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## Old School Bus Makes Great Show Horse Trailer

Terry Riegle, Sparta, Mo., built a 30-ft. gooseneck trailer from a 66-passenger school bus. He uses it to haul show draft horses as well as wagons, carts, harnesses, wheelbarrows, etc. A 1966 International truck equipped with a 90 hp Perkins diesel engine is used to pull it.

"I built it for less than \$500," says Riegle, who promotes Haflinger draft horses by showing them at local fairs and parades. "It draws a big crowd wherever I go. I built it because I needed a bigger trailer to haul my horses, show wagon, two carts, harness, hay, straw, and other equipment. I got the idea for my bus-horse trailer after reading about another one in FARM SHOW."

Riegle paid \$56 for the bus which he bought from a local high school with a lot of parts already stripped off. He stripped off the front end of the frame, then welded on the gooseneck hitch (which he built from an old truck frame). The horses are kept at the front of the bus. He closed off the front of the bus with plywood, leaving the top open so air goes straight through the bus, making it easier to pull. Horses are loaded

on a ramp mounted at the bus's side door. A hinged 8-ft. wide steel gate forms a stall behind the plywood front wall.

He also bolted a wooden deck on top of the gooseneck hitch where he carries a one-horse, 2-wheel show cart.

"It's heavy but it handles well and turns much easier than a tandem or triple axle trailer," says Riegle. "I load it full of harnesses, hay, straw, and signs, as well as our wagon which I roll up against the wheel fenders. I capped the wheel bearings so that they're always bathed in oil and I don't have to pack them with grease. I also rewired the bus and mounted tail lights on back.

"I used it for the first time last year when I went to the Missouri State Fair. I wasn't on the road 45 minutes before a highway patrolman pulled me over. He was making a spot safety check and said he couldn't figure out what it was. When I got to the fair I was surrounded by people before I could even unload anything."

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## "Fish Net" Pig Catcher

The frustration of trying to catch baby pigs while chasing them around farrowing crates prompted Bob Willard, Mildmay, Ontario, to try using a fish net and he says it works great.

The 16-in. sq., 12-in. deep nylon net has a 4-ft. fiberglass handle.

"It allows me to catch baby pigs quickly which reduces stress on both the pig and the operator," says Willard. "I can stand on one side of the farrowing crate, lean over, and scoop up the pig up on the opposite side of the crate. The pig can see right through the net so it tries to charge

through it.

"I paid about \$40 (Canadian) for the net which I bought from a friend who sells equipment made for the fish farming industry (Fish Farm Supply Co., 54 Centre St., Elmira, Ontario, Canada N3B 2V6, ph 519 669-1096; fax 519 669-2864). I think an 8-in. deep net might work even better because I wouldn't have to hold onto the net to keep the pig from getting tangled up when I dump it out."

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DESIGNED FOR WRAPPED SILAGE BALES

## Bale Handling Trailer Moves Wrapped Bales

"As far as we know, it's the first trailer in North America designed to handle wrapped silage bales," says Harold Lyman of the Lyman Company, Tigard, Ore.

The problem with moving wrapped bales is that most conventional bale handling equipment tears holes in the plastic. Lyman's new trailer has a bale loader with a hydraulic squeeze mechanism that handles bales "as gently as a baby" from either side of the trailer. It drops bales onto a wide concave conveyor belt that moves each bale to the back of the trailer to make room for the next bale to be loaded.

The trailer holds six 4-ft. bales or five 5-ft. bales. It's powered by a self-contained hydraulic system driven by a pto pump. All controls are in the cab. Twin offset axle assembly moves the trailer smoothly over uneven ground.

To unload, the back end of the trailer drops to the ground and the belt pulls the bales to the back of the trailer as the trailer



Hydraulic squeeze mechanism gently grabs bales and drops them onto belt.

pulls forward, leaving bales in a tight row.

"In field tests, even inexperienced operators were able to clear 36 bales per hour, transporting them over a half mile. An experienced operator can do a lot more," says Lyman, who's already producing and selling the new trailer.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Harold Lyman, Lyman Company, 12980 S.W. 107th Ct., Tigard, Ore. 97223 (ph 503 620-1407; fax 503 639-9512).

## "GreaseKart" Offers Portable Power Lubrication

You'll get the maneuverability of a manual grease gun and the power of a pneumatic gun with this new grease kart for self-contained battery-powered, high pressure lubricating systems.

Since there are no electrical hookups to limit mobility, the GreaseKart can be used in the field, says E-Power Remote Inc., manufacturer.

The push cart is made of heavy-duty steel tubing and holds a 5-gal. pail of grease. It has a 32-in. high handle in back and is 22 in. wide from tire to tire.

Cart includes plastic battery box for optional Group 24 or 26 battery and connectors and equipment to hook up pump.

Sells for \$180. (Cart with pump installed sells for about \$600. Bigger model also



available).

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, E-Power Remote Inc., 10800 South Edon Road, Camden, Mich. 49232 (ph 517 368-5240).

## Portable "Pipe Wrench" Vise

You can work on pipe, rod or tubing anywhere with this new-style portable "pipe wrench" vise.

Called the Portavise, it consists of an aluminum plate with four prongs that hold an 18-in. pipe wrench with the jaws up. Place the pipe you're working on in the jaws and tighten.

It can be used on any reasonably flat surface. It's small enough to carry in your truck or toolbox. Can be mounted on a work bench.

Sells for \$19.95 plus \$4.55 S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup,



Toolware Inc., 1800 Maple Drive, Griffin, Ga. 30233 (ph 800 228-2475 or 770 227-8737; fax 770 227-8910).