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4-WD, 4-Wheel Steer "Donkey" For Center Pivot Irrigators

A new 4-WD, 4-wheel steer, high clearance rig designed specifically to work in fields irrigated by center pivots was introduced at the recent Husker Harvest Show near Grand Island, Neb.

"The Donkey" rides on four 11 by 24.5 tractor-treaded tires and is powered by a 25 hp engine on back that drives a hydrostatic transmission. It has a boom on front that's raised or lowered by a hydraulic cylinder. It's fitted with an electric winch that's used to lift tires, engines, or other parts. The driver sits at the back above a platform that can be used to carry tools such as air compressors, welders, torches, etc.

"It walks right through the muddiest ground and has ground clearance of 60 inches so it's tall enough to go through standing corn

without damaging it. It works great for changing gearboxes, tires, and nozzles, and for lifting sprinklers so that you can change them to the tow position. The winch can even be used to pull out stuck towers.

"Because all four wheels steer it has a very short turning radius to minimize damage to crops. By turning all four wheels it can even be used to crab steer and jump over rows. It measures only 72 in. from outside to outside of the wheels so it's small enough to transport on a standard utility trailer."

Sells for about \$15,000.

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Fifelski's International crawler loader is fitted with the blade off a 1010 Deere dozer.

Cat Dozer Fitted With Deere Dozer Blade

"I'm retired now but during my working years I owned several fine bulldozers. I sold the last one a few years ago but found I missed having one around," says Walter Fifelski, Wayland, Mich.

"So I bought an old T340 International crawler loader which needed some tender loving care. I found that the blade attached to the loader frame was not suitable for light dozing. I was lucky enough to find a complete dozer blade off a 1010 John Deere and it suited me just fine. Because the T340 already had side plates mounted on the frame, I had a local machine shop make up king pins and the rest was quite simple. Using the loader arms to raise the blade and even ap-

ply down pressure, I find this dual-purpose machine works just fine.

"Since at one time I owned a Deere 1010 dozer, I see very little difference in the way this machine handles. It only takes a few minutes to remove the dozer blade and put the bucket back on. I realize used blades like I have may be hard to find, but most anyone with a little ingenuity could make up a suitable blade.

"I hope this idea will help some other reader with similar needs."

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Ramp system consists of four separate steel arches that mount in pickup bed. Side ramps run from ground up to pickup.

Side-Loading Ramps Haul Two ATVs At A Time On Pickup

You can carry two ATVs at a time on your pickup using these new side-loading ramps from Advanced Recreational Products, Inc., Roseburg, Ore.

"It eliminates the need to haul a second ATV on a trailer and leaves room under the ATV's for storing other cargo," says inventor Lou Gillette.

The new ramp system consists of four separate steel arches that mount in the pickup bed. Side ramps run from the ground up to the pickup. You drive the first ATV onto one set of arches and secure it, then move the ramp over and drive the second ATV up. The ramps can then be folded and stored in the pickup bed.

"Holding the ATV's up over the pickup bed lets you take full advantage of the bed's storage space," says Gillette. "We think the design also makes it the strongest, lightest and safest loading ramp on the market."

The arches in the pickup bed fit into steel rails that run along each side of the pickup bed. The company recommends bolting the rail to the inner lip of the bed, but they can also be clamped on for quick removal. Rubber backing on the rail protects the paint.

"The arch fits over most bed-high tool boxes or auxiliary fuel tanks and will fit long bed, short bed and midsize pickups. We also offer a flat floor model. And we offer single arch models for mini pickups," says Gillette.

"The weight of the ATV placed above the axle will change the center of gravity of the



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vehicle, making it top heavy similar to having a camper on top. To avoid a rollover the driver should avoid high speeds, sharp or abrupt maneuvers, and side hill conditions."

A system set up for two ATVs sells for \$1,195 plus S&H.

The company also sells a "Pac Rac" heavy duty carrier designed to carry a single ATV behind any vehicle equipped with a standard 2-in. Reese receiver hitch. The floor measures 50 in. deep by 74 in. wide and can carry any ATV weighing up to 650 lbs. Carriers for other equipment are also available - a 26 by 48-in. one for heavy toolboxes; a 50 by 74-in. one for golf carts, etc., up to 1,000 lbs.; and a 77 by 96-in. one designed to fit motor homes that can carry two ATVs.

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Air Ride Semi Tractor Seat "Super Comfortable"

When the original seat on his 1978 IH 4386 tractor wore out, Mark McGregor, Warren, Minn., decided to replace it with a used "air ride" seat designed for semi tractors.

"It has thick padding and a high back which makes it super comfortable, and it's designed to float up or down which smoothes out the bumps. It sure shortens my work day," says McGregor. McGregor threw away the tractor's original seat but kept its swivel mechanism. He drilled new holes in it so he could bolt the semi seat onto it. He bought a new air pump and wired it up to the tractor's 12-volt electrical system. The pump builds up air pressure inside an air bag mounted under the seat. A rocker switch on the cab wall is used to turn the pump on or off.

"I don't think there's a more comfortable tractor seat anywhere," says McGregor. "The original seat never was very comfortable. My dad uses the tractor a lot to pull a field cultivator. Some of the newer tractors come factory equipped with air ride seats. How-



Seat has thick padding and a high back. ever, aftermarket ones sell for up to \$500 apiece. My only cost was \$100 for the seat and \$20 for the pump."

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