

You Asked For It

EDITOR'S NOTE: Looking for the manufacturer or marketer of a product you'd like to buy or get repaired? Or for an item you read about in a previous issue of FARM SHOW?

We'd be happy to do what we can to help. If we don't have the answers, we can probably put you in touch with who does.

Contact: Research Dept., FARM SHOW Magazine, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044 (ph 612 469-5572).

Could we please get more information on Lee Roger's air-powered steering car in Ft. Meyers Beach, Fla. that was featured in FARM SHOW a couple years ago? His car runs on compressed air and compresses its own air on the go. We're traveling to Florida and would like to visit him. (Glen Bender, Leola, Penn.)

Last we heard Lee Rogers is still working on a conversion kit to retrofit existing engines to compressed air. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Lee Rogers, P.O. Box 3077, Ft. Meyers Beach, Fla. 33931 (ph 813 433-0137).

We have built several acre counters from hand-held calculators according to directions provided in an article in FARM SHOW a couple years ago (Vol. 8, No. 4, 1984. Copies of issue available for \$2). They work very well and I was wondering if you, or any of your readers, have ever heard of low-priced plans to build a low-speed tachometer or speedometer working with the same magnetic reel switch principle? We would find this very useful around the farm to monitor grain log shaft speeds, and so on. (Alynn Durey, Rt. 1, Box 91B, Manchester, Iowa 52057).

We pick 150 to 200 acres of corn per year with our 2-row New Idea 324 corn picker. In a side-by-side yield check last fall we measured a 13 bu. shelled corn loss with the picker as compared to a combine equipped with stripper bars. The snapping rolls are the problem! We have replaced them with new ones twice. It reduces the shelling some but soon they're just as bad as before. We try to rebuild key areas that wear down with our welder but it does not seem to help.

Has anyone come up with some modifications, such as bolt-on stripper bars, to eliminate this waste? (Gerald Demers, Rt. 7, Dresden, Ontario, N0P 1M0 Canada).

Can you help me get in touch with a company that makes a brush-type auger that's gentle on soybean seeds? (Lyman Lanpher, R.R. 1, Onslow, Iowa 52321).

For more information on the bristle auger that replaces steel augers, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Marysville Rotary Broom Service Inc., 20078 St. Rt. 4, Marysville, Ohio 43040 (ph 513 644-3515). Or, FARM SHOW Followup, Sudenga Industries, George, Iowa 51237 (ph 712 475-3301).

Where can I get more information on the chainsaw sickle bar and its availability? (Loren Frey, Sand Lake, Mich. 49343).

The new sickle system (featured in Vol. 9, No. 4) consists of sickle sections mounted on a chain. At last report, the inventor, Willard Pearson, had modified his idea to fit on a combine header for cutting soybeans. Contact: Willard Pearson, Rt. 1, Box 98, Dawson, Minn. 56232 (ph 612 769-4515).

In one of your back issues you had an article on how to turn a tractor tire inside out. Could you help me find that story? (E.L. Harris, Rt. 4, Box 611, Murphysboro, Ill. 62966)

If you're interested in having someone come and turn tires for you, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Merlyn Hill, Hill Tire Feedbunk, Inc., Rt. 1, Box 85, St. Francis, Kan. 67756 (ph 913 332-2005). We've also featured home-made tire turners including one built by Lavern Hass, Wisner, Neb., featured in our Vol. 7, No. 1 issue and a second rig designed by John Gruntmier, Iroquois, S. Dak. Reprints of these stories are available for \$1.00 each from FARM SHOW.

Could you please help me get in touch with the inventor of the no-till planter that works like a sewing machine with a needle-like seed tube that injects seed into the ground? It sounds ideal for ridge-till. (Jerry Camp, Algona, Iowa)

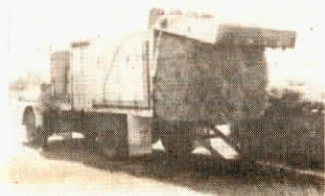
Our original story (Vol. 9, No. 3) contained a wrong address and phone number. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Arnold J. Topham, P.O. Box 511, Booneville, Ark. 72927 (ph 501 635-5681).

Could you please provide the address of the company that makes replacement steering arms for IH 56, 66 and 86 series tractors. The kit tightens up the steering arms by installing new steering arms and sleeves without any welding or bolting. (Martin Larson, Rt. 3, Remsen, Iowa 51050).

For more information on steering arm rebuild kits, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, K & M Manufacturing Co., Renville, Minn. 56284 (ph 800 328-1752 toll free; in Minn., call 800 992-1702).

Could you please tell me which back issue contains the story about the farmer who converted an old combine into a high-capacity snowblower? We save all old back issues but can't find this story. (Eugene Nowicki, 28775 Inwood Rd., North Liberty, Ind. 46554).

Our story, "Old Combines Make Great Snowblowers", appeared in the Vol. 7, No. 6 issue. The conversion was done by Art Vanderpol, Ashton, Iowa 51232 (ph 712 724-6126).



Could you please send do-it-yourself plans so we can build our own "garbage truck bale hauler" as featured in your last issue? (J. Simonson, Oskaloosa, Iowa).

Everything we know about the garbage truck baler, invented by an Australian farmer, was in our article (Vol. 10, No. 1, Copies available for \$2.00). See photo above for another look at the jumbo baler which was converted from a garbage truck for about \$1,000. Bales are 5 ft. wide, 5 ft. high, 9 ft. long and are tied with four plastic bands.

Could you please tell me where I can buy the drive chain release kit for Deere Max Emerge planters recently featured in FARM SHOW. (Lloyd Martin, Wheaton, Kan.)

The kit, which disengages the drive chain with the flip of a lever before traveling down the road with the planter — and thus eliminating skinned knuckles and wasted time — is available from: FARM SHOW Followup, Jackson-Lee-Pearson, Inc., P.O. Box 27, Flora, Ind. 46929 (ph 219 967-4164).

Could you please send me the name of the company that makes rotating disc scrapers that fit on a Deere double disc drill or planter? Several years ago you published an article on these scrapers. We bought some at that time and now need to replace the worn out discs. (Keith Becker, Galva, Kan.)

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Bowerman Industry, Dawson, N.D. 58428 (ph 701 327-4289).

I plant a small amount of field corn each year to feed silage to my beef cows over winter. The past few years, however crows have eaten the seed in the field before it gets a chance to grow. Does anyone have any new and different methods for repelling birds from freshly planted fields? (Richard D. Godbout, Star Rt., Box 123, Cromwell, Minn. 55726).

I'm planning to build a self-propelled chopper using components and equipment salvaged from around my farm. I need a few additional parts so I'm looking for a junked New Holland 1880 self-propelled combine. Can anyone tell me where to find one? (Bob Stewart, Rt. 2, Box 2552, Zillah, Wash. 98953 ph 509 829-5783).

Reader Letters

We in Canada have been the focus of attention in regard to hog exports to your country. Could I please show you a different side of the coin? I looked around my farm, which includes hog, beef and grain operations, and found that almost 90% of my equipment was built in the U.S. This list includes one tractor, another that was assembled in the U.S., a pressure washer, a snowmobile, car, two pickups, disc, plow, cultivator, grain wagon, well pump controls, forage harvester, baler, rake, mix-mill, bale wagon, forage blower, front end loader and, of course, FARM SHOW.

In regards to hog equipment, my U.S. made items include; creep feeders, fan motors, fan controls, creep waterers, steel sheeting for a building, even the soyameal in the feed and the corn for the starter rations. Plus, some of the drugs come from the U.S.

I hope you can see my point of view. It doesn't sit too well to buy all these American items and then be a scapegoat for trade barriers. You must also remember that we pay 40% more for each item, because of the exchange rate.

Robert Strnad
Moosomin, Sask.

Thank you FARM SHOW for introducing me to Joseph Newman, Lucedale, Miss., and his Energy Machine.

Mr. Newman states in his book: "I wish to pay tribute to the news media. In many instances, they are the 'lubricant' which 'unclogs' the wheels of our Democracy."

I am sure that many FARM SHOW subscribers are in full agreement with the above statement and deplore the way the Patent Office is stifling individual initiative and creativity, blocking the use of an invention that would save lives, and change the world for the good of all mankind.

Thanks for keeping us updated on developments of Joseph Newman and his Energy Machine.

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We enjoy FARM SHOW and think your readers would be interested in the bargains our import-export company has available in IH tractors and trucks which we bought from a large IH dealership which went under in the Philippines. The tractors, which are all new 1983 models, were assembled in the Philippines from components manufactured for the most part in West Germany (Many components such as the electrical system are American-built) and are virtually the same tractors as those sold in the U.S., except that the transmissions and differentials are different (parts are readily available for these). Also, model numbers vary by one number. Tractor models currently available include the 384 (called 385 in the U.S.), the 585 (same as 584), the 785 (same as 784) and 1056 (1066). Trucks available are in the 1800 series, 35,000 GVW range. We also have offset disks and other tillage equip-

ment. We have hundreds of pieces of equipment and all are open to offers. Call or write for a price and availability list.

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206 878-3341)



Thanks for the article in the last FARM SHOW on my planter brackets. The story was great but I'm sure the sharp-eyed readers noticed the picture was upside down. I hope this didn't cause any confusion.

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I enjoy FARM SHOW magazine more than any other farm magazine. Keep it coming!

Al Kaschube
Brockton, Mont

I am writing this letter hoping it will save some other horse owner from losing an animal in the manner we did in December, 1984.

We had no choice but to put to sleep a valuable Quarter Horse mare carrying an even more valuable foal. In March, she would have foaled a filly by Paint Robin Boy, the highest selling Paint since the beginning of the registry.

Sometime in her life, Pappy lived where rubber tire fencing and/or rubber tire feeders were used. In her upper bowel was a compacted mass of black material consisting of the nylon cord used in the manufacture of tires.

It was about 15 inches long and 3-4 inches in diameter. How long it had been there no one will ever know.

Due to a series of events including worming and change of feed, the blockage became complete, causing rupture and peritonitis. During exploratory surgery it was apparent that nothing could be done to save the mare, and she was euthanized on the table.

If anyone who reads this is using rubber fencing or feeders, be aware that horses, particularly foals, will chew on and ingest them. Inspect the surroundings where you keep your horse, if you have been assured that there is no danger, have the dealer put it in writing.

Most of all, don't let anyone tell you horse's don't die from ingesting the material. THEY DO!

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