



## **FBRA**

### ***NEWSLETTER***

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**A.** It looks as if spring may finally be here. I hope that all our FBRA members wintered well! It won't be long before we will all be busy with summer projects and such. While you are working and playing you can rest assured that the FBRA board of directors have been and will continue to get ready for the 2016 Fort Bridger Rendezvous. Committee assignments have been made and committee chairs are working to have things ready. I ran into an old friend the other day and I was updating him on the rendezvous. In the course of our conversation he said "Bridger just happens". Oh, how I wish it were that easy! There are hundreds and sometimes thousands of hours donated by volunteers who see to it that things go off without any major hiccups. I would like to personally thank these volunteers.

**B.** Most all of the trade spaces have been assigned. Thank you to all who got their applications in on time. And thank you to those who try to adhere to the trader rules. One of the most challenging committees to work on is the trade committee. Sometimes the traders feel the FBRA board is too strict. It has always been a challenge. For 43 years we have seen just about everything. In the 70's I saw a washing machine someone was trying to sale. In the 80's it looked more like an art show

with painted saw blades and the like. In the 90's there was talk of a traders guild that was short lived. In The 90's the new FBRA introduced a "no trade list" which is comprised of items that are not allowed to be sold and in some cases displayed. Traders have received this list in their application packet for years and sign it when they register. A signature means they will comply with the rules. The FBRA board of directors reserves the right to accept applicants who best fit the intent and interest of the Fort Bridger Rendezvous. It is not an easy task and the Board will consider and listen to any reasonable suggestions. One suggestion has been to "Shadow" a trade committee member when visiting traders. This concept would allow the shadow (hopefully another trader) to see firsthand what the trade committee sees.

- C.** Thanks to all the campers in primitive camp who mailed their applications in on time. Camp assignments run smoother when applications are received before the deadline. Almost all camp spaces are full. There are a few left in the overflow area. Remember your camp is on display. Please make it shine.
- D.** I would like to invite any FBRA member to get involved as a volunteer. Please come and experience how "Bridger just happens".
- E.** Traders, just as a reminder at Rendezvous on Thursday & Friday night, we have a "mandatory" traders meeting over by the bandstand. The board will discuss items of information at this time. Also, this meeting is for you as traders to ask questions and to voice any concerns you may have.
- F.** Reminder!! Follow us on Facebook. And check out our website. The website receives about 6000 hits a month. When we posted our 2016 flier on Facebook we had over 9000 views and around 120 shares. We are seeing increased hits on Facebook and our website from all over the world. As far away as Germany, Poland, China and Australia are just a few of the countries who are watching what is going on.

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