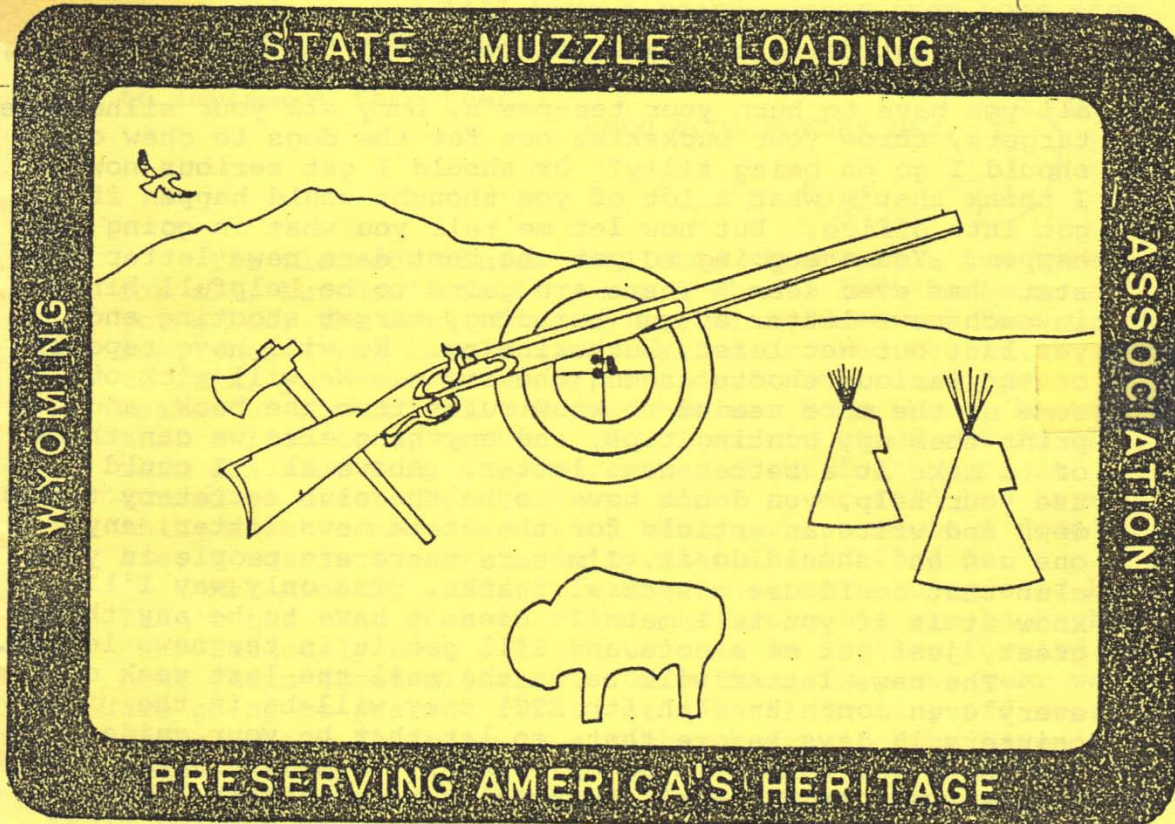


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FORWARDING & ADDRESS
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HOWDY:

As your new vice president of the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association allow me to interduce myself.

I am LEE "CROOKED FOOT" HAUCH, I belong to the Bull Shooters muzzle loading gun club in Sheridan. I shoot every kind of muzzle loader know to man including shotgun, bench, cannon and mortor, along with the common ones, know as rifles and pistols. I sold my last cartridge gun in 1960 and have faithfully shooting muzzle loaders in competition ever since.. I came out of that mold that some shooters refer to as "PAPER PUNCHERS"

So that being the case, and me being the vice president, here's the bad news for all you buckskinners. First of all you have to burn your tee-pee's, bury all your silhouette targets, throw your buckskins out for the dogs to chew on, should I go on being silly? Or should I get serious now? I think that's what a lot of you thought would happen if I got into office. But now let me tell you what is going to happen. You are going to get the best darn news letter this state has ever seen. There are going to be helpfull hints in each news letter on gun building, target shooting and yes, last but not least, buckskinning. We will have reports on the various shoots around the state. We will pick out some of the more needed to know rules from the book, and print them up, hunting tips, and anything else we can think of to make it a better news letter. Above all, I could use your help, you don't have to be the club secretary, to sit down and write an article for the state news letter, any one can and should do it. I'm sure there are people in your club that could use a special thanks. The only way I'll know it is if you tell me. It doesn't have to be any thing great, just jot me a note, and I'll get it in the news letter.

The news letter will be in the mail the last week of every even month (2nd, 4th, 6th ETC) they will be in the printers 15 days before that, so let that be your guide. Any thing you want printed up, send it to me at 1357 N. MAIN SHERIDAN WY. 82801. Any club news letters I get will go in this letter, but will probably be eddited first to save space.

I am looking forward to this year as your vice-president, and if any one needs any help putting on a shoot, if you need a range officer, some one to score targets, or whatever, and I'm around, just let me know, and I'll appoint Verlin to help you out. (ha, ha)

Speaking of Verlin, he actually did something smart last year, and I want to thank him for it. As you know

Verlin Danner was the vice-president of the W.S.M.L.A. last year, and in that capacity he came to one of our regular club meetings and let our whole club jump all over his body for every screw up that the state association has ever made since the begining of time. We told him our bitches, and he made note of them as he was backing out of the room ,I don't know if it helped any, but it made us feel good about having some contact with the association on a one to one basis. So if any of you clubs out there would like to have a board member from the W.S. M.L.A. attend one of your meetings just drop me a line at my address and I'll have a board member from your area get in touch with you.

This is just one of the great ideas we are going to implement this year.

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY,

C_RO_OK_ED F_OO_T



The Glenrock winter challenge shoot was a fun time for all, but don't tell my mom. When I left home, as a young lad, the last thing my mother told me was "now Crooked Toe, (when I was little I was called Crooked Toe) if it starts to rain, you come in where it's dry" and I said, "yes mother". Now for all of you that was down there, knows that I lied to my mother. Now I didn't stand out in the rain all that long tho, no, after about four hours it turned to sleet then to snow, and I never told her anything about coming in out of the snow, so maybe I didn't lie, I was just slow in doing what I said I'd do.

All kidding aside, it was a fun shoot, Bunny said he hasn't had that much fun since he broke his arm, ha, ha, ha.

Seriously now, I know our team is looking forward to next years shoot allready. Only thing is, next year we are going to pratice first, it's hard shooting off cross sticks while floating on a rubber raft, if your haven't done it before.

After the smoke cleared, here's what the score board said.

FIRST PLACE TEAM: DEER CREEK MUZZLELOADERS;

GEORGE WALKER	438
DELBERT LESSER	362
FEFF WALKER	299
BRIAN MOORE	215
MIKE JOHNSON	272
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BLACK POWDER RENDEZVOUS
SHOOT WEATHER PERMITTING
BRING TRADE GOODS

BLACK POWDER

ARTS

BOTH DAYS
10 FOOT SPACE
BRING OWN TABLES

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PARADE-DINNER-DANCE

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CHILI COOK-OFF
DR. C. M. KILGORE
507 9TH / 322-4477

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Free - 3 Nights Camping Trailers-RV's-Tents

WHEATLAND, WY.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FUN & GAMES

WSMLA Members,

A SAD NOTE. The sport of muzzleloading and buckskinning allows us to remove ourselves from the hectic pace of day to day competition, the uncertainty of confrontations with strangers, and move into the area of close companionship with friends who share a common bond. From time to time we are invaded by a diseased individual. Such an individual entered the storage room in the Casper Holiday Inn and made off with a \$350.00 buffalo robe belonging to Jim White. In today's economic climate none of us can afford a loss like this. If the diseased individual is found I hope appropriate steps are taken to rid him of the disease.

Our convention just past was our biggest yet, and thanks to the big job done by Doc Bob and Jim Archibald, one of the best. The activities and schedule set up by Doc Bob was educational and well received. We will be following the same format for 1988. If any of you have a suggestion for a mini-seminar please forward same to Doc Bob.

The Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association is growing, even in these tough times. Over 230 people registered for the convention, four different convention centers bid for our 1988 convention and this newsletter is being mailed to 256 addresses. Of these 143 are paid for 1987, 5 are complimentary, 8 are life members, 1 an honorary member and 99 are yet to pay for 1987. If you are uncertain as to your dues status check the mailing label on this newsletter, if you see a 86 at the end of your name your dues are due for 1987. By overwhelming majority request, the convention will remain at the Holiday Inn in Casper for 1988, with Doc Bob handling the activities and Jim Archibald the facilities. If you have suggestions for one of the mini-seminars, contact Doc Bob.

SUMMARY OF BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS

Traveling Trophy - Verlin Dannar will run it, must be a state member to qualify, can only qualify once, finals for juniors to be at 25 yards, cross-sticks are optional for sub-juniors. Watch for additional information from Verlin.

The by-law changes were adopted as proposed. A revised version will be published as soon as possible.

A vote of thanks to retiring board members Charlie Jossens, Mike Penz and Dave Bezold. Elected to fill their positions are Terry Hubenka, Jim Archibald and Dave Tyrell. Travis Bennett was elected to replace himself in an effort to see if he could improve his performance. After all, there was 2 people that didn't vote for him. Since he doesn't vote for himself that means that there is somebody out there that doesn't think he has it right yet. Verlin Dannar withdrew his resignation and at the Sunday board meeting Lee Hauch was elected to fill the one year remaining of Buster Harlow's term, which was vacated by the by-law change which made Buster a member of the board as Past President. Officers for 1987 are as listed on the cover sheet of this newsletter.

The scholarship question was put on hold indefinitely and the board will be discussing what should be a minimum guideline for state championship targets at the next board meeting in May.

From Charles E. Hanson, Jr., Director of the Museum of the Fur Trade, we received a very nice thank you for the contribution we made for the expansion.

From Harold Hansen comes a thank you card to all the membership and an extra thanks to Verlin for dedicating the barrel to his benefit.

Dave and Bea Wheeler have carried membership number 11 since our first meeting in January, 1978. Dave is now carrying it alone. Dave, our hands are out to you.

Yours truly,

John A. Boesch, Jr.

Dear Lee,
 Please give this message to the members
 for Bea Wheeler. I delivered a dozen short
 stem roses in red to Bea shortly after
 the convention.
 She was sitting up in the living room and
 told me to tell the members how much she
 appreciated the flowers and that she hoped
 that the members realized this, but she just
 was not feeling well enough to send a thank
 you note to us.
 Bea died February 3, 1987, and was buried Feb.
 7, 87. Each of the pallbearers was a member
 of the association.

Jim Archibald

OBITUARIES

Bernice Wheeler

CASPER — Services for Bernice Wheeler, 72, of Casper will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Memorial Chapel with Dan Carlin of the Word Christian Fellowship officiating.

Mrs. Wheeler died Feb. 3, 1987 at the family home in Casper following a lengthy illness.

She was born April 14, 1914 in Greeley, Colo., the daughter of Roy E. and Neva (Gregg) Barclay. She had worked for Kistler Stationery in Denver.

On Jan. 1, 1937, she married David E. Wheeler in Denver, Colo., making them the first couple married that year in Denver. In



B. WHEELER
 Services Feb. 7

1940, they moved to Casper from Denver. This past January they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Wheeler attended the Christian Church. She and her husband were active participants in the Platte Valley Muzzle Loaders Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Jenny Barclay.

Survivors include her husband of Casper; one brother, Glenn G. Barclay of Denver, and several nieces and nephews including Bonnie Ryall of Casper and Tom Barclay of Brighton, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Central Wyoming Cancer Treatment Center and Hospice Program would be appreciated by the family.

Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION
AUCTION REPORT
1987

Donated Items	Donor	Purchaser	Amount Paid
Mtn. Man Hat	Ray Bullington	A.J. White	30.00
Tanned Elk Hide	Tannery, Riverton	Louis Newton	50.00
Small Cassette	Travis Bennett	Herb Larvie	48.00
Calendar	White's Sporting Goods	Mike Ponz	11.00
Calendar	" " "	Alta Dix	11.00
"Pygmy Owl" Print	" " "	Jerry Forney	31.00
English Shot Pouch	Charles Romaine	Jerry Root	25.00
Wood Ladle	" "	#55	26.00
Chevron Necklace	Alta & Terry Dix	Herb Larvie	28.00
Beaded Necklace	Jean Blair	Robin Woffinden	2.00
Priming Horn	Dave Tyrrell	Herb Larvie	27.00
Brass Band Choker	Roy Martin	Charlie Romaine	17.00
Brass & Chevron Necklace	Roy Martin	Herb Larvie	36.00
Straw Hat	Rhea Foster	Buster Harlow	7.00
Scalplock	Whiskey Mtn. B.S.	Mike Johnson	9.00
Horseshoe Racks	" "	Roy Martin	5.00
Mtn. Sheep Horns	" "	Buster Harlow	25.00
Shooting Bag	Fraker Family	Gary Peterson	33.00
Beaded Belt Bag	Rabbit Hubenka	Hank Donaldson	18.00
Tepee Pillow	Jan Hubenka	Jerry Root	31.00
Gum Cleaning Kit	Lee Hauch	Mike Johnson	10.00
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Quilted Coat	Jody Fay	Darla Mikkelsen	46.00
Scrimshaw (Tooth)	Gary Peterson	Chris Sauter	60.00
Knife & Sheath	Michael Guy	John Brooker	28.00
Rawhide	Sue Page	Louis Newton	30.00
Decorator Pistol	Rich Page (Two Cups)	Sonny Pesicka	42.00
Apothecary Jars	Jessi Page	Craig Lantis	8.00
Beaded Earrings	Donna Loos	Herb Larvie	11.00
" " " "	" " "	Herb Larvie	17.00
" " " "	" " "	Herb Larvie	17.00
Brass Buckle	PowderHorn (Hunt's)	Herb Larvie	30.00
Shawl	" " "	Mike Guy	25.00
Ceramic PowderHorn	" " "	Tony Larvie	15.00
Trade Beads	Rich & Jeanne Emond	Rabbit Hubenka	35.00
Rendezvous Medals	" " "	Two Cups	7.00
" " " "	" " "	Alta Dix	7.00
Nightshirt Set	Buster & Patty Harlow	Allen Fenner	45.00
Bleached Skull	Jerry Root	Chris Sauter	23.00
Scrimshaw (Toothbrush)	Marlon Atkins	Buster Harlow	21.00
Beaver Muffler Set	Jim Archibald	Terry Irvin	13.00
Peacepipe	Dave & Barb Buzold	Robin Woffinden	16.00
Elgin Cutlass Pistol	Richard Carbona	Mike Johnson	37.00
Knife Kit	Banjo Man (S.D.)	Robin Woffinden	19.00
Museum Fur Trade	Pewter Buckle	Herb Larvie	20.00
Rifle Bbl.	Verlin Danner (for Museum)	Travis Bennett	60.00
Tomahawk	Gari Epp	Robin Woffinden	23.00
Scrimshaw (Whale)	Ryan Covalt (Neb.)	Jerry Root	25.00
Beaded Jewelry	Lilly Fry	Robin Woffinden	10.00
Beaded Earrings	Debbie Covalt	John Jones	5.00
WSMLA Medal	WSMLA	Charlie Romaine	6.00
Compass	Brunton, Inc. (Riverton)	Jim Archibald	5.00
Cleaning Rod, Shotgun	Bob Fry (Neb.)	Jim Archibald	8.00
Powder Horn	Jim Archibald	Herb Larvie	32.00
Grill	Les Hamilton	Alta Dix	20.00
Trigger Guard	Jerry Root	John Brooker	4.00
Saddlebags	Doc Bob	John Brooker	20.00
Trade Beads	Emond Family	Doc Bob	20.00
Beaded Strips	Anon. (for Brandle)	Gary Peterson	80.00
A. J. White's Hair	Buster Harlow & Crew	Buster Harlow & Crew	225.00

Centennial Honor. Also anyone who is unable to attend please to have the certificate below, they'll get their certificates later in the mail.

Sq. inches	Sold for	Price	Sq. In.	Sold for	Price
2410	Mickey McBride	20.00	1710.	Colleen Hamilton	10.00
1 "	Jerry Forney	10.00	1 "	Rony Larrie	10.00
1 "	Rabbit Hubenka	10.00	1 "	Rich Page	10.00
1 "	Alla Dix	10.00	1 "	Trinidad Herrera	10.00
1 "	Darla Mikkelsen	10.00	1 "	Richard Carbons	10.00
1 "	Allen Fanner	10.00	1 "	Jerry Root	10.00
2 "	Robin Woffinden	20.00	1 "	Gary Peterson	10.00
345.	Roy Martin	15.00	1715.	Jerry Forney	5.00
1 "	Charlie Romaine	5.00	2 "	Terry Irvin	10.00
2 "	Buss Heller	10.00	2 "	Jeff McHanus	10.00
1 "	Jerry Root	5.00	1 "	Rabbit Hubenka	5.00
542.	Sonny Pasicka	10.00	542.	Dave Wilson	10.00
1 "	Allen Fanner	6.00	5 "	Mike Pens	10.00
2 "	Jerry Forney	4.00	5 "	Verlin Danner	10.00
2 "	Darla Mikkelsen	4.00	2 "	Jeff McHanus	4.00
2 "	Kenny Spring	4.00	3 "	Robin Woffinden	6.00
1 "	Dave & Pau Gray	4.00	2 "	John Jones	4.00
1 "	Dave Tyrrell	2.00	2 "	Lee Hauch	4.00
5 "	Herb Larrie	10.00			

Total AUCTION proceeds..... 1,898.82
Less items donated for specific purposes:
Hansen - 60.00
Brandie - 80.00
Museum - 225.00
AUCTION NET 1,533.82

Note: The Board of Directors
voted to fund these items in this
manner at their Friday Evening meeting.

If there are any questions on this report, you can
call me at 307-856-6152.

Sincerely yours,
Travis Bennett
13 Jan 87

DISTRIBUTION
MUSEUM OF THE FUR TRADE
Specific Donation 225.00
Board (WSDLA) 200.00
20% Auction Net 106.77
Total 731.77

HAROLD HANSEN
Specific Donation 60.00
20% Auction Net 106.77
Total 366.77

BRANDIE FUND
Specific Donation 80.00
20% of Auction Net 106.77
386.77
GENERAL FUND...20% 613.54

1987 Convention proceeds and expenses

Registered:	230	Proceeds:	
New and renewed		Registration:	\$1,772.00
memberships:	30	Traders Tables:	130.00
Dinners:	86		\$1,902.00

Expenses:

Dinners - Holiday Inn:	(\$ 744.00)
Speakers Senkow and	
Ainsley, Rooms & Meals:	(124.73)
Speakers travel expenses:	(280.00)
	\$ 753.27

Cash on Hand: 2/8/87

Big Horn Federal Savings & Loan
Thermopolis, WY \$ 911.13

First Interstate Bank
Casper, WY 2,868.80

\$3,779.93

FOLLOWING THE TRACE
THE VOYAGE OF THE CENTENNIAL MESSENGER

Beginning in 1989 and 1990 there will be six states in our region celebrating their Centennial. Wyoming along with Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota have organized State Centennial Commissions and plans are well underway to make the 100 year milestone a memorable event. I began making plans for the Wyoming celebration in October 1985 when I contacted Master Boat Builder Ralph Frese, owner of Chicagoland Base Canoe Company in Chicago, Illinois. I told Ralph my desire to follow the water route taken by General Ashly in 1825 from the Windriver to St. Louis. Since that time I have talked to Mr. Frese many times refining my plans and developing a time table for the construction of a very special Voyager Cruiser (measuring 26 feet long and weighting about 500 pounds), which I have named the Centennial Messenger. The cruiser will carry a full time crew of six with an extra seat available for an occasional visitor. My previous projects, that is, the 2,200 mile ride across the entire length of the Oregon Trail in 1975, the 1,300 mile crossing of the Santa Fe Trail by horse back in 1978 (see National Geographic Book Trails West for a feature story about this project) and the 1985, 500 mile crossing of the Oregon-California Trail from Fort Laramie to Fort Bridger (see August 1986 National Geographic Magazine for a report on this project), had made me fairly knowledgeable of the historic data for the 1860-80 period. However, for the Ashly route I had to pack up all my goods and move another 50 years or so deeper into the past. The Mountain man era was a period in American History that I knew very little about except on an intellectual level. As I began to fill in the vast void of my knowledge I began to realize that to follow Ashly's route I must begin at the 1825 rendezvous site located on the Henry's fork of the Green River. This was the first rendezvous held in the Rocky Mountains. Since limits have been set by the calendar I felt there would not be time to complete the entire route in one year. The Voyager crew must work out the time for the project at their own expense and a single project requiring too much time will eliminate part of the team. For that reason the project has been broken down into two parts. Beginning in the early Spring of 1987 the crew members will begin trapping the beaver. I have decided to carry one pack (100 lbs) of furs from the Henry's Fork to St. Louis. In the Spring of 1988 additional beaver will be trapped if necessary to complete the pack than during the first week in June 1988 a group of hearty Mountain men and women including the crew of the Centennial Messenger (C.M.) will load the furs on pack horses and head for the Windriver Rendezvous site. Following the Green River North the group (and anyone else who wants to join us) will turn East upon reaching the mouth of the Big Sandy. From the Big Sandy the group will cross over to the Little Sandy then cross an extremely arid stretch to the Dry Sandy and on to Pacific Springs. From here the Continental Divide will be navigated by way of South Pass then along the Sweet Water River to the vicinity of the Sweet Water Station. From here the group will strike out North by Northwest to the Rendezvous site near the Confluence of the Big and Little Windriver. The total distance is about 250 miles. I have estimated travel time to be about two weeks. It is important to note that everyone is invited to join us in the march to the Windriver. The only requirement is that each participant be in full

Mountain Man regalia, that is, leathers or cloth. You can walk or ride a horse or you can share a horse. The horses do not need to be decked out in period bridle, saddle or etc. That would be to expense and unreasonable. We will average about 15 miles per day. Of course some days will be shorter and some a little longer. I will scout the trail a month or two in advance and I will know where we will camp each night. If you want to have a chase vehicle to carry your tent and heavy stuff we will not be apposed. Just keep the vehicle in low profile. In other words the vehicle should not follow you during the day but rather meet you each night. Upon reaching the Windriver the 1988 project will be completed. The next event will take place in 1989 on the Memorial Day weekend at the Windriver Rendezvous site. During a very special ceremony to be held in conjunction with the Windriver Muzzel Loaders shoot the Centennial Messenger will be christened and then launched. For the next couple of nights it will be possible for you to join our camp site as we slowly make our way northward ~~from~~ ^{leaving} the Windriver and crossing Boysen Lake. One difficult day will be spent in portaging the Windriver Canyon. If you have a canoe and want to join us for a few days you need to know your are more than welcome. You also need to know that a Voyager Cruzier is much faster than a standard canoe and once we enter the Big Horn River the pace will begin to quicken and continously increasing hours will be spent on the river. Well, there you have it. My crew is skilled and mentally and physically ready for the challenge. However, we need to learn a great deal about our new world of the mountain man. The State Organization and the local club members that I have met have been nicer to us then we deserve. Please contact me if you have any ideas or advice. We are just in the process of beginning steps of building our outfits. We will have a complete fancy outfit and two changes of cloths made out of cloth. The leathers will be worn at night and during ceremonies. During the day while we are on the river we will be wearing our fabric work cloths. At night we'll sleep in a tent and eat only simple basic food fixed over our open campfire. We will try our best to compliment the mountain man era and to tell the world about our beloved Wyoming. I'll write future news items for the State Newsletter as we progress towards our goals.

The Voyage of the Centennial Messenger as offically (sanctioned) approved ~~by~~ the Wyoming Centennial Commission of January 22, 1987.

TRAVELING TROPHY DATA

1. W S.M L.A. will provide the medals and trophy's for Men, Women, Juniors, & Sub-juniors again this year. The trophy's will not travel again. The State is awarding medals to each shoots winners. There will be a "Winners" form sent to each club that hosts the match. This form is to be sent back to me, Verlin, with the winners names and addresses. I will have the medals engraved and sent to the winners. The trophy's will be awarded at the State Convention in Jan. of 1988.

2. Shooting Positions:

Men, Women, & Juniors will be shot offhand. Sub-juniors are optional this year, offhand or x-sticks.

3. Age Limits

Sub-Juniors: 0 thru 12th birthday if the 12th birthday is before Sept. 1st of the shooting summer the sub-jun. will be expected to shoot the Junior division all year.
Juniors: 12 thru 16th birthday. The same Sept. 1st deadline will be followed. So, if you turn 16 before Sept. 1st then they will be considered adults all year.

4. Target:

The target will be a Double-Bull Buffalo. It is to be shot at 25 yds. only all summer at the qualifying shoots. It is to be 5 shots, 3 shots on one bull and two on the other. Each club must have this target.

5. Winners

You may win this only once during the summer. This way there will be more people in the finals.

6. Qualification

You must be a member of the W S.M L.A. to shoot.
Non-residents will be allowed as long as they join the State Assoc.

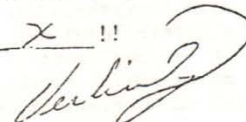
7. FINALS:

The finals are at Glenrock's State Shoot over Labor Day Weekend. Target will be the Double-Bull Buffalo. The Sub-Juniors and Juniors will shoot 6 shots at 25 yds. 3 shots on each bull. Men and Women will be mixed yardage again. It will be 6 shots. 2 at 25 yds. 2 at 50 yds. & 2 at 100 yds..

8. MONEY:

There is no certain amount to charge. Mostly in recent years it has been \$1.00 for the first target and \$.50 each for how-ever many they want to shoot. If your club does not have the match as re-entry, then please charge \$1.00 per person. This year the Board voted for me to take care of the money. So please send all of the proceeds to me, Verlin Dannar, P.O. Box 373, Gillette, Wyo. 82716

Verlin X !!



TRAVELING TROPHY

WINNERS FORM

Please send all proceeds (money) to me with the winners names and addresses. Send to:
Verlin Dannar
P.O. Box 373
Gillette, Wyo. 82716

Winners:

Mens: Name; _____

Street; _____

City State, Zip; _____

Womens: Name; _____

Street; _____

City, State, Zip; _____

Juniors: Name; _____

Street; _____

City State, Zip; _____

Sub-Juniors Name; _____

Street; _____

City. State Zip; _____

Club Name; _____

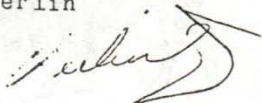
Presidents signiture: _____

Amount of proceeds: _____

If a check is sent, please make payable to W.S M.L A.

Would everyone that receives a news letter give this form to either your club president or your club secretary. That way they will have a hard time losing the form for your shoot.

THANKS. Verlin



BIG HORN BASIN MUZZLELOADERS RENDEZVOUS '87)

HYATTVILLE WY.

FORSHEE RANCH MAY 9-10

Buckskinners, Traders, black powder enthusiasts, green horns, old time musicians, visitors, and all interested parties welcome. Bring your family and join in the fun.

Camp sites, firewood (dead fall only), creek water (suggest boiling drinking water).

Registration Friday evening and Saturday morning. Set up starts at noon on Friday May 8th. Shoots and games all day Saturday. Council fire Saturday night. Championships and challenge matches Sunday morning. Break camp Sunday noon. Camp fee---\$3.00. Shooter registration fee \$1.00.

All campers will leave a clean camp.

Loose dog owners will have one warning only; then will be asked to remove dog from camp.

Dog soldiers will check for fire safety.

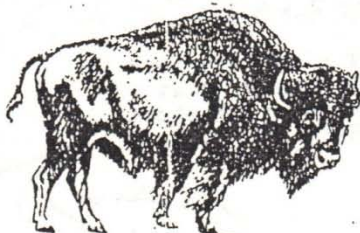
RANGE OFFICERS WILL CONTROL FIRING RANGE.

NMLRA SAFETY RULES APPLY.

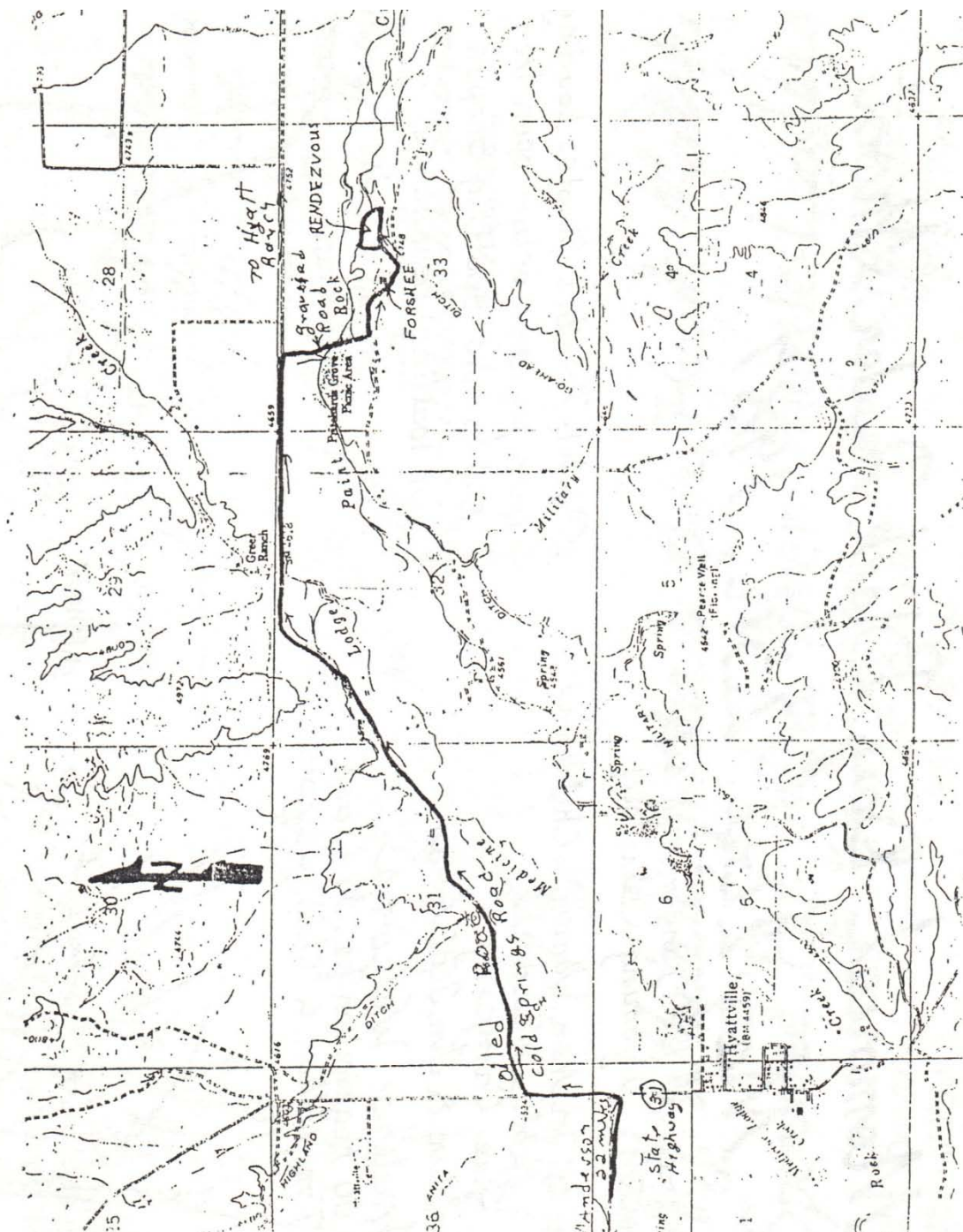
WATCH FOR SIGN.



MUZZLELOADERS



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Memorial Day = Black Powder Shoot

May 22nd - 25th, 1987

In Original 1830 Randonvous site
Piverton, Wyoming Territory

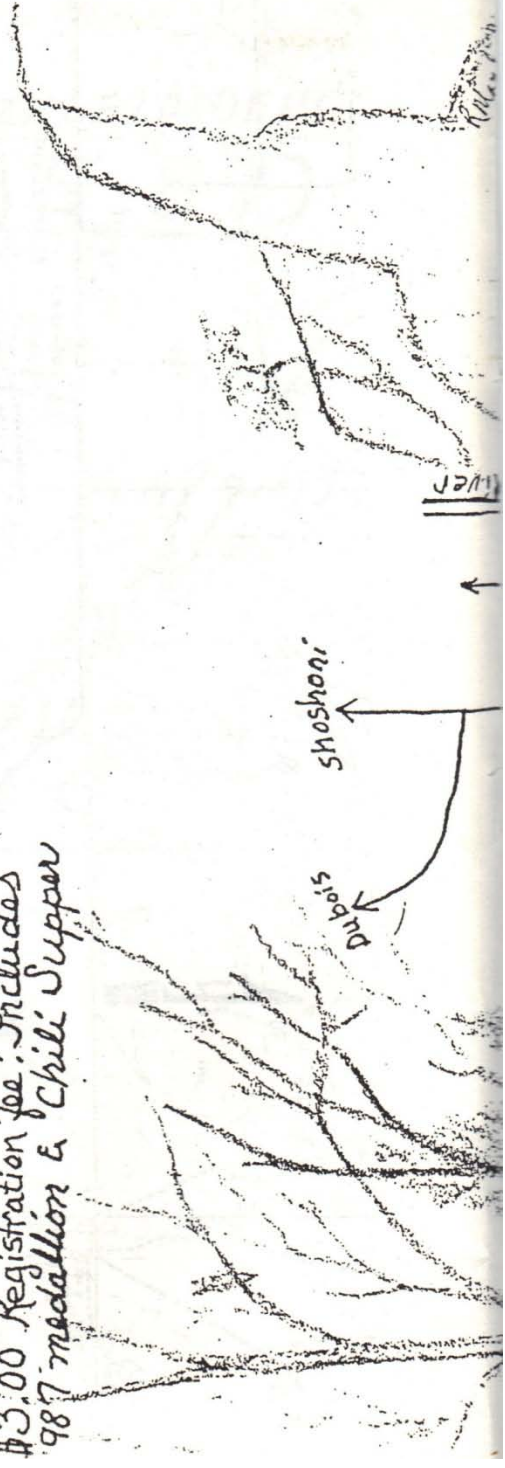
Events: for Men, Women & Children
Public Welcome

Free Camping
Primitive & Tipi Areas

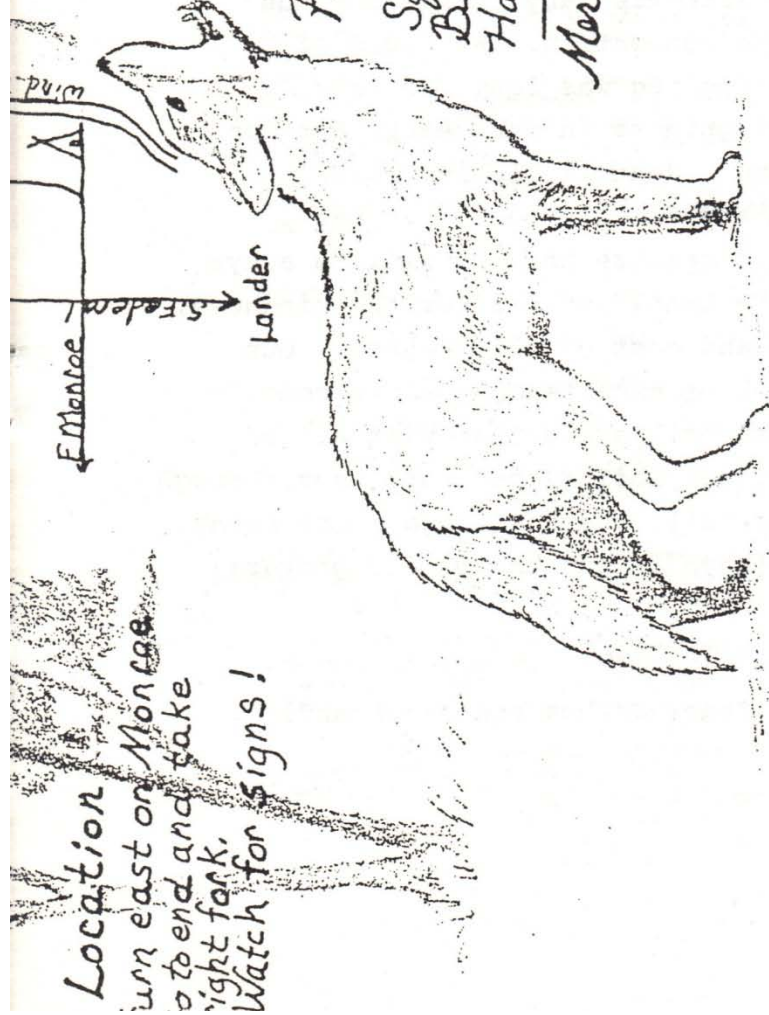
Traders Welcome

\$3.00 Registration Fee: Includes
987 medallion & Chili Supper

Paper & Primitive Shoots: Loading
from pouches only - open Iron
Sights, No Spotting Scopes
or loading benches.



16 June
1947



Location
Turn east on Montrose
to end and take
right fork.
Watch for signs!

Matches

Flintlock & Percussion
Rifle & Pistol

Squirrel Rifle - 40 & under
Big Bore - 58 & over
Hawk & Knife Throws

Merchandise Dringee
Awarded

A. J. White's, Father & Son, Hawk Match

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To our special buck skinner friends,

We would like to thank you sincerely for the donation of gifts and purchasing them at the Debois Rendezuous. Included also are many thanks for the gift again at the state convention. We would of liked to make it, but funding was low. We look forward to 1987 with happiness in our hearts and our faces to the rising sun.. Jean is feeling much better and treatments are finally over. It has been a long road and we realize that it will be aways to a full recovery. We thank you all for the kindness, smiles, understanding, and most of all prayers. Our new son Joshua has lots of experiences yet to come, we are glad that we can both share them with all of you. Our gain was through losing, our happiness through sorrow. Life is wonderful! Thank you again for being there. You will be always in our hearts and prayers.

With Love,

Jean, Joshua and Joe Brandl

WIND RIVER RAMBLIN'
...FEBRUARY 1987

Well, here I go again. This is starting to become habit-forming having to scribble this out every month. The Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association convention was well-attended by WRML members. Re-elected to the board of directors was Travis Bennett. New members of the board of directors are Terry Hubenka "Rabbit" of Lander and Dave Tyrrell of Shell. John Boesch was re-elected to the presidency of Wyoming State Muzzelloading Assoc.

The auction was well-attended this year with mucho donations from everybody around the state. Some people even have their hair auctioned. Sure seems funny that greasy ol' har brings more money than a premium 1 inch square of the Centennial Voyager did. Maybe it's the idea that there may be a chance to see blood during the scalping. The Auction Company of Atkins and Bennett Ltd. did their usual excellent job of bringing in the highest price for some premium plunder. Somewhere in the vicinity of \$1900 was raised this year. The seminars were well-attended and will probably be repeated as the program at next year's convention. Traders had their tables out with lots of good plunder to browse at and finger during the day. The rowdiness was even a little more subdued than in past years. The wedding reception wasn't even disturbed too much by the neighboring buckskinners. I did hear of someone doing a one-and-a-half gainer with a full twisting somersault into the hot tub at 3:00 in the morning Sunday morning but that's all I heard of. I guess the convention will be in Casper again next year. There were two presentations from other towns in the state to hold the convention, Riverton and Cody, but everybody it seems wants to go to Casper. That's about it for the convention news. Everybody had a good time though.

The results of the 8th (?) Annual WRML Rabbit Slaughter, Post Stake Shoot and Whatever Else There is to Shoot At are as follows:

1st Place--Travis Bennnett; 1 kill and one very probable.

Everybody else was last:

Rabbit--1 miss

Andy--- saw 2 missed 2 (I think they were the same one's Travis got)

Dan---His spot but he didn't get any

Jim---Saw one after walking up and down the steepest hill in Sand Draw!!

About what the club usually does I guess. Everybody had a good time just being out-of-doors and getting some exercise. The impromptu 25¢ shoots were a lot of fun until Travis started winning all the time and everybody else's fingers started falling off from the cold.

The next shoot will be Sunday February 8, 1987 at about 11 or 12:00. Also contact Travis Bennett if'n you're interested in going to Glenrock for the Wyoming State Winter Championship Team Shoot the weekend of February 14-16. Mightn' even be warmer by then if'n the chinooks keep it up.

Till next time watch the skyline and keep your nose in the wind. May be greenup will come early this year. Shoot that prairie dog (ground hog?) so he don't see his shadow and give us six more weeks of winter.

Till next time

Rabbit

1986 WSMLA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

108 REGISTERED SHOOTERS

FLINTLOCK	1ST	2ND	3RD
25 YD. 6 BULL	HARRY HEADLY	JOHN WRIGHT	JOHN BOESCH, JR
50 YD. 6 BULL	CHARLIE JOSSENS	HERB DANNAR	GEORGE WALKER
50 YD. BIG BULL	RAY BULLINGTON	CHARLIE JOSSENS	GEORGE WALKER
100 YD. BIG BULL	JOHN JONES	GARY PETERSON	JOHN WRIGHT
AGGREGATE - CHARLIE JOSSENS			

PERCUSSION			
25 YD. 6 BULL	WILLIAM RITTHALER	TOBY FREY	DELBERT LESSER
50 YD. 6 BULL	VERLIN DANNAR	ROBERT COFFMAN	LES HAMILTON
50 YD. BIG BULL	VERLIN DANNAR	DOUG MIKKELSEN	CLINT FAY
100 YD. BIG BULL	DONNIE DANNAR	CLINT FAY	ARNIE NAGEL
AGGREGATE - DELBERT LESSER			

SQUIRREL RIFLE			
25 YD. SQUIRREL	JOHN WRIGHT	VERLIN DANNAR	DONNIE DANNAR
50 YD. GROUNDHOG	BUNNY HARLOW	VERLIN DANNAR	JOHN JONES
50 YD. FOX	BUNNY HARLOW	HERB DANNAR	VERLIN DANNAR
AGGREGATE - VERLIN DANNAR			

BIG BORE			
25 YD. NIGHTMARE	JIM LANTIS	GARY PETERSON	VERLIN DANNAR
50 YD. GROUNDHOG	VERLIN DANNAR	JIM LANTIS	DELBERT LESSER
100 YD. BEAR	JIM LANTIS	VERLIN DANNAR	GARY PETERSON
AGGREGATE - JIM LANTIS			

CROSS STICKS			
50 YD. 6 BULL	LEE HAUCK	RICH MILLER	JOHN WRIGHT
50 YD. 5 BULL	JIM LANTIS	RICH MILLER	TOBY FREY
100 YD. SINGLE BULLROGER ROEBLING		GARY PETERSON	JOHN WRIGHT
AGGREGATE - RICH MILLER			

PISTOL			
25 YD. PISTOL	JOHN WRIGHT	TOBY FREY	ROBERT E. SMITH
50 YD. PISTOL	TOBY FREY	LEE HAUCK	VERLIN DANNAR
AGGREGATE - TOBY FREY			

LADIES FLINT/PERCUSSION			
25 YD. 6 BULL	CAROL DANNAR	SUE CHANEY	BONNIE MILLHOUSE
25 YD. BIG BULL	BONNIE MILLHOUSE	IRIS HAUCK	LINDA GUY
50 YD. 6 BULL	DARLA MIKKELSON	MARY STACK	IRIS HAUCK
50 YD. BIG BULL	MARY STACK	DARLA MIKKELSON	BONNIE MILLHOUSE
100 YD. BIG BULL	LINDA GUY	JOELLEN BUTLER	IRIS HAUCK
AGGREGATE - LINDA GUY			

LADIES SQUIRREL RIFLE			
25 YD. SQUIRREL	IRIS HAUCK	CAROL DANNAR	PEG CHANEY
25 YD. RABBIT	CAROL DANNAR	PEG CHANEY	IRIS HAUCK
50 YD. BUFFALO	IRIS HAUCK	SUE CHANEY	PEG CHANEY
AGGREGATE - CAROL DANNAR			

LADIES CROSS STICK			
50 YD. 5 BULL BUFF	IRIS HAUCK	CAROL DANNAR	LIZZ HEPP
100 YD. BUFFALO	DARLA MIKKELSON	LINDA GUY	CAROL DANNAR
AGGREGATE - DARLA MIKKELSON			

JUNIORS			
25 YD. 6 BULL	MIKE IRVIN	ERIC HAUCK	CRAIG LANTIS
25 YD. BIG BULL	CRAIG LANTIS	BRITT WESTBURG	DONNIE DANNAR
50 YD. BIG BULL	DONNIE JOSSENS	CRAIG LANTIS	ERIC HAUCK
AGGREGATE - CRAIG LANTIS			

SUB-JUNIORS			
25 YD. BUFFALO	TAWNYA MILLHOUSE	SCOTT BUTLER	SHANE BRIDENSTINE
25 YD. BIG BULL	MERRITA FRAKER	SHANE BRIDENSTINE	TAWNYA MILLHOUSE
AGGREGATE - TAWNYA MILLHOUSE			

HUSBAND AND WIFE - DARLA AND DOUG MIKKELSON

RUSTY TRAPPER - LOGAN BREWSTER

MEN'S RE-ENTRY - VERLIN DANNAR

LADIES RE-ENTRY - CAROL DANNAR

PRIMITIVE	
BALL SPLIT	HERB DANNAR
CHARCOAL	DON WIRTH
CARD SPLIT	BUNNY HARLOW
LONG GONG	CHARLIE JOSSENS
MINI SKILLETS	JOHN JONES
CABIN SHOOT	HERB DANNAR AND DEWAYNE ROSS
WOMENS HAWK & KNIFE	VELMA HARLOW
MENS HAWK & KNIFE	BLANK

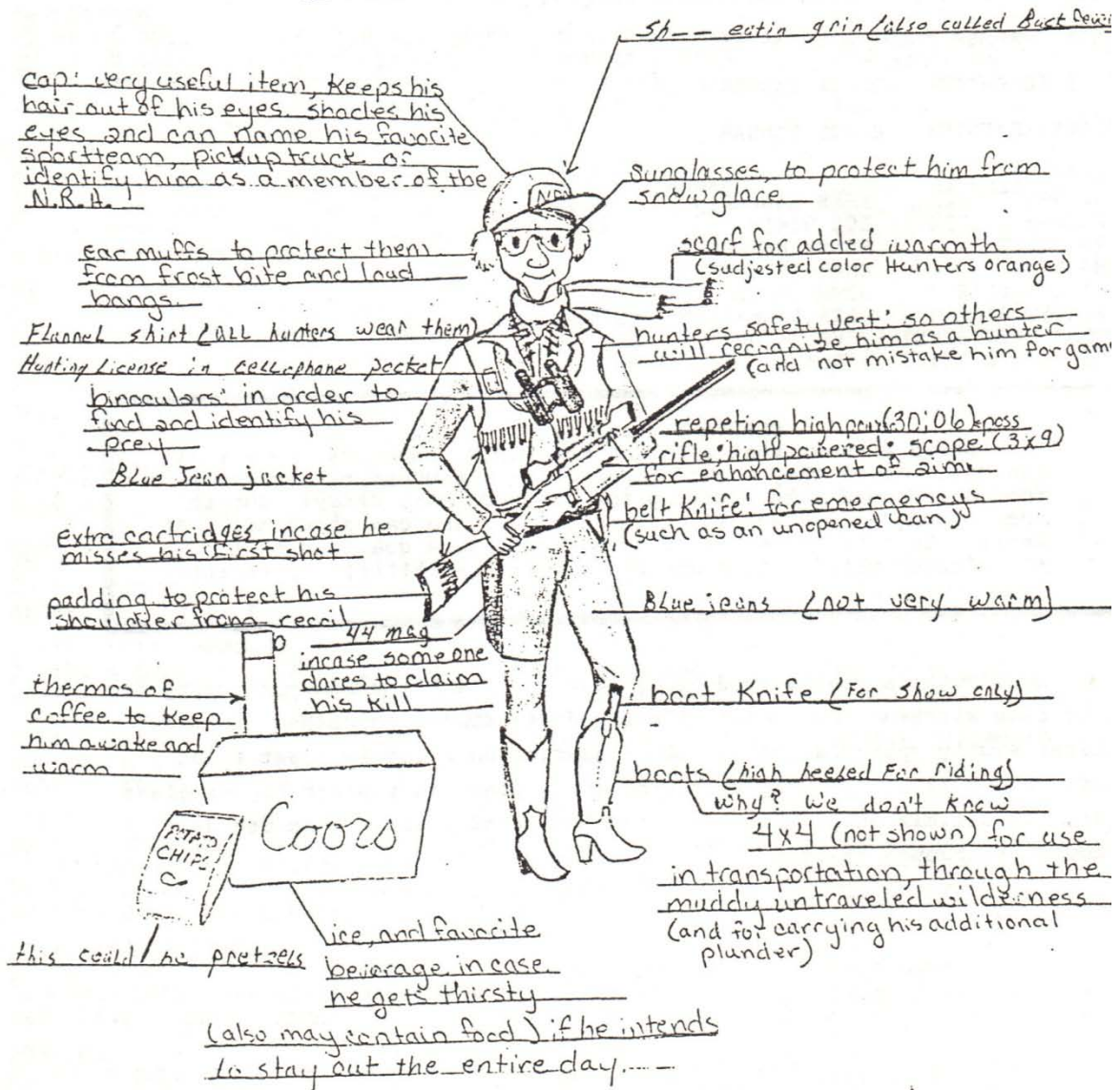
FEBRUARY 19&87

Heard a rumor that a few of the P.R.P. shooters had a real fun day. Seems they wanted to practice & thought taking candy from a baby was like shooting for quarters with Candy! But it seems Candy Fraker age 10, likes quarters and can shoot too. At least I hear she came home with a couple more quarters that she started with!! Look out big sister!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sourdough is really wonderful! But it is a bit unhandy to carry in your camp kitchen. NOT SO!!! I carry dried sourdough chips. To make chips, simply spread a thin layer of starter on a cookie sheet & let dry. (about 12 hrs.) Chip up, scrap off & place in ziplock bag or glass jar. To use, mix chips with water and let stand 1 hour- then use as regular sourdough starter

Which would you rather be?
this;

The Modern Hunter



To avoid liability charges: This work is fictitious and in (no) way represents the artist's view of the modern hunter.

or this ; The Mountain Man?



First hand copy of a drawing by David Wright
Buckskins I

SAFETY TIP---DAVID TYRRELL

We have covered much of the safe and wise practices of black powder shooting. But we have neglected one aspect of the sport which is as important and much more dangerous than shooting. That is getting to and from shoots and rendezvous!

How many times have you heard the distance measured in six-packs or fifths? If Rendezvous means party time, why not wait till you get there? Spending the weekend in jail or worse the hospital isn't much fun. Or the worst, dead or killing someone else! If you have to start early, get someone sober to drive. If you plan on drinking all weekend select someone to stay sober and drive home. We would like to see you alive and well the next time.

The other part is your old iron horse. Make sure it is well shod and in a safe operating condition. Rendezvousing is hard on trucks and cars. They are usually overloaded and run on the hottest days and in general flogged pretty hard. A little care and maintenance will make a much more safe and enjoyable trip.

OLD WEST SHOOTOUT 1987---JIM BRINES

There will be two classes of shooters, adult and junior. Junior will include anyone that is under age 16 prior to September 1, 1987. Adult is all others. The shootout will consist of 10 matches, 5 shots each match. Make-up targets will be allowed without penalty if conditions are not more favorable at the time of the make-up. An appropriate point penalty will be assessed prior to shooting the match. The entry fee per match will be one (1) dollar with the entire proceeds being divided among the first three places on a 60%, 30%, 10% basis. All old west targets will be shot immediately after the meeting. The awards will be made at the annual Christmas party in December.

FEBRUARY--50 yard double buffalo	off-hand
March-----50 yard fer de lac	off-hand
April-----25 yard coyote	off-hand
May-----25 yard pistol	one hand
June-----50 yard pistol	one hand
July-----Hawk, 2 right hand, 2 left hand, 1 underhand at large bull	
August----Knife 5 throws at large bull, gotta stick to count	
September-100 yard large bull	
October---25 yard widest group	
November--25 yard 6-bull	

January 13, 1987

Howdy friends!

Well we've been mighty busy these past months! After our first Primitive Rendezvous on Labor Day weekend in Moccasin Basin, (HUGE SUCCESS!) there was hunting season then the holidays! Whew! You talk about busy, got-dog! Let me told you about that mess!

We managed to squeeze a November shoot into all this what was going on, and here's how it all turned out!

November 16, 1986
(Shoot Results)

JUG SHOOT

1st. Richard Emond
2nd. John Phelps
3rd. Jesse Hill

PAPER SHOOT

1st. Mike Allen
2nd. John Phelps
3rd. Richard Emond

WILD WEST SHOOT(EGG SHOOT)

1st. Gretchen Phelps WAGH!
2nd. Bob Genner

HEN SHOOT

Everybody took home a hen they got
to massacre! Pretty god-dog excitin we all won!

Our Christmas Party was held the 6th of December at the Wind River Lodge, where a good time was had by all who attended! During the Awards Banquet, the club awarded prizes to Paul Harrison and Bill McBride, who tied for first place in the aggregate. 2nd. place went to Joe Brandl!

No one slayed a wily wapiti with their muzzle-blaster but we did have 2 members who drew moose permits, and they massacred this awesome beast with their muzzleblasters! For the biggest critter taken, they are as follers:

1st. Jackie Raymond
2nd. Joe Brandl

Elton Andrew, better known as "Footnote", passed by Dubois the day after Turkey Day, and he entertained a whole lot of good people at the V.F.W. Club. He played his guitar and sang till the wee hours of morning!

"Footnote" passed by this way again on New Years Eve, and he played and sang again at the V.F.W. Only one word I know of to describe this "Footnote" and his music; WAGH! TREMENDOUS! Sorry two words, Oh well! God-dog that guy shore know how to have fun!

A few of us buckskinners that survived New Years Eve, enjoyed a New Years Day breakfast at the Black Bear Country Inn. Mel Furman (owner) did the cooking, and Badger -Breath did the drinks; some kind of funny stuff, god-dog what the heck that stuff is I don't remember but it got a color to that name, you know! Pretty quick everybody singin, acting crazy, jumping in and out of the hot-tub then in the crick, "Footnote try to see if his guitar play under the water, and we all tried to listen, it sounded pretty strange to me man! Plunk, Plunk! He also found out that the guitar does float! God-dog!

JANUARY SHOOT....JANUARY 18th at MCBRIDES... COFFEE ON AT 10 A.M.

Bring a pot of chili to put into a community pot on the fire!

One more important announcement to make; we will be discussing plans for the National Western Rendezvous to be held in Moccasin Basin July of this year! Hope you had wonderful and prosperous Holiday season this past year!

SEE YA THIS SUNDAY!

Your's Truly,

-- "Egg Slaver" better known as....?

Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders

P.O. Box 1402

Glenrock, Wyoming 82637

will host the

WYOMING STATE SHOOT

September 5, 6, & 7th, 1987

Events for men, women, and children. Paper and primitive matches, Hawk/knife. Flintlock and Percussion State Championships. Flintlock and Percussion Aggregates. Squirrel and big bore rifle matches. Pistol matches. Re-entry match for a Thompson Center half-stock rifle. Final shoot-off for the Wyoming State Traveling Trophy will be Monday, September 7th.

All shooting events are muzzle loading rifles/pistols using black powder or substitute and a patched round ball. Open iron sights. Rifles must be traditional off-hand hunting muzzle loading rifles. No underhammers or in-line actions. NMLRA rules unless posted different.

Paper matches are \$1.00 each plus \$1.00 for the aggregate.

Primitive matches are \$.50 each.

Primitive and modern camping areas. \$10.00 camp fee for camps without registered shooters. Plenty of firewood; bring your own water.

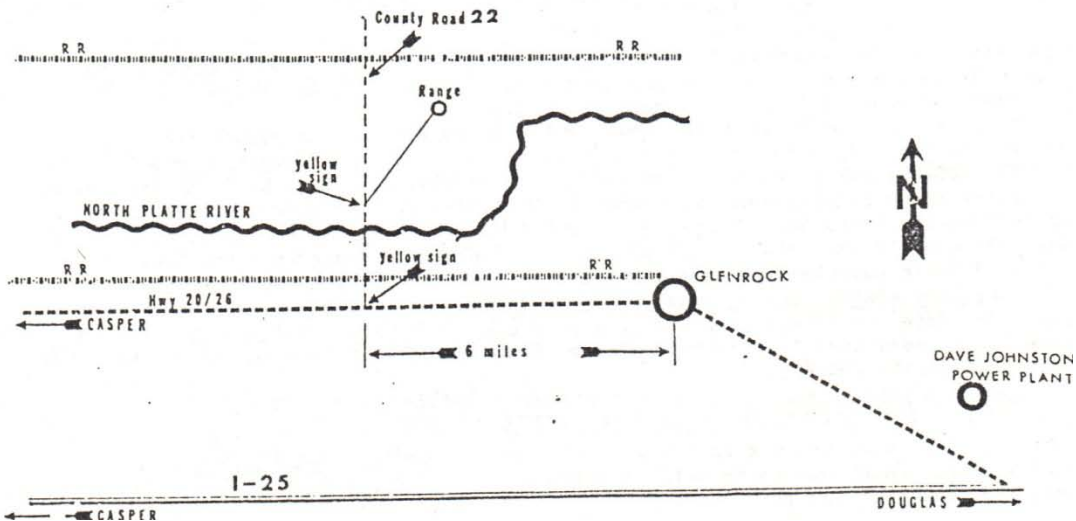
No dogs or horses allowed.

Merchandise prizes awarded. Traders are welcome and the public is encouraged to attend and browse thru the camp and view the shooting events.

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SCHEDULED SHOTS AND EVENTS

This is the first publication. If anyone concerned sees a mistake or wishes to make a change better holler! I caught this on the fly at the meeting, next time I'll ask for a little breather at times.

Buffalo - June 27, 28

Big Horn Rendezvous - June 20, 21

Casper - August 22, 23

FT. CASPER-JUNE 26, 27 historic reenactment of pioneer activities

Cheyenne - July 3, 4, 5, & 6
June 20, 21 (Primitive ?)

Dubois - August 7, 8, 9

Western National Rendezvous - July 25 to August 3

Gillette - June 13, 14

July 18, 19 (Primitive)

Glenrock - State Shoot: September 3, 4, & 5

Hyatville - May 9, 10

Jackson - Jackson Hole Renezvous May 22, 23, 24, & 25

Laramie - June 26, 27, & 28

Pinedale - July 10, 11, 12

Riverton - MAY 22-25

Saratoga - July 3, 4, & 5

Sheridan - July 3, 4, & 5

State Championships at Sheridan: Cannon: April 4
Bench: August 1, 1987
Shotgun: August 15, 1987

Wheatland: - March 14, 15

Fort Casper, Casper, WY, Caspar Collins Days: June 26, 27

Jackson Hole Rendezvous



1987

MAY

22, 23, 24, 25

David Funk
there Black Feet

Bill Westbrook
The Hole Works

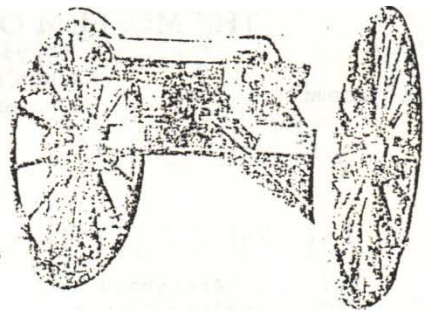
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Joe Funk
GRAS VENTRE Free Troopers

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Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce - 733-3311

WYOMING STATE CANNON CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT



APRIL 4, 87

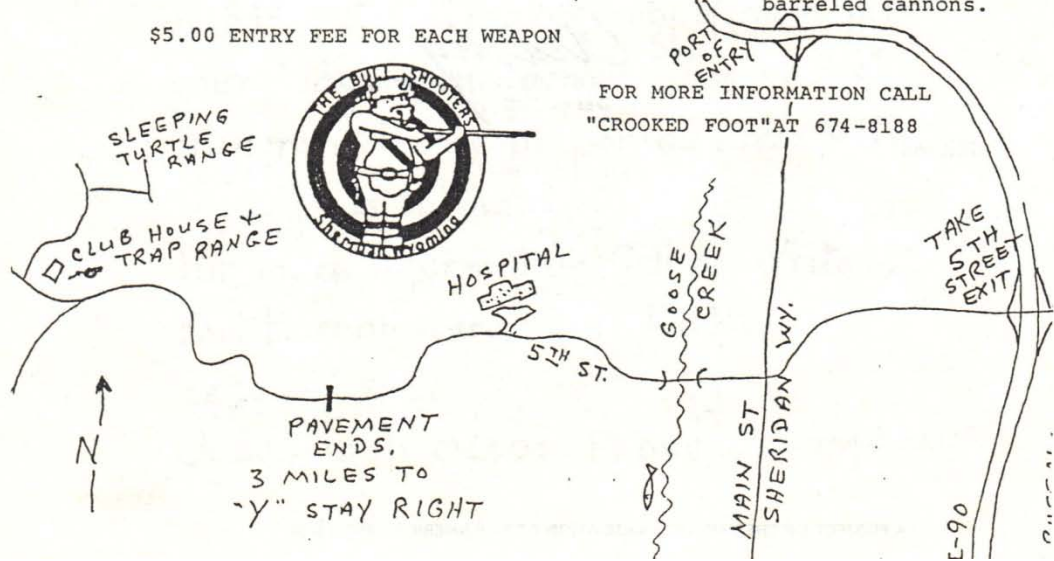
SHERIDAN WY.

STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.

MATCH #	YARDS	NO. OF SHOTS	TARGET
1	25yd.	1 shot with grape shot (10 .50cal. round ball)	at PISTOL TARGET
2	50yd.	3 shots	PISTOL TARGET
3	100yd.	1 shot scores, best out of 3 trys	at 55 GAL. DRUM
4	300yd.	5 shots	4'X8' sheet of plywood
*****ABOVE MATCHES ARE FOR CANNON*****FOLLOWING MATCHES ARE FOR MOTOR*****			
5	75yd.	RENTY .25 per shot (split pot)	4'X8' sheet of plywood
6	50yd.	1 shot scores, best out of 3 trys	at 55 GAL. DRUM LID
7	300yd.	5 shots	PARKING LOT

We are paying 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, place trophies for all matches.
There will be separate competition for smooth bore and rifled barreled cannons.

\$5.00 ENTRY FEE FOR EACH WEAPON





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January 19, 1987

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Dear Jim,

A million thanks for the check. It was the next best thing to \$30,000.

We deeply appreciate the effort that you people went to and the money from Wyoming is a substantial addition to what we need. Everyone in the Wyoming Muzzleloaders will always be welcome here at any time. Whenever we can return all the favors in any small measure, please don't hesitate to let us know.

We will keep you advised of developments.

With all best wishes,

Charles E. Hanson, Jr.
Director

CEH:mb

Spring Rendezvous Fort Buenaventura State Park Easter Weekend ~ April 17-18-19

14 Shooting Matches
Miles Goodyear Aggregate
Mountain Man Run
Hawk & Knife Throw
Other Activities

Come spend Easter Weekend with us at Fort Buenaventura and win your share of \$1,500 in prizes. Plenty of room for your lodge ~ lean to ~ or "Tin Tee Pee". Traders welcome in period dress with trade goods to match.

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1987 Shoot dates

Feb.	14,15,16	= Glenrock
Mar.	14,15	= Wheatland
April	4, Cannon	= Sheridan
May	9,10	= Hyatville
	22,23,24,25	= Riverton
	22,23,24,25	= Jackson
June	13,14	= Gillette
	20,21 Rend.	= Big Horn
	20,21 Log	= Cheyenne
	26,27	= Ft. Caspar
	26,27,28	= Laramie
	27,28	= Buffalo
July	3,4,5	= Saratoga
	3,4,5,6	= Cheyenne
	10,11,12	= Pinedale
	18,19 Prim.	= Gillette
	25-Aug 3 Nat'l	= Dubois
Aug.	1 Bench	= Sheridan
	7,8,9,	= Dubois
	15 Shotgun	= Sheridan
	22,23	= Casper
Sept.	5,6,7 State	= Glenrock

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