

Editor's Notebook



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Sidney Stubbs had great fun with his 2-piece Christmas tree this past holiday season.



Christmas Tree "Grew" Into Ceiling

FARM SHOW frequent contributor Sidney Stubbs looks at everything just a little bit different than most people. So when he put up his Christmas tree this year, he devised his own unique method. The bottom of his tree is a few feet off the ground and the top of it appears to disappear up into the ceiling. A few feet to the right, the top of the tree appears to be coming down out of the ceiling.

Why did he do it? For the same reason he does a lot of things. It was fun!

Scott Olson, inventor of the Skyride, has started work on his latest new venture.



Successful Inventor Looking For Help

Scott Olson is the famous inventor/manufacturer of both roller blades and the pedal-powered Skyride, which was featured on Shark Tank and has since been adopted by Carnival Cruise Lines and other entertainment venues that want to add an exciting overhead ride to attract customers. Scott is also a good friend to FARM SHOW.

He recently contacted us to say he's starting a new project and is looking for "old school fabricators" to work with him on developing the prototype. His plan is to build a VanBarge, which will be a pontoon boat that's towed to the water by a van. Once you're at the water, the van drives onto the barge and its wheels power a paddle wheel at the back of the pontoon. Scott says it's "the next big thing".

If you'd like to work with one of the country's most innovative inventors, send Scott an email at: skyridetech@gmail.com or call him at 763-477-1765.

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This 83-ft. tall corn plant kept growing for 555 days.

He Grew An 83-Ft. Tall Corn Plant

Plant breeder Jason Karl has done it again.

He's been featured in FARM SHOW twice before for world record tall cornstalks. The first time was in 2011 when he broke the world record with a 34-ft. tall plant (Vol. 35, No. 6). The second time was in 2016 when he broke the record again with a 45-ft. tall stalk inside a 55-ft. tall greenhouse support structure, shown at right (Vol. 40, No. 6).

Karl's tall plants were bred from a tropical strain of corn. "I have made a genotype that will keep growing forever. The 83-ft. plant (featured above) grew for 1 1/2 years and would have kept growing forever," he says, noting that he grew the tall plant horizontally.

The tall growth of the plant was totally due to genetics. Karl points out that you could fertilize and water an ordinary corn stalk and it would only get to a certain point before it died off. To see a video of the 85-ft. corn plant shown above, go to www.farmshow.com. Contact: Jason Karl; jrk36@cornell.edu



Karl's previous record corn plant was 45-ft. tall and grew inside a 55-ft. greenhouse structure.



Giant Carrier Tractor Unveiled

This amazing new "carrier tractor" was supposed to be shown for the first time at this year's Agritechnica show in Germany. Unfortunately, the show was cancelled due to Covid but we can show it to you anyway.

Developed for huge farm fields in Ukraine, the electric-driven, 45-ft. wide U-shaped carrier is powered by two diesel engines driving big generators. Four track-equipped drive units provide the power and pivot 90 degrees for road travel. The carrier reduces ground compaction while powering what the company says is the largest combine harvester ever to take the field. The combine is equipped with a 19-ft. long axial rotor mounted perpendicular to the direction of travel. It has twice the threshing capacity of conventional machines. The carrier can also be fitted with a big planter module, and there are more tools to come. You can see a great video of the machine in action at www.farmshow.com.

Contact: <http://kalverkamp.de/maschinenbau/nexat/>



Points To Ponder

- "Our life is what our thoughts make it." *Marcus Aurelius*
- "If you are foolish enough to be contented, don't show it, but grumble with the rest." *Jerome K. Jerome*
- "A wise man is content with his lot, whatever it may be, without wishing for what he has not." *Seneca*
- "Virtue is harder to be got than a knowledge of the world; and, if lost in a young man, is seldom recovered." *John Locke*
- "Tell me who your friends are and I will tell you who you are." *Proverb*
- "No great advance has ever been made in science, politics, or religion without controversy." *Lyman Beecher*
- "The work of science has nothing whatever to do with consensus. Consensus is the business of politics. Science, on the contrary, requires only one investigator who happens to be right, which means that he or she has results that are verifiable by reference to the real world. In science, consensus is irrelevant. What is relevant is reproducible results. The greatest scientists in history are great precisely because they broke with the consensus." *Michael Crichton*
- "In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. But in practice, there is." *Jan L.A. van de Snepscheut*
- "I have had more trouble with myself than with any other man I have ever met." *Dwight Lyman Moody*
- "Sooner or later everyone sits down to a banquet of consequences." *Robert Louis Stevenson*

Lena was driving home from Fargo when she got lost in a heavy snowstorm. She didn't panic, however, because she remembered that her dad once told her, "If you ever get lost in a snowstorm, just wait for a snowplow to come by and follow that."

Sure enough, pretty soon a snowplow came by and she started to follow it. She followed it for about 45 min. Finally the driver of the truck got out and asked her what she was doing. She explained that her dad had told her if she ever got lost in a snowstorm, to follow a plow. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm finished with the Wal-Mart parking lot. Do you want to follow me over to Home Depot now?"

A business teacher was talking about income taxes and called on little Ole. "If income tax is 20 percent and your dad earns \$50,000, how much tax does he pay?"

"\$100," said Ole.
"Let's try again. If income tax is 30 percent and your dad earns \$100,000, how much does he pay?," asked the teacher.
"\$100," said Ole.

"Alright, last try. If income tax is 50 percent and your dad earns \$1 million, how much does he pay?"
"\$100," repeated Ole.

The teacher shook his head and said, "I'm disappointed, Ole. You don't know your percentages."
Ole replied, "You don't know my dad."

Liberty Quotes

"As long as men are free to ask what they must, free to say what they think, free to think what they will, freedom can never be lost and science can never regress."

J. Robert Oppenheimer

"Political ideas that have dominated the public mind for decades cannot be refuted through rational arguments. They must run their course in life and cannot collapse otherwise than in great catastrophe."

Ludwig von Mises

"The republic was not established by cowards, and cowards will not preserve it."

Elmer Davis

"To oppose corruption in government is the highest obligation of patriotism."

G. Edward Griffin

"Men in authority will always think that criticism of their policies is dangerous. They will always equate their policies with patriotism, and find criticism subversive."

Henry Steele Commager

"My kind of loyalty was to one's country, not to its institutions or its officeholders. The country is the real thing, the substational thing, the eternal thing; it is the thing to watch over and care for and be loyal to. Institutions are extraneous, they are its mere clothing, and clothing can wear out, become ragged, cease to be comfortable, cease to protect the body from winter, disease, and death."

Mark Twain

"The inherent right in the people to reform their government, I do not deny; and they have another right, and that is to resist unconstitutional laws without overturning the government."

Daniel Webster

"And so, my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: Ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

John F. Kennedy

"To silence criticism is to silence freedom."

Sidney Hook

"There are only two means by which men can deal with one another; guns or logic. Force or persuasion. Those who know that they cannot win by means of logic have always resorted to guns."

Ayn Rand