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In The Pilot Seat



What a hot humid summer we have had. While in Florida last month it hit 103 degrees! I heard it felt like that up here. September just rolled in with the heat wave continuing. On a good note, I was able to keep cool and put a lot of time building my latest project. This month I may be passing up Armorcon but there is the Mid Hudson Valley Show. A nice small event and they have been

able to increase vendors each year. Try to make it.

I received a call from Newsday. One of the pictures I took at our Noreastcon Event was a row of tables with models, including armor and the American Flag in the background. This picture will be placed in the Newsday Fun Book. I don't know which one. There is a Summer, and Fall/Winter edition. This book goes all over Long Island. I guess my time spent every year placing pictures and info to Newsday's Explore LI has been worth it.

Our next meeting is September 17th. There is nothing planned at the time this piece is typed up so I think it's best if we just have an open meeting and discuss techniques with other members. Please

bring in a model, or a couple, finished or in progress. I don't know how the August meeting went for no one has informed me. Maybe the heat got to us all. I hope all of you kept cool and everyone is in good health. I actually have nothing to report this month. My mind is focused on house chores.

Keep our hobby alive and well!

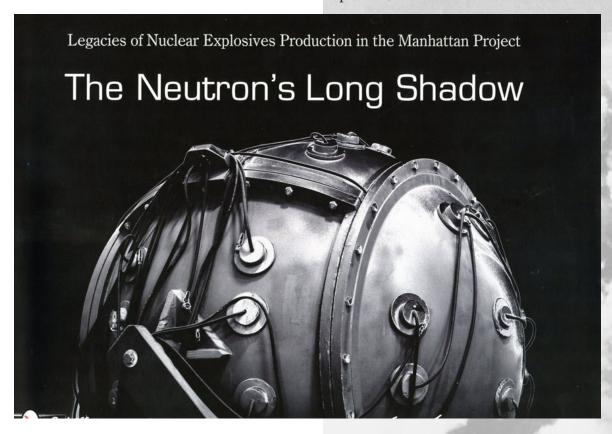




The Neutron's Long Shadow

by Martin Miller
Published by Schiffer Publishing
2017, HB, 208 pages

The Manhattan Project, as the endeavor to build an atomic bomb, as it was known, was probably the largest program of WWII. It was formally established in August 1942. Incredibly, the whole enterprise was predicated on a few experiments that indicated a chain reaction was possible with an isotope of Uranium, U235, that occurred in natural uranium at a level of only 0.7%. And, no one knew if it could be separated in sufficient quantities. Indeed, they didn't even know how much would be needed: a pound, 10 pounds, a ton?



This book explores the manufacturing side of the bomb development program under General Leslie Groves. There were three methods that might work: Gaseous diffusion, thermal diffusion, and electromagnetic separation. Groves built industrial scale plants for all three on a scale that had to be seen to be appreciated. As an example, the K-25 Plant for gaseous diffusion was the largest building under one roof in the world. It stretched for nearly a mile, was 4 stories high and processed uranium hexafluoride, a very corrosive gas. It was just one of several devoted to enriching uranium. The others, thermal diffusion and electromagnetic separation were on a similar scale. Running parallel to these were the nuclear reactors to produce plutonium 239, a man-made substance that did not exist in nature. Not only that, the first reactor only went critical in December of 1941, proving a chain reaction was possible at all.

This is the story of how this was all accomplished. The creation of a whole industry from scratch in about 3 years to produce enough fissile material for about 4 bombs before the war ended.

The book captures, in large format (8x10 high resolution camera and film) many of the facilities used to manufacture, process and fabricate the 4 bombs – The Trinity device, the Hiroshima bomb, the Nagasaki bomb, and one reserve. It was an industrial undertaking of unprecedent magnitude. And, it was done in complete secrecy!

A fascinating story. Highly recommended!!



Aircraft Pictorial Aircraft Painting Guide Vol. 1

by Dana Bell

AIRCRAFT

Published by Classic Warships Publishing, SB, 2018, 72 pages plus wrap, 68 color and 48 black and white illustrations.

This is probably one of the best books on WWII U.S.A.A.F. colors around. We can only hope for a similar book on the U.S.N. and U.S.M.C. The first few pages are mostly text with discussions on Sea Green/Medium Green, Sand, Night and lesser to other colors. "Perfect Dark Olive Drab" is also discussed. There after the book consists of well captioned color and black and white period photos from 1921 through 1945 with most emphasis on WWII.

This is not a chapter and verse presentation of the specifications but rather a discussion of the real-world events and

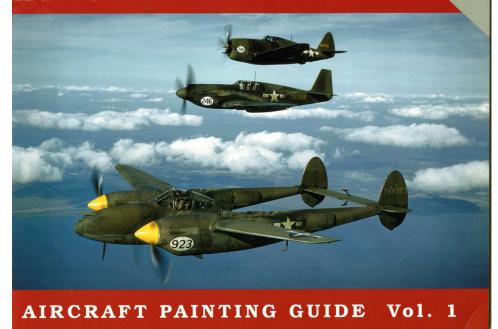
actual colors and why they are what they are. Dark Olive Drab is a particular case in point. To start, the author states "There are no known accurate surviving chips of Dark Olive Drab standard. The standard color cards do exist, but they are no longer accurate. Each thumbnail sized chip was glued on highly acidic wood pulp paper. The chemistry of the glues, acids and hydrogen peroxide from the paper have had nearly 8 decades to alter the appearance of the chips. "Also, "no manufacturer's test sample of Dark Olive Drab was ever rejected for failing to match the color standard." In 1942 the list of approved paints included 30 lacquers, 14 dopes, and 23 enamels just for Dark Olive Drab 41. Further he states, "In production, there was little chance any two manufacturer's paints would match." Add on to these variations, all the different manufacturers paints aged and weathered differently. An excellent illustration of this is shown of a C-47 on the inside rear cover where there are radically different shades on the outer wings, fuselage, fin, rudder, elevators and horizontal stabilizer. In addition, there are different patches and stains – altogether a dozen different shades varying from a light brown to a dark olive drab.

All this really means that if you are building a "weathered" aircraft you had best model after a particular plane at a particular point in time (if you really want an accurate model as opposed to an artistic beauty). Page 32 has full page color shot of a B-17G "Schnozzle" that illustrates fresh Dark Olive Drab around a mod or repair, a pale tan or buff base color for the rest of the airframe and a blueish Neutral Gray underside.

All in all, an excellent book. Now – will the real Dark Olive Drab step forward. In truth this book reveals there are 67 "real" Dark Olive Drabs; and this doesn't allow for aging.

You can view this as presenting an impossible task or as giving you free reign to imagine the "real Dark Olive Drab" when selecting colors for your masterpiece.

Highly Recommended!



PICTORIAL 9



In The box Kit Comparison by Steve Muth

1/48 Deperdussin 1911 Lindberg 506/12, \$11.00 Another oldie but goldie, re-release

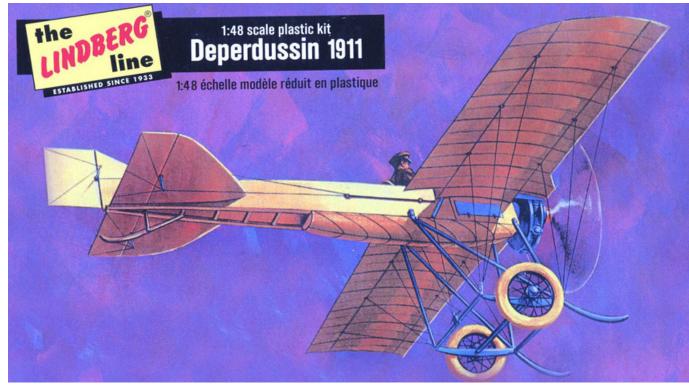
From the box:

"This nicely designed aeroplane made by the Deperdussin Company was entered for all the big racing and cross-country competitions, gaining popularity and proving the soundness of the design. Many flying schools in Belgium, France and England used the Deperdussin (Pronounced depper-Due-sin), which was powered with an Anzani radial motor, or as in this model a 50 HP Gnome Rotary motor. A notable feature was the extremely shallow fuselage, which was only 12" deep. The racing type had a lifting tail plane, which made the machine livelier to the controls and contributed to the structural strength of the tail."

The Kit

This was originally released by Inpact in 1966 (UK) and 1968 (US) and the molds were later bought and rereleased by Pyro, Life-Like and Lindberg, in that order.

The box is a top opening hinged affair and inside you will find 29 tan plastic parts, a puzzle, an instruction sheet, and a Deperdussin decal (I don't know the purpose of it). There are no P.E., resin or vacuum formed parts. The moldings are surprisingly well done with small sprue gates and delicate small parts. There is no flash or sink marks that I could see. There were a few ejection pin marks and surprisingly some "Copyright 2014 by Round 2 LLC and Made in The USA" raised words on the bottom of one of the tail planes. A multi-part pilot figure is



provided. The fabric representation is excellent even by today's standards. Holes are provided on the wings for the rigging but oddly, there is no rigging guide or text. The only real negative is the wheels, which are solid with raised spokes. They can be replaced with Eduard # 48505 wire wheels. The engine appears particularly nice. The parts do not seem to be warped or misshapen and the wings are suitably thin with nice leading and trailing edges. The instruction sheet is minimal – a small 4-page booklet with 5 construc-

tion steps. Colors are called out generically but in 5 languages! There is no parts tree diagram.

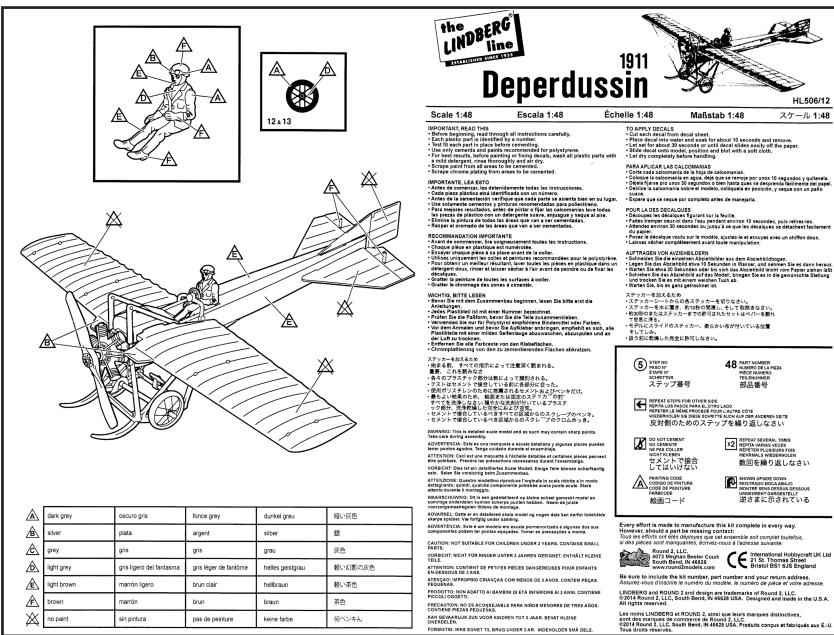
Recommended if you like pre-WWI and WWI monoplanes or you just want a low cost change of pace. It would appear to be a simple build.

And it is Made in the U.S.A.



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HL506/12

スケール 1:48

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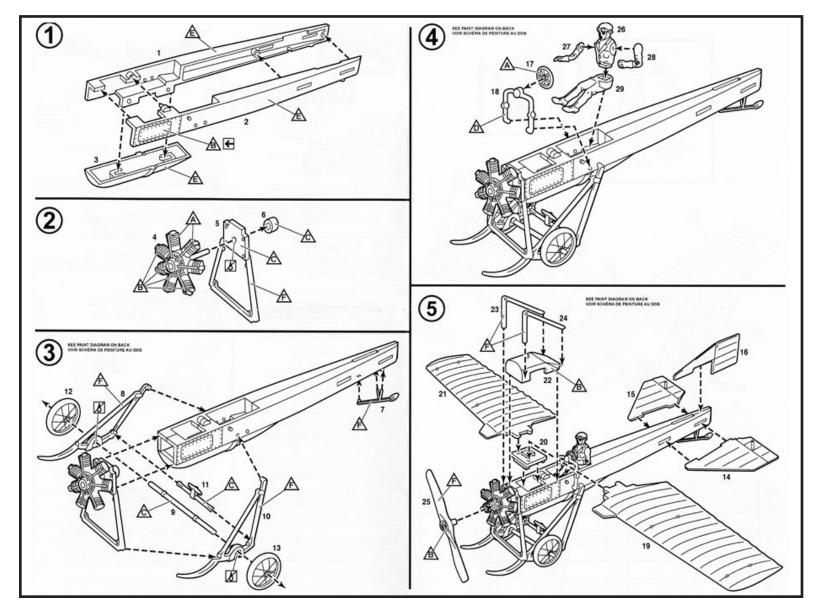
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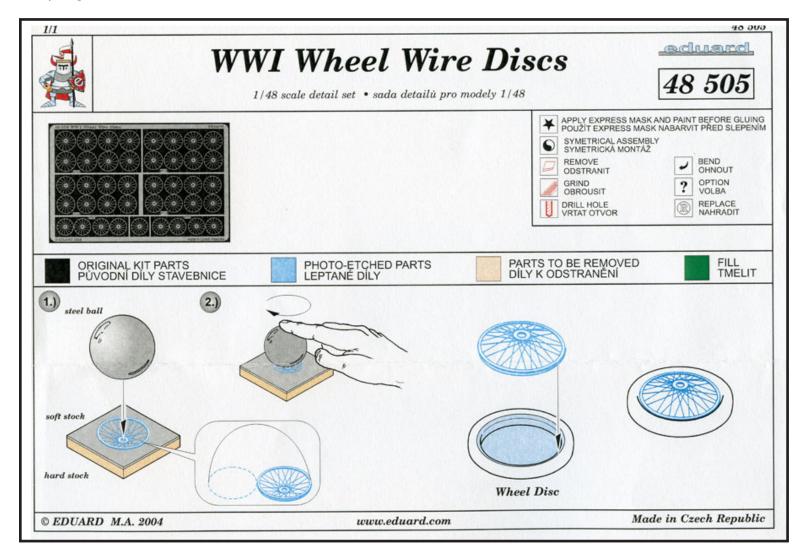
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O ring tires for Eduard PE wire wheels can be purchased at your local hardware store.



Eduard wire wheels PE # 48405 contain parts for 3 different size wheels.



There were 13 models on the table at the August meeting. There were planes by Ray O'Neill, a WWI gun by Steve Andreano (I think), cars, figures and a boat by Mario Pagano, and tank destroyer by "the unk modeler". I think I will put out cards for the modelers because I need more info and I often don't recognize whose models belong to who. Enjoy!



Fishing boat "Orca" of Jaws fame by Mario Pagano.



1/72 Heller SAAB J-32 Lansen by Ray O'Neill. He used Mr. Color paints – darkened Green Olive Drab mix on top with RLM65 undersides. He also added more cockpit interior details.



Airfix 1/72 SAAB J-35 Draken by Ray O'Neill. Ray Re-scribed recessed panel lines, added cockpit interior, corrected the nose gear detail, and Vacuum formed a new canopy

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Heller 1/72 SAAB J-29 Tunnan by Ray O'Neill. Ray re-scribed recessed panel lines, added cockpit interior, shortened the main oleo struts by 3/16 inch and finished it with War Colors Silver with a light coat of Alclad.



A WWI gun emplacement by, I think, Steve Andreano.



A 1/24 police car by Mario Pagano.









Figure by Mario Pagano.

Figures by Mario Pagano.



Hunchback of Notre Dame by Mario Pagano.



A 1/24 racer with an assortment of engines by Mario Pagano.



Show Calendar Listing for 2018 - 2019

| See Bob DeN Date/Day | Maio for details Event & Location | Website |
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| Sept. 21-22 Fri-Sat | Armorcon Crown Plaza Danbury, CT 06810 | http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/armorcon-1 |
| Oct. 27 Sat | HVHMG 28 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY | http://www.hvhmg.com |
| Nov. 11 Sun | Baycon 2018 Elks Ha 326 Farnum Pike Smithfield, RI | http://www.ipmsbaycolony.com |
| Nov 17 Sat | Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center 130 East Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY 11520 | http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com |
| April 6 | Mosquitocon 1 Pal Drive Wayne, NJ | www.ipmsnj.org |
| April 12-13 Fri-Sat | Noreastcon 48 Holiday Inn Express 400 Old Ludon Rd. Latham, NY 12110 | http:/www.IPMSNENY.org |
| May 4 Sat | RepLIcon 29 Freeport Recreation Center 130 E. Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY | www.lisms-ipms.org |
| May 9-11 Thu-Sat | AMPS National Buffalo, NY | |

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