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Longships – Going Viking!

Green Spring, Elections, and West Wars in July

*Message from CMH Secretary
Binhan Lin*

The time now comes upon us that the leadership of our club is to be renewed by the coming of Spring. The month of May will be our annual club meeting and officer election. If you are interested in running for office, please contact a club officer. Positions that are available are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any member in good standing is eligible to run.

A reminder that the May meeting is the third Sunday instead of the second, due to Mother's Day.

West Wars has been rescheduled for July 12-14. Nate Forte has taken the role of co-coordinator. Please contact him if you are interested in running games or assisting with the convention.

Thanks to Terry Shockey for article on using quilting fabric for terrain.

Using Quilting Fabric Revisited

Article by CMH Member

Terry Shockey

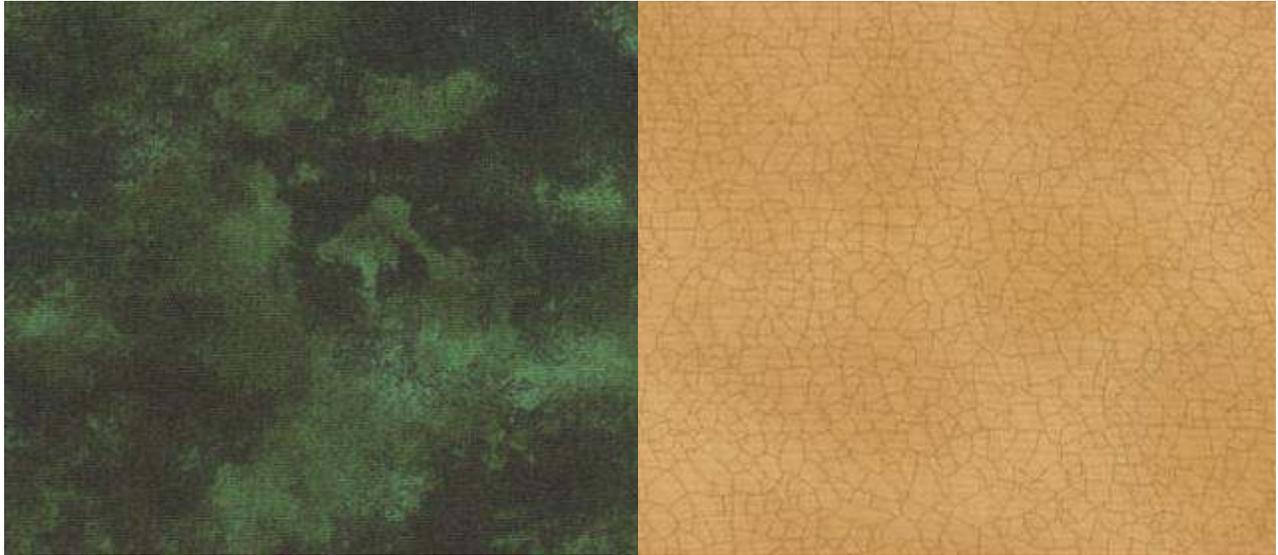
In the July 2008 CMH Newsletter I addressed the use of quilting fabric as a base terrain for the gaming table. At the time I had discovered that quilting fabric had expanded its scale size and would now work with 15mm+ miniatures. The idea was to use the fabric as a background for the entire table or to represent the area of woods, marshes, rough ground, etc. A number of fabrics were bricks, cobblestone, asphalt and such. The Moda Fabric Company had also brought out Marble. This fabric was useful for depicting ground that was of the same general color but varied enough break up the solid colors that felt brought to the table. Although Marble is not as readily available as it once was it is still present if one looks. Timeless Treasures Fabrics had also brought an extensive line of Batiks (a specific style of fabrics) that were even more dramatic with variations in basic colors, particularly greens for ground cover areas. These are still available as well.

In the years since I wrote the aforementioned article, there have been a number even more useful fabrics created that could be used on the gaming table. I had looked at games at Historicon, GhengisCon, Tacticon, etc. to see what other gamers were using to represent desert areas. Sadly I was disappointed, as they seemed to revert to using light brown felt with the same uninteresting result. But Moda Fabrics, the Marble people, had a fabric called Crackle. It was the right scale for 15mm+ representation for cracked earth that appears in low spots in deserts after the water that had settled there had dried up. I have used it in conjunction with desert terrain by Bill Daniel and crushed walnut shells, for birdcages, to represent sand. The result was startling. At the most recent con many people stopped by my western game and remarked at the result of my efforts.

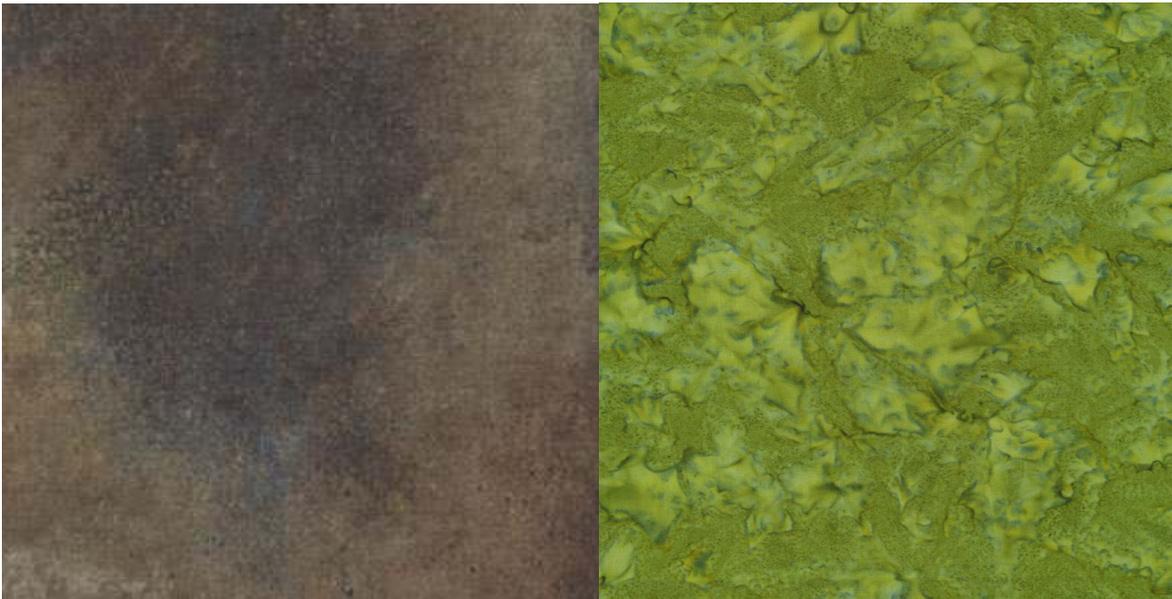
About a year after discovering Crackle fabric a new line by Northcott titled Stonehenge Fabric appeared. This is a very hot fabric in quilting circles, for good reason. I am in the process of gearing up to put on games in 2014 to honor the 100th anniversary of WWI. I had looked at many a gaming table depicting “no man’s land.” Most were okay. A few, using airbrush on fabric had achieved great effects. I still don’t own an airbrush, so searching began. The Stonehenge Fabric line has hundreds of colors and styles. But four of their many lines bore fruit. The Mother Earth line has two darker fabrics that dramatically present the multicolored no man’s land incredibly. Three other lines Warm Stone, Mojave, and Colorado give a multitude of earth tones that can be used unlimited for special effects.

True, these fabrics by themselves cannot give a three dimensional effect. But used as the base for the other terrain elements we all possess and utilize the results can enhance our gaming table presentations and make people stop by as happened at my table. Below I have listed the fabrics and several Internet sites to look at these products.

Marble: www.modafabrics.com
Batiks: www.ttfabrics.com
Crackle: www.modafabrics.com
www.windhamfabrics.com
Stonehenge: www.stonehengefabrics.com



Fabric Patterns – Green Marble and Tan Crackle



Fabric Patterns – Stonehenge Mother Earth Slate and Tonga Java Blender Batik Avocado



Unit of the Month entries – Trading Post and Termite Mounds

March Monthly Meeting

Unit of the Month

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.

CMH Member	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Jeff Lambert	15mm	Battlefront	WW2	Afrika Corps Schutzen
	15mm	Battlefront	WW2	47 th RM Commando
	15mm	Battlefront	WW2	Churchill Crocodiles
Eric Elder	10mm	Scratchbuilt	Vietnam	NVA AA, Termite Mounds
Terry Shockey	25mm	Hinchcliffe & Old Glory	Ancients	Han Chinese
Binhan Lin	28mm	Scratch	Colonial	African Trading Station

Unit of the Month Winner is highlighted in **RED**.



Unit of the Month entries – Battlefront British and Germans



Unit of the Month entries – Han Chinese

March Monthly Meeting Game of the Month

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

CMH Member	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
Doug Wildfong	15mm	Medieval	Medieval Warfare	Aggressive Mongols Invade
Dan Gurule/Matt Vigil	15mm	ACW	DBN	New rules playtest
Terry Shockey	10mm	9 th Cent.	Longships	Viking Raids (playtest)

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Viking Games at the Monthly meeting – Fire & Axe and Longships

CMH April/May 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
April 5	FNF	TBD	TBD
April 12	FNF	TBD	TBD
April 14	Monthly Meeting	Baker	Noon
April 19	FNF	Baker	7 PM
April 26	FNF	TBD	TBD
May 3	FNF	TBD	TBD
May 10	FNF	TBD	TBD
May 17	FNF	Baker	7 PM
May 19	MM/Elections	Baker	Noon
May 24	FNF	TBD	TBD

FNF (TBD) may or may not occur this month due to a lack of a scheduled host. Some FNF's may be held at the office of Kevin Dykman:

8120 Sheridan Blvd.
 Building-C Suite-200
 Westminster, CO 80003



Games at the monthly meeting - Mongols (left) and French (right) invade



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 at least one Friday night a month, called “Friday Night Fights” (FNF) at 7:00 p.m. One Friday of the month will be held at the Baker Community Center. The other Friday meetings will be held at a future determined location. See website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numerous 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 of office 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 \$35.00 per year, payable in January. Members wishing to receive a snail-mailed 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.

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(For NEW members who join after June 30)

Family Membership: \$35.00 (one Adult and any number of offspring)

Student Membership: \$20.00 (16 to 22 years old)

Children: free (younger than 16 accompanied by member)

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