



Volunteer Opportunities

The Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum is currently seeking individuals who would like to be volunteer tour guides. No prior knowledge of tractors or tractor testing is needed, all you need is willingness to learn and a desire to interact with our guests. Hours are flexible during the week, some Saturday availability will be required.

Please contact us for more information about becoming a volunteer.

Join us and become part of something BIG.

Museum Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9AM - 4PM
Saturday 10AM - 2PM

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Restoration Club Open House October 3rd

The UNL Tractor Restoration Club will host an open house at the Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum on Thursday, October 3rd from 5pm – 7pm. Free food and drinks will be provided; the club is taking free-will donations to fund their current restoration project, which is a John Deere H.

The students have currently begun restoration on this nifty little tractor and are raising funds for new tires, paint, and parts to complete their project before May of 2014.

Passing of Darold Smith

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Darold "Smitty" Smith this past month. Smitty was a long time John Deere dealer and avid tractor enthusiast. He served on the Friends of the Larsen Tractor Museum Board and was the Treasurer for that organization.

Born in 1932, Smitty served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Beaver Crossing American Legion Post #178. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rose Mary and their four children Bernie, Doug, Mike, and Linda.

After your visit to the Museum venture across the street for the 2013 Homecoming Concert featuring country star Craig Morgan at 8pm. Bring the whole family out for a night at the Museum and free entertainment on UNL's East Campus!



Smitty was a wonderful person and volunteer to be around, he will truly be missed. Persons wishing to donate to the Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum in his name may contact Lance Todd at ltodd6@edu or 402-472-8389.



Get Involved

Become a sponsor of the Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum. There are two levels of participation.

Level 1 requires an annual donation of \$500. You will be recognized on our Partners' Wall.

Level 2 requires an annual donation of \$1000, and you will be recognized on our Partners' Wall and listed as a sponsor on a Museum exhibit.

Individuals may also sponsor a museum exhibit.

For more information on how to become a corporate partner, contact Lance Todd at 402.472.8389 or by email at ltodd6@unl.edu.

Fun Facts... and other non-sense

Cow or Tractor?

If a farmer was only able to choose between buying a cow or a tractor, what should he pick. On one hand, he would look funny riding on a cow. On the other hand, he would look funnier trying to milk a tractor.



Meet the 2013-2014 Tractor Restoration Club

This year we have seven freshmen, four sophomores, a junior, and four seniors. These students have begun working on the Museum's John Deere H, which the club will completely tear down and overhaul. Club Officers: President, JD Ochsner; Vice President, Greg Winz; and Treasurer, Mason Mieszala.

"So far this is the largest group of students we have had in recent years," Club Sponsor Lance Todd said. "We are actually having to come up with more projects in order to keep the students engaged, which is a problem, but its a good problem." Some of the additional projects the club will be working on this year will include an engine tune up on the collection's Minneapolis Moline RTU and a freshening of an Oliver 60.

"We have students from all over the State, including one from Colorado and one from California, with majors scattered all over the board," Todd said. Some of the majors the students are studying are Animal Sciences, Actuarial Sciences, Veterinary Science, Agronomy,

and, of course, Mechanized Systems Management, which is a major in CASNR.



Restoration Club Members

Aaron Block	Sr	Agronomy
Alexa Blundell	Fr	Animal Science
Aaron Colwell	So	Veterinary Sciences
Adam Dolezol	Sr	Forensic Science
Kinser Earnest	Fr	Mechanized Systems
Chelsea Haulleman	Fr	Actuarial Science
Lexi Hingtgen	Fr	Animal Science
Sammy Lonergan	Fr	Pre Med
Cody McClellan	Fr	Agronomy
Mason Mieszala	So	Animal Science
Ryan Nordboe	Sr	Agronomy
JD Ochsner	Jr	Applied Science
Joseph Stellato	So	Agronomy
Michael Thurber	So	Mech. Engineering
Greg Winz	Sr	Mechanized Systems

Student Work Study Program

The Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum has hired three University Students for the academic year. These students will perform various tasks in the Museum including maintaining exhibits, giving tours to visitors, updating our social media sites, and developing strategies to promote the Museum on campus.

Chelsea Hullerman is a freshman from Heron Lake, Minnesota who is studying Actuarial Sciences and Agribusiness. She is participating in the Tractor Restoration Club and is eager to learn about all things tractors. Nick Laser is also a freshman and is from Dublin, Ohio. Nick is studying Forensic Science and is working on detailing several tractors in the collection. Both of these students are currently restoring an International cutaway engine.

The third student is Brianne (Bee) DeBose who is a junior studying Broadcasting from Lee's Summit, Missouri. Bee will be our media specialist and will handle the Museum's social media sites, press releases, event coverage, and public relations.

"We are very excited to have these students on board for this year, this is my first experience with the work study program and having three students with very different backgrounds will give us the opportunity to advance the Museum in different areas," Museum Manager Lance Todd said.

Details on Estate Planning and Memorial Designation

In the past year, Larsen Museum has been designated as a place to send memorials by several families close to the Museum. We appreciate that family and friends of those who have been affiliated with the Museum, and those who are passionate about tractors, have sent donations; the list includes: Bill Splinter; Don Johnson; Richard Walla; Darold Smith.

The Museum is a 502(c)3, non-profit entity, which entitles donations to be tax deductible. Anyone making a direct donation will receive a letter of acknowledgement that will serve as your receipt. Those wishing to have the Museum designated for memorials can ease the process by having checks made out to Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum.

Estate Planning

The Museum works with the University of Nebraska Foundation to provide the documentation you need to include Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum in your estate planning. The Museum may be approached prior to accepting any estate donation or memorial donation by a donor's family to determine how the donation will be handled.

If you have questions on designation the Museum as a memorial for a loved one or on including the Museum in your estate planning, please contact Lance Todd by email at ltodd6@unl.edu or by phone at 402-472-8389.

Facebook Giveaway

Like the *Larsen Tractor Museum* on Facebook and you will be automatically entered for a prize giveaway. As soon as we hit 125 likes, we will give out a prize to one of our random fans!



Scan the qr code with any smart device to go to our Facebook page.

Restoration Notes

The Tractor Restoration Club will be doing some engine maintenance to our Minneapolis Moline RTU. It has come to our attention that it is in need of new main bearings and a tune up.

Keith Saxton, the tractor's donor, has offered to provide the club with the parts needed to complete this project. The tractor will be on display in the Museum during this procedure.

Museum Needs

The museum is seeking the following items for display and exhibit purposes:

- Lugs for various models •
- 1961 Allis D19 Engine •

If you have any of these items, please contact Lance Todd at 402.472.8389 or by email at ltodd6@unl.edu.

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Mission Statement:

To be the premier steward of advancements in agricultural technology through the development of collections, exhibits, and programs for public benefit.



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