

'Impossible' Engine Invented for Real

MADISON, Fla. (UPI)—Writing a science fiction novel for his own amusement eight years ago, Bob Teal dreamed up an "impossible machine."

Today it's working in a shed in his yard.

The 53-year-old retired electronics engineer has invented a motor run by electromagnets. He calls it a "magnepulsion engine" and believes it could set the world of propulsion on its ear.

"The first reaction of everyone is: 'Hey, it can't work,'" Teal said. "But here it is, and it works. You've got to see it to believe it."

Teal flicks the switch. Pulsating direct current electricity from a small motorcycle battery travels through his secret timing device to six electro-magnets, only an inch in diameter.

The magnets, in turn, start a 75-pound flywheel whirling. The working model of Teal's magnepulsion engine can spin the flywheel at a maximum of 800 revolutions per minute.

He doesn't have the equipment to measure its horsepower but says "if you try to hold the crankshaft it'll tear up your hand."

To demonstrate its usefulness, Teal has his 100-pound machine hooked up to run a table saw.

Teal's invention requires no fuel, emits no gasses and is very quiet in operation. It has few moving parts and needs little maintenance.

Teal's model is a crude piece of equipment held together by a wooden frame of two-by-fours and two-by-sixes.

"You should have seen my first model which worked," Teal chortled. "It had wooden shafts, wooden rods and wooden bearings. I powered it with a flashlight battery."

He makes a "way out guess" his engine could be mass-produced to propel automobiles at a cost of about \$300 to \$400 per unit. It also could be adapted to run airplanes, boats, power plants, and many other devices, he said.