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Miniature World Victoria B.C. Canada

MINIATURE WORLD

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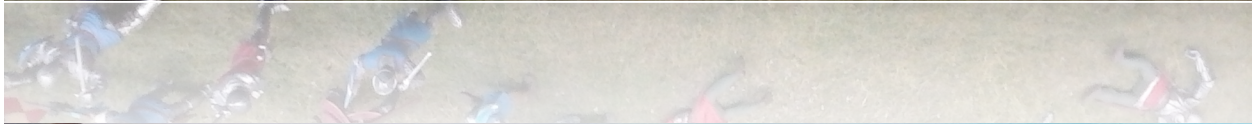
In August I took a trip to Victoria, BC, and as part of that trip took in the museum Miniature World (miniatureworld.com). The tour consists of many dioramas and displays including: World War Two street battle, World War One Aerodrome, American Civil War bridge battle, Railroads thru the ages, Castles of Europe, London circa 1800, King Arthur's Legend, and many more.

As an engineer, I was most fascinated by the working miniature saw mill and accompanying video. The stacks of reduced scale 2x4's and 1x6's had a way of putting things in perspective.

I recommend a visit to the museum to everyone, and suggest all take a look at their website.







Jeff Lambert's September Report on the WWI Aerial Combat Campaign

The great offensive by the Germans to end the war, known as the Ludendorff Offensive, has ended in failure. Now, the Allies go on their own all-out offensive along the whole front, with British, French, Americans and even Portuguese troops attacking German positions known as the Hindenburg Line. Italy and Austria continue their war in the Alps, with fortune swinging at last in the Italians' favor. Allied optimism is increasing, while the German general staff is divided on how to continue, with some urging an armistice while others demand a fight to the end. Only in the air war are the Germans showing any strength, as new designs help to mitigate the superior Allied numbers.

Lt. Manley led a *staffel* of inexperienced pilots on a trench-strafig raid over the British lines. Flying a Fokker D.VII, he was joined by Lt. Marston and Lt. Johnson in Fokker D.VII's as well. Lt. Chase and Lt. Lythgoe added to the German strength flying in



Siemens-Schuckert D.IV's, a renewed design just added to the arsenal. As they dove on the British lines, the RAF arrived in the person of Lt. Lambert (Sopwith Camel) Lt. Wharrier (Camel) and Lt. Forte in the new Sopwith Snipe. They were reinforced by two pilots from another squadron, Lt. Irons and Lt. Hunt flying SE5a's.

The Germans coolly ignored the British fighters and flew low across the trenchlines, pouring Spandau fire on the hapless Tommies below. The return fire from the ground caused little damage, but the Germans were finally forced to respond when the British pilots started to score hits. Forte's Snipe drew up on Chase's SSW and shot him down, while Marston saw the odds turning against him with critically low ammunition and dangerous damage to his Fokker. Marston escaped, pursued by Lambert but able to shake off the Camel and return to German lines. Hunt pursued another Siemens, but got disoriented and lost from the combat.

Manley continued to dogfight with the British while Lythgoe and Johnson kept up their ground attacks. A Fokker "razor", the new monoplane design, arrived late to the battle and traded shots with Wharrier. Eventually, Wharrier's Camel was too shot up to continue, and Wharrier took to his parachute, a recent option for British pilots. As happens too often, it failed to function properly and Wharrier was killed. The "Razor" was badly damaged in the exchange, however, and made a forced landing. Avoiding the trenches and shellholes, the pilot miraculously escaped the crippled plane, burned it, and slipped past the Tommies who were keeping their heads down from the strafing Germans.

Having disrupted the British infantry in the sector, running low on ammunition and fuel, and losing two aircraft in the attack, Manley decided to take his victory and return home. Signaling his pilots, they all broke off successfully. With Wharrier KIA and Hunt missing, the British were too exhausted from the fight to pursue.

Here are the new standings:

PILOT ROSTER

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Victories</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Skills</i>
SKELLY	5-1/2	2079pts	207pts	Range, Maneuver
LAMBERT	12-1/2	1439pts	532pts	Deflection, Maneuver, Fire Value
IRONS	8	1099pts	392pts	Cannot Be Tailed, Maneuver, Range
WHARRIER	8-1/2	990pts	330pts	Deflection, Maneuver, Range
HUNT	9-1/2	944pts	867pts	Deflection, Maneuver, Fire Value, <i>SKILL</i>
FORTE	9	862pts	613pts	Deflection, Maneuver, Concentrated Fire
MANLEY	5-1/2	676pts	365pts	Deflection, Maneuver
MARSTON	1	533pts	450pts	Deflection, Maneuver
MARTINEZ	1-1/2	335pts	243pts	Maneuver
STUART	1	328pts	109pts	
BEAUGARIN	1	283pts	67pts	
CAVER-BOYD	3-1/2	263pts	88pts	
HOWELL	1	195ts	65pts	

JOHNSON, A	0	180pts	159pts
CROWN	0	180pts	63pts
FRAKES	2-1/2	178pts	59pts
CASTELETTO	½	125pts	42pts
LYTHGOE	0	124pts	124pts
GOWEN	1	100pts	100pts
CHRISTENSEN	1	83pts	28pts
CHASE	1	73pts	24pts
WAITE	1	56pts	56pts
HOLMES	0	45pts	45pts
HERSCH	0	38pts	13pts
WEBER	0	36pts	36pts
VELTRE	0	33pts	33pts
JOHNSON, C	0	28pts	28pts
SKELLY**	20-1/2	1611pts	681pts*

- does not include 116 pts earned as Observer
- ** Retired

UNIT OF THE MONTH
(Not Sponsored)

Member Name	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Dave Manley	28mm	Firelock Games/ Flag Dude	18th & 19th Centuries	Sloop Scorpion
Tim Parker	28mm	Firelock Games Blood & Plunder	Pirates	Caribbean Islanders
Terry Shockey	15mm	AOC	Steampunk	Steam Tanks MKII & MKIII





GAME OF THE MONTH



Total Escape Games Sponsor

Member Name	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
Larry Irons	25mm	Ancients	L'Art de la Guerre	Magnesia 189 B.C. Rome vs Seleucids
Jeff Lambert*	15mm	WWII	Flames of War	Desert Action
Dave Manley	15mm	Napoleonics	Et Sans Resultat!	Meeting Engagement
Dave Newport	15mm	Ancients	L'Art D'le Guerre	Egyptians vs Hittites

***Denotes this month's winner**

Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the host.









CMH October Scheduled Events

This table shows what events are scheduled for CMH. 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
October 5	FNF	TBD	7PM
October 12	FNF	TEG	7PM
October 14	MM	Baker Rec Center	12PM
October 19	FNF	TEG	7PM
October 26	FNF	TEG	7PM

TEG - Total Escape Games
6831 W. 120th Ave.
Suite C
Broomfield CO 80020

TECH - Thornton Estates Club House
3600 E. 88th Ave
Thornton CO
www.totalescapegames.com

FNF (TBD) may or may not occur due to a lack of a scheduled host/location.

Also Look for FNF schedule at cmhweb.org or CMH in Yahoo Groups

COMING EVENTS:

November 10 & 11 Veterans Wars

Monthly Meeting Events:

Learn *L'Art de la Guerre* Ancients Rules presented by Larry Irons

Learn Pulse of Battle Rules presented by Terry Shockey

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 it is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreational Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver CO. The club also hosts gaming at least one Friday night a month, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7 PM. FNF will be held at several various locations. See previous schedule or view the website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numbers local, regional and national groups to help promote the hobby. CMH is governed by member-elected officers who serve on the Board of Directors (executive board). Terms are one year, with elections held at the May meeting. New members are accepted after attending three CMH functions and a vote of the membership. Dues are \$45.00 per year, payable in January. Members wishing to receive a snail-mail newsletter subscription must pay an additional fee of \$15.00 per year. Authors retain ownership of articles and graphics published. CMH reserves the right to edit or reject submissions to the newsletter.

One year Adult Membership: \$45.00
Half year Adult Membership: \$30.00
(For NEW members who join after June 30)
Family Membership: \$45.00 (one Adult and any number of offspring)
Student Membership: \$25.00 (16 to 22 years old)



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