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Meeting Dates

- 2013 -

January 20

February 3

March 3

April 14

May 26

June 23

October 27

November 10

December 8

Annual Show

**Saturday September 7
2013**

Monthly Newsletter for February 2013

Next meeting:

Sunday, February 3, 2013

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

Meeting starts at 1:00 pm Doors open 11:00 am

Featured Speaker:

Ian Pearson

On

OMSS History



No, it's not déjà vu. Ian was scheduled to give this talk at the January meeting but we weren't able to get the audio-visual equipment to work for us. So we will give it another go this month.

The Society just completed its 50th year. Our archivist Ian Pearson has been collecting and cataloguing material on the Society for quite a few years now.

Join us as he hits the highlights of our first 50 years.

Last meeting **John Hambly** stepped into the breach and gave us an off the cuff talk on his experiences collecting. He had brought out a large selection of old Britain's sets for Show and Tell and he also regaled us with some of his experiences at the Chicago Toy Soldier Show. Thanks, John.

2013 Membership Dues

Dues for 2013 are now payable. See Treasurer Gary Lenius at the meeting to keep your membership up to date or respond to the reminder notice that's going out with this newsletter.

We have held the dues at the same low prices as last year:

- The Regular membership rate is \$35 for the year.
- Junior membership (16 and under) is \$20.
- Family membership (2nd member at same mailing address) is \$20.

Thanks to all those who re-upped at the past couple of meetings or have mailed their dues in.

OMSS Golf Shirts

Scott Dummitt asks that anyone who ordered a shirt but hasn't picked it up yet please see him at the meeting or get in touch with him. scottjd@sympatico.ca

A big thank-you to Scott for organizing the shirt order. A small profit was made on them and Scott has turned it over to the Society. If demand is sufficient he will look at putting together another order later in the year.

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

News items and notices can be submitted at omss@bell.net or 416-261-6494.

OMSS website: www.omss.ca



President's Column

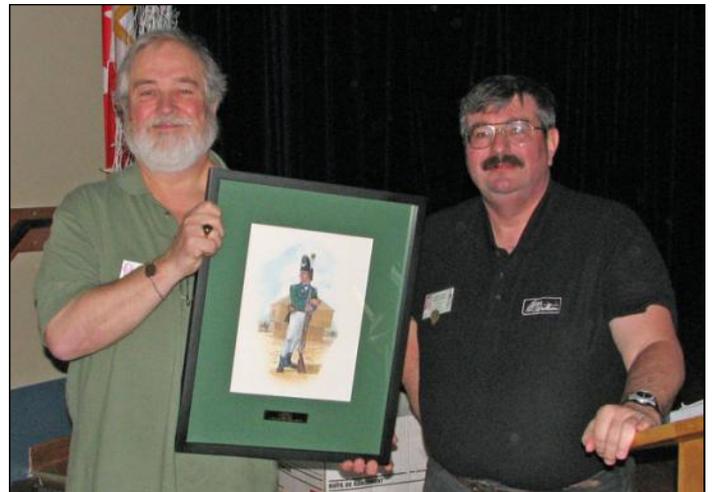
From our President Scott Dummitt...

It's only been a few weeks since our last OMSS meeting, however I find that with the cold weather keeping me inside more than when it's warm, I look forward to attending the meetings and catching up with friends.

While technical difficulties with the overhead cancelled Ian Pearson's talk on our 50 years of existence, John Hambly filled in admirably with an impromptu lecture on collecting William Britain pre-1967 toy soldiers. Ian's lecture will be rescheduled for a later date.

I also want to take this time to introduce two new volunteer positions that we have filled. Tom Elliot has agreed to become Vice-Chairman of our annual show and competition "On Parade", while Jim Qualtrough has agreed to back up Gary Lenius as a substitute Treasurer. The strategy behind these moves is to have all our positions backed up in case of an emergency. I want to thank both these gentlemen for their agreeing to help. We are also looking for a volunteer to back up our Lecturer Coordinator Eric Clarke and a volunteer to act as second Judge in the Toy Soldier division of our annual competition 'ON PARADE'.

One of the highlights of our January meeting was the distribution of "The Journal". Members present at the meeting were eagerly scanning the pages as soon as they received their copies. Frank MacKay, the editor of "The Journal" does a great job, but he needs our help. With approximately 150 members in our society I noticed that maybe 8% to 10% contribute articles. Please take a moment to figure out how you might contribute to this wonderful publication. Frank is going to release our special 50th Anniversary edition in March and he still is looking for members to write a few lines on "why they became members of the OMSS", so far he has received 8 submissions. Please take a little time and write a paragraph on why you joined. This special edition will be something to remember.



At the January meeting we traditionally mark the completion of the outgoing president's term by presenting him with the Society's print. This year **Guy Elliott** was presented with his print by his successor Scott Dummitt.

Guy's term was a great success for the Society and we all owe him a vote of thanks for a job well done.

For those new to the Society, the presentation print depicts a soldier of the Queen's Rangers circa 1792. The Society has long used this figure as its logo. The print is based on a painting done by former member and commercial artist Jim Risk. This print is exclusive to the Society.

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We've had inquiries from a couple of collectors recently:

Seeking Durbar Figures

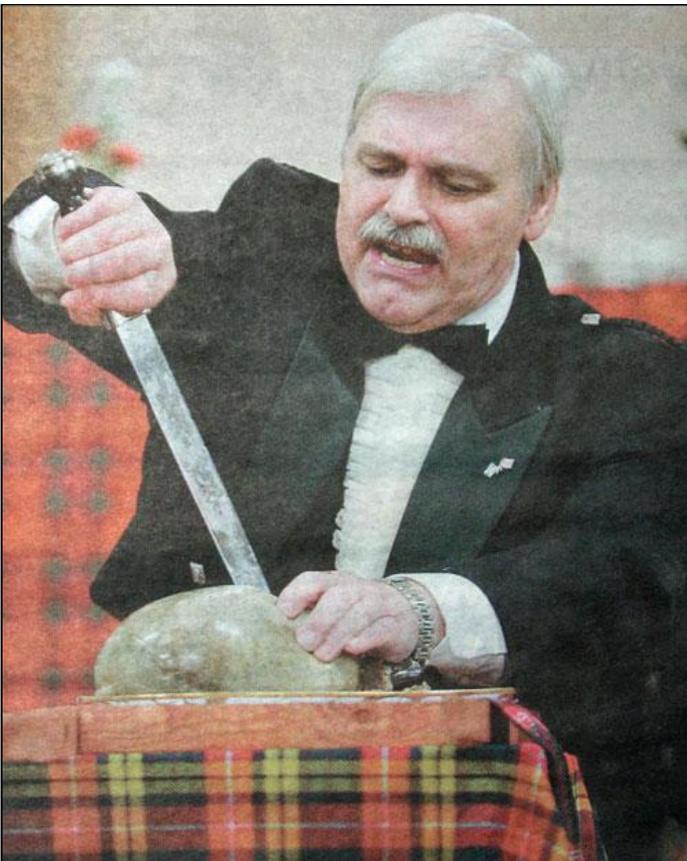
David Maguire of Orangeville is seeking Britain's Durbar figures and accessories. He can be contacted at 519.941.5151 or email dmaguire@royalpage.ca

Selling Britain's Collection

Bill Wilson of Bolton is looking to sell a large collection of Wm Britain's figures dating from the 40s and 50s. There are several hundred figures including farm figures and zoo animals but only a few boxed sets.

If interested of for further details contact him at 905-857-1384 or email w_m_c_wilson@yahoo.ca

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Members from Scarborough will have seen this photo on the front page of this week's Scarborough Mirror. It's our own **Norm White**, 1st vice-president and Show Chairman wielding the knife on an unsuspecting haggis for the Robbie Burns festivities at Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church.

Now wouldn't this be great subject for a vignette or single figure?

Toy Soldier Poster at the ROM

Bill Wyatt reports that the Royal Ontario Museum is now selling a new poster celebrating the Hal Jackman collection of Toy Soldiers. It became available just before Christmas and sells for \$11.95

Leddy and Slack Soldiers

At Show and Tell at the January meeting **Jeff Duncan** reported on a toy soldier company that was new to him and likely most of the members. The company is called Leddy and Slack. Their range includes American Revolutionary War, Civil War, French and Indian War, Zulu War and pirates. They are made in the USA and are available as castings as well as painted figures and sets. Priced very reasonably. You can check them out at www.leddyandslack.com



Jim Matresky presents the OMSS 50th Anniversary Britain's figure to Alex Riches of the BMSS with Richard Walker of W. Britain looking on.

The December, 2012 Toy Soldier Show in London, England, seemed the perfect venue for the presentation of the OMSS Anniversary figure of the Queen's Ranger to Alex Riches of the British Model Soldier Society.

When the OMSS was first formed in 1962, the BMSS was basically the parent organization to which our early members looked for a model of a society which was successful and flourishing. The OMSS thought it was fitting to express our gratitude by presenting the figure which was so kindly manufactured exclusively for us by Richard Walker and the W. Britain Company.

Tradition Shop Closes

On a sadder note, **Jim Matresky** also reported that Tradition of London has closed its shop as of January 18th. It was long a mandatory stop for members visiting the U.K. and it's sad to see it go. They are still in business but only for online and mail order sales.

Their website is:

www.traditionoflondonshop.com

OMSS Commemorative Figures Are Here

See Gary Lenius at the meeting to pick up your figure if you didn't pick it up at the show. We will have them at the next few meetings for pickup. (We will be mailing them out to members who can't make it out to meetings, just be patient.)

A limited number of extra figures are available through two of our vendors: Scott Dummitt and Henry Chow. The figures retail for \$32.00 each plus tax. Check with the individual retailers for offered discounts on the Anniversary figure and bring your membership card.



Fort York Book for sale

Small book, autographed by the author, Carl Benn entitled: The Battle of York and booklet on Fort York, \$15 plus postage or pick up at meeting.

Contact David Dorward, 905-584-5838
or email dkdorward@sympatico.ca

Seeking Barton Landsknecht Kit

From Frank MacKay:

"A while ago I was lucky enough to win a partial kit of the Barton/Post Militaire 200mm Mounted Landsknecht. Unfortunately, there are quite a few key pieces missing, most notably his head. Does anyone own this kit un-built? It would be most helpful if I could borrow it, cast replacements, and have it back to you in mint condition at the very next meeting."

Please contact frank_mackay@hotmail.com

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.

Print Wanted

James Hamilton is looking for the person who bought at the November 2012 Meeting Auction the package of Colour Canadian Military Prints and Canadian History Prints. He is looking to obtain from them the large 16 by 20 Colour Military Print by Tom McNeely of 3 Scottish Soldiers by a fort in Upper Canada circa 1812. It was published in 1966 by Rolph, Clark, Stone Limited.

Please bring the print to the meeting in January or contact James at 416 621 8977.



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

HeritageCon 7 Sunday March 3, 2013

Annual plastic model competition (figure categories too) Presented by IPMS Hamilton. 9:00am - 4:00pm at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Hamilton, Ontario. Admission \$7 per person. Details at www.ipmshamilton.ca

Toronto Military Show Sat. March 16, 2013

The western session of this recurring militaria show will be held at the Etobicoke Olympium 590 Rathburn Road. 8:30 am to 2 pm. Admission is \$8.

Taking It On The Road

Indianapolis Here We Come

Frank MacKay and **David Dorward** are planning a road trip to the Indianapolis IPMS model show on March 23. They are looking for a third person to come along (and share expenses) for the trip.

Any interest? Contact Frank_Mackay@hotmail.com or dkdorward@sympatico.ca

Info about the show can be found at

www.ipmsroscoeturner.org

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