

Dandy Directory Of Farm Shows

Where can I get a directory of major farms shows throughout the U.S. and Canada? Many readers ask us that question and we've got the answer. Century Communications puts out a directory and it's a dandy. What's more, a limited number of copies are available on a "first come, first serve" basis.

The recently-published directory, inserted into the July, 1988 issue of Century's Agri Marketing magazine, gives a rundown on some 200 different farm and agriculture trade shows, exhibitions and fairs. For each, it lists the date, location and contact address, and the number of exhibitors and visitors at "last year's" show.

If you'd like a copy, send your check for \$5.00 to: FARM SHOW Followup, c/o Century Communications, 6201 Howard St., Niles, Ill. 60648 (ph 312 647-1200). Make your check payable to Century Communications and ask for the July 1988 issue.

Here, excerpted from the directory, are some of the major farms shows to be held in 1988-89:

California Farm Equipment Show, Feb. 14-16, Tulare, Cal.; Canadian International Farm Equipment Show, Feb. 7-10, Toronto; Canadian Western Agribition, Nov. 26-Dec. 2, Regina, Sask.; Electric Power & Farm Equipment Show, Mar. 15-17, Madison, Wis.; Empire Farm Days, Aug. 8-10, Seneca Falls, N.Y.; Farm Progress Show, Sept. 26-28, Rochester Ind.; Farmfest Aug. 1-3, Lake Crystal, Minn.; Husker Harvest Days Sept. 12-14, Grand Island,

Neb.; Indiana-Illinois Farm Equipment Show, Dec. 13-15, Indianapolis, Ind.; International Plowing Match & Farm Machinery Show Sept. 19-23, Windsor, Ont.; Iowa Pork Congress, Jan. 24-26, Des Moines, Iowa; Michigan Ag Expo, July 18-20, East Lansing, Mich.

Montana Agri-Trade Exposition, Feb. 16-18, Billings, Mont.; National Farm Machinery Show, Feb. 15-18, Louisville, Ky.; National Western Stock Show, Jan. 11-22, Denver, Col.; Northern Farm Show, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Minneapolis, Minn.; Northwest Agricultural Show, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, Portland, Ore.; Ohio Farm Science Review Sept. 19-21, London, Ohio; Oklahoma Farm Show, Apr. 14-16, Oklahoma City, Okl.; Penn State Ag Progress Days Aug. 15-17, Centre County, Penn.; Pennsylvania Farm Show, Jan. 8-13, Harrisburg, Penn.; Power Show, Jan. 27-29, Columbus, Ohio; Southern Farm Show, Feb. 1-3, Raleigh, N.C.; Southwest Farm & Ranch Expo, Mar. 3-5, Fort Worth, Tex.; Spokane Ag Expo, Jan. 17-19, Spokane, Wash.; Stockton Ag Expo, Jan. 24-26, Stockton, Cal.; Sunbelt Ag Expo, Oct. 17-19, Moultrie, Ga.; 3-I Show, April 26-29, Garden City, Kan.; Triumph of Agriculture, Mar. 13-15, Omaha, Neb.; Western Canada Farm Progress Show, June 21-24, Regina, Sask.; Western Fair Farm Show, Mar. 8-11, London, Ont.; Western Farm Show, Feb. 26-28, Kansas City, Mo.; Wisconsin Farm Progress Days July 11-13, Shawano, Wis.; World Ag Expo (1988), Sept. 7-10, Amana, Iowa; World Dairy Expo, Oct. 4-8, Madison, Wis.; World Pork Expo, June 18-21, Springfield, Ill.

PLANS AVAILABLE FOR DO-IT-YOURSELFERS

Build Your Own Eight-Sided Barn

You can build your own octagonal barn that's a perfect scaled-down version of full-sized 8-sided barns which were popular over 100 years ago in the northeastern U.S.

"Octagonal barns are gradually vanishing from the landscape," says Ted Tucker, Lincoln, Mass., who built his first octagonal barn to accommodate his daughter's pony. He now offers detailed plans for do-it-yourselfers.

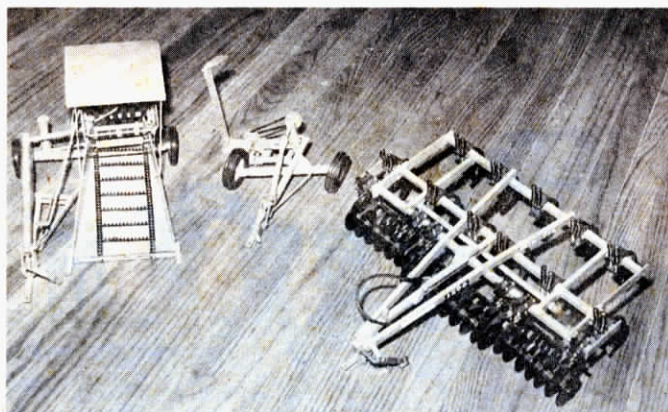
The 8-sided barn with a central silo became popular in the late 19th century in the northeastern U.S. and across the border in Canada because it made raising cattle easier. They could be easily fed from the center silo and manure was easier to clean out at the periphery. "Many sizes were built and the largest of the roofs were masterpieces of engineering," says Tucker.

Tucker's down-sized octagonal barn, which measures 26 ft. 9 in. across, has a loft for hay storage and a cupola for air circulation and light. He designed it around standard 18-ft. long, 2 by 8 rafters and 12-ft. long sills so that lumber could be easily purchased. His two sons completed construction in one month.

During construction, Tucker took photographs of details and wrote an article which appeared in Country Journal magazine. The article produced more than 2,000 inquiries, and Tucker sent copies of his construction plans all over the country. Many of his correspondents constructed barns with ornate hardware and lanterns and a few modified the design to convert the barn into a house.

Recently, Tucker compiled some of the correspondence he received from barn builders and produced a booklet that includes photographs of about a dozen barns that evolved from his original plans, with brief descriptions by the builders of the variations and modifications they made. The booklet sells for \$5. Detailed plans for the barn are also priced at \$5. House plans, complete with sketches and specifications, are also available.

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Photos by Alice & Robert Tupper
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MINI MODELS HAVE WORKING PARTS

He Makes Money Selling Toy Farm Equipment

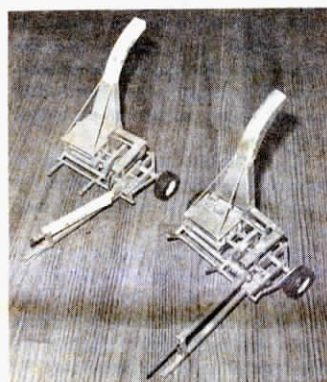
When Steven Schulz started collecting Allis-Chalmers toy tractors 5 years ago, he also looked for farm machinery to go with them. When he couldn't find equipment he liked, he decided to build his own and now what started as a hobby has turned into a money-making sideline for the Monroe, Wis., farmer.

Schulz custom-builds working toys to 1/16th scale workings from drawings and photos from his collection of equipment brochures and owner's manuals, as well as from photographs and literature provided to him by customers. He buys some of the components - sheet brass, square and round brass tubing, steel rod, wheels - at hobby stores. He finds other parts, such as some of the wheels and the decals, at other toy equipment dealers. Many parts he simply builds from scratch.

All parts on the full-size equipment, including pto's, conveyors, blowers, sickle bars, spring-loaded chisel shanks, etc., also work on the models Schulz builds. He uses "O" rings and rubber bands painted black as belts to turn pulleys.

The brass components are all cut and fit to size by hand. All silver solder joints are filed smooth before the units get painted with a lead-free paint.

Although Schulz started building toy equipment as a hobby, he now exhibits at shows and builds selected models. He recently started casting some of the most common parts to make mass production possible. He hopes to turn the money-making sideline into a full-time occupation



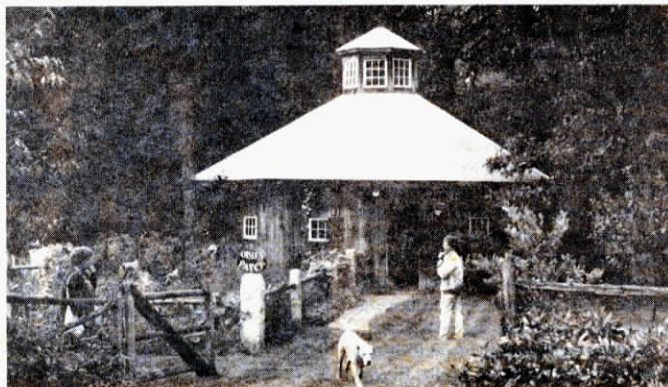
Schulz builds all his toys to 1/16th scale, including this AC forage chopper.

at some future point.

So far he has built round balers, sickle mowers, chisel plows, forage choppers, square balers, flail choppers, and bale racks. Price depends on whether he's made a particular model before, and on the difficulty of construction. Prices range from \$50 for an AC 37 trailing sickle mower (for which he had a mold made for casting) to \$200 or more for the first-time construction of a round baler or forage chopper.

"I'm providing a unique service for toy collectors who want equipment that looks and works like the real thing," says Schulz.

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Tucker used standard 18-ft. 2 by 8 rafters to build his 26 ft., 9 in. octagonal barn.