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## Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

Going for the gold. Over the past couple weeks many people around the world have been watching the Olympics; my wife and I are no exception. Like many other people, we have been wowed by the skill and athleticism of the American Olympians,



along with the Olympians from other countries. It is always exhilarating to see the American athletes place with a gold, silver or bronze medal, and a heart-sinking feeling when they miss out earning a place on the podium for the medal ceremony. But after reading a joking post on Facebook about every Olympic event needed to have a normal person as comparison, a thought struck me, that the athletes who did not receive a gold, silver or bronze medal are still incredibly talented athletes. That same school of thought applies to the world of scale model building and competition as well. At model shows, everyone who enters their work into the competition are "going for the gold" – they are presenting their efforts to the judges for assessment in hopes of receiving a first, second, or third place award. Depending on the rules of the show, typically there are only three modelers per category who are awarded the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place. But oftentimes the models on the table that do not receive an award does not mean those models are junk, they simply got edged out by another modeler. That being said though, not every modeler builds their models to receive an award at a show; their "gold medal" is the satisfaction of the finished product! And in all honesty, that's perfectly fine! That's the beauty of our hobby: you can build to an exquisite level of detail, or you can build straight out of the box, put your models into a competition or simply enjoy them on your shelf! Bottom line, this hobby is about the fun, enjoyment, and the personal satisfaction...*build what you want, the way you want to, and above all, have fun!*

***"We're making it a small world, because small things matter!"***

## LAST MEETING



**21 August:** Fourteen IPMS/MOSS “Knights of the Square Table” and a couple of guest members took a field trip: we went to the house of **Gary**



**Sanders’** friend, **Keith Morgan**, to enjoy his extensive model and toy car collection. Keith’s fascination with cars started at an early age when he began “driving” with his Remco Firebird 99 Sports Car steering wheel playset (which he still has his original, and even recently purchased a Mint –in-Box version). Keith collected his first promo car around age 4, and as he noted, “like a fungus, it just grew.”

Keith describes himself as an “orderly hoarder” (he has printed a label for every item in his collection) who “never [had] a wife to tell him no,” so he has displayed his extensive collection throughout his house. Each model, promo, or die cast car is labeled with the year, make and model of the vehicle represented, plus the kit



manufacturer, and they are all organized sequentially by year. Keith also has built a few of the “high dollar” kits in his collection, but he uses Elmer’s Glue to assemble them, and does not paint them, so in the event he wants to return them to the box, a short soak in water will leave the parts undamaged and easily disassembled!



Keith opened his house to our free reign to peruse and enjoy at our leisure. The rest of the evening was spent enjoying the collection and chatting.



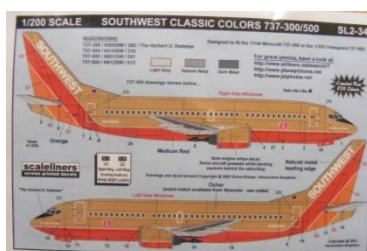




**Bill Loden** brought in his recently completed 1:48 Revell-Monogram F-4J Phantom II model. Wanting to speed the build process along, Bill blacked out the canopy (he was motivated to do this after seeing a VFW bird with similar treatment), and built his Phantom in-flight. He finished the model with Furball decals depicting a VF-92 aircraft from the *USS Constellation*, and mounted it on acrylic rod he purchased at **Branson Hobby Center**! Bill shaped the acrylic rod after heating it in the oven.



Bill also brought in his recently purchased 1:200 Hasegawa Boeing 737 which he plans to finish in Southwest Airlines livery using an aftermarket Scaleliners decal set.



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## WORK IN PROGRESS

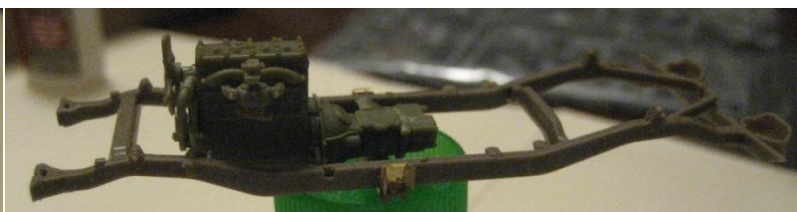
### *Bronco Models US GPW ¼ ton 4x4 Utility Truck (Mod. 1942), Part 1*

by Michael Steenstra

I am sharing with you my Work in Progress build of the Bronco Models CB35106 US GPW ¼ ton 4x4 Utility Truck (Mod. 1942) with 10-CWT Trailer and Airborne Crew. Boil all that down and it is the technical jargon for a US Army jeep with trailer and some Airborne Soldiers. This is the second Bronco 1:35 jeep kit that I've built. Below is a photo of the kit box art and the kit sprues.



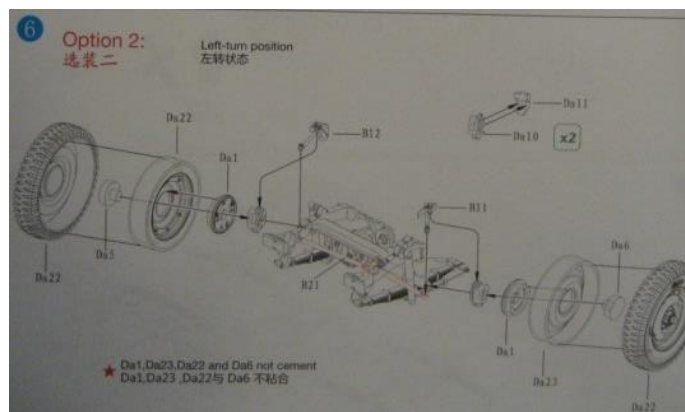
Steps 1 & 2 of the instructions start the assembly with the engine and work on the frame. The Bronco engine is very detailed and it goes together very easily. There are more engine parts to add in future steps, but I chose to not add them since they will not be visible on the model unless the hood is left open, and I'm not planning to display the hood open on this jeep.



Steps 3 and 4 add more details to the chassis: the drive shaft, skid plate, exhaust and muffler and the leaf springs. I used a small drill bit to hollow out the exhaust pipe for a little extra added detail and realism.

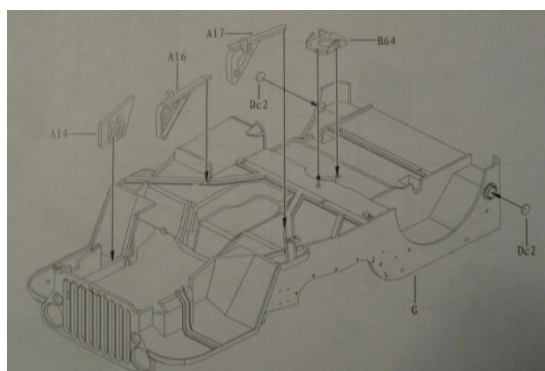


Steps 5 through 7 provide different options to display the wheels: your choice between straight forward or turned to the left or to the right. If you choose to turn the wheels, these steps can be pretty difficult because the attachment points are pretty small and there is not much



material to glue the wheels to, but with a little patience, it works out very well. For this jeep, I decided to build the wheels facing straight forward.

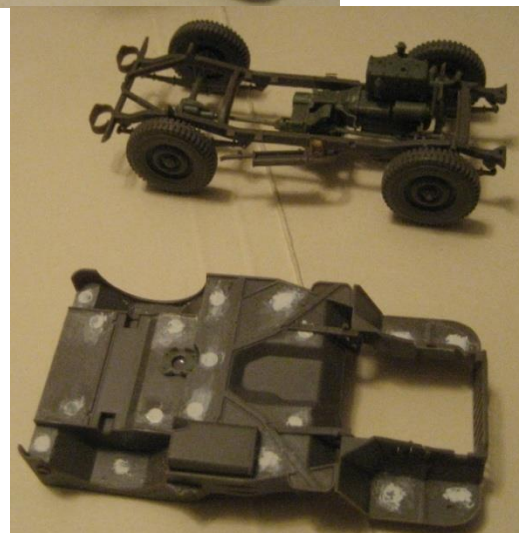
Step 8 includes the installation of different parts on the bottom of the jeeps body—mostly structural parts. I took the time to fill the only sink marks I found with this kit. I will wait to add all the clear parts until after painting.



Here (below right) are the two sub-assemblies – chassis and body – so far after the first eight steps in the instructions.

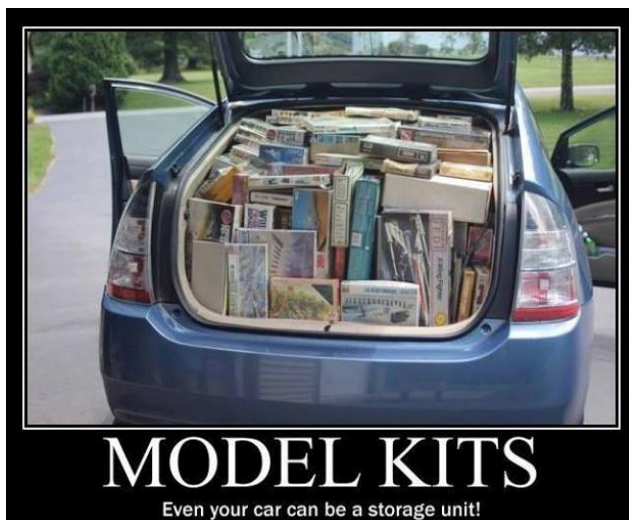
After building this second Bronco Jeep, I have to say it is one of the best jeep kits on the market. It does have a higher parts count than the Tamiya kit, but it goes together very well and it has more detail.

*Next month's issue will include Part 2.*



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## NEXT MEETING



**25 September 2016 - Sunday at 6pm – Godfather's Pizza in Ozark, MO (510 E. South Street). Come early and enjoy some pizza! Room is reserved starting at 5pm. Bring a friend! See you there!**

***Go to [www.ipmsmoss.com](http://www.ipmsmoss.com) and check out the Events Calendar for upcoming meetings, shows and events!***

**We'll see you at the meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>!**

**Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!**



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