



# BAYOU BYLINE



September 2017

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 19 Monthly Meeting - Laura-Ashley Overdyke
- 23 Bodcau Wildlife Refuge Festival
- 23 River Rat Race - Ouachita River, West Monroe, Louisiana
- 23-30 Ozark Society Trip - Hiking to the Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Utah

### October

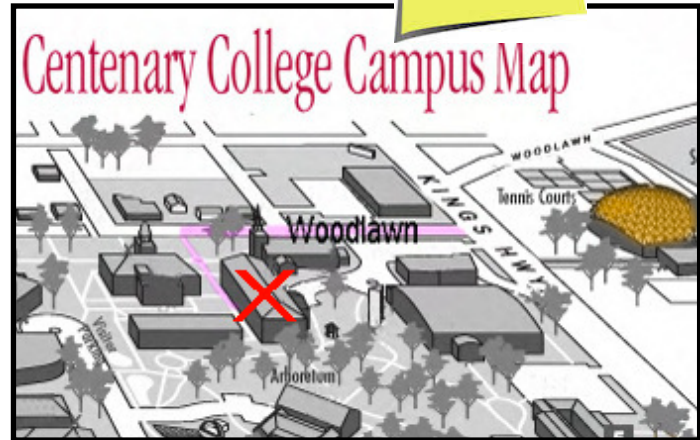
- 7 C Bickham Dickson Cleanup (in the fishing pier area) in conjunction with local kayak fishing club - the Bayou Bandits. Contact Al Higgins 318-507-8233
- 17 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 21 Red River National Wildlife Refuge - Contact person: Sandy Roerig
- 28 Ozark Society Fall All-Society Meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Details will follow.

### November

- 21 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

### December

- 3 BCOS Christmas Party at the Red River Refuge - Contact Sandy Roerig at 318-686-9481 or sroeri@lsuhsc.edu



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.



**Speaker:** Laura-Ashley Overdyke with the Caddo Lake Institute. CLI is a non-profit scientific and educational organization founded in 1992 with the mission of protecting the ecological, cultural and economic integrity of Caddo Lake, its associated wetlands and watershed.

## September “Special Days”



Sept. 4 - The Jankowski twins (Jerry & Judy Martin’s Grands) were born on this day.

Sept. 6 - Mishell Blandi Cash’s Birthday. Way out (and up) in Kent, Washington.

Sept. 7 - Charlie Henington’s #60 marked on this day.

Sept. 10 - Henry Ann Burton celebrates a birthday.

David & Karen Pitts will have been hitched 36 years on this day. Wow!

Sept. 11 - Ann B. Holbrook’s 64<sup>th</sup> Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. I know, but I ain’t kidding. I am not sure I believe it either.

Sept. 14 - Bruce Lynn’s birthday

Sept. 15 - J.J. Harris will be 22 on this day. Yep, I remember when she was not a teen yet.

Sept. 16 - Mark Lane’s birthday.

Dick Maxwell will be 74 on this day.

Sept. 20 - The Loridan Twins, Henri (the oldest) and Michelle, were born on this day only minutes apart, BUT Henri is still the oldest.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jandgman@bellsouth.net)

## BCOS Meeting Minutes August 15, 2017

**By: Jenny Hackman**

Presentation was by Scuba Ventures

T-shirts from the Ozark Society are \$24 + \$4

Eclipse – Al and Jenny and Gary will be going to the zone

Treasurer report - Dick - \$5555 in account - Harvey is to bring receipts

Conservation report – Sandy was not present

Conservation activities – Roy was not present

### New Business:

Anna stated that she went to the YMCA kayak class on safety and they said that a whistle is necessary

Al gave a report on Bickham Dickson Park – a group is to get together at the fishing pier. The fly fishing and kayak fishing groups and the city are going to clean up on a weekend next month

Tom reported on the spurata aquapher – it is currently at a stand still. Dorcheat has an old pumping station at Camp Minden.

The equipment is still good. A study is being done to see if it can supply the small cities

### Upcoming events:

9/23: Bodcau Wildlife and Fishery Day – contact Dick Maxwell

8/21 Eclipse party at Broadmoor library 1:00

Meeting was adjourned to Johnny’s Pizza.

## BOYScouts IN THE BOAT

By: Roy O'Neal

If the title of this article sounds familiar, and you have read the book, seen the movie, or both, don't worry, that is the extent of any plagiarism contained in this effort.

What a refreshing, and encouraging time we had the morning of Saturday, August 26th. Doing what? Obviously must have had something to do with boats. Yep, sure did. Canoes to be exact.

Thanks to Wayne Kiefer, and his friend and co-worker, Greg Kropp, who by the way is also the Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 9, there were nine BCOS members that got to share their boating knowledge and experience with the young men of the troop. In fact, there were many parents, and some grandparents who came to support our efforts as well.

The outing was held at the Kinsey Scout Reservation/Garland Scout Ranch, which is located off Hwy 171 (Mansfield Road) South of Shreveport. If you have never visited this extremely nice facility, I encourage you to take the time to visit. There is obviously just about anything one could want for an outdoor experience found at the Reservation. Shucks, all we had to do was show up. The Scouts had everything needed for our canoe orientation efforts. Canoes, paddles, PFD's, kayaks, sailboats, etc. etc.

We started the program with the usual introductions, and we became immediately aware of the fact that our job was going to be much easier due to the assistance of Greg Kropp and a number of the parents.

Anytime you have a number of boys in the 10 – 14 years age bracket, and they are actually sitting relatively quietly, paying attention to the speaker, you know that they respect their leaders.

Believe me – it makes one feel good to know that there are those parents who are still willing to devote the time and effort to expose our young people to experiences that are not powered by a battery.

Yes, there were a few cell phones in the group, but they were left on the bank, and probably in "airplane" mode. In fact, Greg made the comment to the writer that this "alternate" entertainment and learning was one of their goals in Troop 9.

The Troop has another outing scheduled for later this month where they will have the opportunity to practice the skills they were exposed to and hopefully become better paddlers.

Lest I forget, a very special thanks to those who gave up a large part of their Saturday, to share with the Scouts. David Lohrey; Henry Ann Burton (all the way from Vivian); Dick Maxwell; Larry and Becky, who brought their kayaks and did yeoman safety boat duty; Marian Howard, the lady with the camera/phone; Gary & Jenny Hackman, who unselfishly demonstrated a "boat-over-boat" rescue; and Jack Land, who jumped in, explaining almost everything about canoeing from the parts of a canoe to the finer points of paddle strokes. Wow, what a team! Oops! Almost forgot to mention a very important, and certainly the most popular member of our team – Weezy Hackman. Everyone loved Weezy, and she loved being petted by anyone that wanted to feel her soft fur. (That was just about everyone.)

I have told Greg that we would be happy to again help with the Troop in developing their paddling skills, so if the chance presents itself again in the future, I encourage you to give us a hand. You will really enjoy it.

## Boy Scout Canoe Lesson



**August 26, 2017 at Boy Scout Camp**







1.) We need help for the canoeing and kayaking at the Wildlife & Forestry Festival, Bayou Bodcau Dam & Reservoir, Tom Merrill Recreation Area this Saturday September 23, 2017 from 10:00am – 3:00pm

Help needs to be there early to set up area.

Contact is Larry and Becky Moore send emails to [sarahsgranny2003@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsgranny2003@gmail.com) [louisianamoore@gmail.com](mailto:louisianamoore@gmail.com)

2.) We need help at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday October 21, 2017

Contact is Sandy Roerig - send emails to [sroeri@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:sroeri@lsuhsc.edu)

Greetings from Red River National Wildlife Refuge! Each year the refuge puts on a Fall Wildlife Festival, which is a festival-style family event celebrating National Wildlife Refuge Week and the native wildlife of NW Louisiana. Various wildlife and nature-related organizations participate and provide educational activities and information for visiting families. Last year over 600 people came out to enjoy the event.

Last year, thanks to the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society, many visitors enjoyed a fun day of canoeing and kayaking! Thank you for your continued partnership and providing visitors with this fun and safe activity!

The refuge would love to have your help with canoeing and kayaking again this year if your organization is able to assist as in years past. If your group is able to help, please confirm as soon as possible and let me know who is the best person in your organization to coordinate/communicate with regarding the event. **This year's Wildlife Celebration takes place on Saturday, October 21 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.**

Thanks for your continued support of the refuge!

## **Looking for Darkness in the Middle of the Day**

By: Gary Hackman

I first learned of a total solar eclipse crossing the U. S. about a year ago and thought that it would be something cool to go see. After hearing Dr. Cran Lucas' astronomy presentation at our April meeting nothing was going to keep me from going. As the August 21 date came closer, I started looking at possible places for the viewing. Campsites were non-existent in several places that looked good. So, after deciding to camp in Arkansas and drive up the morning of the eclipse the town of Bonne Terre, Missouri was selected.

Jenny, Weezie and I headed north the day before the eclipse to our camping destination of Crowley's Ridge State Park in northeast Arkansas. After leaving Little Rock, we travelled highway 67 through the rice fields until we saw the ridge in the distance. According to the park brochure, Crowley's Ridge is "an erosional remnant from natural forces of rivers 40 million years ago". It rises about 200 feet above the rice fields of the Delta country of eastern Arkansas. Check out the poster on the wall of Mickle Hall on your way to the next BCOS meeting for the scientific explanation for this hill rising from the flat lands.

Crowley's Ridge State Park is located at the Benjamin F. Crowley home site. Crowley was a War of 1812 soldier who had one of the first land grants in this part of Arkansas. The park was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and is one of the six original state parks in Arkansas. It has 18 RV sites, 6 tent sites, 2 duplex cabins and group lodging. The park has 4 ½ miles of hiking trails, and two lakes for swimming, fishing, kayaking and pedal boating. We enjoyed hiking around the lake and viewing the CCC Pavilion and pioneer cemetery.

The morning of the eclipse we got an early start toward Bonne Terre since we didn't know how bad the traffic might be. Along the way "Jenny the Navigator" noticed that Missouri's St. Joe State Park was not far off the highway. We decided that it might be a better place to observe the eclipse since the streetlights in town could come on and ruin the darkness at totality. If it turned out to be too hard to get in we would continue on to Bonne Terre since we had plenty of time and the traffic was light. We knew we were in the totality zone when we started seeing signs saying "No Parking on Shoulders".

After stopping for picnic lunch supplies we arrived at the park and were surprised to find only about 30 people at the picnic area. We set up chairs and were soon visited by a twelve-year-old girl from Kansas City who fell in love with Weezie. Her dad and another fellow from Kansas City decided to join our group when it became apparent that (at least to his daughter) Weezie was the star of this show. We were later joined by a couple from Chicago with their two young children. Have dog – have a party!

As totality grew near we noticed that the temperature was dropping and the sunshine was less intense. Jenny noticed that crickets were chirping and I saw all the dogs resting. One of our new friends said that we might see the shadow race across the ground when totality happened. We were in a good location to see that since we could see across a valley to distant hills. We kept checking the sun through our "stylish" glasses. Then, it happened. We didn't need the glasses anymore. We saw the "diamond ring" effect for a few seconds, then the full corona. I missed the shadow. It raced across at around 1000 mph while I was mesmerized by the diamond ring. But, it didn't matter. This was one of the coolest things I'll ever see! I did take time to see the 360-degree sunset effect, and we spotted Venus and Jupiter in the darkened sky. Two minutes and four seconds later the diamond ring made another appearance and then came the sun.

People soon started to pack up and leave while we ate our picnic lunch. On the way back we noticed a lot more traffic – a lot more. It seemed that half of Texas was heading back home! We got backed up in traffic for miles going into Pochahontas, Arkansas because of its two traffic lights. It was a long way to go for a short bit of entertainment, but it was worth it. It reminded me of the standing ovation the setting sun received from BCOS members that evening many years ago at Lake Degray State Park. Those of you who were there know what I mean.

Circle your calendar. It's time to start your planning for the next solar eclipse over the U.S. on April 8, 2024. This one will come much closer to us with totality as near as Longview and Texarkana. Our favorite campsites in the Ouachita Mountains will be great spots for viewing. Road trip, anyone?

## Jenny, Gary and Weezie getting ready for an eclipse!!



## Red River Cleanup News

The Red River Cleanup will be heading to Baton Rouge on September 20th to attend the 2017 Everyday Heroes Awards Banquet and receive the award for Most Innovative Program.  
<https://keeplouisianabeautiful.org/programs-events/everyday-hero-awards/>

The Red River Cleanup was inspired during a group paddling outing down the Red in 2010. President and founder, Adam Willard noticed trash floating along the red and decorating the river banks and was disturbed enough to start a cleanup that same year along with members of the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society and the Arkansas Canoe Club - two conservation minded organizations in town.

What started with 89 volunteers in 2010 has now expanded with over 450 volunteers in 2016. Just last year alone, volunteers removed over 30,000 pounds of trash from the river, bayous and tributaries. Total trash removed since 2010 is 87,676 pounds and over 400 tires

This year's cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday November 4th 2017 at Stoner Boat Launch** 8am-2pm. Registration is between 8:00am - 9:30am under the BIG tent.

Members of the cleanup scout the river in advance to locate areas in need. It takes a village to come together - to work together to make great things happen in our communities and we are excited to receive this award and to let everyone know Shreveport and Bossier City residents are proud and we care about the beautification of our cities and water.



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## 2017 Membership Application

\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ New (1 year membership)

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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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