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Pet Buffalo Likes Riding In The Car

"Bailey D. Buffalo Jr." is an ambassador for the Alberta bison industry. He's raised the profile of his "kin" by riding in cars and hanging out in homes.

Bailey's owners, Jim and Linda Sautner of Spruce Grove, Alberta have a special bond with the 15-month-old, 1,050-lb. animal who was orphaned at birth. Jim's knack for training has allowed Bailey to practically become a member of the family.

"I cut the top off a 1996 Pontiac Parisienne to make a Bailey-Mobile. I also took out the back seat and front passenger seat so I can lead him in through the back door at an angle. I took the windshield out, too because he was too long," Sautner explains. "Once I coaxed him in with a pail of oats, he knew how to do it, and now, if I leave the door open, he'll go in by himself. In fact, sometimes he'll even jump in without the doors open, to take a look in there, checking for oats."

When Sautner takes Bailey for a ride he never drives faster than 40 mph. "We go in parades, and sometimes on a hot day when I think he's feeling pretty hot and wants to get the wind blowing through his hair, I take



Car's back seat and front passenger seat were removed, as well as the windshield.

him out on the highway and he sticks his nose in the air, and I know he loves it," he says.

"Bailey D. Buffalo Sr." passed away in Apr., 2008. He was 1,800 lbs., often came into Sautner's house, and liked to do country line dancing.

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Wheelchair rocks back and forth on a set of curved metal tracks, which are held together by two adjustable rods.

How To Make A Wheelchair Rock

"My mother has a penchant for movement in her wheelchair and damaged several walls, bumping them while watching TV. I solved the problem by turning her wheelchair into a rocking chair," says Richard Guthrie, Early, Texas.

He simply made a set of curved metal tracks - held together by two adjustable rods - just wide enough for the wheelchair's wheels.

"My mother rolls onto the tracks, then locks the wheels and it becomes a rocking chair," says Guthrie. "It can be adjusted to fit any size wheelchair, is sturdy enough for any size person, and is simple enough for any do-it-yourself person to build. I could provide plans if there's enough interest."

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Roll onto the tracks and lock the wheels and you've got a rocking chair.



A 14-ft. dia., 20-ft. high corn crib serves as a "cage" for these two giant wood parrots on a farm near Lewiston, Minn. Cage is held up in the air by a giant candy cane.

Two Parrots In A Corn Bin

A pair of giant wood parrots, perched inside an old ear corn crib, catch the eye of anyone driving on County Road 29 near Lewiston, Minn.

The cage appears to be held up in the air by a giant candy cane that's painted red and white, with rope Christmas lights wrapped around it at 1 1/2-ft. intervals. Icicle Christmas lights hang down from the bin's roof.

"My brother Ron and I came up with the idea together several years ago. We just wanted to have a little fun, but it quickly turned into a local landmark. Ron made the parrots and I made the candy cane," says Jim Schloegel. "A lot of local bus tours come by during the Christmas season to see it."

The crib measures 14 ft. in diameter and is 20 ft. high to the top of the roof. It was originally located on a neighbor's farm one mile away. They moved the crib off its original cement floor, then put a system of posts and planks under the crib and skidded it down the road to their farm.

"We worked on it weekends and nights. The entire project took several months to do," says Jim.

The cane is made from four 9-ft. long conditioner rolls off a New Holland haybine. Jim cut off both ends of each roll and used a handheld LP flame thrower to heat the inside of the roll to loosen the rubber so he could pull it off and then weld the rolls together end to end.

To make the bend in the cane, he cut slots into one roll and then used a ratchet and chain to pull the roll's ends together until the bend was complete. Then he welded the slots back together.

The candy cane is held in place by a box framework - made from seven more hay conditioner rolls - that runs under the crib and supports it at six points. "The framework is made in such a way that I can move the cane around and even mow under it," says Jim.

The parrots measure more than 8 ft. long and each was made from an 8-ft. sheet of plywood. Each parrot has a small hook attached to it and is held upright by a pair of guide wires that extend through the bin.

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