

## Editor's Notebook



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This rebuilt Sinclair gas station is a popular tourist stop on Route 66 near Springfield, Mo. The original burned down in the 1950's.

### Authentic Route 66 Gas Station

If you've ever thought about taking a trip down historic Route 66, here's another reason to get that trip on the schedule. There are many unusual sights to see along the road but this Sinclair gas station, owned and operated by George Barnes and his wife Barb Turner-Barnes, is one of the best. Barb's father rebuilt the station on its original lot after it burned down in the 1950's.

"We've kept the station alive as a tribute to my father, who became 'fast friends' with everyone who stopped here, from every state and many foreign countries," Barb says. "The station is like a museum, with vintage signs, cars, trucks and old buildings. People can see Dad's office just as he kept it and stroll through flower gardens on the property. Dad wanted every visitor to sign the guest book, and these days we constantly have folks asking to see books from previous years so they can look up their original signatures."

The station is a time capsule of history on the original 98-year-old, 2,448-mile highway that ran from Chicago to Santa Ana, Calif. The old two-lane has been rerouted onto newer highways in some areas, but there are still many parts of the road where you can travel back in time.

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### Why Can't Someone Build A Plain Old Truck?

"A reader in your last issue asked that question," says Gary Swensen, Yankton, S.Dak. "I got to thinking about it and realized the last time I had a 'Plain Old Truck' was my red 1969 Ford 4-WD F-250 'tall boy'. It looked almost exactly like this picture except that mine didn't have any chrome and the wheels were steel. It had a 4-speed transmission, 360 engine, no power steering, no AC, and only an AM radio."



"At that time there weren't many 4-WD's around so in 1975 when we had 24 in. of snow and lots of wind, it was one of the only vehicles that could get around town. We went out to get groceries and picked up three nurses walking towards the hospital. They knew my dad, who was maintenance manager at the local clinic. They told us to go to the local drugstore to help deliver medicine so that's what we did for the next 5 hrs. When it started to get really icy, we put chains on and nothing could stop that amazing truck."

"They don't make 'em like that anymore."

### Liberty Quotes

"Occupants of public offices love power and are prone to abuse it." *George Washington*

"The rich will strive to establish their dominion and enslave the rest. They always did . . . they always will. They will have the same effect here as elsewhere, if we do not, by the power of government, keep them in their proper spheres." *Gouverneur Morris*

"The best way to understand this whole issue is to look at what the government does: it takes money from some people, keeps a bunch of it, and gives the rest to other people." *Dave Barry*

"Those who are convinced they have a monopoly on The Truth always feel that they are only saving the world when they slaughter the heretics." *Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.*

"It is proof of a base and low mind for one to wish to think with the masses or majority, merely because the majority is the majority. Truth does not change because it is, or is not, believed by a majority of the people." *Giordano Bruno*

"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men." *Abraham Lincoln*

"There is no worse tyranny than to force a man to pay for what he does not want merely because you think it would be good for him." *Robert A. Heinlein*

"A society that puts equality ahead of freedom will end up with neither equality nor freedom." *Milton Friedman*

"When we lose the right to be different, we lose the privilege to be free." *Justice Charles Evans Hughes*

### British Farmer Inventions

We subscribe to hundreds of farm magazines, including many from other countries. One of the best farm publications in the world is *Farmer's Weekly* from England ([www.fwi.co.uk](http://www.fwi.co.uk)). Their editors run a farm invention contest every year. Here are a few of this year's winners, courtesy of machinery editor Oliver Mark. (Note if you Google the inventor's name along with *Farmer's Weekly*, you can find the complete original story.)



**Bale Retriever** - Joe Williams and Tim Ansel wanted a faster and more efficient way to collect big square bales. Front hydraulic arms grab bales and drop them onto a hinged platform on the truck cab's roof. It lifts up at the front, sliding the bales to the back.

**Air-Cushioned Cab Suspension** - To improve the comfort of his 2002 New Holland tractor, Irish farmer Albert O'Neill replaced factory springs with a homemade air shock setup. He got the air shocks off an old truck and machined brackets to hold them in place. The tractor had air brakes so he tapped into that air supply.



**Cement Mixer Filler** - Arwel Davies wanted a faster way to mix cement without buying a bigger mixer. He made a cylindrical "shoveling tube" that's sized to scoop up enough sand or gravel to make one load (38 shovels full). Mounts on front of his skid steer.



**Bale Accumulator** - Alistair Craig pulls this bale handler behind his big Krone baler. It holds five bales. A hydraulic arm shifts bales back and forth, controlled manually from the cab using a rear-mount camera. Bales move easily on steel rollers.

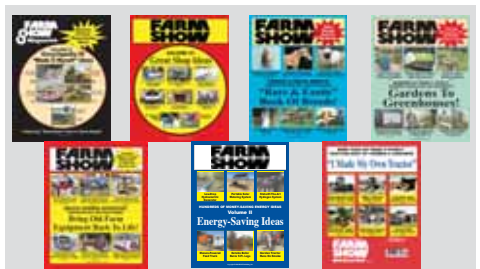
**Giant Weed Wiper** - Jordan Sizer built this giant 75-ft. wide weed wiper to kill tall-growing weeds in small grain crops. Glyphosate is carried in two tanks, one for each folding wing. There's a 10-ft. section at the rear of the tractor to avoid driving over treated plants.



**Portable Calf Trough** - Dan Roberts made a 15-ft. long calf-feeding trough by cutting five plastic barrels in half and bolting them to a metal framework mounted on an old trailer axle. Drop legs keep it level while in use. He also made a smaller unit with a single row of half barrels.



**Critter-Proof Watering Trough** - Marcus Smith designed this water trough so it can't be used by badgers, which were spreading disease to his cattle herd. He couldn't raise it higher because calves had to use it so he added a roller to each side that keeps them from getting a grip. It worked so well he converted his creep feeders, too.



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### Five Important Guidelines In Life

1. When you are alone, guard your thoughts.
2. When you are with friends, mind your tongue.
3. When you are angry, mind your temper.
4. When you are in trouble, mind your emotions.
5. When God starts blessing you, mind your ego.

### Points To Ponder

- "Nobody can be so amusingly arrogant as a young man who has just discovered an old idea and thinks it's his own." *Sydney Harris*
- "There are two kinds of statistics, the kind you look up and the kind you make up." *Rex Stout*
- "Children are a great comfort in your old age - and they help you reach it faster, too." *Lionel Kauffman*
- "He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper." *Edmund Burke*
- "To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you like everybody else - means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight." *e.e. cummings*
- "The word 'politics' is derived from the word 'poly', meaning 'many', and the word 'ticks', meaning 'blood sucking parasites'." *Larry Hardiman*
- If I had a dollar for every girl who found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.

**Ole and Lena had been desperately trying to conceive a child.** So they went to their priest and asked him to pray for them. "I'm going on a sabbatical to Rome," he replied, "so while I'm there, I'll light a candle for you."

When the priest returned to town three years later, he found Lena pregnant and busily taking care of two sets of twins. Elated, the priest asked where Ole was so he could congratulate him.

Lena said, "Well, he's not here. He vent ta Rome ta blow out dat candle!"

**A burglar entered Ole's house in the middle of the night.** He was interrupted when Ole awoke. Drawing his gun, the burglar said, "Don't move or I'll shoot. I'm hunting for your money."

"Let me turn on da light," replied Ole, "and I'll hunt vit yew."

**Little Ole's new teacher was trying** to make use of her psychology classes. She started class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up."

After a few seconds, little Ole stood up. The teacher asked him, "Ole, do you think you're stupid?"

"No ma'am," said Ole, "but I hate ta see yew standing der all by yewself."

**As Lena got onto a bus that was going to a nearby city,** the bus driver said, "That's the ugliest baby I've ever seen."

Lena angrily paid her fare and took a seat near the back of the bus. The man seated next to her asked what was wrong.

"Da bus driver insulted me," Lena fumed.

The man sympathized and said, "That's terrible. He's a public servant and should never say anything to upset passengers."

"Yew're right," said Lena. "I tink I'll go back up dere and give him a piece of my mind."

"That's a good idea," the man said. "Here, let me hold your monkey."