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Letters to the Editor

Deer Gus:
I think that it's a horrible shame about the fact that there just aren't no more moose around any more these days hardly at all. Why don't all us he-men, do-it-ourselves readers get together and do something about this?

Running-Bear-With- Yellow-Streak
There's enough for me. Ed.

Dear Editor:
In last month's issue you had plans for building a cat house in your back yard. So I built a cat house in my back yard, but my cat doesn't like it, because the beds are too soft. What can I do?
Mamie Stover

Get a harder cat. Ed.

Dear Editor:
As an ex-pilot, I take issue with your statement in the Dec. issue that the YXBR-37 had a zip-flap underhinged umbilical main strut. Anyone with experience can tell that it was not this, but a cangle-braced reciprocating strut.
Col. Wm. "Red" Baron

You are right. Our writer had this confused with the umbilical auxiliary strut. Ed.

Dear Editor:
What is the primary energy source in the Lesser Magellanic Cloud?
Mrs. Andromeda Galaxy

Glue kills your brain. Ed.

Dear Editor:
I followed your instructions for building a model 3427-J robot explicitly, but the machine I built ate my grandmother. What can I do?
Robby

Send $0.50 for set of plans, "How to Build a New Grandmother." Ed.

Dear Editor:
Following your plans, I made a new quintuple exhaust for my 1949 Frazer, but I still can't do over 15 mph. What should I do?
Henry J.

Buy a new Chevy from my brother-in-law. Ed.

Dear Editor:
I recently installed a stereo tape recorder in my '59 Chevrolet, and every time I pass an XKE with an FM radio, I jam the radar of every police car within 12 miles. What should I do?
Mr. Wizard

Find a guy with an XKE and set up a partnership. Ed.

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"Hey, the telephone is ringing," said Gus Wilson, owner of the Mangled Garage, to himself. And with this witty remark, Gus picked up the telephone. "Hello, Mangled Garage, Gus Wilson, owner, speaking."

"You've got to help me!" The voice was that of a woman in distress. "My car is stuck and I have to get to the bank before it closes and make a deposit because I made out a check and there isn't enough money in the account and if I'm overdrawn again my husband will kill me and . . ."

"Have no fear," Gus interrupted gallantly. He hung up the telephone and trotted over to his truck. He beamed proudly at the shiny blue vehicle. He admired the Gothic lettering on the side which said: "Mangled Garage, Gus Wilson, owner." Then he stopped beaming and admiring and said to himself, "Hey, she didn't tell me where she was stuck."

The telephone rang.

"Hey, the telephone is ringing," said Gus to himself. He answered it. "Hello. Mangled Garage, Gus Wilson, owner, speaking."

"Corner of Elm and Maple."

"All right." Gus hung up, jumped into his truck, and drove to Elm and Maple. There he spotted a '63 Ford. Next to it a young woman paced back and forth. In the front seat was a boy of about four. Gus pulled up
behind the Ford and hopped out of the truck. The woman turned around.

"Why, you must be Gus Wilson, owner of the Mangled Garage!"

"At your service."

"Oh, I hope you can fix it."

The small boy stuck his head out of the window.

"But ma, we're only out of . . . ."

"Shut up, Norman!"

Gus set to work, rapidly and efficiently investigated the possible sources of the malfunction. After an hour, Gus smiled happily.

"Aha!" he exclaimed.

"What is it?" asked the woman.

"Your windshield wiper blades are gone," replied Gus.

"But ma, we're only out of . . . ."

"Shut up, Norman!"

Gus continued. After another hour he turned to the woman.

"I can't fix it here. I'll have to call for a tow truck and take a closer look at it at the garage." The little boy jumped out of the window and landed at his mother's feet.

"Damn it, ma, we're only out of gas!" he screamed.

Gus examined the fuel gauge.

"Young lady, I've got it. You're out of gas!" He took a five-gallon gas can from his truck. It was empty.

"Just a second," he said benignly. He then went around the corner and siphoned five gallons of gas from a parked car. Returning to the young woman he said, "Here's five gallons. That'll be a dollar fifty for the gas and ten dollars for . . . . confirmation of another mechanic's diagnosis."

"Can I give you a check?"

Gus looked at his watch. It was five-thirty, too late for her to make her deposit.

"No," answered Gus. She gathered the necessary amount from her pocketbook. Gus accepted it, cheerfully, thanked her, and started walking to his truck.

The small boy turned to his mother.

"We've been screwed, ma!"

Gus turned around. "Shut up, Norman!" he said.

Back at the Mangled Garage, Gus greeted his faithful assistant Stan Hicks, who, of course, had been taking care of the station in Gus's absence. Stan, a hunchback, was originally hired because he could easily work under a car with the hydraulic lift only halfway up, but his ambition and devotion to Gus, combined with his ignorance of the minimum wage law, had kept him at the Mangled Garage.

"Hello, master, welcome back."

"Hello, Stan, anything happen while I . . . ."

"Please, come quick!" A frantic-looking young man beckoned to them from the doorway. Gus followed him. On the street right in front of the garage was a '27 Essex. In the front seat was a young woman, squirming and moaning. "This is my wife . . . . She's going to have a baby. We were on the way to the hospital and the car broke down."

Gus took one look at the car and realized that he could never fix it in time. The woman squirmed more actively now and moaned more intensely. Gus rapidly outlined a plan to the man. They carried his wife into the garage and put her on a hydraulic lift. "Stan, some hot water."

"Yes, master." Stan siphoned some hot water from the radiator of the overheated Essex and brought it to Gus.

Now Gus began to work with the skill and precision of the mechanic, using only a lug wrench, a gear puller, and an occasional shot from a grease gun. Soon the baby, an ugly girl, was delivered. Gus cut the umbilical cord with wire-cutting pliers and tied it up. They took the mother off the hydraulic lift and put her in the ladies' room to recuperate.

Three days later the man came to pick up the Essex, which had been repaired, and his wife, who had recuperated.

"That's a hundred dollars," said Gus. "Fifty for the baby and fifty for the car."

"I can understand the fifty dollars for the car, but fifty dollars for the baby? . . . There were no parts involved."

"Sure. No parts, but lots of labor."

The man paid and the happy parents were on their way.

"Well," Gus said to Stan, "there's never a dull moment around the Mangled . . . ."

A horn sounded outside the Mangled Garage. A black sedan sputtered to a stop. The driver, a grim-looking man dressed in black, summoned Gus. "Fix it . . . fast!"

"Yes, sir," said Gus. He opened the hood and set to work.

Suddenly the music from the Mangled Garage's office was interrupted by a bulletin. "A daring daylight bank robbery took place just minutes ago at the Fourteenth National Bank. The thieves, who were armed, are believed to have fled in a black sedan . . . . More news later."

Gus added two and two together. He got three. Then he considered the situation: the recent bank robbery, the black sedan, and the grim man in a hurry to get his car fixed.

"Why, you're the bank robbers and this is your getaway car!"

"Yeah, now fix it." The driver was impatient.

"Like hell," said Gus. "I won't be an accomplice to such a crime, you filthy, rotten crooks."

A grim-looking man in the back seat pulled a machine gun from under the seat and put seventeen bullets in Gus.
Paper mache crew boat made in the MIT man-machines lab by Jauck Kitch. The rudder is sheet iron and the oars are made of lacrosse sticks. The metal rings are brass rats. Although Jauck has been offered upwards of 6900 dollars for this work of art, he has generously donated it to the MIT alumni crew team, shown in the picture. The ship floats best in mid-winter on the Charles.

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Z.A.P. X-ray unit built by B. N. Narse. An intricate piece of machinery, this model is presently being used in research for Zodiac and Astrological Phenomena from which it got its name. B.N. put this little jewel together from the safety pins, string, and other stuff she found in her mother’s sewing drawer. Only 18 years old, B.N. has to her credit the Harvard Bridge, The Green Building, and the Los Angeles expressway system, which explains why she cannot get a job anywhere, and also why she’s tried selling her inventions to radical groups.
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(DFN’s Last VooDoo Story)

Once upon a time, sometime after The Day The Bridge Fell, but before The Year The Dodgers Lost The Election, the country (and the city, too, for that matter) underwent a great psychosis. The root (if you will pardon the vulgar expression) of this malaise lay in the fact that the nation had run out of status symbols—and a terrible state of affairs it was to behold, too.

Everyone had two color televisions and a helicopter; tailfins had long become passe, and matter transporters had not yet been invented, so there was absolutely no way for the “in” crowd to set themselves apart from the peasants. The suicide rate rose astronomically among Kennedy Democrats and Goldwater Republicans, and the bottom fell out of the Andy Warhol market. For a while it looked like the beginning of the end.

And then, it happened. Nobody knows how the thing got started (although some people claim it was at a party at Hyannisport), but the “Mine’s Longer” fad became the overnight rage. Despite snide remarks by a few on the outer fringe of the “in” crowd, soon everyone had decided that the way to be “one up” on their peers was to have longer cigarettes. Benson & Hedges came out with a 100-mm model, and within a year, the other brands had followed suit. Then came the 125-mm ultra-kings. And then the 150’s. As the smokes grew longer almost monthly, the ads became more suggestive (Sultry voice on radio claims “My husband’s is a full six inches long; he’s a real man). Seven inches became standard. Eight. The ads became hysterical (the famous L&M “Get real satisfaction — take a puff on our big one; a full foot long and twice as hot” was banned from air play in Boston and Memphis).

Finally, everyone came to a screeching halt at 375 millimeters; beyond that point, nobody could draw, and the practice of cutting cigarettes in half became rife. So
the emphasis shifted — time, not length, became the key to status. Lucky Strike’s “More Suckees with Luckies” carried the “Three Puffs More; Maybe Four; Maybe Five” approach to the logical extreme. The tobacco trusts scoured the ad agencies for new and original ways to dramatize the durability of their smokes.

Soon, the various companies were staging time-and-distance spectacles, and claiming that “You can walk a mile while you smoke one Camel,” and that “New True Blue with the miracle filter gives you extra staying power while increasing your pleasure. Arnold Green of Pawtucket, R.I., can puff his all night without stopping — and he enjoys every minute.”

With the advent of high-density filters, commonly called “special tips — for the discriminating smoker,” marathon smoking contests began to be measured in hours per cigarette, rather than vice-versa. James Fenwick, winner of the famous Marlboro Economy Run, managed to get almost three hours out of a single weed — and Marlboro’s sales shot up fantastically with the introduction of their Fenwick TV ads (“And here he is . . . the man who puffs more than anyone . . . to tell you how to make your pleasure last, with new Marlboro 4-X Specials, the light you like to bite.”)

The grand finale was reached when the manufacturers announced the National Supersuck contest. The idea was to see who could travel the farthest while chain-smoking a pack of cigarettes. Hundreds of local champions, who had qualified by passing the 50-hour test, were assembled on the Boston Common. They were told that they could travel by any means of surface transport, and that the winner would receive $50,000 in cash and a lifetime supply of their favorite brand.

As the fans and paid rooters (there it is, that word again) looked on, chanting “Do it! Do it! Go all the way!” to their favorite such artists, the contestants were given the signal, as the referee’s gun shot off.

The country waited with bated (and nicotine-laden) breath, as the four major TV networks reported. Rumors began to filter in that one man had made it to Ohio on his first 6½ cigarettes, but this was later proven false. It was also claimed that secret agents from American Tobacco had kidnapped a Marlboro Man in Wichita, Kansas, holding him captive for three days until the race was over. Some gullible souls even fell for the Phillip-Morris-initiated rumor that one of their boys had made it all the way to South America.

But when all the hurly-burly was done. the final winner was a little old man (who later turned out to be a thirteen-year-old boy) who was officially clocked in at the Town Hall in Brisbane, Utah, after 69 hours and 34½ minutes. He suffered a stroke immediately afterward, and now lives quietly in Brisbane, where he raises pigs and practices sodomy. He retired from public life shortly after his coronation as the “King of the Puffers,” when the cigarette fad gave way to a hula-hoop revival.
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The hog yard is no answer, especially when the sow is suckling, because the children’s friends are always down there, and the lice will get you in the hen coop. For real solitude, there is always the cow pasture, or the Great Court, but there are only cow tuffets on which to sit.

Solve this and your plumbing problems with a back-yard outhouse. Picture yourself enthroned on our plush fixture (design courtesy of Port-O-Pot, interior design by Eudardti Catapult), in intellectual contemplation of your favorite literature (literature courtesy of "Rogue," "Sir," and "Gent" magazines). Take a beer along; spend the afternoon. Our John is comfortable enough to spend the night in, a boon to a victim of excessive celebration. The kids will love the place — The hole is large enough for drowning a cat, or even a good-sized dog. And they’ll also get a kick out of your (hoo boy) favorite literature. If you build it over running water, your wife can use it to wash out your socks. She’ll be happy to add a little charm to the place: sew you some crinoline curtains, or a pillow for the seat.

The construction itself can be easily put together from plywood and lumber (lumber courtesy of Midnight Lumber Co.). Only simple tools are required: a hammer (or large rock), saw, and a Course II major. The types of fixtures used may vary greatly in expense and style. The designer of our interior chose the integrated Egyptian Baroque style noted for its subtle confusion. The interior is so cleverly designed, that even within its relatively confined space, it is easy to get lost. This magnificent design feature creates much uninhabitable space, swell for storing old raisin seeds and empty hubcaps. The appearance of size is further enhanced by an ingenious elevator system, which although getting one no place, gives the illusion of having covered great distance. Since the space is totally unlivable, womb-like privacy is insured (the designer disappeared eight and a half months ago; we are expecting to find him any day now). To make it easy to find your way out the back path, our designer has provided two fifty-five foot tall light poles, fabricated of stainless steel to be compatible with a wooded site. You need not go to the expense we did. Some of the best outhouses (the Taj Mahal being a notable exception) are very inexpensive, and in comparison to ours, much more useable. Such details as misleading floor designations, or ruby inlaid door knobs will go far toward adding to the charm of the place.
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8. Thread your pipe.
9. Make a table lamp from a human arm.
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11. Stuff a mattress with pubic hair.
12. Drink the spirits from your spirit level.
13. Donate your jigsaw to the Ku Klux Klan.
14. Ream out your miter box.
15. Tighten your nuts.

16. Chisel on your income tax.

17. Fly your plane.
18. Plane your fly.
19. Fill in the holes on your pegboard.
20. Screw your sawhorse on the table.

22. Saw a lady in half.
23. Glue her back together with epoxy.

24. Tune in.
25. Turn on.
26. Drop trou.
27. Contemplate your anvil.
28. Take out your mallet and beat it.
29. Pull out your drawers and play with the contents.
30. Attach handsaw to buzzsaw to make hummm-saw.
31. Countersink your screw-holes.
32. Get some cracks plastered.
33. Practice tongue and groove joints — use fish glue.
34. Keep suction on your plumber's friend.
35. Ream out your blower bore.
36. Flux your joints and solder-me.
37. Cut off Phillip's head.
38. Separate yo' black pine from yo' white pine.
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42. Install a deep, capacious, walk-in type sink.
43. Keep your nose to the grindstone.
44. Change your name from Goldberg.
45. C-clamp
46. C-clamp run.
47. Run clamp run.
48. Show your girl your workshop and laser.
49. Washer grommet in the countersink.

50. Knock off an Italian with your dago cutter.

51. Scratch your etch.
52. Build a birdhouse and catch some dove-tail.
53. Wrench a wench on your bench.
54. Fill your model if you can plier scythes apart.
55. Finish off a piece of cherrywood and clean the stain off the floor.
56. Punch out a knothole with your putty gun and fill it with putty.
57. Insert tab “P” in slot “C” to make a paper doll.
58. Give your propeller shaft a twirl.
59. Wax your hardwood.
60. Repair a broken precedence.

61. Vivisect a close relative.

62. Clean up the ratchet and set out some rat poison.
63. Make a hoe in yo’ spare time.
64. Practice for football season with your block and tackle.
65. Lubricate the area between your ball-and-socket joints.
66. Put a nozzle on your stopcock for long range shots.
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HINT: try to sit under an apple.

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