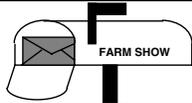


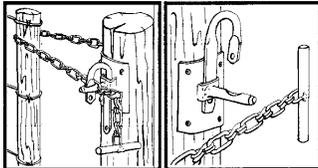
Reader Letters



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my 1976 GMC 2500 4-WD. Then I built a flatbed body 11 ft. long with a steel headboard and wooden side boards. Now it doesn't squat down under heavy load. Does everything I ask it to. **(Ray Hoxsie, P.O. Box 355, Westerly Rd., Pawcatuck, Conn. 02891 ph 860 599-5363 or 401 596-2829).**

We're excited about our new farm gate latch called "Speedlock". It's easy to open and close and fully adjustable, yet livestock can-



not rub it open. Can be installed on wire or steel gates and can be secured with a padlock. It mounts on the gatepost. A long length of chain wraps around the gate and slips over a pin on the latch. A latch then slips down over the chain to hold it in place. **(Creekside Charolais, Ltd., P.O. Box 252,**

Three Hills, Alberta Canada T0M 2A0 ph 403 443-7703 or 403 443-7542)

I'm sending along a photo of our Case/David Brown 995 tractor with front-wheel assist. The photo shows two side-mounted, hydraulically controlled stabilizing wheels that we mounted on the tractor. There are some



other features about this tractor that make it ideal for clearing brush on steep hillsides on our farm. It has a reversible engine coolant fan to blow debris off the radiator and a steel belly pan that runs the length of the tractor. Since this photo was taken, we've added steel radial truck tires, size 11R-22.5, inside the 11.2/10/24 tractor tires. This has completely eliminated flat tire problems.

We use the tractor with a pto-driven rotary brush cutter to cut brush and weeds on our 900-acre stock farm. The way this tractor is set up, I feel as safe cutting brush on a steep hillside as I would driving a car down the highway. **(Tom Williams, HCR 1, Box 1A, Aurora, Mo. 65605 (ph 417 678-3723; fax 417 678-6000)**

This is probably not a new idea and it's very simple, but many people might not have thought about doing it. I mounted a hinged plate on the end of a home-built sawhorse. The chainsaw is bolted to the hinged plate with hooked bolts that attach to the handle of the chainsaw. The bolts extend down



through the hinged plate and are secured with 1/4-in. wing nuts. The saw pivots easily with one hand while you secure the log to be cut with your other hand. A piece of angle iron sticks up to stop the saw from going over too far.

This setup has saved me a tremendous amount of time and labor. It's great not to have to hold the chainsaw when cutting



wood. Works great on anything from a small branch up to the largest log you can lift up onto the sawhorse. **(John O. Peterson, 5612 State Rd. 10, Oshkosh, Wis. 54904)**

I was in the body shop and wrecker service business for 40 years and developed a love for stainless steel. So when my mailbox rusted out, I decided, "Why not make one out of stainless?" I decided to make it look



like a wrecker. The body was made from sheets of stainless. The only parts that are not stainless are the exhaust pipes, which are 3/8-in. copper. The main post came out of a Cummins diesel truck. The back post is a cam shaft out of a car. It gets a lot of lookers and I know it will last a lifetime if it doesn't get run over. **(K. Roger Swineford, 1380 St. Rt. 603, Ashland, Ohio 44805)**