

Reader Letters



My son Chris and I had a single posthole to dig recently, and we could only get down about 3 in. with our gas-powered auger before we ran into hard ground that we couldn't penetrate. My son said we'd have to wait for rain and that made me remember how my Dad used to put water in postholes back in the 1950's when we were digging in drought conditions. So, we put water in our hole and the next day we were able to get the job done. **(Gary Swensen, Yankton, S.D.)**

I wanted you to know that the article in Vol. 46, No. 4 about the small folding handgun is inappropriate. There is too much gun violence today and you should not be promoting ideas about small firearms. **(Hans Luck, B.C.)**

Thank you for printing my idea about painting in Vol. 46, No. 5 – Stains Out Of Waste Oil. However, please note a few corrections.

The article states, "Combine 1 gal. of any exterior oil-based paint with 4 gals. of waste oil." It must be 1 gal. of oil-based stain, not paint. It will not work well with paint.

Also, it should be "to change low gloss or flat alkyd paints to high gloss, not alkaloid."

I hope this will resolve any confusion that readers may have. Thank you for an excellent and informational magazine. **(Milan Lacika, Houston, B.C.)**

I have a Bobcat 753 that I bought in '04. It worked fine until last year. I've been having a problem with the steering. It's jerky when turning to the right. I'm wondering if somebody can tell me what's wrong. I'd appreciate any answers. **(Mark Miller, 1969 Post Oak Rd., Belvidere, Tenn. 37306; ph 931-308-0635)**

Easy Way To Send Your Ideas

How often do you see an idea when you're out and about and say, "Hey, that should be in FARM SHOW"? Next time that happens, just take out your phone and send us a photo or two. Just text them to us at **952-465-5019**. If you want to leave a voice mail explaining what you're sending, this phone is dedicated to FARM SHOW stories so it's on and available 24/7. No need to worry about disturbing anyone. Call or text day or night with your ideas, comments, or suggestions.



I bought my Ford F-150 4-WD extended cab pickup new in the summer of 1995. At the time I was still driving my 1979 F-100 Flareside and it had over 250,000 miles on it. She still ran well but was getting rusty and didn't have air conditioning. The F-150 has been my everyday truck on the farm since I bought it. I haven't touched the engine or transmission. I use Archer oil and change every 4,000 miles. It just turned over to 513,000 miles.



I'd like to get a new F-150 because this truck is getting rusty. I've been looking, but these days inventory is poor, and the sticker price is the price you pay (or more). I'm hoping that in a year or so this will change back to the good old days when you could dicker down from list price. Ford, I hope you read this because I could use a new truck. **(Dean Wenzel, Ceylon, Minn.)**

I have been a subscriber to FARM SHOW since Vol. 1, No. 1, in 1977. I was wondering if other charter subscribers are still around. **(Jim Muhs, Claremont, Ill.)**

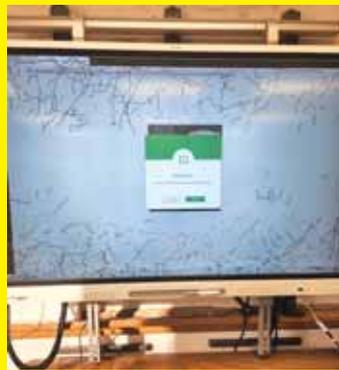
Editor's Note: When FARM SHOW started, our record-keeping was not as good as it is today, so we don't actually know how many original subscribers we still have. Let us know if you're one of those special few. And thanks so much for sticking with us!



Many guys like to fly flags on their pickups, but it can be hard to keep them standing up. I found a better way to do it by making a flag holder that fits into my truck's receiver hitch. Works great. You could also use it to fly a banner for an on-farm business or farmer's market. **(John Rochester, Deerfield, Fla.)**

When using plastic pails or buckets to store chains or other heavy objects, cut out a circular piece of plywood to fit inside the bottom. This spreads the weight out and extends the life of the pails. **(Kenneth Todd, Red Deer County, Alberta)**

My daughter Kristen is an ag shop teacher. One evening she forgot to turn off her smart board, which is a display



device that you can "write" on with your finger. The next day the board was covered with squiggly lines that she figured out came from a fly in the room crawling all over the board. Just imagine what flies do all over your home or barns. **(Gary Lee Meeks, Virginia)**



I previously sent you a picture of a heavy wood stove insert that I repurposed as a tractor counterweight by fitting it to my 3-pt. hitch. I've since welded a trailer hitch to the stove, so I have a drawbar again without removing the counterweight. I also fitted the tractor with the roof of a golf cart. **(Pete Jordahl, Oswego, N.Y.)**



I made this gate stop for the wooden shed where I keep my firewood. It consists of a wooden "stop" that pivots down to the ground to hold the gate in place. When not in use, it pivots up and is held in place by a bolt attached to a round wood handle. **(Richard Mountcastle, Rockville, Ind.)**

Over the years, I would hang chains, straps, bungee cords, and the like wherever I could find a place around the shop, making quite a mess. To get things organized, I attached a piece of 4 by 8-ft. cattle fence against one wall using washers bent almost in half. I ground an edge onto the sides so they would bite



into the wood when tightened down with a wood screw. It has worked out great to hold all of my rigging gear. Should have done this a long time ago. **(Jim Williams, Leesburg, Alaska)**



My redneck Yeti cup holder was made from a piece of pvc pipe. I just cut a slit in one side, so it expands to grip tight, and then attached it to the side of the tractor. **(Clotfelter Farms, Bogart, Ga.)**



When rototilling beside small plants, dirt would spill out and bury the plants. So, I installed a shield (the black triangle in the photo) to prevent the problem. Worked great. **(Garnet Powers, Marsden, Sask.)**

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