



# BAYOU BYLINE



October 2018

## Calendar of Events

### October

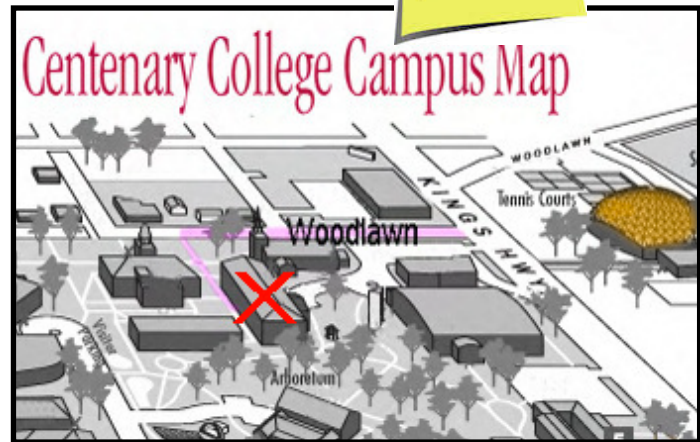
- 13-14 All Society Meeting at Lake Claiborne State Park. Bayou Chapter is hosting our friends from up north.
- 16 Monthly Meeting - Speaker is Burley Johnson from Natchitoches. He'll talk about the history of the Cane River and other waterways around Natchitoches to explore
- 20 Fall Wildlife Celebration at the Red River Refuge - 8:00am to 2:00pm Contact Dick Maxwell (aka Head CheeseBall) at 318-734-7949 or rmax62@comcast.net
- 27 Trip to Poverty Point Native American Historic Site

### November

- 3 Red River Clean-Up - Set-up starts around 5:30am with registration at 8:00am
- 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!



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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## 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](mailto: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.

Thanks to all who saved cans and got them to me in a timely manner. They are all painted and ready to hand out at the Fall Meeting this weekend.

### October "Special" Days

- Oct. 5 - Ryan Visor's Birthday
- Oct. 7 - Kristi Smith's Birthday (Linda S. Miller's daughter)
- Oct. 8 - Columbus Day
- Oct. 10 - Barbie Halbert's Birthday (Could give you a number but you would not believe it anyway)
- Oct. 11 - David Pitts' Birthday
- Oct. 18 - Kathy Logan's Birthday
- Oct. 21 - Kevin Smith's Birthday (Kristi Smith's brother) Oh, and Linda S. Miller's son.
- Oct. 23 - Steve Tolson's Birthday
- Oct. 24 - Rick Larned's Birthday. Rick will be 80 years young.
- Oct. 27 - Marsha Land's Birthday AND her retirement day from the classroom. Oh Happy Day! !!!!
- Oct. 31 - Alisha Watson's Birthday (Craig & Phyllis Watson's daughter)



## The River Rat Paddle Challenge

By: Dick Maxwell

It was a dark and stormy night. The rain was being blown across the terrain in such force it was like standing under a waterfall. WHOOPS, wrong story. Let me begin again.

The day and evening started with an invite from Jack and Marsha Land to spend the night before the race at the Sugar Creek Retreat. By doing this, we would save an hour of travel the morning of the race. So Barbie and I took them up on the invite. Jack was going to be home all day so I decided to go up around noon while Barbie was going to wait for Marsha to return from work and show up around 4:30. After I arrived, Jack took me on a tour of his island in the chaos of what the most of us call our living areas. Forty acres of woods, pond and peaceful country.

As the evening approached, Barbie arrived just after Marsha had returned from work. A lively conversation was going on, most of which I missed since I didn't have my hearing aids in. I did however nod and grunt every now and then to prove my interest. As darkness started to close in, a meal of Deer Backstrap, Sweet Potato Sticks and Steamed Veggies was on the menu. Most satisfying. More conversation continued until it was time to call it a night.

Now I can relate the weather in a more truthful manner. As the night air cooled, a moist fog started to develop. I was quite comfortable in my hammock keeping an eye out for the appearance of any wild hog that may wish to enjoy the corn Jack had put out under his green light. Barbie, I assume, had made herself comfortable in the camper for the night despite the lack of water available due to a leaky valve. Comfortable in my hammock, I don't know if any hogs showed up to eat the corn or not. Before I knew it the alarm went off and Race Day had arrived. After breaking down my sleeping set up I joined Jack for a cup of coffee while waiting for breakfast to be delivered. Marsha and Barbie put in an appearance and Jack cooked up some eggs and bacon to go with the coffee. Dishes washed, Boats Loaded and we were off to Paddle/Race.

### The 3rd Annual River Rat Paddle Challenge

We left Sugar Creek and drove to West Monroe and the put in for the race. We got there about 7:15am and already many people were unloading boats. Boats unloaded we returned to TRAPPS [the finish] and took the shuttle bus back to the put-in. There were 104 entrants with very few tandem teams. Lots of boats of every shape and size. A few were there to "race the clock" and others there to just paddle and be part of the event. I should add; the RRPC is a fund raiser for The North East Louisiana Horse Assisted Therapy Program. So back to the race/paddle. For those who were there to really beat the clock, the prize for completing the course (6.5 - 6.7 miles), depending on how you measure it, is an engraved Rat out of Hell Leatherman tool. To get the Leatherman, you must complete the race in under an hour. Now, I don't care who you are, that is hauling the coal. This year there were six men and one fantastic woman who did it.

As for the rest of the group, there were several stand up paddle boarders, a couple of canoes, and kayaks of every shape and size. Many decorated with their team colors. Team Shark Attack had many wearing fins, Red White and Blue had flags and bunting. Kayaking Cowboys wore stetsons and The Memphis Mafia may have had some special dress however, they were so far ahead of the pack I couldn't tell.

The Bayou Chapter had three entrants but we were not a team. Jack and Bar-B were loosely associated with team Shark Attack, I remained independent. There were few if any who wished to associate with me. At the start of the race it was requested that the speedsters line up at the front of the pack. The start was given and before I could see through the water flying off the many paddles they were GONE. The rest of us however were furiously flaying the water and making our slower way down the bayou to the river. As I paddled I could see Jack moving off ahead of Bar-B and myself. He was a man on a mission. Barbie and I were not as speedy and paddled at a more leisurely pace. As the race progressed, my back began to cramp a bit and at the five mile mark I pulled over to the bank and got out and stretched for three or so minutes. Cramp gone I returned to the boat and continued down the river to the finish. I did not better my last year's time, however, the Flyer paddled well. It was the engine that was not up to the task. At the finish there was an after race meal of meat pies, fried fish and green leafy stuff.

As to the results. Jack came in THIRD in his boat class. Let's hear the applause. Barbie was FIRST in her class. More applause please. I finished the race. I was however awarded the CheeseBall Prize for the most outrageous Face Book Posting about the Race. I mean, If you can't paddle fast, at least you can type, right? In my never ending attempt to be fair, I demanded that Ms. Stephanie Herrmann be awarded the prize. She had exempted herself at the start of the race posting but I assure you had she not done that, she would have been the unanimous pick for that prize. She finally accepted and offered to share the honor with me.

Boats loaded, food eaten and prizes accepted, Barbie had a birthday party to attend so she headed home. With nothing left to do I also left for the drive home. Jack and Marsha were left to find their own way back to Sugar Creek.

This Race/Paddle is without a doubt the best coordinated event you could ever attend. Shuttle, race control, safety personal, food and prizes. Swag Bags. All top notch.

Over all, it was a fun day. The H A T S Program received much needed funds to continue their work and many people had a great time.

You can't ask for more than that. Hope to see many more BCOSers at the Challenge next year.

### Head CheeseBall - Dick Maxwell





### **Bodcau Rainout**

By: Roy O'Neal

Thanks so much to all of you who volunteered to help with BCOS's efforts at the National Hunting & Fishing Festival scheduled for September 22nd at Bodcau Dam.

Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due to the inclement weather already occurring and forecasted to continue. There is a possibility that the event will be rescheduled at a later date. That decision will not be made by the local Corps of Engineers folks, who are ready to do so, but by those above their pay grade.

Of course those of us who showed up at Bodcau did not know the event would be cancelled, even though we knew it had been raining steadily, and heavily. I am sure that those of you who were prepared to help, felt that it would not happen.

As in all BCOS events, there was still some work to do and as always, everyone pitched in to get the job done. The temporary dock that had been constructed had to come down, and with the help of all the BCOSers, the task was accomplished in short order. Any of you who have participated in the Festival activity in the past will remember how slick the mud is along the bayou. As Wayne Kiefer commented, the mud was "slicker than snot." His truck was unable to negotiate the slippery surface but everyone simply got behind it and pushed. Ah, what is a little mud on you when a fellow Bayou Chapter member needs a little shove.



### **Community Fun Paddle Events**

Come out, meet and paddle with other like minded individuals; a Community Fun Paddle is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon on the water. (Weather permitting) located at the C Bickham Dickson Park 2283 E Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, Louisiana 71105

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the 2018 Sundays listed below:**

- October 21
- November 18

### **BCOS Meeting Minutes September 18, 2018**

By: Jenny Hackman

A presentation was done on the retrieval of a dugout canoe which was found on the river bank of the Red River.

A business meeting was not held due to another group having the room reserved. The meeting was adjourned to Johnny's Pizza.

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## The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



**Join us, or renew now!** Dues are for one year 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Old Email (if changed)  
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 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:

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| <p><b>Level:</b> <i>(choose one)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Friend: \$30 = \$20 OS + \$10 Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Associate: \$50 = \$40 OS + \$10 Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supporter: \$100 = \$90 OS + \$10 Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor: \$250 = \$240 OS + \$10 Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Patron: \$500 = \$490 OS + \$10 Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS + \$10 Chapter</li> </ul> | <p><b>Chapter:</b> <i>(choose one)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bayou (Shreveport, LA)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Valley (Cape Girardeau, MO)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No chapter, all to overall Ozark Society</li> </ul> |
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**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 selection:

- \$10 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- \$10 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- \$10 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- \$10 Mississippi Valley (Cape Girardeau, MO)
- \$10 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- \$10 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)

My Total is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit to: The Ozark Society, PO Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203**

Once your membership has processed, you will receive a welcome letter if you are new to the Ozark Society. If you have questions about your membership status, contact Mary Gordon at [mb2reme@aol.com](mailto:mb2reme@aol.com).