



Next meeting...

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto
Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

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Meeting Dates

- 2015 -

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

June 14

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

Annual Show
Saturday May 2
2015

We hope you can join us for our last meeting before the summer break.

ON PARADE 2015 - A Great Success



Saturday, May 2nd saw the OMSS in all its glory as we held our annual show at Fort York. This year we were in Fort York's brand new Visitors' Centre building and it really worked out well. The lighting was much better than the buildings within the fort and this was especially appreciated in the vendors' area. Access into the building was also much easier for loading in and out for both vendors and displayers.

Set-up on Friday got off to a slow start as delivery of our tables was delayed. But we had a good crew of volunteers on hand and once they arrived the tables went up fast. (Many hands do make light work—thanks to all those who helped out.)

This year the weather cooperated and we had a beautiful day for the show. It made a nice change from the rainy show days of the last 2 or 3 years.

Turnout was good and the show was crowded for most of the day. The competition room was full to bursting with both displays and a very good showing of fine work in connoisseur figures.

The group of 1/6 scale enthusiasts from the Ottawa area were back again this year and brought a couple of large World War II dioramas. They were certainly happy not to have to lug their displays up the blockhouse steps this year!

All in all it's safe to say that a good time was had by all who participated and attended. And since the fort itself was closed for a film shoot, no-one had to pay admission this year.

Watch for full show coverage in the next issue of our Journal.

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

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



President's Column

From the pen of our president Gail Stone

Sadly, Madam President is still being held incommunicado by a malfunctioning computer, so no column this month.

She sends her regrets as she will not be able to attend this month's meeting but has deputized Scott Dummitt to pinch hit for her.

Email (not working presently): galestone71@gmail.com
905-332-0653

Calendar Committee

There will be a meeting of the Calendar Committee prior to the meeting this Sunday, starting at 11:00 am.

OMSS 'ON PARADE' in Toy Soldier & Model Figure Magazine

Scott Dummitt will be accepting pre-orders for the Toy Soldier & Model Figure magazine edition that will be featuring the OMSS's 'On Parade' article. (Issue #207 dated August, to be released sometime in July) TS&MF editor Stuart Hessney was at our show and he always gives us great coverage in the magazine.

Copies are \$12.50 each (plus HST) with a \$5.00 deposit required upon ordering. The copies will be available to members at the September meeting for pick-up. Scott will not be getting in any extra copies so if you want one you need to reserve one with him.

Peterborough Annual Militaria Show and Sale

Once again members are encouraged to join us in putting out displays at the Peterborough Annual Militaria Show and Sale to be held Saturday, 17th October, 2015. Last year we had at least 9 members participating at this show. In fact the OMSS took centre stage as we were strategically located in a round display in the centre of the Peterborough Armoury. If you are interested in attending contact Gail Stone or Scott Dummitt. The show runs from 9 am to 2:30 pm and is located in the Armoury at 220 Murray Street in downtown Peterborough.

Link of the Month

Our Home and Miniature Land

Tom Elliot suggested this one. Our Home and Miniature Land is an interactive museum that displays Canada in miniature. The first phase now under construction will include Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa landmarks and railroads. Located in Mississauga, it's a huge and fascinating modeling project.

Check out the videos on the website:

miniatureland.ca/

More "On Parade" Highlights

The Club Sale table at the annual show did great business this year and took in \$485 for the Society. Thanks to all the members who donated items. Special thanks to **Jeff and Heidi Duncan** who organized and manned the table for us.

Food service at the show was provided once again by volunteers from the 48th Highlanders chapter of the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, coordinated by **Janet MacKay**. They supplied us with delicious sandwiches, beverages and other treats. The crowd was hungry, business was brisk and it was a sell-out. The IODE raised \$211 for the Sunnybrook Hospital Veterans Wing.



New Members to Welcome

We've had a crop of new members joining the Society in the last couple of months. Most have come in through the mail in response to our membership brochures and the Society website.

Kirk Thompson of Tottenham joined at our March meeting. He's the son of member and past president Tommy Thompson.

Lorenzo Jalbert, who joins us from Timmins.

Kevin Silver from Stratford.

Bernie Hartemink from Gads Hill (a little north of Stratford).

Allan White of Toronto joined at the show.

Michael J. White hails from Kingston

Doug Hicks of Toronto.

Welcome to you all. We hope to see you out at a meeting soon. When you do make it out ask for Gary Lenius and he'll ensure you get introduced to the meeting.



Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

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Bob Thompson, our Ottawa member, organized the 2nd annual Military Hobby Show at the Major E. J. G. Holland (VC) Armoury in the capital city. It was held June 7.

The show featured a broad spectrum of military interests: uniform displays, prints, artwork, medals, insignia, a flea market with special emphasis on toy soldiers, vendors of plastic/diecast models of vehicles, ships and planes and informational displays, with emphasis on the WW1 and WW2. Ottawa area hobby clubs and Federal information booths were on site.

Proceeds from the show supported the Ottawa Service Battalion Association and the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

Bob has a special interest in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; his tables featured a display of RCMP figures from 1:32nd to Barbie/Ken doll size. Mattel's first run of female

Mounties featured a bosomy red-head with long hair and hips. Gulp! Was the reaction of the Brass and so Mattel produced a Mark II female Mountie with short hair, not much bosom and hot so well endowed in the hips. Bob has the rare 'first run' of the female Mountie which sold out immediately. He's looking for a second Mark II!

My daughter Tracy, when she was five, used to sit beside me when I painted my Britains-type soldiers. One day she asked, 'What happens to the soldiers when you die, Daddy?' 'Oh, I will leave them to you,' I said, taken somewhat aback. She began to cry. Thinking she was crying for me, I comforted her as she surprised me with this response: 'But I don't like the soldiers.' (I should add Tracy frequently drives James Shakley and me to OMSS meetings.)

Harold

More photos from
"ON PARADE 2015"



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Repair Help Needed

We recently received this query through our Society website:

I am writing this email on behalf of my husband who is recovering from a stroke and is unable to communicate at this time. He has a major collection of toy soldiers and is looking for someone who can do repairs to a few of his pieces that, for one reason or another, have suffered damage.

We live in Aurora Ontario, so your monthly meetings location is good for him, only at present he is not confident enough to attend meetings, as his intake of conversation is almost non-existent and trying to listen to a speaker is pointless.

He is aware of everything, especially his 100's of soldiers, but just can not speak and hear at this time.

I was hoping you might know of someone who does repairs to these little guys to keep his interest alive in this hobby.

Any help you could provide, would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Sue Allison

sallison35@gmail.com 905-727-8115

Another query in a somewhat similar vein...

I have an antique ashtray of historical value to my family. The actual ashtray is brass. On the side is a small lead ship with lead sails & rigging.

Do you have contacts that could restore the lead boat ?

Please advise. Any help you could offer would be appreciated.

Rob Tyler

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On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman.

www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/

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

— UPCOMING SHOWS —

IPMS National Convention July 22-25

The plastic modelling fraternity is holding its annual bash in Columbus Ohio this year.

Show website ipmsusa2015.com

Some of our local IPMS folks are organizing an all-inclusive bus trip to this show. If interested contact Gates Bisson at gatesbisson@yahoo.ca (416 659 8881)

Napoleonic Historical Society Annual Conference

August 28-30 Toronto, Ontario Conference packed with excellent information on the Napoleonic Era.

Website <http://www.napoleonichistoricalsociety.com/Conferences/Index.htm>

Toronto Military Shows

Saturday September 19 at Etobicoke Olympium

Saturday November 28 at General Sikorski Hall, Oshawa

All shows 8:30 am to 2 pm. Admission \$8.

Quarterly militaria shows

Website torontomilitaryshow.com

Chicago Toy Soldier Show

Sunday September 27, 2015

10:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg, Illinois

The big one. Room trading actually starts a couple of days earlier.

Show website www.toysoldiershow.com

Peterborough Militaris Show and Sale

October 17, 2015

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MMSI Chicago Figure Show & Exhibition

October 23-25, 2015

One of the premier North American shows for connoisseur figures. At the Chicago Marriott in Schaumburg, Illinois

Website www.mmsichicago.com

Other Collectible Shows

Check out www.collectorshows.ca for some other locally hosted toy, train, and nostalgia shows.