

# FBRA April 2011 Newsletter

From the Chairman:  
Jeff Malan



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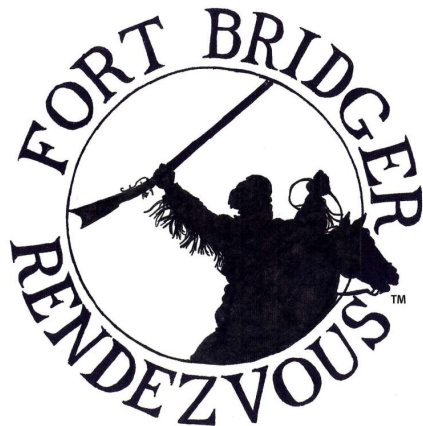
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## Greetings from the Booshway

*I kind of like to think of rendezvous maybe as a diamond.*

*There are so*

*facets. As many*

*there are*

*We are all in this*

*many reasons.*

*for the curiosity*

*go on with these*



*many*

*facets as*

*skinnners.*

*for so*

*Some just*

*of what is*

*people?*

*The rest of us have some historical basis for what we do. I*

*won't try to even guess what your thoughts might be.*

*My first experience was driving by Bridger, on my way to*

*work at Spirit Lake Lodge in the High Uinta's of Utah. I*

*remember kind of laughing at those guys, all dressed up in*

*Mountain Man and Indian outfits. Now I look back and feel a bit*

*ashamed. What an arrogant "ass" I was. Now there are a few*

*of you out there who think I still am.*

*In 1982 the biggest national rendezvous held since then was*

*the combined NAPR (National Association of Primitive Riflemen) now defunct, and NMLRA (National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association). I became a member of both groups. Back then there were very few rules, they were not needed. Everyone knew why they were there and what it was all about. I guess that's why I expect more from those who try to mold rendezvous into their own image. And lose sight of what it is.*

*Just for the fun of it, why not leave about half of your gear home. I know it's a pain to have to wait for the fire to get going in the morning but that first cup of coffee will taste just as good if not better if you do.*

*Please let's not forget we are trying to emulate a time gone by. Leave the plush comforts at home you will find the reward to be excellent know your playing by the unwritten rules rather than the ones we have to print and hand out.*

*Thank for supporting us in this important event.*

INTRODUCTION FROM THE  
SEGUNDO



My name is Eugene Fowles; I am your Segundo for 2011. I will be your Bourgeois in 2012. That brings up the question “What the hell was I thinking to take on this job again!” It is because of all the great people who come to Fort Bridger on Labor Day weekend. I was Bourgeois in 2006 and found out how great the reward from getting to know most of the participants, traders, campers, and spectators can be. It is a tough job; the team work of our Board Members, volunteers and the people of the rendezvous, make the job easier. We all work hard to make this the closest authentic rendezvous of the fur trapping era that we can.

I should tell a little about myself. Like I said my name is Eugene Fowles, known around rendezvous’ as “Postkiller”. I received my Mt Man name when I shot my cannon and kept hitting the posts holding up the targets. I live in Lindon, UT. I am a Masonry Contractor, part time Taxidermist, and own and operate a Sawmill. I am married and the father of a daughter, Shalayne. I am also a grandfather to 2 boys Dylan almost 13, and Mateo, 14.

I am an avid hunter. I have hunted in Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, Idaho, and my favorite Alaska. I have had to make a hard choice a time or two, and miss part of Rendezvous to go to Alaska to hunt.

My family has been rendezvousing for over 30 years. My favorite event is the shooting, judging the Dutch oven cooking contest comes in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>, but I enjoy all events.

I will do my best to make this and every Ft. Bridger Rendezvous---  
**THE BEST EVER.**

Eugene Fowles

2011 Segundo

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MEET WARREN WILL

**My name is Warren Will. I am originally from Ohio. I came to Utah about 15 years ago. I met some new friends that got me going to rendezvous. I met my wife while she was working at Wendy's. By that point and time her Family has been going to rendezvous for up to**



**ago. I met got me met my working at and time going to eight to**

**ten years. We got married in Manti in May of 2003. My wife sold her Honda Rebel and bought a teepee and we have been camping in primitive area ever since. We now have 3 Children, 2 girls that are 7 and 11, then a boy who is now 5. I have made the leather outfits for my children over the years. My wife has done the work on the children's mocks. I was fortunate enough to be able to bless my two youngest children at the church services that are held every year at Rendezvous. I am very excited to accept the challenges of this new experience and learn all I can. It feels great when you are part of something more than just yourself.**

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## MEET RANDY MCKINNON

### *Aka Long face*

Hello to all members, allow me to introduce myself, my name is Randy Mckinnon aka Long face, one of your new elected FBRA Board Members. I was born in Denver, Colo. when I was 5 years old we moved from Denver to Salt Lake City, I finished school in Salt Lake

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High  
High  
and never  
lived in  
Utah and  
and now  
My wife  
and in fact



graduated from West School in 1970. After School I left the big City looked back. We have several small towns in Nevada over the years call Vernal Home.

Tonya and I are Nurses we met in Nursing

School in Roosevelt, UT. We both have been Nurses for over 22 years and have also been together that long. We have 6 wonderful kids, her two and my four, 5 girls and one boy. We have 13 Grand Kids and 1 Great so far.

In 1976 I received my first Black Powder Rifle Kit (CVA) for Christmas as did my good friend Ed Trimble. We put these new rifles together and bang we were Mountain Men. Ed and I went to our first Rendezvous in 1978 at Dog Valley, showed up in our cowboy boots and hats boy was we surprised to see almost everyone else in their Skins, but you know right from the get go every one there made us feel like we belonged. Ed and I help to start a club out of Heber called Shadow of Timp which lasted almost 20 years. I have been attending the Fort Bridger Rendezvous off and on since 1979.

I've been to many Rendezvous over the past 32 + years, including

several National Rendezvous, my wife and I operated the General Store for the 1994 Rocky Mt. Nationals and we were the Head Medical Officers in 1998. Rendezvous has been a big part of our lives and we have found no other Sport, Activity or Organization that is as rewarding or as much fun and the people we have made friends with over the years are the best down to earth people you will ever find. The kind of friends you call family.

I would like to thank all of the Members and the Board for giving me this opportunity to help keep one of the Best and Oldest Rendezvous going. I also must say that I am surprised how much work it takes to keep Fort Bridger alive and well, the FBRA has done and continues to do a great job organizing and keeping the Fort Bridger Rendezvous going strong and with the continued support from all of you we can keep this Rendezvous going for many more years. To think, the Original Fur Trade only lasted for about 20 years and Bridger is knocking on 40 years, the Old Trappers would be proud to know we are keeping their Spirit alive and I'm sure they are all smiling down on us saying these are Shinning Times.

See you all at Rendezvous .....Longface aka

Randy Mckinnon



# *News Letter Update*

*BY JEFF MALAN*

Here's what's happening; the association board held its March meeting at Fort Buenaventura in Ogden on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Those of us who braved the weather set up camp on Friday and stayed until Sunday. We had the whole camp area to ourselves and had a good time sitting around a camp fire. Board members showed up on Saturday and the meeting was held.

Afterwards, photos were taken of the board members who all came dressed primitive. The photos will be used in the Rendezvous 2011 Guide and entered on the website.



A barbeque was held and afterwards a fun shoot was held at the range.

We would like to thank the Weber County Parks and Recreations for their hospitality in using the fort, they were more than accommodating.

Starting this year the adult candy cannon shoot will be officially called.

## ***“Doc’s 9<sup>th</sup> annual adult candy cannon shoot”***

In honor of Dennis Thorup who has ran this event faithfully for many years and continues to support this event.

Also this year, there will be increased patrol in Tin Tipi by the Uintah County Sheriff’s Office and by Dog Soldiers. We want those camping in Tin Tipi to enjoy them, but we do have rules and regulations that govern this area. It’s important



that all rules are followed and encourage campers to read the rules that are included in their packets.

Probation letters have been sent out to certain traders who have violated terms of the traders agreement. The violations are presented to the board by the Trade Committee Chairman. The Violations are reviewed and acted upon by the board. Most violations are minor but if they continue to occur year after year a trader may not be asked to come back. In order to maintain the integrity of the Rendezvous Trade Rules must be followed.

The board this year voted to reduce the size of the Rendezvous guide in order to save money. The guide will contain a message from the Boosway and Segundo, list of our FBRA sponsors, the map of the Rendezvous (Fort Grounds) and an event and shooting schedule. We welcome any input from our members or ideas. The guide will be available by Easter.

The board voted to exclude all bamboo from the Rendezvous. There has been an increase of bamboo items sold by traders. The bamboo will be included on the no sell list. Another item brought to our attention and discussed by the board is the quality of some blankets being sold. Some of these blankets are highly flammable and could cause injury. These blankets are being bought because they are cheap and are used to make kids capotes. Read the labels on the blankets to check their quality.

FBRA April meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Evanston Wy. The FBRA contract with the state was discussed. The 5 year contract with the state expired 2010. Linda Beyer, Fort Bridger site manager informed us that the 2010 contact has been extended one year for 2011 while the state works on a new long term contract. A new Boiler Plate contract was handed out to board members for review. When the FBRA board receives the final draft it will be reviewed by the board and by the FBRA attorney prior to being signed.

Linda Beyer also presented to the board a magnetic susceptibility survey

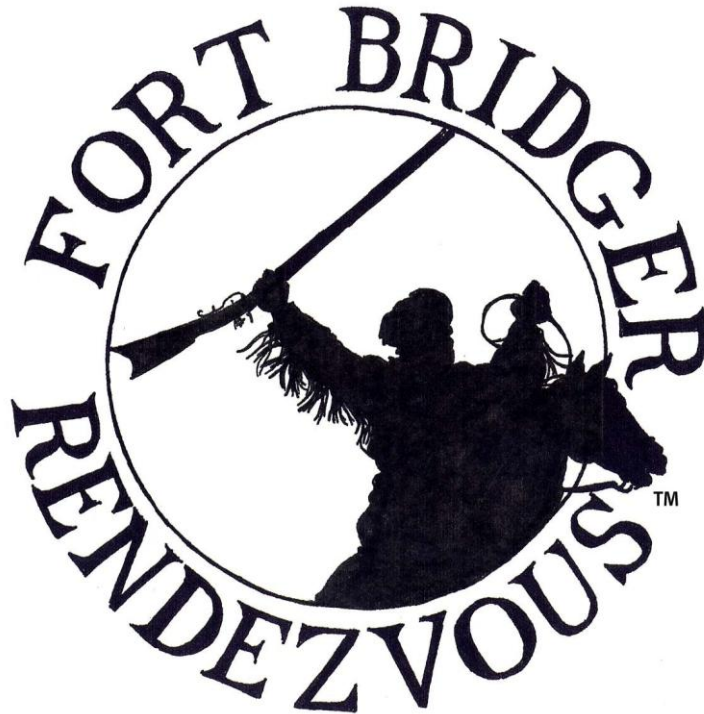
Overlay with an 1888-90 map of Fort Bridger grounds identifying possible sensitive areas. The college of Wyoming is planning to start excavation work on possibly nine spots. This work could impact areas in traders' row and in primitive camp. At this time, these sites have not been identified; the FBRA will be notified as soon as they are. We may be moving or eliminating some trade spots and camp spots that are affected.

Linda Beyer informed the board that all state parks in Wyoming are facing financial cuts. This coming year Fort Bridger is facing a 10% cut.

Reminder, Spring Rendezvous held by FBRA at Bear River Woodruff narrows, June 2nd through the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Cost \$20 per camp. FBRA association members & their friends are invited to attend.

Visit our web-site @ [www.fortbridgerrendezvous.net](http://www.fortbridgerrendezvous.net) for details.

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## *FBR Board of Directors for 2011*



(Front Row left to right):Kash Johnson, Eugene Fowles, Jeff Malan.

(Middle Row left to right):Craig Hieny, Tonya Hurst, Traci Hardy, Randy McKinnon, Susan Bridge, Mike Chatelain.

(Back Row left to right):Mike Larsen, Robert Leland, Warren Will, Ralph Mair, Monty Bullock.