

# Reader Letters

We can't thank you enough for the article about our tree saw ("Giant Saw Reduces Land Clearing Costs") in the last issue. We've had many calls, some of them from as far away as Alaska. A couple of Universities have even inquired about it. You really gave us a shot in the arm.

Ralph Dove  
Hav-Roc Mfg.,  
Box 43  
Green Ridge, Mo.

I received a complimentary issue of FARM SHOW and enclose an order form for a subscription. A number of my partners and I are particularly interested in your publication, not only because we are part-time farmers, but because we specialize in patent law. We have represented not only a number of farm implement manufacturers, but a number of individuals who have developed products of general application to the farm.

Allen Gerstein  
Merriam, Marshall & Bicknell  
Two First National Plaza  
Chicago, Ill. 60603

I would like to tell you I think your magazine is the best I have ever read. By not having any advertising, you are not beholden to any company or product. I feel your "Best and Worst Buys" report alone, where readers tell the good and bad, is worth much more than the subscription price. Maybe some of the manufacturers will take note when reading these reports that they need more farmer input on new machinery.

William Renken, Jr.  
LeMars, Iowa

Enclosed is a list of people who have about worn out my last FARM SHOW issue passing it around. Thanks for sending them free sample copies. I think FARM SHOW is the best magazine I have ever seen and I've taken about all that was ever printed. There is so much advertising in the others whereas FARM SHOW is like a big news letter. It lets us know what's going on — from the big manufacturers down to the little ones.

Ray Harper  
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Certainly enjoy your magazine. It's the only farm paper I read cover to cover. Enclosed are names of neighbors I know will enjoy a free sample copy of the magazine.

Elwin Penny  
Decatur, Neb.

Thank you very much for your fine article in FARM SHOW on the Tag-along Bale Buggie that lets you load big bales as you bale. I received more than 30 inquiries by letter and phone the first week, even though my telephone number was listed wrong. It's 605 778-6834. Letters came from all over the U.S. and Canada. Several manufacturing companies have contacted me. I've even had airplanes landing here on the place.

Tom Konechne  
Kimball, S. Dak.

As a new subscriber to your magazine, I have enjoyed it very much. I really enjoy reading about all the new products and the excellent articles you have had concerning energy.

A farmer myself, I prepare approximately 700 income tax returns a year. Many of these are farmers and they are always interested in a magazine like yours. If possible, could you send me about 150 sample copies of your magazine so I could give a copy to each farmer that passes through my office.

Chester Holstrum  
Rt. 1  
Noble, Ill.

Thank you for the excellent article you published about our helicopter service. Doug Sorenson did a nice story. We round up cattle that cowboys can't get in. Some cattle have a real dislike of horses or cowboys. These are the kind the helicopter rounds up in a couple of hours — like the 900 head on 12,000 acres done in 5½ hours. They were in very thick mesquite tree brush and you'd have a tough time riding a horse through it, much less rounding up cattle in it. The rancher said it would have taken a week to 10 days to gather maybe 80% of the cattle. Aubrey Lange, with the helicopter, got them all rounded up in a little over 5 hrs.

J. Ann Lange  
Lange Helicopters  
San Angelo, Texas

Something doesn't seem right in the articles about the hydrogen powered cars (Vol. 3, No. 4). Your article on page 3 indicates that 5 lbs. of hydrogen will operate the Omni car for 105 miles. This is 21 miles per lb. It also takes 35,000 watt-hours of electricity to produce a pound of hydrogen. This equals 1,670 watt-hours of electricity to generate enough hydrogen to power the Omni for a mile.

Then, on page 2, Kenny Green thinks the alternator, even an oversized one, will generate enough electricity to produce hydrogen to move a Ford LTD. Impossible! My Miller welder produces 5,000 watts, which if I run it for an hour, is 5,000 watt-hours of power. And I know how big that unit is. If the Ford runs at 50 mph, it will need 83,400 watt-hours of electricity from its alternator if it's as efficient as the Omni. An 83.4 kw generator under the hood?

William Pyle  
Agricultural Engineer  
Puunene, Maui, Hawaii

## Don't Miss A Single Issue

Many new subscribers have asked if they can obtain back issues of FARM SHOW. The answer is yes.

We have a limited supply and are offering them on a first come, first served basis. Complete sets of all six FARM SHOW issues published in 1978 are currently available, plus the last four issues published in 1977. We no longer have extra copies of our first two issues for 1977 (Vol. 1, No. 1, and Vol. 1, No. 2).

Send your check for \$1 per copy to: BACK ISSUES, FARM SHOW Magazine, 8500 210 St., Johnson Bldg., Lakeville, Minn. 55044. Make your check payable to "FARM SHOW".

# Do Your Friends a Favor!

Put them in touch with FARM SHOW. Just send us the names of neighbors, friends or relatives you think would like to see this new magazine regularly. We'll send them a free copy. We'll also tell them, with your permission, that it was you who suggested we send them the free copy.

Yes, it's okay to tell each name below that: "\_\_\_\_\_ asked us to send \_\_\_\_\_ (Print in your name) you this free copy of FARM SHOW magazine."

Send each of them an issue but don't use my name.

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