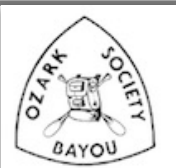




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February 2019

Calendar of Events

February

- 16 Backbone Trail Hike in Kisatchie - contact Wayne Kiefer at wkiefer59@gmail.com
- 19 Monthly Meeting - Speaker is Doug Rainwater with the Caddo Parish Parks and Recreation
- 23 Pop-Up Paddle - location TBA - contact Wayne Kiefer at wkiefer59@gmail.com

March

- 9 Duck Pond Cleanup - contact Roy O'Neal at roneal2@bellsouth.net
- 16 Athens-Big Fork Trail Maintenance - contact Roy O'Neal at roneal2@bellsouth.net
- 19 Monthly Meeting - Speaker is Shawn Puffer, who has paddled the Mississippi River from its headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico
- 30-31 Chemin-A-Haut Weekend - contact Tammy Jernigan at Tjerni88@hotmail.com

April

- 13 Shirley, Arkansas Paddle/Camp Weekend - contact Tammy Jernigan at tjerni88@hotmail.com
- 13 Shreveport Green's Great American Cleanup
- 16 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 19 Moonlight Paddle - Location TBA Contact Wayne Kiefer at wkiefer59@gmail.com
- 27 Annual Crawfish Boil at Henry Ann Burton's place in Oil City. Noon - until?



Note: New Monthly Meeting Location!!!!



Our monthly meetings are now being held at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA 71112.

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 is Doug Rainwater with Caddo Parks and Recreation

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.

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

The **Ozark Society Spring Meeting** will be held May 3-5 at the Gilbert RV Campground in Gilbert, Arkansas. Details will be upcoming.

February "Special" Days

Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day (Sun shining in Shreveport-Bossier, BUT no groundhogs. How do we know if winter is over?

Feb.12 - Uncle Abe's (Lincoln that is) Birthday. (USA) on the calendar. Does that mean is not Abe's date of birth in other countries?

Feb. 15- Jim Overton's Birthday (Two claims to fame in BCOS. Dog Trainer on Dorcheat and Dr. Seuss impersonator in Texarkana pizza joint.)

Feb. 16 – Sandy Miller's Birthday

Feb. 17 – Elise {Pokey" Burton's Birthday

Zoe Rech's Birthday



Feb. 18 - Presidents' Day

Feb. 19 - BCOS Meeting - Don't forget the new location - Red River National Wildlife Refuge on Teague Parkway, Bossier City. Same time.

Feb. 22 - George Washington's Birthday (In USA too)

Feb. 23 - Krewe of Centaur Parade – Shreveport

Please let the newsletter staff know of any special days we may have missed.



St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Trail Hikers - January 24, 2019

Left: Francine Heller and Sarah Philyaw

Right: Kenny and Sandy Miller



St. Matthias Hike

By: Sandy Roerig

It was a sunny, but a bit chilly morning on January 24, 2019, when 8 intrepid members of the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society met for a local hike. The group planned to check out the trails behind the St. Matthias Episcopal Church that were thought to be maintained by local mountain bikers. No one in the group had hiked these trails for several years, so the trail condition was unknown to them. Also, the previous day had been rainy, so it was likely that the trails would be soft. Neither cold, nor wet could deter this group, however. Everyone was bundled up in several layers and wore sturdy, waterproof hiking boots.

The group met at 9:30 am in the church parking lot and, after consulting the map, started out on the blue trail. Sandy reviewed a few basics of group hiking and started out as the group leader. Francine Heller agreed to be the 'sweep' person. In between, were Gary Hackman, Sandy and Kenny Miller, Roy O'Neal, Marian Howard and Sarah Philyaw.

The main trail was hard-packed, so easy to walk on, even though wet. However, there were a few spots in which there was standing (or flowing) water on the trail. That was really not a problem because it was relatively easy to walk around the flooded sections. There were several sections of the trail that were closed off with a pink ribbon across the trail, and an alternate trail was available. However, these alternate trails were not hard-packed, but covered in loose forest duff, that was more difficult to hike through.

The trail wound through dense, mixed hardwood forest, a bit hilly, and a small stream ran near parts of the trail. Because the trails had been set up for mountain bikers, there were numerous switch-backs, so that a long trail distance could be achieved in a relatively small acreage. Overall, it was a very nice, scenic route.

As the day went on, the temperature increased a bit, so walking was very comfortable. However, one group member was wearing boots he hadn't worn for a long time and he slowly started to develop a 'hot spot' on one of his feet. We stopped and applied a band-aid (basic rule for all hikers, always carry a first-aid kit). However, that solution did not solve the problem and his other foot started to develop the same symptom. So, we stopped again and applied more band-aids (note, it's better to have moleskin available). By then, we were about halfway finished, so it was best to just continue forward.

We finished the 4.9 mile (according to Francine) blue trail about noon. The hiker with the bandaged feet was really happy to finally see the church building!! Unfortunately, about 20 ft from the end of the trail another hiker slipped on the wet trail and fell down, landing on her hiking poles. She was able to get up and limp to her car, but it was a painful experience and we hope she recovers fully.

After the hike, most of the group reconvened at Sandy's house for a bowl of hot soup.

For me, it was a really great hike. The trail was mostly easy, the woods were winter beautiful, the air temperature was perfect (42 degrees at the end of the hike) and the only downside is that you can't escape the traffic noise from the nearby I-220.

This pop-up event was planned quickly, for a day that was predicted to be sunny. Unfortunately, it was on a Thursday, so fully employed people couldn't attend.

Come and join us next time!



BCOS Minutes
January 15, 2019
By: Secretary Gary Hackman

Tom Bullock gave a program about fly fishing and kayaking on the White and Norfolk Rivers below the dams. He gave a history of the rivers before and after the dams were built. Much information about the rivers can be found in the book Home Waters by the Mid-South Fly Fishers.



**Meeting
Minutes**

Business Meeting

There were no minutes for December since we had the annual party instead of a formal meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Maxwell reported that we have \$4,355.98 in our account.

Newsletter and Publicity had nothing to report.

Conservation Report - Sandy Roerig reported on the broad leaf herbicide Dicamba. It is a liquid that can contaminate ground water and cause harm to humans. The old version was volatile. It would vaporize and drift over large areas. Monsanto claims that the new version has little drift. Some farmers in Arkansas continued to use the old version causing crop damage.

Outings - Bike and Hike January 19 at Bistineau State Park
Eagle weekend at Lake DeGray
Backbone Trail Hike February 16
Buffalo River Trip in June
Colorado Trip in July

Roy O'Neal, Tammy Jernigan and Marian Howard met with park personnel at Lake Bistineau to discuss reestablishing the canoe trails on the lake.

New officers for 2019 were elected. Chairperson is Wayne Kiefer, Vice-Chair is Tammy Jernigan, Treasurer is Dick Maxwell and Secretary is Gary Hackman.

It was announced that BCOS was organized January, 1969. This is the 50th anniversary year.

Sandy Roerig is looking at redoing the BCOS handbook as a 50th anniversary project.

Jenny Hackman had coupons for Johnny's.

Dick Maxwell has recycled blue bird houses.

Kathy Kramer reminded us to make campsite reservations for the eagle weekend.

Wayne Kiefer said to check BCOS for pop up events.

The meeting was adjourned to Johnny's.

Lake Bistineau Hike

By: Wayne Kiefer

The Lake Bistineau trail hike went off in spite of the weather. On Saturday January 19th, Louis Covington lead a small group of us for a 2 hour trek starting near the office gates. The weather took a nose dive in temperature from 60 to about 40 in the time we were on the trails. The blustery winds came howling in at around 30 mph to add to the nasty conditions. We had a great time anyway. Sara, her son and friend along with Becky S joined the event. Many thanks to Louis for his excellent guide services. Hope we can do this again sometime soon.



Eagles Etc. Weekend at DeGray Lake State Park

By: Kathy Kramer

If you are a bird lover and an outdoor enthusiast, this was the place to visit on the weekend of January 25-27, 2019.

This was my second trip to this fun filled weekend, loved it so much 15 years ago, I had to go back! Friday night we attended Owls, a program presented by the Little Rock Zoo, followed by a guided owl night hike. Sandy Roerig, Sandy Miller, Cindy Fuller, and Kathy Kramer were successful in attracting 2 screech owls. The secret is to be extremely quite, turn off flashlights, and allow the Audubon bird call phone app to work its magic.

The weather cooperated with sunshine and cool temperatures for a park ranger guided boat tour on Saturday morning. We had a chance to see three eagles, an eagle's nest, loons, and various ducks. Saturday afternoon was filled with more programs on raptor rehab, birds of prey, and falconry hunting. The highlight of the weekend included show and tell of rehab birds that were injured in such a way they no longer can survive in their natural habitat. These injured raptors became teaching ambassadors. Kenny Miller, Ann Holbrook, and Cathy and John Joyce were also present to view a screech owl, horned owl, barn owl, bald eagle, turkey vulture, and more. One of these birds had the audacity to deposit excretions 3 inches from my shoe. That was a close call! Yes, birds were performing, flying over the audience. This weekend was very kid friendly, included a hands-on exploration room.

DeGray State Park is a full service resort, complete with campground, lodge, restaurant, boating, horse back riding, short hiking trails, and golf course. The park will continue to offer the eagle tours for a few more weeks.

On Sunday morning Sandy Roerig, Cindy Fuller-Schaefer, and Kathy Kramer enjoyed a hike on West Mountain Trail to West Mountain Summit, located in Hot Springs. Hot Springs has so much to offer with an interconnecting trail system.

This was Eagle Weekend's 40th Anniversary; it's such a huge success every year. If you were not able to attend this year, make plans to experience this bird lovers event next year!

Ozark Society Board Meeting
January 12, 2019

By: Sandy Roerig

The Ozark Society Board met on Saturday morning, January 12 at the Donna and David Peterson castle near Conway, AR. Dick Maxwell, Roy O'Neal, Wayne Kiefer and Sandy Roerig represented the Bayou Chapter. President David Peterson opened the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous board and general meetings on October 12,13 were submitted by Sandy Roerig and had been circulated by e-mail. Both sets of minutes were approved as revised.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Kay Ewart distributed the financial report. Carolyn Shearman stated that she had deleted all those members who had not paid dues in 2018.. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Janet Nye described the recent Neil Compton Award ceremony in which the award was presented to Alice Andrews. The event was hosted by Alan and Janet Nye at their home and the weather was perfect. Many people worked hard to prepare the food. Around 80-90 people attended and over \$6,000 was raised to support the legal expenses of the hog farm issue.

The Roberts tract purchase is completed and the Buffalo River Trail can now be finished.

The Flatside Wilderness bill passed in the Arkansas legislature – which means that an additional 640 acres has been added to the wilderness area and Forked Mountain is now protected.

Two fundraising events (beer nights) were held in local pubs and were considered successful in raising funds to support the legal fund.

The storage unit in Benton has been cleaned out and all books have been moved to the Maumell storage unit.

There was considerable discussion about the role and function of the Ozark Society Foundation. It was originally set up as the publishing arm of the Ozark Society and as an entity to accept donation, separate from the Ozark Society. But the mission has always been to support the Ozark Society. Now, in light of problems and expenses associated with storing the current book inventory, some decisions need to be made about the function. The Foundation has published more than 25 outstanding books over the years, but recently, the Foundation Board has been declining in numbers and it's difficult to find replacement members. Also, the role of the Foundation may be somewhat evolving. David appointed a small committee to make recommendations at the next meeting. The committee is Bob Cross, Janet Parsch and Alan Nye.

Membership Report:

Carolyn Shearman discussed the membership handout that she distributed at the meeting. According to her records, the Bayou Chapter has 86 paid memberships and there is a total of 931 members in the Ozark Society. There are 405 life members. Sixty percent of all members receive their Pack and Paddle electronically, while the rest receive theirs by regular mail. For life members, half receive their issues by mail, and half, electronically.

Conservation Report:

Alice Andrews discussed the use of Dicambre, an herbicide that is now available to farmers. However, crops genetically altered to resist the action of Dicambre were not readily available and numerous crops in Arkansas and other states were damaged by drift from Dicambre.

Bob Cross discussed the current activities regarding the hog farm issue. The request by C&H hog farm for a Reg 5 permit was denied twice and was appealed again on December 13. A preliminary hearing was held January 4 and the commission will hear a request for a stay. It seems that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is finally pushing this issue and is trying to implement a denial of the permit. The Ozark Society is closely monitoring these activities.

Luke Parsch asked about the proposal to open the Tyler Bend hiking trails to bicycles. Laura Timby stated that there was a hearing in Gilbert at which the response was overwhelmingly negative.

Education Report:

Fred Paillet stated that he is providing an article for each issue of the *Pack and Paddle*.

Ozark Society Foundation Report:

Janet Parsch reported that the new Buffalo River Handbook is now available for purchase at a cost of \$30. She stated that Tim Ernst has purchased 200 copies at a 40% discount and will sell them himself.

Spring General Membership Meeting:

Janet Nye stated that the Pulaski Chapter will host the meeting and she will reserve campgrounds at Tyler Bend. Date of the meeting will depend on when she can reserve the sites.

Outings:

Catherine Tolson stated that there will be a Colorado trip this year, dates are July 14-20. She has reserved 12 campsites and 1 trailer site. She needs volunteers for kitchen duty and to drive the trailers to the campground.

New Business:

It was recognized that the Ozark Society by-laws require an annual audit and that no audit has been performed for probably 3 years. David will check into cost and arrangement for a financial audit.

Chapter Reports:

Highlands Chapter – Tom Perry discussed weekly hikes, the Christmas party and Neil Compton Day at Compton Gardens. There will be a Buffalo River Classic again this year.

Buffalo River Chapter – Laura Timby reported that their November meeting was good and the chapter is active.

Pulaski Chapter – Janet Nye discussed the recent exposure of the chapter for about 3 minutes on national television. The chapter was highlighted on the P. Allen Smith Show. David and Alan were interviewed, and staff from the show attended the fall picnic and a local paddle. The chapter has been hosting hikes.

Sugar Creek Chapter – Lowell Collins discussed their recent “Brews for Buffalo” fundraiser at which attendance exceeded the capacity of the venue. The chapter had a first hike on January 1. The chapter needs to develop by-laws and elect officers.

Bayou Chapter – Roy O’Neal discussed the chapter Christmas party, the Red River Clean-Up and recent member hikes.

Meeting adjourned.



**Dear Ozark Society Membership,**

Even though it's still 2018 for a few more weeks, **It is time** to start making your plans for some of our major adventures for 2019. We are already taking reservations for our 2019 trips!

Buffalo River Float - June 5-8, 2019

Steve Heye is organizing a float on the Buffalo National river from June 5-9th, 2019. It will go from the Ozark Camp Ground to Highway 65. There is also the option of a day float on June 4th from Kyle's Landing to the Ozark Camp Ground. Please contact him for details.

heye@aristotle.net

Middle Fork of the Salmon River - June 20-26, 2019

Stewart Noland is coordinating a Middle Fork of the Salmon River trip working through Aggipah River Trips of Salmon, Idaho. The trip is a 5 night, 6 day trip launching June 20, 2019 from Boundary Creek near Stanley, Idaho. The "on river" cost of the trip is \$2224 if you ride with Aggipah, and \$1564 if you row your own boat. These costs include the Forest Service recreation fee. To hold these costs, a 25% deposit is needed by December 31.

There are 24 spots on this trip available on a first come basis. If you have any questions about the trip you can contact Stewart Noland (501-831-9908, bosshq@aol.com) or Bill Bernt with Aggipah (208-756-4167, bill@aggipah.com). Reservations for the June 20th trip can be made by sending your deposit (\$556 or \$391) to Aggipah River Trips, P.O. Box 425, Salmon, ID 83467 Please contact Stewart Noland if you sign up for this trip so he can help coordinate trip logistics from this end at bosshq@aol.com.

David Peterson

President, Ozark Society

"The challenge goes on. There are other lands and rivers, other wilderness areas, to save and to share with all. I challenge you to step forward to protect and care for the wild places you love best." – Dr. Neil Compton

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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.

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Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Old Email (if changed)

Email 2: _____ Old Email (if changed)

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

Section C: Donations to our Funds

(Choose any amount)

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

My Total is: \$_____