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Kit Carson held out for about as long as he could before finally agreeing to have Columbia River Knife & Tool (CRKT) reproduce his signature model, the M4 folder. CRKT has long offered its repro of Kit's M16 folder, but Kit had saved his popular M4 for his handmade line only—until now.

CRKT offers the knife in both manual—as Kit's handmade model is configured—and assisted-opening versions, the latter with the AutoLAWKS safety, which actuates when the folder is opened, thereby instantly making it a virtual fixed blade for safety's sake.

Blade steel is AUS-8 stainless, the handle is Zytel® and the bolsters are brushed stainless steel. The blade comes in a plain edge or in Tom Veff's serrations, which are wide and angled at 60 degrees to the edge. Weight: 4.6 ounces. Closed length: 4.375 inches. MSRP: \$99.99 each, no matter the model.

For more information contact CRKT, attn: D. Flagg, Dept. BL5, 9720 SW Hillman Ct., Ste. 805, Wilsonville, OR 97070 503.685.5015 info@crkt.com, www.crkt.com. For more on the knife, see the story on page 12.

The overalls on which the knife rests are in honor of those Kit has been known to wear “a time or two.”

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