Reader Letters



Please try to include more articles for us "Farm Women." Many women run farms or ranches themselves. This publication can certainly find ideas of interest to females. We're more clever and frugal than most men. Adding a recipe now and then doesn't cut it! (Anonymous)



I think of my creative good friend Mikey with fond memories. He claimed he made hundreds of these "Vermont Hookers." I have dozens of them hanging in my garage, shop, shed and kitchen. (Stephen Zonies, Waitsfield, Vt.)

I subscribe to FARM SHOW. To keep the pages together when I refer back, I staple the edge of the first page with four staples. Then, I can refer back and forth. It helps keep the pages together, and it's only a 3-min. project. (Rick Baer, Laveen, Ariz.)

Five years ago, I bought a new Earthquake garden tiller manufactured in China. It didn't have a warranty. I could never get the depth setting to stay put, so I bolted it in one position. I got it started this year, but it began leaking gas when it was running. It's been at the repair shop waiting on hard-to-get parts.

The bad side of cheaper Chinese

made equipment is that some shops won't work on China's machines. Some of our small engine repair shops have shut down because of difficulties getting Chinese parts. How about trading

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with a country that builds good quality equipment? (Howard Ashlock, Center Point, Iowa)



Readers might like this great way to hang something for painting. The item is accessible on all sides, and there's no spinning. (John Rochester, Charlotte,

A couple of years ago (Vol. 46, No. 6), I had some problems with my Bobcat 753 I want to thank all those who advised me on how to fix it. I got it up and going again, and it works well. If you need help, feel free to give me a call. (Mark Miller, Belvidere, Tenn.; ph 931-308-0635)

I've used ethanol in all my equipment for over 28 years. This includes Kubota, Briggs & Stratton, chainsaws, blowers and weed eaters. I never follow the manufacturer's recommendations for the two-cycle engines. I use one bottle of oil, any brand, to 1 gal. of gas. I do use 40 to 50 gal. of mixed gas a season.

I can't say I've never had a problem with ethanol. I have a Briggs engine on a Husqvarna tiller, and it won't run without high-test ethanol-free gas. I believe usage is a key factor. The more you use, the better your results will be. (Hans Nelson, Veblen Township, N.D.)



Photo courtesy of Reddit

Did you know that the lids from mayonnaise jars will fit regular mouth canning jars? My wife uses them when she stores partial jars in the refrigerator. (Norman Sieting, Rapid City, Mich.)

certainly enjoy each edition of FARM SHOW. I always gather a large amount

I was a redwoods logger for several years and loved the daily hard work, good



lowa farmer Bob Hill brings smiles to fairgoers every year with his custom "Hillbilly Bob" vehicles. As described in FARM SHOW (Vol. 47, No. 5), Hill draws a crowd like a circus clown handing out free candy. In 2023, he drove "Johnny," his Deere MT tractor. In 2024, he was behind the wheel of his cluttered and trusty antique Ford, known as "Old Ruthie." "I change vehicles every year depending on where I'm going and where I've been," says Hill, who has trailered his

vehicles more than 355,000 miles over the past 31 years.

Hill frequently stops while touring fairgrounds, blowing up skinny balloons and twisting them into clever shapes "just to amuse the kids and make 'em smile.' He says his real job of farming is a great way to make a living, but spreading smiles and good cheer with these old vehicles is his real blessing to others. (Bob Hill, Dysart, Iowa; ph 319-290-

pay, wonderful fellows to work with, and danger just around the next turn.

I've either owned or repaired many saws since I left the woods. For my money, I'd only own Stihl saws. That's all I have now, three in different sizes. They always start, run well and seldom

Keep up the great job you're doing with FARM SHOW. I just love it. (Jim Corcoran, Sagle, Idaho)



I have a tip for helping wood fences last longer. I poured a concrete border under the fence and gates when I rebuilt them 24 years ago to keep grass away from pickets and keep them clean and dry to prevent rot on the bottom and make trimming and cleaning the fence line easier. It also keeps animals from digging under the fence or gates. It just makes everything look neater and better. (Ben Parks, Austin, Texas)

Here's a quick tip for people with multiple

trucks towing the same trailer.
In the last issue (Vol 48, issue 5), Bernice Keutzer suggested leaving the trailer's registration in a plastic mayo jar on the trailer. While that works fine, there's a much better way.

In most states, when you register (or renew registration) online, you can immediately print out a temporary registration card until they mail you the full card. You can print as many copies of that temporary card as you need and put one in each truck that may tow it. It's legal proof of insurance (for all the states I checked, check your local law).

The benefit is that you don't need to get out of the vehicle on the side of the road to produce the proof of registration to an officer. Also, if someone steals the trailer, they don't have a copy of the registration. Additionally, not all trailers have storage boxes to put the jar in.

This is just another way to do it if your state allows it. (Eric "Moose" Petrevich, Glen Gardner, N.J.)

I'm a long-time subscriber and will renew again in the upcoming year.

I have a suggestion. Can we reinstate

Harold Johnson's name on the masthead as the magazine's founder? I often feel that, as a society, we forget to keep the founding members of our institutions in plain view. (Alexander L. Thomson, Woodbury, Conn.)

Editor's Note: Harold's name has been added as the founder to the masthead on page 2.

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