group closes down for July & August - <https://www.omss.ca/pages/meetings.htm>

International Toy Soldier Club July Video Meeting – Andrew Stevenson (Replica Miniatures)

BMSS July Zoom Meeting – James Opie – generally involves old Britain's figures

Gettysburg Toy Soldier Show – 23 August 2026 – [See C Below]

Model Show at Walkley Armouries – Sunday 27 September – Details reported in May Minutes

Bob T suggests that we could have an OMSS Club table at this show – organization needed

Nostalgia Show – Sunday 18 October – Nepean Sportsplex, Ottawa

Ottawa Military Heritage Show – 26 October – Nepean Sportsplex, Ottawa

– **Bob T** and **Steve A** vendors

SHOW & TELL PRESENTATIONS

– This month Show & Tell topic – “Japanese”

Francois B – he had 3 bags of MPC plastic figures



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Kelly H – he had several Trico WW2 U.S. infantry figures – [little Information on Trico Company]

- A 1/6 scale GI Joe figure
- A number of tiny 20 mm infantry flat figures
- 4 of 6 Marx 6 inch Japanese infantry - **[See D Below]**



Doug C – on topic he displayed a set of new Britain's Japanese infantry in highland dress
Bob T commented that he immediately recognized the Tokyo tartan
 [just kidding so do not contact Britain's asking for this set]



Mark H – a number of Britain's Detail plastic figures – 1971
 - He also brought out a number of magazines free for those at the meeting



Tom W – had a Britain's figure of a sailor and a woman

Morley V – a 20mm anti-tank gun

- A war games building, a Russian truck and another anti-tank gun

Julian B – One of his village buildings, this one is a 1/6 scale styrofoam farm building that uses magnets to stay together plus a 1/6 scale WW2 USA soldier



Steve A – as usual he has a host of sets for sale including:

- Governor General's foot guards
- A Napoleonic era set of Prussian artillery that are putting together their gun
- A highland band set with at least 20 pieces
- 5 Del Prado of British and Australian marines [See E Below]
- A number of plastic tank kits in bags

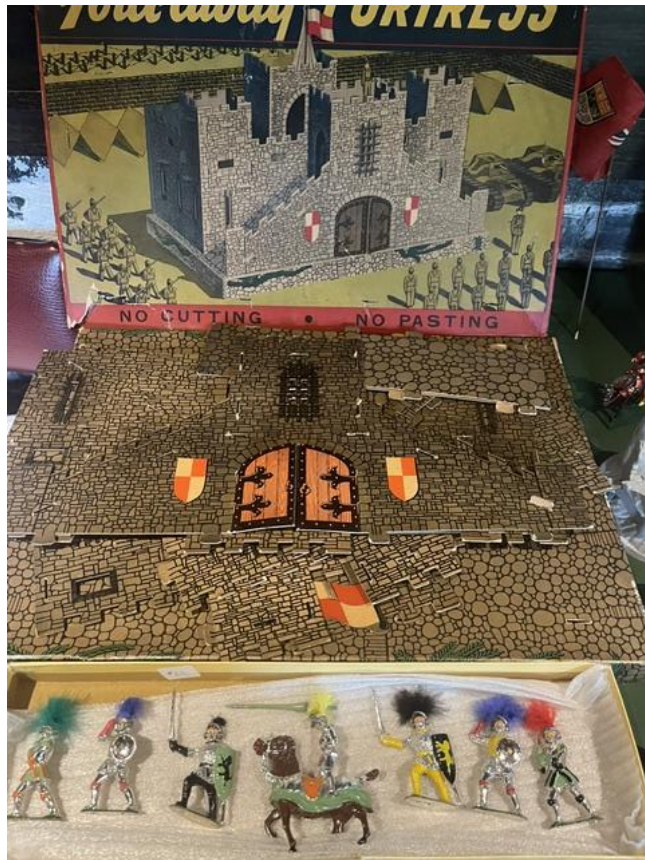




Bob T – a folding fortress cardboard fort dated 1942 to 1943

- A Marx knights play set that is 25 mm
- A box of knights by SAGUL [?] who was and employee of Timpo Toys Ltd. [See F Below]
 - they are electroplated to gleam
- Two 3D printed castles
- A bag of ancient Roman Soldiers
- A dice tower – drop in a die and read what it rolls at the bottom – Later Bob T used this tower with shareholders of the Barrett collection
- A number of small paper squares with magnets inside to build castles – he has 400
- An English guard cupee doll figure

- A pre-WW2 British horse and wagon set by LINEOL in a box [See G Below]
- Michigan Toy Soldier 3D WW2 cartoonish figures
- A winged knight on horseback







Juan L – the reveal of the night – he cuts the feet of his 1/6 figures to fit boots

MEETING ADJOURNMENT & LAST POST

Next meeting on 28 July 2026

The result of the vote for Show & Tell Topic for the next meeting was: "The American Revolution"

Meeting Adjourned at: 2010

ADDITIONS:

A: Toy Soldier Show Detroit area 2026 - from Google

The major toy soldier and figure event in Royal Oak, Michigan, is **STELLACON** (hosted by the **Michigan Toy Soldier Company**). Additionally, the broader **Royal Oak Toy Show** features vintage toys, action figures, and pop-culture collectibles. STELLACON 2026 (Michigan Toy Soldier Hobby Extravaganza):
Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Location: Michigan Toy Soldier & Figure Company, 1400 E. 11 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, MI
Features: Included a free open flea market/swap meet, a MichToy overstock sale, hobby classes, and gaming demos.

<https://www.facebook.com/michtoy248/>

Michigan Toy Soldier Co. is an On-line store and brick & mortar hobby shop specializing in all things modeling & hobby related with a particular emphasis on a wide range of paints.

B: Crysler's Farm Battlefield <http://www.cryslersfarm.com/>

The Battle of Crysler's Farm, fought on muddy ploughed fields beside the St. Lawrence River on November 11, 1813, was a crucial moment in the history of Upper Canada and marked the end of the most serious attempt to that time to invade Canada.

The campaign of 1813 focused on the St. Lawrence frontier with two powerful American armies poised to meet at Montreal and cut British lines of communications on this lifeline into the heart of the continent. An army commanded by Wade Hampton stood ready to move from the south, up the traditional invasion route of the Champlain Valley, and the other readied itself under the command of James Wilkinson at Sackets Harbor on Lake Ontario, ready to descend the river. The two were to meet at Montreal and choke all British settlements and garrisons west of the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers.

<http://www.cryslersfarm.com/battle.html>

The Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield is a registered charity that was formed in 2000. They are a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the memory of the battle that saved Canada. Their primary purpose is the preservation and expansion of the Battle Memorial Building at the base of the mound, which is topped with the granite spire commemorating the events of 11 November 1813. They also strive to raise awareness and preserve the memory of the battle through public events such as a biannual War of 1812 re-enactment and an annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Monument, located west of Upper Canada Village near Morrisburg, Ontario.

C: Gettysburg Toy Soldier Show <https://warhorseminiatures.com/gettysburg-toy-soldier-show/>



D: MARX 6 Inch Figures

<https://www.google.com/search?q=marx+6+inch+toy+figures&rls=com.microsoft%3Aen-US%3A&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&sourceid=ie7>

Vintage Marx 6-inch toy figures were produced by Louis Marx & Co. in the 1960s. These up-sized versions of their classic play set figures were originally sold at "Five and Dime" stores. Today, these collectible plastic figures are primarily found on vintage marketplaces. Marx produced a wide variety of 6-inch figures over the years. The most common collections include:

1. World War II Soldiers. Marx created detailed 6-inch soldiers representing various countries from World War II. US Marines: Released around 1958, often as accessories with steel army play sets. Other Countries: German, Japanese, and British soldiers, usually made from molded plastic.
2. The Wild West & Cowboys. Originally up-sized from smaller 54mm play sets, these were highly popular in the 1960s. Characters: Cowboys, Sheriffs, and frontiersmen with rifles. Warriors: Native American figures holding various tools or weapons.
3. Character & Pop Culture Figures. In addition to historical sets, Marx capitalized on 1960s television and movies by releasing 6-inch character figures. Examples include figures from The Man from U.N.C.L.E., Ben Hur, and various Western/Trapper television themes.

E: Del Prado

<https://www.google.com/search?q=description+of+the+Del+Prado+toy+company&rls=com.microsoft%3Aen-US%3A&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&sourceid=ie7>

Jul 3, 2024 — They are made by K & C, they are metal, Del Prado is a company that sells series of just about anything they think people will collect. They are not a figure ...

Del Prado has closed: 15 May 2009

Richard Walker Acquires Del Prado 22 September 2015

Based in Spain, Del Prado was a publishing and collectibles company famous for its budget-conscious, highly detailed die-cast metal miniatures. They produced weekly, subscription-based "partwork" collections—such as military soldiers and fire engines—that were sold in European newsagents, each accompanied by educational magazines or books. Del Prado specialized in producing collectible figurines that made historical models accessible to novice hobbyists while maintaining the quality expected by serious collectors. Key characteristics of the brand include:

Subscription Model: Rather than being sold in standard toy stores, items were offered on a weekly subscription basis where customers would build a massive collection over time.

Accompanied by Literature: Almost every Del Prado piece came with a magazine or a booklet. For example, their famed "Men at War" series included figures packaged with booklets from Osprey Publishing.

Wide Range of Themes: While best known for historically accurate military figures (such as those from the Napoleonic Wars and 20th-century conflicts), they also released collections of die-cast model fire engines, planes, and

Sep 22, 2015

<https://forum.treefrogtreasures.com/threads/richard-walker-acquires-del-prado.55656/>

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to jump back into the toy soldier business. My new company, **History Works, Inc.** recently **acquired the del Prado line of figures**. With the acquisition comes some stock and access to the sculpt archive. I plan to re-run many popular figures over the next few months and begin adding new sculpts and ranges to this already extensive line. My goal is to produce good figures (no, not over the top connoisseur) at affordable prices - working to keep to \$19.99 foot figures and \$29.99 mounted. I strongly believe the toy soldier world and the larger military history enthusiast community need interesting, exciting figures at entry level price points. It will be good for the hobby and hopefully good for business too?!

F: TIMPO TOYS Ltd.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timpo#:~:text=Timpo%20Toys%20Ltd.%20was%20a,by%20Salomon%20%5B1%5D%20%22Sally%22%20Gawrylovitz&text=also%20known%20as%20Ally%20Gee>

Timpo Toys Ltd. was a British toy company created in 1938 by Salomon "Sally" Gawrylovitz (born in Frankfurt 1907, died September 28, 2000, in Zug, Switzerland), also known as Ally Gee.

A Jewish refugee from Germany, Gawrylovitz started as Toy Importers Company known as TIMPO in 1938. The company manufactured various toys out of wood, bakelite and composition until the end of World War II. Following the war, Timpo made hollow cast metal toy soldiers; with soldiers manufactured in plastic from 1954. The firm ceased operations in 1978.



American frontier series – Cowboys



American frontier series – Native Americans



American frontier series – 7th Cavalry Regiment

The assortment of Timpo Toys consisted of several figurine series, with the American frontier series and the Knight series forming the core of the product range. Since Timpo further developed the series in the course of production, some series could be divided into generations (e.g. there are four generations within the Cowboy series).

G: LINEOL

<https://www.miniatures-workshop.com/lostminiswiki/index.php?title=Lineol>

Lineol was a historical-only company specialising in toy soldiers and other types of figures manufactured from composite material similar to Elastolin. They were set up in 1906 by Oskar Wilhelm Wiederholz also produced a range of high quality aluminium figures. The majority of the figures were designed by Albert Caasmann. The company went out of business (date unknown) however the range was revived by the dedicated collector Gert Duscha and continued under the brand name LINEOL - Duscha.

Lineol

<https://medicine.museum/firms/6-lineol-toy-soldiers-wounded-combat-medics>

The company Lineol AG was founded in 1906 by Oskar Wilhelm Wiederholz in a small town in Brandenburg an der Havel in Eastern part of German Empire. Lineol became one of the leading Germany toy-soldiers manufacturer. Besides of military troops there were an extensive collection of the medical personnel – surgeons, combat medics and nurses as well as wounded soldiers. In the 1930s, LINEOL AG employed 300 to 400 people and offered over 600 catalogue items. During World War II, toy manufacturing continued until 1943, when the factory was converted to the production of artillery fuses. After WW2, the company was expropriated and merged with another toy fabricant in the same town of Brandenburg, the Lehmann Company, a manufacturer of tin toy models. This company was also nationalised and under the name VEB Mechanische Spielwaren was considered the leading tin toy manufacturer in East Germany. In the 1950s, Lineol moved to Dresden, where the toy soldiers of the GDR army and navy were produced under the brand name VEB Lineol-Plastik until 1963. After the reunification of Germany in 1985, the name Lineol was re-established and today the company operates under the brand name **Lineol Duscha**, offering pre-war Lineol replicas as well as new figurines in a light yellow-brown composition material called **Duroplast**.