

BAYOU BYLINE



June 2017

Calendar of Events

June

- 17 Duck Pond Cleanup Contact Roy O'Neal
- 20 Monthly Meeting Mr. Thomas (Bud) Bethea will be the presenter on the basics of fly fishing Part 2
- 24 Indian Mounds Trip

July

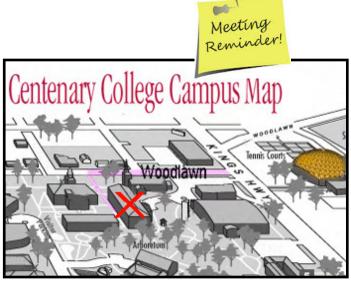
- 8 Moonlight Float
- 16-22 Colorado High Adventure Trip Contact person is Catherine Tolson 318-680-9280 or catherine.tolson@comcast.net
- 18 Monthly Meeting Speaker TBA

August

- 5-6 Moonlight Float on Cypress on Friday night, Safety boats for River Cities Triathlon on Saturday
- 12-13 Corney Lake Campout and Paddle
- 15 Monthly Meeting Speaker TBA

September

- 19 Monthly Meeting Speaker TBA
- 23 Bodcau Wildlife Refuge Festival
- 23 River Rat Race Ouachita Haven
- 23-30 Ozark Society Trip Hiking to the Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Utah



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.



Mr. Thomas (Bud) Bethea of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers will be the presenter on the basics of fly fishing - Part 2. The NLFF will bring fly rods for a casting demonstration. Participant's are encouraged to try their casting techniques outside after the basic fly fishing presentation.

June "Special" Days

June 7th - Gary & Jenny Hackman got hitched on this day.

June 9th - 11th Ouachita Haven Fun Weekend

June 14th - Flag Day

June 16th - Vannie Edwards Birthday

Robert Gaudet's Birthday

June 17th - Cathy Joyce of Caddo Gap, Arkansas (formerly of Shreveport, LA) was born on this day

June 18th - FATHERS DAY (Thank goodness it finally got here)

June 19th - Anna Lane's Birthday

June 20th - BCOS Meeting

June 21st - Whew is it gonna get hot. Summer is now officially here!

June 22nd - Lisa Willard's Birthday

Ouachita Haven Fun Days Group



Ouachita Haven Fun Days

By: Dee Jaye Teutsch

Ouachita Haven Fun Days June 9-11 was attended by Henry Ann Burton and daughter in law Ann Holbrook, Bill Robertson and friend Byron Melvin, Kenneth Holdiness, Dee Jaye Teutsch, Larry and Becky Moore, John and Cathy Joyce, and Leigh Ann and Tracy Hornbuckle and their son Thomas, Several people camped out all weekend, while others made it for a day trip. The weather was absolutely wonderful high temps were in the lower 80's during the days and the nights fell into the upper 50's for sleeping weather,

The water was nice and refreshing and the water features on the run to Dragover camp were just right. The hospitality at Ouachita Haven Resort was very delightful as always. Hopefully we can return next year to the same location. The free fishing weekend in Arkansas paid off for several members who enjoyed catching a few.









Mineral Big Foot Paddling Trail

Sit back and relax while I tell you a tale of three daring paddlers and a paddling trail. The offer was made for all to enjoy the trip however the many conflicts that are present in the everyday life of folks with children and grandchildren, work and other obligations have a tendency to disrupt the search for adventure. Unfortunately, no cure for problems such as those has to this time been found. That being the case, two daring young men and a fair maiden departed Shreveport on Saturday the 3rd of June for a trip on the Sabine River. This portion of the river has , to my knowledge, not been paddled by members of the Bayou Chapter so a new adventure was in the offing for our three brave souls.

The weather forecast at the time we departed Shreveport was for a 50% chance of showers with an increasing chance of scattered thunderstorms later in the day. The river level was 5.5 ft and rising slowly. This indicated a good chance of enough current to make the trip less stressful with a free ride on the current.

The paddle itself would be 12 miles from Rt 69 Just South of Mineola to Co Rd?. 1804. According to the brochure the river would pose no problems at this level since all the obstructions would be under water. It was possible for there to be a few strainers due to blowdowns and erosion but, avoiding such obstacles is no problem for such seasoned paddlers.

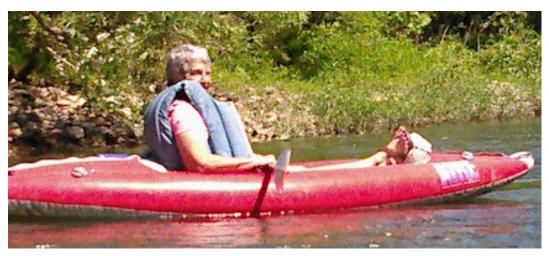
After two and one half hour drive we arrived at the takeout. The takeout is a steep but concrete ramp which is in excellent shape. At this time, we transferred one boat to another car so there would be the need for only one vehicle at the put in. The shuttle from the takeout to the put in is also 12 miles and poses no problems since it is all paved road. One has to drive past the put in a couple hundred feet and reverse course to access it if you are going North on Rt 69 but that is no problem.

The put in. Not as nice as the take out .Lots of mud and ruts. However a bit of looking about and we noticed that by going to the downriver side of the "put in "launching would be much easier. Well. it's about time to get going. Unloading the boats and stowing gear took about ten minutes and as we were finishing that task, the 50% chance of rain became a reality. And I do mean RAIN. A very strong rain shower with vicious dark clouds enveloped the area. We of course being the sentient beings we are, sat in Roys van and waited for the storm to pass. That took about 20 minuets and after the rain we once again got out to launch. Trying to check the weather for future, within the next 4-5 hours, storms, we noticed more dark and menacing clouds approaching, decision time, should we or should we not go.

Fortunately, the trip to the takeout was uneventful. and after transferring gear, we started on the drive back to Shreveport. There was a stop in Lindale for a malt at the Dairy Queen and then on to Rt 20 for the trip home. A some point on the return trip one of the tie-down straps came loose and a stop was made to re secure the boat. A period of "severe" rain was the only other difficulty encountered on the return trip.

Upon reflection, the trip was fun, we had some good talk we got wet, the boats got wet and no-one was hurt. There is even a possibility that we will make this trip again in the near future. At that time we may even put the boats in the water and float the river. IF there are no storms.

Dick M Unused bow paddler



Henry Ann Burton paddling the Ouachita River

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!! Look for the Hackman carrying a big box at the meeting. 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. We still have some short sleeved shirts of various colors available in medium, large and extra-large sizes. Please bring correct change or a check made out to BCOS. Contact Jenny Hackman for more information. 318-288-9096 or jandgman@bellsouth.net

Bayou Chapter decals will be available at the June meeting. They are only \$2 and will look great on your car or boat.

Buffalo River "Tribute to Bob Ritchie" Float Trip

This float trip was a huge success. It was held May 16-20 and honored Bob Ritchie, who was the treasurer of the Ozark Society for 29 years! He was very active and a big part of the annual Colorado trip in July each year. He will definitely be remembered as one of the stalwarts of the Ozark Society. Representing the Bayou Chapter on this trip was Jack Land and Roy O'Neal.







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