



BAYOU BYLINE



June 2020

Calendar of Events

June

- 16 Monthly Meeting - Red River National Wildlife Refuge Firepit - Bring a lawn chair
- 19-21 Ouachita Haven Camp/Paddle Weekend - contact is Wayne Kiefer
- 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
- 15 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

October

- 20 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA



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 SPEAKER - There will be no speaker this month - just a get together at the Red River Refuge

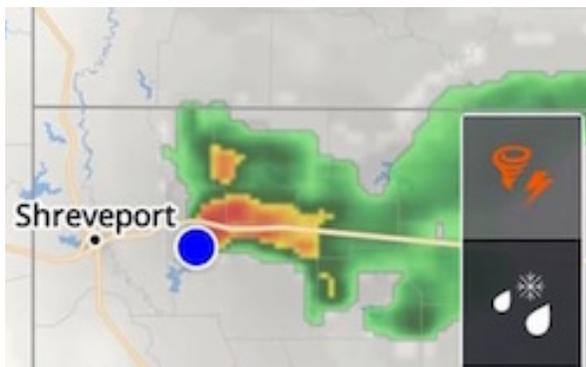
Wayne's Corner

By: Wayne Kiefer

**BCOS Moonlight Paddle June 2020**

On Friday June 5th BCOS had it's first 2020 Moonlight Paddle. It was also its largest. 47 people came to Dixie Inn to paddle Dorcheat Bayou. YES 47! After some early congestion of vehicles, boats and late arrivals we started to paddle about 7:30. By 8:30 we were at the sandy beach where a fire was blazing. Our safety boat with Tom Perry had found a spot and started our fire. We actually had to squeeze together to have enough parking for the kayaks and canoes. Many brought food to share and some brought entertainment. Two guys gave us a demonstration of fire twirling batons. Very cool! So shortly thereafter the moon rose and so did a storm. The clear calm night began to flash as a powerful storm cell took its sight on us. We all departed and began the long paddle to Sibley for our takeout. Since the current was almost zero we struggled to make it back minutes before the first cold down draft. We scurried like ants trying to get the boats out and into our vehicles. It got UGLY very quickly. Straight line winds and sheets of rain were our nemesis for the next 30 minutes or so. Some of us didn't get home until after 1:00 am.

Thank goodness we got to the dock when we did and that our safety boat towed some people back to keep them safe. A beautiful paddle almost had an ugly ending. I hope everyone had a good time and all the new people will join us again. Thanks to the BCOS members who assisted me in getting people organized . I will say the size of the group may have been too large. Never thought I'd say that, but we will discuss it soon. Have a great month and send Tammy and me your thoughts and ideas for future paddles or activities. Feedback is always welcome.

**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!!**

Tammy's Take - Dorcheat Moonlight Paddle

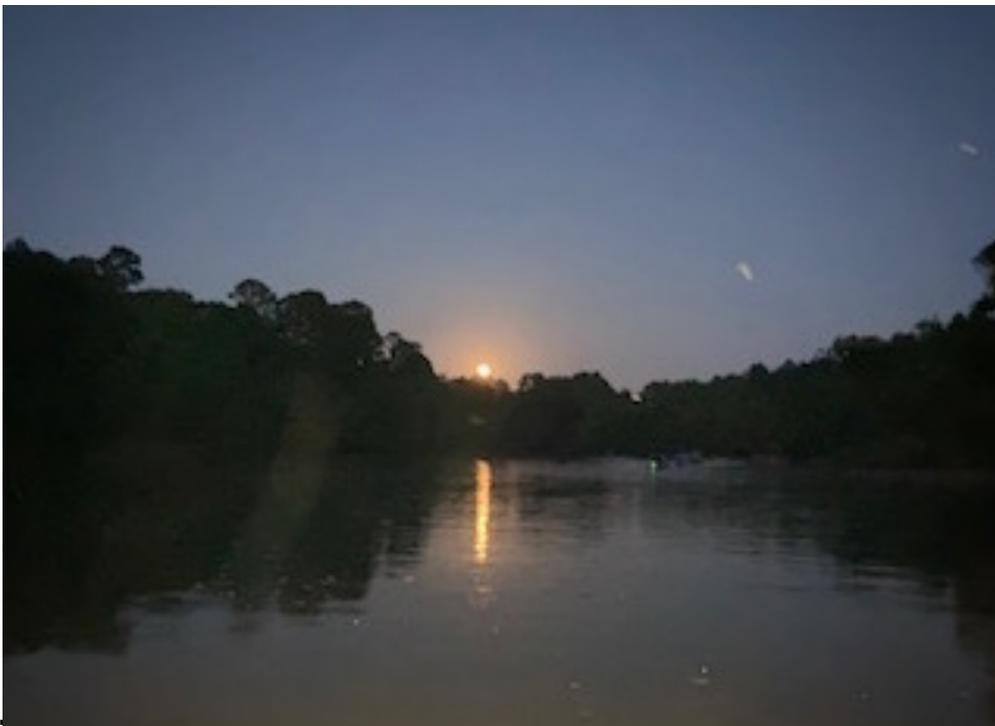
By: Tammy Jernigan

The full moon brings out all kinds of surprises in Louisiana. Isn't that why we plan paddles around these times!

BCOS hosted a paddle on Dorcheat Bayou in Webster Parish on Friday June 5, 2020. We broadcast this as a public event and the public showed up! We counted 47 paddlers and 41 boats at the Dixie Inn boat launch. Lots of folks showed up early and we spent an hour shuttling as many vehicles as possible to the Sibley Hwy 164 boat launch. Thanks to everyone who made those drives to make it easier on everyone at the end of the paddle. While we were shuttling we had no idea what a good choice it would be to get so many vehicles at the finish line.

All paddlers got into the water successfully and set off downstream. Good music drifted amongst folks chatting, introducing one another and renewing acquaintances. It was quite a sight when we arrived at the sandbar just at dusk. What a multi-colored array of kayaks and canoes! They filled the entire sandbar edge. Our safety motorboat friend Tom had a bonfire started so it was a quick transition from paddling to eating and drinking. A great surprise was two guests who showed off their fire handling talents. It was like watching a fireworks show with the oohs and ahs. Shortly after the show Wayne announced that a storm was headed our way - we could see lightning flashes in the distant clouds. The group quickly loaded up and headed downstream. We arrived at the Sibley ramp just as the wind started picking up. Even though we had mass chaos in moving vehicles and loading boats, for the most part everyone was able to get loaded up before the torrential rains hit. From launch to leaving the ramp, it was about a 4 ½ hour event.

That night and the next day Facebook was full of comments on how exciting and fun this event was. I hope that our guests will consider joining us in future events and becoming BCOS members. For BCOS members that were in attendance, we thank you for your help and guidance. It was a great moonlit evening with lots of new memories made.





Bayou Dorcheat Moonlight Float



June 5, 2020



June "Special" Days

June 7 - Gary & Jenny Hackman's Wedding Anniversary
National Donut Day (See you at Southern Maid)

June 11 - Sandy & Ken Miller became a team on this day

June 14 - Flag Day (USA)

June 16 - Vannie Edwards Birthday
Robert Gaudet's Birthday (Not to be confused with Robert Goulet)

June 17 - Cathy Joyce's Birthday

June 19 - Anna Lane's Birthday (Pay attention Mark, you don't want to get in trouble)

June 21 - FATHER's DAY (If you have one, honor him. If you are one, Enjoy our Day)

June 22 - Lisa Willard's Birthday (Can't reveal the number. Suffice it to say that she is closer to being a centurian than this time last year.)

June 25 - Anna Livengood was born on this day



Dick Maxwell's Confession time - After the full moon float we had just pulled all the boats out of the bayou when the rain started. And RAIN it did. In the rush to load up and leave, I believe I did not check the security of my canoe on the trailer. Going through Sibley in the pouring rain, the boat left the trailer. I did not notice it and as I was pulling into the put in to drop off another driver at their car, Dee Jaye called and said that she and Barbie had found the boat along side the road, The ladies got the boat under the bank drive up and waited for me to come and retrieve it. I cannot thank them enough for braving the torrential downpour to save my boat.

The reason for this long diatribe is to remind everyone to check the tie downs when transporting your boats. Don't be like me. There was no damage to my boat BUT, it fell off the trailer at a low speed. Were I on I-20 it would have been a different story and could have very possibly caused an accident if the boat stayed on the road rather than going off the side.

Second thoughts - After the free range boat incident, I in all honesty suggested that it was totally my fault. Now after further thought on the matter, I feel that some of the guilt has to be shared. I will explain: For the last 12 or 14 years a certain Mr. Roy O'Neal has without hesitation been there to help me load my boat. Be it on the roof of my magnificent Subaru or, on the trailer. Whichever was needed.

Now to the facts - As stated Mr. O'Neal has ALWAYS secured whichever end of the boat he was at. After Friday nights float, Mr. O'Neal WAS NOT helping me load the boat and because of his constant able assistance, I automatically assumed the front of the boat was secured. That is my only error of the night. I therefore MUST in all good conscience place part of the blame for the errant boat squarely on the shoulders of Mr. O'Neal. If he was there to help as he has been and should have been, the boat would have been secured and none of the problems would have occurred.

All that being said, I still cannot thank the ladies who found my boat after the loss (no thanks to Mr. O'Neal) and secured it until I could return and pick it up.

Respectfully,

Dick M

Somewhat but not totally guilty boat transporter



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 30	BCOS Crawfish Boil			Cancelled
June 5	Moonlight paddle	Dorcheat	Wayne	8:29pm moonrise 99.5 % illumination
June 16	BCOS Meeting	RRNWR Firepit		Bring a chair
June 19-21	Camp, Paddle & Play	Ouachita Haven	Wayne	
June 27				
July 3	Moonlight Paddle & Bodcau camp	Bodcau boat ramp above the dam	Tammy	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	Sabine River Float – Tiger Fang Falls		Dee Jaye	
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

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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: \$_____

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