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**Next meeting date:**  
**Monday, May 20, 2019**  
**7:30 pm to 10 pm**

**Levittown Public Library**  
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# In The Pilot Seat



*Our next meeting will be Monday, May 20th. It is necessary to start this newsletter to thank all of the LISMS members who gave me the RepLICon 29 help and were there to staff positions. We didn't have any complaints but did have a couple of e-mails from visitors who had a great time. I did have a problem with the Rec Center not having enough chairs. We never encountered that. I was able to visit the vendors to welcome and thank them for attending. I don't have the model number or winner's list to post yet. I had to have this done 10 days in advance of our meeting. What I can tell you is there were 62 modelers who entered the contest. This is not a good attendance the past two RepLICons when we use to get 79 constant attendees. Where will this take us next year? Room for discussion. I have some catching up to do before the next meeting. Nothing is planned yet but I would like to get a clinic prepared. I'll work on it. We are a growing and strong IPMS chapter.*

*Last month was Noreastcon 48. It was really nice but only drew 56 model contestants with about 196 models entered. I spoke to Nick at NENY the day after their show and they are very confused why their numbers were down. Our Noreastcon last year brought in 90 modelers. These are definitely not good numbers for either of our shows this year and I know other shows have been down as well. Is this a sign of modelers passing or not building, or both? At the regional meeting, it was announced that Noreastcon 49 (2020) will be in Rochester, NY and in 2021 it will be back to Albany, NY where they want to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. I was asked if we would do it in 2022 but I wouldn't commit to it. It's too far off, don't know if I will be President, or if still living here. Don't take bets on me guys. Better to spend your money on the hobby.*

*I updated our website with current members of LISMS. It contains the member's name and e-mail address in case you wish to contact them. You need the password to see this list. If you don't have it, ask me at the meeting. I might see you at the meeting. I turn another year older and not sure if my family is wanting to celebrate.*

*Keep our hobby alive and well,*

*Bob*





# Aircraft Pictorial 9 Aircraft Painting Guide Vol. 1

*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

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# Book Review *by Steve Muth*

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airframe and a blueish Neutral Gray underside.

All in all, an excellent book. Now – will the real Dark Olive Drab step forward. I 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.*



On 11 January 1944, this 381st, 533rd BS B-17G became the first Eighth AF aircraft to complete 100 missions without an abort. While neither of these aircraft carried Medium Green splotches, both show the different Dark Olive Paints used by subcontractors to camouflage the outer wing panels; weathering has further emphasized those differences. By this time, camouflage has become much less of an issue in England, and brighter tail markings have been added to help air divisions and wings form up in flight.



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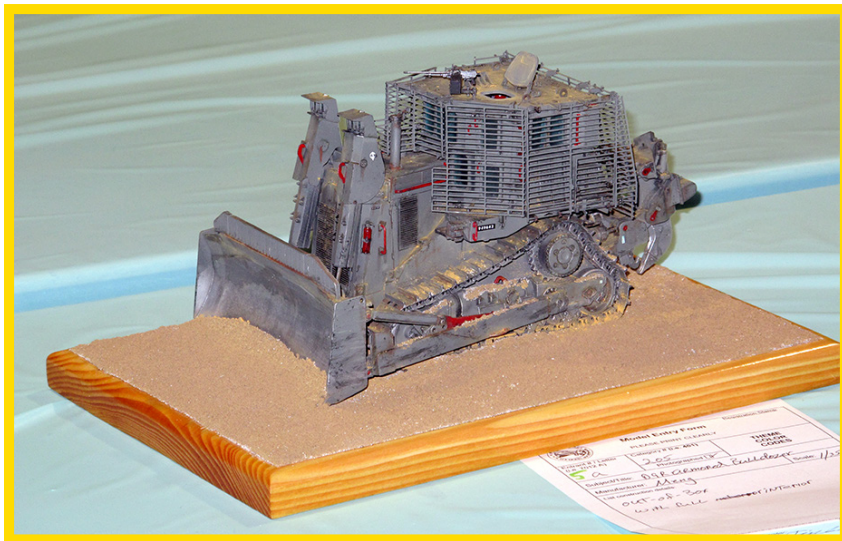
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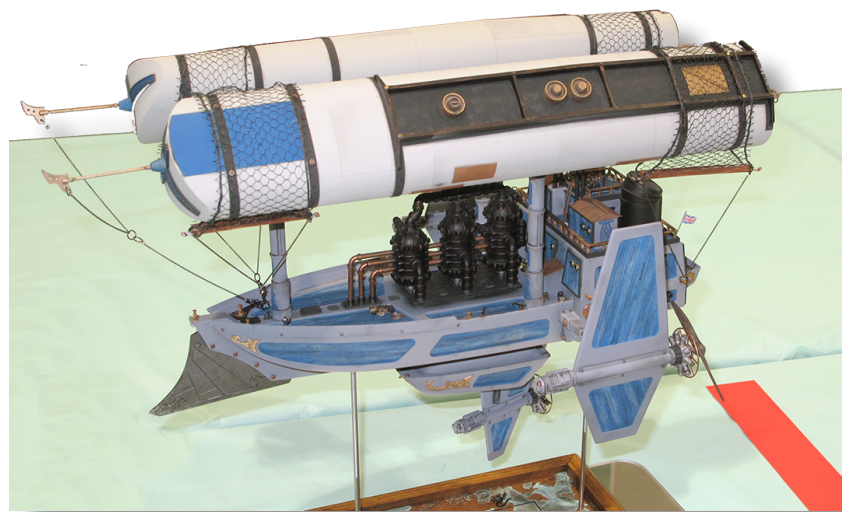


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# Show Calendar Listing for 2019

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date/Day	Event & Location	Website
Aug 7-10 Wed-Sat	IPMS National Convention 2019 Chattanooga Convention Center 1150 Carter St. Chattanooga, TN, 37402	<a href="http://www.ipmsusa.org">www.ipmsusa.org</a>
Sept 15 Sun	Patcon 2018 Hudson Elks Lodge 959 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA, 01749	<a href="http://www.ipmspatriot.org">www.ipmspatriot.org</a>
Sept. 20-21 Fri-Sat	Armorcon Crown Plaza Danbury, CT 06810	<a href="http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/armorcon-1">http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/armorcon-1</a>
Oct 26 Sat	HVHMG 28 Elks Club Hall 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	<a href="http://www.hvhmg.com">www.hvhmg.com</a>
Nov 10 Sun	Baycon 2017 Elks Hall 326 Farnum Pike Smithfield, RI 02917	<a href="http://www.ipmsbaycolony.com">www.ipmsbaycolony.com</a>
Nov 15-16 Fri-Sat	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center 130 East Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY 11520	<a href="http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com">http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com</a>

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