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# Model Kit Report

## Keith's picks for the month.

### Airfix

Airfix recently released its 1/48 Gloster Javelin FAW.9/9R (#A12007). Following World War II, Great Britain emphasized developing aerial supremacy and advancing fighter technology. Gloster Aircraft had produced the first Allied jet fighter, and using that experience and knowledge, developed the Gloster Javelin to fill the role of all-weather, missile-armed interceptor.

The aircraft was a two-seat, twin-engine fighter with swept delta wings and the new Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire turbojet engines. Equipped with radar, and armed with two 30 mm ADEN plus four Firestreak missiles, the FAW.9 had revised wings, upgraded engines, and in-flight refueling probes. The 9R variant was capable of carrying underwing fuel tanks. Serving from the late 1950s through the 1960s, the Javelin was the last aircraft to carry the Gloster name.

The kit features engraved panel lines and finely molded surface details, with full length intake ducting which fits within the wing spars. The kit also has options for open or closed canopies, raised or lowered wing flaps and airbrakes, as well as raised or lowered landing gear. The kit includes four nicely detailed Firestreak missiles with separately molded clear heads, as well as four drop tanks. The kit also comes with illustrated instructions, painting and decal placement guides, along with Cartograf decals for three different aircraft in two paint schemes.



The Airfix Gloster Javelin builds into a large model that features Firestreak missiles and decals for three aircraft.

### Hasegawa

Hasegawa has released its 1/72 P-40E "Flying Tigers" Combo (#HSGS2082). In the years leading up to World



The Hasegawa P-40E combo kit comes complete with two 1/72 scale model aircraft in Flying Tigers camouflage schemes.

War II, the Curtiss P-40 was the US Army Air Corp's most advanced fighter aircraft. It gained its fame, and its reputation for ruggedness, with General Claire Chennault's American Volunteer Group, fighting for China against the Japanese invaders. From mid-1941 to July 1942, the P-40s of the "Flying Tigers" claimed 286 aerial victories and made aces of many of its pilots.

The Limited Edition Combo Kit from Hasegawa contains two 1/72 kits in the Flying Tigers camouflage scheme. While the options are limited to either a drop fuel tank or a 500 pound bomb, the kit features fine surface engraving and basic cockpit details. Each kit consists of 39 gray plastic parts with a clear closed canopy. The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, and decals for two P-40E aircraft from the AVG, one flown by Major Edward Rector and the other by Colonel Robert Scott, author of *God Is My Co-Pilot*.

### Mirage Hobby

Mirage Hobby has released its 1/350 HMS *Spiraea*, Flower Class Corvette K08 Escort Ship (#030803). The

HMS *Spiraea* was used by the Allies during World War II as an anti-submarine convoy escort during the Battle of the Atlantic. The Flower-Class ships were designed to be produced quickly, cheap and in large numbers. While the ships were numerous, they were slow and had a reputation for being difficult to handle in rough seas.

Designed specifically for anti-submarine warfare, they were armed with a 4 inch gun on the bow and a 2-pounder on the stern, and were equipped with two depth charge throwers and two depth charge rails carrying 40 charges on the stern.

The kit features a two-piece full hull and display stand, deck with textured planking, detailed superstructure, as well as fittings, boats and life rafts, armament,



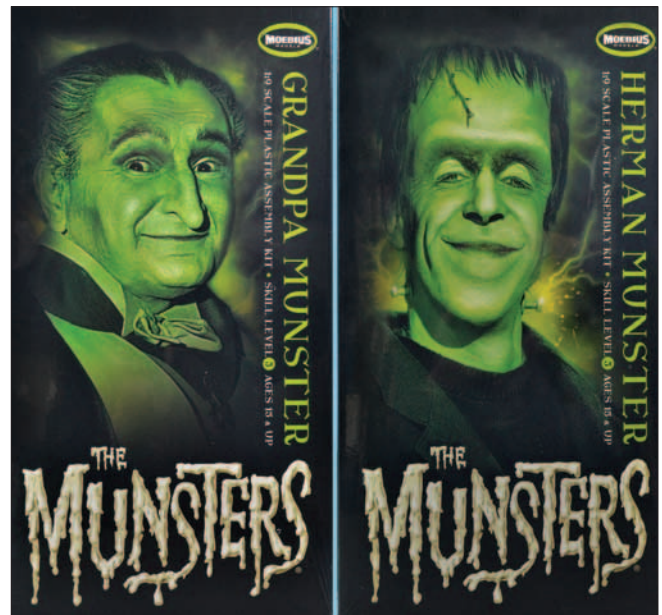
Mirage Hobby's HMS *Spiraea* features a two piece hull, includes a display stand and is loaded with detail parts, including many photoetched and cast metal pieces.

and photoetched metal detail parts. The kit comes with illustrated instructions and a separate full color painting and decal placement guide for two camouflage versions, as well as a rigging diagram.

### Moebius Models

Moebius Models has recently released its 1/9 scale figure kits of Herman Munster (#933) and Grandpa Munster (#934). *The Munsters* television show aired from 1964 through 1966, and along with a movie in 1966, introduced the country to a family of most interesting characters. Herman was a Frankenstein-like created man, and Grandpa was a vampire, and both were played strictly for laughs.

Both kits are based on molds by master sculptor Jeff Yagher, and are striking likenesses of Fred Gwynne and Al Lewis, the actors who played the parts. The boxes feature photographs from the series, while the backs of the boxes have photos of the finished model that have been expertly built and painted. The bases of the kits fit together forming a larger scene with Grandpa standing by a large control panel and Herman behind a wooden work table with a Gothic-looking electronic generator and assorted



Moebius Models has released two figures, from the popular television show and feature film of the '60s, *The Munsters*.

beakers and flasks. Both kits come with illustrated instructions that include detailed painting guides.

### Pegasus Hobbies

Pegasus Hobbies has released its T2 Aerial Hunter Killer Machine (#9016). In the classic 1991 science-fiction movie *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, the human race has been decimated by the rise of machines with artificial intelligence. One of the most impressive of the machines is the Aerial Hunter-Killer machine, a type of drone fitted with large jet engines and equipped with wing-mounted lasers, missiles, and plasma cannons. The natural metal



Pegasus Hobbies has released its T2 Aerial Hunter Killer Machine, a type of drone that was fitted with plasma cannons and was featured in the movie *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*. The finish of the H-Ks glinted in the dim light over the rubble that was Los Angeles, as they sought out and destroyed the human resistance fighters.

The Pegasus Hobbies kit includes 60 parts in gray



and clear plastic, including the base and display stand. The parts feature engraved panel lines and molded surface detail for a realistic look. The base has ground texture, rubble and skulls, as well as the molded nameplate for the commonly abbreviated movie title. The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting guide, and indicates that the parts are ABS plastic, rather than the usual styrene, and also recommends the types of cement that are compatible.



The Revell Hawaiian Charger Funny Car features a lift-up body exposing a massive 426ci blown Chrysler engine and it includes all of the detail parts a model needs to replicate this historic racer.

Hawaiian Charger Funny Car kit includes all the parts and details modelers will need to authentically replicate the exciting funny car that bears the Hawaiian name. The kit features a lift-up body which showcases a detailed blown drag racing engine and full-length funny car chassis.

The massive 426 Chrysler engine consists of nearly 40 parts which the builder must carefully align with the included vinyl wiring and fuel lines. The tube frame chassis is high-

lighted with a full racing suspension with all the appropriate linkage and support gear, and includes the choice of either Mag-style or Centerline wheels.

The kit comes with a 20-page illustrated instruction booklet that contains techniques for adding realism to the finished model, like cutting tubing length, sanding tires, routing ignition wires and fuel lines, mounting the rubber blower belt, painting, and staging assembly. The full color decal sheet features sponsorship graphics and full-body markings that complement the long, slender Charger funny car body. **HM**

### Revell

Revell has released its 1/16 Hawaiian Charger Funny Car (#85-4082). Roland Leong had a short career driving a dragster, which “lasted less than seven seconds” according to Don Prudhomme, one of his drivers. However, as an owner, and campaigning with many different drivers and a variety of “Hawaiian” dragsters and funny cars, Roland Leong is a celebrated American drag racer with a long record of championship wins as a car owner.

Molded in white and clear plastic, with chrome plated parts and soft black tires, the large scale Revell

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