

Reader Letters



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Our new infrared Halogen heat lamp contains a special coating that prevents breakage from impact and exposure to water, even when



water is sprayed on the hot bulb. The bulbs last three times longer than incandescent bulbs (10,000 hours). As a result, farmers don't have to replace existing lamps to enjoy the benefits of an infrared Halogen heat lamp. We also offer an infrared Halogen reflector adapter unit for use in traditional lamps. The infrared Halogen bulbs and reflector adapter units are available in 175 or 250 watts. A brooder and 175-watt bulb combination sells for about \$34 plus S&H. (Syrvet Inc., Box 490, 16200 Walnut St., Waukegan, Iowa 50263 ph 800 727-5203 or 515 987-5554; fax 5553)

Our new electric scooter is smaller and weighs much less than other electric scooters on the market. The 40-in. long rig rides on two 9-in. high, 3 1/2-in. wide pneumatic wheels and weighs only 66 lbs. with a built-in

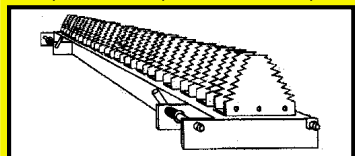


12-volt battery. The battery belt-drives the rear wheel and comes with a built-in charger. There are only two controls - the throttle on the right handle and the hand brake on the left handle. By removing a pin the scooter can be folded down to a height of only 12 in., allowing it to fit easily into a car trunk.

It's simple to operate and also a lot of fun because there's no noise, odors, or smoke. The foot platform is only 5 in. off the ground, making it easy to get on and off. If you want you can pull the seat out and drive it standing up. Top speed is 14 to 15 mph. The battery mounts under the foot platform and quickly snaps in or out. You can go about 10 miles before the battery has to be recharged.

Available in red, blue, yellow or white. Options include an extra battery, headlights, and a carrier basket. Sells for \$950 plus S&H. (Great Plains Products, Inc., Box 329, Concordia, Mo. 64020 ph 660 463-7223; fax 7158)

Over the past four years, our add-on chopper kits for Case-IH Axial Flow combines have been proven to chop straw finer and spread



it better than conventional chopper blades. They also wear better and stay sharp longer.

Now, we've modified the design to allow for easier installation and to enable you to get even more out of the kit. Primarily, we've

lowered welds so that you can position the concave in the highest setting, making the sickle sections more aggressive and chopping the straw still finer.

The bolt-on U-shaped sickle sections install easily and fit all Axial Flow combines fitted with an existing chopper. Set includes 13 cutter blades and bolts and complete instructions.

They sell for \$99.95 (U.S.), \$139.95 (Canadian) plus S&H. (Brian Skipper, 4371 Gleason Line, Rt. 1, Tilbury, Ontario, Canada N0P 2L0; ph toll-free 877 754-7737 or 7738; fax 519 682-1669; Website: www.ciaccess.com/-skippers; E-mail: skippers@ciaccess.com)

We wanted to update FARM SHOW readers on a couple of our products which were previously featured in your magazine.

First, we've made a big improvement to our "E-Z View" dust eliminator system for Deere combines (Vol. 21, No. 4). The chain-driven unit consists of a pair of 12-in. fans mounted



above inspection holes to remove dust from the feederhouse, improving visibility and keeping windshields clean. We now build the unit's housing out of heavy-duty rotational molded plastic instead of the 16-ga. metal we used before. This way, it's much more durable and functional. It's also scratch and rust-resistant and it weighs 30 lbs. less.

Our standard unit sells for \$1,695. We also make a "junior" model equipped with a single 12-in. fan that sells for \$995.

Second, we've come up with a nifty tool to go along with our bead breaker (Vol. 22, No. 4) which features a pivoting wedge operated



by a 2-ton bottle jack to break beads on everything from 8-in. garden tractor tires up to 20-in. truck tires.

The new tool is a three-piece portable, compact tire changer that's ideal for use in small shops.

It consists of a 36-in. long arm with foot attached to one side and a pipe and plate tire holder to the other.

To use, you back your pickup or car over the foot to anchor the tool. Then you remove the tire from the rim with our bead breaker. Next, place the wheel on the pipe and plate and secure it with one carriage bolt. Finally, you use our 3-ft. tire iron equipped with a hook on one end to replace the tire. Works just like big commercial shop changers.

The package - bead breaker, tire changer and tire iron - sells for \$335. (Harold Kruckman, Kruckman-Shultz Products, 232 Laurel Ave., Hazel Run, Minn. 56247; ph toll-free 888 263-4649 or 320 383-2389)

My wife and I spotted these "tractor" and "pickup" Jungle Gyms at a park last summer while visiting our daughter in Wayne, Neb.

The frame of the full-size Deere tractor is made out of pipe and is fitted with combine



tires on back and regular tractor tires on front. It has a bench seat for kids to play on. It's painted Deere green and yellow, just like the real thing.

The frame of the pickup is also made out of pipe and is fitted with regular pickup tires,



front and back. The box is made from wood and it too has a bench seat to accommodate junior drivers and passengers. It's painted blue.

I don't know whether the projects were done by a group or an individual, but the work was impressive. (Ron Henggeler, 1151 Road L, Schuyler, Neb. 68661; ph 402 352-5654)

This salt and mineral feeder/duster is really popular in our neck of the woods. The \$313 "Dusticator" mounts on a tripod base and is equipped with a 50-lb. rubber tub for loose



mineral and a four salt block holder under the dust skirt. It's made by Mann Made Products Inc., 208 West Main, Waterville, Kan. 66548 (ph 785 363-2250).

A few of my neighbors have complained about one problem, however. When cattle stick their heads up underneath the skirt to lick salt, the feeders can be easily tipped over.

To solve the problem, I simply weld a 25 to 26-ft. length of 1-in. dia. shop-rolled pipe onto the legs all the way around the bottom. This way cattle cannot turn them over because the ring hits them in the belly.

I do the modification for \$80 plus the cost of the pipe. Works like a charm. (Don Moss, R.R.1, Box 27, Tallula, Ill. 62688; ph 217 634-4158)

We used to buy wood chips to spread around trees and flower beds. Then I converted this old pull-type forage harvester into a wood



chipper. Now we make our own chips.

It was a pull-type 717 New Holland that I

bought last year at an auction. I removed the original hood and replaced it with the rear chute off an old McKee forage harvester. I adapted the chute to mount on front of the 717, in part by building a new mounting bracket for the axle. It allows me to swing the tongue over as far as possible to the right so the harvester travels directly behind the tractor instead of to the left.

We made a safety lever out of part of an old schoolbus seat frame and mounted it on the rear of the chute. It allows me to engage and disengage the chipper drum immediately from the ground. We also lowered the blower spout about 1 1/2 ft. - and may lower it more - so it's more practical for blowing chips into our dump trailer or wagon.

The only other work we did to the harvester was to install a new ledger and sharpen the knives on the drum.

The chipper works great for branches up to 2 in. in dia., which it easily turns into 1 by 1/4-in. chips.

Saves us a lot of money on wood chips and didn't cost much more than \$350 to build, the price of the used harvester. (Loren R. Becker, R.R. 1, Dashwood, Ontario, Canada N0M 1N0; ph 519 237-3452)

Here's a transportable squeeze chute we built.

The 3-ft. wide by 4-ft. high by 7-ft. long chutes have a 2 in. sq. tubing frame and bridge plank flooring. They feature detachable wheels and a tongue for transport. Two



winch-operated round baler belts go around the animal to hold it in place for shoeing. Four winch-operated ropes attached to hoof stands and raise and lower hooves.

They sell for \$1,200 plus freight with transport wheels and tongue; \$1,000 without.

Incidentally, the original chutes were designed by my friend Don Crawford of Merrill, Iowa. He's 81 years old and still shoes horses nearly every day.

Don also designed and built this handy horseshoe shaping stand. It consists of an 8 by 12-in. flat plate top fitted with a series of pins for shaping the shoes. It mounts on a pipe and base and has several plastic pipe holders for tools. They're a heavy-duty unit. Mine weighs 90 lbs. (Phil Rupp, Rupp Mfg. Co. Inc., 895 540th St. Cherokee, Iowa 51012; ph 800 798-2522 or 712 225-2522)

That's my mom, Lillian, on a 1/2-scale replica of a 1936 Deere G.P. I made it as a yard ornament mainly out of parts from an old Moline combine and an old Allis combine I



had around for parts.

For example, the frame was built out of the Allis frame. The belt pulleys and brake drums are pulleys off the Moline. The hood is tin work off the Moline, as is the operator's platform.

The front wheel came off an old stalk chopper, while the back wheels came off a horse-drawn manure spreader. The seat and steering wheel came off an old lawnmower.

The tractor, which attracts quite a bit of attention, sits in our front yard. (Eric Pekarek, Rt. 1, Box 193A, Valparaiso, Neb. 68056; ph 402 784-3793).