

Editor's Notebook

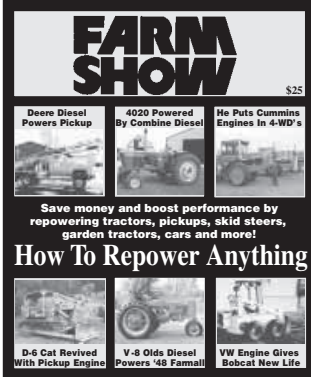


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Have You Seen Our "Repower" Book?

If you've got a favorite tractor, pickup, garden tractor or other piece of machinery that needs a new engine, you'll want to check out our new book: "How To Repower Anything".

It's a fantastic 100-page collection of hundreds of stories on repowering tractors, pickups, skid steer loaders, cars and much more. In addition to the best repowering stories gleaned from past issues of FARM SHOW, the book also features resource lists of companies which specialize in all kinds of repowers and restorations. We've also pulled together lists of companies which supply new and rebuilt engines and repower kits.



There are two ways to get the book:

1. Pay \$19.95 (\$29.95 Canadian) for a one-year extension of your current subscription and get the "How To Repower Anything" book FREE. Or you can give a gift subscription to a friend, neighbor, or business associate and we'll send both you and the gift recipient a FREE copy of the book.
2. If your present subscription is already paid up for several years, you can order the "How To Repower Anything" book for just \$9.95 (\$14.95 Canadian) plus \$1.95 S&H.

Make your check payable to FARM SHOW. Mail to: "How To Repower Anything" Offer, FARM SHOW, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, MN 55044 or call 800 834-9665.

GM Settles Pickup Lawsuits

General Motors has paid at least \$495 million to settle nearly 300 lawsuits filed by families of victims who were killed in crashes involving the company's line of C/K pickups, the Associated Press recently reported.

News of the payouts leaked out when a federal judge in Missoula, Mont., released an exhibit in a case brought by the estate of a family killed in a pickup accident.

The suits involve C/K trucks with fuel tanks mounted outside the vehicles' protective frames. GM produced more than 9 million of the pickups from 1973 to 1987. They later changed the design.

GM opposed the judge's release of the settlement information. A company spokesman said the number and size of settlements did not mean the C/K pickups were unsafe.

However, the documents released said 297 settlements of lawsuits involving the pickup resulted in payouts of an average of \$1.6 million per individual.

Federal regulators dropped an investigation into the line of trucks in 1994 in exchange for a \$51 million payment from GM that was earmarked for safety programs.

An Early Look At A New Full-Sized Pickup

The first Japanese car company to take on American dominance in the full-sized pickup market is Nissan, which plans to start rolling out its V-8 powered Titan this fall. It will be



built at a new factory in Canton, Mississippi. The only other Japanese pickup that comes close is the 7/8th size Toyota T-100 Tundra, which came out about 10 years ago.

The Titan is 18 plus ft. in length with a 139.8-in. wheelbase and the maximum width allowed. It matches the Chevy Silverado, Dodge Ram, Ford F-150 and GMC Sierra in size.

The Titan is powered by a 5.6-liter DOHC V-8 engine, a 5-speed automatic transmission, rear or 4-wheel drive (with a choice of two transfer cases), and two cab-bed combinations: A King Cab with rear-hinged back doors and a 6 1/2-ft. bed, or a Crew Cab with real back doors and a 5.6-ft. bed.

According to a review of an early-model test drive in Automobile Magazine, the Titan rivals the best trucks out there in power and handling. In fact, the writer who drove the new truck says it's the first full-size pickup he's ever driven that doesn't drive like one.

Giant Dairy Community

Plans are in the works to build a nearly 2,000-acre gated community in the Mojave Desert of California to house 600 dairy farmers and their families alongside about 90,000 head of cattle.

Planned by two California businessmen, the giant dairy community aims to produce electricity in a big way, along with dairy products. Methane digesters will turn manure into 50 megawatts of electricity. While digesters aren't new, they've never been used on so large a scale before.

Total cost of the proposed development is \$1 billion and will include 30 dairy farms built from scratch, each with 3,000 cows. Each farm will be located on a 1,920-acre irrigated cunk of land.

Even supporters concede putting 90,000 Holsteins in the midst of the desert is unusual. Nevertheless, the project is being propelled by two powerful political currents: the need to reduce agricultural pollution and the need to diversify and expand California's sources of electricity. (AP)

Mosquito Lore

- Use Bounce Fabric Softener sheets as a mosquito repellent. Just wipe on and go. Great for babies.
- Some fishermen take a 100 mg. B-1 vitamin tablet every day, April through October. One man has done it for 33 years and claims he never gets bitten.
- If you eat bananas, mosquitos like you. Something about banana oil attracts biting insects. Stop eating bananas and you'll get fewer bites.
- One of the best insect repellants, according to legend, is Vick's Vaporub.
- Plant marigolds around the yard. The flowers give off a smell that mosquitos, and other bugs, do not like.
- One of the best natural insect repellants is real vanilla.

The Rest Of The Story . . .

The amazing Paul Harvey must like FARM SHOW Magazine because he often broadcasts stories from the magazine on his daily radio show. In fact, he recently used two stories in one day, almost identical to the way they appeared in the magazine. Our only complaint is that he sometimes doesn't tell where the stories come from so his faithful listeners - some of whom also get FARM SHOW - might not know who had the story first. Come on, Paul, how about a plug for FARM SHOW!!

One morning about 10:00 a.m., we got a call at the office from a fellow who wouldn't identify himself. He said he was calling from the Reynolds Feed Store in Reynolds, Ill., where a group of guys were sitting around talking. He said talk had turned to hemorrhoids and one of the fellows (iden-

tified only as the "Proud Belgian") swore he had a sure-fire cure. He said he uses the John Deere "talc powder" that comes with Deere's vacuum planter. It's used to keep seed flowing freely through the air lines. After I expressed some doubts about the idea, I could hear the entire group of guys in the background swearing to the truth of it. I responded that in order to run the story we would need a photo of someone using the product. That's when the line went dead.

Today In The Markets

Helium was up.
Feathers were down.
Paper was stationary.
Flourescent tubing was dimmed in light trading.
Knives were up sharply.
Cows steered into a bull market.
Pencils lost a few points.
Hiking equipment was trailing.
Elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline.
Weights were up in heavy trading.
Light switches were off.
Mining equipment hit rock bottom.
Diapers remained unchanged.
Shipping lines stayed at an even keel.
The market for raisins dried up.
Coca Cola fizzled.
Black & Decker stock inched up a bit.
Balloon prices were inflated.
Scott Tissue touched a new bottom.

Liberty Quotes

It is the first responsibility of every citizen to question authority. *Benjamin Franklin*

Taxation with representation ain't so hot either. *George Barzan*

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. *Mark Twain*

The government taxes you when you bring home a paycheck. It taxes you when you make a phone call.

It taxes you when you turn on a light.

It taxes you when you sell a stock.

It taxes you when you fill your car with gas.

It taxes you when you ride a plane.

It taxes you when you get married.

Then it taxes you when you die.

J.C. Watts, Jr., former U.S. Representative

The threat of people acting in their own enlightened and rational self-interest strikes bureaucrats, politicians and social workers as ominous and dangerous. *W.G. Hill*

It is in the character of very few men to honor without envy a friend who has prospered. *Aeschylus, 525-456 B.C.*

The earth is degenerating today. Bribery and corruption abound. Children no longer obey their parents. It is evident that the end of the world is fast approaching. *Assyrian Tablet, 2800 B.C.*

I was at a Rodeo when an announcement was made: "Next item on the program is the steer roping event."

A lady with a vocal young son sat behind us in the stands. The young boy blurted out loudly, "Mom, what is a steer?"

A hush came over the stands as everyone within earshot awaited her explanation. The mom shyly and embarrassingly replied, "It's not a bull."

Paul H. Besler, Winnipeg, Manitoba

A mild-mannered man was tired of his wife bossing him around so he went to a psychiatrist. The doctor told him to work on his self-esteem and gave him a booklet that he read on the way home.

When he walked through the door, and his wife came to greet him, he said, "From now on, I am the master of this house and my word is law. When I come home from work, I want dinner on the table. Now, get upstairs and lay my clothes out on the bed because tonight I will be going out with the boys. Then, draw my bath. When I get out of the tub, guess who is going to dress me and comb my hair?"

The wife, without batting an eye, answered "The undertaker."