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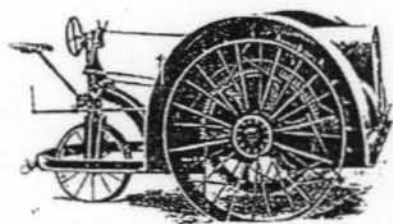


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October 1, 2002

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Tractor Test & Power Museum Board Members  
 FROM: Earl F. Ellington, President  
 SUBJECT: October 15, 2002 Board Meeting, Friends of L. F. Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum

Please mark your calendars for the Board meeting of the Friends of L. F. Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum **Tuesday, October 15, 2002, 1:30 p.m.**, 225 L. W. Chase Hall.

**AGENDUM**

- Welcome and Call to Order ..... Earl Ellington
- Minutes of July 16, 2002 Annual Meeting (attached) ..... Glenn Hoffman
- Financial Report ..... Shirley Trauger
- Director's Report ..... Lou Leviticus
- Report from Director on Leave ..... Bill Splinter
- Nebraska State Museum Acting Director's Comments ..... Bill Splinter
- Foundations Liaison Report ..... Susan Sack *Norby*
- Museum Docent Report ..... Mark Nickalous
- Newsletter Editor Report ..... Judy Ray
- Report on Fair and Shows Participation, Membership activity  
and Restoration Clinics ..... Charles Borcharding
- Other Reports?
- Old Business
- New Business
- Next Meeting - Annual Meeting, January 15, 2003, 1:30 p.m., 225 L. W. Chase Hall

Adjourn

Hope to see you at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting!!

Board of Directors

Earl Ellington, President - Charles Borcharding, Vice President - Past President, Robert Kleis - Glenn Hoffman, Secretary - Shirley Trauger, Treasurer, (Exeter) Vern Anderson - Leonard Bashford - Harold Borman - Charles Fenster (Gering) - Richard Goodding - Lawrence Hermann - Jerry Kohl - Mark Lynott Bill Overturf (Oak) - Ervin Rolofson - John Smith - Norman Tooker (Ralston) - Dale Vanderholm - (Ex-officio) - James Estes - Louis Leviticus - Susan Sack William Splinter)

**Tractor Test & Power Museum**  
**Minutes of Oct 15, 2002 Meeting 1:30pm 225 LW Chase Hall**

**Presiding:** Earl Ellington, President

**Present:** List attached (14 total)

Meeting started at 1:40pm. FYI - Susan Sack Norby is Susan's new name.

**Financial Report:** *Report Approved*

Balance on October 15, 2002	\$5,093.55 (report attached)
Fund in Tooker Memorial	\$1,265.00

**Interim Director Report (Leviticus) - report attached**

President Ellington appointed a committee to find volunteers to keep museum open. Members of the committee will be: Larry Hermann, Bob Kleis (Chair), Russ Tooker, Harold Borman, & Earl Ellington.

**Director's Report (Splinter):**

Serving as UNL museum interim director. Offer out to new director. Thanked Lou, Judy, & Mark for keeping the museum moving forward. Expecting donations from several near the end of the year.  
\*UNL museum will hold an open house from 7:00pm - 9:00pm on October 18 & 19.

**Foundation Liaison Report (Norby) - no report**

**Museum Docent Report (Nickalous)**

Participated at State Fair and Clay Center.

**Newsletter Editor Report (Ray)**

Deadline for next newsletter is November 25. Newsletter will be mailed in early December.

**Participation & Restoration Report (Borcherding) - report attached**

Ellington suggested that the committee which Charles chair's reconvene to consider new "fund raising activities."

**Husker Harvest Days**

Not able to get space last September. Billy Overturf will check on displaying at the Antique Section of the display grounds for next year.

**Fund Raising**

Discussions were held on how to raise museum funds. Several ideas were raised but none were found to be fruitful.

**No Old Business. No New Business.**

**Next Meeting:**

Annual Meeting: January 14, 2003  
1:30pm - 225 LW Chase Hall

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm

## INTERIM DIRECTOR AND CURATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Friends of the Larsen Museum

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

### 1. ACQUISITIONS

We have received from the estate of the Dinneen family a one row/one horse "Go-dig" and a one-row-two-horse Lister/Planter. We have not been able yet to identify the age for sure but both implements were used by the grandfather of the Dinneens on a farm about 10 miles south of Exeter. Estimate of age is about 90 years for the Go-dig and 70 for the Lister/planter.

### 2. HAND TOOL COLLECTION

We have covered the windows of the hand-tool room with plywood and insulation. They have been painted and Yunju is busy arranging for the tools to be hung. This was a joint effort of Judy (painting) and Jerry and I (hanging the insulation and panels, plus moving some of the heavy stuff) and Yunju overseeing us.

### 3. CARBURETORS

We have more or less finished the carburetor display. The big board was standing several Months ago, but a new glass cabinet displays some others from the collection, which hitherto had been hidden, and were very rusty and dirty. Mice seem to like carburetors. Those carburetors have been restored as much as possible. We have also started a special library of data on the carburetors. Those data are filed in the cabinet under the carbs.

### 4. BUILDING

- a. Judy has worked very hard on the entrance, office and library areas. Holes have been plugged, walls have been painted and display boards have been hung. Judy also has progressed tremendously with the cataloging of the test reports so they are easier to find and handle and do not take up so much space.  
Judy (bless her) also found us a new door with glass panels for the office. She also found some people to hang it and Jerry (bless him for his volunteer spirit) finished the door so that it now closes and locks.
- b. There is an urgent need to block over the East door before the winter comes.
- c. There is an urgent need to fix the garage so we can open the door to the shop and use the garage this winter as a work area to fix tractors, clean up the lister/planter etc.
- d. We have had problems with the heat supply and had a minor flood on Saturday, October 12. The system has been fixed in the meantime, but we have to keep our fingers crossed that no greater disaster will occur.

### 4. PERSONNEL

- a. Yunju will be leaving us unfortunately in mid-December. She has been at the museum about three days per week. She will be sorely missed.
- b. I have curtailed my volunteer involvement with the museum to two days per week. I have taken a part-time position at Barnes and Noble and will be at the museum on Mondays and Thursdays.
- c. As you all know, Bill has taken up a position at UNSM. He will report on the status of that situation.

**MEMBERSHIP AND RAFFLE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2002**

With no viable tractor to raffle in 2002, it was decided to Appeal to interested persons to become members of the Friends of the Lester Larsen Museum. The presentation Of a video, pamphlets, and other information would be The means to acquire more members. The attempt was Less than successful. At Camp Creek, a few people would Stop for a moment and glance at the video. It soon became Apparent that show goers had other things on their agenda And few watched for more than a few seconds. The same Response was encountered at Old Trusty Days. Attempts To find a space at Husker Harvest Days were unsuccessful. Our former display area was oversubscribed by various New groups that wanted to display their projects. It was Also decided that restoration clinics should be presented As a way of enhancing the role of the individual restorer. This, too, had limited response.

This brings us back to the question, what should we be doing To promote the museum? We have found that a raffle Produces little more than an auction. The process of the Raffle produces more members.

We are back to the drawing-board to reconsider the best Way to promote the museum.

Submitted by Charles Borcharding – Membership and Raffle Committee.

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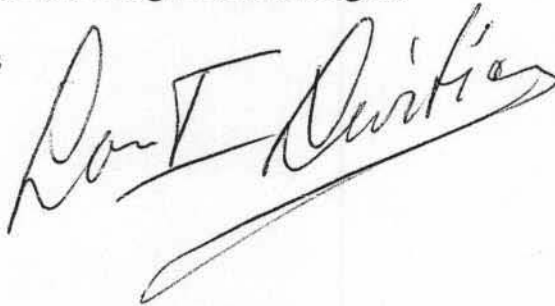
**5. MUSEUM OPEN HOURS**

As a result of the personnel changes and Bill's current position, the museum hours will be seriously curtailed after mid-December. Apart from not being open on weekends, the museum will be closed on Wednesdays and Fridays. I suggest that the friends organize a subcommittee from the Board members and contact local Friends to see if they can help out.

**6. BOLT MUSEUM COLLECTION**

We have been talking for quite a while with Mr. Carl Bolt who is a wrench collector from California (originally a Nebraskan from out west). He has visited us and met with Bill and myself. He has offered us his collection, which is extensive. Bill Splinter will report on this proposal and will give us his thoughts.

Lou Leviticus

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lou Leviticus", written in black ink. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name "Lou Leviticus".