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April 2017

Calendar of Events

April

- 18 Monthly Meeting - Cran Lucas will talk on "The Night Sky: Constellations of the Seasons and How to View Them"
- 22 Caroline Dorman Hike. Contact person is Jenny Hackman 318-288-9096 or jandgman@bellsouth.net
- 25 Planning Meeting at Anna Livengood's home. 6:00 PM

May

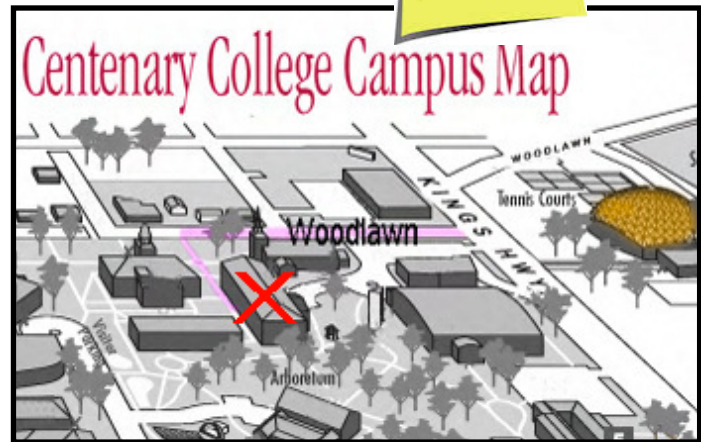
- 6 Crawfish Boil at Henry Ann Burton's in Oil City. 12 Noon - until.... See flyers in this newsletter for more information
- 16 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 16-20 Bob Ritchie Buffalo River Float Trip

June

- 20 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

July

- 16-22 Colorado High Adventure Trip - Contact person Catherine Tolson catherine.tolson@comcast.net or 318-680-9280
- 18 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA



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.



Cran Lucas, Professor of Biological Sciences at LSU, will talk on "The Night Sky: Constellations of the Seasons and How to View Them"

April "Special" Days



April 1 - Gary Hackman's Birthday (No comment on another designation for this day. April Showers Day? Nope)

April 9 - Palm Sunday

April 10 - Passover begins at sundown. Rick Miller began his life journey on this day.

April 14 - Good Friday

April 16 - EASTER SUNDAY - (I could not 'write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet or anything else as far as that is concerned, but go to the Easter Parade anyway if there is one close)

April 18 - BCOS Meeting - Cran Lucas will talk on "The Night Sky: Constellations of the Seasons and How to View Them"

April 22 - Laura T. Havard's birthday. Earth Day.

April 24 - Sandy Roerig's birthday

As always, please post any "Special Days" we have missed to the BCOS site. They are all important and special.

BCOS Minutes for the March 21, 2017 monthly meeting held at Centenary College presented by Acting Secretary Gary Hackman

Mike Rech gave a presentation on the basics of Dutch oven cooking to the group to prepare us for the upcoming activity at the LSU-S Pioneer Village.

Tom Goleman moved and Henry Ann Burton seconded to accept the minutes of the February, 2017 meeting as written in the newsletter. The motion was accepted.

Treasurer Dick Maxwell reported a balance of \$6,019.41.

Henry Ann Burton moved and Marian Howard seconded to have BCOS pay for the food for the upcoming Dutch oven cooking activity. The motion was accepted.

Newsletter report - The club was reminded to go on outings and take pictures.

Publicity - No report.

Conservation - No report.

Conservation activities - The Duck Pond cleanup was a success. Ten bags of trash were collected. We had around 15 people and 1 boat. Everyone had a good time.

The next planning meeting will be at Anna Livengood's house on April 25 at 6:00pm. It will be pot luck.

Old Business

ACA payment - We will discuss this next month after checking with the Ozark Society. Roy O'Neal gave some information about how the insurance works.

New Business

Marian Howard reported that Hodges Gardens may close. This would make a good outing.

The Briarwood picnic is Saturday. Jack Land had put on BCOS that the picnic is free but membership is \$50 yearly.

Upcoming Events

Crawfish boil - May 6. Ready to eat at noon. \$15 if you sign up before May 1st, \$20 after that.

Moonlight float - April 8 on Dorcheat.

Caroline Dormon hike - April 22.

Paddling on Cross Lake

By: Dick Maxwell

Hey Guys & Gals! Just a reminder. For your after work paddling enjoyment, I have four BCOS Kayaks available for rent @ \$ 5.00 for the evening. (boat, vest and paddle)

Any time after 3:00 PM except from 5 - 6 (my supper time) i will put the boats in the water and clean them after you are done.

The bayou runs for 3/4 of a mile then you are in Cross Lake right by Ford Park. Lots of open water to paddle. There are no lights on the boats so you ned to be off the lake at dark. However, you could get to the bayou and paddle the rest of the way back after dark so that gives you plenty of time to paddle for \$5.00. A good deal if there ever was one.

Dick Maxwell - 318-734-7949 or Rmax62@comcast.net
Kindly Keeper of Kayaks





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March 25, 2017



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Dorcheat Bayou Moonlight Float

By: Tammy Jernigan

Several years ago I caught the paddling bug. I had signed up for various classes at the Women in the Outdoors event at Bodcau and one of those was beginning paddling. From the moment I sat in the seat and floated away from the bank, I knew I'd discovered a new passion.

Bringing us to present day, I've joined the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society with a completely selfish desire to learn more about paddling and local paddling trails. Within this group, I've found friends and like-minded individuals who just like to get outside and have fun. Now to the business at hand...

On Saturday evening, April 8, 2017 at 6:30pm, fifteen folks met at the Highway 80 Dorcheat Bayou launch to embark on an evening paddle. Mother Nature graced us with a clear beautiful sky. Ted Riser very graciously offered up a food and frivolity point several miles to the south. With last weekend's rains, the current was swift so getting to Ted's bluff was a quick event involving mostly steering and avoidance techniques. We scampered up the hill to discover a blazing fire, table set up for serving and a rising moon courtesy of Ted. We feasted on hot dogs, smoked sausage, spinach and artichoke ribeye wraps and tortillas...and of course, S'mores. After an hour or so, we doused our fire and with full bellies launched ourselves into a black abyss of flowing water for a strenuous paddle back to the launch. Well, strenuous for everyone except Mr. Dick Maxwell whose wooden knife seemed to effortlessly glide back with minimal propulsion.

Our 93% gibbous moon led us back to the launch site with the swift current in the bayou curves as our only major challenge. We arrived back around 9:45pm with worn muscles and only slightly damp clothes. I was happy to help organize this event and am grateful to those who came. I'm looking forward to doing it again.



Classy Ads and Other Important Stuff

Dick Maxwell has kayaks, paddles and PFD's available for people to go for a paddle on Cross Lake during weekday evenings. Talk about a **stress reliever!** You will need to call ahead (318-734-7949). Cost is only \$5 per evening.

If you have any **equipment** you want to sell or give away, get in touch with Roy O'Neal. 318-272-0259 or roneal2@bellsouth.net

T-shirts are in!! Jenny will have them at the April meeting, the Caroline Dormon hike, and at the crawfish boil. If you have ordered, but haven't paid, the prices are \$10 for short sleeve, \$12 for long sleeve, and \$2 extra for XXL and XXXL. Please bring correct change or a check made out to BCOS. Contact Jenny Hackman for more information. 318-288-9096 or jandgman@bellsouth.net

Roy will have the Bayou Chapter **decals** at the April meeting. They are only \$2 and will look great on your car or boat.

2014 Current Design's kayak for sale: Transitional (between Recreation & Performance Touring). Model Vision 130. Composite Hybrid. Length: 13' (3.96m) Weight.: 40 lbs. (18.14kg) Width: 24" (61cm.) Depth.: 12" Max Capacity. 275 lbs. Form is Swede and Chine is Soft. Cost New \$2099. Cockpit cover. \$29.95. Protection Paddle Float \$64.95. Paddle bag Double Pocket. \$39.95. Paddle, aluminum shaft with fiberglass blades \$129.95 TOTAL COST \$2363.80. This Kayak & Equipment have never been put in the water. They have been stored inside my home. PLEASE MAKE AN OFFER, Will Bittick 318-393-5302

FIFTH ANNUAL CADDO LAKE EARTH DAY PADDLING FLOTILLA !!- April 22nd

By: Diane Jones

On Site Registration will begin at 7:30 am.

Included in your pre-registration fee: A t-shirt and two raffle tickets; breakfast snack, juice and water; launch fees for Crip's Camp, Shady Glade or Johnson's Ranch

Hot dog, chips, frito chili pie, veggie burger, fruit, desserts and drinks will be available for purchase.

The drawings for the raffle items will begin at 12:00 Noon and you must be present to win.

The silent auction will close at 12:30pm. We have two nights at Caddo Lake Cabins, several items from Bass Pro Shop and lots more to come!

Contact us at cypressbasintmn@gmail.com. 903-672-5524, 903-736-3063, 903-679-9817, if you have questions.

Funds raised will go toward this year's flotilla expenses. After those expenses are covered, the remainder will go to maintenance of the paddle trails and other environmental issues on Caddo Lake. Lots of improvement to the paddle trail signs this year !

Get your registration in now! Same day registration fees: \$20 per adult/ \$5 under 13



Bayou Chapter Ozark Society

Crawfish Boil

WHEN: Saturday May 6, 2017

12:00 PM until.....

WHERE: Henry Ann Burton's Home

11595 Mosquito Bend

Oil City, Louisiana

COST: \$15 if you sign up and pay before May 1st, \$20 if you sign up after that. Children under 12 may eat the bugs for free!

We will have iced tea and water. If you want to drink anything else, bring your own. Also, bring your own lawn chair. And if you have any tables that we could use, that would be appreciated. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Sign me up for the **Bayou Chapter Ozark Society Crawfish Boil!**
Saturday May 6th, 2017 12:00 PM - until ???

Names: _____

Send this form along with \$15 per person (checks made payable to Bayou Chapter Ozark Society) to:

Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society
P.O. Box 4693
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If you have any questions, contact Roy O'Neal. He has all the answers!! 318-272-0259 or roneal2@bellsouth.net



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2017 Membership Application

____Renewal ____New (1 year membership)

Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Email Address: _____

_____ Please send newsletters to my email address instead of by U.S. mail.

Please circle activities that interest you:

Canoeing: Flatwater Whitewater

Kayaking: Whitewater Recreational

Hiking: Day hikes Backpacking

Biking: Touring Mountain

I understand that a certain amount of risk is involved in the activities listed above and I agree I will not hold the Bayou Chapter Ozark Society, its officers, instructors, event leaders or other members responsible for any injuries I may receive participating in activities sponsored by the club.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return signed application with your **\$30** check to:

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