

A ROAD TRIP Worth Taking



A property fence composed of discarded ironing boards built by Allison "Bubba" MacAleese, New Prospect is often photographed by motorists. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

By Lawrence Nicoll

Allison "Bubba" MacAleese's home is in New Prospect, just outside Parrsboro. He is a collector and a man who loves to tinker and if that can make others smile, all the better. A friend of his complained once that he didn't have any privacy in his yard, Allison

suggested he make a fence of ironing boards closely spaced. He liked the idea enough to start his own for fun.

Allison reaches far and wide for boards with 60 installed thus far. Almost every day people stop to take pictures or even to come in to talk to him about

the fence. A man all the way from Yarmouth promised to return with boards and did so!! For me it is a smile, and I do so every time I see such an interesting idea.

Allison showed me other projects including wind chimes made from the ironing board legs. He has collected old style cars and a

friend even made a large replica of the '57 Dodge including getting the original car paint for the model.

Every spring something goes to make room for new items, his collection of old blowtorches exceeds 40 at present. From a 100 gallon oil tank he made an excellent utility trailer that can tip to empty. Bubba showed me his log splitter that runs on an economical engine and can cut a 6" log in half. Each of his projects shows the hand of true Maritime craftsman, and are built 'like a rock'.

Allison represents the 'hands on' skills that are rapidly fading in society today. Drive by and smile, I know I do.



Over 40 blow torches comprise Allison MacAleese's collection (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



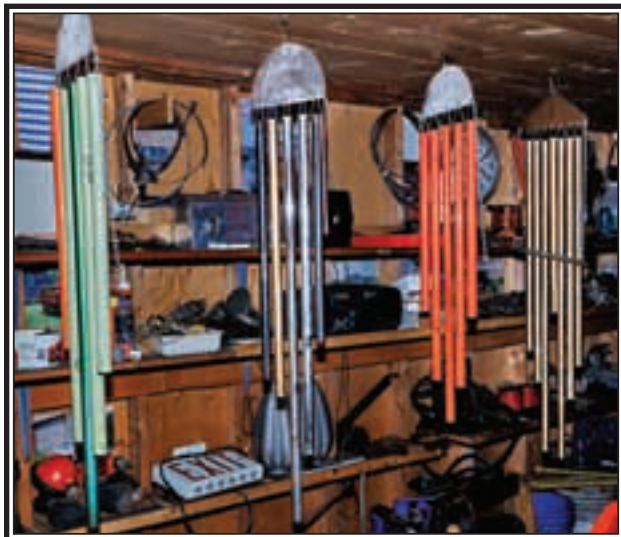
Converting a 100 gallon discarded oil tank into a utility trailer was a useful project for Allison MacAleese. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Being the tinkier that he is, Allison MacAleese decided to try his hand at making a log splitter. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



A wind chime from ironing board legs is an attraction of Allison MacAleese's yard. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Allison MacAleese uses legs from ironing boards to make wind chimes. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

A New Year

A new year lies before us all
A chance to start anew
To correct the wrongs of yesterday
A fresh start for all you do.

This brand new year may bring you joy
Or maybe pain and sorrow
But no matter what forget the past
And try again to-morrow.

On New Years Eve we laugh and sing
And make new resolutions
So trust in God and do your best
This year could bring solutions.

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