

## **European-Style Scythes**

Most Americans have abandoned scythes in favor of power mowing equipment, even when it comes to cutting weeds around buildings and fences.

But if you've grown weary of the whine of string trimmers, maybe you're ready to try a scythe.

If you've used a scythe in the past and disliked the experience, you were probably using the wrong kind of scythe.

The European-style scythe works so well you may want to park your lawn mower and use one to cut the lawn. The bush style of scythe may be used to trim undergrowth in your woodlot and the ditch style may be used for brambles and tough weeds.

Most scythes sold in America are heavy and poorly balanced. Not only that, but the angle at which the blade mounts on the handle (called a snath) tends to require that the worker bend over to cut with it.

On the other hand, European-style scythes are lightweight and well balanced. The blade and handle are positioned to allow a comfortable upright stance.

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## First-Of-Its-Kind Wands Clean Out Radiators

As Featured On RFD TV's Successful Farming Machinery Show



"It's designed to clear out every nook and cranny of your machine's cooling system," says Jerry Crum, Okemah, Okla., about his company's newly patented, "Radiator Genie".

It consists of a pair of wands that are sold in a set. One wand hooks up to an air compressor hose and the other to a garden hose. The handle on each wand is equipped with adjustable pressure.

A "pinched down" fan head is designed to fit into the engine's cowl and between the fan blades, where it can be positioned at the correct angle to blow directly through the radiator coils and exert maximum pressure to the back side of the radiator.

"It looks like a simple tool but a lot of thought and design went into it," says Crum. "We tested it for two years with no product failure. The wand tubing is small enough so you can get into confined areas, yet big enough to create a tremendous amount of air force to clean today's high-efficiency, downsized cooling systems. And there is no better tool on the market to clean large or small air filters."

A set of 2 wands sells for \$34.95 plus S&H. Makes a great gift!

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## **Magneto Rebuilder Trades For Cores**

If you need a magneto rebuilt, you could get it done free if you have enough extra magneto cores to trade. Rudy Calin has worked on practically every type of magneto from big horseshoe magnet antiques to Fairbanks Morse and Wico units. He has rebuilt magnetos for old cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, hit and miss stationary engines, and even small, single cylinder gas engines with external magnetos. He always needs old cores.

"I've been rebuilding magnetos for 20 years," says Calin. "I can test, diagnose, fix or completely rebuild most any magneto. I have most parts on hand, and in rare cases where the parts are not available, I may be able to repair the damaged parts."

He charges \$45 plus parts for a basic rebuild. Calin says his stock of parts and equipment sets him apart from other magneto repair services.

In addition to magnetos, Calin also works on carburetors. He beadblasts and repairs





These photos show Calin magnetos before and after they're rebuilt.

them, replacing any damaged parts. "I've worked on all makes and models," he says, including: Deere DLTX, (single & dual induction) TSX, TRX, all International IHC carbs, all Zenith carbs for Deere, Allis Chalmers, Oliver, Case, and more.

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