

**2013 Tour Season**

We enjoyed another wonderful tourism season. We've guided tours to many guests from throughout the United States including 25 states: Arizona, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin! Wow!

Also tourists from other countries: Australia, Canada, England, Nigeria, and Switzerland! Our guest book included 635 adults and children that came to see the village where John Froelich invented that very first gasoline powered tractor able to propel itself forward & back in 1892.

2013 was Denise Schutte's second year working as Coordinator. Glenda Bodensteiner and Tammy Reynolds were also tour guides for the season. These knowledgeable tour guides are the reason our tour guests continue to give positive feed-back after their tour ends. Many guests comment they couldn't believe how much there was to see & learn about on this fun and educational tour. They personally thank us saying they so enjoyed their guided tours!

**"A special thanks to our President Lisa Donlon, our Board of Directors, and all the many volunteers that assist the Froelich Foundation throughout the year!"**



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**COORDINATOR: DENISE SCHUTTE**

**YOUR COORDINATOR IN ACTION:**

- \*During the winter months I work from home. Jan 2013, I wrote two grants and we received one of those.
  - \*I inputted all Froelich finances for 2012 & 2013 on the PC Mars accounting program from scratch.
  - \*I updated the Membership list of all lifetime and annual members. This hadn't been done in quite awhile so I went through many years of old records to compile and accomplish this. I then entered this data into our computer.
  - \*In June the Froelich Newsletter was sent out to the members. Member Updates. Many dues were sent to us then.
  - \*I also took over some of the treasurers tasks so that I can keep our financial records updated on a continual basis, print out computer checks for our bills and record these, including the correct account codes for each one, and what they were for in one task. HOWEVER all checks are signed and approved by our treasurer. ALL financial transactions are detailed for savings, checking, money market fund, American Investment fund, and Endowment funds.
  - \*Spring 2013 I selected pictures and information for our brand new tri-fold Brochure, assisted by Paul Connor.
  - \*Many other numerous administrative tasks handled: emails, planning events, printing event fliers, posters, newsletters, newspaper ads, numerous phone calls, setup online accounts for our raffle license & employee payroll quarterly reports, board meetings, keeping up on the Chamber directories, having ads & info prepared and sent to many tourism guides and directories, giving tours, keeping our many buildings clean, and the tv commercial on KWWL.
- Denise Schutte, Froelich Foundation Coordinator

**MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER**

Single & Family Membership	\$20.00
Lifetime Memberships	\$200.00

To remain on our Newsletter mailing list you need to keep your dues current. Renewal date is July 1st each year. We'll email your Newsletter via email if we have your address. YOUR DUES are so important for the Froelich Foundation to continue to be open for tours so many can come tour this awesome 1890's Froelich Village Museum the home to John Froelich's FIRST TRACTOR of 1892!

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**LAST YEARS MAIN EVENTS OF 2013**

- \* **Museum Opened May 11, 2013**
- **Hilary Donlon & Chris Davis Wedding May 25, 2013**
- **Froelich Hard Surface Tractor Pull June 15, 2013**
- **Kim Connor & Tyler Carlson Wedding August 24, 2013**
- **"FALL-DER-ALL" September 28 & 29, 2013**
- **Museum closed for the Season October 13, 2013**

## FROELICH FOUNDATION SUMMARY OF 2013

In January 2013: the Foundation received a grant endowment through the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, the regional host foundation for the Clayton County Foundation of the Future. This endowment is facilitated to support the continual preservation of rural heritage. This endowment was presented by Melvin and Donna Christiansen, Sherrill, Iowa to the Froelich Foundation Board of Directors.

February 17: the Annual Meeting was held at the Luana Savings Bank basement. Four new board members were elected: Gene Lake, Guttenberg, Brian Meyer, Monona, Torrie Moses, Monona, and Ivan Meisner, Farmersburg. The Froelich Foundation Board of Directors for 2013 are Lisa Donlon - President and Treasurer, Gary Moritz - Vice-President, Tammy Reynolds - Secretary, Lance Donlon, Keith Kerr, Chadd Tuecke, Mike Tschirgi welcome our four newly elected directors completing our group of eleven directors.

March: Margo Walz created our Face Book page for Froelich for her college project. It looks very nice with many pictures she posted on this site: "[Froelich Foundation](#)". Like us on Face Book. Many details are posted here or on our website: [www.froelichtractor.com](http://www.froelichtractor.com). Our email address is: [froelichtractor1892@yahoo.com](mailto:froelichtractor1892@yahoo.com). In March we also decided to create a group called **Friends of Froelich Volunteers**. Those interested persons or groups may volunteer for the continual preservation of the **Froelich Museum**.

In April: Tammy Reynolds accepted a grant award from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future. This grant covered the renovation of a handicap accessible entrance of the 1920's Warehouse building one of the buildings at the Froelich Museum site. This grant was written by Froelich Foundation Coordinator Denise Schutte. Mark Stoffel volunteered to assist with the updates in this area. It looks so nice and is much more functional. Our Harnack House rental property needed some re-modeling and updates, those were completed. The lower level of the Barn ceiling needed to finally be completed so that work was also completed.

May 11<sup>th</sup>: The Museum opened again for tours. The Museum is open six days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am – 5pm. On Sundays 11am – 5pm. (closed Wednesdays.) May 26<sup>th</sup>: Hilary Donlon & Chris Davis' Wedding was held in the upper level of the 1903 Barn. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Chris Davis!

June 15<sup>th</sup>: The Hard Surface Tractor Pull was held. The number of participating tractor puller participants continually increase along with the wonderful attendance from the local and surrounding communities! We will host the next Hard Surface Tractor Pull June 14, 2014.

July: Busy giving tours to our guests. We found a nest of screech owls and their babies in our pine trees. The owls have become one of the features of our tours.

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Froelich Museum was featured in The Iowa Farmer Today newspaper written by Tom Hoskins. This was the fourth in a series featuring rural museums throughout the Iowa countryside. August 24<sup>th</sup>: Kimberly Connor & Tyler Carlson held their Wedding Reception at the Froelich Barn.

September 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>: "FALL-DER-ALL" weekend. Both days included many old time demonstrations, tours of the multi-building 1890's Froelich Village Museum site, display of many tractors of all kinds showcased on the grounds, threshing, and steam engine, and much more. Saturday: Kids Peddle Pull and Lil Dale & the Legends band. We had a nice turn out considering the rain storm on Saturday. Sunday was a nice day including the Tractor Pull and the grand finale of the "Big Raffle Drawing" closing out this wonderful annual major fundraising event for the Froelich Foundation. Much appreciation is extended to all guests, volunteers, and demonstrators, businesses donating to our raffle, events, music, and everything that goes into creating a successful event for our non-profit organization.

October: open for tours the first two weekends. Our final tour we hosted the Clayton County Foundation for the Future board members on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We then closed for the 2013 tourism season.

Our 2013 summary of our tour guests included 635 tourists from 25 States and five countries including Australia, Canada, England, Nigeria, and Switzerland!

May our 2014 Tour Season bring many new tourists seeking a tour: home of John Froelich's 1<sup>st</sup> Tractor that propelled forward & backward invented here in 1892 at Froelich's 1890 Village Museum Site!!!