

Reader Letters



I'm greatly interested in the "Posi-Lok" cable-activated system for 4-WD GM pickups, 1988 and newer (Vol. 22, No. 5). I called the company, but found the number was disconnected. And directory assistance told me there was no further listing for any such company in Missoula, Mont. What gives? (**Bill Moore, Rt. 1, Box 57, Forgan, Okla. 13938; ph 580 259-6257**)

Editor's note: Shortly after our last issue went to press, inventor Dick White resumed manufacturing and distribution of the Posi-Lok system from the company that had been handling it.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Whitey Inc., 6625 SW McEwan Rd., Lake Oswego, Ore. 97035-7813 (ph 503 620-8877).

That's my neighbor, Tim Chant, driving my 1/2-scale model of a 1910 J.I. Case steam engine in last summer's annual First of July parade. I built the machine out of scrap over two summers, basing it on an actual Case steam engine I saw in a nearby museum.



It's powered by an 8 hp Briggs & Stratton engine but it looks like the real McCoy. I used the inside flue of a hot water heater for the tractor's boiler and an old saddle tank out of a semi for the firebox. Rear 3-ft. high drive wheels are the bull wheels out of two old IHC binders, while front steering wheels are the front wheels off an old manure spreader. I used old furnace parts for the wood box, and a steering worm gear from a Case tractor together with a Melro pickup parts for the tractor's steering system. I used a line shaft out of a blacksmith shop for the main drive pulley and Maytag washing machine wringer parts for the governor. A plastic sewer pipe sleeve with a "school door" closer slide serves as the piston drive.

It took approximately 100 hours to build the machine, which measures 11 ft. long by 6 ft. wide and stands 5 ft. tall at the top of the smokestack. It's a real crowd pleaser at area parades I've taken it to. (**Berthold Kolish, Box 251, Mossbank, Sask., Canada S0H 3G0; ph 306 354-2326**)

My neighbor made this "T" post puller for me and it's absolutely the greatest thing since sliced bread.

It consists of a 4 by 5-in. piece of 1/2-in. thick sheet metal. It has a "T" cut into the center with a torch that's slightly bigger than a standard 5-ft. steel "T" post. It welds to the end of a log chain.



To use, you chain it to a front-end loader and slip it over the top of a post. Once the metal gets to a certain angle on the post, it locks under the top nub on the post like Chinese handcuffs, and pulls it out in a jiffy.

Eliminates the potential of the chain slipping off the top of the post and makes pulling steel fence posts a breeze. (**Keith L. Barker, 18066 Seymour Rd., Leavenworth, Kan. 66048**)

FARM SHOW readers might not be familiar with the White Galloway cattle we've been raising since 1979. (Black Galloways have been around in Scotland since the days of the Roman Empire).



White Galloways originally developed through a genetic fluke in the black breed and were eventually bred by Bud and Jeanette Gibson of Springdale, Mont. I bought out their herd when they retired and now have a 10-cow herd of my own.

Like Black Galloways, White Galloways put on a heavy coat for winter, as these photos of one of my heifer calves taken in summer and again in October, illustrates. The coat gets even heavier and longer by January - actually a double coat - providing excellent insulation against winter and helping reduce feed requirements by 1/3 over winter.

The White Galloway is a hard-foraging breed producing high quality beef from grass and weeds. The cattle retain the dark skin pigment of the Black Galloway around the eyes, ears, nose and hooves. Their long hides can be spun, woven and even fashioned into fur coats.

The White Galloway is a medium sized animal, with mature cows averaging around 1,250 lbs. We sell ours for \$2,000 to \$3,000. They're intelligent, maternal, easy calvers that are adaptable to a wide range of climatic conditions so they can be successfully raised in most areas of the U.S. There is an established registry of some 25 or 30 breeders in the U.S. (**Derek Pruitt, 282889 Norris Road, Bozeman, Mont. 59718; ph 406 587-3031; E-mail pruittd@montana.campus.mci.net**)

I built this "People Mover" for my neighbor, Paul Phillippi, so he could haul grandchildren, friends and hunters around his farm.

I used an old 14-ft. silage wagon for the frame. I turned the rails inside out, made a 10-ft. frame for the box and bent the remain-



der of the frame into a 4-ft. long tongue. I used an axle off an old feeder wagon we had around and fitted it with old 15-in. tires. Our home-made pipe bender was used to make bench and side rails out of 1 1/2 in. tubing to which I added 1 1/2 in. green treated lumber. A rear gate was installed so anyone falling out wouldn't get run over.

The wagon holds 10 adults. Paul pulls it with a 4-WD ATV or small tractor. He tells me it works out great. (**Glen Schweppe, Schweppe Dairy Farm, R.R. 1, Box 205, Syracuse, Neb. 68446-9417; ph 402 269-2602**)

I call this my tag-a-long mower - it's a 38-in. deck off a 110 Deere riding mower. It's powered by its own 11 hp. Briggs & Stratton engine. I built a frame around the deck out of heavy angle iron, mounting the mower on the



Here are a couple of inventions that make grain handling easier.

First is the automatic "Full Bin Alarm" mounted on my 60-ft. by 13-in. dia. grain auger. It consists of a device that hangs from the end of the auger in the bin and runs off the 12-volt battery on your tractor. When the bin gets full, a signal triggers a light and siren at the bottom of the auger. No more scrambling down ladders to shut the auger off. I've used it for five years, no problems.

Next is my "Swing Auger Hopper Assist." It helps me move the hopper at the end of my auger when I swing it under semi trailers. It

consists of a wheel powered by an orbit motor. The wheel simply mounts at the end of the hopper. I've used it for three years, no problems.

If there's interest, I'll build either of these devices to sell.

The bin alarm system runs \$325 (Canadian). The hopper assist system runs \$425. I have another system for low profile models that sells for \$575. I make a hopper lift system that runs \$425. Call evenings with any questions or to place an order. (**Anthony Todoschuk, P.O. Box 1592, Kamsack, Sask., Canada S0A 1S0; ph 306 542-4186**)



back over the rear wheels. The motor belt drives the deck.



There are caster wheels on front and also on the hitch which extends out from the left side of the tractor. The caster wheels are 8 in. high hard rubber. The rear wheels on the mower are 10-in. wheels from the front of an old riding mower.

I pull the tag-a-long mower behind my Deere 160, which also cuts a 38-in. swath. I now mow 78 in. wide at a time. It takes only about 45 min. to mow an acre of lawn. (**James Ernst, 1051 Plank Rd., Webster, N.Y. 14580**)



While traveling through upstate New York, I spotted this large eye-catching Monarch butterfly that had been hand-painted on a satellite dish. I thought it was a great way to add beauty to a rural yard. (**Carolyn C. Holland, Connelville, Penn.**)

I made this portable air compressor for almost no cost using an older model Ford automotive air conditioning compressor and parts from a bicycle.



I got the compressor at a junk yard for \$5 and bought a 3-hp. Briggs & Stratton gas engine at a yard sale for \$7.50. Air is stored in the square tubing that makes up the frame of the cart. I installed a safety pop-off valve off an old hot water heater. There's a front bicycle wheel on front and a pair of small wagon wheels underneath. I put bicycle handlebars on the back side for wheeling it around. (**Joseph Brown, P.O. Box 316, Myton, Utah 84052**)



Our new 3-pt. mounted, pto-driven ditch cleaner works great for cleaning waterways. It comes with a 24-in. dia. cutter head equipped with 8 blades. Four are "side winder"

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