



FBRA

NEWSLETTER

January 7, 2014

In this issue:

- A. Message from the chairman
- B. State contract
- C. Meet your Booshway
- D. Meet your Segundo
- E. New board member
- F. Dates and deadlines
- G. Board Picture

A. Happy New Year all FBRA members, time fly's by and once again



we are preparing for the 2014 Fort Bridger rendezvous. 2013 ended with our membership meeting held on November 2nd in Evanston Wyoming. Booshway Mike Chatelain gave the final Booshway report and critique of

the 2013 rendezvous again another successful rendezvous was reported with very few problems and a great turnout by the public. A recorded number of visitors attended on Saturday. Elections were held several board positions were up. Chairman

Jeff Malan was re-elected for another 2 years. Mike Larsen Lyman Rep. was re-elected and Dave Phippen Fort Bridger Rep. was also re-elected. Mike Chatelain was elected for one year position to fulfill Shalayne Hunzikers remaining term. New member Ben Kemp was elected for the Sweetwater position. A big **“thanks”** to Debbie Ciminelli for her service and continued support for the FBRA and Fort Bridger rendezvous.

With the passing of each year we hear of another buck skinner who has gone under or a trader who is giving up the trade because of sickness or age or financial hardships. These people that came before us are responsible for keeping the Rendezvous spirit alive. It's now our responsibility to pass on and share our knowledge of the rendezvous and the ways of the mountain man with others. This year the FBRA is working together in providing activities for our teenage mountain men and women our goal is to keep them excited and involved with the rendezvous.

B. Finally the FBRA contract with the State of Wyoming has been finalized and the Fort Bridger rendezvous will continue on for another five years. The FBRA board put in a lot of hard work and negotiations with the State to see that this Rendezvous continues. The State of Wyoming realizes the importance and the benefit that this rendezvous brings to the local community and the State.

C. Meet your Booshway

Greetings from Wyoming,

Each year we as a board are asked to take a few minutes and introduce ourselves to all of you. I am the mother of 6 children, all grown now and making me crazy. I am very proud of all of my children and the fact that we are a blended family gives flavor to our lives.

I was born in Florida, the granddaughter to two Echota Cherokee grandmothers. I have loved this area and came here as a young girl moving with the oil field. I met my husband in Utah while we were both from going to school. He is originally from Lyman Wyoming, Bridger Valley where this great Rendezvous has been for over 40



area
my
both
from
years.

My first time to attend this Rendezvous was in the early 80's and I have loved it ever since. We began bringing our children each year for many reasons. We have enjoyed all the speakers, entertainers, merchants and people. The Indian dancers were and still are my family's favorite thing. We have not missed one Fort Bridger Rendezvous in over 25 years to say I am hooked is an understatement.

After many years of enjoying and participating in the many events I realized that it was time to volunteer my time and service so that this great and amazing experience may continue. Now having said this I by no means am I indicating that one person runs this event. This Rendezvous is the second largest event on state grounds in the great state of Wyoming. This event literally takes over 700 hours from more than 12 board members. This does not include all the hours given lovingly and faithfully by the many - many volunteers. I am so very proud to work side by side with all of them. I am only one of many that give and give of themselves and their personal time on a

daily basis throughout the year so that this event can remain for generations to come.

This year I have the privilege and honor to serve side by side with my Segundo Shalayne Hunziker. I realize that this is the first time in the history of the Fort Bridger Rendezvous that there has been a woman Bourgeois and Segundo but I will tell you this Neither of us takes this lightly. This is not about gender or accolades this is about preserving a time in history and passing it onto our children. I believe that in this day and age, our society needs the past more than ever. My hope and desire is that this year will be full of wonderful, familiar fun and new and up building experiences. May we all learn more about our past so that we may share it with the children of the future.

I want to thank you for taking a moment to read this letter from me. As I write this note to you I am humbled at how blessed my life truly is.

I am so excited to share this time with all of you

Susan Bridge

D. Meet your Segundo

Hello my name is Shalayne Hunziker

I am very excited to be your 2014 Segundo.

And I'm even more excited to work with our amazing Booshway "Susan Bridge" and our great FBRA board.

Let me tell you a little about myself.... I have been going to rendezvous my whole life. I

have been to many rendezvous in Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho. But my favorite rendezvous is and always has been Fort Bridger. As a



little girl I always looked forward to Labor Day weekend. I knew I would get to spend the weekend at Fort Bridger with my family and friends. It was always exciting to see all the traders and all the different people that attended the event. I loved to go watch my dad participate in the shooting events. I would sit at the shooting range all day watching. I also enjoyed watching and participating in the knife and hawk throws. The cannon shoot was another event I didn't miss. As I got older and my dad got more involved with the FBRA I got to see all of the other events and contests that went on at the rendezvous. WOW how amazing!! Who knew there were so many events that went on? That's when I knew I wanted to be a part of helping to make this rendezvous happen. While my dad was booshway I got to help him with the shooting program and followed him around like a puppy dog. I'm sure he got sick of me following him, but I was watching the things he did, he would talk to the traders to see how they were doing, ask tourist what they thought about the rendezvous. He would go to every contest and event to see if everyone was having a good time. And my favorite, giving little kids a \$1 trader buck just to see their eyes light up cause the booshway had given them a dollar that they got to spend. That's what made me know I wanted to be a part of the board that makes this all happen.

I am blessed to have a great family that supports me. My son Dylan has been attending Fort Bridger ever since he was 3 months old and he has never missed a year. Now that he is 16 and growing up he still looks forward to going every year. I have a

very supportive husband Paul; we have been married for 4 years, and a great step son Mataeo. As soon as Bridger is over, it's time to get home and ready to go hunting. I love to hunt!! My most favorite hunt has got to be my bear hunts! Every hunt is always amazing and completely unforgettable. But any hunt with my family is always fun and lots of great memories.

I have been on the board for 3 years now. It has been so amazing to see what it takes to put this huge event on. With all the time it takes to plan and prepare for this great rendezvous. It has been a lot of hard work, but so worth it!! I know we have a lot of hard work in the months to come to get the rendezvous ready, But I am looking forward to helping the board put on another great rendezvous! I am so grateful for all of you that help us as a board make this "magic" happen. We couldn't do any of it without ALL of you!

Your 2014 Segundo
Shalayne Hunziker

E. New Board member:

My name is Benjamin Kemp. I grew up in Utah County, UT. I was introduced to my early friend, scout enjoyed 20 being a and love for



Rendezvous in teens by a good mentor and leader. I have plus years of mountain man expanding my history.

I made my first pair of buckskins 12 years ago and I am currently building my first flintlock rifle.

I have been married to my wife for 15 years and we have 4 children -- 2 boys and 2 girls. I introduced my wife to the rendezvous 6 months after we were married, much to her surprise and chagrin. She has since gained an appreciation and love for rendezvous and even dresses up! My children also love, and look forward to, each Labor Day weekend.

I enjoy fishing; hunting, and camping...my wife describes me as the "epitome of the outdoors". I also enjoy leatherwork, shooting, history, and good food. I have worked in several different occupations from real estate to custom log home building, guided hunters professionally for five years, and presently work in the oil and gas industry in the great state of WY.

I am looking forward to working with the FBRA board, meeting many more of you, and working to make the rendezvous a great experience for all ages.

See ya at Rendezvous
Benjamin Kemp

F. Dates to remember. Trader and food vendor space registration are due Jan 1st 2014 confirmations will be mailed out No later than April 1st. We try to accommodate all traders and welcome new traders who meet the FBRA requirements. Camper registration due date is March 1st and confirmations will be mailed out by June 1st. No refunds after August 1st. Traders and Camper applications are available on our Website at **fortbridgerrendezvous.net**.

G. Board photo



(Back row left to right) Warren Will, Mike Larsen, Mike Chatelain, Dave Morby, Curtis Cottrell
Ben Kemp, Robert Leland
(Middle row left to right) Tonya Hurst, Jeff Malan, Eugene Fowles, David Phippen, Mica Stark
(Front row left to right) Shalayne Hunziker (Segundo), Susie Bridge (Booshway)