

# Reader Letters



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a Deere turbo charger, a Datsun rear end and transmission, plus miscellaneous airplane parts, Volkswagen parts, and



more. We've taken long trips from the Smokey Mountains to Florida and it rides great. A fun ride. (Kazira Temple, 5435 Co. Rd. 78, Pisgah, Ala. 35765)

I have an 18-ft. hydraulic fold disk stored in my shop that poses a danger for kids and adults walking by the disk blades. I



cut two 50-gal. plastic barrels in half and made cutouts along the side for the disk hangers and disk scrapers, then slipped them over the end of each gang. I hold them in place with bungee cords. (Lewis Leon Dick, Mount Hope, Kan.)

Here's how to make a simple, no-cost big square bale mover. Just sharpen a 6-ft. long piece of 1-in. dia. steel rod and drive it through one end of a 4 by 8-ft. bale. Then hook a chain around each end of the rod and pull the bale to the pasture with a pickup or tractor. No need to have a big loader to handle it. (Joe Kimmel, 10 Blue Shale, Riverton, Wyo.)

About 20 years ago I bought a little fencing tool that makes accordion folds in the wire to take up slack. It was easy to use and made tightening up fence simple. Recently I lost the tool and I can't find where to buy another one. It looked like a "V" with a pivot in the middle that would pull the wire down. I've talked to other people who've used one but no one knows where to get one. I'd pay a couple hundred dollars for one if I could find one, even though I originally bought it for about \$20. (Ed Layman, 2706 Jones Cove Rd., Sevierville, Tenn. 37876 ph 865 453-5079)

These cars are replicas of Henry Ford's first "horseless carriage" and of a 1903



Model "A" Fordmobile. Both have 5 1/2 hp. Honda engines, lawn mower transmissions and differentials. They have heavy 26-in. bike wheels with sprocket and chain drives. The "horseless" carriage has tiller steering. The 1903 model has rack and pinion steering. Both have bodies made of pine and cypress lumber bonded to steel frames. (Ed Beck, Box 8, Hartsville, S.C. 29551 ph 843-332-7398)

Your readers might be interested in my

red, white and blue garden tractor. I got a Sears Craftsman from a friend for free. It wasn't running and I was going to scavenge parts off it but then I decided it wasn't in too bad shape and maybe I



could fix it. I first decided to paint it and, as you can see, I got a little carried away. Then I extended both rear axles and the front spindles. I put big tires all around and made front fenders out of rear fenders from another tractor. I got the 10 hp. motor running and then read an article in FARM SHOW about someone who made a little tractor that ran 45 mph. So I changed pulleys on the transaxle and on the motor so that this little tractor now runs 45 mph and even does wheelies.

I've had a lot of fun building and driving it. Other than labor, I've spent only about \$75 for belts, pulleys, and paint. (Lynn Beccue, 7525 W. 700 N., Fair Oaks, Ind. 47943 ph 219 866-8780)



I'm 78 years old and I sometimes get dizzy in the shower. So I came up with the idea of a guard rail made out of an old crutch. I put a couple nails in the shower wall frame and drilled holes in either end of the crutch. So it's easy to set the crutch in place and take it down. Since crutches are made from hard wood, they're very strong and will easily support my weight if I should need it. (Merrill Ray Kopp, Shady Spring, West Virginia)



I've read a couple stories about horseless carriages in FARM SHOW and thought I'd send a picture of mine. I made it in my spare time one winter. I enter it in parades and take the neighborhood kids for rides. (Jay Nevenhoven, P.O. Box 1, Baileyville, Ill. 61007 ph 815 235-4600).

I made this grasshopper from scrap materials. The body is made from an 18-in.



pipe wrench and the wings are old metallic U-shaped curtain holdbacks I riv-

eted to the wrench. The large legs are 3/8 in. rebar, the others are 3/16 in. smooth weld wire. The feelers are 1/8 in. smooth wire. The wrench is adjustable in order to "feed" the grasshopper. (R.E. Wilkins, 1024 S. Gretchen Ave., Chanute, Kansas 66720, ph 620 431-7913).

When my wife developed rheumatoid arthritis, I rebuilt a Wheel Horse garden



tractor so she can visit neighbors and I put together a special cart so she can garden.

To haul tools, I bolted two sections of 3/4 in. plywood to the front half of the cart, spaced about 4 in. apart; one above the other. Then I cut out big holes to fit two 5-gal. pails for small tools and another hole big enough for two 4-in. dia. pvc pipes to hold the long handled tools. (Robert G. Wall, 1250 S. Upland Drive, Salem, Ind. 47167, ph 812 883-4983).



I thought you might be interested in seeing some real "duck" tape. (Ivan L. Pfalser, RR 1, Box 162, Caney, Kansas 67333).

I needed a drag or harrow for my garden so I salvaged an old set of bed springs and tied a rope from it to my 4-wheeler. It works perfect. (Tom Farr 223 CR 1401, Burnsville, Miss. 38833).



I made this ski walker to support my bum leg. I bolted old wooden skis to a 1 in. wide by 1/2 in. cold rolled steel piece that makes the skis a few feet longer. The frame is a 3/8 in. steel rod welded to each end of the skis to stabilize it. It's good exercise and makes walking on ice easier. (Gordon J. Brietzke, R.R. 1 Box 26 S 4, Spirit River, Alta. T0H 3G0).

I built this cab for my new Deere 2210 tractor for less than \$300.



I used angle iron and 1/2-in. plywood to make the cab and plexiglass for the windows. The angle iron frame bolts to the tractor's roll bar using existing holes in the roll bar. Foam rubber fills the space

between the tractor's hood and windshield. I put a hinged door on one side. The whole thing comes off in four sections.

I also used an old 275-gal. oil tank to build a 5-ft. wide, quick tach blade on front. It's got a 1 1/2-ft. angled wing at one end. I use it to push light snow. (LaMar B. Fahnestock, 300 S. Ramona Rd., Lebanon, Penn. 17042, ph 717 866-4802).

I've been active in area tractor shows for over 40 years and this year, in conjunc-



tion with my Little Guys Show, we will host the first USA National Motorized Pedal Tractor Meet on my farm Sat. April 23 and Sun., April 24, 2005. (Bob Rentzel, 5380 Board Rd., Mount Wolf, Penn. 17347, ph 717 266-4490).

Thanks for your article in the 2005 Best of FARM SHOW about my business importing Chinese tractors. Since the original article, we have changed ownership and moved. The correct contact information is: Homestead Tractors & Supply, Richard Stewart, 23604 E. Henry Rd., Liberty Lake Wash. 99019 ph 509 218-6216 or 509 892-1664; email: rstewart@ntera.net.



I'm sending a photo of my grandson Adam in one of the igloos we build on our front lawn.

We cut the ice with a power saw and haul it to the front lawn. Then, we use snow and water for mortar. I can make one like this in a day and a half, weather permitting.

Finally, we put colored lights inside, which makes it very noticeable at night. Also, on windy days, it seems a lot warmer inside.

The best thing about it is that I don't have to take it down since mother nature seems to take care of this every March. (Reg Crigger, R.R. 2 Box 40 Johnston Rd., Dryden, Ontario P8N 2Y5, ph 807 937-6616).

**Editor's Note: The Spoon Bread recipe in the last issue is missing one ingredient. Please add 1 cup of milk to the mix.**

Thanks for the article you wrote about our chicken pluckers in the last issue. Unfortunately, the price for the table top picker is \$300 not \$170. We've also changed our website as well. It's now www.knasecoinc.com. (Tom Knase, Knase Company Inc., 7887 Fuller Rd., Suite 116, Eden Prairie, Minn. 55344 ph 800 808-3335 or 952 906 3333; website: www.knasecoinc.com).