



The Long Island Miniature Collectors Society

June 2025

(*Something for everybody – even mistakes*)

Next Meeting

June 17th – the monthly meeting of the LIMCS

Freeport Recreation Centre - 7:30 pm

It's always a head scratcher to me that nothing good (*except for our meeting*) ever happened on April 15: income taxes due, Titanic sunk, Abraham Lincoln died.

Adrian DeBattista will be giving a talk on his amazing fantasy/Sci Fi creations. Adrian is a gold medal winning modeler who employs unique and innovative techniques to his modeling approach.

Cindy Lenz brought down a large selection of 30mm figures, some plastic models, and tools from the collection of our member **Hank Lenz**. These were donated to the club and were free to the club members. Thank you Hank and thank you Cindy.

Future Meeting ideas:

- 1- How about a “Movie Night” – show a movie and eat some popcorn
- 2- Summer painting meetings? Bring a figure and some paint and brushes
- 3- Fiftieth Anniversary Party! (*We’re that old?*)

We need to get the word out – so in addition to our regular attempts to get notifications into Newsday, we are currently looking into running advertisements in some local papers (covering Nassau and parts of Suffolk counties), with coupons (so as to be able to keep track of this effort and if it is worth while doing again). The consideration of making bigger posters was also discussed, as were possible handouts/flyers with our new QR code that can be easily scanned by cell phone cameras and instantly connect with our website for more information. We need to focus on building the attendance at our shows (*and in our membership*) – any other ideas?

Social media is key to future publicity so members should contact Pete Parlegreco, Greg and John for opportunities to post on Instagram, or advertise the club and show via social media!

We need your help, so please seek opportunities in your areas to advertise and promote both our show and our club. And please let us know

The Club Table at various model shows! In order to augment our meager earnings (from dues and show fees) the Club has initiated an additional fund-raising option – selling items at tables in our own and at other shows. So far it has been a success. But to continue to do this, we need two things from our membership:

- 1- Donations – as in books, magazines, pictures, model kits (all parts included), figures, tools, etc.
- 2- Volunteers – to man the tables at these shows (ours and others)

Donations may be made at any of our meetings. See John Jefferies or Scott Miller for details, to make donations, or to volunteer.

Take Away from our April 2025 meeting

Rick Veriest showed us his weathering for model aircraft. Rickie has become a real master of aircraft modeling and it was great to have him talk about how he does this technique.



Model airplanes without this weathering technique look like they are sitting outside the factory where they were made and not having been flown for any length of time. The models Rick showed us were all American WW2 Naval aircraft that were flown from aircraft carriers, so their landing gear were not affected; whereas land-based planes would have had their landing gear subject to dirt and sand of island air bases.



Photos from our April meeting – see what you missed





Congratulations Rick Veriest

Take Away from our May 2025 meeting

Larry Forni showed us his History of Bath Beach, Brooklyn (overlooking Gravesend Bay) in “the Gilded Age – 1862-1920”. Larry took on one of his historical tours of the area using an innovative map he had created showing the evolution of the area, pointing out the original farms, some famous name owners, and step-by-step, all of the changes that took place – right up to today’s elevated trains and the Belt Parkway. Larry also talked about the area during the American Revolution when the British under Howe landed in this area to take on Washington in New York. Everyone was enthralled by Larry’s fascinating presentation. Well done, Sir.





That he updated as he walked us through the area's historical evolutions.



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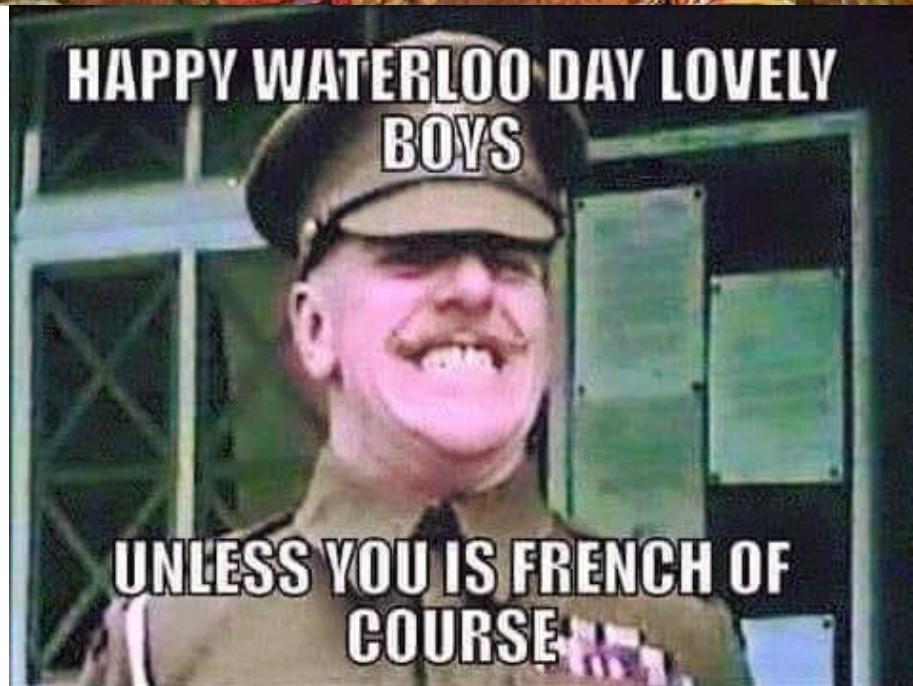
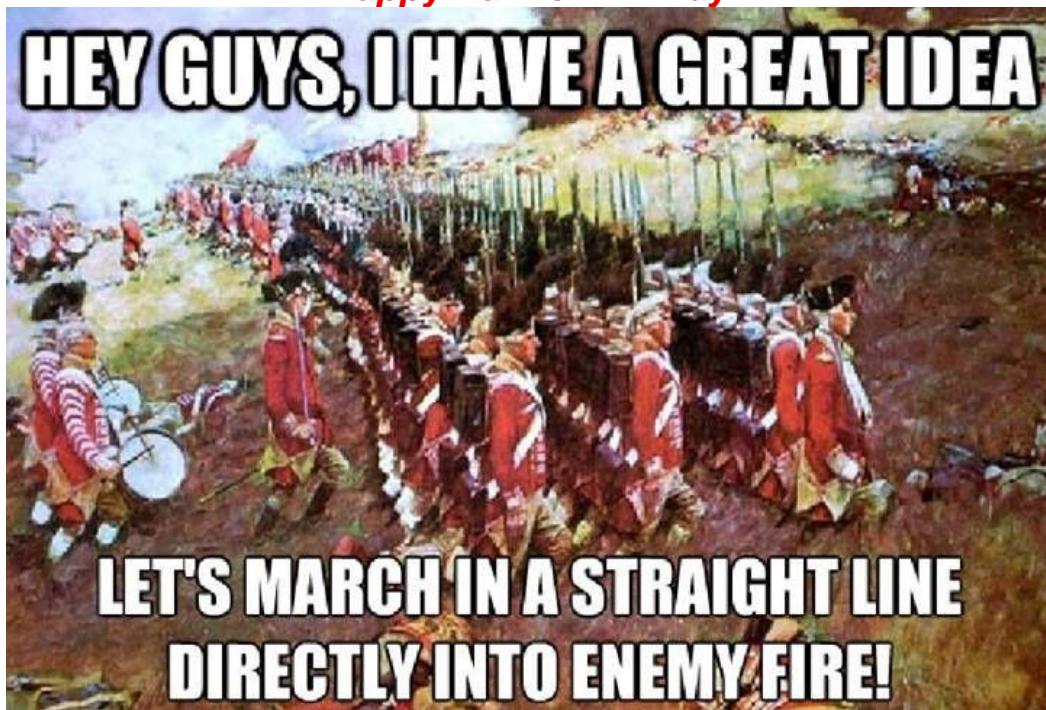


And even though our new member, Jose Feliciano, couldn't attend, he sent us this picture of his latest creation.

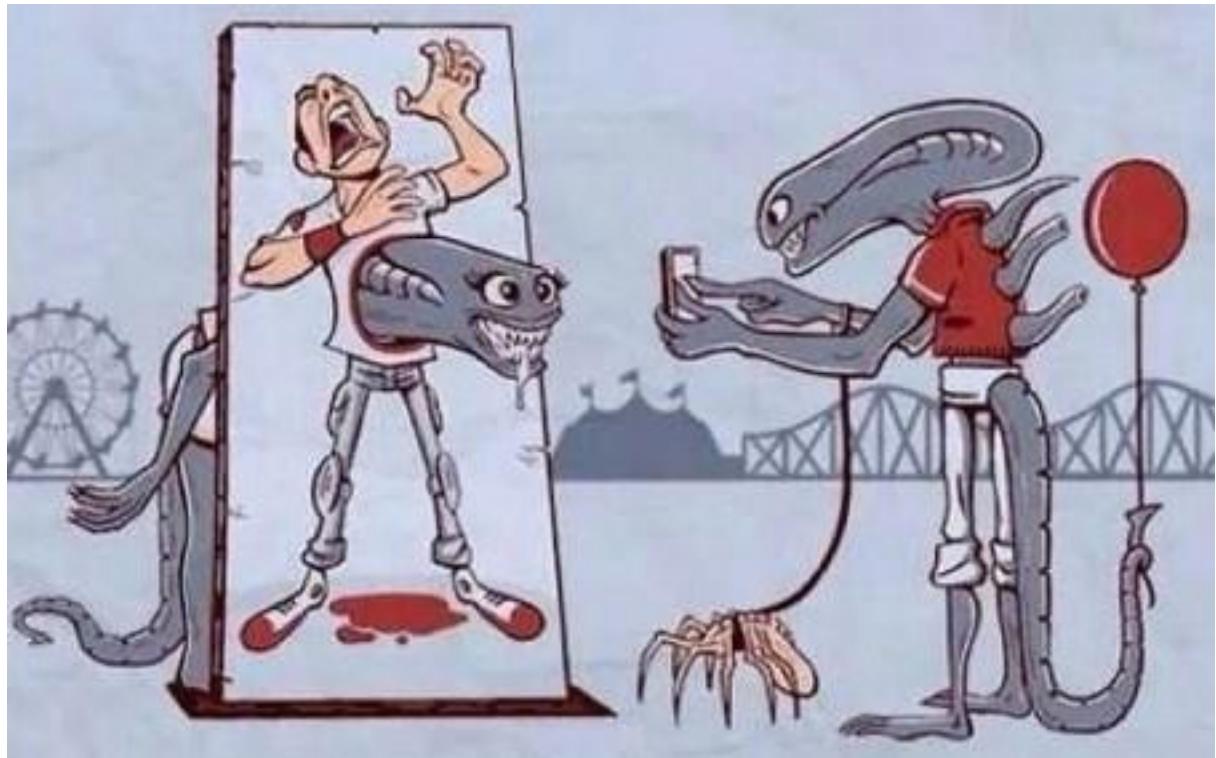
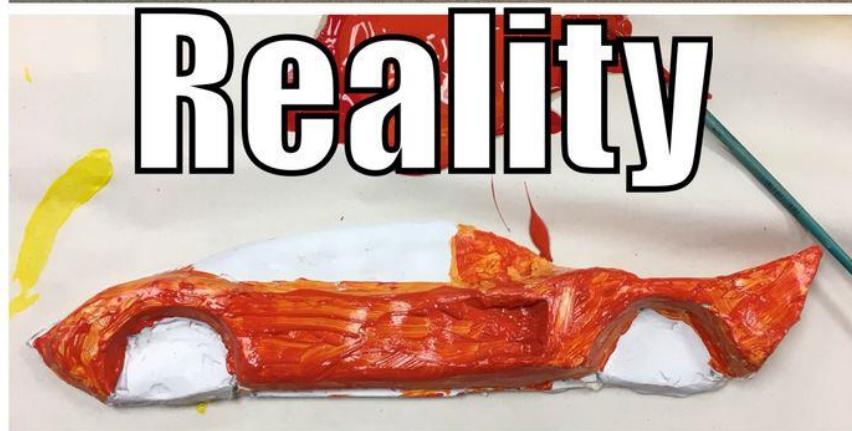
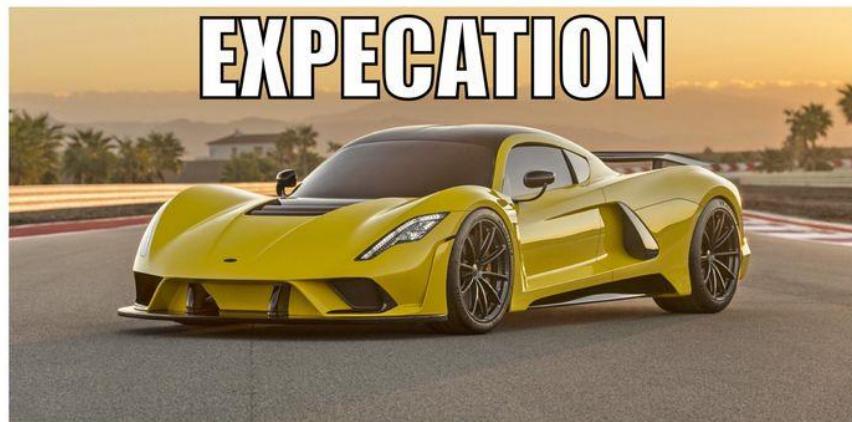
Your stuff? Why not bring a figure or model or diorama or whatnot that you have or are still working on to a meeting – we have some really talented, experienced, and helpful members who can critique, advise, suggest, guide, and help you with making it even better.

And for June

Happy Bunker Hill Day



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Jan Muldoon

Joe Haberkorn

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*



The family of Joe Haberkorn is hosting a luncheon in his memory on Tuesday, June 17 at noon. It's at La Piazza Restaurant, 512 Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, NY, 11747. All of Joe's friends from his model clubs are invited and it's a casual dress.

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And don't forget to check out our Instagram website

https://instagram.com/longislandmodelclub?utm_medium=copy_link

Our Facebook site:<https://m.facebook.com/longislandmini/>

Our new webpage:

Long Island Miniature Collectors Soc. | Historic miniature model figures Fantasy models and ga | Freeport, NY, USA

Long Island miniature collectors soc. Group of artists, sculptures, and modelers focused on creating historical military figures, Sci-fi, and fantasy miniature creations.

www.liminiaturecollectors.com



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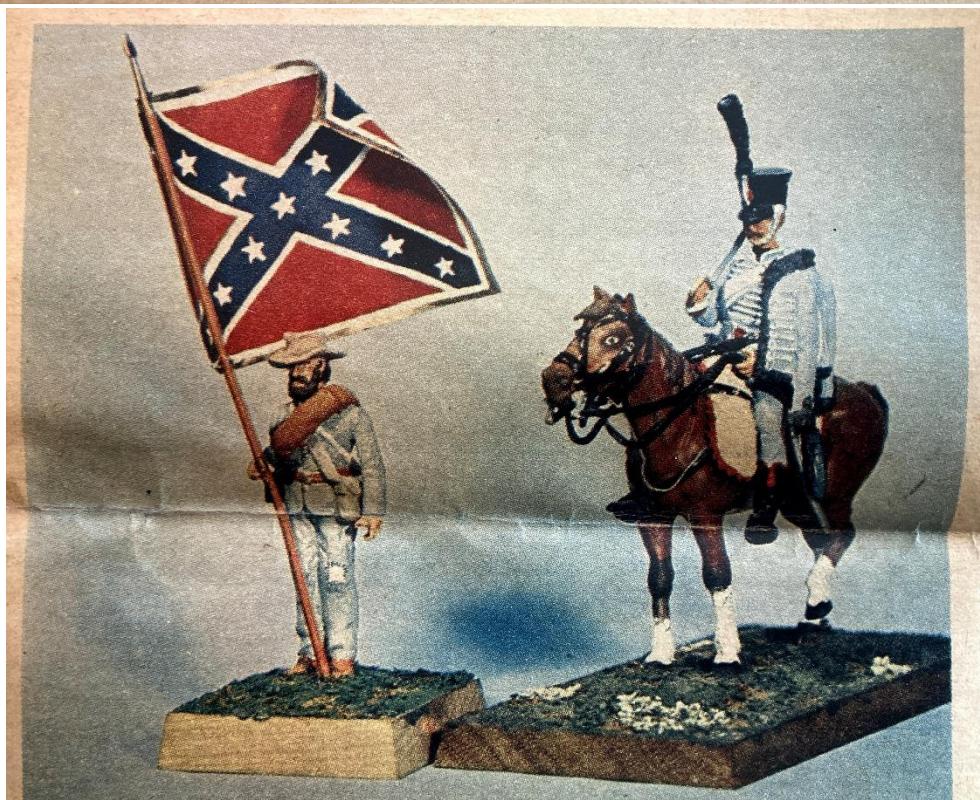
Peter Lowell Ford

From the Past

New York Sunday News - 25 July 1965



Made from lead-based alloy, soldiers are hand-painted with careful attention as to insignia and other details. But some rare pieces are left in original metallic color.



Patched veteran holds Confederate flag beside mounted French hussar. Many notables, including the late Sir Winston Churchill, have relaxed with toy military maneuvers.



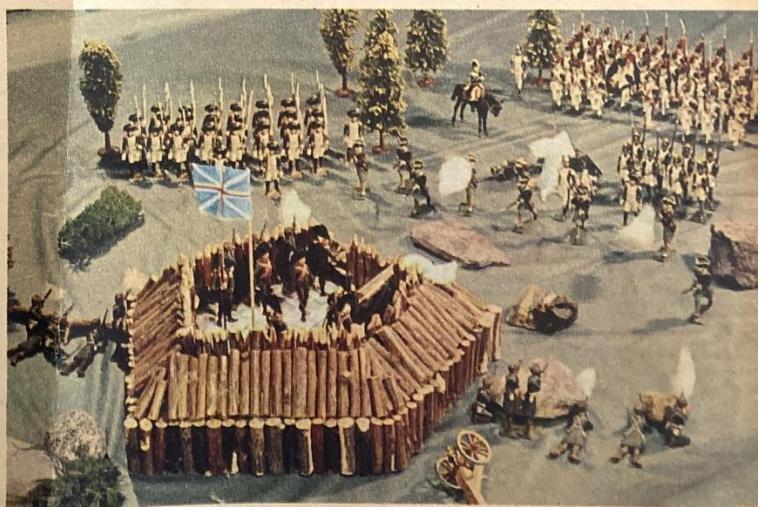
NEWS COLORFOTOS BY EDMUND PETE
Members of the Miniature Tactics Society watch "battle" between Turks and Christians at the home of Richard Ford in Westbury, L.I. Observers are (l. to r.) Al Schultz, Mark Charles, Bob Gibney, Pete Ford and Al Preu

Soldiers on the move

Wars are fought on a table in home of Long Island student

WAR MAY BE HELL on a battlefield but it's a lot of fun on a plastic-covered table at the home of Richard Ford in Westbury, L.I. The 21-year-old Adelphi College junior is a member of the Miniature Tactics Society, a group of Long Islanders who spend a great deal of their time and money playing with toy soldiers.

Following their own set of rules formulated over a three-year period, MTS "generals" take opposing sides to re-fight historic battles. Depending upon rarity, soldiers range in cost from about \$1.50 to hundreds of dollars. The group's "armies" add up to more than 5,000 pieces.

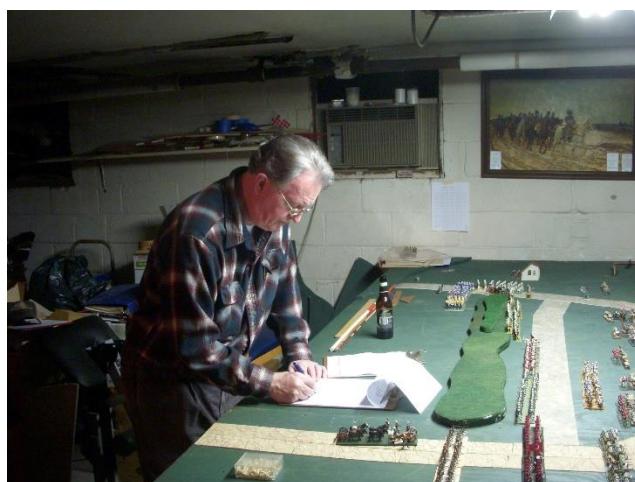


British fort is besieged by French in reenactment of battle fought during colonial days in North America. ton forms puffs of gun "smoke." Much research is done in attempt to achieve realism in small-scale



Cigaret indicates size of (l. to r.) French dragoon of Imperial Guard, Canadian drummer and French cuirassier. Some MTS members have saved soldiers from childhood.

And some are still at it





The World Model Expo is like the Olympics of figure shows. It only occurs every three years, and each Expo is hosted by a different model club in a different part of the world. It's a huge and amazing show, but because of the rotating location there is a unique website for each show, but there does not appear to be a master webpage to reference for this show **yet**.

Looks like it will be held at the Palais des Congrès de Versailles on the Rue de le Chancellerie, just outside THE Palace (*125 ft as the crow flies*)

July 4 – 6. 2025

You had better hurry up if you are thinking about going



Calendar of miniature shows available at:

[Contest and Show Calendar for Miniature Painting and Sculpting – Bird with a Brush](#)