

Reader Letters

Dandy Directory Of Farm Shows

FARM SHOW is the greatest farm equipment display case, particularly of the "home brew" type, I have ever known to be published. How do you ever keep a good publication like this afloat financially without the usual loads of advertising? Most things this good end up going the way of International Harvester, White, Versatile, or totally disappearing like Fairbanks-Morse.

Ronald Bradt
Aylmer, Ont.

I'm writing to thank you for the great job you folks did writing up the Short-Cut mower that my father and I built (Vol. 11, No. 3). I found the article accurate and fun to read. I wish my father, who passed away before the project was completed, could have seen the completed mower and also have seen the story on the mower in your magazine. It would have made him very proud.

Christopher M. Tull
Lafayette, Indiana

I bought a copy of Joe Newman's Energy Book which describes his amazing energy machine. After reading the book, I don't see any way to make a useable energy machine from it. I consider it a loss of \$38.45.

Steven R. Johnson
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Thanks for your article in FARM SHOW (Vol. 11, No. 2) about our low-cost add-on extra hydraulic outlet. We've since come up with "Remote Master", a new model that fits on both open or closed center hydraulic systems and has a higher flow capacity. Like the original, it's battery operated and ties into your tractor's existing hydraulic reservoir. The new version has a 0-8 gpm flow rate at 3,000 psi. Besides mounting the outlet on tractors, you can also put it on drawn equipment. Sells for \$335.

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I'm writing to commend you for your fine magazine. It shows that innovative men and women can help make life easier for producers of agricultural products. I also want to tell you about my "best buy". I bought a walnut cracker made by Clarence Vetsch, 722 2nd St. N., LaCrescent, Minn. 55947 after it was featured in FARM SHOW (Vol. 10, No. 5). I'm happy to report that it's been a welcome addition to my collection of labor-saving devices. It does a great job.

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During a visit to our daughter in Canada in 1986, I chanced to read a copy of

FARM SHOW and so enjoyed it that my daughter subscribed to it for me here in Australia. I look forward to each issue so I'm renewing for three years.

My "best buys" here in Australia have been my 1982 International 1440 Axial Flow combine and my 1985 front-wheel assist 5088 IH dual wheel tractor. The combine has performed exceptionally well under our light crop conditions with headers ranging in size from 24 to 30 ft. However, machinery has become too expensive here for farmers to justify. A new Axial Flow sells for around \$105,000.

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I am a fairly regular reader of FARM SHOW and feel that you do an excellent job of getting information to the farmer. However, in Vol. 11, No. 3 there is one slight error in your story about cornhead shredders that shred stalks as they harvest shelled corn. In the last paragraph you say there are two manufacturers of the Gerinhoff single-roll snapping units. In fact, Gerinhoff is the only manufacturer and Agram, the other company mentioned, is their French distributor. This is the first really new corn header innovation since we all went to the roll and gathering chains in the early 1960's. We're following this development with interest.

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Thank you for your article on our round bale dryer which you saw at the Fieragricola in Verona, Italy last spring. After your article, we received a call from a man in Indiana interested in more information. We're hopeful that this contact may lead to future exports for our company.

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I picked up a farm paper the other day and noticed someone got paid \$10 for grinding a screwdriver blade onto the handle of his pliers. I thought that was ironic because in the old days pliers always used to come that way. However, the tool companies found they weren't selling enough screwdrivers, so they quit the practice.

Clare Duffield
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I'm a tired farmer. Tired of hearing some of my so-called political supporters describing me as the backbone of our

country, then not having the backbone to look me in the eyes and support me. I'm tired of looking each morning out of my kitchen window and seeing my grain bins so full of grain I have to pile some on the ground, and then looking at my TV and seeing poor little children and families with their stomachs so empty that they are dying.

I'm tired of hearing that so many Americans have forgotten the words to "America The Beautiful." I'm tired of too often seeing our flag left out in the rain. Tonight I'm tired in my heart. But tomorrow, with the rising of the morning sun, I'll be strong in my spirit once more

Billy Don Stroh
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I've subscribed to your magazine for years and enjoyed the many informative articles and ideas that it has to offer. As both a farmer and machinist, I can relate to the ingenuity of your readers and their ideas. I recently made some changes to a piece of my own equipment and it works so well my neighbors suggested I tell FARM SHOW about it. The modification involves a CSF Electric Feed Cart, which is one of the most efficient and popular feed carts in use in livestock operations. The double pitch roller chain used for the unloading apron on the CSF cart is very susceptible to cor-

rosion from silage acids. Eventually, it rusts tight and breaks, sometimes after as little as one year. My idea involves removing the factory apron chain and sprockets and replacing them with a number 55 detachable link chain, the size commonly used on bale elevators and other machinery found on the farm. The sprockets have to be specially machined because of their bigger size so they will clear the existing frames of the cart. The slat bars also have to be shortened slightly and a new mounting hole drilled because of the wider, heavier number 55 chain. The open links of the chain will not rust and bind because of its loose fitting hinge design. I have used this idea for many years and found it to be extremely reliable and practically maintenance-free. With twice-a-year oiling, the chain requires adjusting only every two years or so, depending on use. I've considered putting together a modification kit for these feed carts and would appreciate any feedback from your readers about their experiences with this cart or other similar models.

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Where can I get a directory of major farms shows throughout the U.S. and Canada? Many readers ask us that question and we've got the answer. Century Communications puts out a directory and it's a dandy. What's more, a limited number of copies are available on a "first come, first serve" basis.

The just-published directory, inserted into the July, 1987 issue of Century's Agri Marketing magazine, gives a rundown on some 200 different farm and agriculture trade shows, expositions and fairs. For each, it lists the date, location and contact address, and the number of exhibitors and visitors at "last year's" show.

If you'd like a copy, send your check for \$5.00 to: FARM SHOW Followup, c/o Century Communications, 6201 Howard St., Niles, Ill. 60648 (ph 312 647-1200). Make your check payable to Century Communications and ask for the July 1987 issue.

Here, excerpted from the directory, are some of the major farms shows to be held in 1987-88:

Ag Fresno, Nov. 11-13, Fresno, Cal.; Big Iron Show (1987), Sept. 15-17, West Fargo, N. Dak.; California Farm Equipment Show, Feb. 9-11, Tulare, Cal.; Canadian International Farm Equipment Show, Feb. 2-5, Toronto; Canadian Western Agribition, Nov. 28-Dec. 4, Regina, Sask.; Colorado Farm Show, Jan. 26-28, Greeley, Col.; Electric Power & Farm Equipment Show, Mar. 16-18, Madison, Wis.; Empire Farm Days, Aug. 11-13, Pompey, N.Y.; Farm Focus (1988) Aug. 2-3, Van Wert County, Ohio; Farm Progress Show, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Alleman, Iowa; Farmfest Aug. 2-4, Lake Crystal, Minn.; Husker Harvest Days (1987) Sept. 15-17, Grand Island, Neb.; Indiana-Illinois Farm Equipment Show, Dec. 9-11, Indianapolis, Ind.; International Plowing Match & Farm Machinery Show (1987) Sept. 15-19, Meaford, Ont.; Iowa Pork Congress, Jan. 26-28, Des Moines, Iowa; Michigan Ag Expo, July 19-21, East Lansing, Mich. Montana Agri-Trade Exposition, Feb. 18-20, Billings, Mont.; National Farm Machinery Show, Feb. 10-13, Louisville, Ky.; National Western Stock Show, Jan. 13-24, Denver, Col.; Northern Farm Show, Dec. 1-3, Minneapolis, Minn.; Northwest Agricultural Show, Jan. 26-28, Portland, Ore.; Ohio Farm Science Review (1987) Sept. 22-24, London, Ohio; Oklahoma Farm Show, Apr. 22-24, Oklahoma City, Okl.; Penn State Ag Progress Days (1988) Aug. 16-18, Centre County, Penn.; Pennsylvania Farm Show, Jan. 10-15, Harrisburg, Penn.; Power Show, Jan. 29-31, Columbus, Ohio; Southern Farm Show, Feb. 3-5, Raleigh, N.C.; Southwest Farm & Ranch Expo, Mar. 5-7, Fort Worth, Tex.; Spokane Ag Expo, Jan. 12-14, Spokane, Wash.; Stockton Ag Expo, Jan. 19-21, Stockton, Cal.; Sunbelt Ag Expo, Oct. 13-15, Moultrie, Ga.; 3-I Show, April 27-30, Great Bend, Kan.; Triumph of Agriculture, Mar. 14-16, Omaha, Neb.; Western Canada Farm Progress Show, June 22-25, Regina, Sask.; Western Fair Farm Show, Mar. 1-5, London, Ont.; Western Farm Show, Feb. 21-23, Kansas City, Mo.; Wisconsin Farm Progress Days (1988), Sept. 20-22, Janesville, Wis.; World Ag Expo (1988), Sept. 7-10, Amana, Iowa; World Dairy Expo, Sept. 30-Oct. 4, Madison, Wis.; World Pork Expo, June 12-15, Des Moines, Iowa.

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