

After hooking mower onto tray, you pull back and push down on cross bar until it touches the ground. A pair of safety stops lock bar in place.



Once the Mower Lift is in place, you can clean the deck, sharpen the blades or do other maintenance work on the mower.

## **Mower Lift Makes Maintenance Easy**

A "riding mower lift" was one of the show stoppers at the recent Minnesota Inventors Congress near Redwood Falls, Minn., an annual showcase of new ideas.

"It provides you with a safe and easy way to clean the deck and sharpen the blades on virtually any riding mower," say inventors Larry Morris and Terry Emond, M & E Enterprises, Andover, Kan.

The patent pending, semi circular-shaped mower lift has an angle iron tray on front that holds the tractor's front wheels. The tray is supported by a pair of chains that pivot freely as the lift raises up.

To lift the mower, you drive the front wheels onto the tray and use a pair of nylon safety straps and D rings to hold the wheels in place, then put the mower's transmission into neutral. Then, with both hands on the lift's cross bar, you pull back and push down until the cross bar touches the ground and the mower's front wheels are in a raised position. As the cross bar touches the ground, a pair of automatic safety stops automatically release and contact the ground just ahead of the mower's rear wheels. The last step is to apply the mower's parking brake and, if possible, put the transmission into a forward gear by engaging the clutch by hand.

For now, the unit is set up to handle only a 48-in. deck. They're working on an adjustable model.

"It's a simple solution to an old problem," says Morris. "On most riding mowers you

can't change the blades or clean out grass without taking the deck off or tipping the machine over and spilling gas and oil. It also makes it easier to change belts.

"The lift can be rolled over the top of mower and stored that way for the winter. If you have to keep the mower outside, you can attach a tarp to the frame to provide shelter. Or, you can disassemble the lift and hang it on your garage or shed wall. The unit goes together with set screws."

Sells for \$150 plus S&H.

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Lift can be used to cover the mower for storage by putting a tarp over the top.

## "Catch 'Em" Kit Kills Flying Pests

Tired of flies circling around your head while working outside in the summer? So was William Ebbeling, Guilford, Maine. He decided to do something about it.

Ebbeling says insect repellants keep bugs from biting but even the best repellants don't make them go away. So he came up with the idea of catching them on a cap coated with a sticky, non-toxic goo. It's not pretty but he says it's 99 percent effective.

The "Good Bye Catch-Em Kit" consists of a hard hat, a container of the special "Good Bye" coating, a pair of gloves, applicator brush, bouffant cap, and 5 plastic throw-away caps that fit over the hard hat. You can either put the goo directly on the hard hat and wash it off later (along with the dead bugs, of course) or you can put the disposable plastic caps on over the hat and throw them away once they're covered with bugs.

Ebbeling says the goo is made of mineral oil and fragrances that attract black flies, midges, deer flies, horse flies and sweat flies. He does all the testing himself.

Sells for \$24.99 plus about \$5.00 S&H.



Kit contains hard hat, throw-away plastic hat covers, a container of goo, and a brush.



When Ebbeling gets done working outside, his hat is covered with insects. Sticky coating applied to hard hat contains an attractant that they can't resist.

Goodbye coating is available in 2-oz. containers for \$4.95.

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## Awesome Ironworker Built By Farmer

"Our new Iron Worker is a 40-ton 'H' style press with a heavy duty shop press built into it. It's a powerful machine with basic, easy-to-use features for the smaller shop," says Richard Tilton, Iroquois Ironworker, Inc., DeSmet. S. Dak.

The unit stands 63 in. high by 61 in. wide by 26 in. deep. It has a 32-in. wide press bed and 75 tons of punching capacity. The punch has an 8-in. throat opening, and there's also a 14-in. bar shear and an angle shear. The unit is operated by a 2-stage hydraulic pump that's driven by a 5 hp electric motor. It can operate on either one or three phase electricity.

The unit has electronic controls with adjustable stroke control, and a remote foot switch with pedestal controls is available. Optional equipment includes a pipe bending set, tubing bending set, square notcher, and pipe notcher.

"We built the first prototype of this machine in our farm shop for our own use nine years



ago. It turned out to be a tool that we liked and used a lot so we decided to file for a patent on it," notes Tilton.

Sells for \$8,400.

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