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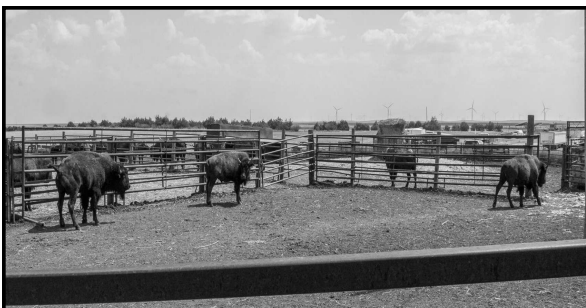
Part 1 - Heart Rock Bison

By Larry Higgins

The 2015 RMBA Fall Ranch Tour kicked off Friday August 28th at Heart Rock Bison, hosting the 1st of three ranch visits, with owners Larry & Jacki Higgins, and Vicki Andersen (Jacki's sister). Jacki and Vicki are the fourth generation to live and work on this farm and ranch. Their great grandfather came from Denmark in the late 1800's to homestead, as the Andersen's worked the land for nearly 100 years, the farm was passed down to Jacki in 1985 when her father Gene passed away. Gene was the first to run buffalo on the same pastures in the mid 1970's. Today, Heart Rock Bison runs a breeding herd with 25 mama buffalo cows and a small feed lot of approximately 50 head. We also run 200 head of beef cows and farm 3000 acres of hard red winter wheat, corn, sunflowers, and feed.



After a brief introduction by Larry and Ray, the group toured the facility near our house where we feed and finish out our animals. We feed a ration of whole corn and sunflower pellets in self feeders, plus free choice millet hay. After research and help from CSU, the whole corn (vs. cracked corn) seems to work best for our situation. Cracked corn would bridge in the feeders, lose essential nutrients, and add an extra cost to crack. While whole corn flows great in the feeders, and according to CSU, detecting any crack of the corn in their manure would be



sufficient to extract the essential nutrients through the digestive process. Since we grow our own corn, it goes from the grain bin to the feeder. About 90% of our business is direct sales, consisting mainly quarters, halves and wholes.

Wrapping up the tour at the house the group drove four miles to the pasture (640 acres) where our 25 mamas, calves and 2 herd bulls roam year around. Before we drove out to see the herd, we stopped in the "car corral," made up of approximately 100 old



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems like every time I sit down to write an update on our Association or a message to our members I am always saying that it is a great time to be in the buffalo business. So again I say, it is a great time to be in the buffalo business. Here in the Rocky Mountain Region we have been getting good amounts of snow, which I can only hope will continue to provide us with much needed spring runoff for our pastures and hay meadows. The 2015 hay season was great for ranchers in our area and I hope this coming season is again the same with ample yields. But you all have heard me say this and know this for yourselves, so I ask, 'Why else is it a good time to be in the buffalo business'?

More and more producers are joining the ranks of buffalo ranchers, not just here in our area, but across the US. These new people are made up of ranchers who are switching from cattle to buffalo, or from farming to buffalo, or are just getting started in agriculture and made a very smart move and chose to raise buffalo. A conventional business marketer will tell you that it is not a good thing to have so many people making the same product. Well this is not the typical business world, and buffalo ranchers are not in the business of cut-throat marketing with their neighbor down the street. We are all allies to one another, a friend, a mentor, or someone to just stand at a gate and shut it for you after you spent all day working your animals.

Buffalo are raised for meat. Even if you are selling breeding stock, the majority of offspring from those animals you sell are used for meat, so you are in the business of meat production as well. We need every buffalo rancher that is in the industry to stay in the industry and encourage more to get involved. It does not matter if you have a 2,000 head operation in Wyoming, or just bought your first 5 head of mother cows this year and live just outside of the city, our industry needs you.

Maybe you finish all of your buffalo

yourself on a precise and researched ration, or you raise a single animal each year to be sold to your 3 neighbors. Maybe you

spend countless number of hours a year marketing your buffalo meat yourself at farmer's markets or sell the animals to a commercial marketer. However you choose to market your animals is up to you, we need each and every buffalo rancher at all levels of production and marketing.

A recent NY Times article discussed that there are two ways of raising buffalo, send them to a feed lot or 100% grass-fed and pasture harvested. These are just two of many options, and in my mind are the two extremes on the spectrum of how buffalo can be finished and harvested. There are very few operations that are at these two extremes, and most fall somewhere in the middle. When marketing his 100% grass-fed beef, my dad would always say "there is room for all of us," referencing conventional beef and grass-fed beef. I agree that the same thing holds true in the world of buffalo meat. The consumer will dictate what they want and what they are willing to pay.

Tell your customers what you do and what you don't do. Never lie to them. Be proud of your product, stand by it, and make sure your name (or brand name) is big and bold for all to see. Never be ashamed of your product. If you are, why are you selling that product? Why are you not selling the best product you can provide? Do not talk ill of someone else's buffalo product just because it is different than yours. Talk about what is different about the two options and let the customer decide. The customer will decide which product is right for them. Maybe they choose based on price, how it was raised, the geographical area it came



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From The President, *cont.*

from, or simply based on the color of the label. Your job is simple: produce the best product you can for your customer. If you sell out of your product faster than Ralphie charging around Folsom Field, then you are doing something right. If your product sits for a long time and does not sell, you need to adjust something. Maybe it is a minor change that is needed or maybe a major change. We all need a little prodding from our friends and family every now and then to be better at the things we do. Change can be hard, but it can also lead to great things, even a new contract to supply meat for a new customer. Buffalo will never be like beef or chicken; it will also be a specialty

product. Buffalo are very special animals and a deep bond is formed between the herd and their caretakers.

At the end of the day we are all here to promote buffalo. We need to work with each other and support each other. In our industry we are all needed, and will always be needed.

I challenge all of the members of RMBA to actively mentor a new buffalo producer or one who is interested in the business each year. Be there for them and advise and answer their questions, even if that question is in the form of a text at 2 a.m. when they are worrying about their herd.

We have a great spring conference planned and are already working on plans for our fall workshop. We are always looking for ways to help you

our members, but if we are missing the boat on your needs, please let us know. Because our industry keeps growing, more and more research is being done on buffalo, RMBA is committed to passing this information along to you and helping in the research itself. If you have any issues that need to be looked into and studied let us know, we are here to serve you.

My take away message is of course that it is a great time to be in the buffalo business! We are all needed and are all here to help each other be the best producers, marketers and promoters of buffalo that we can be.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring Conference!

John Graves

RMBA Update

BuffaloRanchers.com Update

The RMBA website has some new features that will make things easier for both our members and our office. The biggest thing members will notice is that **you will now able to join or renew a membership online and pay with a credit card on our secure site.** Members will also still be able to write a check and mail it to RMBA office.

Current members and new members will be able to input their information and pay for their selected membership level. The contact information will update the current contact information we have on file for you, allowing for you to easily change your information each year so we have your most current and up to date contact info. You will also be able to edit the services and products your buffalo business offers. For example, you can list buffalo sales, meat sales, bi-product sales, processing, absentee owner programs, tours, or other. The products or services you select will be listed on our website next to your name. This is a free service we provide all of our members as a way to advertise for you. The general public can see the services you offer listed on our site and contact your business to get more information from you.

Members and non-members will also be able to register for our spring conference or fall workshop online, and again pay by credit card. This will allow for quick registration and not require our members to fill out a paper form and pay to mail it into the Association.

We are very excited for these changes. If you have any issues or ideas for further website enhancements, please contact John Graves, RMBA's President.

By-Law Wording Change

A change to the RMBA by-laws has been proposed. As stated in Article X of the by-laws "They may be amended at any properly called regular annual meeting of the Association. Amendments approved by a two-thirds vote of all active members present at the Association's annual meeting are required for adoption of any amendments to these Bylaws." The proposal for change deals with a change in membership levels. The proposal seeks to add a fifth membership level, a "joint lifetime membership level for a couple." This level will allow for a couple to join for a lifetime and have two voting rights. Below is the current wording and the proposed wording. Voting for the by-law change will take place during the general membership meeting at this year's spring confer-

ence on April 22nd.

Current Wording:

"There shall be four types of memberships, (1) regular membership for an individual, (2) joint membership for a couple, (3) lifetime membership for an individual, (4) junior membership for an individual 20 years of age or younger; all of which are involved in raising or marketing bison. Dues for membership are set annually by the Board of Directors, without amendment to these Bylaws. Dues are payable upon making application for membership and in subsequent years dues are payable on January 1. Each regular and lifetime member is entitled to one vote; joint members are entitled two votes. Junior members do not have voting privileges. An active member will be considered in good standing upon receipt of their annual dues. Proxy voting is not allowed."

Proposed Wording:

"There shall be five types of memberships, (1) regular membership for an individual, (2) joint membership for a couple, (3) lifetime membership for an individual, (4) joint lifetime membership for a couple, (5) junior membership for an individual 20 years of age or younger; all of which are involved in raising or marketing bison. Dues for membership are set annually by the Board of Directors, without amendment to these Bylaws. Dues are payable upon making application for membership and in subsequent years dues are payable on January 1. Each regular and lifetime member is entitled to one vote; joint members are entitled two votes. Junior members do not have voting privileges. An active member will be considered in good standing upon receipt of their annual dues. Proxy voting is not allowed."

Fall Workshop, *cont.*



cars on their sides serving as a sufficient low maintenance set of corals. In the early 1970's when Interstate 70 was being built, it went directly through a wrecking yard at



Bovina, Colorado. Needing to remove the old vehicles, Jacki's dad pushed, pulled and dragged over 225 cars to build two car corals in two different pastures.

After many pictures and questions as to how we worked the animals with this set up, we went out to the pasture to view the buffalo.

With above average rainfall the grass was still in great condition, for late August, and the buffalo were also in good condition.



After concluding remarks, we all hopped back in our vehicles and drove 30 miles to Prairie Ridge Buffalo Ranch, to eat supper and socialize.

Part 2 - Prairie Ridge Buffalo Ranch

By Ray & Debbie Thieman

Prairie Ridge Buffalo Ranch co-hosted the RMBA Fall Ranch Visit this past summer with Heart Rock Bison and Sun Bison Ranch. Our part began on Friday evening with a social hour followed by a barbeque. We had decided to make this an outside event with a real country ranch experience. Choosing a spot away from the house

and under the trees seemed just the right atmosphere in which to entertain our guests.



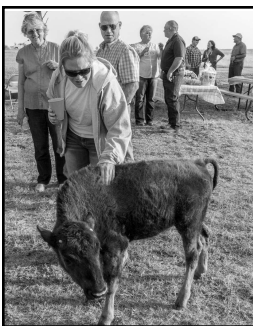
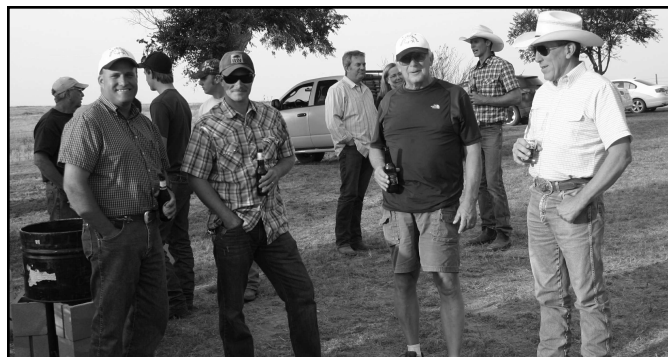
Roxie, our bottle calf, roamed among the group and often demanded attention by anyone that would scratch her.



Our good friend and local vocalist entertained the group while everyone enjoyed visiting and catching up on the latest bison news.



The Higgins' family donated their homegrown corn for the meal and had everyone shucking corn. FFA members brought their large meat grill to the ranch, where they barbequed ribeye steaks to perfection for us. Everyone sat down at the covered picnic tables and enjoyed a great meal.



Sitting around a bonfire, roasting marshmallows, sharing information about a possible co-op, and visiting topped off the evening.



Saturday morning began with our attendees touring our Limon bison feed lot. Ray talked about our feeding program and the animals we had at our Limon ranch.

Later in the morning, we all drove 30 miles to our

newest ranch addition. Ray showed how he planned and set up the handling facilities and pastures there, and how he used portable panels when needed.



Everyone truck-pooled as we drove out in the pasture to visit the bison herd.



Part 3 - Sunrise Ranch

By Kyle Stodola

We at Sunrise Bison Ranch were very excited to have everybody come out for the fall workshop. We are a new operation, recently starting to raise Bison and were in the cleaning up stages from a tornado earlier that year. The tour was great. We had a good time talking to old friends and

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Fall Tour, *cont.*

making new friends during the fall workshop. We also wanted to say a big THANK YOU to RMBA for the help with the tornado cleanup and rebuilding. We look forward to the upcoming year and to see everybody at the spring conference.

After the bison tour, the group trav-

eled to a local café. The hungry crowd enjoyed a barbecued buffalo burger lunch with all the trimmings.

The RMBA Fall Ranch Tour ended after lunch with folks expressing how they enjoyed the variety the three hosting ranches provided this year.

Photos courtesy of Greg Nott and Laurie Dineen



NBA Update

Bet on Bison

by Debbie Thieman

The National Bison Winter Conference was held January 20th-23rd, 2016, in Denver, Colorado. Over 400 participants joined the conference at various times during the three days. "Bet on Bison" was the theme this year.

The conference began on Wednesday with a kickoff luncheon and a beautiful salute to Canada and the United States. A guest vocalist opened the session by singing, "O Canada" and "God Bless America" as the audience sat enthralled with the inspiring tribute to both countries. Next, Sergeant Major Dale Veneklasen Command Sergeant Major (Rtd.), Buffalo Soldiers Unit, United States Army spoke on his life experiences with this impressive unit. Committees met, the tradeshow opened, market opportunities in the United States and abroad were discussed, and the USDA Food Purchase Program was shared. In the yards, students from FFA organizations were participating in the Junior Judging Contest. Later in the afternoon, Dawn Williams, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, gave a presentation about the "Export Market for Bison." The day culminated with an evening spent at the Foundation Welcome Reception along with lots of visiting among bison producers.

Thursday morning continued to capture the interest of the conference goers. The following presentations were given: Waters of the United States, Buffalo Mentorship, a Canadian Bison Association report,

and Bison Networking. Topics during the afternoon included: Bison Production in an Imperfect World, Everything You Wanted to Know about M Bovis in Bison, but were afraid to ask, and a Bison 2014 - Report of USDA's Epidemiological Study. Then, John Graves and the CU Ralphie Runners shared their experiences during a video and question and answer period about "Running with Buffalo - Bison as College Mascots." The West Texas A & M Herdsman also participated in this session. It seemed to be the most exciting topic of the afternoon. A benefit auction dinner was held during the evening.

The Friday morning session included the general business meeting and a yearly update given by our NBA Executive Director, Dave Carter. The NWSS visit was next on the agenda where bison were viewed. The stockyards buffaloeroes also discussed handling bison, followed by a question and answer time. A delicious bison ribeye steak dinner was served during the GTSS Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Ted Turner was presented "Bison Member of the Year" and expressions of gratitude were given to Mr. Turner for all he has done to promote the bison industry.

Saturday morning began with the judges' comments for the participants of the carcass contest. Then, a large crowd gathered for the GTSS Market Class and live animal auction.

All in all, the well planned NBA Winter Conference was a fun and enjoyable event. The three days provided a wealth of bison knowledge to return home with and new bison friends to contact. I am already looking forward to attending the conference during January 2017!



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The Next Chapter ...

By Greg Nott

It was a sunny and cool Sunday afternoon in May of 2012 that possibly our biggest epic moment occurred. Along with both of my sons, Graham and Andrew, I was helping a friend move to Cheyenne, Wyoming. My wife, Tami, was driving up from Longmont to pick us up and as she drove north on I-25 she saw the great herd of buffalo on the Terry Bison Ranch. She was overwhelmed with emotion as something deep within her heart stirred. Her response was "Really God? You want us to do buffalo? Really?"

When she arrived I could tell she was excited about something but I was intent on finishing the task at hand and getting home since I had to go on call early the next morning. In the back of a moving truck surrounded by boxes she said, "I want Buffalo! I just saw the buffalo along the highway and I want buffalo!" My first thought was "Who are you and what have you done with my wife!" This is by far the craziest idea I had ever heard her come up with. I'm an IT guy and a city kid, what on Earth would I do with buffalo. Besides, she was the one that had grown up on a large farm in Indiana and insisted she would never marry a farmer.

A few months had past when she announced that there was a local buffalo association (RMBA) that was

getting away for the weekend sounded good so off we went. I will never forget that Saturday that we spent on the Eagles Wing Ranch. It was there that we met an amazing animal and the people, they were no less amazing. As we prepared to leave that afternoon Jim Beauprez shook my hand and asked, "Well, are you going to do this?" I kind of fumbled for words and came up some sort of non-committal answer. But his question has haunted me until now.



We spent the next few years trying to figure out how we could enter the buffalo business. We visited other ranchers and the dream kept growing but there were many challenges that we had to overcome. I struggled with an unknown illness for four months that nearly took my life. This culminated with an emergency open-heart surgery and valve replacement. A year later I had surgery and a partial face-lift for skin cancer. (That's why I'm so cute!) And then another year later my youngest son was in a rollover accident that nearly took his life. But we kept pressing on, taking little steps toward our God-given dream of being buffalo ranchers.

Last fall we sold our house in the suburbs and bought some land. Before we were settled in I was laid off from my IT job and found myself with time to prepare for animals. Tom and April Chaffin were very helpful and paid us a visit the Saturday before the 2016 NBA Winter Conference. They generously shared their experience and offered advice but also said we were ready for a few animals. This heightened our anticipation of attending the con-



ference and sale.

Realizing how little we know we attended every session trying to absorb all the knowledge we can. But it's the relationships that make these events truly invaluable. This was the third year we had attended the Gold Trophy Show and Sale. It is big and loud and things happen very fast. With a lot of advice and coaching from Boyd Meyer we purchased our first animals that Saturday. I had to pinch myself when the auctioneer announced "Sold!" I just bought my first five buffalo!



We are only a few pages into this next chapter but life is pretty good. The girls are adapting well to their new surroundings here at the Memphis Buffalo Ranch. They seem happy to see us when we show up at the corral with fresh hay. My youngest son is recovering well and is starting back to work. Four years ago I didn't know what a t-post was and now my oldest son and I are discovering the joys of fencing. My wife and I are approaching our 25th year together and are excited to see what the next 25 years will bring.



Tami and Greg with Larry Higgins at 2012 RMBA Fall Ranch Tour learning about the buffalo business.

having some sort of meeting in Walden and we should go. I wasn't too sure we would be accepted but



HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY RMBA

By Dave Hayes and Patty Smith

Yes, it has been twenty years... On Saturday, April 27, 1996 at the Red Lion Inn in Denver an informal meeting was held to discuss the future of organizing a state or regional association for bison owners, marketers, and those with any related interest to bison. The meeting was organized and facilitated by Merle Maass.

Present at that meeting were Julie Littlefield, Rusty Seedig, Patty Smith, Dennis Shaydak, Paul Powers, Paul Lyman, Richard and Joan Stapp, Anthony Detomasi, Lenny Detomasi, Del Hensel, Dave Whittlesey, Bob Dineen, Orrie Klassen, Bill Rogers, John Gottlieb, Janet Maass, John Painter, Kent and Barbara Caudell, Dave Hayes, Mitch Larsson, Mike and Sharon Clark, Phil and Janet McCoy, Merle and Susan Maass, Klaus Neuschaefer, Hilda Thomas, Vern Jackson, Brian Ward, Bill and Cam Homeyer, Paul Jonjak, and Patrick Couch.

It was the consensus of those in attendance that the first formal organizational meeting of the Colorado Bison Association would be held on Saturday, June 29, 1996 to choose a constitution and by-laws, elect a president, officers, and a board of directors, select meeting dates and sites, state the general purpose of the organization, and determine a dues schedule and amount.

At that meeting, Merle Maass was elected president, Bill Rogers as vice president and Patty Smith as Secretary/Treasurer. Directors were Dan Martin, Brian Ward, Barbara Caudill, and John Painter.

The general purpose of the Colorado Bison Association was to promote and preserve bison through education, research, and marketing.

And so that is how it began. . .

Much has happened over the past 20 years. And the members of RMBA have kept busy. We have had an annual general membership meeting each spring and hosted Ranch Workshops each fall. In 2004 we decided to change the name to the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association to better reflect the membership. (We are still Colorado Bison Association doing business as Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association.) This same year, the Peak to Peak Show and Sale began its run at National Western Complex in March for 10 years and then in 2013, the board chose not to continue the sale due to lack of participation and workload for the few volunteers, but agreed to reconsider if the membership felt it was needed.

Among other promotions, we have worked with the Colorado State FFA promoting the bison industry and bison meat, have had a presence at the Colorado State Fair promoting our industry and had a booth at the NWSS for several years. In addition we have provided bison meat for var-

ious organizations and sponsored 2nd place in the NBA Junior Judging.

A HUGE Thanks goes out to those that have given their time and talents to serve as Presidents: Merle Maass, Bill Rogers, Bob Dineen, Roy Rozell, Marlene Groves, Katherine Jonjak, Dave Hayes, Larry Higgins and currently John Graves. You have all led us well!

And to all that have served as directors and committee chair persons in our 20 years deserve all our thanks as well as those dedicated and hardworking volunteers who have given so much time - some of them for all of our 20 years! Without these people, RMBA couldn't have been as great as it has been.

We have such a great and dedicated membership, that it will be fun to see where the next 20 years takes us!

To our Host ranches for our fall ranch workshops, we would like to recognize each one and say thanks for opening up your ranch and sharing it with so many of us in the bison industry.

- 1996 Diamond Tail - Mike & Renee Duncan
- 1997 Cerro San Cristobal Ranch - John Painter
- 1998 Hotchkiss -Scenic Mesa - Julie Littlefield
- 1999 Middle Creek Ranch- Roy & Donna Rozell
- 2000 Buffalo Wilds, Silver Ridge Bison Rawhide Energy Chaffin, DeTomas
- 2001 KB Crescent Ranch - Kent & Barbara Caudill
- 2002 High Wire Ranch - Dave & Sue Whittlesey
- 2003 Terry Bison Ranch - Ron & Janice Thiel
- 2004 Prairie Ridge - Ray & DebbieThieman
- 2005 Medano-Zapata Ranch
- 2006 Vermejo Park Ranch
- 2007 Buffalo Groves - Dave & Marlene Groves
- 2008 Red Canyon Ranch - Michael & Kathy Gear
- 2009 Gold Rush-Bison Advantage - Cold Creek Bison/Terry Bison Ranch
- 2010 Sweetwater Bison - Bill & Kathy Rogers
- 2011 Rocky Mtn. Natural Meats and Rocky Mtn. Arsenal
- 2012 Eagle's Wing Ranch - Bob, Claudia and Jim Beauprez
- 2013 Denver Mtn. Parks - Genesee and Daniels Park
- 2014 Blue Valley Ranch - Josh Richert, Mgr.
- 2015 Heart Rock Bison, Prairie Ridge, Sunrise Ranch - Higgins, Thieman, Stodola

Over these 20 years, we've seen ups and downs and ups again in the bison industry. As a membership organization, the association is made by the members - so - pat yourselves on the back - it's been a great 20 years!

We hope you all will plan to attend the 2016 Peak to Peak Spring Conference in Loveland, Colorado to help us celebrate the past 20 years and continue to work toward the many more great years yet to come!

RMBA Peak to Peak Spring Conference



Celebrating 20 Years



**We have a great line up on guest presentations
and social activities to celebrate
20 years of the RMBA!
We hope you all will plan to attend!**

**Don't Forget to Bring your Fun Auction Items!
Support the RMBA!**



The annual Fun Auction is a great way to have fun while making money for the association so that we can continue our mission to help in the marketing, promotion and research of the bison industry that we all love so dearly!

Don't forget to bring items to our 2016 Spring Conference for this very fun event! If it has to do with Buffalo - you can bet someone will want to bid on it and take it home!

The continued support from all our members and businesses alike have helped us in raising money every year so we can continue to do our part to help our members and our industry.

If you can't make it to the conference, send an item or 2 along with someone that is going. It all helps and we all have tons of Fun - just ask Dave Carter!

PEAK TO PEAK



RMBA Spring Meeting and Conference April 8 & 9, 2016

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Plan to attend the RMBA Spring Meeting and Conference! The Embassy Suites and the city of Loveland offer a great venue for fellowship and fun making it the perfect destination for the weekend. The RMBA Board has planned a great agenda packed full of information for both the "old timer" and "new producer" alike. Make your reservations today!

Schedule of Events at the Embassy Suites

Friday, April 8

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Board Meeting - Pinyon Pine Room

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - General Business Meeting & Elections

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Social Hour (cash bar and Hors D'oeuvres) River Birch B Room

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Banquet (Buffalo Prime Rib), Fun Auction, and RMBA 20 yr. Anniversary Celebration

Don't forget to bring a Fun Auction item!

And if you can't make it to the banquet, send an item with a friend!

We would like to encourage everyone to bring something and buy something at the fun auction. The Fun Auction along with membership dues, helps to raise money so that we can continue to promote the Bison Industry throughout the year. We appreciate your support and know you will have a great time at our conference!

Thank you,
RMBA Board of Directors

Saturday, April 9 - River Birch A Room

6:00 am - 8:00 am - Breakfast buffet at hotel (included with your room reservation)

8:15 am - 8:30 am - Conference registration

8:30 am - 10:30 am - Holistic Management - Roland Kroos

10:30 am - 10:45 am - Break

10:45 am - 11:45 am - Inside the Colorado State University Buffalo Herd - Jennifer Barfield

12:00 am - 1:00 pm - Lunch (Buffalo Burger Buffet)

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm - Nationwide Insurance Presentation

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm - General Buffalo Information Panel

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