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Friends of the Lester F. Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum Newsletter, Spring 2013

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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.

Your donation is essential; the Larsen Museum relies
entirely on private funding.

DONATION LEVEL Check one
☐ $1,000 ☐ $500 ☐ $250 ☐ $50 ☐ $_____

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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
derive 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.
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)
135 Splinter Labs

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
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Free-will donation to cover meal cost.

Parking in lots adjacent to NTTL and Larsen.