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Battle of the Plains of Abraham



250 years ago this month



Club Happenings

Message from CMH President

Binhan Lin



As the heat of summer begins to wane we look forward to the cooler gaming season of Fall and its attendant conventions. Tacticon and our own Veterans Wars will highlight this fall season.

A reminder that the board has come to the decision that members should be encouraged to pay their dues, and for non-members attending Friday Night Fights (FNF) at Baker, a voluntary donation to help defray the cost of the rental. We will not be requesting donations for Sunday meetings or FNF at Valhallas. If you are a previous member who has not paid dues for this year, please contact Dave Manley for a limited time ½ year rate or other negotiable payment plans.

Due to the arrival of my own live miniature, my attendance at FNF's will be rather limited in the near future. I will however, make every attempt to make all the Sunday meetings.

Tacticon is scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Please support the local convention community by participating or at least visiting the convention.

Veterans Wars will be November 12-14 and will again be held at Baker Community Center. Contact Dan Gurule (dagurule@gmail.com) if you are interested in running games or assisting with the planning or running of the convention. Keep an eye on the newsletter and website for updates on games and events for the weekend. The weekend is free to paid CMH members.

De Bellis Napoleonicis (DBN) continues to show a high level of interest with several gaming nights being run at August FNF's. Contact Dan Gurule or Tony Fryer if you're interested in joining the Napoleonic mayhem.

On a bittersweet note, our very own Todd Pressley has found advancement in his career; unfortunately it is located in Virginia. We will deeply miss his gaming companionship, leadership and gaming contributions.

Welcome and Goodbye

Message from CMH Secretary

Eric Elder



This month Jeff Caruso has submitted content for the newsletter. Jeff discusses a recent Napoleonic game using the DBN ruleset. It sounds like there was a good turnout for the game.

Robert Edward Xavier Lin was born Saturday, July 31st at 5:56 AM at Boulder Community Foothills Hospital. He was 6 lbs 4 oz and 19 inches long. Congratulations to Binhan and Susan!

This summer we had a new member join the club. His name is Natale (Nate) Forte. He lives in Thornton and has a wide variety of wargaming interests. Welcome to the club Nate.

It was sad to hear that Todd Pressley is moving to Virginia. Todd has been a valued member throughout the years. His games ranged from Samurai to 1920s Gangsters. He coordinated Historical Miniatures at many Denver Gamers conventions. He will be missed. Best of luck out East Todd!



Nate



Chicago Gangster game by Todd Pressley

August Monthly Meeting

Unit of the Month

Sponsored by Attactix



Each month CMH members bring their latest painted figures and models to the meeting to display their latest efforts and compete for Unit of the Month. The owner of the winning unit receives a gift certificate from Attactix in Aurora, Colorado. We thank Attactix for its continued support.

CMH Member	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Doug Wildfong	1/72	Valiant	WWII	US Infantry squad with heavy weapons
Doug Wildfong	28mm	Battleground	WWII	US Infantry squad with heavy weapons
Doug Wildfong	28mm	Homemade	WWII	Bocage
Matt Vigil	15mm	Essex & Minifigs	SYW	Prussians
Pat Harvey	15mm	Khorosan	Ancients	Indian Cav.
Scott McKenzie	28mm	Berlin or Bust	WWII	Fallschmjaeager
JEFF CARUSO	18mm	AB-Eureka	Nap.	Russians
Dave Manley	25mm	Redoubt	ACW	53 rd VA Regiment
Greg Skelly	28mm	Various	WWII	US Tank Destroyers
Greg Skelly	28mm	Bolt Action	WWII	Italians, batch 3 of 4

Table: Unit of the Month (**WINNER**)

Introduction to De Bellis Napoleonicis

Article by CMH Member

Jeff Caruso



Wargaming in the age of Napoleon warfare is catching on big with CMH members. Recently at the Baker Recreation Center FNF there were 14 players in a large battle featuring French, Bavarian, Dutch and Italians vs. Austrians and Russians. Seven corps were fielded per side with the attacker getting two additional corps for their trouble. The Russian/Austrian side defended so the French and allies got the reinforcements. These showed up as a flank attack on the Russian/Austrian right flank all too soon. This article is an overview of the game using the De Bellum Napoleonica (DBN).

The game was fought to a reasonable conclusion on about 3.5 hours. The French used combined arms groups of infantry, cavalry, and artillery while the Austrian CinC elected to group a large number of cavalry into one command.

The rules themselves are fairly basic, based on DBA but they play simpler than DBA which is a very good thing. The game has two play sheets: The Original and the Attrition Play sheet which gives more detail and choices for various additional rules. One thing we have learned is BUAs are very hard to attack, either by firing or Close combat (hand to hand). It is designed that way but the presence of BUAs in future games will cause a lot more caution.



In the picture to the left are two BUAs (built by Tony Fryer) forming a small village. Each has a garrison of one Austrian Brigade who proved very attached to their quarters and could not be dislodged. Troops at the bottom of the picture are Nate's flank march corps advancing after the Austrians have been demoralized. That happens when you have lost a third of your force, rounded down. Irregular cavalry or Cossacks and Militia do not count toward losses but are balanced by having reduced fighting abilities. Well they should as they only cost 0.5 pts per element.

This picture shows one half of the French flank attack, this corps belonging to Dan. Their arrival caused a "game over man, game over" reaction from the Russian. Surprisingly, the Austrians/Russian flank was able to demoralize the French corps attacking the BUA before falling victim to the combined artillery from the two French corps.



While this was an extremely big battle, a basic army consists of 12 points which equates to about 12 elements. The rules are available online for \$15 in a PDF and you can get them nicely bound at Office Max for under \$5.00

August Monthly Meeting

Game of the Month

Sponsored by Valhalla's Gaming Center



Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the host. The winning host receives a gift certificate from Valhalla's Gaming Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. We thank Valhalla's Gaming Center for its support.

CMH Member	Scale	Rules	Description
Tony Fryer	25mm	Nuts	US vs Germans, Normandy
JOHN BROWN	15mm	DBA	

Table 1 Game of the Month (**WINNER**)

CMH September Scheduled Events



This table shows what scheduled CMH events are coming up. Next months Friday Night Fights (FNF) and the monthly meeting (MM) are listed. It is recommended to schedule your game for future meetings and will appear on this page.

Date	Meeting	Location	Start Time	End Time
September 3	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight
September 10	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
September 12	FNF	Baker	12:00 pm	5:00 pm
September 17	FNF	Baker	7:00 pm	midnight
September 24	FNF	Valhallas	7:00 pm	midnight

Tacticon is September 2-6. A number of members are running games at the convention this year. I believe many of the games have filled up from pre-registration.

Photo of the Month



WWII Canadian Sicily campaign veterans in a Universal Carrier, Ottawa, Canada July 1993.



Colorado Military Historians, Inc.

Colorado Military Historians (CMH) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote historical wargaming and the study of military history. Founded in 1965, CMH meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month, except in May when the meeting is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreation Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver, Colorado. The club also hosts gaming every Friday night, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7:00 p.m. The first and third Friday of the month, these meetings will be held at the Baker Community Center. The second and fourth Friday of the month, the meetings will be at Valhalla's Gaming Center, 6161 W. 44th Ave., Wheatridge, Colorado.



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