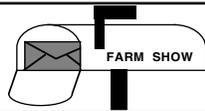


# Reader Letters



any more. I removed the tailgate, rear doors and back seat, then used a metal cutting saw to cut off the roof and sides above the wheel wells. I used a section of the roof to enclose



the cab behind the front seat and cut a hole in the rear of the cab with a chop saw so I could install a Plexiglas window. A shop-built 4 by 6-ft. wooden box slips in the back of the vehicle between the wheel wells. It's ideal for holding fence-fixing tools, rocks, sticks, etc. Cost only about \$100, including new battery, water pump and oil seal.

Finally there's my old Ferguson T0 30 29 hp tractor. I used to use an old-style loader and 30-in. manure bucket on it but got tired of stepping over the arms, which attached to the rear axles. Step-through loaders for these tractors are extremely rare and expensive so I built my own out of a 42-in. wide Ford trac-



tor loader that I bought used for \$400. The hardest part was making hanger brackets to fit the front and rear of the engine. A Vickers hydraulic pump off an old shop-built hydraulic press drives off the engine crankshaft. A surplus stainless steel fire extinguisher, with 1 1/2-gal. capacity and pipe fitting brazed in the bottom, mounts upright on the rear station of the loader to serve as a reservoir.

I welded 10 in. of steel to each end of the bucket, increasing load capacity by about 2 cu. ft. Lifting capacity is limited to a maximum of 800 lbs. but the loader still works great for cleaning out barns and doing many other chores around the ranch. (Charles George, Grand View Farm, 7411 288th St. E, Graham, Wash. 98338; ph 253 847-7204)

This isn't the rarest tractor in my collection, but it certainly draws a crowd at every show I take it to.

I bought the 1953 Farmall Super C in 1995 from a Leesburg, Fla., salvage yard for about \$700. Of course, what caught my eye were the stilts on the tractor. They were added for spraying sugar cane and were probably built by a Florida company. I don't know exactly how high the stilts are. But I'm 6 ft. tall and when I stand underneath the tractor my head just touches the oil pan. Also, I have to duck when driving the tractor through my 11-ft. high shop door.

The tractor was in awful shape when I got it, mainly because Florida's salt water air in the area just eats metal alive. I spent 2 1/2 months almost non-stop restoring the tractor in order to get it ready to show at the annual Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show in Portland, Ind., over the 1995 Labor Day weekend. Restoration cost about \$2,000, and I es-

timate the tractor may be worth \$5,000 or \$6,000. I added a lawn swing under the front



axle just for the fun of it. (Richard Cummings, 2287 W. Auburn Rd., Rochester Hills, Mich. 48309; ph 248 852-4311; fax 8149)

My brother and I are in the market for a big, powerful 4-WD tractor to handle some additional acreage we're taking on. One of the first 4-WD's that came to mind was the Titan we saw featured in FARM SHOW a couple years ago. Last year, we got some literature from the company, Power Mart, and were greatly impressed with what we saw. However, when we called the company this winter to get price information, directory assistance told us the phone has been disconnected.

What gives? (Dustin Wagner, Box 183, MacNutt, Sask., Canada S0A 2K0; ph 306 742-4573)

**Editor's note: We've had a number of inquiries recently about Power Mart, Fargo, N. Dak., which was featured as both manufacturer of the Titan (Vol. 18, No. 6) and as an importer of the 4-WD Zanello from Argentina (Vol. 20, No. 5).**

"Power Mart was forced to shut down last spring as a result of flooding in the Red River Valley," Jack Johnson, Power Mart's former president, told us.

"However, the company plans to reopen early in 1998 and begin producing Titans again," he adds. "Importation of the Zanellos is still in the works. Anyone with further questions is welcome to contact me at 701 293-6318."

We were disappointed to read in our last issue of FARM SHOW about Pril Zahorsky and the "Asian Shepherd" dogs she raises.

She is *not* the only North American breeder of these dogs, as she claims. In fact, there are more than 3,000 "Anatolian Shepherd" breeders in the U.S., including us. The main registry is the "Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club Of America" (P.O. Box 1271, Alpine, Calif. 91903; ph 619 445-3334). Mrs. Zahorsky, incidentally, is not a member.

You should research your subjects more thoroughly before printing everything you're told. (Karen and Jim Hair, K.J.H. Anatolians, 12103 Via Palms, Chandler, Ariz. 85249; ph 602 895-2416)

A friend of mine, the late Joseph Maxwell, was a well-known gun smith in Tillamook, Ore. He used to build "Mole Blasters" like the one FARM SHOW featured in Vol. 21, No. 3, that uses shotgun shells to kill pest animals, but did so "on the sly" since he understood these "set guns" are deemed "destructive devices" by the Bureau of Alcohol Firearms & Tobacco



This is the most unusual tractor I've ever seen. "The Squirrel Cage Tractor" appeared in the August 1913 edition of "Gas Review," a magazine for gas engine enthusiasts published in Madison, Wis. All I know about it is what was stated in the magazine:

"The most novel tractor yet invented: it works on the principle of a squirrel cage. A 25 hp engine inside the drum climbs up the inside like a squirrel in its cage and starts the wheel rolling. The machine, which was invented by Mr. S. A. Grant of Thompsonville, Conn., was tried out on his large farm, and it is reported to have pulled plows, harrows and other farm implements with great success. Mr.

Grant has had the machine patented in all countries and intends to organize a company and begin manufacturing."

Do you or anyone else know anything more about the tractor? (Michael Busch, R.R. 3, Box 80, Winona, Minn. 55987-9504; ph 507 454-1326)

**Editor's note: We checked with the Thompsonville area's leading historian, Tony Secondo, at the Enfield (Conn.) Historical Society. He tells us that he's been unable to locate records of S.A. Grant and the tractor he invented. Therefore, it's safe to assume Mr. Grant never got the tractor off the ground, Secondo told us.**



Thanks for including our V-Top Bird Trap in the 1998 Edition of Best of FARM SHOW. Unfortunately, the toll-free 800 number you listed was wrong. The correct number is 1-800-555-

9634. (Jim Burton, JWB Marketing, 101 Hurlbut St., Westwood, NJ 07675 ph 800 555 9634).

(ATF). Just thought FARM SHOW readers who have built, or are considering building, a "Mole Blaster" should be aware of this. (Jack Butz, 6210 Hathaway Rd., Tillamook, Ore. 97141; ph 503 842-8348)

**Editor's note: We checked with the ATF.**

"It's likely these devices would be considered the same as a sawed-off shotgun and, therefore, would be subject to National Firearms Act laws, which include "destructive devices", agent Jim Kuboushek told FARM SHOW. "We recommend you check with your local ATF office before you attempt to build one."



We were pleased to be included in the 1998 Edition of Best of FARM SHOW. Our Flo-Rite Drop Tubes are designed to fit the Keeton Seed Firmer. They make it easy to apply your favorite liquids and insecticides directly in the

furrow. They're constructed of durable stainless steel for extra long wear and are designed to allow maximum application without waste. We think it's the best and least expensive way on the market to apply liquids. (Farmer Fabrications, Rt. 2, Hicksville, Ohio 43526 ph 419 542-6880).

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