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Model Kit Report

Keith's Picks for the Month

A variety to satisfy most modeling desires.

Airfix

Airfix has released its 1/48 Red Arrows Folland Gnat T.1 (A05124). The Folland Gnat was initially designed in 1955 as a low cost lightweight single-seat interceptor fighter, armed with twin 30mm cannon, intended for use with the British Royal Air Force. The RAF passed on the Gnat as a fighter, but later adopted the redesigned two seat version as a jet trainer. Powered by the Bristol Siddeley Orpheus engine, the diminutive Gnat was capable of Mach .95 speed, and served from 1960 until 1978. The Gnat found its true calling when used by the RAF's official aerobatic demonstration team, the Red Arrows, and remained in this capacity until 1979.

The kit includes 96 parts molded in light gray and clear plastic. The kit parts have finely engraved panel lines and well-molded surface details, as well as full-length air intake ducting with engine fan detail. The kit features a wide variety of options, including open or closed cockpit, positionable ailerons and rudder, raised or lowered wing flaps and open or closed avionics compartment. The cockpit has two optional ejections seats for use with or without pilot figures (although only one figure is included).

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, including painting and decal placement guides, as well as Cartograf decals for two Red Arrows aircraft from 1977 and 1979, which have the same paint scheme but differ only slightly in markings.

AMT

AMT has released its 1/25 "Super Shaker" '64 Chevy Impala 409 (AMT917/12). The



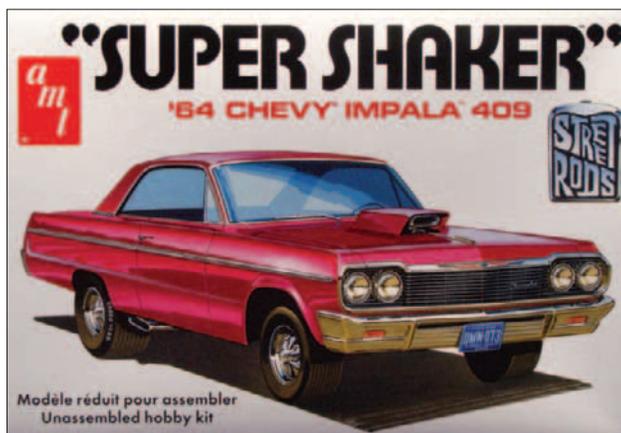
The Folland Gnat was designed as a interceptor fighter, but found its true calling with the Red Arrows demonstration team. 1964 Chevy Impalas were marked by subtle restyling with a more rounded, softer look. The third generation vehicle featured Impala's signature taillight assembly but individual lights were now surrounded with a body-colored panel. The 409 cubic inch engine also returned in 1964 as the big-block option for the ever popular Chevy Impala.

The AMT kit is molded in white plastic and includes transparent red, clear and chrome-plated parts. The kit can be built either stock or street rod custom, and it once again features all of the parts from the original issue. The kit comes with a variety of engine components and a full interior and includes two sets of tires -- standard and with crisp pad-printed lettering. The true strength of this kit is in the wide variety of parts that are included for the street rod custom version, including chrome wheels, a roll bar assembly, hood scoop, side exhausts, bumper options and a fully detailed blown 409 engine. Custom options include spotlights, aerials, jack stands and different shifters.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, painting and decal placement guides and decals featuring custom and racing graphics.

Dragon

Dragon has released the latest in its Black Label series, the 1/35 British Armoured Car Saladin Mk.2 (DRA-3554). The Saladin was built by the Alvis motor company as part of their FV600 series of six-wheeled armored vehicles. The FV600s were, in addition to the Saladin, the Saracen Armored Personnel



AMT has released its "Super Shaker" '64 Chevy Impala. The kit can be built stock or customized with chrome wheels, fully "blown" 409ci engine, hood scoop, side exhaust and a rollbar.

Carrier, the Stalwart high mobility load carrier and the Salamander fire/crash vehicle; all used similar or common suspension and drive train components with different upper bodies. The Saladin was equipped with a turret mounted 76mm gun and a coaxially mounted 7.62mm machine gun, as well as a 7.62mm machine gun mounted on top of the turret. While development began in 1948, the Saladin did not enter British service until 1958. Besides Great Britain, the vehicle served with 20 other countries and saw action in several armed conflicts before production ended in 1972.

The kit features a detailed exterior with a single piece hull, fender mounted and side stowage bins and separately molded turret. The suspension assemblies have upper and lower links, while the 6x6 drivetrain features detailed axle hubs and Dragon Styrene tires. The air outlet grill for the engine deck is photoetched metal. Separately molded jerry cans, smoke grenade dischargers, spotlight and headlights and cable reel add realistic detail to the hull. The hatches can be positioned open or closed, and the turret and gun can be moved and elevated for effect.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, including painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals for six different vehicles.

Flyhawk

Flyhawk has released its 1/700 HMS *Naiad* 1940 (FH1112). The HMS *Naiad* was a Dido class light cruiser, designed as fleet anti-aircraft platforms in the 1930s with the HMS *Naiad* being the second in the class commissioned in July of 1940. Designed to have ten 5.25 inch guns in five dual mounts, the actual armament varied between different ships due to manufacturing shortages of the guns. The HMS *Naiad* served in several capacities in the



The Dragon British Armoured Car Saladin Mk.2 is the latest entry in its Black Label line of exceptionally detailed kits.



Hasegawa is offering a Mitsubishi F1M2 Observation seaplane, the last biplane used by the Japanese during WW II.



Flyhawk has released its kit of the WW II era HMS Naiad light cruiser, which can be built with either a full hull, or as a waterline model.

Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea during the early days of the war. In March 1942, the ship was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-565 in the Mediterranean south of Crete.

The kit includes parts for the upper and lower hull, a base plate and weight for a waterline display, a two piece deck, 11 separate deck structures, 18 sprues of additional parts, a fret of photoetched metal detail parts and a print (suitable for framing) of the ship with history and specifications on the back. The kit can be built as either a full hull or a waterline model and with the main gun barrels level or elevated.

The kit comes with full color illustrated instructions, a painting and decal placement guide and decals for the ship specific to 1940.

Hasegawa

Hasegawa has released another version of its 1/48 Mitsubishi F1M2 Type Zero Observation Seaplane (HSGS7397). This Limited Edition kit represents an observation aircraft with the

934th Flying Group of the Imperial Japanese Navy operating from Ambon Island in March of 1944. The Mitsubishi F1M2 "Pete" was a two seat, single engine reconnaissance floatplane and was the last biplane used by the Japanese during World War II. Powered by the Nakajima Hikari

MK1 radial engine, the F1M2 had a maximum speed of 230 miles per hour and a range up to 670 miles. Armed with three 7.7mm machine guns, with two in the cowling firing forward and one for the observer, the aircraft could also carry two small bombs.

Originally designed as a catapult-launched reconnaissance airplane, the Pete was used in a number of roles for the Japanese Navy including area-defense fighter, convoy escort, bomber, anti-submarine, maritime patrol, rescue and

transport. While biplanes were rapidly becoming obsolete as the war progressed, the F1M2 served all around the Pacific theater throughout the war.

The kit contains 112 gray and 14 clear plastic parts, with a set of poly-caps that are used for holding the propeller in place. The kit features excellent surface detail, with finely engraved panel lines and rivets, as well as crisp fabric coverings where appropriate. The cockpit is a model unto itself, comprised of 32 parts, including the detailed instrument panels and sidewalls, bomb-sight, fuel tank and guns. The engine is one piece, representing the two rows of cylinders, but it is adequately detailed as seen through the cowling. The kit includes a beaching dolly for display, made up of nine parts, as well as a support stand for the rear of the float. The clear parts include the canopies, which have the option of being open or closed for the gunner's position.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, including painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals for one aircraft with the 934th Flying Group.

Pegasus Hobbies

Pegasus Hobbies has released its 1/32 T2 Judgment Day T-800 Endoskeletons kit (9017). In the classic 1991 science-



The Pegasus Hobbies T-800 Endoskeletons includes five humanoid (terminator) skeleton kits and a display base.

fiction movie *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, the human race has been decimated by the rise of Skynet machines with artificial intelligence. Tasked with eradicating humans, the humanoid T-800 machines were classified Terminators. Whether they were simply the gleaming metal mechanized endoskeletons or camouflaged with fleshy skin-like coverings to make them appear human, these machines could tar-

get a single individual, then track and kill with ruthless efficiency.

The Pegasus Hobbies kit includes 87 parts molded in gray plastic, including the base and display stand. The parts feature finely molded details, with each of the five T-800 endoskeletons comprised of 17 parts, including optional right arms with or without a weapon attached. The arms and legs can be assembled in a variety of positions to allow the figures to have different, and more realistic, action poses. The base has molded ground texture with additional rubble and human skulls, as well as a partially destroyed brick wall with open archway.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions with a painting guide, as well as recommendations for the types of paint and cement that are compatible with the ABS and styrene plastic of which the kit is made. **HM**

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AMT935 1989 BATMOBILE™
1:25 Scale

...from the Kats at AMT!

The 1989 BATMAN™ movie, a more gothic version of the character envisioned by Tim Burton returned BATMAN™ to his darker, noir origins. The impressive Anton Furst designed BATMOBILE set the tone with its distinctive bat-shaped tailfins, elongated silhouette and powerful jet turbine engine.

This AMT model kit measures **over 9" long** and captures every detail of BATMAN's™ iconic vehicle from the turbine engine to computer maintenance panels and authentic dashboard and cockpit. It features optional grappling hook and twin machine guns. It is injected in black plastic with chrome and clear parts with rubber tires and a full color Axis Chemical backdrop display.

- 1/25 scale, skill 2 kit, glue required
- Pull out turbine engine, computer access panels, machine guns & grappling hook
- Full color backdrop display

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