



BAYOU BYLINE



May 2020

Calendar of Events

May

- 19 Monthly Meeting - Cancelled
- 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend
- 30 Crawfish Boil at Tammy and David Jernigan's

June

- 5 Moonlight Paddle on Red River
- 16 Monthly Meeting - Red River National Wildlife Refuge Firepit - Bring a lawn chair
- 27 Sabine River Float/Tiger Fang Falls

July

- 1 Kids camp at RRNWR Lake Caroline - Contact is Roy O'Neal - CANCELLED!
- 3 Moonlight Paddle and Bodcau Camp
- 19 Sunrise Triathlon at El Karubah Shrine on Cross Lake. BCOS will provide safety boats.
- 21 Monthly Meeting/Cookout and Paddle - Site TBA

August

- 1 Moonlight Paddle on Red River
- 2 River Cities Triathlon at Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area
- 18 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

September

- 4 Moonlight Paddle on Lake Caroline
- 7 Labor Day



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.



No Meeting in May!

It's getting closer and closer to normalcy - at least the NEW normal!

Stay Safe, Folks!!

Wayne's Corner

By: Wayne Kiefer



Hi BCOS,

As of mid May BCOS is on hold for scheduling activities. Our monthly meeting will resume most likely in June. Maybe by then we can have a tentative schedule of activities. The Crawfish Boil is the only thing for the next couple weeks. All events for the coming months will be with some health concerns tied to them. I am still hoping some of you will send in suggestions for events. Weekly walks with Becky and Sarah have been going well except for the storms. Thank you ladies. They stay at a safe distance from each other with family members and friends in mind. Our paddles have been well attended considering the Stay at Home order. It's pretty easy to stay quite a distance apart in kayaks and canoes. The outdoors is good for our mental well being. The sun gives us important vitamins that nourish our bodies and spirit! Tammy and I are hopeful for a good year still of many outings. We would like to hear from you on ideas, discussions or even negative feelings for what we are doing. wkiefer59@gmail.com is the place to send those. We are trying to limit the ticky tacky emails on BCOS. Send those to me directly. We have lost members because of some pointless emails that flood our BCOS site sometimes. Readers also miss pertinent emails because they get filtered out with gabbing email.

Tammy and I hope you are all well and look forward to your inputs. Take care, love those around you, pray for those we are separated from. Looking forward to normal days if our patience doesn't run out first. God Bless!
Wayne Kiefer
Chairman BCOS

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 or just bring it to the upcoming meeting.

Reminder - BCOS members meet from 11:30 to 1:00 on Tuesdays at Pierre Bossier Mall Food Court. This is suspended now but will resume when the all clear is given. Everyone is invited to come eat lunch or just have a cup of coffee and enjoy each other's company. No need to let anyone know you're coming, show up!

Federal Income Tax Due Date for 2020 is July 15th! Also, those who take a REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION from your IRA, can skip taking it this year with no penalties.

Continue with the mitigations - we will get thru this! **Flatten the Curve!!**

BCOS Annual Crawfish Boil

By: Tammy Jernigan

BCOS will attempt a crawfish boil on May 30, 2020 at Tammy's house. With the state relinquishing restrictions on movement in the wake of the Covid-19 virus, we decided that it would be relatively safe to schedule this event. Of course, if you are within the vulnerable population and do not feel safe attending an outdoor gathering, please don't feel like you must attend. A caveat of this event is whether crawfish will be available that late in the season. If not, we may transition to a grilling event. Directions, costs, and menus will be made known in the near future.

Ozark Society Board Virtual Meeting Report

By: Sandy Roerig

The spring meeting of the Ozark Society Board was cancelled due to restrictions prompted by the SARS-CoV2 pandemic. However, several reports were submitted to the Board – these are summarized below: (reports were not received from all chapters)

Old Business (by David Peterson, OS President)

Financial Audit: Following the directives from the Clerget audit, Kay Ewart and I, along with several other members of the OS, met with Joey Buddenburg, a state auditor, to discuss application to the OS. He is preparing suggestions for financial record keeping that will assure that the OS is following standard record keeping procedures.

Hog Farm Closure: The closure has been projected to be completed by April 20. We know that the hog waste from the lagoons was shipped to southern Missouri and land applied to a watershed which drains into Bull Shoals. This caused a local stink in the neighborhood that was reported in the Springfield, MO papers. ADEQ has promised an open forum to discuss the entire procedure once it is complete.

Neil Compton Award Ceremony: The Compton award ceremony for Bob Cross was wonderfully hosted by the Highlands Chapter. Bob was duly appreciated for his many years of dedicated service, and Bob gave a moving acceptance speech. Thanks Bob. The Compton Award celebration for Dana and Bill Stewart is currently on hold.

Spring General Membership meeting: The spring meeting was cancelled because of the virus, but with luck the summer board meeting for 10 AM on July 11 at the Peterson castle will be held as scheduled.

Schoolcraft Chapter: The Schoolcraft Chapter formally met via e-mail on March 28, 2019, elected a board and approved by-laws. The by-laws were approved unanimously by the OS board and we now have a new chapter. As chair of the Schoolcraft Chapter, Loring Bullard now joins the OS board as well. Welcome.

OS Facebook Page: Brian Thompson has taken a leadership role in the day-to-day management of the OS Facebook page.

Bayou Chapter acquisition: At the suggestion of Wayne Kiefer, the OS was able to facilitate the acquisition of two rafts for the OS. They have been delivered and inspected by Stewart Noland. Good work.

Membership Report (by Carolyn Shearman, Communications/Membership Chair)

Memberships as of April 2020

Total OS memberships and comps = 955

Total Life members = 387

Total renewed members = 548

Bayou Chapter members = 106



Ozark Society Board Virtual Meeting Report - continued

Chapter Reports:

Buffalo River Chapter (by Laura Timby, Chapter Chair) - The new year started off well for the BRC. Early events were well attended. The hikes to Rock Creek, Adkins Creek and Indian Creek were well attended and enjoyed immensely. A newly established volunteer group, Wilderness Watchdogs, coordinated by Laura Timby, led two trips into the Richland Creek wilderness area to remove evidence of illegal permanent campsites within this sensitive area. More than 6 different camps were cleaned up, fire ring rocks and ash scattered and trash carried out from the Sandcastle Bluff area, and Twin Devils and Richland Falls. More work remains and hopefully it can resume in the winter when vegetation and bugs are less of an issue. Unfortunately the hike to Cecil Cove had to be cancelled as well as a planned chapter meeting, and BRC hosting the spring meeting, due to concerns associated with the Covid19 pandemic. Hopefully in the not too distant future we can get out in the woods and on the river again..

Sugar Creek Chapter (by Lowell Collins, Chapter Chair) - Sugar Creek Chapter had a very productive planning meeting in February. We established new partnerships with other environmental organizations for events/activities. All were postponed. The Compton Day celebration in collaboration with Peel/Compton Foundation is still planned for August 8.

Bayou Chapter (by Sandy Roerig, from Wayne Kiefer, Chapter Chair) - In January a bonfire and hotdog roast was held at the Red River Marina. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the social event. In February, Bayou Chapter members and guests participated in two local hikes, one to Eddie Jones Park (known as the Monkey Trail) and one to Caney Lake (on the Sugarcreek Trail). Both days were perfect for hiking and were well attended. A post-Mardi Gras clean-up was performed on the Duck Pond in Shreveport. Fifteen participants collected 20 bags of trash plus assorted items that would not fit in bags. On March 7, seventeen Bayou Chapter members and guests performed trail maintenance at the OWL (Outdoor Wilderness Learning) Center, near Dubach, LA. Many other events plus regular monthly meetings had been scheduled for the spring, but all were cancelled due to State-imposed restrictions.

Bistineau Paddle Trail

By: Tammy Jernigan

Lake Bistineau State Park is still closed to the public as the state indicates that they are using the facility as a quarantine location. The paddle trail that we marked last year stretches from the State Park to Plum Orchard Marina. Last week, Barbie and I attempted to paddle from Plum Orchard toward the State Park. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries has stretched a boom across the lake just north of Plum Orchard and this impeded our progress. While we thought we could paddle through the salvinia that was stacked behind the boom, that was not the case. It was so thick our boats were stuck in the mire. A bass boat came by and offered to tow us out.

After envisioning how disastrous that could turn out, we tied our boats end to end and double timed it out of the green monster. At the far end of the boom we did find a crossing where we could have worked our way back to the park, but by that time we were not inclined to proceed on a long paddle upstream. Instead we spent the next couple of hours running the shoreline sightseeing and chatting. Lake Bistineau really is beautiful no matter where you plan to paddle. We'll try the paddle trail again when the state park opens up.



CRAWFISH BOIL!!

SATURDAY MAY 30TH

Tammy and David Jernigan's place

398 Linton Bellevue Road

Benton, Louisiana

Noon to 5:00 pm

Bring whatever you want to drink, lawn chairs, tables,
awning for shade

(318) 464-1752

**Send \$15 per person (checks made payable to Bayou
Chapter Ozark Society) to:**

BCOS

P.O. Box 4693

Shreveport, LA 71134

BCOS Tentative Calendar - we can hope, can't we?????

Summer 2020 tentative plan of paddles, hikes, camps and other events. Social distancing is expected to be maintained by all attendees. We expect this action will be necessary for quite a while.

Date	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
May 2				
May 9	Late Afternoon paddle	Lake Bistineau	Tammy Jernigan	May launch at Plum Orchard if State Park is still closed
May 16	Paddle	Bodcau – Tom Merrill to Hwy 157		If park open
May 19	BCOS Meeting	RRNWR Firepit		Bring a chair
May 23				Memorial Day weekend
May 30				Possible date for rescheduled Crawfish Boil
June 5	Moonlight paddle	Red River		8:29pm moonrise 99.5 % illumination
June 16	BCOS Meeting	RRNWR Firepit		Bring a chair
June 20				
June 27	Sabine River Float – Tiger Fang Falls			
July 1	Kids camp	Lake Caroline	Roy	Instruction and Safety Boats
July 3	Moonlight Paddle & Bodcau camp	Bodcau boat ramp above the dam		9:13pm moonrise 100%
July 11				
July 19	Sunrise Triathlon	El Karubah Shrine on Cross Lake		Safety Boats
July 21	BCOS Meeting Cookout & Paddle	TBD	Wayne Kiefer	
July 25				
August 1	Moonlight paddle	Red River		7:05pm moonrise 95%
August 2	River Cities Triathlon	Cypress Black Bayou Rec Area		Safety Boats
August 8				
August 15				
August 22				
August 29				
Sept 4	Moonlight paddle	Lake Caroline at RRNW Refuge	TBD	9:15pm moonrise 95.7%
Sept 12				
Sept 19				

Sept 26	Hunting & Fishing Day	Bodcau – Tom Merrill Rec Area	Roy & Dick	Instruction and Safety Boats
Oct 3				
Oct 10				
Oct 17	Celebration Day	Red River NWR on ART Parkway	Sandy Roerig	Instruction and Safety Boats
Oct 24				
Oct 31				Halloween

May “Special” Days

- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo
Almost forgot. Perry Hill's “month long” birthday celebration starts on this day which is actually his “real” birthday.
- May 8 - Tammie Jernigan's birthday. Who knows where she and David may be for the celebration.
- May 10 - Mother's Day. Probably the most important day of the year, other than Christmas.
- May 16 - Joe Goodwin's birthday, where ever he is.
Armed Forces Day
- May 18 - Heather Lary's birthday. Still in Oregon as far as we know.
Nancy Larned's birthday. Way up in Bentonville, Arkansas (we think)
- May 21 - Crystal Whitman's birthday. Proud to be 60. Don't see much of Crystal or Harvey. They are really working hard.
- May 22 - Brenda S. Miller's birthday. She and Rick are part of the loosely organized BCOS commune up around Caddo Gap, AR.
Deana Zabaldo's birthday. Still dividing her time between California, Nepal and Bhutan (mostly the latter 2)
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- May 28 - Sharon Maxwell's birthday. Her new knee is working well so Mr. Maxwell better be careful.
- May 31 - Louis & Judy Covington will have been married 45 years on this day. Congratulations Louis & Judy.



Just Do It!!

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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
- ☐ Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS + \$10 Chapter

Chapter: (choose one)

- ☐ Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- ☐ Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- ☐ Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- ☐ Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- ☐ Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- ☐ Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- ☐ Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- ☐ No chapter, all to central Ozark Society

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 Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- ☐ \$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: \$_____

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

You will receive a Thank You email from the Ozark Society. Please contact oscomms@ozarksociety.net for questions.