



# BAYOU BYLINE



## February 2026

### Calendar of Events

#### February

- 17 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm - Speaker TBA
- 21 Duck Pond Cleanup - 2:00 pm - contact Roy O'Neal at [royoneal2@gmail.com](mailto:royoneal2@gmail.com)
- 28 Orienteering at Bodcau - contact Jenny at [gandjman2@gmail.com](mailto:gandjman2@gmail.com)

#### March

- 7 Paddle at Backwater Jack's on Big Cypress Bayou - contact Tammy at [tjerni88@hotmail.com](mailto:tjerni88@hotmail.com)
- 13-15 Camp and Hike at White Oak Lake State Park contact Marian at [marianehoward@comcast.net](mailto:marianehoward@comcast.net)
- 17 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm
- 21 Hike at Martin Creek Lake - contact Sharon at [swindham1513@gmail.com](mailto:swindham1513@gmail.com)

#### April

- 18 Hike and Ride Bikes in Little Rock - contact is Kim [bpccptagirl@gmail.com](mailto:bpccptagirl@gmail.com)
- 21 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm
- 22 Earth Day Hike at Walter B Jacobs - contact Kim Cox at [bpccptagirl@gmail.com](mailto:bpccptagirl@gmail.com)

#### May

- 1 Red River Downtown Paddle - contact Tammy at [tjerni88@hotmail.com](mailto:tjerni88@hotmail.com)
- 2 Annual Crawfish Boil at the Eyler's
- 19 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm
- 25 Red River Paddle - 10:00 am - Hwy 2 at Plain Dealing



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.



Speaker TBA

## **BCOS Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2026**

By: Secretary Jenny Hackman

Meeting was called to order by Tammy J. at 6:30 pm. Visitors were welcomed.

Minutes were approved as written in the newsletter by a motion made by Sandy and 2nd by Barbie. No one opposed

**Treasure Report:** Prepared by Cindy B



CHECKING BALANCE AS OF November 01, 2025: \$ 6,830.23

Add Receipts:

Deposit: T-shirt and Caps: \$200.00

Total Receipts: \$200.00

Deduct Disbursements:

Home Depot speaker gift: \$17.95

Total Disbursements: \$17.95

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF November 30, 2025: \$7,012.28

SAVINGS BALANCE AS OF November 30, 2025 \$5.00

NOTE: \$1,696 of the checking balance is earmarked for Athens Big Fork Historical Marker

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF December 01, 2025: \$ 7,012.28

Add Receipts:

Deposit: T-shirt: \$50.00

Dues from Ozark Society: \$80.00

Total Receipts: \$130.00

Deduct Disbursements:

Christmas party: \$33.18

Total Disbursements: \$33.18

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF December 30, 2025: \$7,109.10

SAVINGS BALANCE AS OF December 30, 2025 \$5.00

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There are 102 members for 2026. 24 members haven't renewed their memberships

Following the presentation of financial statements, the books were handed over to Mark R. Mark thanked the group for trusting him with the position of treasurer.

Tammy announced that 3 committees have been established:

**Communication:** Lead by Marian and Trisha and need 1 more person. They will be handling our Facebook page, email, and website

**Conservation:** Lead by Sandy, Gary H and Phil. They will lead conservation projects, make suggestions for a monthly conservation focus activity and the monthly conservation reports

**Activities:** Lead by Kim, Barbie, and Misheal. They will lead planning meetings and a monthly activity goal

Marian announced that the Red River Wildlife Refugee was wanting black oil sunflower seeds to bring in birds. A collection was taken and Marian picked up 6 large bags of food. If you said you were going to donate to the cause, please contact Marian so she can collect funds that you said you would donate.

T-shirts are still available. We have a limited amount: there are 3 medium and 1 small orange shirts left. They are \$10 each. Please contact Marian if you are interested.

Presentation by Marian H on her trip to Machu Picchu in Peru. She had a wonderful presentation with beautiful pictures and a detailed trip report.

The Ozark Society has a Grand Canyon trip set up with Canyoneering May 2-8, 2027 with Canyoneers 800-525-0924. There are a total of 24 spots and 15 are already filled.

Tammy asked for 3 volunteers to form an ad hoc committee to review the bylaws and handbook. Sandy and Tammy volunteered and another individual to assist is being requested. Contact Tammy if you are interested.

Past events were briefly discussed Jan 1 a hike at RRWR, hike at Lake D'Arbonne State Park

#### **Upcoming outings:**

Jan 31: Mt Driskill hike – Kim is unable to lead, Barbie volunteered to be the contact person

Feb 14: Jenny will be leading a Mardi Gras float at Lake Bistineau State Park. Unsure if this will happen as the water level is quite low as of this past weekend.

Jan 22: Pop-up hike at 1North at 10 am, Marian is the contact person

**Nature Play area at the RRWR:** BCOS will be taking responsibility for the water safety area. Need scrap lumber to put a loaner station for life jackets and a used john boat which doesn't have to hold water and is in a safe condition for children to get in and out of and play around without getting any cuts or scrapes. The target date to start the project is late February/early March. The target date for completion is April 1.

Tammy reports that the canoe for the display in the walkway at the refugee is coming in April.

Tammy reported that we are searching for a volunteer to accept the position of LA Director for the Ozark Society. Karen Pitts is looking for someone to replace her. You can speak with Sandy and/or Karen if you are interested in finding out the responsibilities.

Tammy announced that for this year, the Ozark Society is granting a free membership to new members. Let your friends know.

**Conservation Report:** presented by Sandy R. Sandy spoke about the youth grants that will be awarded by the Ozark Society. The Ozark Society wants to offer a grant to 1 project in LA. The winners will be announced shortly. The grants go to non-profit groups and schools. The grants are available for AR, southern MO and 5 northern parishes of LA. The grants are for children K-12. Applications are due from Oct 1 to Nov.

BCOS is an affiliate member of LA Wildlife Federation. Gary H is our representative. The membership will be renewed. Gary H spoke about the menhaden fish which is used for fertilizer. There is a move by the sports fishermen to have the ½ mile area from the coast which is restricted at this time decreased to ¼ mile so that the sports fishermen and commercial fishermen from conflicting over this area. There is a move to Comment deadline is Jan 23 at 3 pm.

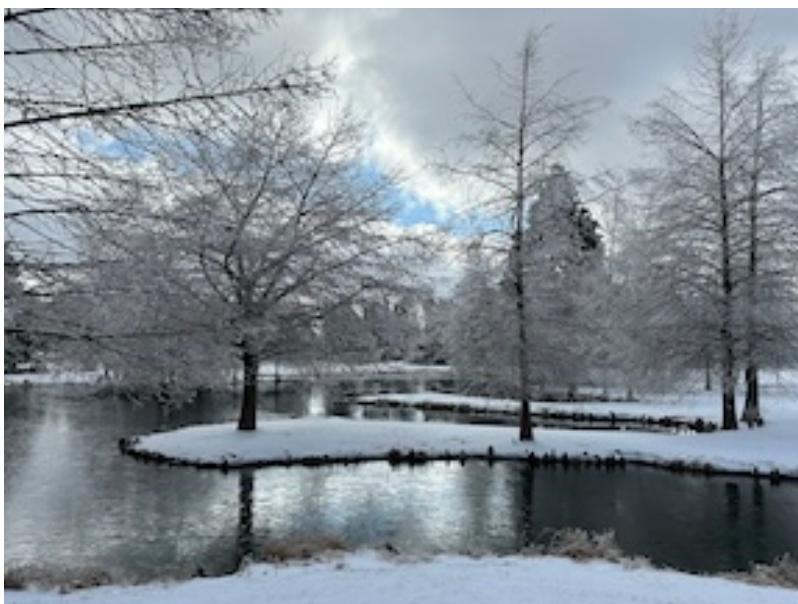
Larry has kayak towers for a Jeep to be given away. Speak with Larry if you are interested. Also, Roy has a hybrid bike looking to be rehomed. Roy's bike has been sold!

Door prizes were awarded. Meeting was adjourned.

### **Pre-Freeze Hike at 1North**

6 BCOS members met at 1North on Thursday morning January 22nd, determined to get a hike in before the bitter cold weather forecasted for the upcoming weekend - Tammy Jernigan, Barbie Halbert, Teresa White, Marian Howard, Mark Robinson and Heidi and Tom Thompson and Penny. We hiked about 4.3 miles in about 2 hours and had the entire area all to ourselves. What a great job the Red River Waterway Commission has done constructing trails on this 547-acre site owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Caddo Levee District! Their goal is to have 23 miles of biking and hiking trails and they are well on their way to achieving that goal.





Catherine and Steve's Backyard



Weezie Hackman playing in the Snow



Freddie Mercury Frost Squirrel Hunting

**BAYOU CHAPTER  
MEMBERS EXPERIENCE  
THE JANUARY 2026  
DEEP FREEZE**



Dee and Tim's Backyard



Barbie's Backyard Polar Plunge



Tricia's Backyard Birds



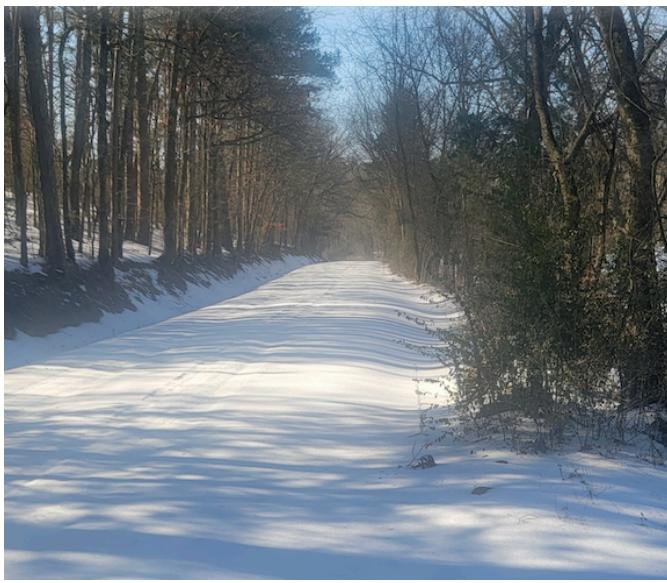
Marsha Getting Down in the Snow



Downed Power Lined Near Melissa's House



Tricia's Cardinal



4-6 inches of snow at Stephanie's house near Mena



Wayne's Family Playing in the Sleet/Ice



**Bird Invasion at Marian's House**



**Icicles at Wendy's House**



**Icy Roads at Wendy's House in Plain Dealing**

I'M TIRED OF WINTER!  
I WANT TO FAST-FORWARD  
TO COMPLAINING ABOUT  
HOW HOT IT IS!



**Crazy Truck Driver**

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#### **Left:**

Tubing on  
the ice at  
Tammy's



#### **Right:**

Sharon's  
yard in  
Bossier City