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Spring Peak Fire Threatens Bodie & Aurora

by Terri Geissinger,

Bodie Historian and Guide

On August 17th, a wildfire broke out in the dry hills just above the historic site of Aurora. The area had experienced a lively thunderstorm with several lightning strikes just hours before. The combination of high winds and low humidity fueled this fire until it grew into a fast-moving blaze with Bodie in its path. The black smoke plume could be seen from miles away and it sent panic through the local communities.

Within hours the initial attack crews were overwhelmed and an incident command team (headed by Mike Brown) was mobilized. The command center was set up in Bridgeport. Within 24 hours, the command post was in full swing. The fire camp was made up of special hi-tech trailers, a large mobile kitchen, fire engines, crew buggies, tents, tarps, shower stalls and sani huts.

Strike teams and hand crews arrived with names like Slide Crew, Silver State, Grizzly, MQ Franko, Calfire, North Lake Tahoe Fire - the list goes on and on. Bodie was closed for two days for public safety and to help keep the roads clear of traffic.

During the peak danger, 10 hand crews, over 400 firefighters, 18 engines, 3 water tenders, 3 bulldozers, 2 helicopters and 6 air tankers were fighting this blaze. The number one objective was to

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The Spring Peak fire came within three miles of Bodie. It started less than a week after FOB Day from a lightning strike. The park was closed down for two days for safety precautions and to allow fire crews and equipment easier access.

W. S. Bodey's Long-Lost Grave Sniffed Out?

by Terri Geissinger,

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Some exciting news was created by the ICF dogs! On top of Foundry Hill, all six dogs have alerted at the possible gravesite of W. S. Bodey! We have recently discovered several articles that described the actual 'site' of Mr. Bodey's internment. While looking for a possible site, we came across an area that had been disturbed. The dogs have now confirmed that it is indeed a grave! We won't be able to prove

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All six ICF dogs alerted (by sitting down, which is their alert signal) on this site on top of Foundry Hill. We think it is possibly the final resting place of W. S. Bodey. The six headstones of the Scanavino family plot in the Bodie cemetery can be seen in the distant background.

Volunteers Help Visitors Enjoy Another Season at Mono Lake

by Janet Carle, Mono Lake Volunteer Coordinator

More than 50 volunteers helped visitors enjoy their experience at Mono Lake this season. They guided tours, answered questions at the lakeshore, helped out at the Scenic Area Visitor Center, staffed special events, assisted research scientists removing invasive plants and brushed trails. Now in its 10th season, the Mono Lake Volunteer program is more important than ever as agency budgets shrink.

Volunteers make it possible to maintain a high quality experience for Mono's visitors from around the world. Funding from the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, the Mono Lake Committee and the Bodie Foundation provides training and support. Participants are locals, second home owners, and people from farther away that love the Mono Basin. Volunteers donated over 1800 hours on education and stewardship this season, which is a huge contribution to the local economy. The Mono Lake



Class of 2013 volunteers Richard Harrison and Monte Weddle (far right) talk with visitors at South Tufa.

Volunteer program was sparked by a grant the Mono Lake Committee received in 2003. Ten years later, partnerships continue to create unique synergy for this program.

Volunteers can mix and match their volunteer hours, depending on their interests, working in the State Reserve, the Mono Basin National Forest

Scenic Area, or the Mono Lake Committee Information Center.

Staff members from contributing organizations help with supervision and coordination. Six half days of



New volunteer Sarah Minich graduates in 2013.

training are held each spring. Training is done by staff and experienced volunteers, and is open to all new staff members as well. When the Mono Lake Tufa

Bodie Foundation News Briefs

Bodie Welcomes New Staff

Josh Heitzmann is the new Supervising Ranger for Bodie. Josh is most recently from Anza Borrego State Park and started in Bodie the week after FOB day. He was immediately "baptized under fire" (literally), having to deal with all the excitement that the Spring Mountain fire created days after he started his new position.

Terra Woodall has also joined the Bodie Ranger staff. Terra completed Ranger school earlier this year and started her assignment in Bodie in early September. Prior to Ranger school, Terra was a park aide in Bodie for several seasons. She is married to Matthew "Woody" Woodall of the Bodie maintenance team.

Sterl Cogan is the new maintenance manager. Sterl has his hands full as he will be in charge of both Bodie and Grover Hot Springs State Parks.

Ranger Ryan Randar has accepted a position at Lake Tahoe. Park aide and artifacts assessment support Jenna Nustad will follow Ryan to Lake Tahoe District. This leaves a position open for artifacts assessment for anyone interested. Contact Ranger Josh Heitzmann if you are interested in this position.

Brenda Hemond, previous Bodie maintenance supervisor, has transferred to Anza Borrego State Park. We would like to thank Ryan, Brenda and Jenna for their committed stewardship in Bodie.

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Bodie Volunteers have Diverse Skills

by Helene Frakes,
Bodie Volunteer

Most dictionaries define a *volunteer* as a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task, or a person who works for an organization without being paid. That's pretty dry and hardly does justice to the wonderful experience that is being a Bodie volunteer.

I'm one of 16 or so Bodie volunteers and want to let you in on what we do, hoping that you will consider becoming a Bodie volunteer too.

Some of us work in public contact and others repair buildings and structures in the park. All of us have a great time. Everything we do complements and extends the functions of State employees. So what exactly do we do anyway? It depends on our talents, interests and time, which is part of the beauty of being a Bodie volunteer.

Like to show people around and learn new things?

We give history talks and stamp mill tours. Love to be

looked up to as an expert? Just walk around and answer our visitors' questions, from the ever popular, "Where are the bathrooms?" to the observant, "Why are there 4 power lines going to the James Cain house and is that thing a transformer?" to the constant, "Why did they leave so much stuff?"

Speak a foreign language, especially French or German?

If you do, you are a gem and all would welcome you. Bodie is not an easy place for our foreign visitors to understand. If you can answer our visitors in their own language, imagine how richer their visit will be. Many of our visitors are from Europe and



Volunteer Petra Nichols (center) begins a tour of the Standard Mill in front of the 'Hoover' house. Petra is fluent in German, enabling her to enrich tours for many German-speaking tourists that visit Bodie annually.

very different cultural traditions. Just by being volunteers, we represent the strong American trait of helping others who we don't know.

Like to use your senses and intuitions?

Walk around the park "patrolling" and be on the lookout for people who are where they shouldn't be, for people picking up rocks and nails and for visitors who may need assistance or directions. Lend out our special wheelchair with balloon tires to those who would have a hard time negotiating the uneven dirt roads. Keep an eye on large school groups. Gently ask the parents of the little tyke who just put a rock in his pocket to talk with him and explain that the park is an outdoor museum.

Like to plan and give parties?

Like to dress up in period costume from another era? Many volunteers are needed to plan and staff Friends of Bodie Day. It is short-term and an ideal way to get a taste of volunteering at Bodie.

Like dogs?

Yes, we have lots of dogs visiting the park with their owners. Showing owners where the dog water bowls are and where the water fountain is located is a kindness to both dogs and their owners. You will also have the opportunity to meet dozens of dogs named "Bodie".

Have you ever wanted to be part of a real museum?

Helping out in the museum when it is real busy, covering for a lunch break, or just answering visitors' questions can really enrich our visitors experience. Pointing out an artifact to someone who asks a question will bring the answer alive.

The visitors teach you too.

One afternoon in the museum, an elderly gentleman who had been in the Forest Service in the 50's, recounted to me how he'd been out at Aurora and watched as a used brick contractor hired local people to dismantle the beautiful old buildings, chip the mortar off the bricks and pile them onto flatbed

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2015 Calendar Contest Opens



Image from the Bodie Foundation 2014 calendar (July). Submissions for the 2015 calendar are now open through January 15, 2014. Photo by Max Lauee

The 2015 Bodie Foundation calendar contest is now accepting your favorite shots of Bodie. Contest is open now thru January 15, 2014.

Go to www.BodieCalendarContest.com

to submit your best shots of Bodie. Don't forget to review applicable rules. A link to the calendar contest is also available at our regular website at www.BodieFoundation.org.

Historic Cal-Nev Ghost Towns Threatened by Fire



A water-dropping helicopter fills its bucket using the water reservoir on the hillside above Bodie. The blaze was declared fully contained August 27th. The fire consumed 14,230 acres according to fire managers. The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) reports 4,092,640 acres nationally have been lost to large fires so far in 2013.

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protect Bodie and Aurora.

It is with deep gratitude to all the firefighters that we are able to say that Bodie and Aurora remained safe. Several islands of Sage Grouse Habitat were also saved.

On August 27th, the fire was considered fully contained. A mop-up crew of 41 firefighters remained in the area well into September. The fire consumed over 14,200 acres. The incident was managed by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and used additional resources from CalFire, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Division of Forestry and the Yomba Shoshone Tribe.

Editor's Note: The low humidity and windy conditions make fire of any type, man-made or naturally occurring, a continuous threat to Bodie and the eastern Sierra region. Please only smoke in designated areas. The parking lot in Bodie is the only place smoking is allowed at the park. Never hesitate to get the attention of any park staff member if you see any smoke or anyone smoking in the park.

Mono Volunteers Match Interests and Skills

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State Reserve was threatened with closure recently, volunteers rallied to secure funding and support the Reserve's importance to the local recreation-based economy. An active volunteer program (and major help with revenue generation from the Bodie Foundation) helped keep the Reserve open for business.

The Mono Basin has always been a place where

partnerships and collaboration are critical.

The land management agencies, California State Parks and the Inyo National Forest have worked together from the beginning. The Basin is extremely lucky to have three effective non-profit agencies, the Mono Lake Committee, the Bodie Foundation and the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, who have supported the volunteer program with

enthusiasm.

Thank you, Bodie Foundation, for your continuing support -- visitors from around the world are enjoying their Mono Lake experience!

Contact Dani Williams, our Bodie Foundation Business Manager, (760) 647-6564 (dani@bodiefoundation.org) if you are interested in volunteer service at any of the three State Parks supported by the Bodie Foundation.

Bodie SHP Attendance

Bodie State Historic Park attendance as of October 1 stands at 104,000 visitors, up from 103,000 visitors in 2012. Bodie is still a major draw for Mono County visitors.

When Yosemite closed due to the fall Federal budget battles, visitation at Bodie experienced a bit of a surge as the preferred destination in the surrounding area.

Mono Lake saw a nice jump in attendance - from 270,000 in 2012 to 313,000 in 2013.

Grover Hot Springs figures were not available at press time.

Bodie Volunteers Help Visitors' Park Experience



Read more about volunteering at Bodie, Mono Lake and Grover Hot Springs. Please see pages 2, 6, 7 and 8 for related stories.

Betty McCunniff, a 2013 graduate of the volunteer program, discusses how the Standard stamp mill camshaft works. Betty also helps out in the museum and with publication support.

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trucks on their way to southern California, where the bricks were to be sold. That is why Aurora looks like vandals pillaged it!

Like to work with children?

You might want to help with the Junior Ranger program. Youngsters discover and fill out the answers to questions about Bodie in a booklet and bring them back to the museum. After checking the answers, you can award the child with a Junior Ranger badge and announce their accomplishment to all in the museum. Children are the future stewards of our parks and historic sites. Each child who connects with Bodie is a vital treasure.

Not so much interested in working with people?

How about volunteering your hands and your construction experience? Volunteers repair and replace roofing, doors, windows, foundations, fences and sidings of structures under the guidance of state park maintenance workers. What a wonderful gift to be able to help arrest the decay

of our buildings.

Each of us volunteers has many stories of interesting visitors we've met, tales we've been told, genealogies that have been shared with us, and, of course, the opportunity to make Bodie come alive for our visitors. Volunteering in Bodie helps our visitors have the best possible experience and memories, whether we are pointing out a mother sage hen shepherding her little brood of chicks down the creek, or give context to the legend of a bad, bawdy and dangerous Bodie. Bodie beckons...will you answer?



Lucinda Traubner poses in the cemetery during the evening program for Bodie Foundation members on FOB Day. She is a 2013 graduate of the volunteer program.



Wayne Fritts, a 2012 volunteer program graduate, discusses Bodie history on top of "Rangers Roost", a rocky outcropping near the parking lot which has a commanding view of the town and environs.



Bodie volunteer Helene Frakes explains the use of the large mortar box behind the Standard mill to visitors.



Merv and Wanda Nensiel are previous park maintenance workers who now volunteer their time.

BODIE FOUNDATION MOURNS**Joan Dillard**

It is with regret that we say goodbye to a dear Friend of Bodie, Joan Dillard. Joan was the granddaughter of Catherine Holland, who lived in Bodie most of her life. Joan was very active in her genealogy and was very proud of her Bodie heritage.

She volunteered in the Bodie Foundation booths at July 4th celebrations and on FOB day for several years. You may remember her as the little lady in the cowgirl hat wearing her 'Bodie' earrings and necklace very proudly. She will be missed.



Joan Dillard at the Bodie Foundation booth during the 2009 Independence Day celebration in Bridgeport. Joan was an active volunteer and frequent Bodie visitor.

Like the Foundation on Facebook

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keeps you updated with the most current information on projects, tours and special events. Current park hours and weather conditions will be also be available.

Enjoy our "Photo of the Day" post where we dip into our archive of historic photos of Bodie and the region.

We really appreciate your support and hope all your friends will 'Like' us on the **Bodie Foundation** Facebook Page.

Run for the Railroad

The Bodie Foundation is planning a 5K run/walk. The event is called "Run for the Railroad" and is planned for the Summer 2014.

Start training now for this high altitude fundraising event, being held in Bodie. All proceeds will go toward the refurbishment of the foundation of the Railroad

Office. Once this building has been stabilized, other work can commence to refurbish this wonderful, historic building.

Our website will contain more info on this event once a date is set.



Scan the QR code above with your smart phone to go directly to our Facebook page.

The direct URL is <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bodie-Foundation/120152257997672F>

Book Early for Special Tours and workshops

Please contact Dani Williams at (760) 647-6564 to arrange your 2014 special group tours or photo workshops. Call early to assure date availability.

Grover Volunteers Help Park Run Smoothly

By Liz Ballou, Bodie Foundation Visitor Center Staff

Volunteers "really do make a difference" in today's economically strapped world. Volunteers within the California State Parks system provide much needed relief to maintain continual operation of programs offered to their visitors. With nearly 300 parks, the State of California is indebted to camp hosts, visitor center guides and junior ranger program leaders who donate their time and

minute. Previously, their "trial by fire" volunteer experience took place at a southern California State Park where they worked four, six-hour shifts back-to-back. During this assignment, at 1 a.m. they encountered a small child turning blue. Using radios they were unfamiliar with, they were still able to quickly contact emergency responders who arrived within 10 minutes! This has been their most alarming situation so far.

When that summer season



Wayne and Karen Halladay are retired school teachers with a wealth of knowledge.

efforts to keep things running smoothly.

Grover Hot Springs State Park, located four short miles up Hot Springs Road outside the picturesque town of Markleeville, relies upon two teams of camp hosts. I had the pleasure of interviewing one of those teams to find out just what makes one become a volunteer camp host.

Wayne and Karen Halladay are retired school teachers with a wealth of knowledge. They found out about the Grover Hot Springs 2013 season volunteer camp host position at the last

ended, they were asked to take over for the winter at the Sunset campground in Death Valley National Park. That was three years ago when the then-current camp host had sustained a very serious injury.

The host was unable to work, so the Halladays took over and worked four days on and four days off to finish up the season. This was no small task because the Sunset campground has over 500 campsites. It wasn't long before the desert landscape felt like home. In fact, Karen

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Telling Stories of Bodie's Women

By Robin DeRosa, Ph.D., Bodie Volunteer

Last summer, my family and I first drove the Bodie road. We were, like most folks who come to Bodie, just regular tourists, excited to visit our first ghost town and maybe learn a bit about the old mining days. We all fell in love with the place. My husband, Phil, who is a sculpture professor, was intrigued with the mining machinery and the colors of the wooden buildings against the brown-green sage and the blue sky.

Grover's Volunteers Share Wealth of Knowledge

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made a point to tell me she "loves to be sung to sleep by the coyotes."

I asked Wayne about the best part of being a volunteer camp host. He says it's fun to help people on vacation by providing suggestions for hiking and picnicking in the area. According to Karen, the most challenging part of the job is the "gentle educating of first time campers about such things as fishing etiquette." Although there are not many resources available for training, "The benefits of being a volunteer camp host outweigh the negative aspects," according to Karen.

As they ready themselves for the winter in Death Valley, the Halladays are thinking ahead to next summer and possibly returning to Grover Hot Springs. If that doesn't happen, they will "travel wherever the wind takes them." Perhaps the Colorado River up into Utah will be their next destination!

Grover Hot Springs and the Bodie Foundation is also pleased to recognize volunteer Rodney Pryor, who does interpretive programs in our campground. Thanks for all you do for us, Rodney!

Our daughter, Ruby, amassed new patches and pins as she completed the Junior Ranger program. And I, a professor of early American literature and history, was mesmerized by the stories the Rangers and aides told about Bodie's boom years.

When we returned home to New Hampshire, I began to really explore Bodie's history, reading everything I could get my hands on about mining, camptown life, and the conflicts between cultures that came into contact as the old west succumbed to gold fever.

I was especially intrigued by the stories of women. During my Bodie visit, I had learned so much about the stamp mill, about W. S. Bodey and Black Taylor, about the boom and bust that filled and then emptied the town.

But I hadn't heard much about the women. Most of us know that the ratio of men to women in old mining towns like Bodie was radically skewed, but certainly there *were* women here, and it was their stories that I most actively tried to seek out.

It occurred to me that perhaps I had a contribution to make to the State Park with which I was now so smitten. I contacted the Bodie Foundation, and proposed that I create a small, self-guided tour so that as they walk the dusty roads of Main Street or Bonanza Street, future visitors to Bodie would be able to hear the voices of Bodie's women.

The Foundation, current Bodie staff and volunteers, and the State Park system of California were generous enough to grant my family and I access to Bodie this summer as I worked on the project, and my home university, Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, was generous enough to fund my travel.

And so once again, my family and I found ourselves traveling the notorious Bodie road, on an extended adventure to unearth the stories of Bodie's women; the famous, the infamous, and the near-forgotten.

The plan is for a booklet to be available beginning next summer, so that visitors can trace a path through the lives of the businesswomen, teachers, prostitutes, wives and mothers who helped guide Bodie through its history.

I was impressed and amazed by what I learned of Bodie's strong and resourceful women, and I can't wait to share these stories with the next generations of visitors ready to fall in love with Bodie!

BODIE FUN FACT

What well-known band did a photo shoot in Bodie?

- A) Blondie
- B) The Beach Boys
- C) Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band
- D) U2
- E) The Beatles

Please see page 9 for the answer.

Editor's Note: Dr. DeRosa's 11-year-old daughter Ruby spent part of her time composing a poem while her mother did her research and her dad helped on a maintenance crew. With Ruby's permission, we share her words and artwork with you to contemplate and enjoy.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE GIFTS OF TIME, ENERGY AT BODIE

by Chris Spiller, Volunteer Coordinator

Those who treasure their visits to our California State Parks often wonder what they can do to help in tough budget times. Of course, money is always welcome, but another valuable contribution is the gift of your time and energy at Bodie State Historic Park.

As a volunteer you can help preserve and protect Bodie for future generations in a variety of ways:

Lead tours of the stamp mill and conduct history talks.

Having volunteers available to augment the staff's talks enables more visitors to attend tours and gain in-depth knowledge of the park's history and the people of the past.

Perform "roving interpretation." This is patrolling the park talking to visitors one-on-one, answering questions and informing them of park activities and features.

*Sprechen Sie Deutsch?
Parlezvous Français?*

If you speak another language, Bodie's many international visitors will be

better served by being able to ask questions in their native language.

Be eyes and ears in the 1,015 acre park by alerting rangers to potential theft or vandalism of park artifacts and other violations (smoking in the park or dogs off leash are just a couple of examples).

If you have construction skills, help park maintenance workers stabilize Bodie's historic structures.

Help the Bodie Foundation and park staff at special events: you can wear

period attire and help with the special evening entertainment for FOB night.

Tired of all that walking at 8400 feet? Take a break in the office and help with Bodie Foundation and park projects, research and other administrative tasks. Or, help in the Bodie Foundation store in the museum. You can also help answer questions in the museum and check in/out children participating in the Junior ranger program.

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A tip o' the dusty cowboy hat to our 2013 core group of volunteers at Bodie State Historic Park!

- Dydia DeLyser
- Robin DeRosa
- Helene Frakes
- Wayne Fritts
- Dave James
- Phil Lonergan
- Betty McCunniff
- Wanda Nensteil
- Merv Nensteil
- Petra Nichols
- Norm Stump
- Lucinda Traubner
- Lu Weaver

Volunteers who made FOB Day 2013 special:

- Sagebrush Chapter of Model A Club of America, Carson City, NV
- Eric Draper
- Debbie Kielb
- Aleta Lawrence
- Rossee Family
- Stan Marriott
- Ted Holloway, family & crew
- Missamore family
- Sergio Cortez
- Dustin Woodall
- Polly Gariaeff

- Nick Gariaeff
- Jordan Fenwick
- Matt Green
- Sierra Green
- Savannah Green
- Michelle Green
- Jenna Nustad
- Woody Woodall
- Lee Hutchins
- Karen Hutchins
- Kristine Hutchins
- Mary Jane James
- Dave James
- Pastor Kevin
- Caitlyn Marsh
- Ron Scandrett
- Janice Scandrett
- Alex McGuire
- Helene Frakes
- Randy Frakes
- Wanda Nensteil
- Merv Nensteil
- Carissa Hartstrom
- Charley Spiller
- Chris Spiller
- Alex Kendrick
- United States Marine Corps Color Guard
- Shari Stump
- Norm Stump
- James Dexter

- Bob Tanner
- Barbara Croonquist
- Jaclynn Workman
- Sasha Trana
- Mitch Geissing
- Terri Geissing
- Lucinda Traubner
- Denise Parodi
- John Buie
- Dani Williams
- Cindy Williams
- Tanya Bunch
- Cub Wolf
- Rick Endey
- Betty McCunniff

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- Brad Sturdivant
- Nancy Frye
- Dave James
- Geoff McQuilken
- Mark Pupich
- Will Richmond*
- Benny Romero
- Norm Stump

* Volunteer legal advisor to Bodie Foundation

September Snow Covers Bodie's Dust



FIRST FALL SNOW—Chris Spiller, senior park aide at Bodie, snapped this shot of first snowfall for the 2013-2014 season. It occurred on September 26, 2013.

Bodie always has had to deal with severe weather. For 2013, the warmest day was July 2nd, reaching 88 degrees. The coldest day was, ironically, January 1st, with a temperature reading of -27 degrees, which does not include wind chill! Wind chill (the perceived decrease in temperature due to the flow of cold air) in Bodie makes the air feel 20 to 40 degrees cooler, depending on the amount of wind. January 1st also was the record for most snowfall in one day - 23 inches. The August 20th rainfall amount of .6 inches was the highest one-day rainfall total for 2013. This occurred during the Spring Peak fire, which was a blessing to many.

Bodie is open year-round, even if they have 5 feet of snow on the ground! Highway 270 may be closed, but the park is open. You'll have to either cross-country ski in or ride snowmobiles into the park if there is meaningful snow accumulation. Always check with CalTrans or call the park at 760.647.6554 for current road conditions before planning a winter trip to Bodie and come prepared for severe winter weather. On November 1st, winter park hours will go into effect, which are 9 a.m. to 3 p. m. Hours will revert back to summer hours on May 14, 2014, which are 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Holiday Specials!

Give the gift of Bodie this year! Please check out our Christmas special on the Bodie Foundation website at www.BodieFoundation.org/store and support the best ghost town in the west!

BODIE VOLUNTEERS TRAIN, PRESERVE & PROTECT

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All volunteers must attend a two-day training session. The first session is on a Saturday in mid to late September and the second session is the Friday of Memorial Day weekend the following May. At training, volunteers receive a training manual, learn how to organize and present a talk, find out about the types of questions visitors ask and learn about State Park operations and policies.

After donating 50 hours a year, volunteers receive a one-year pass for day use to all Sierra District State Parks. After donating 200 hours, a pass is issued for free day-use to all California State Parks for the following year.

Qualifications:

California State Park volunteers at Bodie must be at least 18 years old, able to move around easily and present programs at an altitude of 8375 feet.

You must be reliable and committed.

You are required to log a minimum of 8 hours a month, or 24 hours minimum between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.

Volunteers must be fingerprinted and disclose any past criminal convictions. Call Volunteer Coordinator Chris Spiller at (760) 647-6445 or email at Chris.Spiller@parks.ca.gov for more information or to sign up.

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U2, in December, 1986. They were on a photo-shoot tour collecting shots for their upcoming album titled *The Joshua Tree*.

***The Joshua Tree* would receive critical acclaim; it went to #1 shortly after release and eventually won the band their first two Grammys, including Album of the Year for 1987.**

No doubt part of the album's success was attributed to "Bodie magic".

For the Record

We would like to apologize to **Lori** Hibbett for using her incorrect first name. She is identified as "Leslie Hibbett" on our 2014 calendar contest photo winner for August. Lori, we regret and apologize for the mistake.

Also, we received feedback from an astute member correcting us on our last Bodie Fun Fact from the Spring, 2013 edition. We referred to mixed bars of ingots and this term is

not correct. The correct term is bullion. While both terms are synonymous, literature of that period only used 'bullion', not 'ingot'. Michael, we thank you for catching this and bringing it to our attention.

We welcome all feedback regarding the newsletter and the editor can be contacted at DaveJ@BodieFoundation.org. Also, all general inquiries can be sent to Info@BodieFoundation.org.

FOB Day 2013



A United States Marine Corps color guard from Pickle Meadows Mountain Warfare Training Center presents the colors to begin the FOB Day parade. The Marines regularly volunteer around their community.



"The Horribles" make a repeat appearance at the FOB Day parade. Historically, they were a group of townfolk dressed in outlandish costumes that entertained the crowds during parades and similar festive events.



Caitlyn Marsh (left) and Carissa Hartstrom, both FOB Day volunteers, pose in period attire.



Big Gerry was one of the talented musicians who entertained folks during FOB Day by playing his hammer dulcimer in the IOOF Hall.

ICF Dogs Sniff Out More Graves



Thank you to the ICF handlers and the superstar dogs Piper, Eros, Bailey, Kaley, Rea and Jasper. Our own Terri Geissingner is seen on the far right (kneeling).

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that it *is* Bodey unless we have DNA samples for comparison, but we are one step closer! Stay tuned as this history mystery unravels!

A big warm and fuzzy “Thank You” goes out to the Institute for Canine Forensics (ICF) team for their work in late

September in our cemeteries. Two cold and windy days were spent searching for human remains in unmarked graves. Although we are waiting for the official report, the dogs alerted on over 70 possible gravesites. We will have more detailed information in our Spring 2014 newsletter.

Helping Junior Rangers Earn Their Badges

By Lu Weaver, Junior Ranger Volunteer Facilitator



Lu Weaver poses with Junior Ranger program literature.

mining boom towns worked. As a facilitator, you can relate lesser known tidbits which make life in Bodie more real. It is a bonus to see the parents learning too!

Some children take being a Ranger quite seriously. One wanted to know where the meetings were held, and one little boy wondered when he’d get his gun!

On the days when a facilitator is present, there are more Junior Rangers who earn their badge. The regular museum staff often does not have extra time to devote to this program. They are busy answering questions or tending the store for the Foundation. How wonderful it would be to have a Junior Ranger facilitator every day! It’s also good PR.

As a Bodie volunteer, you meet people from all over the world. Often European parents will translate the Junior Ranger questions so their children can participate. The Junior Ranger facilitator gets lots of “thank yous”, which make it all worthwhile.

Editor’s Note: *If you are interested in volunteering for this program, or any other volunteer activities, please contact the Bodie Foundation business Office @ 760.647.6564 or email us at info@BodieFoundation.org.*

When you volunteer for a job, you usually want to be sure it’s worthwhile and worth the trip on “that road”. Being a Junior Ranger Program facilitator is definitely a job that’s worthwhile. You can see the dawn of understanding when the children realize what life in Bodie was like and how

FOB Day 2013 Displays Diverse Conveyances



Ted Holloway and crew provide wagon rides for visitors during FOB Day. Due to the large attendance, visitors had to park some distance from town. Ted and his rig provided a bit of welcome relief shuttling folks back and forth.



The Sagebrush chapter of the Model T Club of America, based in Carson City, also returned to FOB Day. The vintage flivvers were driven (not trailered) into Bodie.



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Photo of Red Cloud Mine hoist
 by Leslie Booker, appears in the
 2014 Bodie Foundation calendar.