

end loader, backhoe and **Farm King** 6-ft. snowblower. I had to repair a broken tab on the front wheel driveshaft cover and replace the battery cable. The snowblower has performed well with no problems.

"My **Cleary** pole building is without a doubt the worst buy I ever made. It took

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the construction crew more than 3 mo. to complete what should have been a 10-day project. It was like watching the Three Stooges in action, and they ended up getting the building so out of square that the roof trusses wouldn't go on. They had to dismantle what they had done and reset the posts, but the building still ended up out of square.

"The roof has leaked from day one. I had a crew come out every year the building was under warranty to fix the leaks but each year the leaks would start again, often in the same spot. Now I have to go up on the roof every summer and do whatever I can to minimize the leaking.

"When they finished the building I refused to let them put the Cleary sign up on it. I use this building, but I'm careful not to store things where they could get damaged by water. The company no longer operates in my area and I can see why. Live and learn."

Driskel Bros. Tree Service, Nevada, Mo.: "We've used **Husqvarna** professional chainsaws for more than 20 years and are well satisfied with all of them, including the 372, 385, 390, and 3120 models. They withstand all kinds of treatment and keep running no matter what the weather. We make sure to keep the filters clean and use only good fuel."

On the minus side, "Our **Stihl** 131 extended reach, telescoping tree trimmers run okay right after we buy them, but soon start missing and backfiring. The dealer told us we need to adjust the top end rockers every 100 hrs. or so. We bought 3 of these tree trimmers at \$699 apiece, but we won't buy any more."

W.E. McClusky, Big Sandy, Texas: "Our 2012 **Dodge** Ram 1500 crew cab pickup equipped with a Hemi engine isn't as fuel efficient as advertised. The pickup needed a new alternator at 6 months before it even had 10,000 miles on it. The automatic lights are iffy and work only sporadically. Yet the dealer says there's nothing wrong."

Dean Skare, Baraboo, Wis.: A **Stanley** 3-gal. wet/dry vac rates as Dean's "best buy". "This small vac is really handy for cleaning up spills and for use inside cars and trucks. It works great for blowing stuff out from under seats and for cleaning fabric seats."

Hobart Stewart, Republic, Mo.: "I used my **DeWalt** 20-volt impact drill-driver alongside another, more expensive model and found that it drove screws in much faster. The batteries last a long time after they're charged."

Willard Wamsley, Clarksville, Mo.: Willard's impressed with electronic breakerless ignition from **CBS Performance Automotive** designed to replace points and condensers in older tractors (ph 800 685-1492; www.pertronix.com). He's also had good luck with permanent replacement load control shaft seals for Deere 30 and 40 series tractors offered by **Boling Machine Shop** (ph 660 699-3717; www.bolingmachine.com). "Both products work great and perform as advertised."

Dennis Delagrave, Scobey, Mont.: "It's easy to operate and has great safety options," says Dennis about his 2004 **Haulotte** 3347

compact electrical scissors lift for people and material lifting (ph 419 445-8915; www.haulotte-usa.com).

Loraine Tichenor, Sparta, Wis.: "Our 1996 **Dodge** Grand Caravan has almost 140,000 miles on it but still drives and rides like new. It's nice to get in and out of and is much nicer than a lot of new vehicles. I'm 90 years old and hope this van lasts for as long as I can drive."

Francis Barney, Altoona, Penn.: "My 2003 **Stihl** MS260 18-in. chainsaw starts fast and works great, with no problems. I also like my 2 other Stihl saws, a 16-in. 026 model and a 20-in. 034."

Mark Schwengel, Bowler, Wis.: "My 2003 **Honda** Rancher 350 ATV still works great. I treat it nice. I've replaced only a winch solenoid."

Carole Ruttan, Bracebridge, Ontario: "I use a **Durafork** steel-tined fork for picking up horse manure (ph 888 978-7759; www.globalindustrial.com). I've used these forks for 42 years and recently bought my third one. The other 2 are still usable with minor repairs. It's a fantastic product for horse owners.

"I can't believe someone hasn't made a salt lick holder that can last longer than a week. The hard plastic ones on the market are easy to crack, and pieces break off with normal use by horses. It doesn't matter which brand I try, they all end up the same."



James White, Wilkie, Sask.: "Last January I bought a **Bosch** 4100-09 table saw. While I was putting it together I noticed, to my disappointment, some vital screws were missing from a piece on the saw's rip fence. They seemed to be specialty metric screws that my local industrial supply store couldn't get, so I called the company right away.

"They sent me an illustrated parts list so it was easy to find the exact part number for the missing screws. They sent them right out. Their customer support was by far the best I've received from any company.

"I haven't had a chance to use the saw much, but so far I'm impressed with how easy it is to operate and how neatly it folds for storage. I bought this saw based on extensive internet research, which turned up mostly positive reviews. I'm looking forward to putting it to the test."

Harold Westfall, Whitney Point, N.Y.: "My best buy is a storage system made by **Mower Deck Axle Co.**, which allows me to



store and work on my 60-in. mower deck in a vertical position (ph 607 863-4208; www.moweraxle.com/tractorstands.html). All I have to do is remove the rear anti-scalp wheels and replace them with the wheel and axle system, allowing the unit to be easily rolled around. Storing the deck in the vertical position saves space."

Ron Carey, West Chester, Iowa: "About 3 years ago I tried my first **Ambrosia** apple and it was the sweetest and juiciest apple I've ever eaten. Ambrosia instantly

Owners Report On Multiplaz Welder

After our recent reports on the first-of-its-kind **Multiplaz** welder, which uses water and alcohol instead of gas, a number of readers called to ask if "that new welder really works". So we chased down a few owners to see what they had to say. The welder is not much bigger than a breadbox and runs on 110 or 220-volt power in addition to the water and alcohol. To get more info on the welder itself, call toll-free 855-314-5551 or go to www.multiplaz.com.

Dale Schoepflin, Ellinwood, Kan.: "I've done just about every kind of welding in the past 45 years and I have to say the **Multiplaz 3500** has worked very well for me. It does everything the company says it will, although the documentation was poor. It does a beautiful job of welding. A friend welded 2 pieces of 1/16-in. steel with as nice a bead as you'd ever see. Penetration was phenomenal. I built a lawn cart just to get the hang of it, and by the time I got done I was doing some real nice work. I've deliberately made some bad welds and then was able to re-build them into real quality-looking beads. It's a lot like working with an oxy torch, only it gets 3 times as hot. I did a little stainless and was real impressed. For portability you can't beat it. It doesn't matter if you plug it into 110 volts or 220 volts. I think 99 percent of the time you can use 110 and never trip a breaker. After using this I'll probably never use my acetylene again. I think I can even use it to weld copper. For people who are in remote areas, if they've got a generator and a **Multiplaz**, they can repair or build just about anything. You can also bend metal. Heat up 1/2 to 3/8-in. thick steel and it'll bend like butter. Not a lot of heat invasion like you'd have with a torch.

Larry Land, San Luis Obispo, Calif.: The cost of the **Multiplaz 3500** tool is a great selling point. No other tool has the flexibility

that the **Multiplaz** has, and the cost of running it is almost zero compared to any other form of cutting or welding. I think the way it cuts stainless steel is the most impressive thing it can do. When we were cutting out circles and plate in stainless using the **Multiplaz** hole cutter, it was amazing. It cut right through, with a pretty clean cut. The amount of gear necessary to compete with the **Multiplaz** could easily go over \$5,000. The fact that the machine can run on 110 volts or 220 volts and has a brain to switch over to the proper voltage that it's plugged into makes it easy to use.

Daniel Nolan, Traverse City, Mich.: On any given day I use my **Multiplaz 3500** to repair cast iron and fabricate gates. Three months ago my MIG broke so I switched to the **Multiplaz 3500** and have never looked back. It has a 220v adapter so I can weld and cut to the full extent of the machine even when only household 110 volts is available as a power supply. I can weld many different types of metals and alloys, even solder and braze. It saves me money because I don't need to buy shielding gases or expensive fuels. The welds look very clean and there is a small heat-affected zone. I don't need heavy protective gear. In fact, I can weld in short sleeves and #5 shade sunglasses, which helps a lot with endurance and productivity on long, hot days.

replaced **Washington Delicious** as my favorite apple. Its history can be found at www.ambrosiaapples.com. Unfortunately, these apples are hard to find in stores. I inquired about purchasing some trees, but learned that they're patented in Canada and only sold to licensed growers."

Gerald Fedler, Fort Madison, Iowa: "I was having a lot of trouble with my 1954 IH Super MTA tractor burning up the points. After less than 20 hrs. of running time I would have to replace the points. I talked to my local

my **Hesston 5500** round baler (ph 334 627-3348). The belts fit right and the service was great.

"I've always had a lot of problems with my 1989 **Chevrolet** 2500 4-WD pickup so, as payback, I'm going to cut it down and convert it into a rough and tumble 4-WD rig. I plan to use it for every trashy job I can find."

Matthew Peterson, Rexburg, Idaho: "After seeing the story on the **Lubricheck** tester in **FARM SHOW** (Vol. 36, No. 4), I ordered one. The day it arrived, I checked the oil on 23 engines. I had just returned home and taken over the farm. Some of the engines hadn't been run in years.



I got good readings, and the oil looked good on most of them. I had only 3 that showed a need to change oil at the time, and 2 or 3 that were close to needing oil changed. I saved a lot of money on oil immediately.

"I saved even more money on a **Case 4494**. The **Lubricheck** tester indicated problems only 100 hours after an oil change. It gave me high readings and blinking lights indicating metal in the oil. When I drained the oil and checked the oil pan, I found filings. I tore it apart this winter and found broken rings and worn bearings.

"The biggest advantage for me is that I have a number of tractors that get a small amount of usage every year. Recommendations are to change oil every 3 months or at least once a year; yet they may get less than 300 hrs. on them. I'm able to save a lot of money by verifying oil quality before doing a routine oil change."

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IH dealer and he told me they were having good luck with breakerless ignition systems from **CBS Performance Automotive** (ph 800 685-1492; www.pertronix.com). I had them come out and replace the points, and now it's like having a new tractor. I don't have to worry all the time about whether I need to work on the points or not. I also made the change on my 1941 **Farmall M**, and plan to on my 1948 **Allis Chalmers Model C**."

Gene Huffman, Rockville, Mo.: Gene is a Ford guy whose 2001 **Ford** Ranger pickup has about 95,000 miles with the only problem being a vacuum leak from a 3-in. hose. "My **Ford 7000** and 5900 tractors have also been trouble-free. I use my **Ford 340** skid loader for brush and wood removal and for other chores. I like my 2008 **Ford** Mustang which is equipped with a 400 hp engine and 5-speed transmission.

"I'm happy with the **Hammond** Equipment replacement belts I bought for