



BAYOU BYLINE



September 2022

Calendar of Events

September

- 20 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm - Speaker is Red River Wildlife Refuge Ranger Terri Jacobson. Terri is going to present a program on the Birds of Lake Caroline
- 24 National Hunting and Fishing Day - Bayou Bodcau - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at Bodcau Wildlife Management Area by the Dam - BCOS volunteers are needed to assist visitors with trying a little kayaking

October

- 1 River Rat Challenge in West Monroe - Details on bayouchapter.com
- 15 National Wildlife Celebration Day at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm - put paddlers in and out of boats, fit PFD's on paddlers and give paddling instructions
- 18 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm - Speaker TBA
- 21-23 BCOS is hosting the Fall Meeting for all chapters of the Ozark Society at Lake Claiborne in Homer, LA. It's all Hands-On Deck in the first General Membership Meeting of the Ozark Society since the beginning of Covid. More details inside this newsletter.
- 29-30 Fall Leaf Color Trip to Mena. Details inside this newsletter. Contact person is Marian Howard at marianehoward@comcast.net

November

- 5-6 Athens-Big Fork Trail Maintenance - Details TBA
- 15 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 food and socializing.



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BCOS Meeting Minutes - August 16, 2022

By: Secretary Kristen Tilbury

Grant Perkins called the meeting to order with 29 in attendance at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Guests and new members were recognized.

The previous monthly meeting minutes were accepted. No additions or corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report: \$6,741.75



Membership: Membership numbers decreased from 148 to 147.

Guest Speaker: Becky Evans talked about how to avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke on outdoor excursions.

Conservation Report: Sandra Roerig gave a sequel report to "Leave No Trace." She described the conservation principles regarding setup and departure of campsite grounds.

Old Business: Sandra read the changes to bylaws we composed last month. The term "nonprofit" was deleted because of specific tax implications. Changes were made to the status of the organizations and deadlines for dues. All expenditures should be recorded at each meeting.

Changes to the Bylaws:

Officers and Elections section.

Chairman: Officers will be elected in December meaning and take office in January.

Standing Committees:

1st Committee: Newsletter

2nd Committee: Membership

It was opened for discussion.

New Business:

Tammy said she is working on outreach to help members who are not actively participating in BCOS events. She is looking for team mottos, T-shirts, and hats for the River Rat Challenge.

Tammy proposed a cleanup before Hunting and Fishing Day event.

We have incorporated the publicity committee in with the other officer duties, along with Tammy's outreach.

A motion was made to accept amendments.

Past Outings

Pop up paddles:

Dorcheat Moonlight Paddle

Safety Boats for River Cities Triathlon

C Bickham Dickson Park Paddle

Red River Night Paddle.

Upcoming Events:

Louisiana Hunting and Fishing Days at Bodcau

Ozark Fall Membership Meeting on Oct. 22st. Meeting Room location at Claiborne State Park

Athens-Big Fork Trail Maintenance on November 5th

Planning meeting TBA.

Additional Information on Ozark Fall Membership Meeting (Oct. 22st)

The event will begin with registration and the passing out of name tags. Breakfast will be served. Mike Rech will prepare a Dutch oven breakfast. Nominating officers will happen and on different committees. We will meet people from other chapters and vote for officers. There will also be a speaker on climate change. More information will be available on this. BCOS will reimburse travel expenses. There will be a slide presentation, as well as activities. There is an orienteering meeting that morning. Everyone is responsible for their own lunch, but there will be a potluck dinner that evening. Live music may be featured. The Ozark Society will reimburse us for breakfast and the use of the building. There is an open call for volunteers.

Tammy met with members of Bossier Arts Council for the possibility of holding our Planning Meetings in the meeting room across from Flying Heart.

Fall Festival at the Refuge is on October 15. There will be paddling and kayaking activities.

An "Events" committee is currently being considered.

New Items:

Dick announced that he is the only individual who controls funds for the chapter. Marian says she is willing to take over duties if necessary. A motion/vote was made to allow Marion to have control over the Capital One BCOS bank account.

Tammy will send an email and create a group for the River Rat Race team and discuss ideas for a new motto. Travel arrangements will be made. This event benefits horse assisted therapy.

Marian and Jenny have been working on ordering bandannas for the Ozark Society Fall Meeting at Lake Claiborne. The cost for each bandanna will be approximately \$5.75.

LATE FALL TRAIL TIME IN ARKANSAS

By: Perry Hill

WHAT: Trail maintenance on the upper extension of the Athens-Big Fork Trail
(Blaylock Creek north to Little Missouri Falls Trail)

WHEN: Saturday, November 5th (will get on the trail around 9:00 a.m. and be off
by late afternoon)

WHERE: Shady Lake Campground (just north of Athens, Arkansas)

Yeah, it involves work, but it's some of the most fun and most rewarding work you can do. Plus you get to spend the day BCOS family and friends in one of the special outdoor places in south Arkansas.

You're also welcome to just come hang out for the weekend, even if you don't plan to be on the trail.

Because we are working, the Forest Service allows us to camp free at Shady Lake Friday and

Saturday nights. The campground has both tent sites and RV hookups, but does not allow

reservations (first come/first served). We'll enjoy a potluck supper Saturday night. So mark your

calendar and plan to join us. All the details, including directions to Shady Lake, will be in next month's newsletter,

or you can contact me anytime by phone (464-1114) or email (kramerhill@suddenlink.net).



Ozark Society Fall General Membership Meeting
Lake Claiborne State Park, Louisiana
October 21-23, 2022

Now is the time to make plans to attend the Fall General Membership Meeting that will be held in-person this year. YEA!

The Bayou Chapter will host this get-together for all Ozark Society members at beautiful **Lake Claiborne State Park, near Homer, Louisiana**. This is the same location as the 2018 Fall Meeting and we're hoping that many members show up to enjoy fun activities and fellowship with other Ozark Society members.

Attendance by all Ozark Society members is encouraged - this is the meeting where officers are elected for the next two years. Some key officers are retiring this year, so putting new officers in place will allow the Ozark Society to thrive into the future. Plus, it's a chance to meet members in other chapters and renew longtime friendships with chapter members who you don't see very often. There will be a **\$10 per person registration fee** which will include a Saturday morning ham, egg and biscuit breakfast and a commemorative bandana.

Accommodations:

The park offers 10 glamping sites – which are tents already set up on wooden platforms, plus 10 premium campsites, 67 improved campsites, 2 unimproved campsites and a primitive camping area. There are also 10 cabins that each sleep up to 8 people.

A big plus for this park is that anyone over the age of 62 gets **free** admittance to the park!

Please contact the park **soon** to make your reservations **1-318-927-2976**

Schedule of events

Oct 21 - Friday

Arrive and set up camp

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Board meeting – location TBA

Oct 22 - Saturday – Visitor Center

8:00 am – until – Registration for all attendees

8:00 am – 9:00 am – Breakfast – supplied by the Bayou Chapter

9:00 am – 10:30 am – General Membership meeting

10:30 am – noon – guest speaker on climate change

Noon – 1:00 pm – lunch on your own

1:00 pm – activities

Demonstration on making boudin by Tammy & David Jernigan

Hikes/bikes on park trails – leaders TBA

Paddling on Lake Claiborne – leaders TBA

Orienteering – Jenny & Gary Hackman

Dutch oven competition – (judges may be willing to accept bribes)

5:00 pm – pot luck dinner - including gumbo by Marian Howard

6:30 pm - 9:00 Southern entertainment – TBA

Oct 23 – Sunday

8:00 am – breakfast available – location TBA

Pack up and leave for home

Safe travels and looking forward to seeing you in October!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sandy Roerig

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Dorcheat Moonlight Paddle

By: Tammy Jernigan

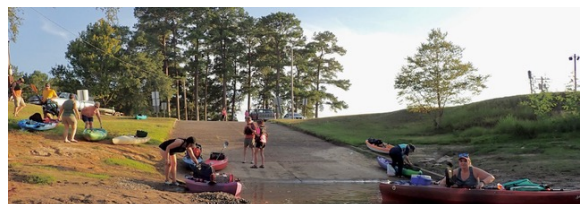
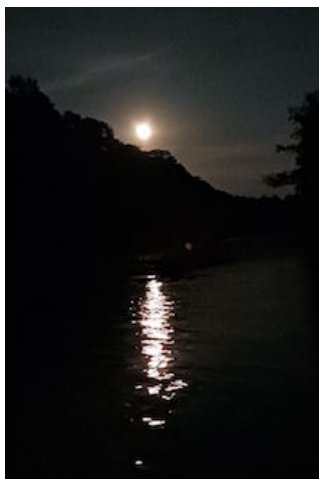
The Sturgeon Moon, the last Supermoon of 2022, promised to provide a bright display on Friday, August 12th. What a better time to head out on a bayou paddle

Prior to the paddle, we had 11 hungry folks meet at Dorcheat Seafood and Grill for some vittles. After our bellies were full, we met another 16 folks - and one cat - at the ramp and prepared to launch our boats. We were just a few minutes late of having our paddles in the water at 7:00 pm.

The water was calm and we had a nice breeze to keep the sweltering down to a minimum. We paddled to the gravel bar but it was a little smaller than I envisioned so we went another 15-20 minutes downstream to a sandbar that had plenty of room for us to wait for the moon to rise at 9:00 pm. On the way, several boaters spied some beady eyes on the surface of the bayou water. There were a couple of oohs and ahhs and then they proceeded on their way downstream.

Since Webster parish was under a burn ban, Marian brought her handy dandy virtual fire. We pulled out our chairs and proceeded to tell tales. After an hour, small groups started heading back up stream with the last of us working our way back after the moon rose over the trees.

The variety of boats, lights and characters made the evening very interesting. Thanks to everyone who came and for those that didn't, join us next time!



Cypress Lake Pop-up Paddle

By: Kim Cox

On Sunday, August 14th, 18 folks met at the Hwy. 162 boat launch to paddle the north end of Cypress Lake/Bayou. The weather was warm (but otherwise cooperative) and the water levels were low (but navigable) and all were looking forward to a relaxed pace event. We had several visitors/newbies amongst us including a couple who were putting their boats in the water for the first time! The group paddled up the Cypress canal, enjoying looking for wildlife and socializing for about 1.5 miles before heading back to the launch. In the past we've had to break out the chainsaws and limb loppers to navigate past downed trees here but none of that was necessary this time (yay!). Our big excitement was when a kayaker took an unexpected swim after being viciously attacked by a cypress knee hidden just under the low water surface (we've all been there!). After a little wading to the water's edge, crawling up a muddy bank, and bailing out a water-logged kayak (thanks Tammy and Dee Jaye!) the paddler continued with no harm done (just some soggy attire and an exciting story to tell). When the paddle was complete everyone took out of the water, with Kim losing a sandal to the mud along the way and having to sport the only other shoes in her car... her rain boots (quite the fashion statement) ... to finish loading up. Many gathered at Los Compas Mexican restaurant afterward to enjoy food/beverages and each other's company. Overall a GREAT DAY (of course any day on the water with a BCOS group is a great day!!)



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September "Special" Days

Sept. 3 - Chuck Flores' Birthday

Sept. 5 - Labor Day

Sept. 7 - Charlie Henington's Birthday

Sept. 8 - Becky Jutze's Birthday

Sept. 10 - Henry Ann Burton's Birthday. Does anyone believe she will be 88?

Sept. 16 - Mark Lane's Birthday

Dick Maxwell turns 79 today

Sept. 17 - Rebecca (Becky) Couch's Birthday

Sept. 19 - Kim Cox's Birthday

Cindy Brix's Birthday



The Bayou Bandits will be representing the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society at the 6th Annual River Rat Paddle Challenge in West Monroe, Louisiana, on Saturday October 1st. Proceeds will benefit Horse Assisted Therapy Services (HATS) of North Louisiana. The Bayou Bandits are:

Tammy Jernigan - Head Rat

Dee Jaye Teutsch

Dick Maxwell

Barbie Halbert

Marian Howard

Mark Lane

Becky Jutze

Roy O'Neal

Shannon O'Neal

Mindy Manning

Tom Thompson

Wendy Caldwell

Melissa Loporati

Mark Robinson

Kevin and Lynn Clary

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Attention BCOS Members!!

We'll be pre-registering for the Ozark Society Fall Membership Meeting (October 21-23 at Lake Claiborne State Park) at the September Monthly Meeting on Tuesday September 20th. Bring your registration fee of \$10 and receive a commemorative bandana. The registration fee also entitles you to a fantastic breakfast and supper on Saturday the 22nd.



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 and click "JOIN US."

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) _____

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
- \$ _____ Foundation Endowment Fund

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.