



BAYOU BYLINE



November 2018

Calendar of Events

November

20 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

December

2 Bayou Chapter Ozark Society Annual Christmas Party at the Red River Refuge - 5:00 until... Time to start looking for that perfect White Elephant Gift!

8 Caney Lake Hike in Minden - contact Marian Howard at marianehoward@comcast.net

January

15 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

February

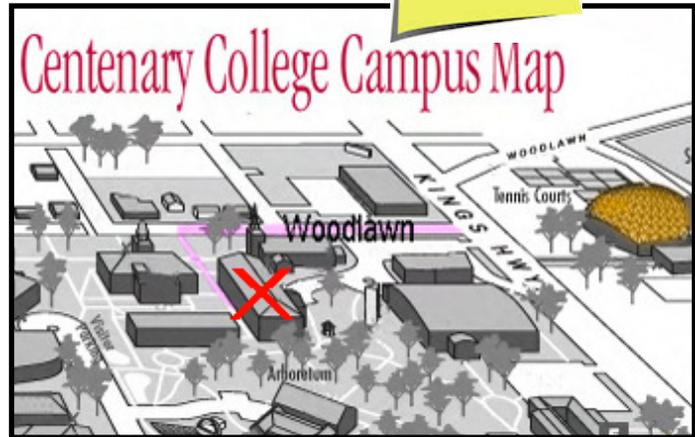
19 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

March

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ATTENTION:

A planning meeting is in the works. Please think of fun outings you would like to see or lead in the coming year. This has been a great year and participation has gone up dramatically. Let's keep this trend going!



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.



As of publication time for the November Bayou Byline, the speaker for the November meeting has not been confirmed.

Classy Ads and Other Important Stuff

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 or just bring it to the upcoming meeting.

The Bayou Chapter Annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 2nd at the Red River Refuge. It's never too early to start looking for that "perfect" White Elephant gift.

We have reverted back to the old dues structure - dues are due on January 1st every year. If you join in November or December this year, you won't have to pay dues again until January 1, 2020!

November "Special" Days

- Nov. 1 Maurice Loridans' birthday. Happy Birthday, Maurice.
- Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Time ended. Were you early for Sunday School?
- Nov. 7 John Joyce's birthday. Post cards today. Arkansas mail is sorta slow.
- Nov.11 Veterans Day
- Nov.14 Steve and Grace Eyler celebrate 2 decades as man & wife.
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 27 Harvey Kennedy turns 70 on this day. Nope, not kidding!
Anne Crye Jackson was born on this day as well.
- Nov. 29 Whoa! John and Cathy Joyce mark 49 years together. Talk about perseverance! Congrats!



BCOS Minutes - October 16,2018

By: Acting Secretary Gary Hackman

Burly Johnson gave a presentation about paddling in the Natchitoches area. The Cane River, Bayou Pierre and Saline Bayou were proposed as good places to try out for future paddling adventures.

Dick Maxwell filled in as chairperson for Roy O'Neal.

September, 2018 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report – We have \$4,712.53.

Newsletter – No report.

Publicity – No report.

Conservation Activities – No report.

Conservation – Sandy Roerig reported on the black footed ferret and the Rocky Mountain National Wildlife Refuge.

Old Business:

Past outings – Articles are in the newsletter.

All Society Meeting – Sandy Roerig reported that we had 49 attendees and lots of food. Lake Claiborne park manager Wesley Harris gave a talk to open the meeting. The general meeting had the election of officers and state representatives. It was announced that Alice Andrews would receive the Neil Compton award. There was a report on the hog farm and the Roberts track purchase (to complete the Buffalo River Trail). The website has been updated. Archaeologist Jeff Girard gave a presentation on the Caddo Indians and the extraction and preservation of a dugout canoe found along the Red River. Activities included a hike up Mount Driskel led by Dick Maxwell, a hike in the state park led by Vickie Reich and orienteering led by Gary and Jenny Hackman. We had a potluck dinner Saturday evening with entertainment by County Switch. The board meeting was held after Sunday breakfast. A plaque was presented to Alice Andrews from the Bayou Chapter for her years of service.

New Business:

The Red River Cleanup is November 3. A donation of \$250 to the Red River Cleanup was approved.

The Red River Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Celebration will be October 20 from 9:00am to 2:30pm. We will be putting people in canoes and kayaks.

The Poverty Point outing is scheduled for October 27 – 28. Check for Roy's messages on the BCOS email.

We adjourned to Johnny's. (But hold on!)

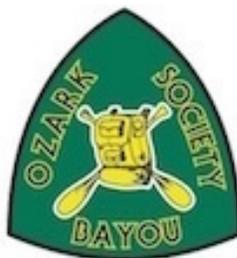
P.S. Sandy Roerig reported on the board meeting discussion on when to pay dues. Dues will be due on January 1 every year. Think about putting in more than giving the minimum.

Now we can go to Johnny's!



Meeting
Minutes

Ozark Society Fall Meeting - October 12-14



Lake Claiborne State Park



Ozark Society General Meeting
October 13, 2018

by: Sandy Roerig

The Ozark Society General Membership met on Saturday morning, October 13, 2018 at the Nature Center building in Lake Claiborne State Park, LA. The meeting was hosted by the Bayou Chapter who provided breakfast for all attendees. Wayne Kiefer, Monica Allison, Ann Gibson, Roy O'Neal, Steve and Grace Eyler, Karen and David Pitts, Dick Maxwell, Henry Ann Burton, Stephanie Parks, Mike and Vickie Rech, Jenny and Gary Hackman, Toni Spitale, Kenny and Sandi Miller, Barbie Halbert, Anna Livengood, Sandy Roerig and others assembled the food and drinks for the group.

Several Bayou Chapter members sat at the registration table to register attendees and hand out gifts of native walking iris plants, provided by Marian Howard. Tom Goleman, Dick Maxwell, Kathy Kramer, Kenny Miller and others helped with the registration.

At 9:30, Bayou Chapter Chair Roy O'Neal welcomed everyone to the meeting and described the activities planned for the afternoon. Wesley Harris, Manager of the Park, gave a short introduction and history of the Park. He also answered questions posed by the attendees.

David Peterson, President of the Ozark Society opened the General Meeting at 10:00.

The most important business of this meeting is election of officers for the next 2-year terms. The nominating committee, consisting of Luke Parsch (Highlands Chapter), Janet Nye (Pulaski Chapter) and Sandy Roerig had developed a list of nominees. Luke presented the list, as follows:

Officers:

President: David Peterson
Past-President: Alan Nye
Vice-President: Luke Parsch
Recording Secretary: Sandy Roerig
Conservation Chair: Alice Andrews
Financial Chair: Kay Ewart
Communications Chair: Carolyn Shearman
Membership Chair: Chris Kline
Education Chair: Fred Paillet

State Directors:

Arkansas: Bob Cross and Rex Robbins
Louisiana: Catherine Tolson and Richard Maxwell
Missouri: Brenda Crites

Laura Timby, Chair of the Buffalo River Chapter, moved to accept the slate as recommended by the Committee. Tom Perry seconded the motion. David asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Janet Nye described the upcoming event to present the Neil Compton Award to Alice on October 20. This event will also be a fund raiser. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Bob Cross (Highlands Chapter, Ozark Society Past President) provided a brief history of the C&H hog farm issue from it's beginning in 2012. There is currently a 5-year moratorium on CAFO's, but this moratorium ends in 2019 so we need to be prepared to work to renew it. Also, the hog farm must renew it's permit to operate under Regulation 5. The permit was originally denied in 2017, then there was an appeal, then a stay was granted and currently there is a period of public comment. Attendees were encouraged to submit their comments to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality website as soon as possible because the deadline is October 17. If the permit is denied again, the farm will be ordered to shut down, but there will likely be an appeal of that order. The Ozark Society continues to work to shut down the operation that is polluting the Buffalo River – as evidenced by massive algae growth in water downstream from the farm. Legal fees are mounting.

Laura discussed a planned fund raiser that is planned at a bar in Fayetteville, AR on November 6 to raise money for legal fees.

David introduced Linda VanBlaricom who is attending this meeting and is in charge of selling Ozark Society books and maps at the meeting.

Janet Parsch, from the Highlands Chapter, representing the Ozark Society Foundation, described the revised Buffalo River Handbook that was updated by Ken Smith. It will be available for sale in November. It contains numerous corrections from the original version and Ken spent many hours working on this project. Fred's new book, Ozark Forest Forensics: the Science Behind the Scenery in our Regional Forests, is not ready for publication yet, but final edits are being completed.

Chris Kline, Membership Chair, spoke about the Young Naturalist group that was formed to encourage young people's interest in nature and conservation. The Ozark Society is partnering with the Master Naturalists and the local Audubon group on this project.

Carolyn Shearman, Communications Chair, announced that a webmaster from each Chapter is needed to help keep the Ozark Society website updated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Jeff Girard, a Louisiana archeologist, gave a talk on the Caddo tribe in northwest Louisiana and the recent discovery and rescue of a native American canoe from the Red River near Shreveport. The talk was very interesting and generated numerous questions from the audience.

After-lunch outdoor activities included (1) a hike up Mt. Driskill led by Dick Maxwell, (2) a hike in the park, led by Vickie Rech, and (3) an orienteering exercise in the park, led by Jenny and Gary Hackman. All participants had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather and early fall leaf colors.

At 6:00 pm, everyone gathered for a wonderful pot luck dinner. There are lots of great cooks in the Ozark Society! Following the dinner, Steve and Grace Eyler announced the winners of the door prizes – there were lots of winners and many useful prizes.

For the evening entertainment, acoustic music was provided by "Country Switch", Gary Buchanan & Co. This toe-tapping music was enjoyed by all.

Although the daylight hours were warm and sunny, a storm came through near the end of the evening entertainment. Strong winds felled a tree over the road that prevented some attendees from driving to their cabins. However, the road was quickly cleared and everyone was able to safely reach their place to sleep.

The Ozark Society Board met on Saturday morning for about 5 hours.

After the meeting, Roy presented a plaque to Alice, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the Ozark Society. The plaque was a painted paving stone donated by Marian Howard and depicted the Ozark Society logo. Alice was thrilled to receive this award.

Once again, many Bayou Chapter members showed up to pitch in and help with all aspects of this General Membership meeting. Everyone who participated had a great time, meeting other Ozark Society members, learning about Ozark Society projects, participating in outdoor activities and eating delicious food.

Many thanks to all of you – you all helped make the meeting a success!!



Orienteering at the All-Society Meeting
Or
“I Once was Lost, but Now I’m Found”

By: Gary Hackman

A group of very eager lost souls at the October All Society Meeting at Lake Claiborne joined Gary and Jenny Hackman on an exciting trip around and through the forest of the state park. After a brief history of the sport of orienteering, and some instruction on how to orient a map to north, the group set out with their maps and compasses on a beginner’s course through the woods. Along the way Gary and Jenny pointed out features that were on the map that could be seen as we passed.

The object was to find controls (orange and white bags) hung at various identifiable features along the way. We had to decide on which route would be best. Sometimes a trail worked best, sometimes a stream, and sometimes a direct route through the woods was chosen. Once everyone finally realized that keeping their map oriented to north was the most important thing in orienteering, finding the next control became much easier and the game more fun.

Orienteering is a great lifetime activity that helps people of all ages be confident in unfamiliar places. Next time you get a chance, give it a try!



Red River Wildlife Festival - October 20, 2018

By: Dick Maxwell

The day dawned dark and dreary. A heavy mist and periods of light rain greeted me as I hooked up to the trailer of kayaks. Destination, the Red River Refuge. Today was the Wildlife Festival and as we have done in the past, the Bayou Chapter would be on hand to help people into canoes and kayaks. Many of them first timers, many of them a bit scared and wondering if they should go for it. A few of the children insisting, against their parents wishes, that they be allowed to go out in a kayak by themselves. In other words, the normal day at the Refuge.

But, to back up a bit. This was not a one man operation. In actuality, it was a three lady and one man operation. Marian Howard, Ann Gibson and of course Sandra Roerig were there to see that the day went smoothly. We erected an "easy up," hung our banner and unloaded four kayaks and four canoes. With the mist/rain and a cool wind from the East we were not expecting many participants.

The weather had, of course, predicted clearing by 9:30 or 10:00 so we sat around for an hour with no boaters. Finally, two young women showed up and we were in business. Two kayaks on the water so I volunteered, after much insisting by Sandy, to act as a safety boat. Our faithful safety boat crew of Larry and Becky Moore could not be there but in truth, after getting on the water I enjoyed it, as usual. After another half hour had passed, we started getting a few more boaters. Safety boat duties were taken up in turn while we fitted life jackets and launched boats. The slow pace of boaters allowed everyone who came the opportunity to stay out as long as they wanted .

At lunch time, box lunches were provided. Burgers and fries, drinks of water, soda and COFFEE. 2:00 o'clock and closing time arrived . There were still folks on the water so we just waited for them to come in and loaded up the boats. About 2:20 all boats loaded we left. Another fun day completed. Only 22 boaters, however they all had a good time.

While talking at the Refuge prior to leaving, of course the clouds broke up and the sun was shining. Four hours late but welcome after the mist and rain earlier.



Red River Wildlife Festival

October 20, 2018



Red River Cleanup

By: Lisa Willard

Our 9th annual Red River Cleanup was held on Saturday November 3, 2018. We want to thank you for your continued support and donation. Your group is and has been an instrumental part of the success of the cleanup each year.

The cleanup began at 8am in Shreveport at the Stoner Boat Launch. Our volunteers received a free event t-shirt, pickers, and a backpack with water, trash bags and gloves. Because the level of the river was very high and dock closed, we focused on cleaning litter at Ford Street, 12 Mile Bayou, Cross Bayou, McDade Street, Dixie-Shreveport, Hamel's Park, the bike path and other areas along the river.

We are happy to report approximately 450 volunteers helped to remove 21,920 pounds of trash in just 6 hours.

Since we are all about GOOD CLEAN FUN , when everyone did their share of kicking trash, we all gathered back at the boat launch for free lunch served by Jason's Deli, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cici's Pizza, Advanced Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc., Riverbend Rotary and South Shreveport Rotary clubs.

To celebrate everyone's hard work, we created a festival atmosphere which included live music by The Clay Logan Band, a craft tent where children made fish and octopuses out of water bottles, Shreveport Aquarium brought their Moon Jellyfish and taught the children how sea turtles mistake plastic bags for their source of food-jellyfish, the Wildlife Refuge brought their bird mascot and set up shop with fun information, Caddo Magnet High's Green club had fun activity for kids, and the Girl Scouts were baking cookies from a homemade oven. We also gave away 25 prizes for the Crazy Trash Contest and one lucky volunteer went home with a kayak for finding the hidden Immunity Idol. Let us not forget about the fierce competition of the Blazin' Wing Challenge. For the third consecutive year, one volunteer finished 12 of the hottest wings in under 2 minutes racing against 9 other volunteers.

Next year will be our 10th year and plans are already in the works for the BIGGEST event we have ever seen in Shreveport Bossier City.

Thank you again for your support, your belief in our mission and for caring about Shreveport and Bossier. Together, we can and will make our areas, the best place to work and raise a family.

If you're interested in helping out or donating money to the 2019 Red River Cleanup, you can contact Lisa Willard at: PO Box 299 Bossier City, La 71110 www.redrivercleanup.com 318-773-9404



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The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



Join us, or renew now! Dues are for one year, January-December, and they include a subscription to the Society's newsletter, *Pack & Paddle*. To join or renew, go online to the Ozark Society website at www.ozarksociety.net.

Or you can fill out this form and send it with a check written to "The Ozark Society." See below for our address.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Old Email (if changed)

Email 2: _____ Old Email (if changed)

I would like *Pack and Paddle* sent to my home address instead of by email. (Default is email.)

Please check one:

- New Member Start at **Section A** for your OS and Chapter Membership
- Renewal Start at **Section A** to renew your OS and Chapter Membership
- LIFE Member Start at **Section B** to renew just your Chapter Membership

Section A: Please specify both the Level of Membership and the Chapter you are joining:

Level: (choose one)

- Friend: \$30 = \$20 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Associate: \$50 = \$40 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Supporter: \$100 = \$90 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Sponsor: \$250 = \$240 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Patron: \$500 = \$490 OS +\$10 Chapter

Chapter: (choose one)

- Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS +\$10 Chapter
- 01 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- 04 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- 06 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- 10 Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- 13 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- 16 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- No chapter, all to central Ozark Soc.

Section B: For Members who wish to join more than one Chapter or Life Members renewing their Chapter Membership only

(Choose as many as you wish and add \$10 for each chapter)

- \$10 01 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
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Section C: Donations to our Funds

(Choose any amount)

- \$_____ General Conservation Fund
- \$_____ Legal Fund
- \$_____ Compton Scholarship Fund
- \$_____ Hedges Scholarship Fund
- \$_____ OS Foundation