

Reader Letters



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house. I've used this idea for three years with no problems. The animals don't seem to mind drinking the Clorox water at all.

Of course, I'm not the first person to think of this idea since many municipalities put chlorine in their water (**William L. Janca, 812 4th St., Sealy, Texas 77474 ph 979 885-2264**)

Thanks for the story on our cat-killing bird decoy in your last issue. Your readers may be interested in another new product. The DSE Ultimate Decoy operates on four AA batteries and consists of a replaceable furry critter that is moved



from side to side in short, rapid movements by a small electric motor. In stand-alone mode, the decoy can be used with any predator call. Just turn it on and adjust the on and off time with the turn of a knob. Timing can be adjusted for one second on, one second off all the way up to 10 seconds on, 10 seconds off.

The unit can also be hooked up to our Predator Hunter that makes two different distress calls, one a rabbit and the other a rodent. The furry critter moves automatically whenever the Predator decoy makes either call. Works great for hunting coyotes and bobcats.

The DSE Ultimate Decoy sells for \$49.95 plus S&H. The Predator Hunter sells for \$34.95 plus S&H. (**DSE Outdoor Products, LLC, P.O. Box 30, Indian Valley, Va. 24105 ph 540 789-4800; dstillwell@i-plus.net; www.dse-outdoors.com**)

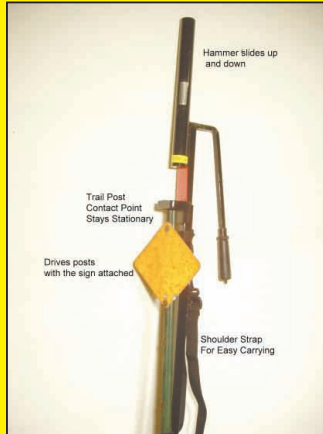


I built this tractor by myself back in 1970. It's a 1938 Farmall F-20 that's powered by a 6-cyl. engine out of a 20-ft. pull-type combine. (**Harvey Carrigan, P.O. Box 297, Buffalo Lake, Minn. 55314**)

My patent pending post pounder is designed to pound in posts with signs attached, such as snowmobile trail signs or fence insulators. It consists of two parts. The bottom part is stationary and has a length of hollow tubing as well as a 2 1/2 by 1 3/4-in. metal "platform" that sits on top of the post. The top part has a 16-in. long handle with a rubber grip, attached to a 14-in. length of sq. tubing that slides down inside the hollow tubing.

You use your left hand to hold the post and use your right hand to slide the hammer up and down. As you lower the handle, it brings a round steel bar down to hit the platform.

I got the idea after I volunteered to pound trail posts with our local snowmobile club, and discovered that sledge hammers were being used to pound the posts with the trail signs attached. I de-



cidated there had to be an easier way. A shoulder strap makes the unit easier to carry on a 4-wheeler. (**Virgil Johnson, 218 South Falls, River Falls, Wis. 54022 (ph 715 425-8473; Johnson_virgil@sbcglobal.net; www.trailpostdriver.com)**)

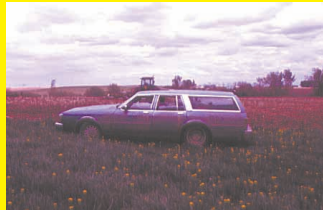
I find that an old electric golf cart works great for getting around my farm. The only problem is getting on after a rain or heavy dew. So I made a pull-back cover



for the seat to keep it dry. It consists of a piece of plastic with a dowel rod stapled to one side to add weight to hold it in place. The other side of the plastic is fastened under the back of the seat. Before sitting down, I pick up the dowel rod and lay the cover over the back of the seat.

I like electric golf carts because there are no gas filters or oil to maintain. (**Perry Hathaway, 4238 W 625 South, Claypool, Ind. 46510 (ph 574 491-3448)**)

Having spare vehicles around helps me solve transportation bottlenecks. I rely on used cars to ride instead of having to walk 5 to 10 miles between fields. I park an old car and drive the combine home, then



retrieve the car later. I recently bought a 12-year-old station wagon for \$75 that not only provides transportation, but plenty of space for tools, feed, and supplies. (**Doug Phillips, 13438 710th St., Zeoring, Iowa 50278 ph 641 487-7436**)

I've been gardening for 30 years and have tried all sorts of things to keep varmints from ruining my crops, but nothing has worked as well as my homemade air-powered frightener.

It makes use of a 3-hp air compressor, an air hose, an electrical extension cord, a time clock, a water valve from a junked



My patent pending "Fishing Rod Bandit" is a one-handed fishing device for people who have lost an arm, or who have limiting hand function. It gives such people the ability to reel in their own fish, bait their own hooks, and tie on their own lures without assistance from others.

It consists of a 12 by 8-in. aluminum plate that's slightly curved to fit your stomach and chest area. Mounted on the front of this plate is a 4-in. dia. cylinder with a hole in it to accommodate the butt end of a fishing rod. A bolt runs through the center of the cylinder with a wingnut that can be tightened, as needed. The entire unit is held in place by a belt around the waist and a cloth strap around the back of the neck.

The device is also fitted with a small clamp, held in place with a Velcro strap, that holds hooks to bait them or tie on a new line.

I came up with the idea because I lost most of my left arm in a farm accident at



age 21. Upon retirement I very much wanted to fish. I've found that 10-lb. carp and 15-lb. channel catfish are no match whatever for this device.

Sells for \$129.95. Anyone interested can call and ask for a brochure. (**Gordon Schrag, 419 N. Christian, Moundridge, Kansas 67107 ph 620 345-8726**)

to make a whirring noise. I set the time clock so the valve lets air out for only a couple seconds at a time, every four or five minutes.

The noise is effective because it relies on the element of surprise. I tried all sorts of things in the past such as scarecrows, fireworks, balloons, radios, traps, etc. I even tried using a cannon, but my neighbors complained about the noise.

I got the idea because I'm in the apartment rental business and have to throw old dishwashers away all the time. Usually, their valves are still in good working condition. The valves are used to let water into the dishwasher so I figured they would work with air, too.

You can buy everything you need at Home Depot. I had to buy a special time clock that would go off only for a couple of seconds at a time. It cost about \$90. The extension cord is long enough that I can keep the timer inside a shed so it doesn't get wet. (**John Hillhouse, Mid South Properties, LLC, 712 29th St. S., Birmingham, Alabama 35233 ph 205 251-3146**)



dishwasher, a 12-in. length of surgical tubing, and a short length of aluminum angle iron on which all components are mounted. The valve attaches to a bracket that's screwed to the angle iron. The extension cord runs up to the time clock and opens the valve to let air out of the surgical tubing, which then flaps back and forth

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