



BAYOU BYLINE

Bayou Chapter, Ozark Society

November 2013



Centenary College Campus Map



Our monthly meetings are held at Mickle Hall in the Carlisle Auditorium on Centenary College campus on the first floor.

X marks the spot on the map.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (except December) Program starts at 6:30 pm. Business meeting follows.

Plan to join us after the meeting for pizza and socializing.

November Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm

In the Anderson Auditorium inside the Hurley Music School building on Centenary College campus, (located on the north side of the Library on Woodlawn street).

Program by Tim Ernst

A nationally recognized photographer of the Arkansas Wilderness.

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Got ideas for BCOS Programs? Let us know.

Some of our best programs have resulted from members suggestions.
Contact Bill Robertson, Vice-Chairman Program/Outings Coordinator.

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BCOS Planning calendar

More details will be posted on the BCOS yahoo groups list and on the BCOS Facebook page as the events approach. www.facebook.com/bayouozark

November:

12 - BCOS meeting. Tim Ernst, nationally recognized photographer and publisher of Arkansas books. Meeting will be held in the Anderson Auditorium in the Hurley Music School Building (to the north side of the library). Details page 3.

16 - Red River Cleanup. Stoner Boat Launch. 8:00am - 12:00pm. Contact Adam Willard. 318-423-1690. ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net

December:

7 - Annual Christmas "Meeting" at the Red River Wildlife Refuge. 5:00pm. As always, this is a pot luck dinner and we are hoping to have a hay ride through the Refuge. There won't be a presentation this year, but the 2014 Board will be introduced. No gifts - just your presence !

January:

1 - New Year's Day Hike at Bodcau. Cathy and John Joyce. 318-221-4441.

TBA:

Paddle at Upper Sabine River. DeBerry, TX. Cathy and John Joyce. 318-221-4441. johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net.

Hike/Float at Red River Wildlife Refuge. Jerry Bertrand. 318-347-3861. jeb1954@gmail.com.

Paddle at Dorcheat Bayou. Webster Parish, LA

Duck Pond Cleanup. Roy O'Neal. Cell: 318-272-0259. roneal2@bellsouth.net

Canoe Camping at Angilina River near Lufkin, Texas. Tom Thompson. 318-227-8399. attytomthompson@gmail.com. Night one camp at Davey Crocket National Forest. Night two camp at Martin Dies Park.

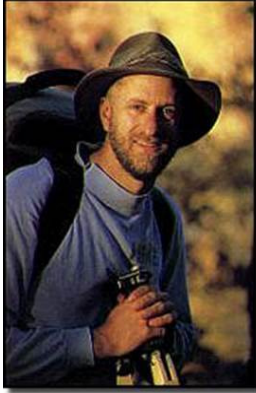


Join the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society, partnered with the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of the Arkansas Canoe Club, and Shreveport Green for the

**4TH ANNUAL RED RIVER
CLEANUP.**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

**STONER BOAT LAUNCH ON
CLYDE FANT PARKWAY
SHREVEPORT, LA**



Tim Ernst, nationally recognized photographer and publisher of Arkansas books. Meeting will be held in the Anderson Auditorium in the Hurley Music School Building (to the north side of the library).

Tim Ernst is Arkansas' Wilderness Photographer. He has been hiking, driving and crawling around the wonderful Ozark Mountains for most of his life, preserving the images he sees on film for everyone to enjoy. His photographs have appeared in hundreds of national, regional and local publications. Some of his credits include *National Geographic*, *Audubon*, *Backpacker*, *Outside*, *Outdoor Photographer*, *American Hiker*, *Natural History*, *Country*, *Chevy Outdoors*, and *Arkansas Times* magazines, Sierra Club and Hallmark calendars, National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service maps and brochures, Readers Digest Books, and **The New York Times**. Much of his time these days is spent teaching digital photography workshops in the Buffalo River wilderness.

His backpacking articles have appeared in numerous national publications, and he is the author of more than a dozen hiking trail guidebooks, including *The Ozark Highlands Trail Guide*, *Buffalo River Hiking Trails*, *Arkansas Hiking Trails* (which President Clinton wrote the foreword to), and the *Ouachita Trail Guide*. His newest guidebooks include the *Arkansas Waterfalls Guidebook*, which details more than 200 great waterfalls all over the state (published with color photos of each falls); and *Arkansas Nature Lover's Guidebook*, which details 101 great scenic locations all over the state. Tim's wife, Pam, recently completed a hiking trail guidebook of her own - along with their daughter, Amber - called *Arkansas Dayhikes for Kids and Families*, and details easy trails statewide. These books, which have already sold over 100,000 copies nationwide, have contributed to the substantial increase in out-of-state users of the Arkansas' trails system. He received over 10,000 letters and phone calls from just one article alone!

Fourteen collections of Tim's wilderness photographs have been published as coffee table picture books - *Arkansas Portfolio: Twenty Years of Wilderness Photography* (1994), *Wilderness Reflections: An Intimate Look at Wild Places in America* (1996), *Buffalo River Wilderness* (with watercolors by William McNamara, 1998), *Arkansas Spring: Dogwoods, Waterfalls and Wildflowers* (2000), *Arkansas Wilderness: My Favorite Photos from the Natural State* (2002), *Arkansas Portfolio II: Spectacular New Images from The Natural State* (2005), *Buffalo River Dreams* (2006), *Arkansas Waterfalls: Scenic Icons of the Natural State* (2007), *Arkansas Landscapes* (2008), *Arkansas Wildlife* (2009), *Arkansas Autumn* (2010), *Arkansas Portfolio III* (2011), *Arkansas Landscapes II* (2012), and Tim's newest picture book *Buffalo River Beauty* (2013). Tim is hard at work on several new Arkansas picture books that will be published in the coming years.

Tim has been writing his popular online Cloudland Cabin Journal since 1998. In more than 1,000 pages so far he details life in the wilderness, and has readers from all over the world that check in daily to see what he is up to. You can read about the adventures that go into creating his many publications, and see hundreds of great photos too. The entire first year of the Journal is available as a hardcover book - *Cloudland Journal ~ Book One*.

Each year Tim creates new slide programs of his work and tours them around the region, normally in [November and December](#). These audio-visual programs come to life with moving photos and wonderful music that you really have to experience to believe. These free programs are normally always open to the public.

<http://www.timernst.com/>

Bayou Chapter Ozark Society Minutes - 10/15/2013

By: Cathy Joyce

6:43 - Bill Robertson introduced the speaker for the night: Mr Kim Mitchell, who spoke on behalf of not routing I-49 through Allendale.

8:50 - Chairman Harvey Kennedy called the meeting to order, and welcomed new members: Dion Procell and Gary Jones.

REPORTS

Secretary:

Crystal Whitman moved to accept minutes from the September meeting as posted in the most recent newsletter. Curtis Carter seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer

: no report

Canoe & Kayak

: no report

Publicity

: There was an article in The Times today (10/15) talking about our November meeting with Tim Ernst. That meeting will be Nov 12 in the Anderson Auditorium in the Hurley Music Building on the Centenary College Campus.

Conservation

: Dick Maxwell just found out there is a problem on the West Coast around Vancouver, Canada. There is a collapse in the sardine population. Also, the starfish are turning into jelly. This may all be from the radiation from Japan's nuclear power leak. The radiation leakage cannot be stopped.

OLD BUSINESS

Someone from Centenary helped Harvey and Dick with the video/projector/computer and sound systems. Since it really is there in the meeting room, we won't have to purchase a sound system for our meetings.

Sandy Roerig had mentioned possibly meeting at the Red River Wildlife Refuge. Curtis wondered if we could meet there first, to see if we like it. Jenny said it's quite a bit further South, and not central; too far to drive. The college is central and a great place to recruit young members by just being there on campus with them. It was decided to table this discussion when Sandy could be at the meeting to present her idea and availability of the RRWR.

PAST OUTINGS

Bodcau - Wildlife & Fisheries Festival. It was a huge success, with about 277 people getting into our boats. An article was in the October newsletter. Wellborn Jack, Jr, asked about floating Bodcau Bayou, having more protection from public access, etc. He had talked with Jack Land about this at the All-Society meeting, but wanted more information.

Meat-Pie Tri

- see article in newsletter. We had five boats, and at lots of meatpies!

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Fall All-Society Meeting

- According to Jenny Hackman, "It was a great meeting that was poorly attended." Gary Hackman mentioned the big topic during the business part was the hog farming in AR, which is too close to a feeder creek to the Buffalo River. The afternoon presentations were Sandy Roerig on the Red River Wildlife Refuge; Steve Kennedy and snakes from his "Snaketuary"; and after the pot luck dinner (which, as always, had some great food!) Gary & Jenny Hackman gave a talk on orienteering. Then Sunday morning they guided eight people with compasses on the beginner's course hike.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

Oct 18-20 - Fall Family Fun Day Extravaganza - Fireside Station in Norman, AR - at Vannie and Bobbie Edwards' place. Steve Eyer - contact person.

Oct 26 - Arkansas Backpacker organization meeting - on Saline River Campground. This is a group active in trail maintenance. Everyone is welcome to go. Wellborn Jack suggested we see arkansasbackpacker.org.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party

: Brenda Miller has contacted Jack & Marsha Land about having our Christmas party at their place north of Arcadia. Jack is OK with that, and will give us a date soon.

Bayou to Bay

: Jon Soul had a teacher workshop for teachers within the Bayou Pierre watershed. He outlined the next steps the teachers would take with using this information to teach about the watershed. In February, Shreveport will host the LA Environmental Symposium - to promote sustainable and green practices. Bayou to Bay will be offering short courses at the symposium, and will need boats and safety boaters to help out. Jon would like to put Bayou to Bay under the umbrella of our Bayou Chapter Ozark Society. He will write an article for our newsletter, so we have a better understanding of what he's proposing.

Kayak & Canoe rentals: Discussion took place on several aspects of our boats.

Facts: Right now, the boats, trailer, paddles and PFDs are all at Roy O'Neal's building.

The equipment has been used ONLY once a year lately: at the Bodcau Wildlife & Fisheries Festival.

Rental fees are a la carte, making it very costly for boat, plus paddle, plus PFD.

Jenny Hackman: We don't need to charge BCOS members to rent the equipment.

Crystal Whitman: The rental fee should be ONE cost for all parts. You can't use a boat without a paddle! [And BCOS wouldn't let it out without a PFD!]

Karen Pitts: We could sell them, since we haven't had a clinic for so long now. And we should take the Instructor Development Fund and move it all back into the BCOS funds [thus doing away with raising money to help paddlers become certified instructors].

Crystal: We should keep the boats and gear if we are considering Jon's proposal to use this gear with teaching watershed, symposiums, etc.

Discussion was tabled until the January meeting.

New Officers nominated for next year:

Chairman - (still open)
Vice Chairman - George Gehrig
Secretary - Cathy Joyce
Treasurer - Crystal Whitman

Officers will be voted on in December at the Christmas party.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43.

Loop-It - Ongoing Initiative to Grow Support for Allendale

By: Cathy Joyce

Our speaker for the Oct 15, 2013, meeting was Mr. Kim Mitchell, talking about I-49 going around Shreveport instead of going through Allendale.

There is a paradigm shift on building inner city expressways. More and more cities are choosing NOT to go through inner cities with huge highway systems. Europe builds roadways just to connect cities, not go through them.

High speed limited access highways are not appropriate to inner cities. Vancouver, British Columbia, has no inner city expressways. Portland and Seattle reversed what they had started with inner city highways, successfully blocking two planned inner-city expressways.

The mayor of Milwaukee blocked a highway and tore down two others. Dallas is looking at tearing down a 40 year old elevated limited-access freeway and reclaiming it for development. St. Louis is looking to tear down I-70 to improve connectivity of the riverfront with downtown St. Louis, and possibly cutting congestion in half by looping through traffic around the city.

There used to be 25,000 people in Allendale (including Ledbetter, where now virtually no one lives). Now there are 5,500 people. Downtown Shreveport was prosperous when Allendale was prosperous. After several years of decline, the people of Allendale have come together to rebuild their neighborhood, with the help of Community Renewal, The Fuller Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity. But now they are facing another dilemma, in which they feel all alone: I-49 going through their community.

So - why are we still planning the highway the OLD way? Why would we want to spend \$500 million to benefit some people, and to destroy a neighborhood of many? And looping I-49 via Hwy 3132 and I-220 would cost NOTHING. Those highways are already built!

Suggestions: Trade the \$500 million for alternatives:

1. Reinvest in Hwy 71 as a business route
2. Build off-ramps to Barksdale from I-20
3. Extend 3132 to the Port of Shreveport

Elevated limited access expressways have helped to destroy cities. Education systems - like businesses - are no longer tied to the community. They have to fight with the growth patterns that we have now. If we build a business boulevard - maybe with "roundabouts" - then businesses would connect (or re-connect) with the economy. "Exit ramp economy" doesn't work. "Loop-It" meets at 6:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Sherry Brown's Community Renewal Friendship House.



The mission of **The Bayou to Bay Watershed Project** is *to connect our children and local waterways for the long-term benefit of both. Through **education, action, and play**, students and communities in Northwest Louisiana will learn to care about what it means to be “downstream,” one watershed at a time!* The motto for The Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society is **Conservation-Education-Recreation** and the Ozark Society has been doing this work since before I was born. Bayou to Bay (B2B) is obviously not the first steward of local and regional waterways and, therefore, is supremely grateful to all of the pioneers. For that reason as well as practical ones, B2B would be both honored by, as well as, benefit from being recognized as a project of BCOS.

That said we believe B2B (www.bayoutobay.org) has a lot to offer BCOS as well. Two years ago I was pleasantly surprised to find so many grant opportunities, especially federal, for urban waterway work. That helped confirm what I was hoping to do. And having moved back to Shreveport from Austin (where watershed education is actively promoted), I knew how to frame that work. Watershed education teaches that everyone lives in a watershed and everyone is downstream from someone else, therefore, we are all connected and affected by what goes in our water. The challenge now more than ever is to get people living in urban environments to understand and care about that relationship. Being able to show someone where an unremarkable square-metal hole in the curb leads is a start; we believe connecting the life on one end to the other is the key.

The fact that up to this point, Bayou to Bay has run entirely on donations, sponsors, and volunteers, is a testament to the passion that has driven it. We are now a team that includes the SciPort Discovery Center, Caddo Parish Schools, the City of Shreveport, and teachers. As we start our second year of work in area schools, we will use funds granted to SciPort from Shreveport’s Beard Family Foundation. This will cover some of our field trip transportation costs, substitute teacher pay, and event expenses. (For a full description of school year activities, check out <http://www.bayoutobay.org/b2b-educators-and-students/>) Ideally, B2B would have non-profit status and receive these funds directly and we have talked about taking those steps...but then there is already the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society!

I have heard myself say repeatedly to others, “Shreveport has a lot of parallel civic efforts going on that would benefit from being combined.” We believe this may be one of those cases. BCOS has a long time, dedicated, knowledgeable membership. B2B has a few and growing number of inspired professionals, educators, and community activists that take great pride, hope, and anticipation in knowing that in May 2014 we will graduate another class of Louisiana Watershed Protectors! On a historical note, Bayou to Bay formed on the forty-year anniversary of legislation passed by Congress creating our nation's first "national river" (thanks to the Ozark Society) as well as the modern version of the Clean Water Act. And since like Rachel Carson said, “Conservation has no end,” we believe B2B and BCOS working together would be to the long-term benefit of both. Thank you,
BCOS member Jon Soul



Fall All-Society Meeting

By Sandy Roerig

The Bayou Chapter served as the host for the annual fall general meeting of the Ozark Society at Lake Claiborne State Park, LA on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Members of the Ozark Society Board include Jenny Hackman, Membership Chair; Roy O'Neal, Louisiana State Director; Harvey Kennedy, Bayou Chapter Chair; and Sandy Roerig, Recording Secretary.

Bayou Chapter members pitched in to prepare a breakfast for all attendees on Saturday morning. Grace Eyler had purchased lots of delicious fruits, breakfast pasteries, sausages, mini quiches, yogurt and juices. Lisa Wilson brought a tasty breakfast casserole. Others made coffee and helped with the set up. There was plenty of food for all attendees from the Highland, Sugar Creek and Pulaski chapters.

Cathy Joyce and Karen Pitts sat at the registration table to welcome and register all attendees. Each member was given his or her name tag, with a new stamp for this meeting, a snake this year.

President Bob Cross called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He thanked the Bayou Chapter for hosting the meeting and asked everyone present to introduce themselves and chapter affiliation. Harvey welcomed the attendees and Jenny described the activities planned for the afternoon.

Sandy read the minutes from the April meeting. After accepting two corrections from Bob Cross, the minutes were approved. Bob Ritchie gave the membership report and the treasurer's report. There were no comments from the attendees on either report.

Similar to the April meeting, the main issue of discussion was the hog farm issue. Bob Cross gave a power point presentation that described a brief history of the farm and showed detailed maps of the area. He said he would give the same presentation to the Sierra Club next week. There were several questions from the audience, with Alice Andrews, Luke Paresh and Bob Cross adding additional comments.

Three other organizations have joined the Ozark Society in the lawsuit that was brought against the farm, the Arkansas Canoe Club, the National Parks Conservation Association and the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance, a group that was formed specifically for this effort.

Earth Justice, an environmental law firm, is acting as an advisor to the group and sponsored a fund raiser earlier this year at the Whole Hog Café in north Little Rock, AR. More than 200 people attended the event, eating chicken and beef, and donating more than \$15,000 to the effort.

Dr. John Van Brahana, a faculty member in geology at the University of Arkansas and expert in karst formations is actively studying the area on which the hog farm is situated. He is also measuring baseline values of water quality in Big Creek and other springs and wells in the area.

The hog farm represents the biggest threat to the Buffalo River since the Army Corps of Engineers plan to build a dam on the river. The new motto is "Save the Buffalo – Again".

Bob Cross also gave an updated report on the lawsuit to obtain an environmental impact study on the horizontal fracturing operation in the Ozark National Forest. No drilling has occurred so far in this area. We are now waiting for a ruling from a judge about obtaining additional information.

Alice gave a conservation report about the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance. It has an excellent web site and is very well organized. Members of the Alliance will tour the hog farms and collect data to report later this fall.

Carman Quinn, Communications Chair, discussed her continuing effort to update the Ozark Society web site. The web site has been moved to a different server due to recent spam corruptions. She would like to offer an online store soon. She would like more articles for the *Pack and Paddle*. Deadline to submit articles for the next issue is November 15.

Jenny announced that she will try to attend meetings of various chapters to discuss ideas about promoting membership.

Bob Cross provided updates of the Neil Compton Scholarship. Ten scholarships have been awarded so far for an average of \$1,500 each. Donations to the fund continue. Also, the Hedges Scholarship fund now has about \$45,000.

Charline Manning announced that the Spring All-Society Meeting will be hosted by the Pulaski Chapter on April 12-13. More details will follow in the *Pack and Paddle*. **This will be a recreational get together only – no meeting.**

For Old Business, Bob Cross announced that the Colorado trip needs a new leader for the 2014 event because Bob Ritchie and Catherine Tolson, who have organized the trip since it's beginning several years ago, are resigning. New leaders are also needed for the Buffalo River trip. There was no trip in 2013.

Janet Paresh discussed the latest publishing activities of the Ozark Society Foundation. She invited submission of new writing and photography. She described the special collections of Ozark Society materials in the library at the University of Arkansas.

For New Business Bob Cross announced that Laura Timby has resigned as Vice-President, so Bob is now looking for volunteers for that position. Laura will remain active in the Buffalo River Chapter.

Chapter Reports

Sugar Creek Chapter. Joe Meyer stated that the chapter is trying to make a comeback. Their last meeting was a success and they are getting good speakers for their meetings. The chapter will host the fall meeting in 2014.

Bayou Chapter. Harvey described the upcoming Red River Cleanup on November 16, and participation of the chapter in the Bodcau Fish and Wildlife Celebration, and the upcoming meeting at which Tim Ernst will provide a presentation of his photography.

Highlands Chapter. Luke stated the chapter has 211 members. There appears to be two divisions in the chapter, one that participates in hikes and the other that attends the meetings. Both have good attendance. There are many hike leaders, usually for day hikes.

Pulaski Chapter. Charline discussed clean-up events that the chapter had sponsored. The chapter has about 1 hike a month, a few paddle trips and fun meetings.

Welborne Jack, a member of the Bayou Chapter, discussed the illegal blazes on trees that he has discovered on trails in the Ouachita National Forest. He is trying to meet with the supervisor of the area to alert him/her that policies are not being followed. He plans to meet with the Arkansas Backpacking group to give a presentation to them about the illegal blazes.

After the General Meeting was adjourned, there was a short lunch break. Then Sandy gave a short power point presentation about the Red River National Wildlife Refuge that consists of four separate units on the Red River in Louisiana. The headquarters unit is located in Bossier City.

Steve Kennedy, from "Steve's Snaketuary" gave a presentation on snakes, native, non-native, venomous and non-venomous. Steve is a volunteer fire fighter and emergency medical technician, so is often called when people find snakes in places where they don't belong, such as in a dishwasher in their home. Steve brought several species of snakes to show the group, from rat snakes, and king snakes to a coral snake and pythons. Steve's wife and three young children assisted Steve in showing off the snakes. There was great interest from the audience, who kept Steve busy answering questions for more than an hour. Audience members were encouraged to get acquainted with the non-venomous snakes.

By the time Steve had packed up his family, it was time to start cooking for dinner. As usual, there was lots of great food, with some amazing Dutch oven offerings, thanks to Jenny and Gary Hackman, Jack Land and Dick Maxwell. Two members of the Buffalo River Chapter joined the group for the evening events.

After dinner, Jenny and Gary provided a presentation on orienteering and described a beginner's orienting event to be held on Sunday morning. Then Bayou Chapter members worked together to clean up the building before turning in for the night.

On Sunday morning, Gary, Jenny, Cathy, Dick, Grace, Sandy and Melinda and Rodney completed the orienting trail that Gary and Jenny had previously set up in the park. We learned a lot about reading a map and using our compasses effectively. After the recent rains (including the previous day) there were lots of interesting mushrooms popping up among the trees. Fall colors were just beginning to show – it was a lovely day.

It seemed that everyone enjoyed the accommodations at Lake Claiborne State Park, the cabins were very comfortable and the campsites were well spaced with scenic views. Thanks to all the Bayou Chapter members who helped make the meeting a success. Special thanks to Grace and Steve Eyler, Gary and Jenny Hackman, Karen and David Pitts, Richard Maxwell, Lisa Wilson, Harvey Kennedy and George Gehrig. We are looking forward to the spring meeting in AR that will be just for fun!!! See you there!!!

Fall All Society Meeting Photos



Red and Yellow Kill a Fellow!



Weekend at the Edward's

By: Grace Eylar

The weekend of October 19th proved to be a fun weekend of visiting, sitting around the campfire, a little work, and good food shared by friends. Bobbie and Vannie Edwards hosted us at their much loved "Peek House" outside Norman, AR. If you have never been there, you are missing a treat. Their rustic guest cabin is beside a beautiful spring-fed creek that is the perfect place to let go of all that stress from a busy life.

A group of seven of us gathered on a beautiful, chilly Saturday morning. Vannie shared with us his idea of sponsoring a parent/grandkid/grandparent weekend in 2014. We could bring any family member or friend but it would be a special time of fun and bonding with our kids and grandkids. He took us to "the barn" and we actually did some of the group games and activities that he has in mind for that weekend. We could hike, play in the creek and just enjoy God's beautiful creation. I can't wait! Date to be announced.

Saturday afternoon, Steve and George helped Vannie with a project. They installed two handrails along some rock steps behind the Peek House. While they worked, Sandi, Barbie, and I went to the Lake Ouachita area and hiked a portion of the Lovit trail. It was a beautiful afternoon in the woods with the leaves beginning to turn and nice temperatures. When we got back, Henry Ann and Marian Howard had gone to see Brenda and Rick Miller's place in Caddo Gap. Brenda had made a surprise visit that morning at the Peek House - I think it was a little break for her since they were having a family work weekend at their place.

Everyone showed up for a delicious supper of soups, salads and locally made individual pies shared by the Edwards. That night under a just past full moon, three brave souls started out on the back porch in their sleeping bags. But during the night they had all migrated into the Peek House due to the damp, penetrating cold. Marian has a fabulous RV that she was using for the first time. George was the only one that braved the cold in a tent. He was in first thing in the morning for hot coffee!

All agreed that we had a wonderful weekend and a special time visiting with Bobbie and Vannie. They are so generous with all that they have been blessed with - we do appreciate it!





#1 in the Wanderlust World Guide Awards!!

Congratulations to Deana Zabaldo! Deana was a member of BCOS when she was living in Shreveport.

Read more about the award, Deana and the other winners at:

<http://www.wanderlust.co.uk/magazine/awards/wanderlust-world-guide-awards/meet-the-winners-2013?page=all>

Local paddler in Backpacker Magazine. Caddo Lake photo wins.

Photo Contest Winner: James Reeder

Reeder, 50, composed this lush shot while paddling through Caddo Lake State Park, a thick maze of cypress bayous and sloughs on the Texas-Louisiana border. Though he's an old hand at backcountry photography, the Arlington, Texas, home remodeler/camera strap designer added a new perspective to his work when he started kayaking this year. Reeder captured this scene of his friends paddling through a carpet of giant salvinia (the free-floating fern is actually an invasive species and the target of eradication efforts in the park). "Caddo has one of the most mystical, dreamy atmospheres I've ever adventured in, and I cherish this photo because it captures how that day felt," he says. Reeder's prize: a Tamron 18-200mm Di II lens. Our next reader photo contest will be even bigger, with more shots published and a Tamron All-in-One Zoom lens as the grand prize. Enter at backpacker.com/photos.

Follow these tips to capture a similar nature shot.



→ Frame with purpose. "The bottom of the shot is uninterrupted, giving it a foundation," says Photo Editor Genny Fullerton. Reeder also draws viewers deeper into the photo by including several key objects at different distances from the camera, from the cypress closest to the foreground to the kayakers to the sunlit trees in the background.

→ Plan a focal point. "The contrasting textures of the giant salvinia, tree bark, Spanish moss, and feathery leaves create

a busyness that could become overwhelming," Fullerton says. But the kayak interrupts the competing textures, giving viewers a place to rest their eyes after taking in the scene.

→ Use processing to convey a mood. Think of your photo as a work of art, rather than strict photojournalism. Reeder re-created the "mystical" look of the park by adjusting contrast and saturation and selectively brightening and darkening areas of the photo.

Death of a Wetland

By: Dick Maxwell

When progress trumps nature and the quest for riches comes before the desire to retain some of the natural areas of the city, the inevitable result is destruction of our natural areas. What was once an area of wetland, home to hundreds if not thousands of creatures is in the process of becoming just another dry patch of land.

The area, once you dropped down from the high ground, between St Mathias Dr., South Lakeshore Dr. and Bickham Bayou was a thriving wetland.

In the process of ripping out woodland to allow construction of houses, a decision was made to remove a beaver dam which kept the water from entering Bickham Bayou. With the removal of the dam, approximately four acres of wetland have been drained. The refuge for a diversified number of creatures, beaver, deer, raccoons, turtles, frogs, fish, egrets, herons both blue and green and many more is no longer there.

The loss of this wetland will not, in the long run, have a lasting effect on the environment. It will however force the relocation of much of the wildlife that made the area home and remove the joy of seeing them as you paddle the bayou.

Extreme Photo of the Month



BCOS member Lisa Iadarola defying death

Special Days in November

By: Roy O'Neal



Nov. 1 - Maurice Loridans birthday

Nov. 7 - John Joyce's birthday

Nov. 10 - USMC's birthday. (Am which is oldest, John Joyce or the USMC)
Steve & Grace Eyer's 15th Wedding Anniversary. (I do know that the USMC was around before Steve and Grace got hitched)

Nov. 27 - Harvey Kennedy will reach that special age on this day. Really! He told me so himself.
Anne Crye Jackson was born on this day.

Nov. 29 - John and Kathy Joyce will have been married 43 years on this day. Whew, that Kathy don't give up on anything does she?



Congratulations to one of Shreveport's new businesses, Gearhead Outfitters. Headquartered in Jonesboro, AR, they are our first business member of the Bayou Chapter. Business members are featured in our newsletter and on our website. Nancy Larned, BCOS Membership Chairman and Facebook Administrator is the manager at the new location at Mall St. Vincent. They sell a full line of outdoor adventure clothing, shoes and gear. General Manager, Heath Gammill has told us that they will soon also have paddleboards available for demonstrations.

Go to <http://www.gearheadoutfitters.com> to view their website or call 318-751-9196 and ask for Nancy.

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See all the Ozark Society Chapter newsletters and the Pack and Paddle newsletter at www.ozarksociety.net.

Classifieds

This area is reserved for classified ads to buy or sell by BCOS members. If you have any items for sale you think Ozark Society members might be interested in buying please contact Kalli Bailey.
Email: kallikennedy4@gmail.com

Bayou Chapter Shirts - \$12.50

1 youth medium, 2 large, 1 XXL

Contact Jenny Hackman jandgman@bellsouth.net

Canoe and Kayak Rental available to BCOS members only!

Kayak rental fee: \$ Kayak \$25.00, Canoe \$45.00,

PFD (life jacket) rental fee: \$15.00

Paddle rental fee: \$15.00

Must be a BCOS member and complete rental agreement. One week notice required.

Call Adam Willard at 318-423-1690 or Email: ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net

7 year old canoe - \$850.00

It is a Legend, Dagger, material is Royalex. It is in great shape as it has hardly been used. I have always keep it under roof and out of the sun. The few times that I used it, afterwards, it was washed and a coat of "Armor All" was applied. It does have a few scrapes but nothing that would hurt the performance. All the webbing on seats are in tack and solid. Wood has all the varnish and solid. It should last some one for years to come.

Contact Craig Watson at 422-3912



Throw rope. \$25

Cycling clothing for women: Size Medium Tops \$5

One Piece woman's wet suit, Zips up the back \$20

Portable Toilet for camping \$10. (Never been used.)

Contact Toni Spitale at 318-218-5716 (Cell) or 318-869-1015 (Home)

Channel iron trailer - \$6,000

New tires.

Comes with 16 PFDs and 16 paddles. 8 - 15' long tandem aluminum canoes.

Call Mark Norris 318-588-0116

"Old Town" Loon 100 series angle - \$300.00 for canoe and paddle

Perfect for fishing and recreational whitewater runs. I purchased it from Bass Pro for \$450.00 and professional inverted paddle for \$85.00. Nice green color, 10 feet, 6 inches long, light weight, and will ride in back of a small Toyota Tacoma. Used four times and is in new condition. Email m.l.caldwell@comcast.net.

Two-seat 14-ft River Rogue canoe and paddles (lightly used) - \$325

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