### **Money-Saving Repairs & Maintenance Shortcuts**



Tractor is anchored by a chain hooked to rollbar. Safety stand secures front end of tractor while it's up in the air.

#### **"Poor Man's" Work Stand For Garden Tractors**

Nelson Benson, Beaver Creek, Minn., came up with an easy way to change the deck or sharpen the blades on his Kubota garden tractor equipped with a 72-in. mower deck.

He put an anchor in the concrete pad outside his shop and runs a chain from the anchor to the tractor's rollbar. He sets a heavybuilt stand on the pad just ahead of the tractor and then slowly drives forward until the front wheels are about 2 ft. off the floor, just above a notch cut into the top of the safety stand.

When he's finished working, he moves the

stand out of the way and then slowly backs up to lower the front wheels.

"It's an easy way to do blade work on a garden tractor," says Benson. "I think this method is safer than using blocks or a frontend loader because if anything goes wrong the safety stand will hold the tractor."

Benson made the safety stand by welding 4-in. sq. tubing onto a 24-in. diameter disc blade.

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Scrap iron bin sits outside the Allard's shop until it's full. Chains hooked to front and back of bucket dump bin when bucket is dumped.

## Scrap Steel Bin Keeps Shop Tidy

Francois Allard made a scrap steel bin for recycling that hangs by chains from a frontend loader and dumps when the bucket dumps.

"We use it for smaller items like cultivator shovels, cut-off scraps, etc. In the past I always had a bunch of buckets sitting around. Now I just dump them in this bin," Allard says.

He started with a 5-ft. box scraper and welded some old combine rasp bars under one side to make the bin even at the top. He used some angle iron taken from the scraper hitch to make a frame, which he welded underneath.

"I used a cutting torch to make a few holes in the bottom so water can drain out," he says. "The bin sits outside our shop until it's full, and then we pick it up with chains hooked to the front and back of the loader bucket. We dump it into a big bin we get from our local recycling company."



# It saves me a lot of time and mess, says Allard.

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### **All-Terrain Rolling Work Seat**

Frustration with a mobile work seat that would not roll easily on a concrete shop floor led Mark Denlinger, Eldorado, Ohio, to develop this all-terrain shop seat with 8-in. pneumatic tires.

It worked so well – even on dirt and gravel – that the heavy-built "Super Scuter" is now on the market from Ace Industries for \$169 plus S&H.

Denlinger says the 3-wheel caster design rolls easier than 4-wheel stools. The cushioned seat easily adjusts between 13 and 20 in. in height and he says the triangular-shaped stool is easy to get on and off.

Available in Deere green, Case-IH red, Ford blue and Cat yellow.

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Cushioned seat easily adjusts between 13 and 20 in. high.



Triangular-shaped stool rides on three 8-in. pneumatic tires.





Bench consists of a drop center table with two heavy duty wings supported by adjustable folding legs. "You can use it in a lot of different ways," says inventor Clint Birkeland.

### Portable Work Bench Folds Up For Storage

It takes less than a minute to set up this heavy duty portable work bench. When you're done, it folds up out of the way.

The "Lee Unlimited Power Bench" consists of a drop center table with two heavy duty wings supported by adjustable folding legs. The bench is adjustable in height from 28 to 40 in. and measures 2 ft. wide by 9 ft. long. The entire unit folds up to just 6 in. wide and 56 long. A pair of wheels lets you roll it around like a 2-wheeled handcart.

"You can use your imagination to make this bench work for you in a lot of different ways," says Birkeland. "It's ideal for holding a metal chop saw or power miter, or other table saw. Or you can just use it as a sawhorse. It can also be used to do welding work, and it has a built-in wire reel holder. By placing a length of plywood on top of the stand you can convert it into a work bench for machine work. By dropping the center table three hole settings it's just right to make most any brand or type of cut-off saw level with the outer wings."

Sells for \$419.

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Entire unit folds up to just 6 in. wide and 56 in. long.



A pair of wheels lets you roll bench around like a 2-wheeled handcart.