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TRACTOR TEST AND POWER MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS

October 17, 2000, 1:30 P.M.

JULY MINUTES

Attendees: See attached sheet

TREASURER'S REPORT - Splinter reported for Shirley Trauger

\$ 8,194.94 in bank account
over \$500,000 now in UN Foundation endowment account

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Splinter

Report Attached

OPEN HOUSE

Open House is being considered for May 5, 2001, following UNL Graduation. Friends will be able to drive some of the tractors in the museum .

10 a.m.	for Friends
12 p.m.	LUNCH
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Open House

Splinter moved and Leviticus seconded to hold Open House on May 5, 2001.

Charlie reported on the museum at Scottsbluff. They are building a 200 x 100 ft new building. Sold \$8,000 worth of their videos on antique farm equipment.

CURATOR'S REPORT - Leviticus

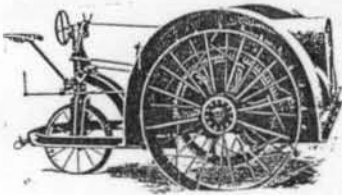
Auction being held at the Agricultural Research and Development Center near Mead this spring. Museum plans to sell two duplicate tractors from our collection; an Allis Chalmers B and Farmall F12.

Senator Maresh's tractor has been repaired and is running.

Massey and Pony tractors have been repaired.

Twin City and the Fordson are current tractors being rennovated.

A suggestion was made to have Nebraska prison inmates restore antique tractors. Lou will pursue this opportunity.



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October 17, 2000, 1:30 P.M. in L. W. Chase Hall.

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| Director's Report | Bill Splinter |
| Curator's Report | <i>LOU!!!</i>
Lew Leviticus |
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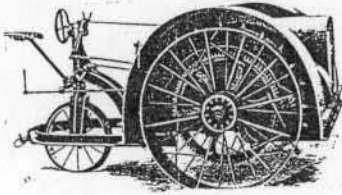
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Hope to see you on October 17.

*Oct 20 NSMuseum
Open House
Wichita Hill - Collector
Buy and Club
Wahos Quarter
Nov 17-18
Consignments
125 Antiques Tractor
etc
Private sale plans
316-326-7784*

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OCTOBER 17, 2000

I am happy to report that the pedestrian door has finally been installed along with the 12 foot roll-up door, giving us a second entrance, in accordance with the fire code. This has been an ongoing project for over a year and a few things still need to be completed such as the door sill. Nevertheless we are pleased that we now have a north entrance, which is more convenient for those parking on the north ramp. This entrance is also wheel-chair friendly and we are planning to bring Prof. Ole Olson over to visit the museum. He has provided a number of unique hand tools for the museum collection.

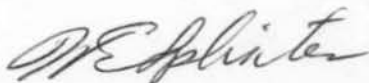
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We have moved six of our tractors to the historic Behlen building just north of the museum, thanks to the assistance of Dr. Milford Hanna, who cleared space adjacent to the mill he uses to process materials for the Industrial Agricultural Products Center. This building has a brass plaque identifying it as having participated in the atomic bomb tests in the 1940's. This site is more convenient to the museum than the horse barn and is easily accessible for visitors who wish to see the tractors stored there. We rotate the tractors so that visitors will see different presentations upon subsequent visits.

We recently received a John Deere "M" tractor which was provided by the family of Gordon Olson. Gordon worked as a test engineer in the tractor test lab from 1946 to 1950, when he joined John Deere at Dubuque, IA. The tractor is a pre-production prototype and the gift includes several items of experimental and production equipment such as plows, cultivators, disc's, mowers, blade and scoop. We were fortunate to get Fabian Skretta, a member of the Friends, to haul these items from the Jim Olson (Gordon's son) farm in northeast Iowa to Lincoln with his low-bed goose-neck trailer.

Luis Vasquez, our graduate student has done an excellent job in organizing and documenting our collection of hand tools and other artifacts from the 1700's and 1800's. We are now organizing the collection of early animal drawn tools so that visitors can more easily view them.

I am proposing that we have an open house on Saturday, May 5, 2001, the second anniversary of the dedication of the Lester Larsen Museum. By that time our exhibits should be organized and we should have most of our tractors operating. I propose that we allow Friends members to drive the tractor of their choice around the earth track and we could include rides in the Model T pickup.



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