

# BE A PART OF BOBCAT® SKID STEER LOADER HISTORY

When Eddie Velo, a Rothsay MN turkey farmer, needed a way to clean his barns more efficiently, Louis and Cyril Keller contemplated a solution. They went to work in their blacksmith shop to design a machine that was lightweight, compact, and maneuverable. The result, the Keller Loader, was the predecessor to what we now know as the Bobcat® skid-steer loader.

Louis and Cyril patented their creation and later sold manufacturing rights to Melroe Manufacturing Company. They were hired by Melroe to further develop and market the machine.



Keller Loader

To preserve the history of the skid-steer loader, that thousands have helped create, loaders from every stage of development have been gathered with memorabilia and documents. The goal is to have a permanent location for the display of this historical collection showing the full evolution of the Bobcat® skid-steer loader to share with future generations.



M400 First Skid-Steer



Modern Bobcat® SSL

Due to the size and importance of this collection a large building is needed at a suitable location. Cass County Historical Society, Bonanzaville USA, West Fargo, ND, has a site available and has established a fund for this purpose. This is a short distance from the Bobcat® headquarters.

You can be part of history by returning the form below with a donation to the Skid-Steer History Fund.

The Keller family, Melroe family, Bobcat. CO. employees, and Bobcat. SSL operators thank you for helping preserve the history of a machine that has revolutionized many industries and employed thousands of people all over the world!

**Donations at various levels will receive the following recognition.**

Supporter: Name in donor book.

Builder: Name in donor book and brass plate on plaque with name and comment indicating connection to Bobcat. Company.

Developer: Name in donor book, brass plate on plaque with name and comment indicating connection to Bobcat. Company, and copy of "Birth of the Bobcat. SSL" video.

Founder: Name in donor book, brass plate on **Founder** plaque with name and comment indicating connection to Bobcat. Company, and copy of "Birth of the Bobcat. SSL" video.

\* Name and comment on any brass plate can be honorary. The plaques will be displayed in the museum.

If you have additional historical information or any questions please call 1-701-640-7019

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**Skid-Steer History Fund - CCHS**  
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