Volunteers & Friends Needed
The Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum Friends need to have past members renew memberships and are actively recruiting new Friends members. The Friends Board is in need of someone to serve as Secretary. The Museum also acts as volunteer tour guides. All you need is willingness to learn and a desire to interact with our guests. Hours are flexible.

Museum Hours:
Tuesday - Friday: 9AM - 4PM
1st Saturdays: 10AM - 2PM
East Campus, 35th & Fair
Lincoln, Nebraska 68503
GFS: 402.472.8389

UNL Students Volunteer

Students in the College of Engineering and in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication are volunteering at the Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum for their Interpersonal Skills for Leadership course to meet the service learning requirement of 20 hours. Most of the students come from Nebraska, but for many this is their first exposure to the Nebraska Tractor Test Lab and the history of the Test Lab. The 15 students that participated during the fall semester were majoring in a variety of engineering and agricultural areas.

Farmall F-14 Displayed at Fresh Thyme Market

The Farmall F-14, donated to the Friends by Gary and Patricia Thalken, is on display at Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, 3220 O St. in Lincoln. We appreciate the publicity Fresh Thyme is giving the Museum and their donation to the Friends. Be sure to thank them when you patronize their business. The tractor is on seasonal exhibit, but due to the construction north of the Museum, it may stay longer, as we haven’t the means to bring it back into our building. The F-14 was Nebraska test 297 in 1938.
Visitors & Friends Share Family Tractor Photos

A recent visitor gave us an idea. Hugh Curry, of Columbia, MO, emailed us a photo of our Allis WC, with the photos of him and his dad. Albert, who farmed near Kalamazoo, MI on his Allis. Hugh majored in Ag Engineering at Michigan State in the early 1960’s. His three granddaughters attend UNL. If you have similar photos to share, they may be put in Nuts & Bolts or displayed here.

Shed Your Worries & GIVE Happy

Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra both sang “Get Happy,” encouraging listeners to forget their troubles. To honor the original Engineer-in-Charge of the newly established Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory, Claude K. Shed, we encourage you to “shed your worries, come on, give happy” and make a year-end donation to the Friends of the Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum. Since we are a 501c3 organization, your donations are tax deductible, and we’ll date your thank you letter/receipt with the date on your check or electronic donation. You’re now able to make on-line donations to the Friends with your credit card via PayPal or the Razoo Foundation. The links are below:

PayPal: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&business=D120MRB3Y7MW

Note: We set up the Razoo site when we participated in GIVE to Lincoln; Razoo automatically adds an amount to donate to them, but if you click through their steps, you can choose not to do so.

Museum Committee:

Julie Thomson, Museum Manager; Nuts & Bolts Editor
Dr. Mark Riley, Department Head & Museum Director
Doug Kooser, President of Larsen Museum Friends
Dr. Milford Hanna, President Elect of Larsen Museum Friends
Dr. Joe Luck, Past President of Larsen Museum Friends
Dr. Don Edwards, Treasurer of Larsen Museum Friends

Shedd in Charge of Tractor Test

Tractor Tests at the University of Nebraska under the new Nebraska law will be in charge of Claude K. Shed, formerly Associate Professor of Agricultural Engineering at Iowa State College. Mr. Shed is a graduate of the Nebraska College of Agriculture, class of 1923, and of the Agricultural Engineering course of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, class of 1914. In 1913 he was computer at the Minneapolis motor contest and he made brake tests at the National Tractor Demonstration at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1916 and again at Silvis, Illinois, in 1918. He holds the rank of Professor of Agricultural Engineering and Engineer in charge of tractor tests at the University of Nebraska.

Equipment had been ordered for the tractor testing but it is expected that it will be delayed weeks before the work can be officially begun. In the meantime the State Railway Commission will issue temporary permits to tractor companies to sell in Nebraska.

The university equipment thus far ordered includes an electric dynamometer, to cost about six thousand dollars installed and to be used for testing belt horsepower and a traction dynamometer for obtaining the drawbar pull, to cost about two thousand dollars installed. A dynamometer car consisting of a tractor chassis with an electric generator mounted in place of the engine will be used for the drawbar load. A half mile cinder track will be used for drawbar testing.

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