



Home-Built Barbecue Looks Like A Cannon

After seeing stories in FARM SHOW about gun-shaped barbecues modeled after pistols (Vol. 14, No. 5 and Vol. 16, No. 2), Lloyd Triplett, Claude, Texas, decided to build a barbecue patterned after a Civil War cannon.

"Most people think it's a real cannon until they get up close to it," says Triplett. "It's mounted on old wooden freight wagon wheels and looks like the real thing. I modeled it after photographs but I didn't build it exactly to scale."

The cannon has a removeable grill inside its 2-ft. long, 1-ft. dia. fire chamber. When it's cooking, smoke pours out the end of the barrel. There's also an air damper at the

bottom end of the barrel. Triplett positions the cannon on his home's deck overlooking a lake.

"The barrel is built from a section of split 10 ga. steel casing. The rest of the cannon is made out of three sections of steel pipe of different diameters that I welded together," says Triplett. "I mounted ornate rings where the different size pipes join together and on the end of the barrel. I made each ring by splitting a car wheel rim and welding the two outside strips of the rim together."

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

4-Wheel Steer Wagon Makes Tight Turns

"You have to see it to believe how much easier it is to use," Richard Reed, Loudonville, Ohio, says about his 4-wheel steer, 300-lb. capacity little red wagon. As the front wheels turn, the rear wheels follow, turning on their own axis and allowing the wagon to negotiate tight turns with ease.

"No more running into things with the rear of the wagon," notes Reed, who located a manufacturer, Tring Corporation, to produce the wagon. "I built the first one for my own use. My father encouraged me to pursue it so, after retirement, I took the idea to Tring Corp. and they helped me apply for a patent and then built a production unit."

The company makes two models - one with wooden sides and the other with steel sides. (They also make flatbed models for nurseries or as garden utility carts.) Both models have full steel undercarriages, nylon steering bearings, and heavy-duty wheels



(available with solid or pneumatic rubber tires). Carrying capacity is 300 lbs. and there's an optional push handle that lets you keep an eye on cargo as you go.

Prices range from \$134 to \$199.

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Inexpensive Wheelchair Ramp

There's no need to have complicated and pricey hydraulics to load wheelchairs into vans, say developers of this new lightweight foldup ramp.

An electric winch, plugged into a cigarette lighter, provides the lifting power. The winch mounts just inside the side or rear door and a pulley mounts near the top of the door. Cable feeds out through the pulley to the hinge joint in the two-piece aluminum ramp. Simply flipping a switch folds the ramp up into a folded vertical position just inside the door and then folds it out automatically into ramp position.

Sells for just \$640 (Canadian). Can be easily moved from van to van. The manufacturer also makes powered porch and stair lifts.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Nifty Wheelchair Lift & Accessories Co., Box 130, Meath Park, Sask. S0J 1T0 Canada (ph 306 929-4817 or 604 261-3510).



New Toy Made From Tractor Tire Tubes

Kids of all ages are enjoying the "Holie Roller," a popular new toy made from large tractor tire tubes.

"On steep hills, it'll give you a ride as thrilling and exciting as a giant roller coaster," says inventor Marshall Franzman. He's patented his new invention and hopes to have it on the market by the end of this year.

For adults, Franzman's prototype 6 by 6 ft. "Holie Roller" is made of four 38 in. dia. tractor tire tubes placed side by side like four donuts. A special-made rubberized heavy-duty canvas tarp holds the tires together. Up to four adult passengers, seated side by side inside the "donut" and held in place by one long seat belt, can ride the "Holie Roller" at a time. Snap-on safety nets cover the openings to make double sure no passenger falls out during the ride.

"It's a barrel of fun the year-around wherever it's at — whether bouncing down hills, floating on water, skimming over ice, or rolling along on level ground," says Franzman. "We've discovered the Holie Roller has excellent appeal as a rental toy for birthday parties."

When you get to the bottom of the hill, you get out and roll the toy back uphill to the starting point. "Two adults can roll it up a steep hill without working up a sweat," says Franzman.

He's experimenting with several proto-



types, including smaller models for small children.

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