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Beginning May 1, supporters can donate to Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum Friends via the Lincoln Community Foundation's annual GIVE to Lincoln funding drive. On-line giving runs May 1-18, and the event is May 18.

Donations made to LCF for the non-profit Friends group will receive some matching funds, and the donor will receive a receipt for their tax purposes and be acknowledged by the Friends, who are participating to support the projects of the Museum and the University Tractor Restoration Club. Some of the projects your donation would help to fund include:

- * restoration of a John Deere M prototype that came from former engineer Gordon Olson;
- * a commissioned artwork of the work of tractors, from field to table that will become a mural for the children's area of the Museum;
- * graphic design for "Hall of Engineers-in-Charge" and test car history;
- * awnings to mimic those original to the building.

Below is the link to the donation page. You can search for the Museum on the LCF GIVE page or check the Friends Facebook for a link. (Cash will only be accepted at the event on May 18, but can be brought to the Museum prior to that time. Checks should be made out to LCF with Larsen Tractor Museum Friends in the memo line.)

https://www.givetolincoln.com/nonprofit.html?id=friends_of_the_university_of_nebraska_tractor_test_and_power_museum1

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Recruiting Friends, Volunteers & GIVE

The Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum Friends are recruiting members to join or renew. The Friends Board needs someone to step into the Secretary position.

The Museum seeks volunteer tour guides. All you need is willingness to learn and a desire to interact with our guests. Hours are flexible.

GIVE to Lincoln is May 18! On-line giving began May 1. See details on page 4.

Museum Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9AM - 4PM
1st Saturdays: 10AM - 2PM

East Campus, 35th & Fair
Lincoln, Nebraska 68583
GPS: 40.831969,-96.668722
402.472.8389
tractormuseum.unl.edu



Friends Annual Meeting Delayed By Construction

Our concrete dock is under construction. The Executive Board decided to delay the annual meeting until the University project is complete.



Restoration Club Travels to Moline

The Restoration Club took a recent trip to Moline to the Deere & Company World Headquarters, the John Deere Pavillion and Harvester Works. Their experience was funded by a generous donation from former John Deere dealer, Roy Yanagida, who is a life time member of the Friends.

Roy came to a club meeting to hear about their travels and share some history. He brought some model tractors to illustrate changes that have taken place over the years and spoke about his experiences as a dealer. His support is greatly appreciated and inspires the students. Thanks, Roy!

Tractor Restoration Projects Completed

The Restoration Club completed two projects this year and began a third. They restored a Case DC, which had been donated by the Benes family, and that the family is now interested in buying to benefit the Friends. They also got a McCormick Deering 10-20 to run for an Iowa woman. It will be at the Iowa State Fair. Enroute to Moline, they delivered her tractor. They also began restoring the John Deere M prototype, donated by the family of Gordon Olson, former NTTL and John Deere engineer.



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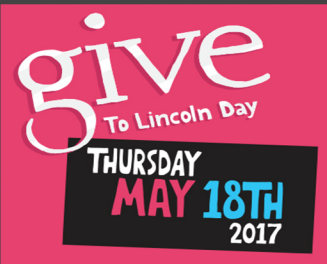
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2 Student Workers Graduate; 1 Joins

The Larsen Tractor Test Museum has been fortunate to have excellent help from our part-time student workers. We will miss Jordan Busboom and Garret Gregerson, who graduated from UNL on May 6. Their interest in and knowledge of tractors and agricultural history made them excellent tour guides. And their skills in display building and the use of technology helped grow the Museum experience.

Congratulations, Jordan & Garret! Thank You!

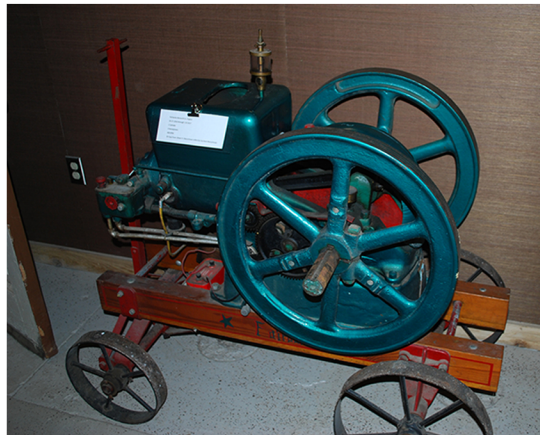
Welcome Christina Goddette! She is a senior anthropology major, with an interest in pursuing graduate work in the field of museum studies. Christina has been volunteering here this past semester, and we've hired her to work as our "student manager" part-time this summer through next semester. She'll graduate in December. Her major project will be the museum inventory, but she has also created our blacksmithing display, signage for the barn wall, and a new self-guided tour brochure.



New Hit & Miss Engines

The family of Elmer H. Marschman reached out to the Museum for a place to display three 1 cylinder engines from their father's collection. We were already displaying two engines in the Splinter Memorial Gallery, so we were happy to be able to add to our display. Kent Marschman has loaned us the following three engines to exhibit:

- * a Fairbanks Morse & Co. 3 hp engine;
- * a McCormick Deering 3-5 hp engine by International Harvester;
- * a John Deere Model E 1.5 hp engine. (John Deere also made a 3 hp and 6 hp model.)



NebraskaLife Features Museums with Wheels

NebraskaLife's May/June issue includes the article "Tractors, Race Cars & Rollerskates: Lincoln Museums Take Visitors for a Ride." It features Larsen Museum, Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed, and the National Museum of Roller Skating. Don Edwards was interviewed for the article; a side bar, "Tractor's River-Bottom Rescue," shows Jerry Kohl with the Cletrac he restored.



Rumley Oil Pull: To Be Featured July 15-16, Camp Creek

Camp Creek Threshers will feature Rumley at their annual show July 15-16 near Waverly. The Rumley Oil Pull was partially responsible for the 1919 passage of the Nebraska Tractor Test Law. State Representative Wilmot Crozier, of Osceola, and State Senator Charles Warner, of Waverly, co-sponsored the law after Crozier had tractors from two manufacturers that failed to meet their advertising claims then obtained a Rumley that exceeded the claims made about it. The Rumley advertised it would pull a 3-bottom plow; Crozier got it to pull a 5-bottom plow, and he was inspired to hold manufacturers accountable for their advertising claims. Crozier's first tractor, the 1916 Minneapolis Ford model (not made by Henry Ford's company) broke down enroute from the dealer. Crozier complaints got him a 1917 model, but it did not perform well, nor did the used Bull tractor he then purchased. But Crozier was happy with his Rumley Oil Pull that had been a demonstrator.

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



2017 Membership Renewal / Donation
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Mail form to:
Friends of the Larsen Tractor Museum
P.O. Box 830832
Lincoln, NE 68583-0832

Renewal payment is due before
June 30, 2017

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.

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
\$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

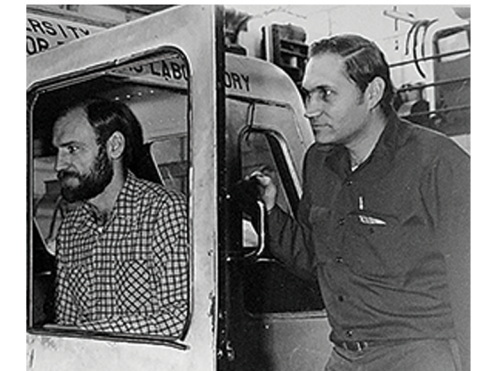
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A Celebration to Honor Brent Sampson

Location to be announced
2-5 p.m., Friday, June 30th



RSVP: Julie Thomson, 402-472-8389 or larsentractormuseum@unl.edu



NTTL Engineer Brent Sampson Retiring after 45 years



Brent Sampson began work at UNL May 1972 for Dr. Tom Thompson at Rogers Memorial Research Farm. In Jan. 1976 he began working at the Test Lab with Dr. Lou Leviticus. His first test was #1201, the Ford 5600, and by the time he retires, he'll have tested 981 tractors. While Lester Larsen was no longer the Engineer-in-Charge when Brent started at NTTL, they knew each other as colleagues in Ag Engineering. (Larsen tested 791 tractors during his time at NTTL.) Brent has long supported the Museum and the preservation of NTTL history. He serves on the Friends board, is a lifetime member and a generous donor to the museum.

Museum Director Dr. Mark Riley Moves to CoE



On July 1, Dr. Mark Riley Head of the Biological Systems Engineering Department, and thereby Museum Director, since October 2012, begins a new position as Associate Dean for Research in the College of Engineering. Mark has been an active member of the Friends Executive Board, an advocate for the Museum and Restoration Club, and a great supporter of ASABE's 14th Historic Landmark. We will miss him here on East Campus, but wish him well in his CoE position. Thanks for your work in preserving and growing the Museum and the history of the Nebraska Tractor Test, Mark!

