"Paperless" Coffee Filter

You’ll never have to buy another paper filter for your drip-type coffeemaker with this new stainless steel filter screen that comes in two sizes to replace most paper filters on the market.

Larry Galliglier, Aberdeen, S. Dak., came up with the idea. "It’s easier to use and you never have to worry about running out of filters again," he says. "After use, you just dump out the grounds and rinse out the filter or place it on the top shelf of your dish-washer."

It comes in two sizes - a basket style that fits most 8 to 12-cup coffeemakers and costs $9.95 (plus $1.50 shipping) and a cone-shaped filter that fits 4 to 12-cup cone-shaped filter coffeemakers that sells for $10.95 (plus $1.50).

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, The Galliglier Group, P.O. Box 541, Aberdeen, S. Dak. 57402 (ph 605 229-3117).

Add-On Power Kit For Skateboards

You can travel at speeds up to 15 mph with this new engine-powered skateboard.

Developed by Tom Shannahah, San Luis Obispo, Calif., it looks like a conventional skateboard but has a 21-cc, 2-cycle engine on back that drives a poly drive wheel directly under the engine. The rider controls the engine, which is fitted with an automatic clutch, using a hand-held throttle. Sells for $399.

Shannahah also makes a "powered dashboard" designed for off-road riding that’s ideal for farmyards, gravel roads, fields, etc. It looks like a conventional skateboard but has created wheels and has a 2-wheel drive axle. Sells for $499.

Powered Closet Carousel

If space is tight in your clothes closets, you might be interested in this powered closet carousel that rotates with the push of a button, letting you store twice as much clothing in the same size closet.

Carousel racks revolve along an oval track, bringing your clothes around to the front as needed.

Comes in a number of different configurations with single or double level hanging racks, shelving, and so on. Prices start at $1,450.

Contact: FARMSHOW Followup, White Home Products, Inc., 2401 Lake Park Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30080 (ph 404 431-0090).

Telescoping Flagpole

New telescoping flagpole costs less than most stationary 20-ft. poles and has features other posts don’t have, say manufacturers of the new DPS 3-section pole.

To mount or dismount the flag, you slide the pole up and down rather than using a rope. One advantage of this design is that it allows the flag to be attached to twisted rings which allow the flag to fly more freely and turn in the wind. Also, the flag can be flown at different heights, including half mast. There are also accessories that allow you to fly two flags at one time. And when not in use, the attractive anodized aluminum pole - which can be fitted with an attractive gold ball on top - can be left unobtrusively in retracted position.

To mount, the pole simply slips into a PVC sleeve in the ground. A 20-ft. pole (21/2-2-1/2 in. dia.) sells for $239. A 16-ft. pole (2 in. dia.) sells for $199.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, DPS Ind., 5250 Hwy 71 NE, Willmar, Minn. 56201 (ph 800 942-2113).

New Products
Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

"Do-It-Yourself" Safe Easy To Handle

If you’ve ever bought a burglar-proof safe to store records, a gun collection, or other valuables, you’ll understand where Iowa inventor Mark Zanotti got the idea of designing a do-it-yourself safe that comes disassembled in easy-to-handle pieces.

Zanotti bought a gun safe that weighed several hundred pounds and had trouble getting it up a stairway. Soon after, he designed a safe with interlocking components that can be put together in less than 20 minutes. Pieces (6 total) snap together, secured by pins that can only be reached from inside.

"These are state-of-the-art safes made with top quality materials. You can easily assemble them in a small area, such as a closet," says Zanotti, who’s doubled sales every year since he started business and has even started selling units in Europe through a distributor in Switzerland.

His safes vary from 5 to 6 ft. high and from 25 in. wide by 20 in. deep to 40 in. wide by 30 in. deep. They weigh from 350 to 750 lbs. Interiors also vary depending on how you plan to use them. They can be fitted with drawers or gun racks (the largest model will hold up to 52 long guns). Prices range from $800 to $1,800.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Zanotti Armor, 123 W. Lone Tree Road, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613 (ph 319 232-9650).

Solar-Powered Composter

You can turn grass clippings and other yard or garden debris into "aged" compost in only two weeks with a new solar-powered composter tumbler that has a programmable timer for automatic rotation, says Swisher Mower and Machine Co., Warrenton, Mo.

The box-shaped composter is powered by a solar panel that recharges a 12-volt battery. The battery drives a motor that rotates the composter. Material is loaded through a door on one side.

"The secret to 14-day composting is to mix up the compost every day," says Max Swisher, owner. "The programmable timer eliminates the need for manual cranking. It can be set to automatically tumble the compost each day for three minutes which is enough time for five revolutions. The box design mixes compost more efficiently than round models where the material tends to slide down the sides during rotation and ball up."

"The battery will store enough power to continue to operate for 25 days with no sun. An easy-to-use watering system lets you add water and automatically distribute moisture evenly throughout the compost while it’s being tumbled to increase decomposing activity. Adjustable aeration vents allow oxygen to enter the composter."

A 23 bu. (184 gal.) single compartment model sells for $499. A 12 bu. (96 gal.) model sells for $399. Manual crank models are also available.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Swisher Mower and Machine Co., Inc., Box 67, Warrenton, Mo. 64093 (ph 800 225-8183 or 816 747-8183).