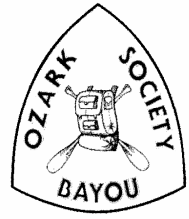




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Bayou Chapter, Ozark Society
September 2012



September Program

Tuesday, September 18

Master Plan speech - Dara Sanders

Master Plan Administrator Metropolitan Planning Commission

Shreveport, Louisiana

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.

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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

September:

22nd - Wildlife and Fisheries Festival at Bodcau.

28th - Red River Paddle – Joe Goodwin 347-9600. jgoodwin@frymaster.com Or Brian Adams 469-5214. brian-adams@earthlink.net.

October:

6th - St Mathias Hike – Bill Robertson 318-861-1932. wgrobertson@gmail.com.

13th - Canoe/Kayak Clinic for Beginners and Intermediate, a prerequisite for the next whitewater paddling clinic on an Arkansas river. Adam Willard. 423-1690. ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net.
Location TBA.

13th - 18th - SE Missouri Rivers. Louis Covington. 318-834-4771. louis cov@aol.com.

26th - 28th - Autumn Olympics at Fireside Station, Arkansas. Vannie Edwards. 870-334-2706. edwards.bobbie@gmail.com.

27th - Gathering of Hikers II at Horshoebend Park. Backpacker/hiker skills clinics. Roy O'Neil. 318-272-0259. roneal12@bellsouth.net

November:

4th - Caney Lake Hike – Brenda Miller. 798-2684. brendagstephens@yahoo.com.

10th - Red River Clean-up. Adam Willard. 423-1690. ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net.

December:

1st - Christmas Meeting/Party at Red River Wildlife Refuge. Brenda Miller. 798-2684. brendagstephens@yahoo.com.

15th - Kisatchie Forest Azalea Trail – Dick Maxwell. 635-7147. Rmax62@comcast.net.

31st - Jan 1 - New Year's Eve Campout at Bodcau – Cathy and John Joyce. 797-6783. johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net.

January:

18th - 21st - Athens/Big Fork Trail Maintenance – Roy O'Neil. 318-272-0259. roneal12@bellsouth.net

TBA - Canoe/Kayak repair day with Jerry Martin.
Cathy Joyce and Sandy Roerig are organizing it.



All articles and photos for the Pack and Paddle Newsletter (the official newsletter for the Ozark Society) have to be submitted by September 15.

Email to Carmen Quinn at ccquinn23@yahoo.com.

Here's some details on our **Missouri trip** in October paddling in Southeast Missouri on the spring fed Current and Spring rivers, maybe the Jack's Fork or Eleven Point also with rain.

- October 12 Drive to Eminence Missouri area
- October 13 - 15 Paddle, hike Current River area (hope rain brings Jack's Fork or Eleven Point up too)
- October 16 Paddle Spring River near Mammoth Springs, Ark
- October 17 Optional day

For those camping I'm still looking at options. Alley Spring and Pulltite Spring are the main two I'm checking. We have nine confirmed paddlers for the weekend so far. Feel free to email or call Louis Covington 318-834-4771 with questions. louis cov@aol.com.

**Check out the article in the Shreveport Times about the upcoming
Wildlife and Fisheries Festival at Bodcau.**

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012120911054>

Other Events of Interest

Celebrating the Outdoors Exhibit

Saturday, September 15, 2012

Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 737, Crossett, AR 71635

Fall Board Meeting at Buffalo Point

Friday, October 19

General Membership Meeting at Buffalo Point

Saturday, October 20 - Sunday, October 21

Tentatively, we will have the board meeting in Cabin 1, one of the rustic cabins. Let's start at 6:00 p.m. with an informal get-together (bring your own food and drink). The board meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Free guided canoe tours of the Tensas River, Louisiana.

Saturday, Sept 15th 9am - 3pm

In conjunction with the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Day event on Saturday, September 15, 2012. The event will be held on the Refuge's Visitor Center grounds on Quebec Rd., off Hwy 80 in Tallulah, LA from 9am-3pm. For more information on the Hunting and Fishing Day celebration at the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge or the National Wildlife Refuge System, contact the Refuge at 318-574-2664 ext. 103.

Eleventh Annual Phatwater Kayak Challenge.

Saturday, October 13

42 miles down the Mississippi River and no speed limit! Go to <http://www.kayakmississippi.com/> or more info.

Minutes from August 21, 2012 Monthly BCOS Meeting
By Anne Gibson

Harvey Kennedy opened the meeting, welcoming new guests.

Secretary's report was accepted as published in the Newsletter.

Louis Covington gave the Treasurer's report.

July balance	\$4,857.64
Receipts	95.00-(shirts - \$25,.00 and boat rentals - \$70.00)
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>(20.00) – (ACA event insurance)</u>
Current Bal	\$4,932.64



\$3,160.54 goes to the Operating Fund and \$1,772.10 goes to the Development Fund

Old Business:

Brian Adams reported that the ACC rendezvous is Sept. 21-23 at camp Couchdale in Malvern, Arkansas just down the road from Lake Catherine State Park. There will be many great things to do and many paddlers. Always a great time.

Past Oklahoma trips to the Mountain Fork River have been great with the last one, as well as Mother Nature wanted to join us with high temp being 69 and rain most of the day but that didn't stop us from having a great time. We just ran into Broken Bow grabbing up some rain gear and continued on. It was a smaller group than previous trip but it was a great time!!

Barksdale Clinic has been cancelled because of lack of rain. Looking for an alternate date in late September. It will be posted.

The old Facebook page: Is being replaced by a new facebook page. Nancy Larned has posted instructions on how to become a member of the new page. Harvey Kennedy said to go on facebook.com/bayouozark. Or, ask friends for help.

Newsletter: Ken- everything is going pretty good... looking for a volunteer to write up an article on upcoming Mississippi Fossil hunt trip... Cathy Joyce and Sandy Roerig volunteered.

Past Outings:Nancy posted Red River Paddle to be Wednesday, August 22nd @ 5:00pm, from Sci Port to Texas Street Bridge to have unique overhead photos taken by Ken. Toni said she would try and find someone to have one of the TV stations to put the participants on TV.

Terry Harlan thought it would be a great idea for someone to have a BCOS flag attached to the back of their kayak so all would know who we are. A motion was made and seconded for Terry to research and submit a design for a flag.

Conservation:Dick Maxwell said he is looking into speakers.

Past Outings: Mountain Fork Paddle: Jerry Bertrand reported in the last newsletter. While waiting to launch, Cathy Joyce found a cool water hole where they refreshed themselves. While paddling they had a choice between river left and river right. Jerry ended up going down a chute backwards.

Minutes from August 21, 2012 Monthly BCOS Meeting cont'd.

Red River Triathlon: Jenny said they had a good turnout. They took 3 people to shore. It was the best weather and best experience. Fewer people than usual struggled. BCOS member Harlan Hughes raced in the triathlon... Swimming from rescue kayak to rescue kayak... eventually visiting all BCOS members.

Red River Chill & Grill- August 7th: Joe Goodwin reported saying there were about 25 people paddling. Some would go fast lapping others, while others would just take their time. Victoria Provenza did a headstand on her kayak.

Future Outings: Mississippi Paddle August 25th: There are 9 or 10 people committed. Harvey is the contact person. Details are posted on the Yahoo Group and will be forwarded to facebook.

August 18th: Sandy Roerig, Crystal Whitman and Harvey Kennedy attended the Conference in Bentonville for the Ozark Society Celebration. Three anniversaries were celebrated. The Ozark Society is 50, Buffalo National River is 40, and Neil Compton would be 100. They reported that Sam Walton used to be a paddling buddy of Neil Compton. There were several different speakers. Ken Smith, who knew Dr. Neil Compton, spoke of fond memories of their friendship... Dr. Compton's daughter, Ellen, gave a family history. Movies on Dr. Compton and the Buffalo River were also part of the program

Sandy Roerig said the Crystal Bridge Museum had Dr. Compton's original canoe and wooden paddle along with his walking stick, pictures, paddling gear, and his red plaid shirt and boots. There is also 106 acres of hiking trails. Sandy said the facility was stupendous. There, on loan, were paintings from the New York Historical Society.

Bill Robertson said he will post a date for the Planning Committee to meet. If anyone has any ideas, please forward them to Bill at Bill.Robertson@LA.GOV.

Thanks to Sandy Roerig for providing the wonderful refreshments for the August meeting and , as always, Roy for the coffee. Anne Gibson volunteered to bring refreshments for the September 17th meetings.

Labor Day float: Tom Thompson is checking on the water level. Last year the Labor Day Float was cancelled due to low water. It is possible that the water may be too low to paddle this year as well.

Dick Maxwell asked when Jack Land was going to schedule the Red River trip. Jack said as of now, we will need more water, but will know more later in the fall.

Mike Burns said the contact person for Kayaking at Poverty Point is Dora Ann also, on October 5th & 6th on Black Bayou.

Jenny and Gary Hackman said there will be orienteering at Garland Scout Ranch Sept 15th. You can email Jenny if you are interested.

Brian Adams said the ACC Rendezvous is set for Sept 21, 22, and 23 which is the same day as the Wildlife and Fisheries Festival at Bodcau.

We thank Dr. Gary Hason, Director of LSU-Shreveport Red River Water Shed Management Institute for presenting the August program on hydraulic fracturing.

All adjourned for Johnny's Pizza.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Gibson

The case against Hydraulic Fracturing Contaminating Ground Water

By Ken Harris

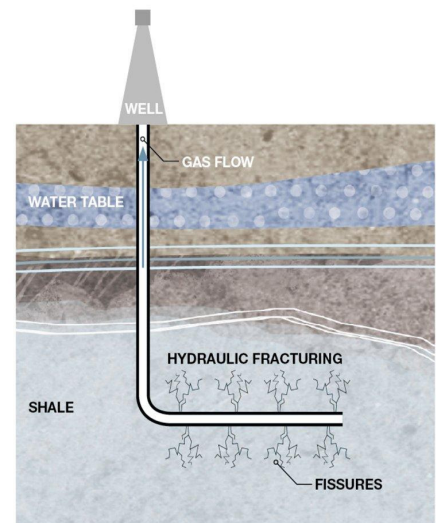
Our program at the Tuesday, August 21st meeting was presented by Mr. Gary M. Hanson, expert Hydrologist and Director Red River Watershed Management Institute - Louisiana State University Shreveport.

Gary has degrees in a Petro Geology and Hydro Geology from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. This makes him uniquely qualified on the subject of Hydraulic Fracturing (HF) commonly referred to as **fracking**. Hydraulic Fracturing is a process commonly used in natural gas wells where water, sand and chemicals are pumped under-ground to break apart the rock and thus release the natural gas. Fracking is controversial because some environmentalists fear that the process for three reasons. First, is the fear that ground water being used in the fracking process is lowering water tables because the water is being used 3.5 times faster than it can be replenished. The second fear is that fracking may result in the contamination of ground water. Third, is the footprint of the drilling rigs. At one point or another, Gary has worked on all sides of these issues.

The Haynesville shale currently has 2042 producing gas wells. It is the largest natural gas producer in the US, producing 10% of all the natural gas produced. At one time, there were 186 drilling rigs working in the Haynesville shale. Currently, there are 24. It is estimated that 40 rigs are necessary to maintain the current production plateau. Because of slant drilling, 1 optimally situated well, can cover 4 square miles. That one rig will occupy 7 to 11 acres of land. 4 square miles is 2560 acres. Do the math and it works out to be 0.4%.

In cooperation with industry, monitoring wells have been placed at various sites. Some have been instrumented to detect possible contamination. Others have been used to monitor ground water levels. Ground water levels naturally fluctuate seasonally. They are higher in the winter and lower in the summer. Ground water levels are critical in communities that rely on ground water for their water supply. It was these monitoring wells that alerted the researcher to the fact that ground water levels were reaching critically low levels. Once alerted to the situation, the vast majority of operators in the area voluntarily agreed to switch to surface water sources for HF operations. With this change, ground water levels began to recover immediately and within a year, had reached pre-HF levels.

To check for contamination as a result of HF, the Louisiana geological Survey and LSUS Ground Water Quality Survey have drawn samples from over 1000 wells and analyzed them. No contamination has been found and none is expected to be found as the scientific evidence is overwhelming that HF cannot cause ground water contamination. In spite of the overwhelming scientific evidence to support this position, for various reasons, the perception of HF potentially causing ground water contamination persists. This persistence is due to a couple of factors such as misinformed members of the press and negative (and incorrect) scientific articles that are peer reviewed by scientists that aren't qualified to do the reviews.



If this illustration were to scale, the horizontal portion of the well would be 9 feet below the water table.



Gary Hanson presenting our August meeting program

Frequently, diagrams or illustrations of fracking are printed in the media that are not to proper scale. See illustration below. They give the impression that the fracking is occurring only a few hundred feet below ground water when in reality the HF is occurring 11,000 feet (~2 miles) below the ground water. Another misperception is that HF is one big explosion. It is not. Hydraulic Fracturing occurs in stages. HF is a series of small, controlled explosions.

In the future, the use of water for HF may become a non-factor as several different methods of fracturing the rock are coming to the market place that do not utilize water.

The bottom line is that Gary presented a very convincing case for Hydraulic Fracturing being no threat to contaminating ground water.

Miss-iss-ipp-i-yi-i'm Wet

Or, My Version of a Float Trip

By Dick Maxwell

The group consisting of Harv, Crystal, Toni, Tom, Roy, Jack, Sandy, Cathy, Arkansas Phil and myself were to meet at 7:00 am just north of Greenville, Mississippi. In order to make the meet up, we all went over the day before. I spent the night at Warfield State Park alongside the river and about six miles out of town. The park itself seems to be very nice area especially location wise. There are the usual facilities available. The rest of the group spent the night at the Days Inn and I heard no complaints about their accommodations.

Saturday dawned and we met at the Indian Mounds north of Greenville. After driving 45 miles north to the put in, boats and gear were offloaded and we drove all transport back down to the take out. Harvey's cousin, Keith Kent met us and after dropping off the cars at the takeout and driving back to the put in, Keith then drove Phil's truck back down to the takeout so no further shuttle was necessary after the float.

As usual the launch and recovery sites were very steep but were paved. The riverside was cement blocks and rocks which made it a bit rough but no real problem. At last, away we go. With a 4-5 mile current the trip was not a hard paddle. It was paddle and drift, an altogether pleasant float. After about an hour we stopped at a sand bank for a break. The first little problem was when Crystal was walking and sunk to her knee in the sand/mud. After that we were a bit more careful of where we stepped. There were a few tows active however the large bow waves I was expecting were not there as they were traveling slow due to the low water. We were sure to give them lots of room and no trouble was evident.

Getting toward the end of the trip, I guess there was about two miles to go I thought I would snap a pic of Phil who was behind me. Turning around I fished out my camera and had just snapped the picture when I felt a bump. After surfacing, I saw that I had drifted into one of the buoys marking the channel. It was instantaneous. One second I was taking a pic. The next I was swimming. it didn't seem that far to the bank so pushing my kayak ahead I started shoreward. Progress was very slow and I was happy to see Phil paddle up to me and give me a tow. Even with Phil towing, it took about 15 min to reach the bank and it was hard work for him. I guess I'll have to spend more time at the roll classes.

I want to thank Harvey for putting the trip together. It was fun.

Click on these links to see some video of the Mississippi River Paddling.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUEY0o6pStA&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcJo2ymvEDY&feature=youtu.be>



Mississippi River Fossil Float

By Cathy Joyce

It rained almost the whole drive over on Friday afternoon. Friday night, six of us went to a dumpy little hole-in-the-wall place in Greenville, MS, named Doe's Eat Place, for the most incredible steak you've ever sunk your teeth into.

Saturday was a perfect day to float. We had three tandem canoes (Crystal Whitman & Harvey Kennedy, Jack Land & Roy O'Neal, Sandy Roerig & Cathy Joyce), and four kayaks (Dick Maxwell, Tom Thompson, Toni Spital & Phil from Arkansas). The day started out overcast, with a little breeze. Good current, as we ended up doing about 5 mph. It could have been intimidating being on this oversized river with these huge barges being pushed by tugboats. I felt like a water bug darting around by a canoe and kayak. That's how our little canoes and kayaks looked next to the barges. We were never in danger, as the river is plenty wide enough for all. But we were certain to keep looking over our shoulders for these slow-moving monsters. (Footnote: I would LOVED to have been in a whitewater boat behind a couple of those tugboats going upstream; they left great hay-stack waves to ride!!)

We did do a little fossil digging, and a couple really good ones were found. (Maybe some of us will remember to bring them to the meeting to share.)

The wind picked up about three miles before the takeout, and we thought for sure we'd have some rain. But the rain didn't come our way. At least not while we were on the river. We loaded up, and right after we got on the highway headed back to Greenville, then the rain poured! Didn't last long, and immediately we were treated to a gorgeous double rainbow. What a sight!

It was a great trip. I'm glad I went! Thank you, Harvey, for organizing it!



Roy and Harvey



Lower Mountain Fork, Oklahoma
By Victoria Provenza

A convoy of six carloads of BCOS members departed the Whataburger parking lot on North Market early Saturday morning on August 18th. Fueled on coffee and enthusiasm for the Club's 2nd trip this summer to the Lower Mountain Fork River, the group drove approximately three hours to the put in site at Reregulation Dam. Upon arrival, there was a light rain and weather threatened the day. But the cold precipitation was no match for the BCOS! The trip leaders, Brian Adams, Joe Goodwin and Lonie Hoppmann urged the group to prepare for the elements with a side trip to the local Wal-Mart to load up on foul weather gear.

With provisions in hand and following a safety briefing provided by Brian and Joe, the BCOS members set out on the Lower Mountain Fork River using sit in kayaks, sit on kayaks, canoes and Nancy Learned's inflatable Ducky. The river was running around 300cfs and there was some dragging but for the most part, it was a great and adventurous run on respectable Class I and Class II rapids. The first two miles of the trip had gentle drops, moving water and some waterfalls. Navigation around the boulders was tight but all made it through the upper part of the river with some close calls, a couple of tumbles and lots of laughter. Lonie proved his weight in beer by rescuing Adam Lynch's paddle from a relentless boulder troll. And Adam provided entertainment on the rocks by showing us his bailing techniques while balancing on a boulder and looking completely stylish (and man-ly) in his skirt.



Brian Adams



Lonie Hoppmann and Victoria Provenza



Joe Goodwin

Lower Mountain Fork, Oklahoma



Left to Right: Adam Lynch, Joe Goodwin, & Lonie Hoppmann



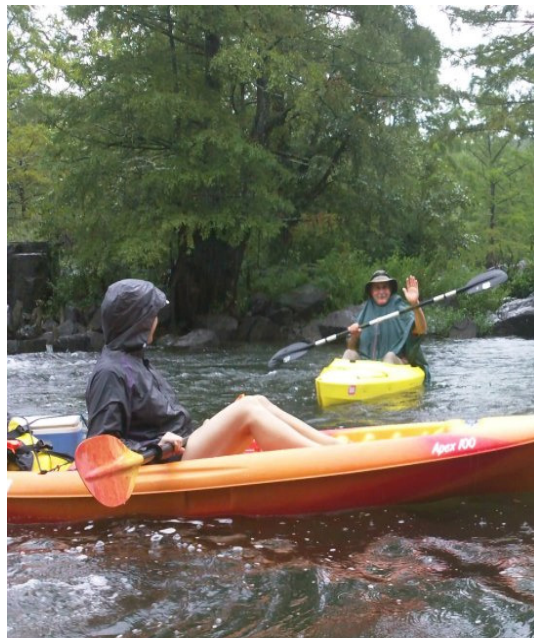
Terry Harlon



Brian Michael



Adam Lynch



Ozark Society Celebration in Bentonville
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At approximately 100,000 acres, the Buffalo National River includes 135 public land miles of Louisiana Waterthrushes. Generously sprinkled along the river, bluffs, and mountains: Scarlet Tanagers, American Redstarts, Cerulean Warblers; hundreds of rare and wonderful plant and animal species, tarantulas and timber rattlesnakes, Swainson's Warblers and cane brakes, soaring, heart-lifting landscapes. Could easily have all been lost.

Joyous eventual victory for Waterthrush & Company was celebrated at Compton Gardens in Bentonville Saturday. The Compton home place was overflowing for Neil Compton's 100th birthday, Ozark Society's 50th and 40th for the Buffalo National River.

Neil and his friends established the Ozark Society as social network and battering ram in the crusade to stop Buffalo dams (1962). Along the way they helped defeat a Democratic congressman who pushed dams (Jim Trimble) and helped elect a Republican who opposed most government, including Buffalo dams (John Paul Hammerschmidt). They gained critical backing from an Ozark native and popular Arkansas governor (Orval Faubus) now mainly remembered as a segregationist. Establishment of the Buffalo National River (1972) was natural, like paw paws and umbrella magnolias.

Neil's oldest child Ellen Compton once lived in this house midst feverish events associated with dam fighting. Not so surprising, her humorous opening comment: "Frankly, I'm tired of the Buffalo River." Then, to appreciative laughs, she added, "Read the book." That is Neil's *THE BATTLE FOR THE BUFFALO RIVER*.

In Ellen's presentation we have Neil's grandfather who both taught and embraced science and Neil's father who read books in his buggy while delivering mail, guided by Billy the horse who knew the route. As a child, his mother Ida accompanied her father on trips into the Indian Territory, where Indian women taught her about birds and flowers. We have little Neil atop a huge haystack on the family farm in Benton County, where they raised peaches, apples, and garden vegetables for market.

Neil eventually went to the UA in Fayetteville, taking degrees in geology and zoology (1935). Ellen remembers Neil, ever a man of science, opening explanations about bluff lines with, "Well, during the Jurassic . . ." It was in his college days that he made his first trips to the Buffalo. It stoked passion for what he termed a "vast natural playground."

Following Ellen was Ken Smith, best known today as author of the authoritative *BUFFALO RIVER HANDBOOK* (2004). They met in the early 60s in the fight to protect Lost Valley. Ken had finished an engineering degree in Fayetteville. In 1963 he was smitten during a 2-day "life changing" Ozark Society-sponsored float on the Buffalo. Ken headed off to graduate school and Neil folded Lost Valley into their shared vision of dam-stopping and park-creating.

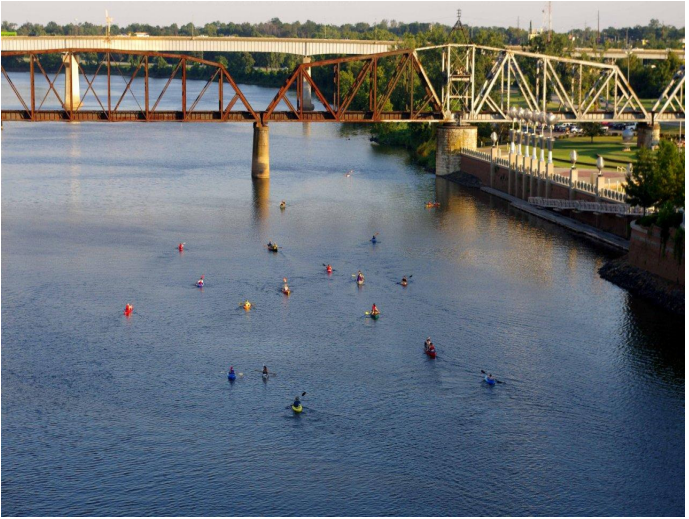
Ken had a career as an engineer in the Park Service, but as evidence in his lyrical *BUFFALO RIVER COUNTRY* (1967), Lost Valley and all it signified was never far from his heart.

The finale is courtesy of Still on the Hill, Kelly Mulhollan and Donna Stjerna, fresh from camping and what Donna terms, "a window into the Buffalo." Window with music.

We know Neil the doctor, photographer, writer, and dam-stopper. Once at Angler's Inn on Beaver Lake, Neil joined Kelly and Flip Putthoff for an onstage performance! According to Kelly, Neil learned the 'ol pickin bow from Jimmy Driftwood. Today, Kelly plays pickin bow, with Donna on a cow jawbone. For the chorus, the Compton Gardens crowd coon dog howls in the simple country favorite "Stop kicking my dog around."

"People overdo," Neil once told Ken Smith. A conservative's credo: Buffalo au natural is enough.

Grill and Chill
August 22



Tri BCOS: Ozark Society Triathletes

As **Harlan Hughes** ran across the finish line at this August's River Cities Triathlon at Cypress/Black Bayou park in Benton, yet another name was added to the list of BCOS members who've completed a triathlon. It was Harlan's first triathlon and he'd like to do more. "I'd like to do that one again, something along those lines," he said. Other BCOSer's completing triathlons in 2012 are Teresa White (River Cities, Sunrise) and Louis Covington (Dallas Metro, Eureka Springs). Some current members who have completed a triathlon in past years include Kathy Kramer, Gary and Jenny Hackman, and Wellborn Jack.

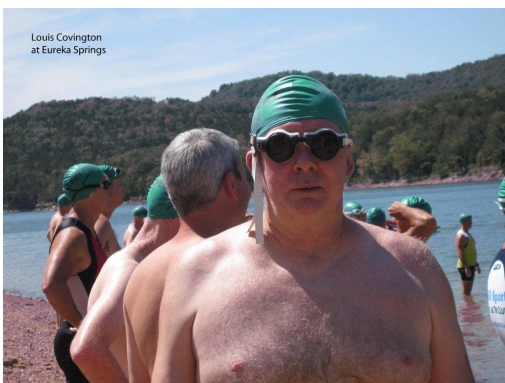
Why did Harlan enter River Cities? "I don't know, I usually sign up for the Ouachita Challenge Mountain Bike Race and wanted to try something different." The bicycle is his favorite part of a triathlon. Harlan just likes physical challenges. "I like doing stuff like that," he says, "it forces me to exercise and adds the motivation factor. Signing up makes me get out there and train. And I like doing something different." Harlan would like to run a 13.1 mile half marathon in the next few months and wants to again ride the grueling 60 mile Ouachita Challenge Mountain Bike Race in spring of 2013. "It is hard, but I have a good time."



Louis Covington also likes the training motivation. "It forces me to ride on a hot July afternoon or to get up at 5:00 am to swim." And the training provides a wonderful year round endurance base for paddling, hiking, even yard work. Even if you hurt it feels like such an accomplishment everytime you cross the finish line. At Eureka Springs **nothing** was flat!! Not even the swim which had large choppy waves from a north wind slapping water in your face at nearly every breath." And with only about 1 in every 100 competitors usually being over 60, you just feel young doing them. He wants to do 2 - 3 a year plus a couple of open water swims, and always enjoys meeting and chatting with safety boaters who are usually members in a paddling club. "I'd never heard of a triathlon until I paddled a safety boat for BCOS in 1990," he says. "All paddlers seem to just have a common bond."



Teresa White likes triathlon because it "keeps me in shape for all other activities. I am able to do anything I want to. It keeps you confident you can do anything at the drop of a hat." Teresa



got started 22 years ago because she wanted to be a better role model for her children. The bike ride is her favorite triathlon event. Are there triathlons in her future? Teresa emphatically says "I am 100% certain there are triathlons in my future!!" Mountain biking (Just got back from a North Dakota bike trip) and international trekking are in Teresa's near future.

Gary Hackman has completed River Cities at least twice as an individual. What got Gary started? "I guess I was running and heard of people who did them. I thought it was something different and that I might like to do one," he says. Gary's favorite of the three events is the bicycle and a main benefit he got from doing them was improving his swimming. "I really had to work on the swim. Out there in the middle of the lake, a long way from shore, being able to do that gives you a lot of confidence" according to Gary. Gary is heavily involved in Orienteering but may participate in triathlon on a team in the future.

Tri BCOS: Ozark Society Triathletes cont'd.

Jenny Hackman completed her first triathlon back in the 1980's. While Jenny was playing softball a teammate's husband was doing one. "I decided to try one and I just enjoyed it," Jenny says. Jenny has placed in her age group several times and finds a major personal benefit is to "get in shape." Her favorite event is the bike. "I just like the freedom and movement." Jenny had entered a triathlon a few years ago and Hurricane Gustav came through, flooding the bike course and the event was cancelled. Jenny too is very active in Orienteering both in helping organizing the events as well as racing, and would enjoy a team triathlon event in the future.

Paddle groups usually provide safety boats for the events and BCOS regularly handles River Cities. Kayaks or canoes are stationed about every 50 yards along the swim course. A number of swimmers stop to hang onto a boat to get their breath and their confidence, and there are always a few swimmers who give out and need to be towed back to shore. Safety boating at triathlons gets our BCOS name out positively and offers comraderie with BCOS members, a change to paddle and enjoy the sun, plus wonderful food, drinks, and a t-shirt.

Many triathlons also offer team participation where one member swims, another bicycles, a third runs. It would be a lot of fun to participate in some as a BCOS team next summer.

Plan on paddling a safety boat next year... unless you're swimming, biking, and running yourself!!!

Visit to the Ouachita Mountain Biological Station By Dick Maxwell

After hearing Larry Raymond at our BCOS Meeting, I decided to visit the Ozark Mountain Biological Station (OMBS) in Mena, Arkansas. On the 13th of August I drove up and following the directions on the web had no trouble finding the station. It is somewhat inaccessible but findable [obviously].

Arriving about noon 30 I met Jo Ann Jenner who is the local resident and all around helpful person. After setting up my hammock I took a look around. There are several buildings with sleeping facilities for about 15 people in a bunk bed/dorm type of atmosphere. Two showers a laundry room and a kitchen are available.

There is very little to no area that would be good for tent type camping. Although in addition to the bunk beds, there is plenty of "floor space" in the buildings for pads.

The afternoon of the 13th I hiked a short trail near the Head Quarters about 3/4 to a mile. I had my loppers and trimmed back some nasties while enjoying the trail. The next day I hiked two and a half trails of about 4 miles total. Again I attacked the hawthorn as I went.

The OMBS is about 8 miles north of the Shady Lake Campground where we go for trail maintenance, so the terrain is similar. Being alone, I took my handheld radios and left one with Jo Ann. A precaution that was not needed [thankfully]. She also gave me a can of bear spray to carry. Again a precaution that was not needed.

Dr. Hardy from LSU came up on the 14th and was checking things out. He is the director of the OMBS.

Got a bit of unscheduled rain the 2nd night. I had not put up my rainfly so I jumped into my truck with my sleeping bag for about an hour until it quit.

All in all, a nice quiet couple of nights, a decent hike in the woods and a good time. The one downer was for some reason the DEET I sprayed on my shoes and socks did not deter the Chiggers. Scratching and itching has taken up a bit of my time since returning.

Do you recognize these two BCOS members?
These were taken from the new *Official Louisiana Tour Guide*.

To view the whole book and to order your print copy, click on this link:
<http://guides.milespartnership.com/lou/12/index.html> and go to pages 19 and 48.



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Finding Your Trophy Fish

There's a reason we're known as a Sportsman's Paradise. No place has better fishing. From Plaquemines to Cameron parishes, our saltwater fishing is unparalleled. And outdoorsmen also flock to freshwater destinations such as Shreveport's Red River, home of the 22 1/2 Bassmaster Classic (the sixth Classic held in Louisiana).

THE REEL DEAL: Freshwater anglers are most likely to reel in bass, saffin cat and catfish. Inp among the marshes bring catches of speckled trout, sea-fish and the iconic Offshore. Salt

requires a total of 250,000 recreational, where the Louisiana Bayou has also started Elvis Presley and others on their way to fame.

Lucky enough to visit in June? Make a pit stop in Ruston for its famous, juicy peaches. Play award-winning golf at Black Bear Golf Club in Delhi and Old Oaks near Bossier City, both on the Audubon Golf Trail.

Moree and West Moree serve up an exciting mix of historic museums and antiques shopping. Explore Chennault Aviation and Military Museum and learn about Selman Field, where World War II aviators trained. Above all, don't miss Poverty Point in Bienville. This state historic site and national monument is home to impressive prehistoric earthen mounds.

SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE

48 guides.milespartnership.com

Answer: Harvey Kennedy and Dick Maxwell on the Dorcheat Bayou

New Facebook BCOS Page

Reminder to BCOS group page users: The BCOS page at the address below is going away...
<https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/44419794628/>

The NEW BCOS site is here: <https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/BayouOzark>

Make sure you move over to our Facebook page and LIKE it.

Also, to invite your friends to the events...

First click on the **|join|** button and select **|going|** or **|maybe|**

Once you do that, an **|invite friends|** button will appear

Click on that button and your friends list will come up

Go through and check the ones you want to invite and hit **|send|**

Extreme Photo of the Month



Joke of the month

How many kayakers does it take to change a light bulb?

Four to stand around discussing the size of the hole and one to get on with it...

How many slalom paddlers does it take to change a light bulb?

Four. One to change it and three to say: "Nice Turn. Nice Turn. Nice Turn."

How does a raft guide change a light bulb?

Hold it up and wait for the world to revolve around them.

HAHA!

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 newsletter editor Ken Harris to have an ad placed in the Bayou Byline.

Ken Harris Phone: 868-9765 Email: kd_harris@comcast.net

You can also bring your outdoor gear, clothing or supplies that you would like to trade or sell to the BCOS meetings.

Norris Outfitters Canoes for rent to the public!

Call Mark Norris at 318-588-0116

Canoes for individuals or large groups. Montreal Canoe that holds 18 people for groups. Moonlight dinner trips with acoustic band. Dorcheat Bayou sandbar river lunches.

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 to Adam Willard, Phone: 318-423-1690 or Email: ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net

Paddlewheel boat

28' x 8'

Seats 16 people. Canvas cover for rain/sun. Padded cushions. 6' x 6' paddlewheel. Electric 3.2 HP. Cruise 4-5mph. Honda 12HP gas motor for emergency. Trailer dual axel. Electric



driven paddlewheel rides very shallow and very quiet.

This is the tour boat that the Ozark members rode on at the Winter Board Meeting. Captain Johnny's health challenges have caused him to retire.

\$50,000.

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