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## THE GREEN RIVER RENDEZVOUS

Out in the Far West where three great river systems find their source, lies the Land of the Rendezvous. In the early days these streams and the surrounding mountains abounded in valuable fur bearing animals. The large British fur companies had found this area at the turn of the 19th Century, and in a short while enterprising Americans seeking furs came into conflict with the British interests in the West.

These trappers and adventurers were hardly into the Wilderness when churchmen and missionaries were with him carrying the word of God and the American flag into a land that was still to be acquired by the United States. Sublette County at this time was the extreme southeast corner of the Oregon Territory. Here the mighty Green River, queen of all the beaver waters, was a Mecca for trappers and Indians.

A short survey of the fur trade in the Rocky Mountains reveals that trappers had covered the West from what is now Mexico to Canada and from the Mississippi to the Pacific in a short period of 16 years. Beginning with Colter, in 1807, Hoback, Reznor, Robinson, Hunt, Lewis and Clark, and Robert Stuart, followed by William Ashley (who originated the Rendezvous), brought together what can be considered the greatest group of continental explorers ever to assemble in any one place. Such men such as Smith, Bridger, Carson, Meeks, Prevost, Bonneville, Fontenelle, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fraeb, Gervais, and many other too numerous to mention.

Intermingling with these were the missionaries such as Lee, Parker, Spaulding, Whitman and DeSmet. From the far reaches of the wild country, trappers and Indians congregated at Rendezvous on the banks of the Green River to trade their catches of the past winter season for supplies, and to discuss their findings and wanderings. Pausing at this spot in 1836, were Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Spaulding

who crossed the continent with their husbands to establish a mission in Oregon. They were the first white women to blaze the way for the thousands to follow their brave example.



The Rendezvous assemblage num-

bered in the thousands. Six of these great gatherings were held in Sublette County. They occurred in the years: 1832, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1839, and 1840. No official representative of any government is known to have taken part in these earliest explorations. It was the fur industry, the trapper, and the missionary that opened the gates of the west. Their hardship have never been surpassed and their courage and fortitude seldom equaled.

It is the aim of the Green River Rendezvous Pageant Association to perpetuate this important period of American history so vital to the development of the West by reenacting annually in pageant form some historical incidents from that distant day.

To all those who made their Rendezvous in Sublette County, we of today gather to honor them by commemorating those occasions of over one hundred years ago. Tread gently, for you walk upon hallowed ground.



**SCENE 1**

A Prelude to History  
Opening Ceremonies  
The Astorians  
Pipe Lighting Ceremony

**SCENE 2**

Fort Bonneville  
Arrival of the Free Trappers  
The Mountain Men  
Antelope Soldiers & The Shoshones

**SCENE 3**

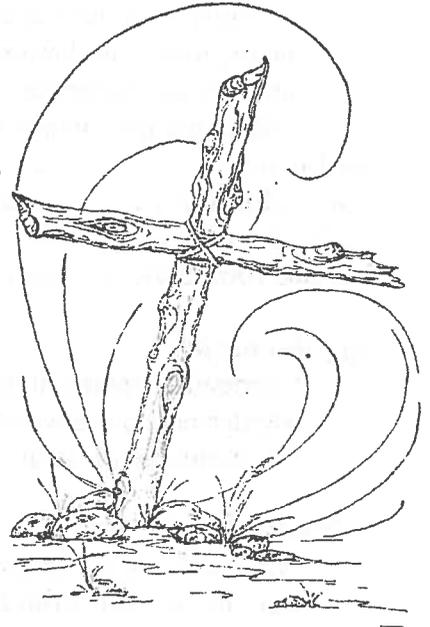
Trapper's Bride  
Bonneville vs. Chief Horse Race  
Indian Dances  
Father Pierre Jean DeSmet  
The American Fur Company  
Rocky Mountain Fur Company

**SCENE 4**

The Dude  
Pony Dance  
The Protestant Missionaries

**SCENE 5**

History on Parade



## CAST OF CHARACTERS

**John Hoback .....Eric Schneider**

A Kentuckian and explorer who was the guide for Wilson P. Hunt and the Astorians.

**Jacob Reznor .....Jake Brunette**

Also from Kentucky, he assisted Hoback and Robinson in guiding the Astorians through the Green River Valley and beyond.

**Edward Robinson .....Tyler Wilson**

He, John Hoback, and Jacob Reznor, employees of John Jacob Astor Fur Company, led the group called the Astorians across the Bighorn Mountains using Powder River Pass as the means of passage.

**Wilson Price Hunt .....Eric Maichak**

He named the Hoback River to honor his guide, John Hoback, who led them down this tributary to the Snake River into Jackson Hole.

**Pierre Dorion .....Adam Eatinger**

Considered "a shrewd, hard-twisted, semiliterate half-breed," he lived intermittently with the Yankton Sioux Indians for 20 years prior to the arrival of the explorers. In dire need of a Sioux interpreter, the Americans paid Dorion not only an interpreter's salary, but also purchased from him 300 pounds of buffalo grease, "which we use to repel insects."

**Aioe Dorion ..... Gerda Dickinson**

**Dorion Children .....Ian and Ira Dickinson**

**Old Man Indian.....Clete Lamere**

**Capt. Bonneville .....Mark Eatinger**

Bonneville's place in history is that of an explorer as well as a fur trader. His wanderings in the wilderness gratified his curiosity and his susceptibility to the grand and the beautiful.

**Joe Walker .....Van Huffman**

Walker was a member of the Bonneville and Fremont Expeditions and was also the first sheriff in Independence, Missouri.

**Moses "Black" Harris .....Ty Huffman**

An early Black mountain man who is credited as assisting in the location of the site for Fort Laramie and for helping in its original construction.

**Harris' Bride .....Jane Thompson**

**Jim Bridger .....Jon Mickelson**

The "Daniel Boone" of the Rockies, a graduate from the school of the mountains and without parallel as a superb scout and guide.

**William Sublette .....Bernie Holz**

Best known of five brothers, a sound trader, and fearless mountain man. Sublette County is named for the Sublette Brothers.

**Kit Carson .....Eric Schneider**

A rare combination of dauntless courage, true nobility of mind and generous impulse, tempered with discretion and sound sense.

**Jedediah Smith .....Dan Stroud**

He was a tall, silent man and never used tobacco or profanity. He was the most famous of all "Mountain Men".

**Joe Meek .....Dave Vlcek**

He attended his first Rendezvous, at the age of 19, near present day Lander.

### **The Shoshones:**

In general, these were stout, well formed, active men. They were cheerful, and fond of gambling and amusement. They were also expert marksmen and good riders. Their squaws were said to be excellent housekeepers and mothers.

**Antelope Soldiers .....Sandy Kirkpatrick, Ken Marincic, Casey Marincic, Christi Krause**

**Ma-Wo-Ma .....Tim Thompson**

**Quinton Quay .....Shane Costello**

**Wadze Weepay .....Meghann Durbrow**

**Sweetgrass Woman .....Hailey Kogianes**

**Chief Race .....Lisanne Fear & Jesse Early**

**Father DeSmet .....Steven Pape**

All spoke of him as possessing glamorous and genial qualities. Some regret that he gave himself up to the missionary cause, claiming that in other walks of life he would have become a giant among men.

**Andrew Dripps .....Kent Cluck**

A man of unbounded energy, fearless. He was practical and intolerant of opposition. His ambition was to monopolize the fur trade regardless of cost.

**Tom Fitzpatrick .....Grant Golden**

A famous mountain man and partner of Sublette. He was willful, bold and daring.

**Sir William Drummond Stewart .....Jared Rogerson**

A martinet and one with a temper. Competent, meticulous, and exacting, hunting and fishing his reason for coming to the west.

**Antoine Clement .....RJ Thompson**

He was a famous hunter and Stewart's head man.

**Lucien Fontenelle .....Dennis Fornstrom**

He is a shadowed man, this Fontenelle, and legends have gathered around his name. He was of noble French blood, some say of Royal blood.

**WAGON TEAMS AND DRIVERS**

Pole Creek Ranch ..... Dexter Smith  
Tom Worden..... James Rogers  
Malkowski ..... Leslie Kraft  
Malkowski ..... Morgan Malkowski  
John Wayne Gillette.....John Wayne Gillette  
Don & Julie Wortham.....Jim Malkowski

**PONY DANCERS**

Megan Grassell      Lianne Fear  
Shawn Butner      Kody Williams  
Jesse Early      Cassidy Williams  
Tanner Butner      Amber Robinson  
Maddie Morones      Heather Grossman  
Devan Lamere

**Marcus Whitman .....Festus Krause**

The story of Marcus Whitman has been told but the influence of this man on western civilization can never be underestimated.

**Narcissa Whitman ..... Kendall Brunette**

Men always remembered her beautiful face and her red-gold hair, and thought she was dedicated to God's service. She was charged with a magnetism whose nature no one could mistake.

**Henry Spalding ..... Jeff Lux**

Though harrowed by humiliation and intolerance, he proved to be the best of them all in the frustrating task of understanding the Indians.

**Eliza Spalding .....Jennifer Rogerson**

Truly a God-fearing woman, courageous and reverent.

**Interpreter ..... Jeanne Raney**

**Alfred Jacob Miller ..... Preston Goulette**

Miller, a professional artist trained at the *Ecole des Beaux Arts* in Paris, originally from Baltimore, accompanied Captain Sir William Drummond Stewart on his trip to the 1837 Rendezvous where he sketched Bridger, depicting him drunk, and riding around the Rendezvous.

**TRAPPER CAMP**

Van Huffman	Dyson Winters	Rifle Jack
Mark Eatinger	Ty Huffman	Adam Eatinger
Tyler Wilson	Mike Schwab	Jake Jako
Jon Mickelson	Tim Houghton	Kent Cluck
Grant Golden	Bernie Holz	Preston Goulette
Jake Brunette	Helen Anderson	Matt Lipinski
Eric Schneider	Dennis Fornstrom	Dave Vlcek
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Andrew McGuire	Rex Dohrman	Aaron Belton
Eric Maichak	Lars Andersom	Rick Sanders
Wayne Hartman	Dan Stroud	

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Shane, Michele, Jordan,  
Tayln & Braxton Costello  
Sharon , Olivia & Mitch Pape  
Bryanne Matthews  
Gerda, Kate, Ian & Ira Dickinson  
Laurie, Clete & Deven Lamere  
Julie, Shaina & Becca Belton  
Tim, R.J. & Amanda Thompson  
Jayne Thompson  
Des Brunette  
Mary Anne Menster  
Janet Goulette  
Sandy Kirkpatrick  
Mic Butner  
Phylis Stevens  
Bredan Baccum  
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Therese Hartman  
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Trevor & Bailee Pitt  
Casey & Ken Marincic  
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Dorothy Fornstrom  
Peggy Bryant  
Grady, & Kade Winters  
Amber Stephens  
Mathew Hosler  
Tina Marincic  
Meghann Durbrow  
Kate & Zoe Belinda  
Chase Carson  
Rachel Rima  
Sara & Emily Diblasi  
Brooke Belford  
Angie Puch  
Jordan Kirkpatrick  
Katie Nenna  
Johnathan Cook  
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