



## THE SHEILA TACKU COLUMN #6 (AUG. 2013)

'because when you don't exist you can pretty much say what you like...'

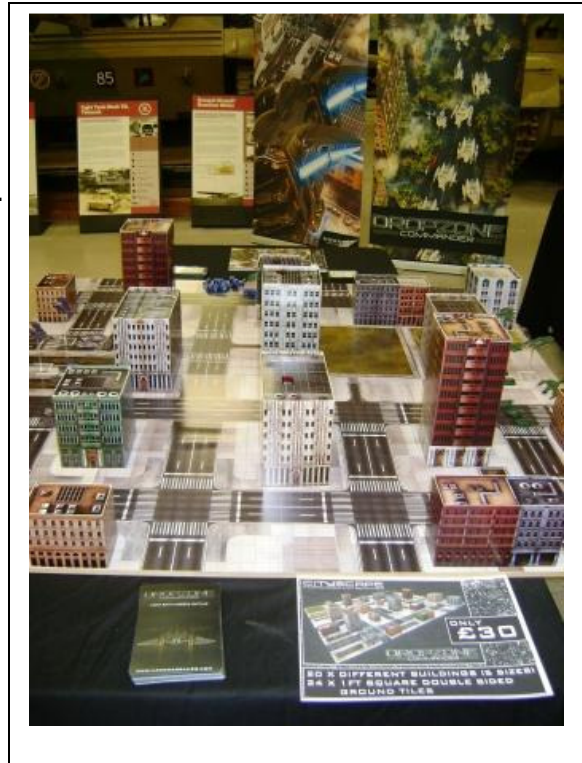
Hi Beings,

Firstly, one from David Knight. Canadian MIGs? As Sir Terry Pratchett would say history but down the wrong trouser leg at

<http://beyondthesprues.com/Forum/index.php?topic=64.0> . As I write this bit I've just got back from the Bovvy show, where I went with Gary M, Steve P, Vaughan P, and 'Skinny

Richard' B. Fab - only the camera broke - so only one pic of the new *Dropzone Commander* set, which with buildings and game mats for £30 has to be a bargain. Love their 10mm scale minis too.

Is this the scale of the future? Magister Militum are developing their ranges - and rules - and I again caught up with Iain Dickie and Gareth Harding, running a great ancients using these and the venerable *Warmaster* rules. Gareth has also made some impressive PDF buildings for MMs *Colours & Guns* Napoleonic set using reduced 15mm model scans. He also explained how brown undercoat is a good compromise between black and white, so I might give that a



try. As to be expected in the tank museum loads of WWII games. The 54mm Waterloo was there, and a great 28mm pirate ship game from the Penarth guys ('curse you broken camera'). Steve P bought some Heroes of The Dark Age minis involving a Celtic

maiden being carried off by a Viking for his game *Vikings & Strumpets* and the Shepway gamers' *Town With No Name* western was also mighty impressive. Gary spoke to veteran reporter and photographer Paul Davies - who shoots for *WI* - about his days as a 'glamour photographer'. Paul's anecdotes were most intriguing - but I guess taking pictures of diminutive young women to make sofas appear larger - *and* photographing minis for the *WI* - is pretty similar. Quote of the day? 'Skinny Richard' eating lunch saying, 'this Jadgtiger is really comfortable...'

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## Scale Modelers



What my friends think  
I do...



What my mom thinks  
I do...



What society thinks  
I do...



What my wife thinks  
I do...



What I think I do...



What I actually do...



# LOOK AT THIS GUY

At first, you think he's pathetic. But look closer. He's got a hobby he loves and finances to pay for it. He's got his shit together and lives his life exactly how he wants. Why don't you?

GARY M SAYS - 'BECAUSE THE WADS WON'T LET ME'

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Another opening, another show, and *'Attack'* at Devizes - exceptionally quiet because of the unseasonably warm weather - but bigger than before with competitions and lots to see and do. *'Attack'* is morphing into a major show - the trend for traders to reduce prices to those of 'bring & buys' becoming noticeable. The Skirmish Wargames group put on a 54mm Apache raid game - and the Devizes guys themselves staged a 54mm ECW. Is 54mm the new 28mm? Possibly. Fun was the *'Siege Of Devizes'* by the 'A Very British Civil War Forum'. Of course travelling with Gary M and Steve P of the SVfM team one has to put up with endless arguments about the WOTR, but I guess that's why











God invented iPods, so one can tune out and imagine - not the hot weather - but either a) a hot date with Justin Timberlake (other singers are available - always read the label) or b) some late medieval Baron executing the pair of them to shut them up. Indeed, there was a 25mm WOTR from the Torquay gamers - and Gary M. was busy buying minis for a project he and his daughter, my bessie Liv, are working on, to semi-RPG the court intrigue side. So, imagine my surprise when at Emily's party on Saturday night Fearne Barrow showed up with Jason Mumford - and when Anne Neville and Margaret Beaufort and Elizabeth Woodville arrived it all threatened to kick-off - worse 'cos Liv was there with her coke bottle (see right). Are we to see yet another realignment of forces within the Geoffhurst Road gang? Or was that last week's episode of *'The White Queen'* I think we should be told.... **Sheila XXXX**

