

“Old” Bicycles Make A Comeback

Classic “one speed” bikes with pedal brakes are on the market again.

Nostalgia Merchants sells a reproduction 1941 Columbia Superb bike which is made by and in the original Columbia facility.

Both ladies and men’s bikes have a clock and speedometer, headlight, fenders and other “original” accessories that today are unique but back then, were simply standard equipment.

The company’s website says they only have a limited number of the blue and ivory bikes left. Sells for \$799 plus S&H. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Nostalgia Merchants, P.O. Box 440, Belmont, Mass. 02478 (ph 877 731-2453; or 877 652-2453; email: info@nostalgiamerchants.com; website: www.nostalgiamerchants.com).



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Mini Marshmallow Shooter

If you don’t mind the idea of mini marshmallows flying around the house, this project should keep young kids busy and entertained for hours.

To make it, you need two elbow pieces, two tee’s and two end caps. You also need one 9-in. piece, one 7-in., two 4-in., one 3-in. and two 2-in. lengths of 1/2 in. dia. pvc. **Mini marshmallow shooter is**



made from pvc tubing.

The picture shows how the gun looks when

it’s done. To shoot, put the marshmallows in the top front hole, aim and blow!

If you like the idea of the shooters but don’t want to make them, Terri Camp’s son David will do it for you for \$5.00 plus S&H. You can order them at www.thehomefire.com.

Contact: The Home Fire, Terri Camp, P.O. Box 162, Pocahontas, Iowa 50574 (email: terri@ignitethefire.com).

Chimney Top Damper Locks In Heat

“It stops 99 percent of heat loss up the chimney,” says Russ Dimmitt of HomeSaver about the company’s “Lock Top” chimney damper that fits over the top of the chimney and opens and closes via a spring-loaded cable.

Besides saving energy, it also keeps the critters out. Dimmitt says raccoons especially love to have their babies inside chimneys, just above the firebox.

“We make 8 standard sizes that will fit about 95 percent of the chimneys out there,” he says.

Sells for between \$200 and \$400 which may include installation. The company also makes a flapper-type damper that does the same thing.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, HomeSaver, 304 S 20th Street, Fairfield, Iowa 52556 (ph 866 466-3728; website: www.lyemance.com).



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Nature Sound Doorbell

Jim and Kathy Beni of Dallas Center, Iowa, have invented a doorbell that emits animal calls and other sounds, rather than the traditional ding-dong or buzz. Their “Nature Sound Doorbell” even has the ability to record and play any sound of your choosing, including your own voice or that of your children or grandchildren.

The new doorbell was born when a hunting enthusiast who was remodeling his home wanted to know why, with all the computer stuff and electronic gadgets on the market, he couldn’t find a doorbell with the sound of a bugling elk.

“With the help of a friend that designs circuit boards, we came up with a completely programmable unit that allows you to either choose from a wide variety of pre-recorded sounds, or record your own. Pre-recorded sounds include a rooster, cow, horse, turkey, bear, elk, moose wolf, loon, hawk, geese, cardinal, songbird, quail, pheasant, elephant, chimp, lion and thunder,” says Jim.

“Because it’s programmable, you can change the two sounds - one for the front door and another for the back door - as often as you want, just like a telephone answering machine,” he explains.

Direct wire models are priced at between \$129 and \$159, while wireless units range from \$139 to \$169.

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Doorbell emits animal calls and other sounds.

Bullet Flashlight

It looks like a big bullet but if you twist the point on this new shell-shaped device, a light will come on.

Don Muhlntickel, an aviation buff in New Paris, Ind., created the bullet flashlights last year. He says they make a great conversation piece that many people just like to put on their desks.



Two different styles of bullet flashlights are available.

Venturetek, his company, offers two flashlight designs that are replicas of aircraft ordinance. The 20mm bullet light is a replica of shells fired by P38 Lightning cannon fired during WW II.

The other model is based on 20mm Armor Piercing shells fired out of the M16A1 Vulcan Cannon on the F-16, F-15 and F/A-18’s. These weapons fire up to 6,600 rounds per minute.

The brass flashlights are 6 1/2 in. long, 1 1/4 in. dia. and weigh about 14 oz. They run on two AA batteries. The 20mm Bullet Flashlight sells for \$34.95 plus S&H and the 20mm Armor Piercing Flashlight sells for \$39.95 plus S&H.

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Removable Handrail Design

When Delwyn Comb’s wife asked him to put a cement porch with hand railings on the front of their house, he had the foresight to realize that getting furniture up to the front door would be a problem later.

That’s how he came up with the simple idea of anchoring steel “receiver” shafts in the concrete so he can slip the handrail pipes over the top.

He inserted 12 to 15 in. high, 3/4 in. sq. steel shafts spaced equally apart. “The stakes have to be solid and straight. That’s very important,” Combs says. Scrap iron welded horizontally to the bottom of each shaft keeps them solid. The hand rails are made from 1 in. hollow square tubing. The legs slide down onto the shafts and stand firm. To bring in furniture, he just lifts the rails off and slides them back on later.

Combs puts a bit of grease on the shafts so they don’t rust to the handrail pipes. In 20 years of use, he’s had no problems.

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Tumbler Marinades Meat Fast

If you eat a lot of wild game – or you just like to marinate food before cooking – you’ll like this new “food tumbler” that gets the job done fast.

It turns meat into absorbent sponges that marinate in about 20 minutes, thanks to a vacuum pump that opens the meat’s pores and the tumbling action which massages marinade into the meat.

“The tumbling action also tenderizes as it massages the marinades into the meat,” the company says, noting that it’s particularly effective at overcoming the “gamey” taste of wild game.

It’s easy to use, too. Just put the meat and marinade in the jar, turn it on, and set the timer.

The 5-qt. container is big enough for a whole chicken, roast, four T-bone steaks or five lbs. of shrimp. “The only limitation to the food tumbler is your imagination,” says Kim Daley, account director, adding that it can also quick-cure jerky, brine fish, marinate fruits and more.

Comes with a manual and recipes.

Reveo also offers 5 marinades including Screamin Samurai Teriyaki, Hive Uprising Honey Mesquite, Rasta Riot Jamaican Jerk, LemoNation Lemon Pepper, and Italian Renaissance Zesty Italian.

Sells for \$200. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, The Reveo Field Support Team, 3476 Eastman Drive, Flushing, Mich. 48433 (ph 877 738-3648; email: contactreveo@eastmanoutdoors.com; website: www.freethemeat.org).



Tumbling action massages marinade into meat.

Reader Recipes

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Dieter’s Stew

1 lb. lean ground beef
1 can (2 lbs) stewed tomatoes
2 4-oz. cans tomato sauce
1 lb frozen mixed vegetables
1 pkg. onion soup mix
2 tbsps water

Brown meat and drain off any excess fat. Mix meat with remaining ingredients in a crock pot. Simmer until done. Makes 8 servings. One serving equals 203 calories.

Vivian Dixon,
Toledo, Ohio

Wheat Salad

1 1/2 cup wheat (will make 3 cups when cooked)
15 oz. can crushed pineapple
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 small pkgs. instant pudding
3 tbsps lemon juice
Large Cool Whip
1 tsp vanilla

Wash and clean wheat. Soak wheat in water overnight or 5 to 6 hours. Cook slowly for 2/3 hours until softened. Stir occasionally. Drain and let cool. Mix cream cheese, pineapple, dry pudding, and lemon juice until smooth. Fold in Cool Whip, vanilla and wheat. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Feeding The Birds

1 cup cornmeal
1 cup flour
1 cup bread crumbs
1/2 tsp soda
3/4 cup raisins
1 tbsp finely crushed egg shells
1/2 cup bacon drippings, or lard, melted
1 cup water

Mix together, stir well. Spoon into muffin cups. Bake at 350° for 15 mins. Cool. Place on feeder tray or ground, or spear to tree branches or chainlink fence.
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