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FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Kick Up Your Heels On A Viking Kick Sled

"They run on calories. There's no motor, and no battery to go dead," says Ruth Gibson, North American importer of Viking kick sleds made in Norway.

To make a kick sled go, you simply stand behind the front-mounted chair, hold onto a crossbar behind the chair, and plant one foot onto the footrest (there's one on top of each runner). You then kick on the snow or ice with the other foot as you ride and glide, much like a scooter.

"In Norway and Sweden, where the price of gas has zoomed to more than \$4 a gallon, kick sleds are used during the winter months as a second car," Ruth points out. "About 70,000 are sold each year in Norway alone. Children use them to get to school. Young mothers go shopping on them, with one or two toddlers strapped to the chair seat. I've seen a family of four on a kick sled—the mother with two toddlers on her lap, sitting in the chair, and the father behind doing the kicking and driving. Senior citizens drape handbags over the handles and walk between the runners, using the handles for support and protection against slipping and falling on slippery ice or snow."

Kick sleds steer by leaning to the side and twisting the handlebars. To slow down, you drag your feet. For extra propulsion, optional spikes are available for the "kicking" foot. Optional wide runners make for easier sledding in deep snow. The sleds can be used with conventional or wide runners as one-dog dog sleds. Latest new accessory is a set of wheels, allowing you to kick up your heels on a Viking kick sled even when there's no snow.

Viking kick sleds come in three sizes: Large (7.5 ft. long and 15 in. between runners), medium (6.5 ft. and 13.5 in.) and, for children, small (4.5 ft. long and 11 in. between runners). Retail cost, not including shipping, is \$105, \$95 and \$75, respectively. Wood parts are Birch and the runners are made of Swedish spring steel. The seat can carry 300 lbs.

Viking kick sleds fold flat and are easily and quickly disassembled for transport in a car, van or pickup.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ruth Gibson, Viking Imports, 3947 Lakewood Ave., White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110 (ph 6121 429-5572).

"NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CUT THROUGH"

"Chainsaw-Proof" Chaps

"We've sold 20,000 to 40,000 pair to the U.S. Forest Service the past several years and we've never had a cut-through yet," says Ron Dott, manufacturer of "chainsaw-proof" chaps for wood-cutting that protect legs from accidental cuts.

Made of four layers of Kevlar (the material used in bulletproof vests) sandwiched between two layers of heavy nylon, the chaps are about 3/4 of an inch thick yet weigh just 2 1/2 lbs., which makes them lighter than regular nylon chaps. They fasten in place around the waist and legs.

They come in green and are available in four lengths. Retail price for the 36-in. length is about \$85.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, PGI, P.O. Box 307, Green Lake, Wis. 54941 (ph 800 558-8290).



Chaps are made of 4 layers of Kevlar sandwiched between 2 layers of nylon.

New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

SAVES YOUR BACK

Add-On Handle For Snow Shovels

New bolt-on handle attaches to any shovel, hoe, rake or other long-handled tool to let you work in an upright position, saving your back.

Fits tool shafts up to 1 1/4 in. dia. and can be moved quickly from one tool to another. Sells for \$9.95.

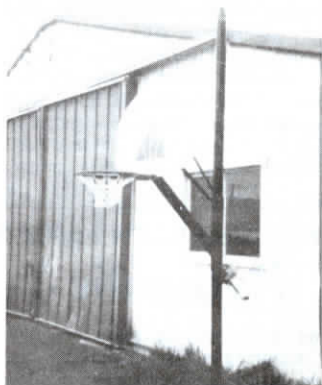
Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Intromark, Inc., 701 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, Penn. 15222 (ph 412 288-1300).



Bolt-on handle makes it easier to shovel snow and reduces back strain.



Backboard can be positioned from 4 to 10 ft. high with the hand crank.



Pole is fitted with a track to hold basket in position as it moves up and down.

MOVES UP AND DOWN WITH HAND CRANK

"Height Adjustable" Basketball Hoop

"It makes it easy for children of any age to play basketball," says Ray Rutten, Osakis, Minn., about his new adjustable height backboard that can be positioned from 4 ft. to 10 ft. high with a hand crank.

Rutten got the idea because he has different age children and wanted them all to be able to use the basket. Any child can adjust the height in seconds. No tools required.

The pole is fitted with a track to hold the basket in position as it moves up and down.

A cable runs up through a pulley at the top of the pole.

Rutten has licensed the idea through the patent office and would like to sell it to a manufacturer. In the meantime he's taking orders and building them himself.

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