

Reader Letters



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line of an antique tractor on front. A toothed rod beneath the plate holder can be used to



hold utensils or keys, etc. Sells for \$20 plus S&H. (Ed and Mary Ann Mosley, HCOT, Box 221A, Llano, Texas 78643 ph 800 549-1003 or 915 247-2162; fax 4314; Website: <http://www.edslightedart.com>)

My Quad-Hitch is now on the market. It's equipped with features that weren't available when you first reported on it (Vol. 22, No. 1). The unit allows you to hook up to implements without ever leaving the tractor seat by con-



trolling vertical movement of the drawbar from the tractor seat. It uses an automatic latch that hooks up to, and releases from, the implement pin automatically, and it can pick the implement tongue up off the ground without the need for a mechanical jack. The pto can operate even when making a tight turn.

By inserting two bale forks, the hitch converts to a bale fork to move big round bales. At the top of the unit is a place for a ball al-



lowing you to pull gooseneck trailers. No modifications are needed for existing equipment.

The standard model is available for pull-type implements, and the QH22 model fits over a quick hitch. Either model can be used with Cat. II or III tractors (125 hp pulling power or less). I plan to soon offer a model designed for Cat. I tractors. Sells for \$570 plus S&H. (George Hund, Rt. 1, Box 26, Paxico, Kan. 66526 ph 888 456-4561)



Can anyone help me identify the tool shown in this photo and what it was used for? It's at least 80 to 100 years old. (Everett McGrew, 55323 390th St., Emerson, Iowa 51533)

I bought a used fertilizer buggy running gear at a sale and converted it into a gooseneck trailer hitch. It works a lot better than a 3-pt. or drawbar-mounted gooseneck hitch because to remove it all I have to do is pull a pin and go. Also, I can pull it behind my pickup at highway speeds.

I paid \$125 for the 6-ton fertilizer buggy

running gear which is 10 ft. long including the hitch. The box had rusted out. I welded a 10-in. wide channel iron across the frame from one side to the other and welded a ball on top of it. I then welded another channel iron to the underside of the frame for extra strength.



I can turn the trailer as short as I could if it was hooked up directly to a tractor. Another advantage is that it doesn't require a big tractor to pull the trailer, even when it's loaded, because the fertilizer buggy running gear carries most of the weight at the front of the trailer. All I need is traction. (Lee Hostetler, 2621 Center School Road, Cottage Grove, Tenn. 38224 ph 901 782-3210)



Here are some photos of a ditch sprayer I made using a Red Ball spray hood. I built it to control weeds in a ditch in the middle of one of my fields. We just took a hooded unit



off a Red Ball sprayer and mounted it on a bar that fits our 3-pt. We set it to reach down into the ditch. For transport, it flips up behind the tractor. Works very well. (Harold Beville, 2958 E. County Rd. 378, Blytheville, Ark. 72319)

One problem with older Case-IH 7100 series Magnums equipped with MFWD was that you had to shut off the front drive axle manually, which complicated turns at the end of the field. The problem was resolved when Case introduced its 7200 series Magnums, which were equipped with a new-style wiring harness.

Now, I've developed a new wiring harness for the 7100's that works automatically, like the newer 7200's. My system is priced competitively with other after-market kits but does more. For example, it not only automatically switches off the MFWD when one brake is applied and the toggle is in the "Alternate On" position, but engages the MFWD when both brakes are applied so you automatically have four-wheel braking.

My kit consists of a relay, brake pedal switches, an "Alternate On" switch for the control panel, a new mounting bracket, female connectors and a fuse. Can be installed in an hour or two by a qualified Case-IH technician. (I recommend having a mechanic do the work because installation involves some slight modifications of the existing wiring).

My system worked flawlessly during testing last summer. The kit sells for right at \$300. (Eric Fredrickson, 5390 N. Peoples Rd., Edmore, Mich. 48829 ph 517 762-5372 or 5486).



I built this boom tractor on the frame of a 1963 Chevy 2-ton truck frame. It's powered by a 350 cu. in. engine and automatic transmission. The boom is made out of 7-in. sq., 1/4-in. wall steel tubing with a telescoping length of 6-in. sq. tubing inside. The lift cylinders are the same ones used on the truck's original 3-stage twin cylinder hoist. The photo shows it lifting an 8-row corn head but it'll lift corn heads up to 12 rows wide. We use it almost every day at my father's implement business (Harv's

Supply).

I do almost all my own repairs on my equipment which includes three large tractors, three small yard tractors, thirteen irrigation power units, four pickups, eight farm trucks, three hopper trailers, two combines, seven combine headers, and more. I save more money by making my own repairs than I could ever make at a part time, or even a full-time, job in town. (Brian Bish, 304 W4 Rd., Giltner, Neb. 68841)



"We've had a number of calls from FARM SHOW readers regarding our "Hay Roll", which attaches to a bale in a couple minutes and can be pulled by a pickup, tractor, or even a horse (Vol. 23, No. 2). The article states



that a rod pushes through the center of the bale. Actually, it uses two 20-in. long spikes that are pushed in from each side of the bale and lock in place. (The Perry Co., Box 7187, Waco, Texas 76714; ph 800 792-3246)



"If you're tired of holding your flashlight in your mouth while working on equipment, you'll like this new flashlight holder that will hold it steady at any angle.

The plastic clamp is fitted with a magnet. It can be set to more than 20 different positions.

"It can even be used to hold two flashlights at once if you need more light. The magnet has a 12-lb. pull," says Carmine Accordino, of Eagle-1 Enterprises.

Comes in two sizes, one for flashlights that operate on 2-D batteries and a smaller unit for flashlights that operate on AA batteries.

Sells for \$7.95 plus \$3.25 S&H. An optional belt hook and clip sell for \$1.60 including S&H. (Eagle-1 Enterprises, 15034 North 53rd St., Scottsdale, Ariz. 85254; ph 602 996-7873; fax 0595)



I've patented a new-style steering wheel "spinner" that I expect to have on the market in about six months.

The problem with conventional knob-type spinners is that they have a tendency to cause cramping in the hand with repeated use. My new spinner is shaped like a pistol-grip, about 4 in. tall and 6 in. wide, to make using it more comfortable. It clamps to the steering wheel



of your tractor or other equipment just like a conventional spinner.

My prototype is made out of aluminum, but production units will be made of heavy-duty plastic. We think they'll sell for around \$15. (David Reicks, Reicks Manufacturing, R.R. 1, Box 79, Lebanon, Kan. 66952; ph 785 745-2505)