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## "Souped Up" 1952 Ford 2-Ton Truck Gets Attention

"It really gets the attention of semi truck drivers when I'm going down the highway because it looks like a semi," says Larry Sommerfeld, Moose Jaw, Sask.

He and friend Wayne Alm "souped up" a green 1952 Ford 2-ton truck that was once used by a local Co-Op Creamery to haul milk.

They cut 42 in. off the back of the frame and moved the back wheels forward. For a smoother ride, they cut out 5 of the 8 leaf springs. "This truck was designed to carry 250 bu. of wheat and she would ride smooth with a full load," Sommerfeld says. "But when she's empty she would ride like a tank. It's much better with just with three springs."



The creamery replaced the truck's original engine with a rebuilt flathead V-8. "It's still a fairly new engine," he says. They also installed a 4-speed standard transmission.

Sommerfeld and Alm fashioned a deck, bumper and fenders out of aluminum checker plate. Radial tires with sandblasted rims, bucket seats, tinted glass, 6-in. dia. chrome exhaust pipes and new paint complete the look. "I always liked red vehicles with black fenders on them," he says.

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## Berry-Picking Stick

"I got the idea for my berry-picking pole one beautiful summer evening when my wife was cooking supper and suggested that some raspberry shortcake would taste awful good for dessert. That sounded good to me, too, so I went out to pick a couple baskets of berries," says Eugene Towne, Milton, Vermont.

"I started picking down one side of the row, filled one basket and went to the other side to pick there. When I bent down to put the first basket down I looked back across the row and saw that I had missed a lot of berries on the other side. I realized it was hard to pick, push the branches aside and hold the basket all at once.

"I went to the barn and found a metal stake. I attached a flat aluminum plate to it and the first berry-picking stand was born.

"I just stick the pole in the ground, put the basket on the plate, and pick with both hands.

"The device adjusts to different heights easily and is useful anywhere you want to hold something and still use both hands. It might also be useful to hold tools when working on machinery. If you added a magnet, it could hold nuts and bolts in place."



Stick lets you pick berries with both hands. Just stick pole in the ground and put basket on pole-mounted plate.

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## Drill-Powered Weeder

"It'll quickly pull weeds of any kind and can also be used to till a small garden," says Bob Gilley, Tyler, Texas, about his EZ Weed Out.

It's a 33-in. long, 5/16-in. dia. cold rolled steel tool with hardened steel tines. It fits into any variable speed electric or cordless drill.

You just insert the EZ Weeder into a drill, place the tool off center of the weed, give it a short burst of power, and it'll twist the weed right out. It's that simple.

Sells for \$14.95 plus S&H. He also sells specially made 3/8-in. dia. EZ Weed Out for an additional charge.

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## Twine Burner Keeps Bale Buster Clean

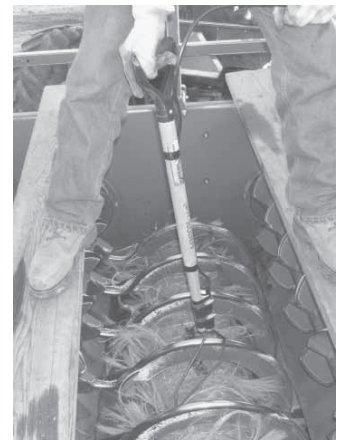
Keith Schole, Pickardville, Alberta, loves his Bale King 2000R bale processor except for the hassle of twine removal. He solved the problem with an electric twine burner that he modified to make it easier to use.

The El Toro twine burner originally had a short handle that required him to get right into the bale tub and stand on the rotor to burn off the twine that regularly builds up. By making a handle extension, he's now able to perform this maintenance job from higher up.

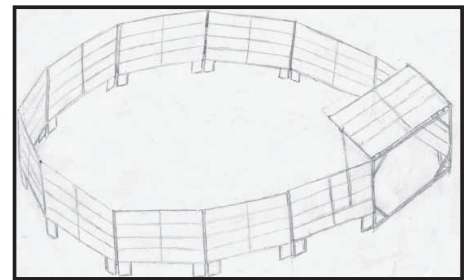
He made the handle by clamping a wooden shovel handle (using pipe clamps) onto the side of the existing handle, and taping the electric cord along its length.

The twine burner sells for right at \$80 (Canadian).

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## Livestock Traps Catch Cattle And Horses

Allan Brown of Marwayne, Alberta sometimes needs to catch cattle or horses on large tracts of bushy pasture in the winter.

"In these cases, the livestock are generally fairly wily and tough to catch with saddle horses, especially when there is very little or no snow," he says. "We've built traps which do a real good job of bringing them in safe and in good shape."

Brown builds the traps with light square tubing in 12-ft. sections. He incorporates 11 panels in a keyhole configuration, with a trip-operated 10-ft. gate that swings down from above. For horses, the panels are built high so there's no chance of them trying to jump out.

The animals enter the traps when the "greed for feed gets the best of them," and the trip-operated gate keeps them from leaving again.

"We bait them with bales, oats and salt, and then wait for them to find out how it all works. We check our traps daily," he explains. "We have learned from trial and error as to where to set them, what configurations work the best, and how to bait them properly so

they work to the best of our advantage. We've found that, as the horses and cattle get used to being trapped, they handle easier every time.... no stress, no fuss, no muss."

Horse traps are built different from cattle traps, as horses do not have the tendency to stick their head through the bars and push, as cattle do. Therefore, cattle traps need to have the bars spaced no more than 9 in. apart.

Brown says using square tubing to build traps gets expensive, but it keeps them strong and light so they're easily portable.

"Along with having three traps of our own, which we also use as round pens in the off season, we're now selling them. People find that trapping the tough ones is easier on cattle, horses and men than trying to catch the bad ones in the traditional manner," he adds.

The price for Brown's traps varies, based on the price of steel at the time. Inquiries are welcome.

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