

A quarterly letter to friends of the Breaking New Ground Outreach Program

BNG's *Toolbox CD* ready for distribution

The Breaking New Ground Resource Center recently completed production of *The Toolbox CD*, based on the print version of *The Toolbox: Agricultural Tools, Equipment, Machinery, and Buildings for Farmers and Ranchers with Physical Disabilities, 3rd Edition*. Several thousand copies of the print editions have been distributed throughout the U.S. and other countries, and have been recognized as some of BNG's most valuable resources.

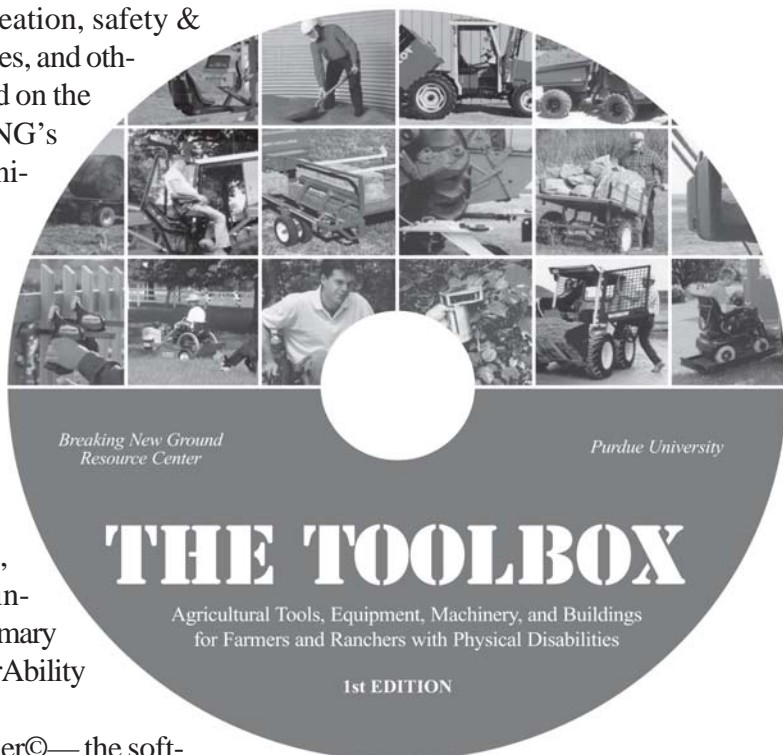
The CD version includes revised and updated fact sheets, plus added features such as video clips, hyperlinks to the web sites and email addresses of product suppliers, full-color photographs, and more than 75 new products. In all, more than 600 products are represented in *The Toolbox CD*.

The CD's main categories include such topics as: tractors and self-propelled equipment, livestock handling/housing, crops and materials handling/storage, agriculture-related enterprises, trucks/off-road vehicles, shops & shop tools, lawn & garden, outdoor mobil-

ity, outdoor recreation, safety & health, case studies, and others. Also featured on the CD are 18 of BNG's *Plowshares* technical reports.

Bonus resources on the CD include the *Barn Builders Peer Support Network Directory*, BNG's *Worksite Assessment Tool*, and an award-winning 10-Year summary of the USDA AgrAbility Program.

Adobe® Reader®—the software needed to use *The Toolbox CD*—is included on the disk. Navigation of *The Toolbox CD* is made easy through its system of inter-linked fact sheets, bookmarks, and indexes. The Adobe® Reader® "search" function also allows for keyword searches of the entire CD.



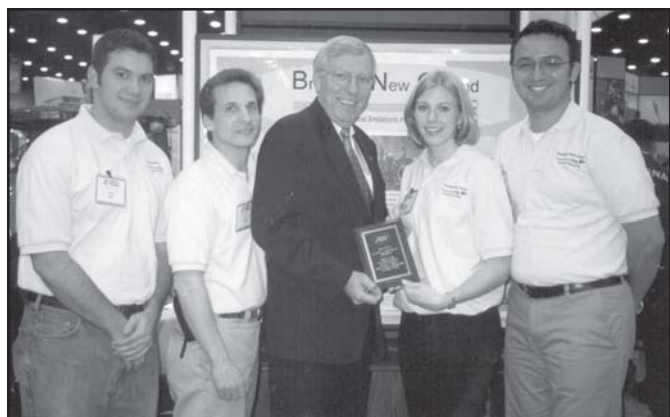
The Toolbox CD is available from BNG for \$25, or you can purchase a copy of the CD plus the print version of *The Toolbox* (2000 edition) for \$80. Call BNG at 800-825-4264 to order.

National FFA Organization recognizes BNG's participation

The National FFA Organization honored BNG for its 15 years of participation as an exhibitor at the FFA National Agricultural Career Show, re-

cently held in Louisville. More than 51,000 FFA members, advisors, and guests attended the FFA convention and career show in October, 2003.

FFA is also celebrating an anniversary—75 years of promoting student promise, spirit, and success. The organization claims 464,267 student members with 7,194 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.



FFA National Executive Secretary C. Coleman Harris (center) presents (from left) Shane Beer, Paul Jones, Jerene Kunkler, and Robbie Ortega a plaque for Purdue's 15 years of participation as an exhibitor at the FFA National Agricultural Career Show

Heath honored for anniversary

Denise Heath, BNG's administrative assistant, recently celebrated 25 years of service at Purdue University. Denise has been with BNG since its beginning, apart from one year away from Purdue. BNG thanks Denise for her many contributions to the program and wishes her well in her continued service.



BNG's Denise Heath

Look for BNG at:

Louisville National Farm
Machinery Show
February 11-14

BNG Project Leader: Bill Field

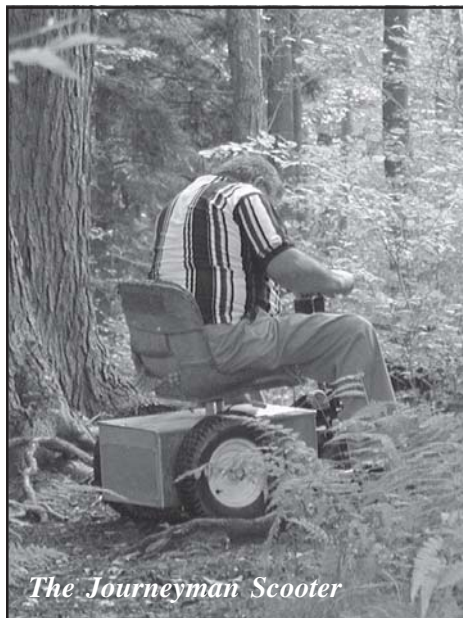
Program Manager: Paul Jones

Rural Rehab Specialist: Steve Swain

New scooters offer all-terrain independence

Two new heavy-duty scooters give people with mobility impairments increased options for off-road travel.

The **Journeyman Scooter**, manufactured by Life Essentials of Brookston, Indiana, is designed for rugged environments, including woods or livestock lots. This scooter has front suspension, large tires, a water-resistant aluminum body, and 4-inch ground clearance, which reportedly allow the



The Journeyman Scooter

Journeyman to easily climb hills, navigate rough terrain, and maneuver through up to 6 inches of water without hanging up, tipping over, or stalling out.

Driven by four motors, the scooter has independent rear drive trains mounted on an axle that can be disengaged for manual push operation. Steering is controlled by a tiller arm, which can be removed or lowered to fit under tables and work benches, while forward and reverse are controlled by a joystick.

For more information on The Journeyman, call Life Essentials at 765-742-6707 or see www.life-essentials.net.

British manufacturer Beamer recently announced production of **The Tramper**, a scooter which it claims can cover rough or damp ground, snow, and even curbs safely and comfortably. The Tramper reportedly has a range of approximately 30 miles and maximum speed of 6.5 mph.

Features of the scooter include large-diameter tires, modular body panels for easy replacement, head- and sidelights, and a horn. A regenerative braking sys-



The Tramper

tem uses electrical motors to slow the vehicle and recaptures some of the scooter's momentum as electrical energy to help recharge the battery.

The Tramper was used in the ascent of 3,560 ft. Mount Snowden in Wales by Howard Brunton, a 65-year-old ex-mountaineer who had sustained a T12 spinal cord injury during a previous climb.

For more information on The Tramper, see www.tramper.co.uk.

Anabaptist conference to examine disability issues

Members of the BNG staff are participating in the planning of **Enhancing the Health and Well-being of Plain Communities: A Conference for Professionals Working with Old Order Anabaptists**. This conference, which focuses on equipping those who work with the Amish and other Old Order groups, is scheduled for June 2-4 at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA.

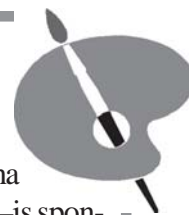
Donald Kraybill, a noted sociologist specializing in Old Order Groups, will be a featured speaker. The main tracks of the conference include: agriculture

and natural resources; community relations and public policy; food and water safety; and medical, health, safety, and human services.

One session will be dedicated to disability issues in Old Order communities, and is slated to feature such presenters as Bill Field from BNG, Ron Jester from Delaware/Maryland AgrAbility, and Treva Chupp from the Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana.

For more information on the conference, call 800-825-4264 or go to www.amishsafety.info.

PUT A FACE ON THE ADA



ADA Indiana—the Indiana ADA Steering Committee—is sponsoring a new contest to promote awareness of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). School-age children and youth are encouraged to create a drawing, painting, or other artwork that depicts the positive impact of the ADA. Winning art will be used to create a *Put a Face on the ADA* calendar, and winners will be invited to attend an ADA birthday party in Indianapolis in July.

For more information, contact Paul Jones, Vice Chair of ADA Indiana, at 800-825-4264.