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Chain Saw Caddie Introduced at Farm Progress Show

McCune Ks, August 28, 2007 — Each year, approximately 3 million new chain saws are sold in the USA alone, with up to 30 million chainsaws currently in use. These numbers prove that chain saws are a much used tool. But chainsaws can also be dangerous. Reports indicate that nearly 40,000 people are injured each year while using chain saws and those injuries represent an average of over \$12,000 in medical costs per injury. A report by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Service states that most chain saw accidents are caused by fatigue.

Fatigue is common for chain saw operators because chain saws can be heavy, and require bending and stooping to reach the tree trunk for cutting. When Marvin Johnston, of McCune Kansas, watched his retired neighbors struggling to clear a pasture using a chain saw, he knew there had to be a better way.

“I thought if there were a way to carry the weight and vibration of the saw on wheels, it would reduce much of the physical strain and stress of holding and maneuvering the saw to cut a tree close to the ground,” Johnston said. “I believed that making a chain saw more efficient and less physically demanding would be beneficial to many people.”

So Johnston designed and patented the Chain Saw Caddie, a mechanical way to hold and maneuver a chainsaw close to the ground, to cut trees without carrying or lifting the chain saw, or bending or stooping to make low cuts. The piece of equipment is designed to allow the chain saw operator to have throttle control and navigation of the saw from a standing position, away from the cutting edge of the saw.

Chain Saw Caddie operators do not rely on their own physical strength, which helps prevent fatigue. Additionally, the design of the Caddie nearly eliminates the risk of injury from kickback by creating a buffer zone between the saw and the operator.

“Since so many farmers, ranchers and land owners use a chain saw regularly to clear land, make fence posts, cut firewood, thin timber or other reasons,” Johnston said. “The Chain Saw Caddie makes each of these tasks easier.”

The Chain Saw Caddie was selected as one of 10 finalists in the Inventor’s Challenge, sponsored by Roundup at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur Illinois, August 28-30, 2007. It will be exhibited there and will be available for sale in late 2007.

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