

Reader Letters



I thought your readers might be interested in a unique find we currently have on hand—28 drums of synthetic manual transmission fluid.



Over the years, I've read in FARM SHOW about DIY recipes that use transmission fluid, including a homemade penetrating oil blend that mixes transmission fluid with acetone (Vol. 34, No. 3; 50/50 mix). There may have been other reader-submitted uses as well.

For any readers who enjoy creative, repurposed solutions—or simply want to stock up—this could be a great opportunity. You can check it out at: www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com/chemicals/synthetic-manual-transmission-fluid. (Damon Carson, President, RepurposedMATERIALS; ph 720-615-0281; damon@repurposedmaterialsinc.com)

I love this publication. I read it cover to cover. Keep up the good work. (Walter Mihuka, Fultonville, N.Y.)

To control mosquitoes in the standing water of our stock water tanks, we add 2 oz. of peanut oil for every 300 gals.

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.



of water once a week. The larvae can't breathe through the oil, thus ending the mosquito problem, and the cattle seem to like the taste of the water.

We enjoy reading FARM SHOW. (Jim and Ruth Hopkins, Nampa, Idaho)

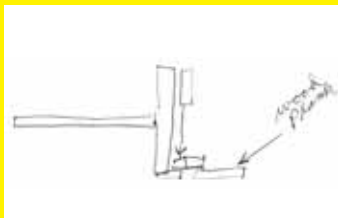
I don't care for the "Best, Worst Buys" section of FARM SHOW. You could discontinue it for all I care. I skip over it and don't read. It's a waste of paper. (Jason Lee, Maddock, N.D.)

I bought a Fellowes paper shredder from Walmart. The bin was too small, so I used an old table to hold the shredder and an old feed bag under the opening to catch the shredded paper. It works great. The shreds are good compost in the garden—just till them in. (Ervin Mast, Arthur, Ill.)



I hope you'll continue to mail issues of FARM SHOW. We don't have access to a computer and don't wish to. Call me old-fashioned, but I'd rather hold a newspaper or book to read than read on a device. (No name provided)

My only complaint about FARM SHOW is that there aren't enough articles about and for women. Many times, we have the ideas, and our hubbies follow up. Also, many women like me buy this for our hubbies. Recipes aren't good enough. We do enough cooking. (Diane Johnson, Sturgis, S.D.)



I had the same "leveling" problem when standing my splitter upright as Mr. Roger Keil wrote about with his Black Diamond log splitter in the "Best, Worst Buys" section of Vol. 49, No. 3. My answer was a 2 by 12 plank about 16 in. wide out in front of that thick steel plate that rests on the ground. It must be a full 2 to 2 1/4 in. thick. It worked for me. (James Miller, Garrett, Ind.)

I've been a subscriber for a long time, and FARM SHOW is my favorite magazine of all time. No other publication has inspired such creativity in my shop or offered such useful advice for getting things done more efficiently. Our farmers are truly gifted individuals.

I do have one negative, though. When I get to the last few pages, I feel disappointment knowing I'm going to have to wait for the next issue before I can continue reading. (Jim Hafner, Chatfield, Minn.)



If you enjoy revisiting previous FARM SHOW stories, check out our Facebook page! We post stories that have run in FARM SHOW over the years. Recently, Stephen Garver's shop crane from Vol. 46, No. 3, was featured. Garver adapted a 7,500-lb. knuckle boom crane he found on eBay to fit in a base in his shop floor. The post received some great comments from guys who shared photos of their own shop cranes.



Emil Ekenberg: "I did the same in mine in 2012."



Peter Wickenheisser: "Same idea! Wireless remote."



Lee Schank: "We have a telescopic boom in our shop where I work."



Bryan Barratt: "Have one in our shop, too."



Corbin Cox: "I have a smaller version of this."

In addition to photos of shop cranes, some commenters provided their opinion of the project.

Mark Peterson: "What a great idea, beats a jib crane all to hell. I wonder if a remote box could be integrated into it, similar to a truck-mounted material conveyor."

Peter Stella: "I'm going to have to report this post because if this catches on, I won't be able to find a cheap picker for my shop! Great idea, thanks!"

Brad Huson: "Cool idea, I'd prefer a straight boom with a winch, which would be a lot easier to pull parts apart. I'm sure he's thought of this and had his reason for the knuckle boom; they have their pros as well."

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Phillip Schwarz: "I mounted mine up on a boxed 12-in. I-beam post with a dog leg. It will do 9k up close and 800 lbs. at 40 ft."

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