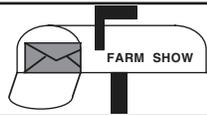


# Reader Letters



I've come up with an easy way to get rid of gophers. Just put a piece of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit gum down the tunnel in the gopher mound. The gophers love it and they cannot digest it so they die. I cleared up two acres in one month. It works. **(Howard Laue, 1475 Alamo Pintado Rd., Solvang, Calif. 93463)**

I needed extra weight to hold my snow blade down so I took two fiberglass water softener tanks and filled them with pea gravel. I cut



the plumbing lines off the top but kept the threaded end to plug the fiberglass tanks. I filled up the plumbing holes with epoxy resin. I then welded an angle iron rack to lay them on. I welded the rack to the frame of the snow blade. A nylon strap holds the tanks on the rack. The fiberglass weights are weatherproof and can be used on other equipment fitted with the same style of rack. **(Randy Reinke, Orionville, Mich.)**

Your readers may be interested in this cow scratcher I rigged up from an old street



cleaner brush. I welded it onto an A-shaped frame made out of miscellaneous iron. When cows rub on it it turns around. Cows really enjoy it once they figure out what it's for. **(Herold "Bud" Zabka, Rt. 1, Box 164, Albion, Neb. 68620)**

I attached a large magnet to the bottom of a push-type lawn mower to pick up nails in the yard after construction projects. I used a



magnet from a hammermill bolted to the bottom of the mower deck with the mower removed. I have just \$25 into it. Everyone who uses it loves it. **(Harold Ziegler, 7563 W. Ave., Fairbank, Iowa 50624)**

Here's a garden cart I made from the stainless steel inner shell of an old "ice chest". The oak boards around the edges serve as seats. The hub is pipe and the spokes are 3/8-in. rods welded to the hub, and a 20-in. bike rim. The 2 small wheels on the stands allow it to

roll without lifting the handle. The axle has two locations that it can be moved to, depend-



ing on the load being hauled. **(Bill Reeks, 7104 B U.S. Hwy 231 N., Cromwell, Ky. 42333 ph 502 274-3361)**

I made this fence tool out of an old crowbar. I chose the crowbar because it's both hard and malleable. I use it to pull staples out of wood fence posts when removing or repairing wire.

First I cut the crowbar off at 12 in. with a chop saw, then used a belt sander to sand the claws off making sure not to get the bar too hot by dousing it in a pail of water between sanding. Then I sanded down both sides of the claws to make a point. Finally, I put an 8-in. long piece of 3/4-in. dia. rubber hose over the bar to make it easier to handle. I use it with a hammer. Doesn't damage wire fence or posts. **(David K. Pemble, Pemble Farm, Pittsfield, Mass. 01201 ph 413 443-0646)**

I made a rear access ladder for my Deere 6600 combine. I wanted to set the wheels out to straddle more rows for further stability but the original equipment ladder was in the



way. I removed the original equipment ladder and platform. The steps and sides are made out of 1 by 2-in. tubing and the railings are 1 by 1-in. tubing. The platform was made out of steel deck plating. The braces between the platform and ladder are made out of 2 by 1/4-in. steel straps.

It works great and you don't have to swing it up out of the way like the original one. **(Dudley Johnson, 712 Elm St., Kanawha, Iowa 50447)**

**Editor's Note: We spotted this handy 3-wheeled electric hitch cart at a recent farm**



In regard to the comments by Chester Crane of Bangor, Penn., that were printed in the last issue of FARM SHOW concerning his Morton farm building (Vol. 21, No. 5), Morton Buildings, Inc. feels that your staff should get the other side of a story before you print such harmful material.

This matter was handled through the

court system and an arbitration board. In every case, Morton Buildings was found not guilty. Details can be found in the public record.

We have fulfilled our obligations to Mr. Crane. **(Steven J. Venden, General Sales Manager, Morton Buildings, Inc., 252 W. Adams, P.O. Box 399, Morton, Ill. 61550)**

show. It looks like a little tricycle except that it's not a toy. It's fitted with a 3/4-in. hp. electric motor that chain-drives the large rear wheels. There's a ball hitch on top of the cart. When we saw it the cart was being used to pull a horse trailer around without need for a truck or tractor. The cart plugs into a standard 110-volt outlet.

There was no manufacturer name on the cart and no one around to ask about it. Anyone have any information on this cart?

Thanks for the article in your last issue on our 3-baler hitch for pulling three in-line Case-IH balers at once behind a single tractor. Unfortunately, the phone number was wrong. The correct number is 806-373-5891. **(Larry Robinson, 8001 E. Farmers Ave., Amarillo, Tex. 79118)**

The article in your last issue about the possibility of Agco taking over the number one spot in farm equipment from John Deere made me wonder about the future of agriculture. Here's why:

Last summer I ordered a small plastic poppet valve for my 1985 Massey Ferguson combine from the local dealer that originally sold me the combine. When the part arrived, it had an Agco number on it and was priced at \$49.33. When they added on sales tax the price rose to \$52.33. This for a part that probably cost only pennies to make.

I'm starting to think the price of parts will break farmers before taxes do. **(Hillis Thompson, Box 605, Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 4P4 Canada)**

My brother built this handy cart for carrying corral panels. He started with an old portable loading chute. He removed the chute and



extended the main pipe frame behind the wheels. He then welded and braced two upright pipes with crosspieces to the frame. The crosspieces are angled on the ends so the panels naturally slide to the middle. A couple chain links welded to the posts, with tarp straps attached, hold the panels securely in place. Works great. **(Dennis Shelts, Rt. 1, Box 72, Huntsville, Ill. 62344)**

We're recently introduced a new electronic leveling auger for combine hoppers. It pushes



grain out to the edges of the hopper to prevent mounding in the middle of the hopper. It takes the load off the grain tank auger and reduces wear. Can be used with any brand of hopper extension. It's all electronically operated - no hydraulics. Automatically starts and shuts down as needed to keep grain levelled out. It folds down within the hopper for storage. **(Tom Janke, Sales Manager, Cray Co., 237 NW 12th St., P.O. Box 849, West Fargo, N.Dak. 58078 ph 800-247-7335)**

I was astonished by the number of calls and letters I received from all over North America after FARM SHOW featured my prize-winning home-built bandsaw-type sawmill (Vol. 21, No. 4). One interested party even drove all the way to my home in Manitoba from his in Minnesota to see my invention for himself.

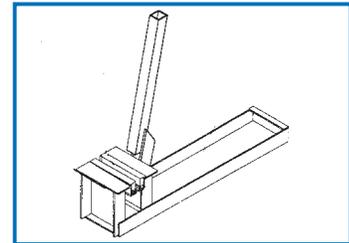
The downside of all this unexpected widespread interest is that I'm absolutely swamped, so much so that I've had time to answer only a few inquiries. However, I intend to answer each and every one as soon as I can. So, for FARM SHOW readers who are waiting for a reply, please be patient. **(Gary Meisner, P.O. Box 33, Grahamdale, Manitoba, Canada ROC 1C0; ph 204 449-2177)**

I have an extensive collection of FARM SHOW magazines - 99 issues in all. I'd like to sell them in one lot. All issues are in excellent shape and are boxed ready for shipping. My collection includes all six issues each for Vol.'s 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19. Other issues date back as far as Vol. 2 and as recently as Vol. 21. I'll sell the whole collection for a fair price and will throw in the annual "Best of FARM SHOW" issues for nothing. **(James F. Klesalek, 7950 E. Keats Ave., Condo # 230, Sunland Village East, Mesa, Az. 85208; ph 602 984-1551)**

We recently introduced two new additions to our line of "Hopper Toppers" (Vol. 20, No. 2) at the Big Iron Show in Fargo, N. Dak. Previously, we made the fitted hopper covers for Deere 9400, 9500 and 9600 series combines, as well as Case-IH 60, 80 and 88 series combines.

Now, the toppers are also available for Deere 7720 and 8820 combines. Including fitted 18 oz. coated vinyl cover, fiberglass bows, and twist-lock fasteners, kits sell for \$360. **(George and Bernie Kanzelman, Kanzelman Repair, R.R.2, Box 95, Maddock, N Dak. 58345; ph 701 438-2685)**

We've been building and selling the mechanically-powered "vise lacer" for five years. It lets



you repair baler belts quickly without taking them off the machine. It's become so popular with farmers we had to find a company to

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