

Reader Letters



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The wheel rim is covered on one side by two steel plates - a green one in front that has letters and decorative objects cut out of it, and a solid yellow one behind it. I had the letters cut out by a local shop which used a laser cutter to do the job. I used my own



plasma cutter to cut out the decorative objects which include a sunflower, wheat stalk, hammer, and wrench. A floodlight that runs off a timer shines up toward the wheel at night. The yellow color really stands out in the darkness. At Christmas I decorate the wheel rim with lights to make it look like the wheel is turning. One advantage of cutting out the letters is that it eliminates the need to repaint anything. (Roger Gutschmidt, 6651 Hwy. 56, Gackle, N. Dak. 58442 ph 701 698-2310)

To avoid getting stabbed in my own machine shed, I always put old overshoes or boots over grapple teeth on loaders. I just use a bungee cord or strap to hold them on. (Mel Andrews, Albion, Neb.)

I build these Archway Swings in my own shop. There are no nails - I use only bolts and lag



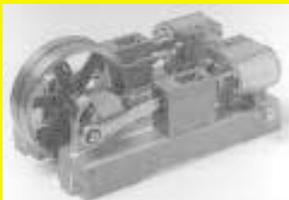
screws. They're 84 in. high, 76 in. wide and 48 in. deep, made from treated lumber. They sell for \$330. (Verdon Davenport, 312 W. Front St., Grand Ledge, Mich. 48837)

I thought FARM SHOW readers might be interested in a gate latch that my father used to make when I was a boy. I've never seen them anywhere else. It can be used both to hold the gate closed and to hold it open to



keep wind or gravity from blowing it closed. I use a 3-in. dia. steel ring hanging from a steel bracket bent into a U-shape that bolts to the gate post. When the gate swings closed, the ring rotates up into the slotted bracket. As the gate moves past, the ring drops down, holding the gate closed because it can't pivot up the other way. To open the gate, you just pull back on the gate and raise the ring up. It's simple and easy to open. All you need is a ring from 3 to 6 in. dia. and a piece of strap iron. (Marland Old, Rt. 1, Box 141B, New Boston, Tex. 75570)

We've had a lot of interest from FARM SHOW readers in our 1-hp. horizontal steam engine so I wanted to let people know that our new 2-cylinder, 3-hp. model is now in production. You can generate steam to power it by burning almost anything. The new engine has an improved wick oiling system. It weighs just



65 lbs. and the 7 1/2-in. dia. flywheel can be used to drive any belt-driven equipment. At 250 psi of steam pressure, it will actually deliver over 4 hp. Sells for \$2,150. Does not include steam boiler. (Mike Brown, P.O. Box 4884, Springfield, Mo. 65808 ph 417 890-8636; E-mail: dlaw70@earthlink.net; Website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~dlaw70/12stmng.htm>)

I'd like to sell my old copies of FARM SHOW. I've got all the issues between 1994 and 1998, except for the first issue in 1997. I also have all copies of Best of FARM SHOW from 1994 to 1998 and the FARM SHOW "Encyclopedia of Best Ideas Born In Farm Workshops". They're all in perfect condition and I'll sell the lot for \$50 plus \$5 for shipping. (Robert Dobbins, 3640 Barber Rd., Cedarville, Ohio 45314 ph 937 766-5342)

Our new external sieve adjuster is designed to fit Case/IH, New Holland, and Deere combines. It has a spring-loaded, indexed handle



that holds the sieve opening exactly where you want it. It won't vibrate loose. It eliminates the need to continually climb inside the combine to adjust the sieves. And it makes it easy to go back to a previous setting without guesswork. It's easy to install. (Loewen Manufacturing, Box 820, Altona, MB R0G 0B0 Canada ph 800-667-5229; fax 204 324-1288).

Can anyone identify this farm tool? Any help would be appreciated. (Ben Wilson, 54026 370th St., Hastings, Iowa 51540)



I'd like to congratulate the folks at FARM SHOW for producing an extremely interesting, useful publication. It's one of the best farm publications I've ever read. We get a tremendous response from your readers every time our mail order catalog of low-price parts and equipment is mentioned.

We wanted to show your readers implement carrier for ATV's that's designed to handle 3-pt. mounted equipment. It attaches



My home-built compost turner works so well on my own hog farm, I've decided to start a business selling them. I designed and built my first one 15 years ago so I've learned what works and what doesn't.

My economically priced "Super Turners" are pto-powered and require a tractor with creeper gear or hydrostatic transmission for operation.

What makes my turners different from many commercial compost turners is that they feature a center hitch that swings to one end or the other for easy transport, loading

to any ATV with a tow hitch. Works just like a tractor 3-pt. hitch.



We also have implements designed for an ATV that can be used with the tow-behind implement carrier. These include a heavy pull-type disk featuring six 16-in. disc blades with a 1-in. axle, greaseable cast iron bearings. It weighs 260 lbs. and the frame is constructed of heavy angle iron and it can be fitted with up to 200 lbs. of extra weight for deep cutting action.

Other tools ideal for use with an ATV is a grader blade, a pine straw rake, a cultivator,

on a trailer or storage in a machinery shed. Changing position of the hitch can be done in a matter of minutes.

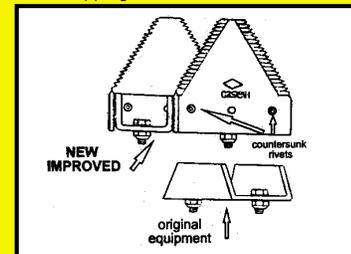
The turners feature heavy-duty drum blades. For example, the 10-ft. model (pictured) is fitted with 1/2-in. thick by 3-in. wide steel blades.

The turners are available in 7 to 16-ft. wide sizes. Prices range from \$9,865 to \$32,172. (Mark Denlenger, Advanced Compost Equipment, 12018 Pence Shevman Rd., Eldorado, Ohio 45321; ph 937 273-8256; fax 2114)

disk hiller, spinner spreader, and more.

Call toll-free at 1-800-333-9143 for a free catalog. (Russell Stevens, Stevens Company, Rt 1, Box 32B, Coushatta, La. 71019 ph 318-932-5118; fax 318-932-9800; Web site: www.stevenstractor.com)

We've had tremendous response from FARM SHOW readers to your article on our Straw Chopper Knives for Case-IH combines. Axial-Flow combines have always had problems with chopping straw but some of the new



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Thanks for your recent article on my Zimmie-Stacker for automatically stacking square bales behind a baler (Vol. 23, No. 2). I thought your readers might be interested in this granular applicator I built to apply preservatives to hay as you bale it. The trouble with existing commercial systems, like Gandy's, is that it dribbles on materials by gravity flow. That doesn't get it on well-enough. This one is fitted with a blower connected to a pvc tube with a divider on the end that spreads the stuff out evenly on the hay. It covers thoroughly and evenly. A venturi tube takes material as it's metered out of the hopper. In a

wet year, applying preservatives can be the only way to bring in a crop but you have to use them properly for them to be effective. Many farmers don't realize that the preservatives only work for about 4 months. If you're not going to feed out the bales in 3 or 4 months, you better not use them. I think a lot of barn fires have been caused by improper use of preservatives.

I've built a limited number of these applicators on a custom basis. (Larry Zimmerman, 1156 180th Ave., New Richmond, Wis. 54017 800-759-7033)