



**Kits are available for New Holland, John Deere, Gehl, Case and MacDon haybines.**

## “Reverser” For Pull-Type Haybines

Duane Bartok needed an easy way to deal with haybine plugups. While most self-propelled haybines are set up to reverse flow when a plug occurs, pull-types like his have single direction hydraulic drives.

“I have a 76-year-old and a 15-year-old that run my mower-conditioner,” says Bartok. “Neither one was able to deal with a bad plug. That meant they had to call me and sit idle until I got there.”

Bartok and a close friend, Ken Hudacek, decided to find a solution to the problem. “Ken thought he could reverse the flow on our Model 1475 New Holland,” says Bartok. “We put together a system with a splitter valve and other components, and it has worked well for us. At first the reels didn’t reverse, but then we figured out the adjustments needed.”

Now when a plug occurs, his operators hit a switch in the cab, and the haybine components go into reverse. Once the plug has been expelled, they flip the switch back and resume travel.

Bartok and Hudacek installed their own unit in 2008. In 2009 they sold three units for field testing. In 2010, reverser sales surpassed expectations, selling across the Canadian prairie provinces into the Dakotas and as far south as Nebraska.

Due to the extreme heavy crop in 2010, the reversers have been put to the test. Customer feedback was extremely positive, saving farmers time and money, not to mention the safety factor. “It only takes 3 to 4 hrs. to install,” says Bartok. “It will save that much time many times over in the field, and time is money.”

This year Bartok and Hudacek foresee no increase in the cost of the kit. The price will stay at \$1250.

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## Radios For Antique Cars, Pickups

“Vintage look” radios have the original “factory” look, yet come with brand new technology.

“Our radios have the appearance of the factory original that came with your car, but with today’s electronics,” says Brad Dassow, Vintage Car Radio, Elkhart, Ind.

Each radio is built to order depending on the vehicle’s year, make, and model. Radios can be ordered for Ford pickups going back to 1951, Chevy pickups going back to 1947, and Dodge pickups going back to 1949. “We can also provide radios for many other brands as long as the customer provides the measurements on the width and height of the radio,” says Dassow.

A wide variety of accessories are available. They include CD players, speakers and subwoofers, satellite radio, iPods, and Mp3



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Prices start at \$149 and include free shipping and handling.

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**David Neises improved his foot-operated walnut cracker to make it simpler to use.**

## Leg-Powered Walnut Cracker

“My redesigned walnut cracker is now even simpler to use. Everyone loves how well it works,” says David Neises, Dubuque, Iowa, about the foot-operated walnut cracker he built that was previously featured in FARM SHOW (Vol. 30, No. 6).

The unit is controlled by a foot pedal on wheels, leaving both hands free to feed the machine. After being cracked, the nuts fall down a chute and into a bucket, which is then dumped onto a table where you can pick out the meat.

The original machine had just one position for the jaws, while the redesigned machine comes with two positions. A bottom larger depression is used for whole walnuts, while a smaller depression on top of the jaw is used for small nuts or to re-crack some halves that didn’t crack completely. The machine should be mounted on a solid table 36 in. above the floor.

“One of the advantages of using the device is that you can control how much or how little you crush the shells,” says Neises. “It’s much faster because you’re free to use both hands to feed nuts into the machine.”

Sells for \$60 plus \$20 shipping & handling.

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