



course, the idea only works on lighter equipment but Cole says it freed up a lot of floor space and was easy to do.

Roger Rosentreter, Carlinville, Ill., put together a mobile fuel service unit. A large storage tank and an old service sta-



tion gas pump mount on a pair of large steel skids. It can be used on the farm for normal refueling or taken to the field. **(C.F. Marley, Nokomis, Ill.)**

We came up with a set of bi-folding ramps for our trailer that work a lot better than full-length ramps. The problem was that



when we folded the full-length ramps straight up after loading, the wind would catch them when we were driving. So we cut the ramps exactly in half and installed hinges to allow them to fold. To reinforce them at the hinge point, we made a couple supports out of plywood. They fasten to the ramps just ahead of the hinge point.

Another modification we made was to add strips of rubber tire tread to the ends of the ramps. Gives the wheels a good grip as they head up the ramp. **(Don Huber, 721 School St., Nokomis, Ill. 62075 ph 217 563-8649)**

I bought a dump trailer at Wal-Mart but it fell apart after less than a year of use so I made my own. It's made of 16-ga. steel on the deck and sides, with an aluminum tailgate. I use a hand-pumped 4-ton porta-power unit to run a hoist that tips the bed. If I ever need the porta-power unit in the shop, I just disconnect four bolts to take it off.

The trailer rides on a framework fitted with a pair of spindles off a snowmobile trailer. Most of the frame comes from scrap angle iron.

Total out-of-pocket cost of the trailer



was just \$200. It's great for all kinds of yardwork, and can be pulled behind an ATV or pickup. **(Jim Polluch, 1350 Burkholder Dr., Alpena, Mich. 49707 ph 517 356-3230)**

Last summer I shingled a Chevy "bow tie" into the roof of my Dad's shed. It worked out so well, I'm now working on a Case-IH symbol for one of my friends.



I started by making a shingle pattern graph on a piece of paper, and then drawing the bow tie to scale on the graph. The next step was to center the pattern on the room as best as possible. I spray-painted the design on the old shingles before tearing them off, and then counted the number of tabs between color changes.

It looks great from a quarter mile away, on the county highway. We're located about 6 miles south of Glencoe. **(Joel Schauer, 17237 441 Ave., Glencoe, Minn. 55336 ph 320 864-4051)**

I bought a 16-bale conveyor from a neighbor. I already had an old auger that was worn out. I welded the wheels from the auger to the bale conveyor so we can raise and lower the elevator, and roll it



around. Works great for loading trucks with bales. **(Robert Frantz, 4101 S. County Farm Rd., Warsaw, Ind. 46580 ph 219 267-4308)**

Here's an idea that works well for me. I paint all my gate sticks a bright color so it's easy to tell if they're open or closed from a distance. **(Kenny Livermont, Allen, S.Dak.)**



Storing weed eaters is always a problem because they have to be held just right or the gas will leak. I've patented a new



Thank you for your past articles on our sale of military trucks, which many farmers use for farm work. We wanted to let you know that we just received a new shipment of 6-WD trucks in excellent condition. Most of the trucks have new diesel engines with turbos and radiators, tires that are 90 percent or better, no rust or dents, heaters, and defrosters. They make perfect grain, silage or manure hauling units. Some have front winches and hard top cabs and air-engaged front wheel drive. All trucks are road legal and

sell for \$7,500 to \$12,500.

We also have a few 6-WD Mack trucks that measure 21 ft. from the back of the cab to the end of the frame and have full air brakes, power steering, V-8 Cummins engine, a 5-speed transmission, and a high-low transfer case. The Macks have a 60-ton payload capacity and could be a real workhorse on the farm. They're priced at \$19,500. **(Joseph Naglich, 237 Grandview Rd., St. Marys, Penn. 15857 ph 814 834-1018)**



bracket that makes it easy to hang them on the wall. The home-size unit holds one weed eater. (It can also be used to hold a bicycle). I've also got a commercial model that'll hold three weed eaters and can be fitted with a storage box at the bottom. Adjustable arms on the unit adapt to any size unit. I'm currently looking for a manufacturer to take over production. **(Kevin Thomas, 60478 S.E. 30th, Pratt, Kan. 67124 ph 316 672-2618)**

Thanks for your feature on my equipment finding business in the last issue of FARM SHOW ("Equipment Hound Dog Tracks

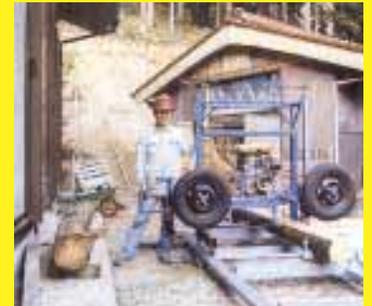


Down Equipment All Over The World"). I've had many inquiries about the machines you showed.

I thought your readers might also be interested in this "stretched" Carraro tractor from Italy which comes fitted with a dump bed but can be equipped with a variety of equipment - round baler, rake, fertilizer spreader, etc. What makes this machine unique is that it's designed to

operate in steep terrain or very rough terrain. They have auxiliary hydraulics, rear pto, 3-pt. hitch, and other features that you would normally only find on a much bigger tractor. Anyone interested in these, or other unique equipment from all over the world, can contact me. **(Eugene F. Canales, Ferrari Tractor, Box 1045, Gridley, Calif. 95948 ph 530 846-6401; fax 530 846-0390; Web site: www.approtecag.com)**

We've had tremendous interest in our bandsaw mill, which has been featured several times in FARM SHOW. I thought you might be interested in one letter I received from a man in Japan who built one based on my design.



Yoshiaki Nakamitsu in Yamaguchi, Japan, is an English teacher at a girls' school. He said it took two months to build his sawmill. He plans to use it to cut up cypress, pine and cedar trees that fell down during a recent typhoon. He also plans to do custom sawing for others. In addition, Yoshiaki told me he burns a lot of wood to heat his house so he's building a wood splitter.

It's pretty exciting to see my sawmill design show up in other parts of the world. I'm still making my plans available

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