



"People have a lot of fun watching it bob up and down in parades," says Tom Wheeler about the 2-wheeled cart he made just for fun. It's shown here in the "down" position.

Two-Wheeled Parade Cart Bobs Up And Down

"When we're in a parade people scratch their head trying to figure it out. As we get closer, they smile or laugh," says Tom Wheeler, Ray, N. Dak., about the two-wheeled cart he made just for fun.

The cart rides on a pair of 24-in. truck wheels and is painted red, white and blue. The seat, which is big enough for two adults or three kids, bobs 28 in. up and down as the rig moves along. The seat is welded to a pair of short steel pipes that mount over a longer steel pipe that forms the axle. The axle rotates inside the two pipes.

"I got the idea after seeing a story in FARM SHOW about someone who offset the wheels on a Jeep," says Wheeler. "I didn't have a

Jeep so I came up with the idea to make a two-wheeled cart and offset the axle instead of the wheels.

"It's fun to watch the different reactions people have to it. When the cart is parked and people walk by it, no one bothers to take a second look. But as soon as the cart starts moving and they see the riders moving up and down, they stop and stare in fascination. Sometimes at parades I'll walk behind the crowd and listen to people as they talk about what they've just seen."

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Rod Tempel and his 6-ft. long, mini wooden fence and barn. Fence consists of a series of interconnected rails and can be set up in any configuration to keep it from tipping over.

Fold-Up Play Fence

Kids - and moms - will like this 6-ft. long, miniature wooden fence that folds up into a neat package for storage.

Invented by Rod Tempel of Morgan, Minn., the fence consists of a series of interconnected rails and can be set up in any configuration to keep it from tipping over. It's made up of a series of 7-in. long, 3-in. high rails made from cherry, pine or oak. The rails are held together by doweled glue joints that give the fence flexibility. Half the rails have three beams and the other half two beams. There's a latch at one end of the gate.

"You can fold the fence to any shape you

want. Conventional plastic fences don't always stay upright on a carpet and are always moving around. My fence is designed to stand up on bumpy carpets without falling over," says Tempel.

The fence sells for \$13 plus S&H. A 5-ft. long, 2 1/4-in. high fence is also available and sells for the same price. Tempel also makes a 12-in. wide, 26-in. tall play barn that sells for \$69 plus S&H.

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"It rides right over gravel with no problems," says Neil Ohler about his "oversize" home-built bike scooter.

Scooter Built From Bike Parts

"They don't cost much and they're a lot of fun," says Neil Ohler, Stavelly, Alberta, about his home-built bike scooter.

The oversize scooter measures 5 ft. long and was made using a 20-in. bike's handlebars, front and rear wheels, and frame. The big wheels make it easy to ride, even over gravel. Ohler cut away the top part of the frame and lengthened the bottom part. A 1/2-ft. long, 6-in. wide aluminum plate was screwed onto the frame between the wheels and a rubber grip pad off an old vehicle's

running board was glued onto it. The bicycle's front wheel brake is used to slow down or stop.

"A scooter this big rides right over gravel with no problem," says Ohler. "Operating it is good exercise because you're constantly changing legs. The leg that's on the pad gets most of the exercise because the operator is constantly lifting himself up and down."

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Chuck Smart built this replica of the first bicycle ever built. It has no pedals. You just run and coast.

Perfect Replica Of First Bike Ever

This perfect replica of what's considered to be the first bicycle ever built was put together by Chuck Smart, Fitzgerald, Ga.

The "Draisienne" dates back to 1817 in Europe where it was invented by Karl Von Drais, a land surveyor who was looking for a faster way to get around. The Draisienne had no pedals. You just run and coast.

Smart built his replica based on old drawings of the bike. "The wheels and frame are all wood. The only metal is in miscellaneous hardware," says Smart.

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