

# Reader Letters



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out of a pair of split wood rails up above. The birds and I love the sound of moving water. (Virginia Strueder, 3648 S 108<sup>th</sup> St., Franksville, Wis. 53126; v.strueder@netzero.net)

I built three of these mini ferris wheels, mostly from junk parts found around my place and shop. I sold one to a lady who



runs a kiddie park and have one for my grandkids to play on. I'd like to sell the last one. It has six seats with safety seat belts. It's powered by a 2 hp electric motor geared down to turn 5 rpm's per minute. It's about 12 ft. tall at the highest point and is completely portable.

I'm asking \$4,950. Will cooperate on delivery at a reasonable distance. (Hi Hope LLC, Don Edgar, 25005 North Pole Rd., Custer S. Dak. 57730; ph 605 673-2258; hihope@gwtc.net)

We live on a long dead-end road that leads to our 50-acre ranch. We have a problem with people coming up the road



to deer hunt so I built "Sheriff Dead Eye" out of 4-in. pvc pipe and some old clothes. He's got a gun across his lap. It sure makes people turn around in a hurry. (John Hubbard 6050 Riverbanks Rd., Grants Pass, Ore. 97527; ph 541 476-8675)



I don't have taillights on my JD 4020 so I put safety tape on the rear wheel weights so other vehicles can see me at night. I don't know if it's street legal but it works great for me. (Larry Sparks, 2220 Park Ave., Nyssa, Ore. 97913)

I was surprised to read about the research at Ohio State University using vin-

egar for weeds in your last issue because this isn't a new idea. The formula for homemade "Roundup" has been widely available in Canada for about 30 years. Just mix 4 cups of white vinegar with 1/4 cup of table salt and 2 tsp of liquid dish soap and spray onto the target plants at full strength. (Doug Clark, R.R. 5, Goderich, Ontario, Canada N7A 3Y2)

I made this "rat motel" out of a length of old 10-in. heavy-wall pipe and welded a lid and handle to it. I cut the hole 2 in. off



the bottom and it's just the right size for rats. Cats and dogs can't get in. The poison is kept inside and not spread everywhere. I can also move it wherever the rats are. A night in this motel ensures rats a nice long sleep. (Francis "Butch" Soehnlén, 10523 Soehnlén Rd. N.W., Beach City, Ohio 44608 ph 330 756-2244)



I bought a used Knoedler auger wagon and modified it to store shelled corn for

my corn stove. It holds about 60 bu. of corn, can be easily pulled by a pickup, and is small enough to fit in my garage.

I installed a slide gate where the auger would normally come out. A 5-gal. bucket fits under the opening. I modified the bottom auger by adding a hand crank to help empty the wagon completely after the corn stops flowing out the rear opening.

I'm willing to modify more of these wagons if there's a demand for them. (Kevin Holst, 22256-260<sup>th</sup> St., Eldridge, Iowa 52748; ph 563 349-4858; kjholst1@juno.com)

I made a 36-ft. swather made out of two 18-ft. Co-op swathers because the cost of a new one was so high.

I also wanted a machine with spring suspension on it that would float over



small obstructions and allow the machine to cut close to the ground while negotiating old water runs and crossing hillsides.

The long knife designs on the market were unable to negotiate this terrain and would leave significant portions of the crop uncut.

My design solved this problem because I equipped it with large inboard wheels that are adjustable for lead and tilt that counteracts any side draft. My only cost was time and welding rods.

I have also made a 21-ft. straight cut header from two 6601 pick up header combines. And I made a 26-ft. draper header from two smaller swather heads. (R.C. Jones, 1800 Main St., Apt. 21, Saskatoon, Sask. Canada S7H 4B3; ph 303 477-7773; krj@shaw.ca)

Thanks for the article you did about our manure proof "Blue Boot" in (Vol. 30, No. 1). Unfortunately, the photo published was of our new first-of-its-kind chainsaw boot.

Before, all chain saw boots were made from rubber and the sides weren't protected against the chain saw.

The Royer boot has four layers of



Kevlar, two layers of ballistic nylon with a leather trim and 100 percent waterproof rubber soles. The boot is also electrical proof with a steel toe and plate in the sole. It completely protects the foot against the chainsaw blade.

The "orange chainsaw boot" as it's known, fits like a work boot, not a rubber boot and comes in sizes 4 to 14. (Kenneth Knapp, Knapp's Shoes and Clothing, 165 Wallace Ave., N., Listowel, Ont. Canada N4W 1K8; ph 519 291-4750; fax 519 291-5319; knapps@porchlight.ca; www.knapps.ca)



I bought a large wood crib grain elevator 10 years ago but I haven't found a good use for it yet. The empty 100,000 bu. elevator is sitting on my farm 8 miles east of Warden, Wash.

What can I use it for other than grain storage? Any ideas from readers would be appreciated. (Lloyd Harding, BBLCO Big Bend Land, W903 Westover Rd., Spokane, Wash. 99218 ph 509 467-4381)

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