



Tractor Test Times

Newsletter for Friends of Nebraska's Tractor Test Museum
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Our Mission: To Collect, preserve, research, and interpret the traditions and technologies of agriculture.

TRACTOR MUSEUM FRIENDSHIP DRIVE

To encourage membership, Museum Development Associate Jeremy Steele plans to drive a tractor one mile for each new 2007 friend joining before January 1st, 2007. The number of friends joining prior to this deadline will determine the distance for this Tractor Museum Friendship Drive that will take place in 2007.

CANADIAN FRIEND TESTING POWER

On August 3rd, Elgin Payne and his friend Patricia Sharron of Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada stopped by to visit the museum. Elgin has quite a project north of the border. Elgin began building his very own Prony Brake in 2002 and by 2005, he was able to demonstrate his brake at 3 shows in Ontario, Canada. In 2006, Elgin is scheduled to show his Prony brake six times.



"Prony Brake" Designed and constructed by Elgin Payne with the help of his welder and friend, Bob Menzies.

We welcome Elgin to our Friends Organization. During his visit to the Museum, he signed up to be a member for two years. Currently, Elgin is our only Museum Friend Member located outside of the United States.

Thank you Elgin for you interest in our museum!

TRACTOR MUSEUM E-FRIENDS

Tractor Museum E-Friends has been established to help us keep our friends informed of what is going on here at the Tractor Museum.

To become a Tractor Museum E-Friend, simply send an email to jsteele4@unl.edu with the subject: Tractor Museum E-Friend. Once an E-Friend, you will receive emails about volunteer opportunities, museum events and developments.

2006 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

The 2006 Nebraska State Fair was a tremendous success. It all began on Friday, August 25th with the largest antique tractor display in years. Fifty tractors line up the museum exhibit space and 32 tractors participated in the first parade of the Fair.



Above is a picture from Wyatt Drew's "TractorCam." Thank you Wyatt for this great photo of the 2006 Nebraska State Fair.

There was plenty of red, orange, green silver, yellow and blue spread throughout the Museum exhibit space.

The Museum would like to thank all of those that were able to display their tractor and the volunteers that helped throughout the fair.

The 2007 Nebraska State Fair will be here before we know it. Please help spread the word about our Nebraska State Fair Exhibit and encourage others to join us at the fair next year.



Kids take time to manufacture candy tractors at the state fair. Thank you exhibitors for donating money to supply this years candy.



This is the before picture of the Museum's original Farmall.



It is amazing what new paint and decals will do to an old tractor!

1930 FARMALL REGULAR REPAINTED.....AGAIN!

Senator Jerome Warner, the son of Senator Charles Warner, "Father of the Nebraska Tractor Test Law", donated this Farmall Regulator to the University of Nebraska Tractor Test Museum. The serial number indicates that this tractor is a 1930 Model.

The Farmall no doubt was the first successful attempt at building a genuine all-purpose tractor of tricycle design. Up to this time, the conventional 4-wheel tractor was generally accepted for agricultural work, despite the fact that it failed to meet the problem of row crop cultivation. This tractor was equipped with a power take-off, belt wheel and drawbar. It had a convenient means of mounting a cultivator and other attachments. This tractor model was probably the turning point in framer acceptance to power farming.

According to the museum files, this tractor was initially received in very bad condition. Many new parts were needed. The Omaha International Tractor Branch was contacted for parts, but none were found. A letter was then sent to all the dealers out of the Omaha Branch and soon parts started coming in mainly from the Sand Hill region of Nebraska. A magneto, new main ball bearings, new sleeves and pistons, new gaskets, new valves, decals and paint eventually found their way to the Tractor Museum. The tractor was repainted and made into good running order just in time for one of the last Tractor Field Days on East Campus in 1960.

In early August, this same Farmall was hauled off to Wittrock Sandblasting and Painting in Waverly. It did not take long and this 1930 Regular was looking like a brand new tractor! Stop by and see this for yourself.

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Bill Splinter

Chip Doolittle called to inform me that his Uncle, Fred Chase had passed away on October 7th. Fred turned 100 years old this past August. He was the son of L. W. Chase, the first Head of the Ag. Engineering Department and the designer and developer of Nebraska's Tractor Testing program. Fred was a strong supporter of the Larsen Tractor Museum and was alert when I called him about a month ago. He died in his sleep. Chip Doolittle and Jeri Ferris have contributed a fund to restore the lister and sweep plow that Fred was involved with.

We remain delayed and frustrated with the lack of progress in getting the HVAC units for the Museum office and tool exhibit area and for the Behlen building. Requisitions have been submitted for both systems but there has been no sign of progress. We have just received an estimate for the exterior of the garage area, which needs stucco to match the rest of the building. It is completely beyond reason so we will lose time there arguing that case. Insulation contractors have evaluated the Behlen building but we have had no response. With snow normally to expect soon, I do not know how this will play out.

Other than that we have had an excellent visitor response. We have averaged around 400 visitors per month and we have averaged around 2,000 hits per month on our web page. We had a successful Tractor Tailgate and our participation in tractor shows at Old Trusty and Platte Valley led to a number of contacts. Jeremy Steele gave excellent leadership with our participation in State Fair and we had around 50 tractors.

We especially welcome tours so if you are associated with a group that needs a program, keep us in mind.

CURATOR'S REPORT: Lou Leviticus

I have been plodding on with archiving and cataloguing. Strange that in this small place one discovers something every time. Last week I found some boxes at the top of the shelves. Thinking that they must be empty, I grabbed them and was unpleasantly surprised to find them filled with artifacts which had never been recorded. How they got there is unknown, but we have our suspicions. They have been catalogued by now.

Love Library Archives and Preservation (2 separate departments) have been very helpful. The archiving of photographs is still continuing and will for some time. We have zillions of slides, both old glass slides as well as the cardboard & plastic ones. We need to go through all these and decide which ones are worthwhile to copy and publish on our website. The speed is also dependent on the workload and funding of the Archives' personnel, which does all the actual processing. I usually spend one morning every two weeks there.

I found an interesting item in the March-April 2006 issue of "Implement and Tractor". (Yes, it still exists). It was an article by Mary Shepherd, the editor, about Wendell Van Syoc, (remember him? Green Blood, John Deere?). In this posthumous article Wendell tells about a Case LA which they were experimenting with in about 1955.



Pictured above is the Museum's Case LA modified by the Egging Company.

I quote Wendell: "First a Case Model LA tractor (50HP) was fitted with a Detroit Diesel Model 471 engine and fueled to 100 Belt HP." That raised a question. We have a Case LA with such an engine, which was modified by Egging out of Gurley, NE as far as we know, in 1955.

Thus, the tractor we have in the collection is definitely inspired, if not the actual tractor, by the John Deere experiments. Or did JD start doing the experiments because some mechanic in Nebraska paved the way. I haven't been able to get confirmation either way. Any helpers out there?

Lou Leviticus
Curator

REPORT FROM FRIENDS PRESIDENT

"BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME!"

This quote is from the movie, 'Field of Dreams'. The story tells about how a baseball field was carved out of a corn field and eventually attracted an outstanding team and thousands of people. It was the story of a man pursuing his dream.



The Larsen Tractor Test Museum can share a similar story. In 1980 it was thought that Lester Larsen's only regret in a long career of achievement was that his dream of a great comprehensive museum of tractors at the University of Nebraska never came true.

The Museum Larsen dreamed of has been established and stocked with an outstanding collection of tractors and other exhibits to tell the story about the evolution of power from humans to draft animals to that of machines. The Museum exhibits focus on these developments as related to power necessary to drive the agriculture industry.

The tractor collection is a result of tractors that were tested at the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory; each tractor contributed a technological feature that made the progressive change of mechanization more efficient, affordable and easy to use.

In 1920, the first tractor testing laboratory in the World (the current Museum) was constructed. After 60 years of testing tractors and fifteen years without proper maintenance, this building was restored and stocked with colonial tools, yokes, plows, historic testing equipment and of course tractors. Since that time, an increasing number of visitors have been coming from throughout Nebraska, the nation and the world. This Museum started from humble beginnings a few years ago to become a World Class Museum today!!

The Museum is a privately funded facility that is located at a public university. The funds needed to operate this Museum come from people like yourself, or as we refer to these people, 'Friends of

the Museum.' We encourage each of you to become a member of the Friends of the Museum organization. Membership is \$10.00 per year.

Dues alone can not pay for the overall operation of the Museum. For fulfilling those financial obligations, the Museum needs your support. This support can be made through the University of Nebraska Foundation. All contributions are tax deductible.

Additionally, the Museum needs volunteers to help with the continued restoration of tractors and machines, the archiving of data and information, the hosting of visitors and the development of exhibits. So please contact Jeremy Steele, Museum Development Associate for more information. Be sure to plan a visit in the near future, bring a friend, or better still, bring many friends.

Don Edwards

President, Friends of the Museum

MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT

No other place can claim to have as much influence on the worldwide acceptance of the agricultural tractor then this Museum located on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus.



Current photo of Tractor Test Museum.

This, the World's First Tractor Test Laboratory ensured that farmers were receiving what the 200 plus tractor companies were claiming to sell. This laboratory exercised one of the first consumer protection laws with regard to agriculture in the Nebraska Tractor Test Law.

Initially, farmers simply wanted to know the truth of whether or not a tractor was an adequate replacement for their team of horses. Once this was proven to be true by many tractor companies, farmers then wanted to buy the best tractor available to help maximize their production efficiency. (next page)



Early Nebraska Test Car testing a Minneapolis 12-25 tractor.

Since 1920, Tractor Companies have reported each year to Nebraska seeking approval from a panel of Tractor Testing Engineers for their new tractor model. Upon approval, the companies received not only a permit to sell in the State of Nebraska, but also publicly published unbiased data recognized and respected around the world.

This unbiased data collected from the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory since March 31st, 1920 has been very valuable. It protects food producers from a poor product and ensures competing Tractor Companies keep the best interest of the valuable and respected farmers in mind.

With this all being said, it is a fact that this Museum is very well positioned and is becoming a well respected, Nationally recognized Museum. We invite each of you to take ownership in this great museum. Trusting together we will strive to develop with the best interest of the Museum's Friends in mind.

At this point we can focus on one of two phases of our development. This first phase targets our efforts towards solidifying our current building's existence on the University's East Campus.

To the best of our abilities, utilizing the available resources and funds, we are striving to become a destination point for University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus Visitors. A destination the University and the State of Nebraska is truly proud of.

We have the ingredients needed to find much success throughout this phase of our development. A network of individuals and resources can be utilized to make great strides in the near future.

We have an existing facility to model in the John Deere Collectors center located in Moline, Illinois.

The John Deere Collectors Center is the premier association for enthusiasts interested in the history and heritage of John Deere, and the collecting of early John Deere tractors, equipment and memorabilia. Visitors can watch restorations in progress, view displays of vintage John Deere tractors and equipment or visit the Center's customer service counter for information about parts, repairs and restorations, and reference materials. The Collectors Center Store offers a variety of John Deere gifts and merchandise.



Current Museum Showroom.



Deere's Collectors Center Showroom

May we become the premier association for enthusiasts interested in the history and heritage of all tractor makes and models, and the collecting of early tractors, equipment and memorabilia? Shall we become established to allow our visitors to watch restorations in progress, and to provide customer services and a gift shop?

The stage is set and we are developing in this direction at a rate that is determined by the resources and funds that we can acquire for this endeavor from the Friends of this great Museum.

So what is beyond this phase, what is it that will make up the second phase. We will examine this phase in a future newsletter as we take a closer look at the student projects from last years Museum of Agricultural Technology Design Studio that produces student architectural drawings such as the one pictured below. Jeremy Steele

Museum Development Associate



LUEBBEN ROUND HAY BALER

Bill Splinter



ASABE Historic Landmark #31

It is a very common sight to see round bales of hay in the field. It is interesting that the round bale originated in Nebraska. In 1892 Hugo Luebben and his sons Ummo and Melchior, who lived near Sutton, NE, began working on a round baler that used twine rather than wire and did not require tying. A patent was issued on September 5, 1905 for a machine for "Reeling Edible Fibrous Materials" to Melchior Luebben. His initial idea was to develop a machine to twist straw tightly to provide heat for cooking.: (Luebben baler)

The first round balers were manufactured by the Luebben Baler Company, Beatrice, NE. They were mounted on a wagon chassis and could be powered by a gasoline engine mounted on the frame. The hay had to be brought to the baler as with the conventional square balers at that time but the two men tying bales with wire were eliminated. This baler was offered for sale for \$750 without an engine and \$1150 with the engine.

The Beatrice company was purchased by another company and production of the baler ceased. The company was reorganized as the Round Baler Company, Lincoln, NE about 1910 by Ummo Luebben where development continued. The bale was now called the Ummo Round Bale. One interesting innovation was the modification of the baler into a self propelled unit towing a hay loader that fed the baler as it moved down the windrow.

The company moved to Omaha, NE as the Rotary Baler Company and manufactured and sold machines until 1940 when it was licensed by Allis-Chalmers.

A pickup unit was developed to eliminate the need for the hay loader and the power take-off of the tractor was utilized for power, resulting in a much more compact and mobile machine. This configuration was patented in 1934. Six of these machines are known to still exist, two of them by Eric Luebben, Melchior's great grandson.

The Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co. marketed the round baler as the Roto-Baler. Over 77,000 of these balers were sold. One problem remained, the need to stop to eject each bale, requiring several manipulations of the clutch and gearshift. The solution to this problem was the development of the Allis Chalmers WD tractor that had both a hand and foot clutch, allowing forward motion to stop while the bale was completed and ejected. The most serious problem was the operator's attempting to remove hay jammed in the belts while the machine was running. This resulted in many very serious injuries, leading to the termination of manufacturing this baler.



The principle of using a span of flat belts to form round bales of hay has become the principle means of harvesting hay, now in the form of 1000 pound bales rather than 70 pound bales. This idea that originally started out as a means to twist straw into bales for fuel for farm stoves (early pioneers had exhausted the supply of buffalo chips and Nebraska had no timber or coal resources) has evolved into a high level of technology and use that the Luebben brothers could never have imagined.

The significance of the commercial development of the round baler was recognized by ASAE in 1993 and a plaque is mounted on an Allis Chalmers Roto Baler at Pioneer Village, Minden, Nebraska.

Bill Splinter
10/2/06

MUSEUM FRIEND MEMBERSHIP

This is the last newsletter before the year 2007. It is now time to renew your membership if you joined the Museum Friends Organization or renewed before July 15th, 2006. First year Friends and Nebraska State Fair Exhibitors joining or renewing after July 15th will not need to renew their membership until next year.

Please renew by providing a check for \$10.00 to: Friends of the Lester F. Larsen Tractor Museum and provide any necessary changes (below) for our current records. We will also appreciate your email address for the Tractor Museum E-Friend email list. If you have any questions regarding your membership status, email Jeremy Steele at jsteele4@unl.edu or call the Museum at 1-402-472-8389. If you currently are not a member and would like to join, please provide the membership fee of \$10.00 and the following information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



MUSEUM DONATIONS

Also at this time, we also encourage each of you to consider making a donation towards the development of Lester Larsen's Tractor Test and Power Museum. The funds needed to operate this Museum come from people like you. This Museum is a privately funded organization located at a public university. This past year over \$100,000 was donated to the Nebraska Tractor Test Museum.

Can we reach \$100,000 in donations for the year 2007?

Monetary donations can be made a number of ways.

- 1) A donation can be made to the Tractor Museum General Operating Fund. This money is immediately available for Museum improvements. Please write a check to Larsen Tractor Museum
- 2) A donation can be made to the Friends of the Lester F. Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum. This money goes towards funding the needs of the Museum as determined by the Board of the Friends Organization.
- 3) A donation can also be made through the University of Nebraska Foundation. This can be made on line at <http://www.nufoundation.org/Shop//showDivision.sp?cat=222> These donations contribute towards the Museum's spendable earnings fund. For more information or to learn about establishing memorial gifts and other named endowed funds, please contact:

Ann Bruntz, Director of Development-IANR, University of Nebraska Foundation, 1-402-472-0372

Thank you for supporting Lester Larsen's Tractor Test Museum with your donation of _____ and for establishing your membership with the Museum Friends Organization.

The Nebraska Tractor Test Museum is a nonprofit organization, making your contributions tax deductible.

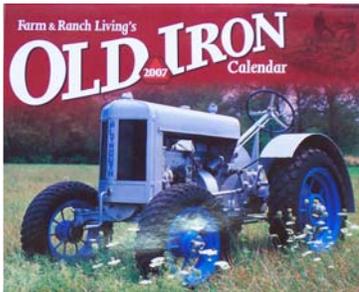
MUSEUM GIFT IDEAS

The Holiday Season is just around the corner. We would like to encourage each of you to consider giving a gift available from the Tractor Test Museum. The following gifts can be purchased at the Tractor Museum. Please stop by, visit the Museum and purchase a gift for this upcoming Holiday Season.

MUSEUM FRIEND MEMBERSHIP GIFT

For only \$10 dollars, give a gift that keeps on giving all year long, a Tractor Museum Friend Membership. Each Friend will receive a quarterly newsletter and will be informed of Museum events and activities that occur throughout the year.

2007 OLD IRON CALENDER



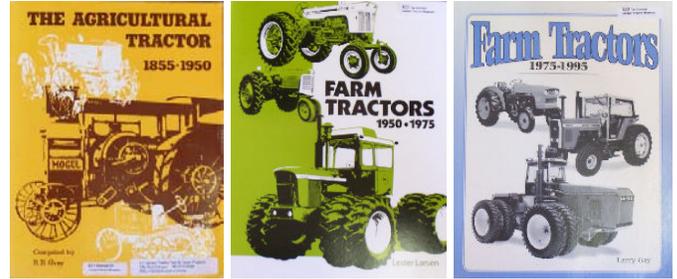
For \$10.00, receive this 2007 calendar of colorful antique tractor photos, restoration stories and anecdotes, fascinating tractor trivia and hundreds of tractor show dates in locations across North America.

UNL TRACTOR MUSEUM CAP



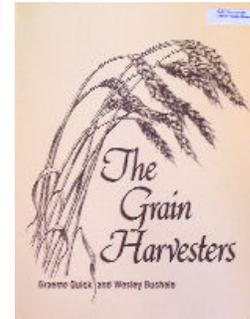
For only \$12, receive a Nebraska Tractor Museum cap. This sharp looking embroidered cap is 100% cotton, one size fits all.

FARM TRACTOR BOOKS 1855-1995



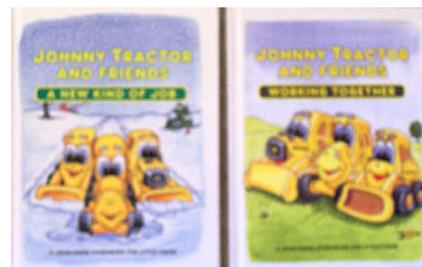
Do you know someone interested in tracing the development of the tractor? This three book series is a tremendous reference for those interested in any tractor manufactured from 1955 to 1995. Each book is available for \$20.00 or buy the entire series of three for \$50.00

THE HISTORY OF GRAIN HARVESTERS



Trace the development and evolution of grain harvesting equipment. In this book you can read about the beginnings of agriculture, the use of a hand sickle. Keep reading to discover the birth of the International Harvester Company and the grain harvesters of the future. This book is available for \$20.

CHILDRENS BOOKS



Discover what Johnny the Tractor and his friends are up to in these John Deere Story Books available for only \$7.50.

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Mon-Fri: 9:00 – 4:00
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For tour information, please call the Museum at 1-402-472-8389. For more information about Nebraska's Tractor Test and Power Museum and upcoming events, visit: <http://tractormuseum.unl.edu>.

FIRST FRIENDSHIP MEETING HELD

On Tuesday, August 15th, the first friendship meeting was held in the Museum Showroom at 7:00. Thirty friends attended the meeting to discuss upcoming events and the future of the Museum.



Packed between all of our tractors, over 30 Museum Friends attended the first Friendship Meeting for the Museum.

Friends President, Don Edwards gave an introduction and welcome to the friends stating the significance of this great Museum and the importance of the friends organization.

Director Bill Splinter followed up with a State of the Museum Address informing the audience of recent developments concerning the museum.

Museum Development Associate, Jeremy Steele gave a power point presentation about upcoming events such as the State Fair and Husker Harvest Days.

Potential Friendship committees were discussed for the Museum to help organize fund raising activities and to help create a vision for the Museum's future.

The meeting concluded and the rest of the evening was a time for visiting and enjoying refreshments and treats provided by Museum Friends.

The next Friendship meeting will be held once again in the Museum Showroom on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00pm.

Attending the next Friendship Meeting will be a great opportunity for you to become more involved with the direction and future of this great Museum. Please consider becoming more involved with the Nebraska Tractor Test Museum.



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Nebraska Ethanol Board

We would like to thank the Nebraska Ethanol Board for donating just over \$250.00 of 10% Ethanol blended gasoline to power our Museum Tractors throughout the 2006 Nebraska State Fair.

Thank You Nebraska Ethanol Board!



A special thanks goes to Orscheln Farm & Home for providing one free, and two additional discounted toy tractors for our State Fair Toy Tractor Raffle.

Thank You Orscheln Farm & Home!



Fairbury Steaks provided our Museum with 144 hot dogs for the recent Tractor Tailgate. These hot dogs were delicious and very much appreciated.

Thank You Fairbury Steaks!



HyVee donated the hot dog buns for the Tractor Tailgate on September 30th. We appreciate their donation towards our event.

Thank You HyVee!



Thank you Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln for donating 240 cans of pop for the Tractor Tailgate. The new flavors were enjoyed by our tailgaters.

Thank You Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln!

"In 1980 it was thought that Lester Larsen's only regret in a long career of achievement may be that his dream of a great comprehensive Museum of tractors at the University never came true. Today, his dream is indeed coming true because of each of you. Thank you for supporting Lester Larsen's Tractor Test and Power Museum." Jeremy Steele Museum Development Associate.

John Deere has been testing their 8030 Series Tractors at the Nebraska Tractor Test Lab. To date 1890 tractor models have been tested since the first test in 1920 on the Waterloo Boy.



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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