

# Reader Letters



The Mystery Soybean Crop article in your last issue brought to mind something my Dad said many years ago. He pointed out that his soybean rows were a bit crooked and, with a straight face, blamed it on the field being a bit wet when he planted and then warping as it dried. **(Dick Wenkel, St. Paul, Minn.)**

If you guys only knew how many times I've used ideas from FARM SHOW to make life easier, I think you'd be amazed. Ideas like melting candle wax onto a frozen bolt or stud for removal. My friends can't wait to read my copy when I'm done and the guys at my local barbershop like it, too. **(Blane Massey, Baltimore, Md.)**

There were no cup holders in the little Honda dump truck I bought to use on our family ranch. So my son and his friend, who helps out around here, went to the Dollar General store and got two clear plastic pint-size measuring cups and some "peel and stick" hook and loop tape. They put tape on the bottom of the cups and on top of the dash. The measuring cups hold the biggest drink cups and when we hit a bump, splashing liquid is contained.

My guys like to read FARM SHOW while I make out their checks. But I get to read it first! **(Martha P. Caraway, Nixon, Texas)**



I thought of FARM SHOW when one of my customers sent me pictures of this building made out of highway guardrails. We often have guardrails for sale, along with the thousands of other "recycled" industrial materials we handle. This building was built for a Clearwater County, Idaho, recycling center. They needed a building as strong as possible, and durable enough to be "forklift-proof". Total cost for the building was \$3,383 for labor, \$2,336 for equipment, and \$760 for materials - \$6,479 total. Savings were \$10,000 for a comparable-sized metal building. **(Damon Carson; repurposedmaterialsinc.com; damon@repurposedmaterialsinc.com)**



This is a picture of an extension for the discharge chutes on grain wagons. It has a metal pipe that runs across the upper end of it which fits into two notches I cut into the sides of the existing chute. To install, you just slip it onto the chute and set the pipe in those notches. It's adjustable side-to-side, as needed, to keep grain flowing smoothly into the auger hopper. **(Ted Lacey, Trent, S. Dak.)**

The story in your last issue about my flag holder that swivels in the wind incorrectly explains how it works. The rod goes in first, then the washer, followed by a 3/4-in. pvc spacer and then a 1-in. pvc which makes up the swivel that holds the flag and rotates. You missed the last part, which could be very confusing to your readers.

You publish some great contributions that I enjoy reading. I'm sure it can be a real challenge at times. **(Dave Meiners, Edgerton, Minn. ph 507 829-1215; davemeiners123@gmail.com)**



One of my horticultural clients designed and built this 3-pt. mounted, 5-ft. wide seeder for permanent bed farming. It features a 150 hp. gearbox, two 20-in. long in-bed rippers, two wheel track rippers with inward-facing deflectors, a large capacity hopper for seed or fertilizer, and two different distributors. A 12-volt fan is used to apply the fertilizer or seed.

The ground-driven unit comes with hex shafts and a simple one-spinner sprocket that makes it easy to vary seeding rates. It also comes with depth gauge wheels and a Cambridge roller for good seed-to-soil contact. The roller can be raised or lowered independently. **(Andy Lysaght, Plant Detection Systems, Ltd., 95 King Road Rd 3, Napier 4183, New Zealand; andyllysaght@xtra.co.nz)**



Over the years FARM SHOW has published several articles on mobile barbeque grills fitted with garden tractor wheels or built onto antique tractors. I've always wanted to make my own wheeled grill, so imagine my surprise when I found this one at an RV park near my house.

It uses a cut-in-half steel barrel and a hinged metal rack that folds down for cooking. The park has four of these grills, which are shared among 12 camp sites. They're easy to move around which helps keep the park lawn nice and green. **(Ready Davis, Bigfoot Equipment and Repair, P.O. Box 541, Willow Creek, Calif. 95573 ph 530 629-4067)**



Putting piles of raked leaves into bags is easier with these "leaf paddles" that I made using a couple plastic 5-gal. bucket lids and two pieces of 2 by 2 cut off at about a 20° angle. I used wood screws to attach the pail lids to each angled handle. I rounded off the edges of the wood for a more comfortable grip. Works great! **(Larry Floer, Regina, Sask.)**



Thanks for the article on my screen guards designed to protect tractor cab windows as well as the tractor operator (Vol. 42, No. 4). I recently built a guard for skid loaders used in the forestry business. The photo shows it mounted on front of a Kubota 95 SVL skid loader. Protecting the front window and the operator from wood debris is the goal of this screen. The guard is installed with just 4 bolts, which go through 1/4-in. "ears" on each side of the screen.

I make these screens for \$650 plus S&H. I include long bolts, along with washers, that allow you to continue using the skid loader's original grab bars. The screen also comes with a metal door latch. **(Robert Conquest, Bob's Welding and Design, LLC, 10421 S.W. 72nd St., Halstead, Kansas 67056 ph 316 772-2908; robert.conquest@gmail.com)**



My wife keeps the books in our home so I bring her the receipts. Usually I put them in my shirt pocket, but once in a while I forget and unfortunately then they go through the clothes washer. To keep that

from happening, now I just use a small vise grips in my pickup cab to keep the receipts together. **(Gary Swensen, 1408 Sunrise Drive, Yankton, S. Dak. 57078 ph 605 660-3489)**



Here's a photo of a cool Christmas tree I spotted near the Amana Colonies in Iowa. It's made with big tires at the bottom that get smaller toward the top, with a rotary hoe wheel serving as the star. **(Cindy Ladage, Springfield, Ill.; cindy.ladage@royell.org)**

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