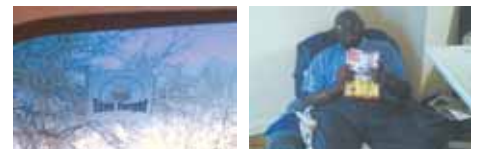


Editor's Notebook



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New book features the best shop tips, maintenance shortcuts, and money-saving repairs from the past several years of FARM SHOW. For a limited time, it's available free with a new or renewal subscription.



John Drew III says his simple sticker eliminates the embarrassment of not knowing which side your gas filler cap is on.

Simple Sticker Reminds You Where The Gas Cap Is

If you have several vehicles you use in your farming operation, it's easy to pull into a gas station and forget which side the gas cap is on.

FARM SHOW reader John Drew III has a simple solution. His patented/trademarked Tank Target



sticks to the inside of your windshield on the side the tank is located. It's similar to oil change reminders that mechanics stick to windshields.

Drew is a minister who runs service that transports people in wheelchairs and stretchers. Driving different vans, it was hard to remember which side the gas tank was on.

"I was always feeling like an idiot on the wrong side of the pump. It was truly frustrating," Drew says. "This is a real time saver."

He's had a positive response since he started selling the reminders a year ago at local car shows and events. Packages of two sell for \$1.99 retail.

"My biggest customers are individuals," he says. But Tank Targets are also perfect for any business or farm with a fleet of vehicles – from buses and taxis to tractors, farm equipment, emergency vehicles and rental car fleets.

Proceeds from the Tank Target help fund an inner-city youth not-for-profit organization that Drew founded, called Camp CARVER (City Agricultural Resourceful Visionaries Entering Real-life), named after Dr. George Washington Carver. The organization introduces youth to agriculture, and is raising money to purchase a new tractor (donations gratefully accepted).

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The teacher had the children draw pictures of their families. One child drew one boy with a different hair color than the rest. A little girl suggested he was adopted. "I know all about adoption," she said. "I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child. "It means," said the little girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied happily, "They will in a minute."

One day a little girl was watching her mother do the dishes at the sink. She noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked, "Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

Wife texts husband on a cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it."

Wife texts back 5 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" Annoyed, the little girl replied, "Then you ask him."



Paul and Mark Collins cook maple tree sap in a portable cooker that eliminates the need to transport sap out of the woods.

"Sap House" Goes To The Woods

The best part of my work day is opening the mail. You never know what's going to show up. FARM SHOW readers keep coming up with new ideas in every aspect of ag.

Tapping maple trees to make syrup is one of the most labor-intensive ways you can make a dollar. Trees must be tapped, and then sap collected and boiled down until it's ready for bottling.

Paul and Mark Collins of Delanson, N.Y., were tired of hauling equipment back and forth to the woods so they built a 2-wheeled, portable "sap house" that they can take to the woods.



Once the season is over, all equipment goes back into the sap house to take home to the farm.

The base of the sap house is the steel floor off an old IH self-unloading wagon; the axle is from an IH small square baler; and the tongue is off a Deere small square baler. The boiler is a converted 275-gal. oil tank.

They made the boiler by cutting the oil tank in half and then shortening it down to 46 in. A 2-ft. firebox lined with firebrick heats the boiler. An old exhaust blower keeps the fire hot at all times. A 6-ft. long, 8-in. dia. stove pipe serves as the chimney.

"After we're done making syrup, all the sap-collecting equipment goes back into the sap house and we pull it down the road back to our farm at 45 mph," says Paul.

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Lord's Acre Day

A 61-year tradition at a small rural church in Archer, Iowa, will continue this year when individual members of United Methodist Church donate the yield from an acre of crop land to the church. Some farmers donate pigs, cattle or sheep as well. The acres, or livestock, are chosen in the spring. The minister blesses the soil and seed as the growing season begins.

Ninety-year-old Carl Askeson attended the first Lord's Acre Day in 1952. He told Agri News (www.agrinews.com) that the idea started as a way to raise funds for a new church. Today the funds are either donated to missions or used for church maintenance projects. A celebration is held in the fall called Lord's Acre Day where proceeds from the donated farm products are tallied up and church women bring crafts and baked goods for a silent auction. "It's good to take a day out of the year to thank God for the blessings we have received," minister C. Cory Flanigan told Agri News.

We Think You'll Like This Book

We're excited about our new collection of shop tips and money-saving repair ideas.

Even if you've saved every issue of FARM SHOW, you'll want to get a copy of this 168-page collection that contains every shop tip and repair idea featured in the magazine over the past 4 years. No more paging through piles of issues to find that one shop tip you remember reading about. They're all here!

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Any questions? Email me: mark@farmshow.com.

Wheelbarrow Lounge Chair

"I was a home builder for more than 30 years and often sat in a wheelbarrow when I needed a comfortable place to eat lunch," says Jerry Wyatt, Eureka, Mont. "When my wife took all the furniture after our divorce, I put a wheelbarrow in the living room and put a cushion inside it to make a comfortable chair. When I remarried, my wife didn't want it in the living room, even though I pointed out how useful it could be to haul out the trash."



Wyatt relaxes one more time in his "easy chair" before taking it back outside.

Liberty Quotes

"A State which dwarfs its men, in order that they may be more docile instruments in its hands – even for beneficial purposes – will find that with small men no great thing can really be accomplished." *John Stuart Mill*

"The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest possible amount of feathers with the smallest possible amount of hissing." *Jean Baptiste Colbert*

"The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin." *Mark Twain*

"When more of the people's sustenance is exacted through the form of taxation than is necessary to meet the just obligations of government, such exaction becomes ruthless extortion and a violation of the fundamental principles of a free government." *Grover Cleveland*

"Taxation with representation ain't so hot either." *Gerald Barzan*

"If you cannot convince them, confuse them." *Harry S. Truman*

"The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time." *Thomas Jefferson*

"The essential characteristic of Western civilization that distinguishes it from the arrested and petrified civilizations of the East was and is its concern for freedom from the state." *Ludwig Von Mises*

"Once government becomes the supplier of people's needs, there is no limit to the needs that will be claimed as a basic right." *Lawrence Auster*

"Democracy does not guarantee equality of conditions – it only guarantees equality of opportunity." *Irving Kristol*