

# SCALEMAIL



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**NEXT MEETING : 27 APRIL 2017**

## 2017 Committee

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### Meetings:

GENERAL MEETING - LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.

WORKSHOP - EVERY THURSDAY EXCLUDING ABOVE\*

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### Fees:

\$20

FEES ARE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE 31 MARCH.

Our first meeting in April took on a truly international flavour with a visit by IPMS UK member Gary Wenko. Gary and I had been corresponding over the previous weeks and we were fortunate that a building evening coincided with Gary's stay in Dunedin. An enjoyable evening was spent chatting away about a wide range of modelling related topics. Our post match function members also played honourable hosts and introduced Gary to the local flavours at their usual venue.

The April meeting is focused on the Jim Marks ANZAC Trophy Competition. As the title indicates the theme is Australia and/or New Zealand. We are pretty flexible in how the

association occurs and the group is always interested to hear an interesting piece of history. Voting is via the usual system we operate for these competitions, 3 points to the model you select as your first choice, 2 points for your second and 1 point for the model you place in third. The points accumulated also go into the modeller of the year competition.

IPMS Central Otago have confirmed the dates of the 2017 Nationals as 23 and 24 September. From a recent email it appears the Blossom Festival Committee were considering changing the dates for the festival. With the timing of the Nationals to coincide with the Blossom Festival and it's asso

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The USAF B-1B Lancer 86-0123 of the 9th BS, 7th BW, based at Dyess AFB towers over the Avalon Airfield static display area. Unprecedented access to the underside providing great photo opportunities .

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ciated crowds, this possible change of dates must have been a cause of some concern for the group. With this also important step in the planning confirmed the club will be able to proceed with the full organization of the event. The latest news will be published on their website, IPMS New Zealand's and the monthly additions of *Scalemail*.

*Mark*



### The RAAF F-35 Debuts at Avalon

Causing a major stir at the recent Australian International Airshow were two F-35's. Not yet handed over to the RAAF the aircraft were flown from the USA to show case to the Australian military and public. Attendees to the Friday morning show witnessed their arrival and landing and the public were again treated to seeing one in the air on Saturday. A last minute change of departure plans meant the appropriate authorisation to fly was not available on the Sunday.

While on the ground both aircraft were made available to the front line static park giving excellent photographic opportunities.

A big call out to Ronin Decal who have provided free to customers who have already purchased the decal sheet the additional pilot and crew names display on these aircraft.







No one can accuse the Black Falcons of not giving it their best. However Dunedin's weather just didn't play ball and the teams first visit was limited to a few passes.

## Kit's Corner

## The North American B25-C Mitchell

Bu Number: 41-12971

Of the 499th Bomber Squadron, 345th Bomber Group, 5th USAF, Southwest Pacific theatre of operations.

Photographed while supporting the USMC landing on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 1943.

### *References:*

North American B-25 Mitchell (Aircam # 22) - photograph facing last colour plate

Ducimus Camouflage & Markings -

USAAF 1941-1945 by Roger A Freeman - colour plate on cover and photo (as above) on p.230.

Model: Italeri B25-C (with nose transparencies overpainted)

Paints: Humbrol mixes

Decals: Microscale Mitchell sheet 72-?





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### 2017 Membership Fees Now Due



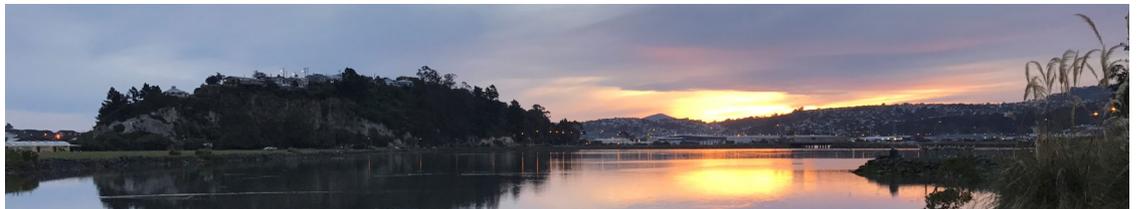
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### IPMS Dunedin 2017 Modeller of the Year Points Chart

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
Blair			6								6
Brent			4								4
Jeff W	2		1								3
John M	6										6
Kevin			1								1
Kit	8	8	4								20
Richard	3	10									13
Steve	1	1	1								3
Wayne	2										2

1st = 6 points; 2nd = 4 points; 3rd = 2 point plus 1 point for each new model on the Table





**2017 Modeller  
of the Year  
Competition**

**March Meeting  
- Models on  
the Table**

(Please refer to Page 6  
for the current points  
and placings)



## The Airfix P-40B Warhawk

Behind every model there is a story - last month Blair displayed his 1/48 Curtiss P-40B Warhawk in the livery it wore on December 1941. The following details a little more of the background of the pilot and aircraft on that day.

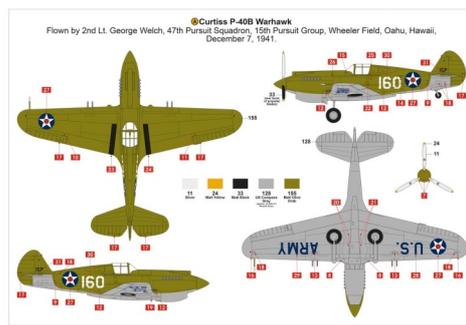
On Saturday evening, December 6, 1941, Welch and his wingman, Lt. Ken Taylor, attended a formal dinner-dance that led into an all-night poker game for the two fliers - not an unusual Saturday night for Welch and his wingman. Returning to their barracks near Wheeler Field in the center of the island shortly before dawn Sunday morning, both men were still wearing their tuxedo trousers when the area came under the Japanese aerial attack. Welch and Taylor had recently



had their fighter planes moved to an outlying airstrip at Haleiwa so while Taylor got his Buick, Welch telephoned the air strip and screamed, 'Get two P-40s ready! It's not a gag - the Japs are here!' Driving at over 100 MPH and coming under Japanese strafing multiple times along the way, the two fliers arrived at Haleiwa to find their P-40 Warhawks fueled, idling, and being armed. Acting completely on their own initiative, Welch and Taylor took off and engaged the enemy. Taylor took off directly onto the tail of a Japanese plane and he began firing almost immediately, despite both planes only having ammunition in their wing-mounted .30 cal guns. The two successfully engaged several enemy aircraft before having to land at Wheeler Air Field to refuel and rearm. They returned to the air and successfully engaged the attacking Japanese aircraft once again, finishing the day with four confirmed kills for Welch, two for Taylor, and even more "damaged" and "probables" for the pair. These two pilots accounted for nearly 20% of all Japanese aircraft losses during the attack and two-thirds of all Japanese air-to-air losses.

Both Welch and Taylor were awarded the Army's Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for their efforts (the highest pure-Army decoration). Both were initially nominated for the Medal of

Honour by AAF Chief "Hap" Arnold but because the two acted without orders, other "higher ups" downgraded the awards to the DSC. Welch's DSC citation takes about three times as much space to describe his heroism as any one of the 15 Navy Medal of Honour citations for actions that day.





# 2017

27 April	IPMS Dunedin Monthly Meeting. Doors open - 7:30pm Meeting Commences - 8:00pm Including Modeller of the Month Competition
Dates To Be Confirmed	2017 Southern Competition to be hosted by IPMS Dunedin.
27 April	Annual Jim Marks ANZAC Trophy Competition
23 ~ 24 September  <u>Confirmed Dates</u>	2017 IPMS National Competition hosted by IPMS Central Otago in Alexandra.
30 November	2017 Annual General Meeting and Annual Frank McCarthy Competition. Held at the meeting rooms 300 Rattray Street, Dunedin.



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