

# SSCC DISPATCHES

THE SIXTH SCALE COLLECTORS CLUB NEWSLETTER



## NOVEMBER FIGURECON 7 SHOW

The SSCC FIGURECON is always special, due simply to the sheer number of figures, vehicles and dioramas that are presented by the members. Many regional shows are great events, but most have an emphasis on vendors and selling. The goal of the FIGURECON is to show the public the hobby and you can only do that when you display figures. This year's event was no exception. There were tons of figures, representing a large

variety of military subjects. There were a large number of vehicles, both WWII and modern. And as usual, the club had a large diorama that was a 1:6th representation of an American armor unit moving towards the front during the Lorraine Campaign. If you missed the event you missed out, but on the following pages are some pictures to whet your appetite for the next one.

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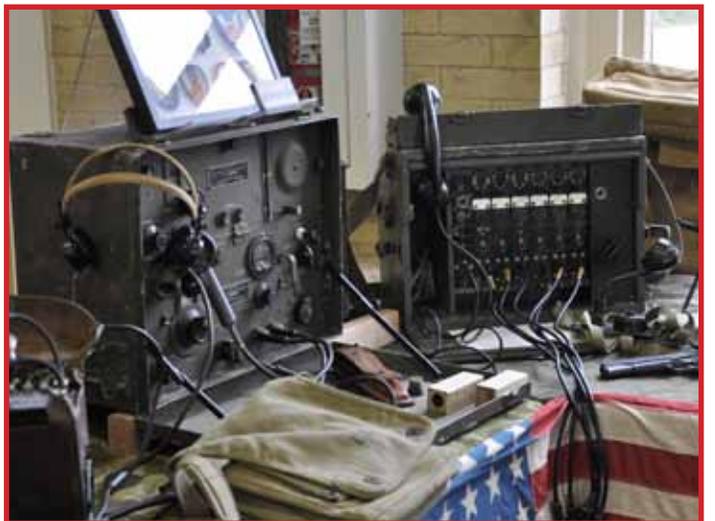
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## DECEMBER CLUB MEETING

The December meeting was well attended, which is not always the case after a big November show. We had a good crowd and plenty of 1:6th discussion. We didn't all bring show and tell (myself included), but there was still some great eye candy for everyone to checkout. (1) Dr. Zorkon had this humorous little scene of a couple of doctor's goofing off and enjoying some ice cream, only to be caught by the head nurse. (2) Panzercommander brought this sharp looking Armored Infantry Soldier of the 4th Armored Division. Top notch detailing for sure. (3) Halftrack had this nicely put together German General - great job as usual! (4) JKidd brought a nice quartet of OMG paras, two Brits and two Americans (all nicely done). (5) Panzercommander and Gray Ghost had a good selection of merchandise to choose from. Thanks to Panzercommander for taking photos. - PM



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**PROJECT BONUS** - When I am preparing to do a new project, I spend a lot of time collecting Photos of the subject. What follows are some notes I put together on my winter project - the WSC. The photos were stolen from a variety of sources, I would give credit, if I could remember where they came from. - PM

## 21st Century Toys WHITE SCOUT CAR PROJECT

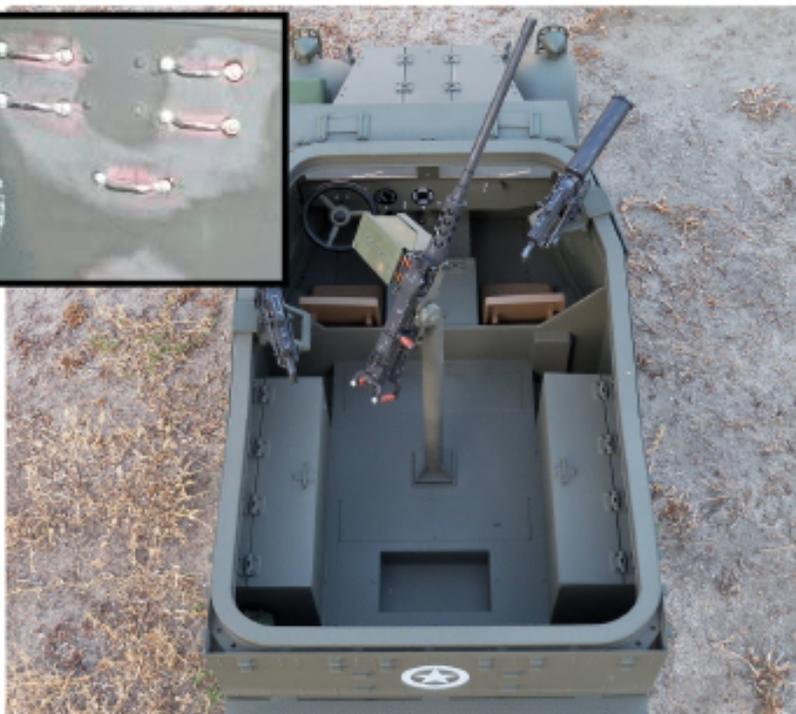
It is hard to believe that the 21st Century Toys White Scout Car is nearly 14 years old. The vehicle was released in 2001. Like the company's Stuart Tank, it is a great vehicle in that it is roughly scale, roughly correct and probably most importantly, incredibly sturdy, unlike many other 1:6th vehicles we have seen come and go. It is also a great platform for customization and detailing. The three pictures at right show the mint, out of the box WSC and are a perfect place to begin a discussion of what corrections need to be made and what details might be added.

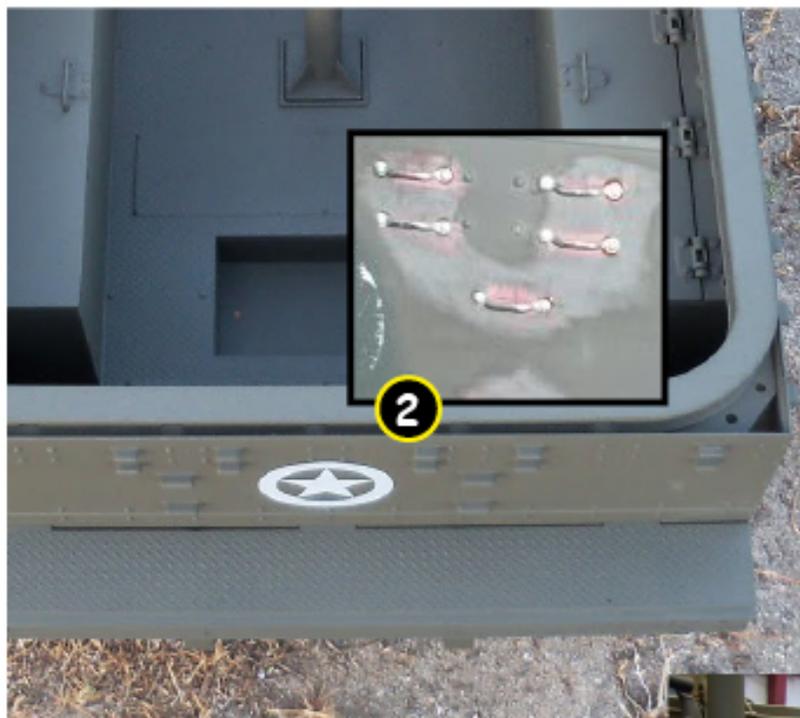
1. The first most glaring error is what I am calling (for lack of the correct term) the interior mounting ring, which encircles the top of the fighting compartment. This ring should actually be located so that it sits slightly below the lip of the hull, as show below.



I know that an aftermarket part was made to replace the ring that comes with the vehicle, but I am not putting any money into this project, I am going to simply attempt to lower the ring that is provided. I have not investigated it fully, so I do not know how hard it will be to accomplish, but it is a fix that should greatly improve the look of the vehicle.

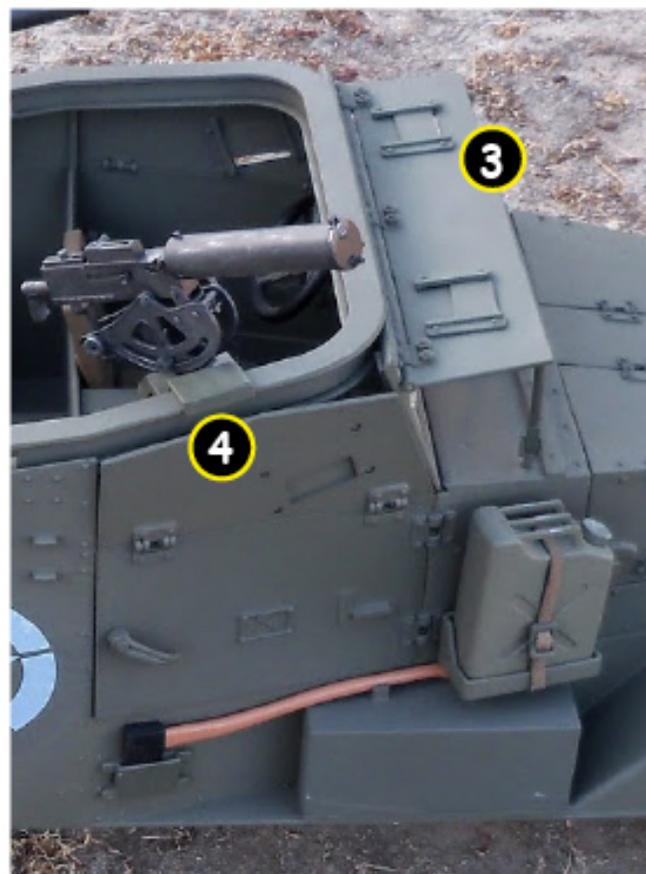
2. Vehicle TIE-DOWNS. There are little blobs of plastic all over the hull





of this vehicle that are supposed to represent tie-downs for gear and tools. They would have saved me a lot of time if they had just left that particular detail out. Armorpax makes a white metal casting of the tie-down hardware, but I really don't want to pay for it. I will probably come up with something using brass and styrene. But all of those blobs of plastic will have to be removed and the hull sanded smooth, hopefully without messing up any rivet detail. The need for real tie downs becomes more apparent when one starts to consider what sorts of details they want to add to give the vehicle a lived in look. Consider these details from the rear of a real WSC.

Without the tie downs, it would be impossible to realistically include the canvas top framing and the machine gun tripods. These are details I definitely want to include in my model.



3. The fold down armor for the front windshield also can use a little work, though this is a fairly simple fix. The support posts that hold it in the open position, hold it too high and causes it to rest at an unusual angle. The posts just need to be shaved down a bit to correct the problem.

4. The fold down armor on the doors do not work properly at all. They will not fold down all the way, and it is the hinges that are the problem. I will probably replace the molded hinges with some brass ones so that it can fold correctly. I also suspect that the door handles may be placed to high on the door if the fold down armor works correctly and they may well have to be repositioned.

5. Mounting hardware on tools on both sides of the vehicle need to be replaced. They are currently represented by plastic restraining clips that allow the tools to be easily removed. They should be mounted similarly to the tripods shown earlier, with tie-downs and leather straps. And while we are at it, let's just mention that there is a certain amount of door detail missing, that the gas cans and straps need to be replaced and the locking mechanisms for the hood need to be replaced as well.



...ON TO THE DETAILS...

6. I would like to replace the water cooled 30 caliber Brownings with later air cooled versions and add a 50 caliber, which my vehicle is currently missing. Hammer Six has helped me out with those details, providing the air cooled mgs and the 50 cal.

This is basically the idea that I am shooting for with my model. I found these pictures not too terribly long ago, and I really like the idea of the canvas top just over the driver's compartment. I have to admit that this is the only example I have ever seen of this and I have no idea if it was



actually done during the war, but I really like the look. So maybe at this point I will just start listing the rest of the details I would like to incorporate;

7. Driver's side mirror

8. Improved guards for front lights



9. Lots of gear hanging from all those tie-downs.  
10. I don't have a mount for my 50 caliber, so I will have to scratch-build one.

11. Seats in the crew area. For some reason, 21st correctly

recreated the back compartment of the vehicle, but added none of the detail. Maybe the vehicle reference they were working with didn't include any detail, but most of the pictures I have found, included these simple bucket seats on the floor. Some samples had six seats, some had four. It seems like a rather impractical and uncomfortable way to ride, but it was what it was. In any case, I think they should be included. Additionally, the interior could have all sorts of other crew details; packs, crates, weapons, etc. There is really no limit on what might be included as long as it fits into the scheme of the vehicle and time.





12. Opening up the grill slats. I have never actually seen these closed on any real vehicle, so it seems silly to have them closed on the model, especially since there is an engine.

13. I have also thought about removing that drum, like this example. I just have never really liked that particular detail and the vehicle really looks pretty good without it.

14. Also really like the idea of having some stowage on the top of the windscreen fold down armor. You see that a lot on vintage picture of half-tracks and I would guess that it was done on WSCs as well.

15. Detailing on the engine. The engine on the model isn't too bad, a few additional details and some wires and it could look pretty good.



Hopefully something in these notes will prove useful to someone else.

My plan is to start on the WSC after the holidays when things calm back down. I think it will be a satisfying rebuild as it is already a pretty good vehicle. As I progress on it, I will update in DISPATCHES - PM

# GOING WACO!

## PART III



Last month we featured Eric Barrow's beautiful scale Waco Glider fuselage frame. At that point in time, the interior framing was complete, including a detailed instrument panel and controls. As Eric found that the interior of the fabric skin was in fact white, so only the exterior skin will need to be painted. He intends to shrink wallpaper material onto the frame to create the skin. I've got a few more pictures that he sent me since the last issue and you can see how it is starting to take shape.



I am anxious to see the next update.  
This thing is so cool! - PM

