

Editor's Notebook



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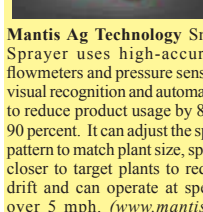
Covering The Big Shows

Big crowds were the order of the day at the recent National Farm Machinery Show in Kentucky and at the World Ag Expo in California. Hundreds of thousands of visitors attended both shows. Here are just a few things that caught my eye. More to come next issue.

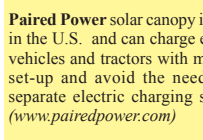
Haytech by Quanturi is a wireless monitoring system for hay. Probes are connected to the internet which allows you to keep track of temperatures and receive alerts to your cellphone if temps rise to unsafe levels. (www.quanturi.com)



Toro 60V Max Flex Force line of tools has the Impulse Endeavor power inverter that can charge a phone up to 29 times, operate a 42-in. TV for 11 hrs. or power up to 5 laptops has power outlets for USB-A, USB-C and 120V. (www.toro.com)



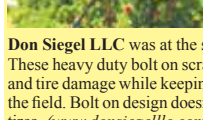
BeeHome by Beewise reduces colony collapse by up to 80 percent while saving up to 90 percent in labor. It automatically detects threats to a honeybee colony such as pesticides or the presence of parasites and its robotic system responds in real time. It offers round the clock surveillance and treatment. (www.beewise.ag)



Paired Power solar canopy is made in the U.S. and can charge electric vehicles and tractors with minimal set-up and avoid the need for a separate electric charging station. (www.pairedpower.com)



Tevel fruit picking robot drones can identify fruit, color and even disease. These flying autonomous drones use AI smart technology to address the shortage in harvesting labor. (www.tevel-tech.com)



Don Siegel LLC was at the show with his combine mud scrapers. These heavy duty bolt on scrapers are designed to prevent build up and tire damage while keeping tires clear of mud for full traction in the field. Bolt on design doesn't get buildup on the shelf or between tires. (www.donsiegelllc.com)

Flexifinger multicrop valve. New valve has sliding gates that select alternate flow to the opener on an air seeder. It allows for intercropping of two different crop types in various row configurations such as alternate or twin. (www.flexifinger.com)



S&S Diesel Motorsport has a CP4 to DCR pump conversion for the Ford 6.7L power stroke engine. This conversion kit offers Ford Super Duty owners a more reliable CP4 replacement that looks and performs like OEM equipment and helps avoid costly breakdowns that can cost over \$10,000. (www.ssdiesel.com)



Bluewhite Pathfinder can convert a conventional small tractor to fully autonomous saving labor on spraying, discing, mowing or harvesting. Using sensors, cameras, LIDAR and GNSS without reliance on GPS/RTK where cellular may not be available. (www.bluewhite.co)

Schulte Gladiator RWO-1935 combines rock raking and picking into one operation with its new machine. On the fly adjustable widths of 16 to 19 ft. and working depths down to 4 1/4 in. with separate hydraulic adjustments of windrower and reel speeds for custom windrowing and picking. Tandem axle system helps with flotation on rough ground. (www.schulte.ca)



World's Oldest Living Chicken

How do you prove a chicken is more than 20 years old? That's the dilemma Marsi Parker Darwin faced in her effort to get Guinness World Records to certify her pet hen, Peanut, as the world's oldest chicken. Just before this issue went to press, she got notification that she has succeeded.



At more than 20 years of age, Peanut is still spry enough to hop up on a perch.

Before Peanut was born in 2002, Darwin almost threw out the Nankin/Mille Fleurs cross egg after the rest of the chicks in her batch hatched. But then Darwin heard a peep and saw a tiny crack. She peeled the chick out of the egg and with a heat lamp, food, water, and tender care, Peanut thrived. She was a good hen that laid eggs for eight years.

"She's very distinctive, golden brown with flecks of black and white," Darwin says, adding Peanut jumps into her arms and hops up to perch on her shoulder. When she didn't die off like other chickens on her "no kill" farm, a friend encouraged Darwin to pursue the Guinness record.

Darwin provided Guinness with a statement from her niece, who is a veterinarian, along with letters from other witnesses and many photos taken over the years.

Peanut walks stiffly like she is arthritic but is doing well. "Peanut knows her name and likes watching TV when she's in the house," Darwin says, admitting she spoils her with treats like grapes and blueberry yogurt.

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Liberty Quotes

"It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong." *Voltaire*

"Democracy arose from men thinking that if they are equal in any respect they are equal in all respects." *Aristotle*

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." *Alice Walker*

"The founders proclaimed to all the world the revolutionary doctrine of the divine rights of the common man. That doctrine has ever since been the heart of the American faith." *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

"While democracy must have its organizations and controls, its vital breath is individual liberty." *Charles Evans Hughes*

"A heretic is a man who sees with his own eyes." *Gothold Ephraim Lessing*

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I should do, and with the help of God, I will do." *Everett Hale*

"Nothing can so alienate a voter from the political system as backing a winning candidate." *Mark B. Cohen*

"It is not the hand that signs the laws that holds the destiny of America. It's the hand that casts the ballot." *Harry S. Truman*

"Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth." *Albert Einstein*

"When you want to help people, you tell them the truth. When you want to help yourself, you tell them what they want to hear." *Thomas Sowell*



A 366-ft. dia. circle of ice spun inside a larger 820-ft. circle, both powered by small gas engines.

Ice Carousel Bigger Than Ever

"We've got ice-cutting down to a science," says Chuck Zwilling, at the Pay It Forward Foundation in Little Falls, Minn., which held its sixth annual I.C.E. Fest in February.

It only took four manhours for the ice cutters to cut a 12-in. wide channel around the 820-ft. dia. circle and 48 min. to cut out the 366-ft. inner carousel. The circular ice islands spin freely in a circle, powered by 6 1/2-hp. gas engines driving 6 1/2-in. dia. propellers. This year's carousel set a world record for having the world's largest ice carousel inside a carousel.



This rolling chainsaw, powered by rubber tracks, is used to cut the ice.

FARM SHOW readers may remember that in 2019, volunteers used solar panels to run motors to spin the carousel (Vol. 43, No. 6). To set the record, the ice must make a complete rotation.

With a "Village" set up on the ice near the shore of Green Prairie Fish Lake, there were plenty of other things for the 6,000 to 7,000 visitors to do at the free event - human foosball and bowling, a Mite hockey jamboree, dog sled rides, children's activities, and lots of food and beverages.

Thanks to 80 sponsors, volunteers, community support, and freewill donations, Zwilling expects to raise more than \$24,000. The money goes to local programs.

To see photos and videos of how the ice cutting was done, check out www.MnIceFest.com.

Points To Ponder

- The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.
- Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.
- Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.
- When I get a headache, I take two aspirin and keep away from children, just like the bottle says.
- Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.
- Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.
- "Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo."
- If God had wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- Just once I wish the prompt for Username and Password would say, "Close enough."
- Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Ole visited his brother Sven who had a nice beef operation.

They rode out to a lush green pasture with a big herd of beef cows. Ole noticed that there was just one bull and asked his brother if he had any more bulls.

Ole was amazed when Sven said he only needed the one bull to service his entire herd. "Vell, Sven, back home we would have several bulls to service a herd dis size. What's yew're secret?"

"Vell, da local vet prescribed a bottle of pills for da bull to give him more stamina," said Sven.

"What's in dem pills?" asked Ole.

Sven answered, "I don't know but dey taste like peppermint."

The clerk asked Lena, "Cash, check or charge?" after ringing up her purchases.

As Lena fumbled for her wallet, the clerk noticed a TV remote control in her purse. "Do you always carry your TV remote with you?" the clerk asked.

"No," Lena replied. "But my husband Ole refused tew come out vit me today so I figured I'd do dis to teach him a lesson!"

After his little brother was baptized, little Ole sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His mother Lena asked him three times what was wrong.

Finally, little Ole answered, "Dhat preacher said he wanted us kids tew be brought up in a Christian home . . . but I vant tew stay vit yew guys!"