

Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044.

Sweet & Sour Slaw

1/2 cup white wine vinegar
1/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup fresh orange juice

4 cups thinly chopped green cabbage
4 cups thinly chopped red cabbage
1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
1/2 tsp. Kosher salt

Combine first 3 ingredients in small saucepan, cook, stirring with whisk for 3 min. Chill.

Combine all. Cover and chill. Toss gently before serving.

Irene Leona Katz
Galeton, Pa.

"Maple" Syrup

1 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup brown sugar
Dash of maple flavoring
1 tsp. margarine

Combine all ingredients into saucepan and bring to a boil. Serve warm over pancakes.
Ellie Tingelstad
Alexandria, Minn.

Easy Beer Bread

3 cups self-rising flour
5 tsp. granulated sugar
1 bottle/can of beer - room temperature
1/4 cup butter or margarine melted
Additional seasoning (optional) such as: thyme, dill weed, or cheese

Mix together the self-rising flour and sugar. If you want to season your bread, now is the time to mix it in. Save a bit of your choice seasoning to sprinkle on top. Pour in the room temperature beer and mix well. Place your dough into a non-stick sprayed bread pan (this makes one loaf of bread). If you seasoned your bread, sprinkle a bit of the same seasoning on top of the dough. Bake at 350°F for 45 min. Pour melted butter over the top and bake for an additional 15 min.

Cast Iron Corn Sheller

This new hand-cranked corn sheller from Lehman's is made out of tough cast iron and works just like the old antiques. It'll shell 10 to 15 bu. per hour.

The corn sheller is designed to bolt onto the edge of any wooden box or barrel. It measures 11 in. high by 7 in. wide and weighs 16 lbs.

The unit adjusts to all ear sizes. You drop the cob in the top and it spits the cob out the bottom, clean as a whistle. It'll also hull walnuts if the husk is mature and ready to be removed.

Sells for \$239 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Lehman's, P.O. Box 270, Kidron, Ohio 44636 (ph 888 438-5346; www.lehmans.com).



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Flash Drive ID Tag For Dogs

You can record just about any information you want about your pet with this new small flash drive that can be attached to your dog's collar.

The Top Tag is a 64MB flash drive that plays on the USB port of any Windows computer. It lets you write, organize, store and retrieve all your pet's important care information including medical history, emergency contacts and even photos. You can share the flash drive with veterinarians, pet sitters, relatives and anyone else who needs information about the dog's care. You can update the information any time there's a change in your pet's life, such as a new address or a change in diet or updated medical information.

The flash drive fits inside a waterproof case. Sells for \$34.95 including S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Flash Drive Publishing, Inc., 8750 E. Speedway Blvd., Suite 210, Tucson, Arizona 85710 (ph 520 547-0412; info@toptagpetid.com; www.toptagpetid.com).



Flash drive ID tag attaches to your dog's collar.

Weber Grill Add-On

This new barbeque accessory turns your Weber grill into an effective smoker, eliminating the need to buy an expensive new unit. It gives you control of moisture and temperature without the need for expensive mechanical temperature gadgets, says Barbecue Kettle Accessories, San Jose, Calif.

The Smokenator 1000 is a stainless steel box that fits inside the grill and holds enough charcoal for about 6 hrs. of smoking. The box contains the hot coals, channeling heat upward and shielding food from direct heat. A built-in water pan rests right on top of the coals, providing moisture and helping to hold the temperature steady.

With the Smokenator in place, there's room for a large turkey or a mess of ribs, and you can buy a double rack to create even more space. According to the company, having the water pan in the firebox is the most efficient means of transferring heat to the water and keeping the temperature lower. And since the charcoal is away from the food, you can achieve the gentle, indirect heat that's essential to smoking.

Available in two sizes, one for a 22 1/2-in. Weber kettle (\$55.95 plus S&H) and the other for a 26 3/4-in. kettle (\$64.95 plus S&H).

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Barbecue Kettle Accessories, 6189 Mancuso St., San Jose, Calif. 95120 (ph 408 340-3976; info@smokenator.com; www.smokenator.com).



Smokenator fits inside Weber grill and comes with a built-in water pan that rests on top of coals.

Barn Frame Displays Toys And Photo

A creative way to display toy tractor collections recently caught our attention. Arlen Byard of St. Paul, Ind., builds 8-in. deep display barns that hang on the wall like a picture. His barns include space for a large photo and several small toys.

"My neighbor bought a photo at a tractor show of an International tractor and asked me to build a frame," Byard explains. "I decided to make a picture frame that looked like a barn."

As a toy collector himself (more than 500 pieces), Byard added shelves for toys.

At 54 by 36-in., there's plenty of room for a good size photo (18 by 20-in.) and several 1/16-scale toys. Byard used poplar for the frame and finished the floor with cedar. Even the metal roof was made to scale by creating ridges 3 in. apart with a roller attachment on an electric drill.

"I've since made one with wood shingles, but most are metal. I can get metal to match every tractor color," Byard says.

Prices vary according to complexity, he says. As an example, one barn picture frame sold for \$400.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home



The 8-in. thick airbed turns your pickup or SUV into an instant bedroom.

Drive-On-Tough Airbed

Turn your pickup or SUV into an instant bedroom with an 8-in. thick airbed from Truck-bedz. The company makes their premium Expedition series air mattress so tough that you can literally drive over it.

"We routinely park large vehicles on them," says Terry Hanrahan, TD3 Products, LLC, maker of Truck-bedz. "They are 7 to 10 times the strength of Coleman, Aerobed or other airbeds on the market."

Hanrahan allows that the company does also sell a more conventional airbed. The Weekender series (starting at \$69) is similar to other velour flocced airbeds on the market. He says it fits consumers on a tighter budget.

However, you get what you pay for. The Weekender series is rated at 400 to 650 lbs. burst strength. Truck-bedz Expedition series (starting at \$169) have been rated to 4,000 lbs. capacity.

"Our original cloth Expedition series airbeds are constructed from a thick 420 denier nylon fabric," explains Hanrahan. "The fabric is laminated to a TPU urethane to give outstanding strength, abrasion and puncture resistance for real world use."

The material is the same as is used for premium level backpacks, life jackets and airplane escape slides. The Truck-bedz air beds are designed to inflate in 60 sec. and deflate just as fast. They come standard with a high flow air pump that plugs into the dash and has a 19-ft. cord.

Truck-bedz offers 22 models of their premium bed, shaped to fit around wheel wells to offer the maximum sleeping surface. Truck-bedz claims to have an airbed to fit nearly every pickup and SUV sold in America. They even offer a queen-size version for use in tents (\$199.95).

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