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Old Faithful Lodge

1965-1969 (Maid, Hostess, Head Hostess, Front Desk Supervisor, Recreational Director)
1966 (Windy Hill Singer from Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota)
Recorded album in Denver, Colorado, courtesy of Yellowstone National Park

The minute that I heard that there was a Yellowstone reunion in 2013, I started working to find some of my Savage friends from the 1960s. One of the first Savages found was Jeff Bogue who, like me, spent many summers at the Lodge during the 1960s.

Next, we found Jane Germany, an old girlfriend of Jeff's and my roomie in 1969.

From there we found Jenny Grissom, who was crowned Miss Old Faithful and then Miss Yellowstone. For those of you who do not remember her funny skit about being a front desk cruiser, we still hope to find some paperwork on that one for our reunion. A little trivia is that her Miss Yellowstone crown was stolen so if you look at the newspaper clipping from the Yellowstone Cub, you will see that they made her crown out of tin foil that year.

Jeff, Jane and I have decided to try and find a little Yellowstone gift from the 1960s to exchange with each other at the July reunion. Jeff is also working on a booklet of stories and pictures to share with us about our great times in Yellowstone, but not for publication, he says!

Also during the 1960s, I got to know the Old Faithful Bellman, Mike, Chuck, Bill, Moon and Shelly from the Inn Dining Room. We all decided to meet at Mammoth Springs in December during the week of New Years and go snowmobiling. What a blast we had which included my brother who came along for a ride that he would never forget.

Remember your Yellowstone Savage mug, charm bracelet, employee badge, your trusty Yellowstone map or pictures of you standing by Old Faithful – bring your scrapbook of memories to the reunion so we can exchange stories and remember you through your old pictures.

Mark and I will be staying in West Yellowstone at the Grizzly RV Park from July 18-30th as we attend the Old Faithful Inn and Lodge reunions. Hope to spend a bit of time walking around the Lodge and Inn to see my old stomping grounds. Hope to make time for pizza at the Gusher as well. See you at the reunion.

Schaffler's Update of 2012

Mark and I had been doing a lot of traveling in our 40 ft RV until this past year. During a two year span, we were fortunate enough to have our first two grand babies who live in Orlando about 9 miles from us. Thus, we started a new career of babysitting and enjoying every minute of it.

The other reason we did very little traveling in 2012 was because my 96 year old father was having some health issues. During this time, we put him in an assisted living home where he is now thriving and enjoying the home and its many activities. He still continues to swim 3 days a week in a 92 degree therapy pool.

This year (2013) we will head out in the RV for the Yellowstone where we will stay for 10-14 days catching both the Old Faithful Inn and Lodge reunions. From there, we will head to Utah and Nevada to see more National Parks. Then we will head back to Minnesota where we will stay for 30 days before heading out to Indianapolis to see the RV Museum and hit a few more presidential libraries/museums that have peaked our interest since 2009. We have visited 12 libraries and we feel that President Roosevelt and Hoover's are two of the best. We are anxious to visit the Kennedy library as well. We will keep in contact with the grand kids via SKYPE!

Look forward to seeing all the Savages from past years.