



5th status: as you can see from the pictures, it's going back together. I learned that the clutch ball is held in place (in the fork) with a clip, ordered the clip and was then able to attach the clutch fork, transmission, drive shaft, rear end, and rear springs. After more research, I installed the correct dish type freeze plugs in the block and painted it, the pan, the fan, and the side plate the right color. The valve cover needs minor body work before painting. I spent a couple days installing the rear backing plates with all their brake components and another day adjusting and re-adjusting the brakes and rods. I bought a special tool that lines everything up for proper adjustment. I think it saved me a lot of time. To avoid any slack in the system I used new clevis pins. I used a whole package and need to order more. I had to shorten one brake rod, which worried me at the time, 'cause once it is shortened; its rather difficult to lengthen it! I think I finally have the brakes right now, but the only true test will be driving it. I'll hopefully do that after I lift the body off the frame and suspend it from the ceiling. The biggest challenges in this project have been where parts were missing or wrong. I did want a challenge, didn't I?

