

Canes, Putters Made From Bull's Private Parts

The perfect gift for the guy who has everything might be a walking cane or golf putter made from the reproductive organ of a bull or buffalo.

The "Pure Bull Peter Putter" is made from a real bull organ with a 5/16-in. dia. steel rod inserted all the way through it. It has a leather grip and a brass putting head. It's custom made to the height of the person ordering it and comes with a personalized brass name plate.

Inventor Ross Taylor skins and cleans the bull organ. The organs are then dried on a rack for about three weeks.

Taylor also uses bull organs to make walking canes and shoe horns.

"They're absolutely beautiful," says Taylor. "In the days of the Old West people made bull organ canes, which were used by such celebrities as Doc Holiday and Bat Masterson.

"The putter is available in left or right hand models. The shoe horns can be custom made to any length so handicapped people can put shoes on easy. If you have a special coin or an item from a loved one - such as an earring, cuff link, medal, tie tack, etc. - we can inlay that into any of the items. We often inlay Indianhead pennies or buffalo nickels."

Golf putters and walking canes with an in-laid Indianhead penny or buffalo nickel and a custom made plate with your name on it sell for \$89, including S&H. Shoe horns sell for \$59 including S&H.



Inventor Ross Taylor shows off some of the items he makes out of the reproductive organs of bulls or buffalos. The products include walking canes, golf putters, and shoe horns.

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Wade Wittenwyler and his brothers have put together a small collection of carnival rides on their family dairy farm near Monticello, Wis.

Wisconsin Dairy Launches Its Own On-Farm Carnival

Neighbors invited to corn boils or hog roasts at the Wittenwyler brothers' farm near Monticello, Wisconsin, always know they'll be treated to a lot more than food.

Wade Wittenwyler and his older brothers, Kurt and Mark, have put together a small collection of carnival rides that are set up and running on a three-acre parcel that they legally separated from the 120-acre family dairy farm. They call the carnival setup Tri-Brothers Farm Fun, LLC.

So far, there are three rides.

The first is a 37-ft. Ferris wheel, which Kurt picked up six years ago from a family-owned carnival ride company in Platteville, Wisconsin. He powers it with a flat belt from a pulley on a 1947 H Farmall.

The second ride is a steel track roller coaster Wade bought a couple years ago. It was owned by a carnival company in Waupaca, Wisconsin.

The farm's most recent ride is a Flying Tiger Shark. Made by King Rides in 1965, it's an airplane swing ride, with the planes all painted like tiger sharks.

All three rides have been refurbished with new or rebuilt parts, and all have new paint jobs. Sometimes they have to improvise. For example, they replaced the electric motor that

powers the coaster with one from an old silo unloader. The Flying Tiger Shark had to be rewired before it could be used. It's powered by six electric motors.

Activities at Tri-Brothers Farm Fun are generally family corn boils or pig roasts, with an occasional benefit or fundraiser for a local charity or other cause. The brothers do not charge for rides, but all events held at the farm are by invitation only. Wittenwyler admits, though, that most people in the Monticello area have been out to the farm at least once.

The Wittenwyler brothers are looking for more antique rides for their business. Wade, a train enthusiast, would like to find a small gauge railroad. Their 80-year-old mother wants a merry-go-round, but Wade figures that might be a little more than his milk check can handle. "They sell for as much as \$1,000 per horse," he notes.

"If you know of an old carnival ride that's for sale, or just want to talk about what we have, we'd be happy to talk to you," he adds.

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Crawlers and steam engines were in abundant supply at last year's Annual Thanksgiving Antique Tractor Collector's auction held near Nokomis, Ill.

Put This Auction On Your Calendar

If you love antique tractor auctions - and you don't mind traveling to southern Illinois - you might want to make a note on your calendar to check out what has become one of the best annual auctions in the country.

The 7th Annual Thanksgiving Antique Tractor Collector's auction will be held at the Aumann Auction Center near Nokomis, Ill., on November 29th and 30th. It's scheduled each year for the Friday and Saturday following the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The auction just keeps growing. Conducted by father-son auction team Kurt and Nelson Aumann - two of the busiest rural auctioneers in the country - each year's sale features many rare tractors, steam engines, farm toys, pedal tractors, literature and memorabilia.

The highlight of the show last year were three big steam engines and a Fordson tractor that were consigned by the St. Louis Museum

of Transportation.

Other rare machines sold at last year's auction included a Best crawler, a direct ancestor of Caterpillar; a Farmall 130, the first Farmall ever made; a stationary steam engine called a Frick Eclipse, presented by Ben Carpenter, a grandson of Frick who keeps track of where the collectibles are; a rare 1919 Fordson tractor; and dozens more antiques of all makes.

A semi load of tractors from Canada was also sold at the auction.

The Aumanns specialize in "collectibles" auctions and are among the most knowledgeable in the country when it comes to antique tractors, toys, literature, etc. To get on their mailing list for future auctions, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Aumann Auctions, 20114 Illinois Rt. 6, Nokomis, Ill. 62075 (ph 217 563-2523).



Rides include a 37-ft. Ferris wheel, a steel track roller coaster, and an airplane swing ride.