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Renewal payment is due before **June 30. 2013**

If you have questions concerning this form, contact the Larsen Tractor Museum at 402-472-8389 or Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory at 402-472-2442.

Thank you for your support!

The Friends of the Larsen Tractor Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Memberships and monetary donations are tax deductible.

2013 Membership Renewal / Donation July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL Check one ☐ 1 Year Student - \$10 ☐ 1 Year Individual - \$25 ☐ 1 Year Family - \$35 ☐ 1 Year Affiliate Organization - \$250 ☐ 1 Life Membership - \$1,000 ☐ I would like to receive museum mailings electronically and be contacted via email.	Membership Total
Your donation is essential; the Larsen Museum relies entirely on private funding.	
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Honoring William E. Splinter

1925-2012 Bill Splinter, one of the founders of the Larsen Museum Friends, was instrumental in preserving the original Nebraska Tractor Test Lab building as a museum. He secured funding and volunteer labor that allowed Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum to be maintained and serve guests. Bill received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering (1950) from the University of Nebraska, then an M.S. and a Ph.D. from Michigan State. He joined the North Carolina State faculty in 1954. In 1968, he was hired to head Agricultural Engineering (now Biological Systems Engineering) at his alma mater and returned to Nebraska. In

Bill's "Continuing History" of BSE, he wrote, "I was born on my grandparent's ranch 5 miles northwest of North Platte on November 24, 1925. I was raised on an irrigated farm. My life has been a series of fortunate events and this was the first. The responsibility and skills I learned on the farm have been the foundation for my professional career." His career resulted in numerous publications, patents, and awards, including being elected to the prestigious National Academy of Engineering in 1984. Bill served in many capacities, as UNL Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, ASAE President, Larsen Museum Director, and interim Dean of Engineering, and in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a yeoman in WWII and a radar man on a destroyer in the Korean War. Bill was a pilot who wrote flying was "the love of my life." He traveled a great deal in his work, reporting, "I have visited 39 countries and flown around the world four times." The Friends will greatly miss Bill and the many ways he supported Larsen Museum by his presence, recruiting efforts, and research. He has left a profound legacy, and the Splinter Gallery is planned in Larsen Museum in his honor.

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Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CLOSED: Sundays, Mondays, and University Holidays

Phone: (402) 472-8389

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Mission Statement

To be the premier steward of advancements in agricultural technology through the development of collections, exhibits, and programs for public benefit.

Friends of the Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum

Annual Meeting

Friday, May 17th

6:00 p.m.: Dinner by Valentino's at

Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory (NTTL)

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7:00 p.m.: Annual Meeting

Dessert at the Museum with UNL Dairy Store ice cream

RSVP by Wed., May 15, 2013 to Julie at NTTL (402) 472-2442 jthomson2@unl.edu

Free-will donation to cover meal cost.

Parking in lots adjacent to NTTL and Larsen.

