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# Model Kit Report

## Keith's Picks for the Month

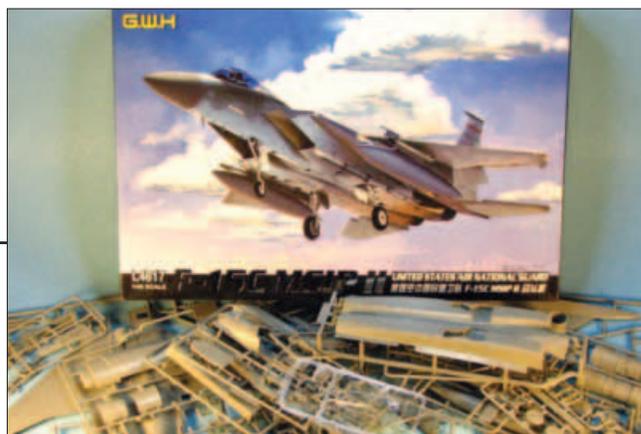
**So many great kits, but so little space to feature them all.**

### Great Wall Hobby

Great Wall Hobby has released its 1/48 F-15C MSIP II (#LNR-L4817). The F-15 was originally designed by McDonnell Douglas in 1967 to meet air superiority requirements for the rest of the 20th century. It became operational in 1976 and has gone on to achieve over 100 aerial victories with no air combat losses. The F-15 is a twin engine, twin tail, jet fighter armed with a 20mm rotary canon and up to eight air-to-air missiles. It has had engine upgrades and avionics upgrades over the years with the latest being the MSIP (Multi Stage Improvement Program) II improvements. These mainly consisted of an improved radar and computer system enabling the F-15C to carry and fire the AIM-120 AMRAAM missile.

The kit contains a one-part lower fuselage, 21 sprues of plastic parts, two sprues of clear plastic parts, six sprues of parts for the armament, one fret of photoetched metal detail parts, and two clear acetate film parts for the heads-up display. The cockpit, sidewalls, and instrument panel are well detailed, and two full GE F-100-PW-220 engines are included. All of the control surfaces, as well as the intake fences, can be positioned. The canopy and speed brakes can be mounted open or closed, along with several of the maintenance panels and nose radome for display of the electronics and avionics. The F-15C also includes a full set of drop tanks as well as armament consisting of three different types of air-to-air missiles, which use slide-drawn molding techniques.

The kit comes complete with illustrated instructions, two large full color painting and decal placement guides, and decals for two different aircraft.



### Italeri

Italeri has released its 1/72 F/A-22 Raptor (#ITA1207). Growing out of a 1981 requirement for an advanced tactical fighter designed with emerging technologies, the F/A-22 Raptor first flew in September of 1997. The aircraft was redesignated F-22 once it became operational in December of 2007. Combining the capability to “supercruise” meaning it can maintain supersonic flight without using the afterburner and use thrust vectoring exhaust nozzles for greatly advanced speed, range and maneuverability.

The F-22 has six color LCD panels and a heads-up display to provide flight and targeting information. Armed with a 20mm rotary cannon, the aircraft can carry six

AMRAAM missiles and two Sidewinder missiles internally, or can have ground attack munitions substituted for four missiles. Four external pylons are mounted underneath the wings for either fuel tanks or additional armament.

The kit consists of three sprues of colored parts and one sprue of clear parts. The canopy and the weapons bays can be positioned open or closed, and the control surface flaperons can be mounted for landing and take-off or as in-flight. The kit includes six AIM-120 AMRAAMs and four AIM-9

Sidewinders for arming the finished model. Also included are four pylons and four Joint Direct Attack Munitions that can be mounted under the wings.

The kit comes complete with illustrated instructions, including painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals for two different aircraft.



*The Italeri F/A-22 Raptor can be assembled into either of the first two prototype aircraft.*

## MPC

MPC has released its 1/25 Jawbreaker Dragster kit (#MPC821). Top fuel dragsters, commonly called rails, have always been among the fastest accelerating machines in the world. The name is derived from early dragsters, which were little more than a chassis with a high-performance engine mounted on the frame's rails.

MPC's 1/25 Jawbreaker Dragster kit is based on a 1932 Ford coupe body, which is portrayed in the colorful, retro-styled boxart. Common dragster parts in the kit include wheelie bars, chrome-plated fuel tank, drag chute, butterfly steering wheel, racing helmet, normal and upswept exhaust headers and a large rear wing.

The kit also features separate front and rear suspensions, with large deep-dish rear wheels and wire-spoke front



*The MPC Jawbreaker Wild Rail Dragster is complete in every detail, including the retro-styled boxart.*

wheels that are paired with pre-printed factory lettered tires. Plenty of chrome parts detail the super-charged engine, including the valve covers, blower and scoop. The kit comes complete with illustrated instructions, including painting and decal placement guides as well as multiple decals with full color racing graphics and sponsor logos.

## Polar Lights

Polar Lights has released its 1/25 Back to the Future Time Machine (#POL911). The iconic 1985 comedy science-fiction movie, *Back to the Future*, made a star out of the car, a DeLorean DMC12 that had been converted into a time-traveling machine. Commonly referred to simply as the DeLorean, the DMC-12 was a sports car manufactured in

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Ireland from 1981 to 1983 by the Delorean Motor Company.

In the movie, Dr. Emmett Brown converts the car into a time-traveling vehicle, equipped with his invention, the Flux Capacitor, which converts the necessary 1.21 gigawatts of electricity through the stainless steel body allowing the car to pass through the space-time barrier through flux dispersal.

Unfortunately, Doc's young friend, Marty McFly, is the first to use the vehicle in an attempt at escaping vengeful Libyans from whom Doc had stolen the Plutonium used to power the car.

The Polar Lights kit features all the details of the movie car, including the electrical conduit piping around the body, and two different options for power from either the "lightning rod" hook used early in the movie or the "Mr. Fusion Home Reactor" nuclear generator used at the end of the movie.

Featuring snap together assembly, the parts are molded in gray and clear plastic, with chrome-plated detail parts, as well as a pre-finished body with the look of brushed stainless steel.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting guide. The model can be assembled without glue or paint and can be enjoyed by kids, or experienced modelers



*Polar Lights has released a 1/25 model of the DMC12, a car made famous in the Back to the Future films.*

can build it as an accurately detailed replica of the movie car.

### Revell

Revell has released its 1/25 Acura Integra Type R (#85-4311). The Acura Integra Type R was produced by the Japanese automobile manufacturer Honda from 1997 to 2001. First produced for homologation purposes to meet FIA certification in N-series and World Cup racing, the Type R models were special performance editions of the two door, front-wheel drive Integra DC2 series.

Emphasis was placed on minimizing weight and maximizing performance, with modifications to the engine and suspension. The Acura Integra Type R was a very competitive car straight from the showroom, and was included in the *Car & Driver* Annual Best List a total of six times.

The kit can be built as either stock or custom versions and includes different bumpers, three styles of custom wheels and two types of rear spoilers. The detail is extremely nice, especially in the four cylinder VTEC engine. Assembled from multiple parts, almost a kit unto itself, the engine can be easily displayed by raising the movable hood.

The kit includes detailed illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, and an extensive set of decals featuring stock and racing markings with instrument

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The Revell Acura Integra Type R can be assembled as a showroom stock model, or in a variety of custom Rally schemes. panel gauges, disc brake rotors, windshield banner, license plates and various sponsor decals as well as custom flames and splash graphics.

### Trumpeter

Trumpeter has released its Russian T-72B Model 1990 MBT (#05564). The T-72 is a Soviet second-generation MBT (Main Battle Tank) that entered production in 1971. It was introduced as an interim design to supplement the gap between the T-64 and the emerging T-80 MBT. Unfortunately, the T-80 suffered massive delays and was unreliable in the field, so the T-72 became the main front line Soviet MBT. The tank underwent a series of upgrades resulting in the T-72B with a significantly redesigned tur-

ret featuring much thicker frontal armor, as well as added reactive armor, improved sensors and fire control.

The Trumpeter kit is first injection molded release of a T-72B and includes a one-part lower hull with multipart top, upper and lower turret parts, a two piece gun, individually linked tracks with separately molded teeth, reactive armor, vinyl mantlet cover and three frets of photoetched metal detail parts, including all of the fasteners



Trumpeter's Russian T-72B is an extremely detailed rendition of the Soviet Medium Battle Tank used during the 1990s.

for the applique armor. The kit also includes vinyl tubing for the external fuel tank plumbing. The kit comes complete with instructions and a separate full color painting and decal placement guides as well as decals for four different camouflaged vehicles. **HM**

## AMT's variety is the spice in car modeling!

**LIL' HOT DOGGER**  
WITH DROOPY DAWG, THE "BONE RANGER"

AMT008/12  
1:25 Scale

FIGURE NOT INCLUDED

**USA-1 1963 CORVETTE STINGRAY**

AMT700B/12  
1:2 Scale

**1966 FORD GALAXIE 500 7-LITRE**

AMT094/12  
1:25 Scale

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