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Go Ice Fishing In Style

If you're heading out onto the ice this winter to go fishing, here's a way to do it in style like no one else in town.

The Wilcraft ice house is an amphibious vehicle that lets you drive to where the fish are biting, at a moment's notice. And if the ice breaks, the unit floats.

The aluminum rig has a long wheelbase and is equipped with wheels on front and tracks on back, with a canvas enclosure and an insulated floor between them. By pressing a switch you can quickly raise or lower the wheels. The quicktop enclosure lays down in an instant while the rest of your ice fishing gear stays set up. Top speed is 20 mph. A locking differential and strategically designed weight placement provide aggressive traction, suspension and power.

According to the company, the machine



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makes a great hunting vehicle, too, since it's ideal for use in low-lying wetlands.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Multifarious, Inc., 2582 1/2 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, Minn. 55109 (ph 651 653-0534; www.TheWilcraft.com).

"Shack Wrap" Lets You Fish From Your Pickup

Don't have time to set up a big shack? The ShackWrap allows you to fish from the comfort of your pickup. And when the fish aren't biting, just fold it up into a small nylon bag and drive to a new spot.

ShackWrap is made from rip stop nylon and is secured to your vehicle with cold weather suction cups that are rated to 20 degrees below zero. The heat from your vehicle inflates ShackWrap and keeps you warm, and also keeps your fishing hole from freezing over.

To install the unit, you face your vehicle toward the direction of the wind and drill your ice-fishing holes, then use powerful small magnets to secure the apron to the bottom of your vehicle under the door. Then attach ShackWrap around the vehicle door with the suction cups. Use snow or ice from the drilled holes to hold down the apron and the vehicle's



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heater will keep ShackWrap warm and inflated.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Tom ph 612 910-0415 or Steve 612 889-4778; fax 651 451-2737; www.shackwrap.com.

"Lawn Chair" Snowshoes

"I made a pair of snowshoes from the backs of four old lawn chairs made from round aluminum tubing," says Ken Voigt, Wausau, Wis.

"You can make the snowshoes any size you want. I came up with the idea after a new snowshoeing trail was established in our area. I already had the 90 degree corner tubing because of the way the chairs were made. I cut the straight tubing into lengths as needed. I inserted pieces of wood dowel stock inside the tubing to join the pieces together, then secured them with screws. I used conveyor belting for the covering and also for the boot sockets, and rubber tie-down straps to hold my boots in place. I used screws to secure the conveyor belting. All the screws were driven from the bottom of the snowshoe, as the screw heads help with traction on hard, slippery surfaces."

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Snowshoes are made out of the remains of old broken lawn chairs made with aluminum tubing.



Advanced Metal Construction offers used mini trucks painted in camouflage.

Where To Buy A Mini Truck

Mini cargo trucks that double as ATV's are catching on fast. In the past year or two, many new dealers and importers have sprung up, selling both new and used trucks imported primarily from Japan.

Buyers like the enclosed cabs, the more comfortable seating, and how easy the trucks are to get in and out of as compared to ATV's. They also like the increased carrying capacity and, of course, the price - often as low as \$3,500 to \$4,500. Below is listing of some vendors. You'll find many more in the internet. Just go to Google.com and search up "mini truck".

Paul Stith

95 Oakridge Drive
Oneonta, Ala 35121
ph 205 446-9743
email: stith@otelco.net
(Sells 6 different brands of Japanese trucks. Most are 1990 to 1995 models. Prices start at \$3,700)

Nat Smith

11 Toccoa Valley Drive
Blue Ridge, Ga. 30513
ph 877-209-8505 or 706 838-5313
(Sells a variety of mini 4-WD utility trucks for off-road use.)



A mini truck fitted with tracks is offered by American Mini Trucks.

Agri Services of Lebanon Inc.

Lebanon, Missouri
ph 417 532-7898
(Used Japanese 4-WD mini trucks with heaters and AC.)

America's Mini Truck Center

P.O. Box 416
White River, S.Dak. 57579
ph 866-381-6753 or 605 259-3300
www.minitruckcenter.com
(Sells used Daihatsu, Mitsubishi, and Subaru mini trucks with 2 or 4-WD. Some dump boxes available and a model with tracks.)



Paul Stith carries 6 brands of mini trucks.

Ulmer Farm Service, LLC

Menno, S. Dak. 57045
ph 605 387-5660
www.ulmerfarmservice.com
(Suzuki, Mitsubishi and Daihatsu models getting 40 mpg average. On-demand 4-WD, liquid-cooled engines, 4 and 5-speed transmissions. Can be camouflaged for hunting.)

ATV Alternatives, LLC

505 N 21st Ave
Caldwell, Idaho
ph 208 453-9288
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Steve Aalnofer

84985 U.S. Hwy 281
Ewing, Neb. 68735
ph 402 482-5732
(4-WD Japanese trucks for non-highway use. Models range from 1987 to 1997. Engines range from 550 to 660 cc. Bed capacity 1,000 lbs.)

Advanced Metal Construction

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Opelousas, LA 70570
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Ulmer Farm Service in Menno, S. Dak., has a wide variety of mini trucks in stock.