



# BAYOU BYLINE



June 2019

## Calendar of Events

### June

- 16 Wenks Landing Float - Need contact person. If interested in going on this float, post message on BCOS yahoo site - [bcos@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bcos@yahoogroups.com)
- 18 Monthly Meeting - Jenny Hackman will present a program - Don't Let A Bite Change Your Life
- 19 Red River National Wildlife Refuge Outdoor Activities Camp. BCOS will provide canoe and kayak instruction. 8:30 am at the duck banding location.
- 21-23 Ouachita River Float - Ouachita Haven Camp contact Dee Jaye Teutsch at 318-393-2523 or [tdeejaye@yahoo.com](mailto:tdeejaye@yahoo.com)
- 29 Sabine River Float - contact Dee Jaye Teutsch at 318-393-2523 or [tdeejaye@yahoo.com](mailto:tdeejaye@yahoo.com)

### July

- 12-14 Lower Mountain Fork Camp and Paddle - Oklahoma - contact person TBA
- 14-20 Ozark Society Colorado Trip - contact Catherine Tolson [catherine.tolson@comcast.net](mailto:catherine.tolson@comcast.net) or 318-680-9280
- 16 Monthly Meeting/Cookout - Red River South Marina 6:30 pm -We will cook hot dogs before the meeting. Wayne is cooking. It is a few miles south of Parkway High School off Barksdale Blvd. BYOB and a food to share. Kayaks and canoes are welcome since we will be at the oxbow launch. Full moon too!!
- 27 Caddo Lake Paddle - Uncertain, TX - contact person is Sandy Roerig at [SROeri@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:SROeri@lsuhsc.edu) or 318-686-9481

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## Note: Monthly Meeting Location!!!!



Our monthly meetings are 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.

Jenny Hackman will talk to us about "How a Mosquito Bite Can Change Your Life." Jenny has been living with the effects of a mosquito bite for the past 7 years and will share her story with us.



## Calendar (continued)

### August

- 2-4 Cypress Lake Camp - Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area - Safety Boats for River Cities Triathlon on Sunday - contact person TBA
- 13 Fall Planning Meeting - Site TBA
- 16 Moonlight Paddle at Lake Bistineau State Park - contact person is Wayne Kiefer [wkiefer59@gmail.com](mailto:wkiefer59@gmail.com)
- 20 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 23-27 Chemin A Haut/Poverty Point Camp/Paddle - contact person is Tammy Jernigan at [tjerni88@hotmail.com](mailto:tjerni88@hotmail.com)

### September

- 14 Moonlight Paddle at Lake Caroline - contact person is Sandy Roerig at [SRoeri@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:SRoeri@lsuhsc.edu) or 318-686-9481
- 17 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 28 Bodcau Hunting and Fishing Day - Tom Merrill Recreation Area - contact person TBA

## A Night of Terror on the Buffalo

By: Jack Land

Monday, June 3 we arrived at Ozark campground near Jasper, Ark. for the beginning of our bi-annual river trip. After a shopping spree in Jasper and a great meal at the Ozark café we returned to camp to ready our gear for the pre float on Tuesday.

Tuesday, we shuttled up to Kyles Landing and spent an awesome day on the river (11 miles) back down to Ozark campground. The river was a little low but floatable with no dragging except a few shallow shoals. Barbie Halbert and I managed to take an unexpected swim in the first 50 yards of the trip to everyone's amusement. Nothing was lost except a little pride and we received only a few bruises from our trip down the shoal on our bottoms.

Wednesday we turned in our keys to the shuttle drivers and separated into three groups for the four-day float down to Grinder's Ferry at Hwy 65. A total of about 60 miles. We pushed off about 11:00 and made it about 4 miles down river to Welch Bluff just below Pruitt for our lunch stop. Welch Bluff was beautiful. Ken Smith's book describes it as the most distinctive bluff on the ENTIRE river!!!! We moved on down the river passing the entrance of the Little Buffalo at Mile Marker 56 and then another 6 miles to MM 60 below Hasty for the night for a total of 10 miles that day. We had a big Mexican dinner that night and then the music began. John Slater and Marvin Schwartz from Little Rock entertained us with mandolin and guitar accompanied by harmonica and a kazoo. Peter, Paul & Mary, Janis Joplin, Willie Nelson were just a few of the songs we sang. The favorite? Johnny Cash -- "How Highs the Water Momma". Little did we know what was coming!!!!

Thursday morning after a big breakfast we shoved off and made it downriver past the confluence of Big Creek at Carver Campground access point. There is where the first inkling of what was coming began. Fishermen from Kansas City were launching as well as other groups and were giving reports of upgraded rain conditions. Earlier we had reports of 70% then downgraded to 50 % then down to 30% all the while it was sprinkling off and on. We left Carver after refilling water cans and made it on down to Copper Bluff. MM 70 Below Mt. Hershey for lunch. A better spot for lunch could not be found except maybe the previous Welch Bluff. The entire upper section from Pruitt to this point is my favorite of the entire river. The river is small and trees completely arch over and touch one another at times giving it a cathedral effect. There were many small rapids and fast chutes but nothing to give you any real problems. Just fun. We even stopped and floated through one unnamed rapid in our life jackets over and over. We moved on downriver to the "Nars" and Skull Bluff at MM 77 for the night just above Wollum ccampground.

The thunder is rumbling in the distance. Group leader Stewart Noland gathered us together and said we needed to make preparations in case the river did rise so we decided to find a high gravel bar and keep a watch on the river that night and move down to a takeout if the river got too high. About the time we got tents pitched the other two groups started paddling past saying they were heading to Wollum where the cars were being moved and heading home. We listened to Alan Nye's weather radio and decided we would have a little rain but not too much and then Friday afternoon and Saturday the weather would be beautiful. All the while the river is still emerald green and flowing gently. The Louisiana team cooked supper that night which was Italian night. Spaghetti and meatballs with French bread and salad. Stewart made a Dutch oven cobbler each night that was superb. After supper we had more music (less Marvin) he had wisely elected to go ahead and leave with the others with his 11 year old Granddaughter Dell. About 10 we went to our tent in a drizzling rain and then it started pouring about 11:00. By 1:30 Sandy had alerted us to begin pulling our boats up and empty them since the river had risen about 6 inches. We all went out and looked and the rain quit and the stars came out so I went back to bed and into deep sleep.

3:30 A.M. Barbie is at my tent door screaming for me to get up and put my life jacket on. I stumble around and get my tent door unzipped to see the river rushing a foot from my door. Panic took over at that point and it was chaos for the next half hour. One paddler had solar panels, a dehumidifier, and a gel cell battery. Together we feverishly worked to tear down and pack up a complete kitchen, two flys, groover, tables, stoves and personal gear. Preparations were made to accommodate the less experienced paddlers by strapping kayaks onto rafts and a young child was placed into a drift boat with the group leader. We finally got all the gear into the boats and raft and gathered at the highest point on the bar to talk over our exit plan. Stewart advised us to put new batteries in our headlights and turn them off so they would be ready if we had to push off into the river in the dark. A horrifying thought for sure. You could hear the river roaring. We sent John on a mission to see how far we could back up and he came back to report there was a creek between us and higher ground and it was running backwards, the river was so high. Trapped we had to sit there in the dark for almost 2 hours waiting for enough light to try and shove off.

Let me tell you that was a long two hours. At 5:30 we deemed there was enough light to give it a try. 3 canoes, one kayak a drift boat and two rafts. 13 people in all shoved off into a terrifying experience. Big standing chocolate brown waves with logs and trees tossing around like twigs were what we were facing. One wrong paddle stroke and we would be swamped with no chance of anyone being able to save us. Rescue would have been impossible in these conditions. We made it 12 miles down to Baker's Ford (MM 89) where we bailed out the boats and got the cramps out of our legs. After a 15 min rest, we pushed off again and made it on down past Hwy 65 to Grinder's Ferry 7 more miles @ MM (96) for a total of 19 miles that day in about two hours. There we found abandoned cars, trucks, tents and no way to get to the parking lot where our cars were!! We had to get back into waist deep water and drag our canoes about 50 yards upstream to get to the road going to our vehicles. Everyone was accounted for and only a few small articles were lost that I know of so we loaded up and headed to Tyler Bend to shower and put on dry clothes. Then on to a BBQ place for lunch. There, 4 National Park rangers came in and reported they had pulled 60 people off the river that day. No lives were lost amazingly.

We were very lucky and all the people in our group pulled together and got out safely. It could have gone very differently quickly. To say I was terrified is an understatement.

I love the Buffalo River and will continue to paddle and explore it but never again will I ignore a warning. Always, always get to an improved campground for the night so you can escape by vehicle if the river becomes too high. NEVER try to paddle in the conditions we were faced with in a loaded canoe. We thought we were on a bar high enough to cover any potential rise but you never know. The river always wins.

Here's another take on the same trip.....**Buffalo River Trip 2019**

By: Karen Pitts

This trip had been in planning for several months and everyone was watching the forecasts. After all, the river was in the trees during the May All Society Meeting and they were changing the crest of the Arkansas River daily due to the amount of rain that was coming down

Only 45 spots were available for this year's paddle. There was the usual 3 groups that choose different sand/gravel bars to spend the night. There were no john boats rented so David and I brought our raft and carried 2 of the big coolers.

This trip launched Wednesday from the Ozark campground but if you could make it there on Tuesday there was the day float from Kyle's Landing to Ozark Campground that was a very fun run. Jack and Barbie were the first to dump, but the weather was great. No rain. Most of Wednesday was spent loading boats with gear then leaving after lunch with your group. Our destination was Gray Bluff about 8 miles from Ozark. Still no rain! Yeah! Not sure where the other Bayou people camped. Dinner was a Mexican meal. By then the weather was cooling off and you could see the clouds were getting thicker. Thank goodness that David had patched our tent with Gorilla tape and extra tarp on top. It rained quite a bit Wednesday night. Up early Thursday with the weather misting and by the time we were back on the river it was a slow rain. Then after lunch it was raining much harder, we were both wet even under our rain gear.

Paragraph below was written by Steve Heye, leader of our group:

***We knew rain was coming, just not how much. Since the rain kept falling and we were receiving reports via Alan's weather radio, everything was adding up. Alan Nye, David Peterson and Roger Keesee all have decades of experience on the Buffalo, so I valued their input in deciding what our group would do.***

***The main thing that made my mind up was the weather service issuing a flash flood warning and a warning to all those on the Buffalo of pending flooding. Then it was just a case of where we get off the river and contacting the shuttle folks.***

There were 2 groups that took out on Thursday and Buffalo River Outfitters brought all of those vehicles to the take out. Jack's group took out on Friday at a different location and the outfitter had to take those vehicles to that location. I just thought they did a good job of sorting out the vehicles and they all went to the right location.

We got our vehicle loaded and left there at 7 pm Thursday (before all the excitement started) and got back home at 2:30 am, around the time Jack's group started dealing with the rapidly rising Buffalo River with "nowhere to go, nowhere to hide!"

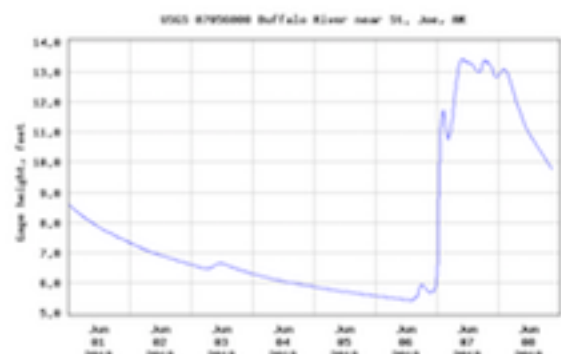


Above Left: Karen Pitts

Above Right: Jack Land

Left: David Pitts

Right: Wow!! That's about as vertical as it gets!





## **BCOS Minutes - May 21, 2019**

By: Secretary Gary Hackman

The meeting at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge was brought to order by Chairman Wayne Kiefer. Guests were recognized. Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Newsletter - There was nothing to report.

Publicity - Tom Goleman asked members to post an invitation to BCOS meetings to their friends on social media. If Lake Bistineau State Park does not publicize the canoe trail, then BCOS should. We want to make sure we get some publicity and recognition for marking the trail.



Treasurer's report - Dick Maxwell reported that we have \$5,277.77 in the checking account. Sandy Roerig moved and Dick Maxwell seconded that \$500 be set aside for possible expenses with marking the Bistineau canoe trail. The motion was approved. Dick reported that improvements were made to the kayak trailer.

Conservation report - Sandy Roerig reported on the Taylor oil spill off the coast of Louisiana. Hurricane Ivan capsized the drilling rig in 2004. The contamination was brought to public attention in 2010. One of the worst oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico is not leaking as much now. Progress is being made.

50 year anniversary shirts - Jenny Hackman contacted Matt Brown at Sportspectrum. The short sleeve shirt will be gold for \$15.00. The long sleeve/tank top shirt will be yellow for \$16.50. The front will have the BCOS logo and the back will have the 50 year logo. Orders need to be placed before May 31. There was a discussion about paying for the shirts before ordering. The club can handle the cost of the shirts until paid for.

Robin Gillies from Chimp Haven presented a program, "A Day in the Life of a Chimp Haven Chimpanzee."

### **Old Business:**

Bistineau Canoe Trail - A route was flagged on Thursday. On Sunday the water was down. Limbs were cut and markers were placed so they could be seen from all directions. There is still a lot of layout work to do. David Jernigan has been very helpful with his knowledge of the lake. Tammy Jernigan is working on the financing. Help is needed on this fun project.

The Lake Ivan pop up paddle was fun.

The All Society Meeting at Gilbert, Arkansas was rainy with high water in the river. Attendees got to hike and enjoy nice waterfalls and wildflowers on the trail. There was good entertainment that evening back at camp.

The Caney Lake full moon paddle was fun.

Thanks go out to Henry Ann, Marian, Steve, Ann and Roy for their work in making the annual crawfish boil a success.

Wayne Kiefer reminded everyone that he has Coast Guard labels available for boats.

### **New Business:**

Dee Jaye Teutsch reported on upcoming outings (weather and water levels permitting). Outings will be at Wenks Landing, Ouchita Haven, the Sabine, and the Lower Mountain Fork. Check the Bayou Byline or your email for dates and current information.

Jenny Hackman will be meeting with Kenn Crawford at Bodcau about having a booth on the dangers of mosquitoes during the annual Hunting and Fishing Day in September. There may be a pop up hike after her meeting. Information will be on the email.

Wayne Kiefer gave information on the importance of hydration during outings. The Mayo Clinic website has good information on how to recognize and treat heat exhaustion.

The meeting was adjourned to Johnny's Pizza.

**Wayne's Corner**

By: Wayne Kiefer



**May 31st Pop-up Paddle** - So we were finally able to get on Dorcheat Bayou after all the water level issues for a paddle. 10 boats and 14 people came to do the evening paddle. The slight current made for a really easy trip. Since it was evening when we finished, the shade was quite welcomed from the large cypress trees. Much of the trip we had great shady spots to stop in or travel slowly through. It was 6.2 miles from Dixie Inn to Sibley. The 2.5 hours was much faster than I anticipated. I would recommend this as an evening trip in the future for anyone looking for a simple paddle. No real turns so getting lost is difficult. We used Hwy 371 south from (Dixie Inn ) Minden to Rt 164 east to get to the Sibley boat launch or the pick up spot. Thanks to all the fine paddlers who made the day really enjoyable! And thank you DJ for helping set up the pick up vehicle and track us on GPS .

**Dorcheat Float Group - May 31st****Tammy Jernigan and Dick Maxwell working on the Canoe Trail at Lake Bistineau**



## 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 [royoneal2@gmail.com](mailto:royoneal2@gmail.com) or just bring it to the upcoming meeting.

Best insect repellent to combat ticks: Sawyer Products Premium Permethrin Clothing Insect Repellent. You can purchase this at Bass Pro for \$7.99. Sandy Roerig took a hike by the Buffalo River and found over 2 dozen ticks on her body when she got back to camp. Yuk!! I freak out when I find one!! I plan on picking up a can for Sandy when I go to Bass Pro!

### June "Special" Days

June 7 – Gary & Jenny Hackman's Wedding Anniversary

June 11 – Ken & Sandy Miller's Wedding Anniversary

June 16 – Vannie Edwards' Birthday

Robert Gaudet's Birthday

June 17 – Cathy Joyce's Birthday

June 18 - Mike Rech's 60th Birthday

June 19 – Anna Lane's Birthday

June 22 – Lisa Willard's Birthday

June 25 – Anna Livengood's Birthday



### Sights on local paddles



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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](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.

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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: \$\_\_\_\_\_