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Meetings:

General meeting - Last Thursday of the Month.

Workshop - EVERY Thursday excluding above*

Changes will be notified on the club Facebook page.



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NEXT MEETING - 22 February 2018



2018 has started in a very promising way with the members in Oamaru building a strong group, a couple of members we have not seen for sometime getting in touch and a great selection of models gracing the table at last months meeting.

The beginning of the new year introduces the start of our regular Modeller of the Year Competition. This years score card can be found on Page 9.

At the January Meeting we discussed the hiring of a rental van and making a trip through to Oamaru. I

have costed this proposal and have added the topic to this month's agenda.

As mentioned at the AGM Steve will be assisting me with the FaceBook page this year and last month he updated me on some stats he was producing on the people that were visiting our page and the times of the day they were logging in. With a greater understanding of these behaviours we will attempt to target the times of posting and also the material that is being posted. Any member wishing to post on the page are welcome to contact Steve or myself for assistance.

Mark

President



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The March Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday 22 March
The meeting scheduled for 29 March has been cancelled.



Models on the Table
Last Month

Joining the Party
At
Warbirds Over Wanaka



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Tuesday - 1pm to 5:30pm

Wednesday - 10am to 5:30pm

Thursday - 10am to 5:30pm

Friday - 10am to 5:30pm

Saturday - 12pm to 2pm

Also joining the RNZAF line-up at Warbirds Over Wanaka, the Boeing 757.



Air Commodore Alan Christopher "Al" Deere



Interesting news from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.....

OC BBMF, Squadron Leader Andy Millikin, has decided on the new colour scheme to be applied to BBMF Spitfire Mk IIa P7350 during its forthcoming 'major' servicing to be carried out by the Spitfire Company (Biggin Hill) Ltd over the next six months.

In keeping with its amazing 'pedigree' as the only surviving airworthy Battle of Britain Spitfire, P7350 will wear the Battle of Britain colour scheme of R6981, 'KL-B' "KIWI III", a 54 Squadron Spitfire flown by the high-scoring fighter ace Al Deere, who was a New Zealander serving in the RAF.

Al Deere's first three 54 Squadron Spitfires – N3180, P9398 and R6981 – all wore the code letters 'KL-B' and were all named "KIWI", with his logo and the name painted on both sides of the aircraft under the windscreen quarter light. Deere came to grief in all three "KIWI"s one way or another. In his first "KIWI" he was shot down and forced landed on a beach near Dunkirk during the evacuation. In "KIWI II" he had a head-on collision with a ME Bf109 and crash-landed in Kent on 9th July 1940, the day before the Battle of Britain officially began. Spitfire R6981 "KIWI III" then became his personal aircraft until he baled out of it over Kent on 15th August 1940, after being hit in combat with Bf109s. Subsequently he ceased to name his aircraft "KIWI", after fellow 54 Squadron pilot George Gribble suggested it was not bringing him much luck!

Biography

Born in Auckland on 12 December 1917, Deere was working as a law clerk in Whanganui when he joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) in 1937. After completing flight training he was posted to No. 54 Squadron along with Colin Gray, who would go on to become New Zealand's top fighter ace of the war.

Deere's first taste of combat came in mid-May 1940 when his squadron was assigned to cover the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) from Dunkirk. In the course of one week he destroyed six Luftwaffe (German air force) planes and was shot down himself – returning to base 19 hours later after

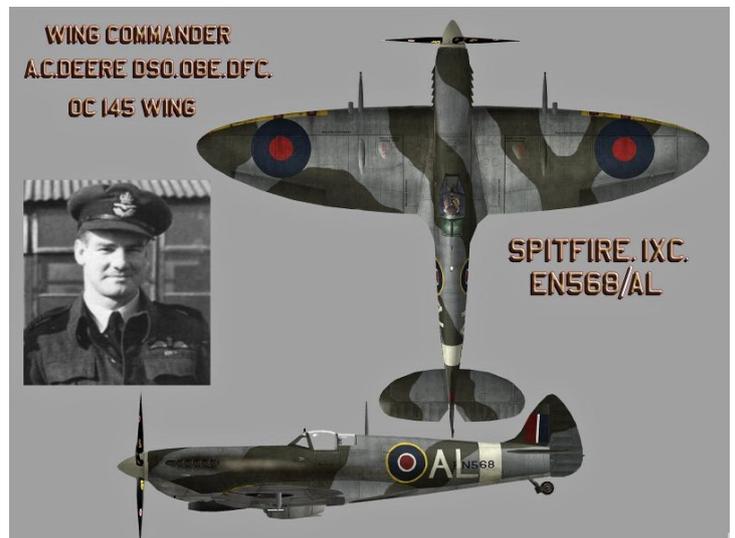
hitching a ride on a boat across the English Channel. For his efforts during the Battle of France Deere was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC), which was presented to him by King George VI in June 1940.

During the Battle of Britain Deere's squadron was part of Keith Park's famous No. 11 Group, which bore the brunt of the German aerial assault against London and southeast England. Between July and September 1940 Deere shot down eight more planes, earning another DFC (Bar) in the process.

Deere survived several brushes with death during the campaign. The first was on 9 July 1940 when his squadron was scrambled to intercept an enemy formation near Dover. They discovered a group of Messerschmitt Bf 109 fighters escorting a seaplane, which had been sent to undertake pre-invasion surveys of the English coast. Deere's section immediately engaged the fighter escort and the New Zealander quickly sent a Bf 109 down in flames. He was manoeuvring to attack another fighter when a German plane suddenly headed straight for him. Locked in a deadly game of chicken, neither pilot gave way and their aircraft collided. The engine of Deere's Spitfire was severely damaged. Unable to bail out and with his cockpit filling with smoke, he managed to head inland and crash land – his Spitfire came to rest in the middle of a corn field before bursting into flames. Deere was able to smash his way out and walk away with minor cuts and burns. Remarkably, he was back on patrol the next day.

A few weeks later Deere was shot down again. He had pursued a Bf 109 across the English Channel and shot it down near Calais when he was attacked by five German fighters. Outnumbered, Deere was able to evade his pursuers long enough to reach the English coast but was forced to bail out of his bullet-ridden Spitfire. Describing this incident, Deere said:

Bullets seemed to come from everywhere and pieces flew off my aircraft. Never did it take so long to cross the Channel. Then





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my Spitfire burst into flames, so I undid my straps and eased the stick back to gain height before bailing out. Turned my machine on its back and pushed the stick hard forward. I shot out a few feet but somehow became caught up. Although I twisted and turned I could not free myself. The nose of my aircraft had now dropped and was pointing at the ground which was rushing up at an alarming rate. Then suddenly I was blown along the side of the fuselage and was clear. A hurried snatch at the rip cord and, with a jolt, the parachute opened.

As Luftwaffe raids over England intensified in late August 1940 Deere, along with fellow New Zealanders Colin Gray and John Gibson, quickly established himself as an outstanding fighter pilot. Perhaps more importantly, his luck continued to hold.

On 28 August 1940 Deere was forced to bail out over the Kent countryside, landing in the middle of a fully laden plum tree – much to the annoyance of the local farmer. Three days later No. 54 Squadron's airfield at Hornchurch was bombed just as Deere was preparing to take off. Shrapnel tore off a wing and the propeller of his Spitfire, flipping the aircraft over and sending it sliding along the airfield upside down. Deere was dragged out by another pilot, who promptly collapsed and had to be carried to safety by the New Zealander.

Rested in December 1940, Deere had a spell as an Operations Room Controller before returning to operational duty in May 1941 with No. 602 Squadron. Based in Scotland, Deere was one of the pilots scrambled on 10 May 1941 to investigate reports of a lone German plane flying toward Glasgow. He did not make contact with the aircraft, which later made a forced landing on the outskirts of the city. It was discovered later that the pilot was deputy Nazi Party leader Rudolf Hess.

In January 1942 Deere embarked on a short tour of the United States to teach fighter tactics to American pilots. He was back in ac-

tion three months later, taking command of a Canadian spitfire squadron before being posted to staff duties at the headquarters of No. 13 Group. In February 1943 he was appointed Wing Leader at the Royal Air Force Station at Biggin Hill. He led 121 sorties over the next six months and earned the Distinguished Service Order (DSO). He went on to command the Free French fighter wing through D-Day and the liberation of France before returning to staff duty in England.

Deere finished the war as New Zealand's second-highest-scoring air ace – behind Colin Gray – with 22 confirmed victories, 10 probable victories and 18 damaged. He was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in May 1945 and went on to have a prestigious post-war career, including service as Aide-de-camp to Queen Elizabeth II in 1962.

Alan Deere died on 21 September 1995 at the age of 77. Fittingly, his ashes were scattered over the River Thames from a Spitfire.



<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/people/alan-deere>



KAMIKAZE ATTACKS ON THE INTREPID

99 crew members were lost as a result of *kamikaze* attacks on the *Intrepid* in 1944 and 1945. The movie shown in this part of the exhibit tells the story through the eyes and voice of two *Intrepid*'s crew who were on board when two Japanese planes struck the ship in 1944: Donald Domenic DiMarzo, one of sixty-nine killed in the attack, and Dean Lesnett, a survivor. The memorial wall recognizes the sacrifice of all who died in service aboard the *Intrepid* and contains artifacts from the *kamikaze* attacks.
(!) Viewers are cautioned that the movie may not be appropriate for children.

WORLD WAR II SCOREBOARD

Crew on aircraft carriers like the *Intrepid* typically created scoreboards tallying the number of enemy airplanes and ships destroyed or damaged by the carrier's squadrons. By the end of World War II, the *Intrepid*'s scoreboard displayed the following battle record:

- 301 enemy aircraft shot down
- 298 enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground
- 122 enemy ships sunk
- 126 enemy ships damaged

With the exception of 14 enemy planes brought down by anti-aircraft gunners, all of these victories were claimed by the *Intrepid*'s primary weapon – her aircraft.

The scoreboard displayed here is a replica of the *Intrepid*'s World War II scoreboard, which was originally painted on the side of the flight deck island.

Collection of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.





McDonnell Douglas F-4K Phantom FG.1

XV574 'Z'

- Of No. 111 Squadron, RAF, Leuchars, Fife, 1985 - 1987.
- This machine was assigned to the unit's Commanding Officer, and as such carried a black tail and fuselage spine. From mid -1986 to 1987 it carried the names Wing Commander CDR Roser and Squadron Leader LDR King



References:

Modeldecal Sheet # 90 with accompanying notes and photographs

Warplane # 72 colour photo

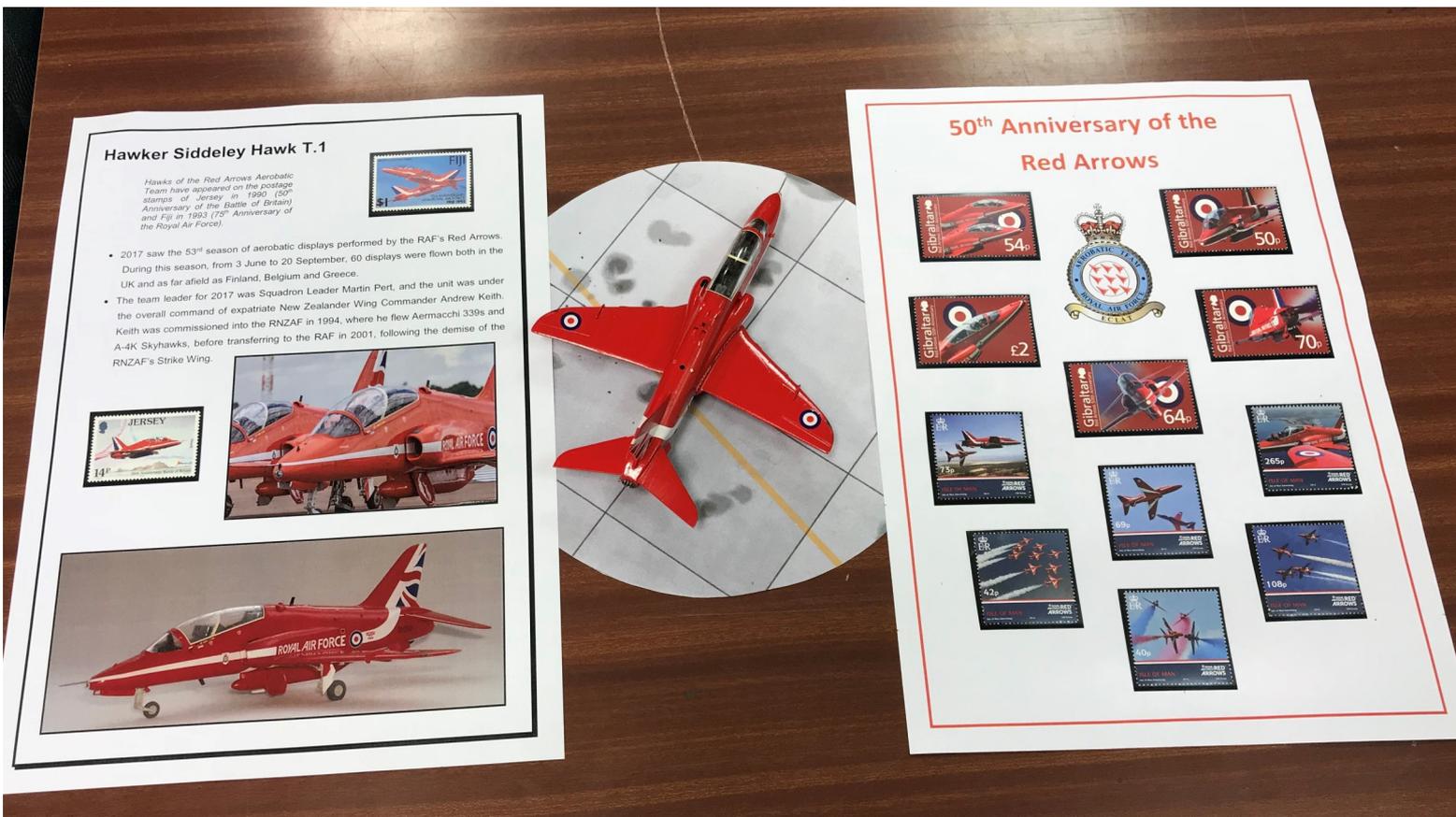


F-4 Phantom II FG.1
111 Squadron - XV574 "Z"
RAF Leuchars 1986



IPMS Dunedin 2018 Modeller of the Year Points											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
Kit		1									1
John H											0
Richard		2									2
John M											0
Blair											0
Steve		1									1
Jeff W		2									2
Mark											0
Kevin		6									6
Wayne		6									6
Brent		2									2
Barry											0

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



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22 February	IPMS Dunedin Annual General and Monthly Meeting Doors Open : 7:30pm Meeting Commences : 8:00pm General Business and Modeller of the Month Competition	
30 March to 1 April	30th Anniversary WarBirds Over Wanaka Airshow	
21—22 April	Scale Models Expo Expressions Arts and Entertainment Centre, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, Wellington. http://scalemodelswellington.org.nz/expo/	
26 April	IPMS Dunedin Jim Marks Trophy Competition Theme - ANZAC (Australian / New Zealand connection)	
20 - 22 July	IPMS South Biennial Display and Competition Invercargill.	
22-23 September	Central Otago Model Society Blossom Festival Display Alexandra	
10 - 11 November	IPMS New National Competition - hosted by IPMS Cambridge Hamilton	
TBA	IPMS Dunedin Trip to Oamaru - to be discussed at our February meeting 2018 South Island Competition Hosted by IPMS Dunedin later on 2018	

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