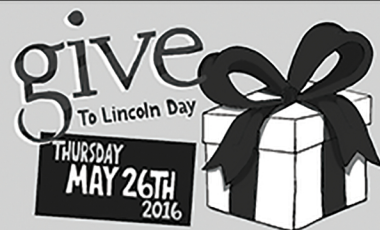


GIVE to Lincoln \$One in a \$Million

The Lincoln Community Foundation (LCF) has provided the Larsen Tractor Test Museum Friends an opportunity to kick off their \$One in a \$Million fund raising campaign. Our goal is to raise a million dollar endowment to sustain the Museum into the future.

From now until May 26th, you can donate through www.givetolincoln.com. The donations will receive a percentage match for the GIVE event. There is a \$10 minimum, and you will be asked if you wish to add the processing fee of 5.9% to your donation. Cash donations and checks made out to LCF, with "Larsen Tractor Museum Friends" in the memo line, can be brought to the Museum prior to May 26 or to the GIVE event in Tower Square (13th & P Sts.) May 26, since no donations will be accepted by mail and must be made that day.

Don't worry if you're unable to donate for GIVE to Lincoln. You can still be One in a Million and donate to the Friends! We appreciate your support any time.



Lance Todd Moves to Graphic Design Job

Lance Todd began as Manager of the Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum in June 2012. The museum wasn't branded; professional signage was needed; the space for exhibits was scattered; archives were deteriorating; and the Restoration Club was struggling.

Lance had a graphic design background; he created our logo, a brand that could be put on hats and shirts, used on our rack cards and in the custom-made booth he created to go to events and publicized the Larsen Museum. He connected to the *Pure Nebraska* TV show, where our brand often appears during their regular taping. He designed signage and the new look for Nuts & Bolts. His teaching degree helped him invigorate the Club and bring in school groups, such as UNL's Ruth Staples Lab.

Lance had a museum background. The first exhibit he built told the story of Wilmot Crozier and the tractors he bought that inspired the test law (right). It involved photographing a cornfield, gathering barn wood, bringing in dirt and corn stalks, and building a backdrop for the corn field wallpaper. Then he moved on to the first tractor tested, building a Waterloo Boy exhibit. Next came the barn wall, with an "in the weeds" space for tractors behind the barn and painted the logo as a barn ad; inside, a display wall and more tractors.

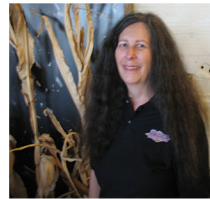
100 Years of Tractor Tests Will be Celebrated in 2020

2020 will mark 100 years of tractor testing at the Nebraska Tractor Test Lab (NTTL). From test #1, the Waterloo Boy (pictured right) until today, there have been over 2200 tractors tested. NTTL is beginning to develop plans for the 100 year celebration. Dr. Roger Hoy, Director of NTTL, is assembling a mailing list of former employees, manufacturing reps, and Museum supporters. Contact us if you'd like your name on the list.

He continued to build, transforming the place and pointing it in a positive direction. He took everything from the archives to install archival, state-of-the-art shelving, and organized the files. He built the William Splinter Memorial Gallery.

In Oct. 2015, Lance decided to move to a job outside of UNL, as a graphic designer for a company that works with race car drivers (another of his passions). His contribution is much appreciated, and he will be greatly missed. We wish him the best.

Julie Thomson, who worked alongside Lance, in her job with the Lab and BSE Dept. was asked to step into Lance's role part-time. She continues on the transformation path and has begun to partner with the Friends to raise funds that will sustain this work.



Friends of the Lester F. Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum



Mail form to:
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P.O. Box 830832
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Renewal payment is due before
June 30, 2016

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. Monetary donations are tax deductible.

2016 Membership Renewal / Donation July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

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.

DONATION LEVEL *Check one*

- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$250
- \$50
- \$

Donation Total
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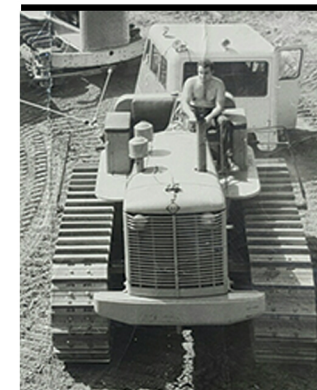
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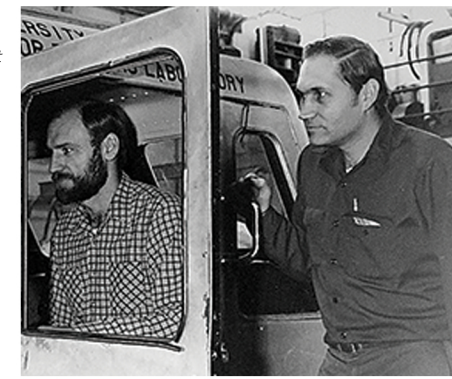
Annual Meeting
Tues., Aug. 9th
Details in July issue of Nuts & Bolts

Save the Date

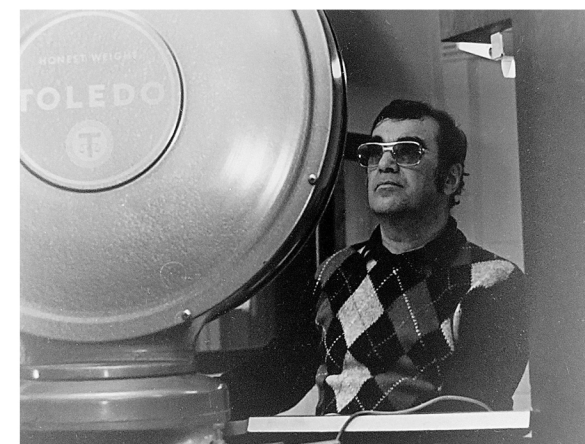


Left: John Sahs as a grad student. From UNL, he went straight to Detroit to join Ford's tractor division. Later, he moved down the block to the Chrysler Missile Division (contractor for NASA and DoD) to work on a guidance systems team for the then fledgling Space Race.

Far right: Brent Sampson advises Ray Beckner in the test car utilized by Les Larsen and Lou Leviticus.



Dr. Lou Leviticus: His Legacy of Work & Volunteering



Dr. Louis I. Leviticus, Engineer-in-Charge of the Test Lab 1976-1998, a founder of the Friends, Museum Curator 1998-2015, passed away Dec. 12, 2015 at age 84. Lou tested 565+ tractors, moved the Lab to its current location, and fought to save its history. He traveled the world. As a Holocaust survivor, Lou wrote a book about his life during WWII in The Netherlands, a story he shared by speaking to community groups. He is greatly missed.

Restoration Notes Holt T-35

The Holt T-35, which was donated to the Friends by Charles Sheets, has been beautifully restored by the Tractor Restoration Club and is now being exhibited alongside our other tracked tractor: the Oliver Cletrac (test #434, 1948) donated by Jerry Kohl. Holt named their crawler tractors "Caterpillar." T-35 was test #86 in 1922.



Allis Chalmers U

Dr. Don Edwards, a long-time Executive Board member of the Friends, has restored yet another Allis Chalmers tractor: a 1929 model U. It replicates the U that was unofficially tested on rubber tires. Test #170 was on steel, #237 was both.



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Museum Hours:
Tuesday-Friday: 9AM-4PM
1st Saturday each month: 10AM-2PM

Closed:
Sundays, Mondays & University Holidays

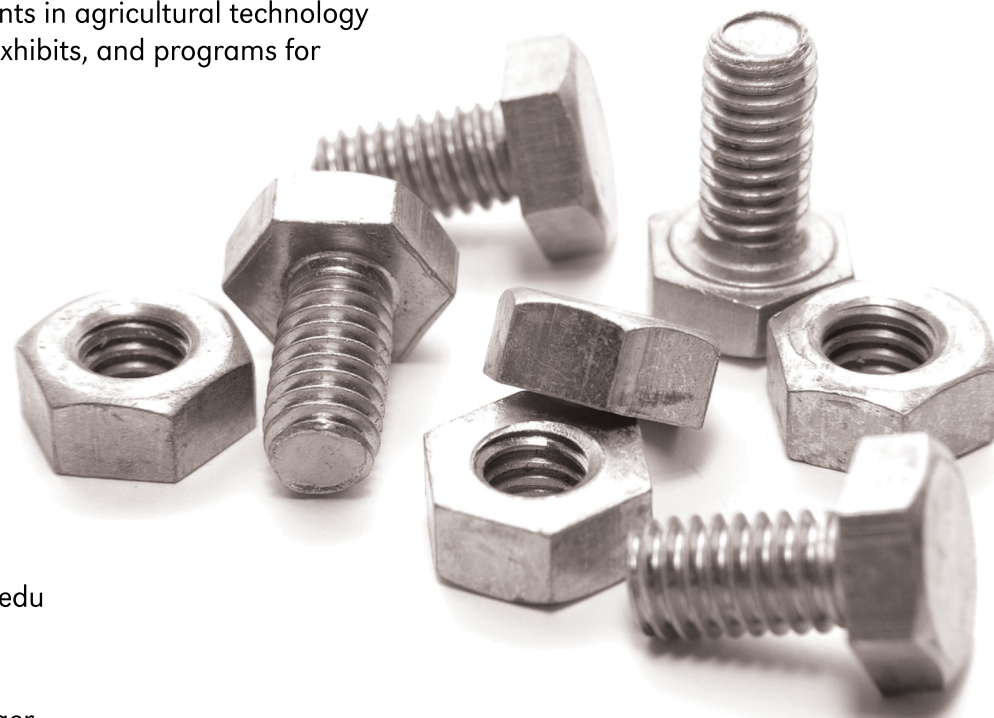


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John Hay	Associate Extension Educator
Lou Leviticus	Emeriti Faculty Retired 1998 & Museum Curator
Don Edwards	President of Larsen Museum Friends



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Volunteer Opportunities

The Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum is seeking individuals who would like to be volunteer tour guides this fall. All you need is willingness to learn and a desire to interact with our guests. Hours are flexible during the week. Please contact us for information about volunteering.

Join us and become part of something **BIG**.

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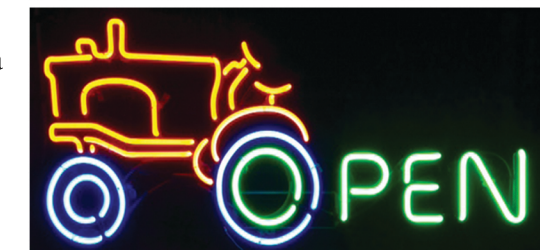
Donations Get Things Done

The Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum and Friends have been the fortunate recipients of several recent donations that have allowed us to build the Museum and its programs.

Roy Yanigida, former John Deere dealer and Friends member, made a generous donation to support the Restoration Club so they could take a field trip to the John Deere Product Engineering Center and Museum in Iowa. The group traveled to Waterloo and enjoyed several tours. (Photos above and right.) Thanks, Roy!

A big thanks to the **Larry Ehlers family** for their donations in Larry's memory to update the Museum Store. He served as a volunteer and an active member of the Friends until 2014. We were able to replace cracked windows, have a neon sign made (right), add inventory, and renovate the store space.

Memorial donations were received by the **John Sahs family**. John worked for Lester Larsen as a graduate student at the Test Lab. He earned an M.S. in Ag. Engineering in 1952. Nebraska Test Lab Engineer **Brent Sampson** generously donated in memory of former Chief Engineer, Dr. Lou Leviticus (see pg. 3).



Todd Moves to New Job (article inside)

That's him! He turned the tractor collection I accumulated and the old test lab into one of Lincoln's top 10 attractions!

