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November 2021

Calendar of Events

November

- 13 Monkey Trail Hike - Meet at 8:30 am at the trailhead - contact Sandy Roerig at sandra.roerig@lsuhs.edu - We will hike 6 miles of the Monkey Trail at Eddie Jones Park
- 14 Caney Lake Fall Foliage Hike/Paddle - Hike will be at 11:00 am and Paddle will be at 2:00 pm - contact Kim Cox - kcox@bpcc.edu for the hike and Gail Colson 318-286-0632 or Sheryl Holsted 318-560-1898 for the paddle
- 16 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm - Red River South Marina - 250 Red River South Marina Rd, Bossier City - Hot Dogs and Bonfire - Auld Lang Syne Slideshow
- 19-20 Sleep over at the OWL Center with trail maintenance in the morning and a ropes course in the afternoon. The ropes course is free if you help with trail maintenance - contact person is Wayne Kiefer - wkiefer59@gmail.com

December

- 5 Annual Christmas Party at the Jernigan's - 3:30 pm until Contact Tammy at tjerni88@hotmail.com - Start looking now for that perfect White Elephant gift - Pot luck meal and Ugly Sweater Contest
- 11 Caney Lake Hike/Salad Fest - contact is Marian Howard at marianehoward@comcast.net - we'll hike the Sugar Cane Trail and have a salad lunch afterwards - Sugar Cane is an easy 6 mile hike around the lake - meet at the boat ramp at 8:00 am. Hike will begin at 8:30 am

January

- 18 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm - 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.



Hot Dogs and Bonfire at the Red River South Marina. Also an Auld Lang Syne Slideshow highlighting past activities and fun times.

BCOS Meeting Minutes - October 19, 2021

By: Secretary Kristen Tilbury

Sarah Philyaw called the meeting to order at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center with seventeen people in attendance. Guests and new members were recognized.

A motion to accept September's meeting minutes were accepted. No additions or adjustments were needed.



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Treasurer's Report: \$5,672.49.

Member Dues - Upcoming member dues should be sent to The Ozark Society in Little Rock, if possible. Online and snail mail submissions are accepted.

Sick Members -Serena Gray has shown signs of improvement and has given birth to a boy: Isaac.

Condolences - It is with our deepest sorrow that Bill Eeds has passed away October 22nd. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Old Business - The youth grant submissions are now closed. There were 16 applications received. Three were from Louisiana - Shreveport Green, Ross Lynn Charitable Foundation, and Caddo Outdoor Education Program

BCOS Recruitment Patches - Patches with logos celebrating the BCOS 50th anniversary will be available in November. They are reserved for the recruitment of non-members. A member who leads a paddle or a hike may be eligible to receive one.

Conservation Report - Sandy Roerig gave a conservation report on wind turbines and bird mortality. They are a renewable energy source that fight climate change.

Past Outings - BCOS' Rancid Rabid River Rats participated in the 2021 River Rat Paddle Challenge on the Ouachita River in West Monroe on October 9th. Marian Howard, Jenny Hackman and Barbie Halbert won medals.

Caddo Lake Paddle was led by John Fortune and took place on Sunday October 17th at Starr Ranch in the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Karnack, Texas.

Nominations for 2022 Officers and Board Members - Nominations were taken and speeches were given.

Chair - Grant Perkins, Vice Chair - Kim Cox, Treasurer - Dick Maxwell, Secretary - Kristen Tilbury

Voting will take place at the November meeting.

It was presented to host a guided paddle tour for guests of the Shreveport Tourism Department. Discussion revealed their goals were not in line with our core values. We will not be participating in this event.

Upcoming Events - Lake D'Arbonne Hike is scheduled for October 30th. Make plans to meet at Boat Launch at 9:30 am.

An orienteering meet is coming up on October 30th at Eddie Jones Park. Contact Jenny Hackman if interested in attending. There are several different categories.

The Monkey Trail Hike is scheduled for November 13th. Sandy Roerig will lead the hike. Meet at trail head at 8:30 am.

A Fall Foliage Paddle at Bodcau will be led by Sheryl and Gail. TBA.

A Ropes Course is scheduled for Saturday November 20th in the afternoon at the Owl Center in Dubach. We'll be camping on Friday night and clearing a trail on Saturday morning. At least 8 people are required for the ropes course and the coordinators must be notified before November 6th.

Marian will lead a hike at Caney Lake on Saturday December 11th.

Annual Christmas party at Tammy's house will be on Sunday December 5th. Ugly Sweater Contest and White Elephant gifts.

Meeting Adjourned to Taqueria San Miguel Restaurant on Barksdale Blvd. for Mexican food and socializing.

Late October Pop-Ups Wrap-Up

By: Kim Cox

Several pop-up hikes occurred during the last part of October and they were a big hit! Here's a summary of those fun events!

Lakeshore: 12 hikers from BCOS + Shreveport Weekday Hikers Meet-up group gathered on 10/26/21 at the Lakeshore (St. Matthias) trails. We were thrilled to have Marshall (who is recovering from a fall/injury) come to see us off and to have Chuck (recovering from illness) join us on the hike!! We had planned about a 3 mile adventure but some logging activity had sections of the trail closed so we completed a leisurely 2 miles instead. A fun time with a fun group!!

Bistineau: It was a BREEZY day for the 4 hikers that met at Lake Bistineau State Park on 10/28/21 to hike the Koasati trail. We completed the 3 mile hike, spotted at least 5 deer along the way, had some great conversation and then enjoyed a delicious post-hike meal together at Swamp Daddy's! Moral of the story: don't let the threat of blustery weather scare you off... a windy hike can be FUN!!

Walter B Jacobs: A BIG group (22 of us!) gathered on 10/31/21 at Walter B Jacobs Park for a hike along the nature trails in perfect weather conditions! Matt brought treats to hand out (thanks Matt!) and a couple of hikers were dressed in the Halloween spirit too! We had fun exploring almost 3 miles of beautiful trails, identifying plants and flowers along the way and admiring the resident birds and deer. We met a journalist/photographer on the trails from the Natchitoches Parish Journal doing a story on family friendly outings who took our group pic (cool!). A perfect way to spend a fall afternoon!



Our “Spooky” Lake D’Arbonne Hike

By: Kim Cox

Nine hikers (some from BCOS/some from Shreveport Weekday Hikers group) met on Saturday, October 23rd at Lake D’Arbonne State Park near Farmerville, LA. We gathered at the boat launch and other than a not-so-friendly first meeting between Luci and Autumn-Rose (our 2 canine hikers) we started out as planned. We traveled the Cypress Bend (white) trail past the park’s new yurt area (cool addition!) to the Tall Pines (green) trail. We took a minute to examine a dead snake on the road to discuss how to identify it as a copperhead (“Hershey kiss” pattern on its back) then continued onto the “spooky” section of the trail. This part of the park is “haunted” with a variety of ghosts, werewolves, and scary dolls (which Luci did NOT care for at all... especially the motion-detecting doll that just about gave us all a heart attack!!).

As the trail took us past the park entrance one of the rangers took our group pic and thanked us for hiking and for picking up trash along the way (and even gave us a shout-out on the park’s Facebook page). We continued on the Woodland (yellow) and Big Horn (orange) trails which are the prettiest trails in the park... you feel like you’re in Arkansas!). Becky located some lion’s mane mushrooms (what a find!!) as we made it back to the starting point (completing our 3 mile hike) with Luci and Autumn-Rose learning to co-exist peacefully. We enjoyed our post-hike picnic lunch (deciding that at least one double stuffed Oreo cookie per mile of hiking was an appropriate serving size) and chit-chatted about how to solve the world’s problems (haha). It was a beautiful day in a beautiful place and I look forward to hiking with all of these folks again!!



Charge of the BCOS Brigade????

By: Mark Lane

I
 Half a score, half a score,
 Half a score onward,
 Near the Island of the Goat
 Paddled the sev'n hungered.
 "Forward, the BCOS Brigade!
 Charge for the shore!" they said.
 To the Island of the Goat,
 Paddled the sev'n hungered.

II
 "Forward, the BCOS Brigade!"
 Was there a one dismayed?
 Not though these 'yakers knew
 Someone had blundered.
 Theirs not to make reply,
 Theirs not to reason why,
 Theirs but to paddle, aye,
 To the Island of the Goat,
 Paddled the sev'n hungered.

III
 Salvinia to the right of them,
 Salvinia to the left of them,
 Salvinia in front of them
 Muck and mire under;
 Trapped by a tree that fell,
 Portage they did and well,
 Not content to stay this night,
 In Caddo Lake Motel
 Paddled on, sev'n hungered.

IV
 Flashed all their paddles bare,
 Flashed as they flailed in air
 Paddling for progress there,
 Charging salvinia, while
 Saner ones wondered.
 Plucky and crafty folk
 O'er fallen trees they broke
 Kayak and paddler
 Reeled from the many strokes
 Exhausted and famished.
 Then they paddled back, oh yes,
 Yes, the sev'n hungered.

V
 Salvinia to the right of them,
 Salvinia to the left of them,
 Salvinia in front of them
 Muck and mire under;
 Trapped by a tree that fell
 Not a single paddler fell
 They that had travel'd so well
 Not six miles as planned
 But ten of weary hell,
 All that began with them
 All the sev'n hungered.

VI
 When can their glory fade?
 Oh, the wild trip they made!
 Saner ones wondered.
 Honour the choice they made!
 Honour the BCOS Brigade,
 Noble sev'n hungered.

Those with more respect for Lord Tennyson may wish to simply view two different YouTube versions of this paddling trip that took place on November 6, 2021 on Caddo Lake. Thanks, Marian and Kim.



The "one who had blundered" was, uhhh, myself. Next time I'll check the map for salvinia. But mad props to the rest of the "Sev'n Hungered" -- Roy, Marian, Sandy, Kim, Kevin, and Tom. Never was there a more pleasant, positive, easy-going and capable group of paddlers. Cheers!

Starr Ranch Paddle

By: John Fortune

On Sunday, October 17, nine of us met at 8:30 am at Starr Ranch on the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Those in attendance were, Marian Howard, Roy O'Neal, Dick Maxwell, Mark Lane, Stephanie Parks, Kevin and Lynn Clary, Lane Carlisle and me, John Fortune. There were 3 tandem canoes and 3 kayaks. We used the new kayak/canoe launch on the new floating dock at Starr Ranch. There was evidence that an alligator had used the launch to climb up onto the dock. It had left a muddy trail across the launch and dock. We were on the water by 9:00 am. It was a nice cool sunny morning. We headed southeast out of Goose Prairie and after many twists and turns, good conversation and laughter, we ended up 3 hours and 6.7 miles later arriving back at Starr Ranch through Starr Ditch. We loaded up our boats and headed out of the refuge. Seven of us met at Big Pines Lodge and continued having a good time over good food. After that, we went our separate ways looking forward to another good time on the water.



**Bayou Chapter Ozark Society
Annual Christmas Party**

Sunday December 5, 2021



Where: Tammy and David Jernigan's House 398 Linton Bellevue Rd.
Benton, LA 71006

What time: 3:30 pm - until??

What will we eat: Bring a dish to share and whatever you want to drink. And bring your favorite chair to sit on!

What will we do: Enjoy great company and share the fun in a White Elephant Gift Exchange and an Ugly Sweater Contest

Contact Persons: **Sandy Roerig** SRoeri@lsuhsc.edu or 318-686-9481

Grace Eyler 318-455-7148 **Marian Howard** 318-347-9104
Tammy Jernigan 318-464-1752

There are two ways to get to the Jernigan's depending on where you are coming from.

- 1) Take I-20 East bound to Exit 33 - Haughton Fillmore. Turn left. Drive 12.3 miles. Turn left onto Linton Bellevue Rd. Drive 1.4 miles. Our log house is on the right.
- 2) Take Benton Rd North out of Bossier City. Drive 12 miles. Turn right on Hwy 162 (second red light in Benton). Drive 10.8 miles. Turn right onto Linton Bellevue Rd. Drive 1.4 miles. Our log house is on the right.
- 3) NOTE: Linton Road Bridge is under construction so if you took Airline Hwy north last year, that option is not available this year!!

November "Special" Days

Nov. 1 - Maurice Loridans was born on this day.

Nov. 7 - John Joyce's Birthday

Hope you had plenty of daylight saved up, 'cause the time to save it ended very early on this morning.

Nov. 10 - The United States Marine Corps was established on this day.

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day in the USA

Nov. 14 - Steve and Grace Eyler have been hitched for 23 years. Happy Anniversary!!

Nov. 25 - Happy Turkey Day!!

Nov. 27 - Harvey Kennedy will celebrate his 73rd birthday. (I don't believe it either but Harv swears he really will be 73)

Nov. 29 - John and Cathy Joyce will be celebrating their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

Nov. 30 - Wayne Kiefer's daughter, Laura, was born on this day.

That's all I have folks. Please let the Byline staff know of any "Special Days" that you would like to share with the BCOS family.

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.

T-shirts and hoodies are in. Extras were ordered. Contact Jenny at 318-288-9096 or iandaman@bellsouth.net



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Ozark Society Board Zoom Meeting

By: Sandy Roerig

The Ozark Society Board meeting was held October 26, 2021 via on-line Zoom technology due to restrictions prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Fourteen Ozark Society and Ozark Society Foundation members and guests participated. Wayne Kiefer, and Sandy Roerig from the Bayou Chapter participated.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by President David Peterson. Minutes of the July 2021 meeting by Secretary Sandy were approved. The Treasurer's report by Treasurer Kay Ewert was also approved.

Old Business

50th Anniversary Celebration: David described the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Ozark Society Celebration. Three hikes have already been completed in the Buffalo River watershed. Luke Parsch noted that mostly members from the Highlands and Pulaski Chapter are participating. Stewart Noland stated that the Buffalo River float will start at the Hwy 65 bridge and end at the White River. Float will be held June 13-18, 2022. Groups of 15 will be accommodated. The trip fee is \$150, and includes the shuttle. David noted that people can sign up for the trip on-line.

Janet Parsch discussed the upcoming meeting on May 10-11 with Ozark Society coalition partners from the Buffalo Watershed Alliance and members of the joint Agriculture Committee of the Arkansas Legislature. There will be a short float on the river and other activities, including a keynote speech by Mark Faust, Superintendent of the Buffalo River National Park. Volunteers will be needed to help out with the events.

Janet also described a networking event on March 31, 2022 at the Bailey Center in Mt. Sequoia in Fayetteville, AR. Representatives from northwest AR environmental groups and OS members are invited. The keynote speaker will be Rex Nelson.

David stated that he has viewed part of the documentary on the Buffalo River history and it looks good. He said the Marvin Schwartz would like ideas from members on where to show the film – it does not yet have an official name.

Gilbert Dark Sky Project: David announced that the Gilbert Dark Sky project has been cancelled. Laura Timby stated that moving forward for different street lights in Gilbert is a very slow process.

Marble Falls Nature Park: David noted that Marble Falls Nature Park is the new name for the Dog Patch area. This project will be similar to other projects sponsored by Bass Pro and Johnny Morris. Janet said that she and Luke have toured a similar project, Cedar Lodge, that is on US 65 just north of Branson, MO. There are paved trails, golf carts and many man-made interventions in the 'nature' park. Luke noted that the site draws lots of tourists who want to view an expanding sinkhole there.

David asked what the position of the OS should be on the park. He sees no reason to oppose it, and the project may actually clean up Mill Creek. He has met with Julie Linck, the ADEQ chair, and believes that the group will be environmentally responsible with this project.

Board Reports

Carolyn Shearman, Communications /Membership Chair, reported that she has dropped membership of people who had not yet renewed for 2021. She described membership renewals between the second and third quarters of 2021. All chapters showed membership declines for that period, except for the Bayou Chapter, which showed an increase in membership. The Chapter does a great job in keeping members informed about pop-up hikes and paddles.

David stated that currently the Pack & Paddle is not posted on the OS website until all members have received their copies. He asked whether the issues should be posted earlier. There were no objections to this proposal. David said he will do this.

Alice Andrews, Conservation Chair, reported on a trip she made last Tuesday, arranged by Tom McClure, to several sites of potential expansion for wilderness areas. These areas include a section on the left of the trail to Cedar Creek that includes some very large trees. There was discussion on sharing trails with bicycles.

Fred Paillet, Education Chair was absent, but he has been busy promoting his book, which is becoming a best seller.

Brian Thompson, Community Engagement Chair, reported that the OS Facebook page has 5,000 followers and there are lots of chapter activities. He mention that the Bayou Chapter is particularly active, with many pop-up events.

Stewart Noland, Archives Chair, had no additional report.

Lowell Collins, Sugarcreek Chapter Chair, asked about Ozark Society brochures. She wanted to know who is responsible for printing more of these. David answered that there is no on in particular in charge of these, but printed copies quickly become outdated. He said he would work on this project and would appreciate input from chapters.

Janet Nye, Pulaski Chapter, stated that Leave No Trace has joined with a group at Colorado State University to develop an app that will measure the people and congestion around the Buffalo River. The goal is to quantify the congestion on the river and river banks. David supported this idea. Brian stated that he can promote the use of the app on the FaceBook page.

Lowell stated that she has used this and added her data to the site. David noted that collating the data will be difficult. All voted to support the project.

New Business

David stated that he hopes his meeting with Julie Linck and ADEQ will improve future communications. David noted that the Buffalo River Watershed intersects 4 Congressional Districts.

Chapter Reports

Bayou Chapter: Wayne reported that due to the excellent weather, the chapter has sponsored many outing, mostly paddling at this time of year. However, he feels that new members have not had much opportunity to participate in conservation activities of the chapter as yet. David noted that Sarah Philyaw, the Chapter Chair, has submitted an application for the youth program grant.

Buffalo River: Laura Timby stated that she will get together with Ferrel and Wendy to support activities of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Highlands: Tom Perry reported that the Chapter has begun their fall weekly hiking schedule, usually on Saturdays, but sometimes also during the week. The Chapter held their first monthly meeting last night, after not meeting for a while. Brian described the Mt. Whitney trip.

Mississippi River: Brenda Crites reported that a Chapter planning meeting was held yesterday and there was a Chapter outing today.

Pulaski: Stewart stated that the Chapter has been meeting via Zoom, with good speakers. Several outings have been scheduled. David noted that the Chapter will participate in a fall festival this weekend.

Schoolcraft: Loring Bullard had left the meeting.

Sugarcreek: Lowell reported that she has participated in a few public events that allowed her to promote the Ozark Society. She wants to distribute free books to new members, namely, the butterfly book.

Luke updated everyone on Ken Smith. Ken hurt his back on September 7 and moved into an assisted living facility in Fayetteville. He seems to be quite happy living there.

David reminded everyone of the upcoming General Membership meeting on Thursday, October 28.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Halloween Hikers at Walter B Jacobs - 10/31/21





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
- \$_____ OSF Legacy Fund

My Total is: \$ _____

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

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