



Handlebar Gloves For Cycles, ATV's

You'll like this idea from "down under" - insulated gloves designed in Australia that attach to motorcycle and ATV handlebars so you can slip hands in and out as you drive around.

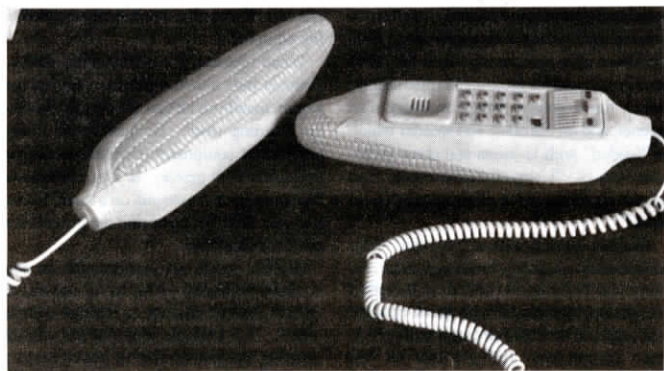
"Conventional gloves keep you warm but they can make jobs such as gate opening and working livestock more difficult. With our bike gloves your hands are always warm and ready to work when you get off the bike," says A.J. McMaster, inventor, who farms in New South Wales.

McMaster's gloves are vinyl-covered,

synthetic wool-lined gloves that simply lace onto the handlebars. They allow normal operation of the bike. He notes that they're big enough so you can wear lightweight gloves inside of them, when it's too cold to go bare handed.

They sell for about \$40. The company can sell direct but is looking for a U.S. distributor.

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New "Corn Phone"

Here's a new phone that's sure to catch the ear of anyone, and especially corn growers.

The "corn phone" is shaped and colored like an ear of corn, with yellow kernels and a green husk. The touch tone phone is being imported from China by Richard Layden, Hoopeston, Ill.

"It's a good quality phone that will help

promote the corn industry," says Layden, who so far is the sole North American distributor for the phone.

Sells for \$24.50.

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Bullet-Proof, Swing-Away Mailbox

"After going through several mailboxes, I decided to build one I wouldn't have to worry about. My home-built box can't be shot full of holes or pushed over by a road grader," says Arvid Whitehead, Red Deer, Alberta, who used 1/4-in. steel plate and a pair of steel springs to build his bullet-proof, swing-away mailbox.

The 20-in. long, 10-in. wide mailbox is mounted on a pair of 3-ft. long springs salvaged from an old combine. The top part of the springs rest inside a pair of 6-in. lengths of pipe that Whitehead welded together. The bottom part of the springs mount inside a pair of 2-ft. long, 3-in. dia. steel pipes, also welded together. The pipes are welded to a 100-lb. gearbox, salvaged from an old tractor, that rests on the ground.

"It springs back when a road grader hits it, and the 1/4-in. steels stops bullets," says Whitehead.

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home



Tow-Behind Snowmobile Sled

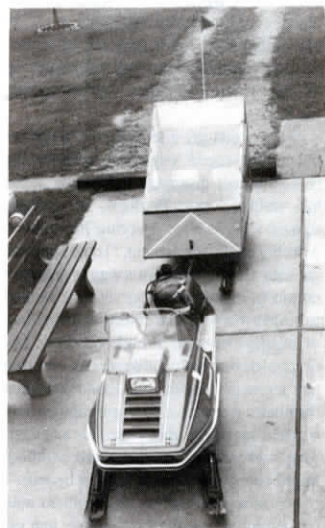
An Indiana farmer built an enclosed tow-behind snowmobile sled so his wife and kids can ride along with him when he heads out into cold weather for some fun.

"I found two junk snowmobiles with approximately the same ski width as my Kawasaki 340," says Glen Schurr, Fowler, Ind. "I built the main frame out of 1-in. sq. tubing and attached the two sets of skis, putting the longest set of skis under the rear. The front skis attach to a tongue so they pivot to follow the snowmobile.

"The sled cover slopes at about a 45° angle. The side frame is made out of thin angle iron covered with aluminum from a wrecked semi-trailer - it's pop-riveted to the frame. The 1/8-in. thick plexiglass cover raises up to the right side, aided by gas-filled shocks. The left side is built lower to make access easy. The sled is fitted with running and stop lights as well as a dome light inside. A local body shop painted the sled to match my snowmobile for me. The sled weighs approximately 90 lbs. empty.

"Inside there are two padded seats and a carpeted floor to prevent slippage. I can communicate with a passenger while driving the snowmobile by using a helmet radio specifically wired for the driver and passenger.

"This sled is perfectly safe thanks to its steerability and the full enclosure. To keep the center of gravity lower than the snowmobile, the seats for the passenger were countersunk in the sled. Therefore, the sled will stay upright even if the snowmobile



and driver don't.

"I built the sled for my wife and children. There was a sled on the market but it wasn't enclosed. We've hauled as many as two adults and two children in the sled with no problem. Some of the adults have been 6-ft. plus and have been comfortable. I've also used the sled to transport supplies from town during snow emergencies."

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