

**Editor's
Notebook**



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We Have A Winner!

We drew for our Ford 8N tractor sweepstakes in May at our offices in Lakeville, Minn. We received nearly 100,000 entries.

The winner was Fred Shopa from Chaplin, Saskatchewan. Located in south-central Saskatchewan, Chaplin is about an hour from both Moosejaw and Swift Current.

Fred has been farming all his life and started combining at 9 years old. He farmed with his brother on a large farm for many years. "These days, I've scaled back a bit and don't farm as much land."

He's been a FARM SHOW reader since the early 80s and especially enjoys the Best and Worst Buys section. "I guess I can relate to many of those best and worst buys," Fred says with a laugh.

His favorite tractor is "one that runs well." When he's not farming, Fred enjoys coffee with his neighbors. "I may take up fixing antique tractors someday, as I've been a mechanic all my life."

Congratulations to Fred on winning our Tractor Sweepstakes.



Low-Cost Pickups

The good news is that Toyota makes a stripped-down work truck with a target base price of around \$10,000. The bad news is that the IMV 0 isn't available in the U.S. and likely never will be. It's available with either gas (139-hp.) or diesel (150-hp.) 4-cylinder engines, a flatbed with no sides, no armrests, ABS and airbags optional, and crank windows.

When developing the concept, Toyota worked with upfitters worldwide to create a vehicle designed for aftermarket builds. The goal was to include everything essential and nothing more, with expectations of many upgrades and modifications. Two models shown at a recent Japan Mobility Show included a workhorse version carrying a heavy load and a pop-up coffee shop. The IMV 0 is being introduced in Thailand in 2025.

While a \$10,000 truck isn't on our horizons, there are reports of a rebirth of the Toyota Stout for as low as \$15,000. It would be introduced into the North American market. Lots of internet chatter aside, developing a new low-cost pickup has been teased by Toyota for several years. However, details, price and introduction are up in the air.

From The Shows...

Farm shows are in full swing this summer. Here are a few items that caught our eye at Dakota Fest in Mitchell, S.D. and Farm Progress in Boone, Iowa.

RecovR wireless locator solution for equipment. Measuring just under 5 by 2 1/2-in. and 1-in. thick, it has a 3-year battery life and no subscription fees. Wirelessly keep track of any equipment. www.recover.biz



RotorTech Sprayhawk is an unmanned gas-powered helicopter capable of spraying up to 240 acres per hour with a 110-gal. tank and covering a 65-ft. swath using its automated Ag-Nav software. Cost is \$990,000. www.rotor.ai



EZ roll gate wheel by **Lundell plastics** is built for livestock production. Its two piece poly design is adaptable to existing hog gates. www.lundellplastics.com



Sharp Harvest Rezipidue Reaper is a heavy-duty adjustable tillage attachment for a harvester corn head. Cutting and tilling crop residue while harvesting allows for fewer passes in the field. www.sharpharvest.com

Trash tipper by **AZtech Ag** solves the problem of trash buildup on the combine feederhouse. Quick mount can run off a drill battery or be wired direct. It's controlled with a key fob remote. Fits most headers. www.aztechag.com



In 1965, Allis-Chalmers manufactured the world's largest turbine for an electric plant in New York.

World's Largest Steam Turbine

Mention Allis-Chalmers, and people in the agricultural community immediately think of orange farm equipment. However, before it made tractors and implements, the Wisconsin company was the world's largest producer of steam engines in the early 1900s. Over the years, its engines ran water pumps and large machining equipment in factories.

Other A-C products powered industrial plants, sawmills, flour mills, mining equipment and ore-crushing machinery. Its water turbines were inside the Hoover Dam.

The company made manufacturing history in 1965 when it produced "Big Allis," the world's first one million-kilowatt turbine generator. With a 34-in. dia. main shaft and 48 coils per section, the generator provided enough power to serve three million people in New York City. Located at the Ravenswood Generating Station in Long Island City, Big Allis burned coal until 1971, when it was converted to burn natural gas and a small amount of fuel oil. Because of changing federal regulations, the plant that housed the generator was sold several times, most recently to Rise Light and Power in 2017. The firm plans to convert the facility into a 316-megawatt battery storage system.

A-C entered the farm equipment business in 1931 when it bought the Advance-Rumely Thresher Company, which produced Oil Pull tractors. With that purchase, A-C became the 4th largest farm equipment company behind IH, Deere and J.I. Case. By the 1950s, A-C had 30,000 employees and was a thriving industrial giant. The A-C farm equipment line included combines, balers, tractors, plows, tillage and construction equipment. Perhaps too diverse and not a leader in any particular category it participated in, A-C sold its construction line to Fiat in the 1970s. It later spun its farm equipment business into a partnership with Deutz. The power business became a joint venture with Siemens. A-C sold interest in all these partnerships and dissolved in 1999.

As one historian wrote, over 138 years, A-C rode an arc from dust to dust, employing tens of thousands and leaving a lasting legacy of well-engineered and excellent products.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rise Light and Power, Ravenswood Plant, New York (www.riselight.com).

Liberty Quotes

"Freedom does not always win. This is one of the bitterest lessons of history." *Alan John Percivale Taylor*

"The propogandist's purpose is to make one set of people forget that certain other sets of people are human." *Aldous Huxley*

"Truth is incontrovertible, ignorance can deride it, panic may resent it, malice may destroy it, but there it is." *Sir Winston Churchill*

"The truth is the only thing worth having, and, in a civilized life, like ours, where so many risks are removed, facing it is almost the only courageous thing left to do." *E. V. Lucas*

"Cheap men pay twice." *Chinese proverb*

"The law, unfortunately, has always been retained on the side of power; laws have uniformly been enacted for the protection and perpetuation of power." *Thomas Cooper*

"The essential characteristic of Western civilization that distinguishes it from the arrested and petrified civilizations of the East was and is its concern for freedom from the state." *Ludwig von Mises*

"Intellectual freedom is the right of every individual to both seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction. It provides for free access to all expressions of ideas through which any and all sides of a question, cause or movement may be explored." *American Library Association*

"Some people regard private enterprise as a predatory tiger to be shot. Others look on it as a cow they can milk. Not enough people see it as a healthy horse, pulling a sturdy wagon." *Sir Winston Churchill*

The manager at a tire store was interviewing Ole for a sales job. He looked over Ole's resume carefully and noticed that he had never worked in sales before.

He said to Ole, "What nerve, if you don't mind me saying. For someone with no sales experience, you are certainly asking for a high salary."

"Vell, I suppose I am," Ole replied, "but yew must understand dat da work is so much harder when yew don't know what yew're doing."

Little Ole was at church one Sunday morning. As the Sunday school teacher prepared to usher the class past the church service she asked, "And why is it important to be quiet in church?"

"Because people are sleeping," replied Little Ole.

Ole and Lena had married under not so happy circumstances, and their married life had not been anything to brag about either. But when Ole went to the local judge to ask for an annulment after being married for thirty-five years, the whole town gasped in amazement.

A date for the hearing was set, and when the time came the judge insisted to know the reasons why Ole wanted an annulment.

"It's like dis," said Ole, "I just learned dat Lena's father never had a license to carry dat gun."