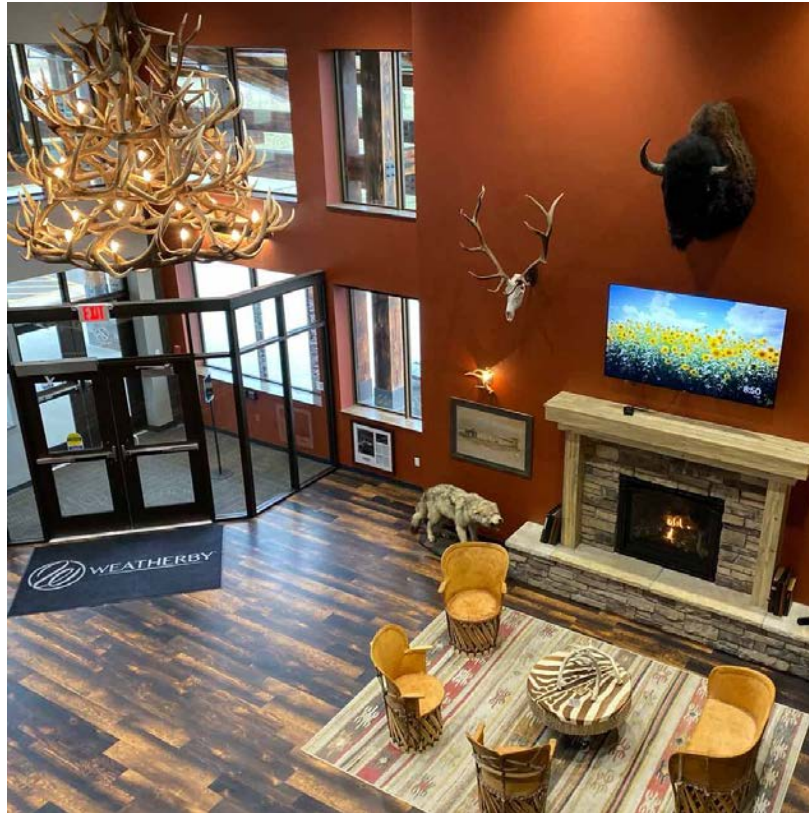




Your Summer Fun Organizer in Chuck Yeager's P51

My dear Weatherby Collector Friends;

Let's go out and celebrate the Weatherby Collectors Associations, 30th anniversary, shall we??!! (I'm well aware that this is our 31st year but, 2020 doesn't count!!) We have been cooped up long enough, so let's get out and stretch our legs and trigger fingers. As Horace Greeley famously said, "Go west young man" and so, this year for our convention, we are headed to the Old West, which is east, for some of us. Let's go to the great community of Cody, Wyoming where the temperature is always nice in the summer and zero humidity. The natives are friendly and they mean it! Wyoming has just passed a law honoring the second amendment, so our firearms are very welcome! Cody is a wonderful community where we celebrated our 25th anniversary and we all had so much fun that we decided to go back for our 30th!! If you get bored in Cody in the summer, there is something wrong with you!! Since we didn't get together in 2020, this year's event is going to be a little longer and more involved.



Weatherby's Reception Area

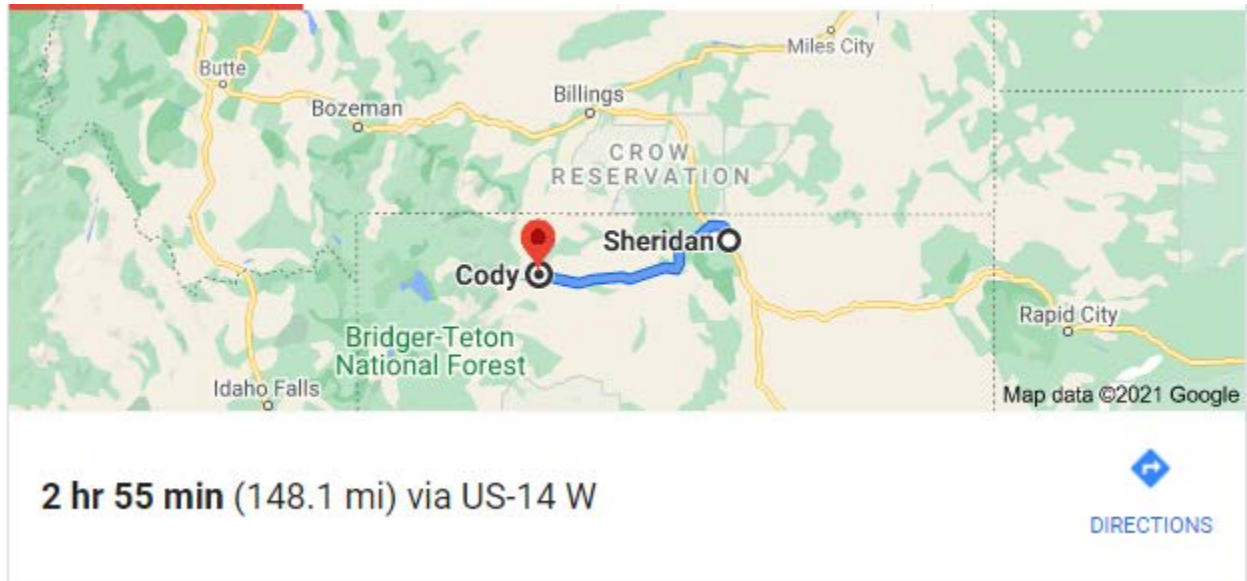


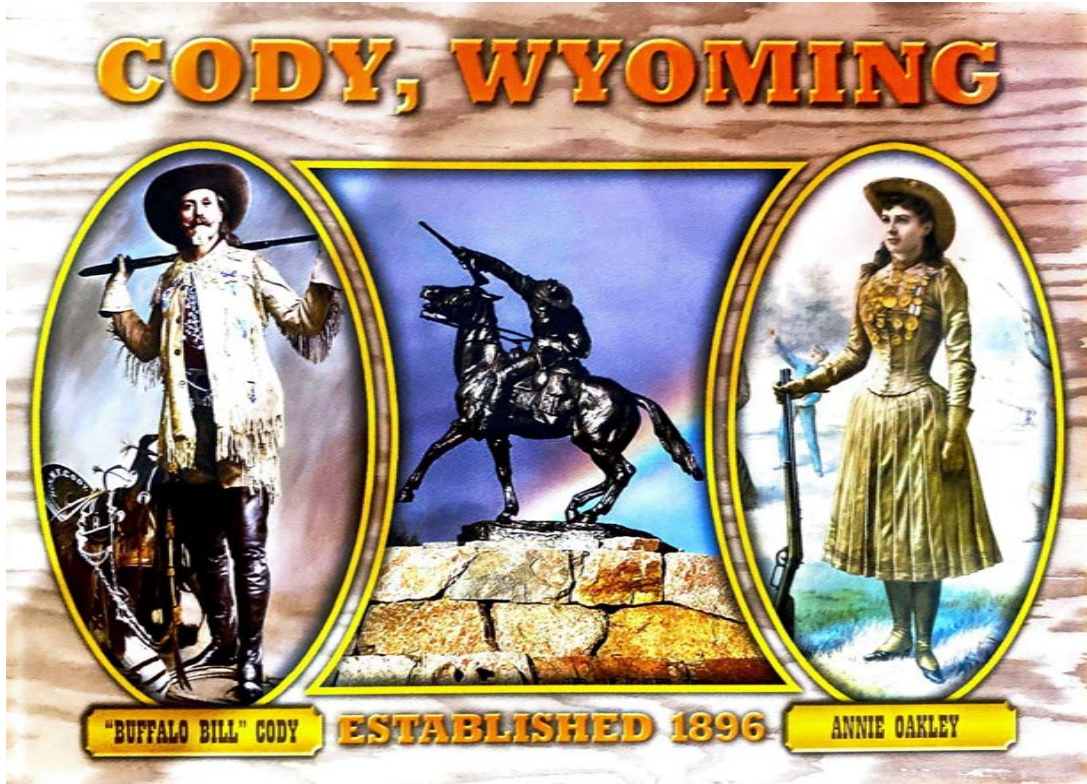


Recognize anything in this picture?

So, here's the plan: Since Weatherby Inc. has moved to Sheridan, Wyoming, that is where this "Hootenanny" will commence. Please arrive in Sheridan on the 14th of July and check into your hotel. We will be planning a dinner together that evening at 6:00p.m. and we will invite Adam and Brenda Weatherby to be our guests that night and we will also invite them to be our guests at lunch the next day, hoping that their schedules will allow them to join us, at one or another of our meals in Sheridan. Things really get underway the next morning, July the 15th at 9:30a.m. at the Weatherby headquarters: 1550 Yellowtail Drive, Sheridan, Wyoming, 82801. Our President, John Duffy, has been in touch with Weatherby Incorporated and they promise us an interesting visit to their world headquarters!! We will have a light and fast lunch and then drive to Cody, where the rest of our activities will take place. At 5:30p.m. we will meet at the Irma Hotel for Prime Rib dinner and then we will walk out the back door and be entertained by the world class western singing and music stylings of Dan Miller and his

very talented crew. This is a highlight of the trip and should NOT be missed!! Sleep fast!







This bar was a gift from Queen Victoria to Buffalo Bill. If you are a breakfast eater, this is a great spot for breakfast every morning.



The very talented Dan Miller and crew.

On Friday the 16th of July, we will gather at 10am and take the trolley tour of Cody. This is one of the most important things that one can do and one of the most interesting. This tour will provide you with great history and perspective on the town and surrounding community. It is possibly the most interesting hour that you will spend in Cody, orienting you to everything. We will have a light lunch together and then head over to our world class museum, The Buffalo Bill Center of the West where you will be my guest. This museum is a Smithsonian class museum and a Smithsonian affiliate. It not only houses the collections of Buffalo Bill Cody who, in his day was the most famous man in the world, the Michael Jackson of his day, if you will, but also Annie Oakley's collections as well. Within our museum complex is the Draper Museum of Natural History, telling the story of the Yellowstone Ecosystem. We have the Plains Indian Museum, the Whitney Museum of Western Art (originally endowed by Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney) and then of course, the Cody Firearms Museum, which houses the finest firearms collection in the world. We will have a private tour of this museum. We also have a research library downstairs, there is little chance of you getting bored in our museum!! If you were to properly go through our museum, it would take you at least two days!! By the way, since any of you have been there last, we removed all the firearms and we did a 12.9-million-dollar



Cody Firearms Museum after the makeover.

re-installation, so you are in for a real treat, as well! Your admission will be good for the entire time that you are in Cody on this trip and you may even be inspired to become a member yourself.??!! After that, everyone is free to wander the greater museum and go shopping or nap until dinner at the Cody SteakHouse. At 8p.m. we will enjoy the world famous Cody Night Rodeo!! Sleep Fast!



On Saturday the 17th, 8:15a.m., board members will gather in the boardroom at the museum for our annual "set to". This will be followed by our public member meeting, at 10:30a.m. where we also have an election. Then, the "new" board convenes for a very short meeting after that. Our annual banquet is at 6:00p.m., in the museum. We will have a tenderloin dinner with all the trimmings. I have asked Jeremy Johnston, PhD., who was the curator of our Buffalo Bill museum to speak to us about Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley and the Big Horn basin. This will be very educational. Sleep fast!



Sunday Morning at 10:00a.m., we will meet at the Cody Shooting Complex for some very fun and challenging sporting clays shooting. We will shoot 100 rounds. Please remember to bring a shotgun and some shells as the chances of finding any ammunition in Cody, let alone, the shotgun shells that you want to shoot are slim to none and "Slim", left town.!! We will have lunch together in Cody before saying "Happy Trails to you, until we meet again". Folks are welcome to hang out and enjoy Cody or move on and enjoy everything else that wonderful Wyoming has to offer, on your Rockies Summer family vacation. Have I forgotten anything.??!!



Shooting in the shadow of Heart Mountain

Cody is just a hop, skip and a plane ride from almost anywhere. It is served by Delta Airlines via Salt Lake City and United Airlines via Denver. Driving is a little bit more of a commitment, but it is a very pleasant drive, especially if you combine it with Yellowstone Park or other interesting things on the way. You might even want to catch a trout in one of our blue-ribbon trout rivers. The whole darned state is scenic.!! Since we will be gathering at the museum, everyone is at liberty to choose their own hotel accommodations based upon their personal taste and pocketbook. This goes for Sheridan as well. I recommend using Priceline or Kayak or whatever online service you use to plan your travel. The four outstanding hotels in Cody are: The Cody, The Best Western Ivy (owned by Buffalo Bills descendants), the new Hampton Inn and the very "Boutiquey" Chamberlin Inn. You will be very comfortable in any of these hotels. The Holiday Inn is very nice, as well.



The Cody Hotel Lobby

While you are in the vicinity, please consider planning your summer vacation around this trip to Cody. There is soooooooooo much to do in the area and you might as well do it all and see it all. Who knows what pandemic might come along next.??!! On a pandemic related subject, at this moment, please plan on supplying your own shotgun shells as I just left Cody and there is no ammunition available in town or at the gun club. Perhaps if one person is driving and some are flying, someone can "mule" guns and

ammo out and back for those who are flying.? I will be working on this ammo problem, in the meantime, just a "heads up" for now.



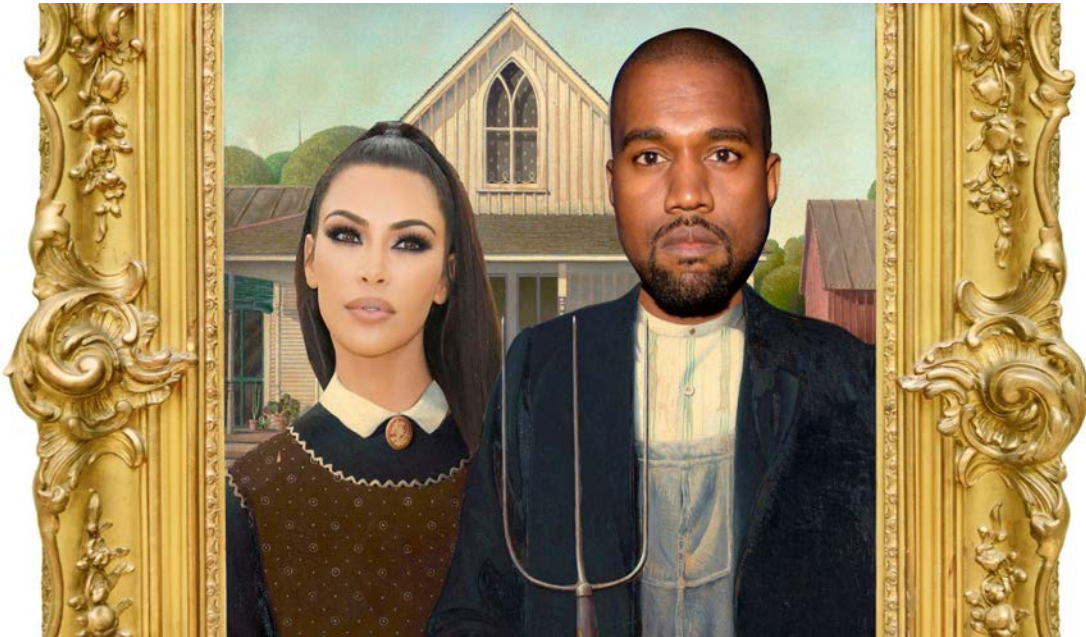
Old Trail Town where Jerimiah (Liver-Eating) Johnson is buried and there is a cabin here that Butch and Sundance used at hole-in-the-wall!



Did Weatherby ever build a Gatling gun?!



If you like to fish, you'll be surrounded by Blue Ribbon Trout rivers.



Cody Gothic?? One of Cody's newest residents and his soon to be ex-wife.

You know, Woody Allen once said, "85% of life is just showing up"! I have found this to be quite true and after the year that we have all just spent in quarantine, if you will just, please show up, I and the people of Cody Wyoming will see that you have a lot of western hospitality and a darned good time.!!



You'll never know what suspects you'll run into in Cody. United States Senator Retired, Alan K Simpson.

Godspeed and hope to see you all in Cody.

Cheers and my very best to you and your loved ones.

Sean Duffy

Things to do in the Cody Area:

<https://www.codyyellowstone.org/see-do/>