

Editor's Notebook



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Giant 3-Axle Forage Harvester - This big new prototype machine built by Krone was not at the show but people were taking about it and the company has had a prototype out in the field so photos have leaked. There's no official release yet from Krone but those who've seen it speculate it could have up to 1600 hp. and a 16-row header. You can see it in action on video here: <https://vm.tiktok.com/ZMFe3tTbF>



Speaking of 3-axle machines, another rumor flying about SIMA was about a 3-axle combine that Profi magazine spotted near a testing ground in Germany. It's said to be built by Case IH and maybe have multiple grain tanks.

Field Scouting Robot - You've never seen anything like this robotic field scout that "walks" though fields detecting crop threats from disease, insects, and soil nutrient deficiencies. It maps fields, covering up to 50 acres a day. It has two cameras that look under the crop canopy and sensors on the wheel spokes that come in contact with the soil. (<https://meropy.com/robot.html>)



Robot Loader Tractor - Space-aged looking utility tractor needs no operator or even remote control. Developed by a tech company, the all-electric machine is programmed with details of the job to be performed and then it determines the best way to do it. (www.manurob.com)

Plastic Farm Gates - We've never seen lightweight gates like these made out of tough poly. They range in size from 6 to 10 ft. wide. Strong enough to stand up to cattle or horses. (www.duraplas.net)



The only tractor in the museum at Graceland is this 4010 that Elvis used to maintain the property.

This 4010 Belonged To Elvis

We covered 24 farm shows in the U.S., Canada and Europe looking for new products and ideas for the magazine.

On a recent trip to a show in Memphis, we went to Graceland, the former home of Elvis Presley. I was surprised to see a John Deere 4010 on display at the museum.

My wife and daughters are big fans of Elvis and wanted to see Graceland decorated for the holidays. It was worth the trip. I was amazed by the overall size and scope of the items and displays they had. Since I recently became a pilot, I especially enjoyed seeing his two airplanes.

Elvis got his 4010 in 1967 when he purchased the Circle G Ranch in Walls, Miss. After selling the ranch, the 4010 was moved to Graceland and was used until 2008 to maintain the property. There are photos of Elvis driving the tractor.

In 2009, the tractor was restored by students at Northwest Mississippi Community College. Students put in nearly 400 man-hours restoring the 4010. The restoration was done without the students knowing where the tractor came from or where it was going. They completed the job in just one month and gave the tractor the nickname "Stella".

Elvis' 4010 has a 46A loader, and Ertl toys commissioned a Prestige Edition 1/16 model which we found on eBay for about \$150.

The Graceland auto museum has many of Elvis cars and motorcycles, but just one tractor.



The SIMA farm show is held every other year in Paris. With more than 1,000 exhibitors, it's a truly international show with visitors from all over the world.

What's New In Europe?

In late November I traveled to the SIMA farm show in Paris. It's one of the largest indoor shows in the world, with thousands of visitors from across the globe. Here are a few of the innovative ideas that caught my eye. We'll have a more comprehensive report in our next issue.

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Liberty Quotes

"Truth: the most deadly weapon ever discovered by humanity. Capable of destroying entire perceptual sets, cultures, and realities. Outlawed by all governments everywhere. Possession is normally punishable by death." *John Gilmore*

"The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object." *Thomas Jefferson*

"It is the right of our people to organize to oppose any law and any part of the constitution with which they are not in sympathy." *Alfred E. Smith*

"Journalism is popular, but it is popular mainly as fiction. Life is one world, and life seen in the newspapers is another." *Gilbert Keith Chesterton*

"Ideas are the most dangerous weapons in the world. Our ideas of freedom are the most powerful political weapons man has ever forged." *Justice William O. Douglas*

"Our ultimate freedom is the right and power to decide how anybody or anything outside of ourselves will affect us." *Steven R. Covey*

"It is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones." *Calvin Coolidge*

"Those who profess to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are people who want crops without ploughing the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning; they want the ocean without the roar of its many waters. The struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may be both. But it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand; it never has and it never will." *Frederick Douglass*

"I have always believed that government has a limited capacity to do good and a virtually infinite capacity to do harm." *Neil Hamilton*

"The preservation of freedom is the protective reason for limiting and decentralizing governmental power. But there is also a constructive reason. The great advances of civilization, whether in architecture or painting, in science or in literature, in industry or agriculture, have never come from centralized government." *Milton Friedman*

Clothing Sweepstakes

All American Clothing has teamed up with FARM SHOW Magazine to give one lucky reader a \$250 gift card for All American Clothing.

Headquartered in Arcanum, Ohio, All American Clothing Company is on a mission to support American families and jobs by producing high-quality clothing in the USA at an affordable price. Founded in 2002 by Lawson Nickol and his son BJ, each and every product sold by All American Clothing Company is made in the USA and backed by an All American Guarantee for comfort and quality. Their motto, "Make Something Happen Today," came from Lawson's relentless pursuit of his dream, and the way he motivated everyone around him.



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Points To Ponder

- "Organisms in nature have survived and thrived for three and a half billion years, and they've done it without any kind of planning or predicting or anything that we spend so much of our time doing." *Rafe Sagarin*
- "Diversity of thought makes us stronger, not weaker. Without diversity, we die off as a species. We can no longer adapt to changes in the environment. We need each other to survive." *Shane Farnam*
- "He who dares not offend cannot be honest." *Thomas Paine*
- "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." *Winston Churchill in 1942*
- "If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking." *Haruki Murakami*

Sven and Ole were out in the country looking for a place to hunt. They pulled into a farmyard and Sven went up to the house to ask for permission to hunt.

The old farmer said, "Sure you can hunt, but would you do me a favor? That old mule standing over there is 20 years old and sick with cancer. I don't have the heart to kill her. Would you do it for me?"

Sven said, "Sure, no problem," and headed for the car. While heading back to the car he decided to pull a prank on Ole. He got into the car and said, "That old coot said we can't hunt here so I'm going to teach him a lesson."

With that, Sven rolled down his window, stuck his gun out, and blasted the mule. He exclaimed, "There, that will teach him!"

Suddenly, a second shot rang out from the passenger side and Ole exclaimed happily, "Ya, and I got da cow!"

Ole was driving his pickup erratically down the street, continually swerving back and forth till someone with a cellphone called the police.

A police officer pulled the car over. Ole rolled down his window and said, "Officer, tank yew fer stopping. I saw a tree in da road, den I saw another von. So I had tew swerve back and forth ta keep from hitting it!"

The officer looked at Ole and said, "Sir, that's not a tree. It's your air freshener."

A nurse at the hospital received a call from a very anxious Ole.

"I'm a diabetic and I tink I had tew much sugar today," said Ole.

"Are you light-headed?" asked the nurse. "No," said Ole, "I have black hair. But I don see how dat has any ting to do with it."

One Christmas morning Lena decided she was no longer going to hound her children about sending thank-you notes for their gifts.

As a result their grandmother, Hedda, never received acknowledgement of the generous checks she had given little Ole and Sven.

The next year she started bragging to all her friends after Christmas. "All da children came over to tank me in person dis year," she said.

"Wow!" said her friend. "What do you think made them do that?"

"Oh, dat's easy," said Hedda. "Dis year I didn't sign da checks."