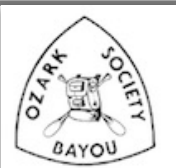




# BAYOU BYLINE



September 2020

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 15 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM Red River National Wildlife Refuge Boat Ramp Pavilion. We will be working on the plans for the upcoming Introduction to Paddling event on Saturday September 26.
- 26 Introduction to Paddling - 8:30 am - 10:30 am Red River National Wildlife Refuge Boat Ramp Pavilion. Contact person is Sarah Philyaw 318-779-2867 or [philyaws@gmail.com](mailto:philyaws@gmail.com)

### October.....

- 17 Celebration Day at Red River National Wildlife Refuge - contact is Sandy Roerig - TENTATIVE! Keep your fingers crossed it won't get cancelled.
- 20 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

### November

- 17 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

### December

- 6 BCOS Annual Christmas Party. - 5:00 until... Time to start looking for that perfect White Elephant Gift!

Looking forward to not having to cancel everything this fall!!! Hang in there! We will get there!



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.



At the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Pavilion at 6:30 p.m.

**BCOS Meeting Minutes**

August 18, 2020

By: Secretary Gary Hackman

Wayne Kiefer called the meeting to order at the Red River Wildlife Refuge pavilion with 21 in attendance. There were no corrections to the July, 2020 minutes.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dick Maxwell reported a balance of \$5,353.98. Dick moved that \$125 be sent to the Louisiana Wildlife Federation for a BCOS associate membership to the Federation. Kathy Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Newsletter** – No report.

**Publicity** – Tammy Jernigan reported for Tom Goleman on the video promotion for the Louisiana Wild and Scenic Rivers.

**Conservation** – Sandy Roerig reported on the government's move to make permanent changes to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA).

**Conservation Activities** – Tammy Jernigan reported on the Highway 157 boat launch trash pickup at Bodcau. There was much less to pickup this year. The Corps of Engineers is working on getting someone to empty the trash cans located at the site.

**Old Business**

The Webster Tourist Bureau will buy more signs to put out along Dorcheat Bayou.

Putting out signs along the Bistineau canoe trails is on hold while the lake is drawn down. Tammy Jernigan reported that the park created a path to the water during the drawdown. This could be a good place for a possible pop up paddle.

**Past Outings**

There were only a handful of BCOS members on the recent Caddo Lake paddle, but a large group attended from Facebook and other sources. Everyone had a good time. Four alligators and a wood stork were spotted.

Roy O'Neal's birthday paddle on Bodcau in July was fun. We had a party afterwards at the Jernigan's house.

We also had a Bodcau dam to Highway 157 pop up paddle that was well attended.

The moonlight float on the Red River was cancelled because of possible storms predicted for that evening.

**Upcoming Events**

The National Hunting and Fishing Day at Bodcau has been cancelled this year.

A moonlight paddle on the Red River is scheduled for September 4 from Sci-Port.

On September 26 Sarah Philyaw will lead an introduction to kayak class at the Red River Wildlife Refuge at 9:00am. She is asking for volunteers to help with the class.

**New Business**

Wayne and Tammy asked the group to give some thought on how to handle the large interest in our events from the Facebook postings. Is there a number of nonmembers that is too large for an outing? A discussion followed. One suggestion was to limit nonmember participants to those who had been to an introductory class that we could possibly do each quarter of the year. Another suggestion was to put "registration required" on the notices for our public floats. It was also suggested that we do something similar for hiking.

The Ozark Society meeting will be held October 3 at Lake Nixon near Little Rock. Several positions on the board will be open.

Tammy and Wayne met with Sara Aymond with the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission about promoting outdoor activities. They discussed the possibility of getting a dedicated human powered craft launch for access to the Red River.

Ranger Terry with the Red River Wildlife Refuge has asked for help to maintain the kid's area. Wayne asked for volunteers to meet at the refuge August 24 at 5:00p.m. Bring mowers, weed trimmers and other tools to cut brush in the area.

Dick Maxwell asked about what was done with the \$600 that BCOS donated to the refuge to upgrade the sound system in the meeting room. Wayne will check on that.

The chapter kayaks are getting worn from being dragged across concrete at the launches. We were reminded to try to keep people from doing that.

Jenny Hackman suggested that we have membership applications available at our outings. Wayne suggested that someone besides the contact person do that since the contact would be busy with other things.

Al Higgins invited the group to hear a presentation by State Representative Danny McCormick. Mr. McCormick has been involved with several conservation activities.

Sandy Roerig reported that it is still not known if the annual Red River Wildlife Refuge Celebration will be held this year on the third Saturday in October.

Tammy Jernigan asked if the group would be interested in a knot tying workshop.

Dee Jaye Teutsch asked if we have any guidelines about nonmembers repeatedly borrowing the BCOS kayaks. Wayne said that we ask for donations.

The meeting was adjourned.

## **BCOS Pop Up Pedals on Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge**

By: John Fortune

Marian Howard along with Jenny and Gary Hackman came over to The Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Karnack, TX twice recently and joined up with me, John Fortune, for a couple of bike rides. On the first ride, we met Saturday morning August 22 at the visitor center on the refuge and pedaled from there. We went about 9 miles with most of the route in the southwest corner of the 8,400 plus acre refuge. We rode on both paved and unpaved roads. There are over 50 miles of roads on the former Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant. The many roads that have been maintained since the refuge was formed are perfect for biking. There is little to no traffic, no steep hills, no chasing dogs and plenty of shade if you start early enough. There are several hiking trails also for those who might like to do some walking too. On the second ride on Labor Day September 7, we met again at the visitor center and drove to the Static Test parking lot. From there, we rode through the static test area on our way to Starr Ranch, the only point on the refuge that is accessible to Caddo Lake. We came back down the Starr Ranch Road and made a circular route along the north part of the refuge, down to the magazine area and then back to our vehicles. We went the 14 miles in about 2.25 hours. The breeze was nice but there were a few horseflies that took a liking to us. I'm looking forward to doing it again.

## **Red River National Wildlife Refuge Cleanup**

By: Wayne Kiefer

Another outstanding job by BCOS!

The Red River National Wildlife Refuge asked the Bayou Chapter to help clean up the children's learning area that had been severely neglected due to Covid.-19. This area had become quite overgrown and unusable for an assembly point for young or old.

So on Monday August 24th BCOS gathered to mow, weed whack, hack, saw and clear the designated children's area. 20 members and guests spent 2 hours giving it their best shot at clearing the jungle, tall grass, vines and trimming trees that hung too low. The main trail was also part of our project which we pushed back by mowing and hacking. It was a super effort that went very smoothly thanks to everyone's willingness and energy to dig into a not so pleasant task.

I want to thank all our BCOS members and guests from Keep Bossier Beautiful for coming out and bringing their tools to make this possible. A special thanks to David Jernigan for trailering his lawn tractor out which saved us a great deal of time.

Now we have a question for everyone in BCOS. The director of the Refuge wanted to know if BCOS would adopt the children's learning area and continue to maintain it? This would require regular mowing and weed whacking. It may also include fixing some of the areas that are in disrepair or no longer safe for kids. For example the benches and logs used for seats.

The chapter has a great heart for doing things outdoors and community service. Now that we have tackled the overgrown grass, this may be a simple task that could be done every couple weeks with less people taking turns so no one person is over burdened. The refuge also said if we had someone to take an introduction/safety class on their equipment we could utilize the refuge's riding mowers. Please consider this. It can be discussed further at the next meeting in September.

THANKS everyone who came out! You all did such a great job. It looks a thousand times better than before we arrived.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## **Pop-up Paddle Upper Dorcheat Bayou**

By: Dee Jaye Teutsch

On September 5th Barbie Halbert, myself and my dog Zeke went to run a recon of the upcoming Dorcheat Bayou paddle. We started at Sykes Ferry off Hwy 2 in Sarepta and went to Bobby Davis Park on Cox Road out of Shongaloo LA.

Water level was up to 10.5 feet, great current and minimal storm damage from Hurricane Laura that had passed over that area. We went back the next morning on the 6th with myself along with David and Tammy Jernigan, Grant Perkins, Susan Ramares and Barbie Halbert and ran it once more while we could enjoy the higher water levels. The water level the second day had already dropped a foot. Took us about 3.5 hrs to do 8 miles. Two nice quiet days on the bayou.



## Wayne's Corner

By: Wayne Kiefer



Moonlight paddle ...well not exactly.

Sep 4th was no different than many other nightly paddles we had scheduled. Storms were abundant and lightning filled the sky. We arrived at Red River South Marina around 6 to hopefully paddle. Over a dozen people came out with high hopes. Sitting in the pavilion we cooked hotdogs and roasted marshmallows until about 9 o'clock. We had a great time. With the Red River so high this turned out to be a perfect spot to come together. Thanks to those who came out. Maybe next time we won't tell mother nature we plan to paddle!

On Saturday, Sep 26th In place of the cancelled Bodcau Hunting and Fishing Day, we will be doing an Intro to Kayak day at the RRNWR boat ramp and pavilion. We are limiting this event to 24 persons, and we will be asking them to sign up in advance. We are planning on being there from 8:30am until 10:30am

Sandy, Barbie and Tammy will each give valuable instruction under the pavilion, and then we will move to the water to help newkers (that is my made up word for new kayakers) to get wet.

### 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.

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!





## September "Special" Days

Sept. 3 - Chuck Flores will be 63 on this day

Sept. 4 - The Jankowski Twins were born on this day. (Jerry Martin is proud of these grands).

Sept. 6 - Mishell Blandi Cash was born on this day. Did not post the number since you wouldn't believe it.

Sept. 7 - Charlie Henington celebrates his arrival on this day.  
Henry Ann and "Chief" Burton were wedded on this day 69 years ago. Yes, marriages under the age of 10 were legal.

Sept. 8 - Becky Jutze, of the Larry & Becky duo, was born on this day.

Sept. 10 - Henry Ann Burton was born on this day 86 years ago. What a gem!

Sept. 14 - Bruce Lynn's birthday

Sept. 15 - J. J. Harris will be 25 on this day. Gosh, time does fly. Ken must be at least 50.(lol)

Sept. 16 - Dick Maxwell will be 77 on this day. Gosh, I thought he was a lot older than me. Maybe I was just thinking "wiser".  
Mark Lane was born on this day half a century ago. No, did not think he was older than me, nor wiser.

Sept. 20 - The Loridans Twins, Henri and Michele, were born on this day. Yes, Henri is still the oldest.  
Michele is now glad of that fact.

Sept. 22 - Be prepared for a temp drop. This is the first day of Autumn.

Sept. 26 - Mary W. Rambin, the finest Native American Lady most of, if not all, of us has ever known, would have been 101 Years Young on this day.



**John Fortune, Jenny and Gary Hackman at the Caddo Lake Wildlife Refuge Pop-Up Pedals**

### **Caddo Lake Paddle - August 15, 2020**

We had a great paddle on Saturday August 15, led by John Fortune and Stephanie Parks. There were 26 paddlers from BCOS, the Caddo Lake Institute and several guests. We put in at Shady Glade Resort in Uncertain, Texas, and paddled an oxbow and Government Ditch. It was a cool breezy morning and there were quite a few boats sharing the lake with us. Not a problem though - there was plenty of lake for all of us!



### **Red River National Wildlife Refuge Cleanup**





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## The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



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- ☐ 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
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- ☐ 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)

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