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2004 LOS WINTER MEETING

Monroe, Louisiana

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 23 - 25, 2004

After seven years, the winter meeting of the Louisiana Ornithological Society returns to Monroe. Our Friday and Saturday evening activities will be held at the Monroe Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. Field trips will be offered all day Saturday and Sunday morning. Birding around Monroe is excellent, so we hope you can join us!

Friday, January 23, 5:30 – 6:30 P.M. Informal get-together in the Hospitality Room. Have a coke or enjoy a snack.

Friday, January 23, 6:30 P.M. LOS registration will begin outside the Lafitte Room with the meeting beginning at 7:15 pm.

Saturday, January 24 – 6:30 P.M. Dinner will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and will be served in the New Orleans Room. The business meeting and program will follow immediately. This will be a seated meal, with a choice of two entrees.

Friday night presentation: “Tanner and the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker of Northeast Louisiana,” by Kelby Ouchley from Rocky Branch, La.

Kelby's love of all things from the outdoors and his keen interest in history will blend together to make his topic very interesting. Kelby received his Master's Degree from Texas A & M and has worked for the past 25 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is currently Manager of D'Arbonne and Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuges.

Saturday night presentation: “Effects of Selective Timber Harvesting on Songbirds in Bottomland Hardwood Forests,” by Jeannie Heltzel

How timber harvesting affects our Neotropical migrants and other songbirds has been a matter of controversy for many years. Jeannie Heltzel has been conducting her master's thesis research in

three state Wildlife Management Areas in central and Northeastern Louisiana to shed more scientific light on the subject. Her study involves the relationships between selective timber harvesting and songbird abundance and reproductive success. Jeannie is a master's student at UL-Lafayette. She is originally from Oregon, where she received her B. S. in Wildlife and Fisheries from Oregon State University. For the last ten years, Jeannie has worked as a field biologist on a wide variety of subjects, including Sage Grouse, rails, pronghorn antelope, turtles, and fish. She especially enjoys studying the breeding biology of songbirds, which has led to her current research. I'm sure she has some stories to tell about looking for those tiny songbird nests while trying to elude mosquitoes in sultry Louisiana summers. We look forward to hearing about the progress of her research to determine how we can help our nesting songbirds survive through proper habitat management.

Meeting Location and Directions

Headquarters for the meeting will be the Monroe Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites located at 1051 US 165 Bypass at I-20. There is easy access from I-20 or US 165. LOS has reserved a block of 40 rooms for the meeting at a rate of \$69.00. This is a saving of \$30.00 per room. There is no charge for an extra person in the room. There will be a choice of two double beds or one king-sized bed. Amenities in the rooms include full-sized ironing board with iron, coffee maker with coffee, blow dryer, and work desk with data port for laptops. We urge members to stay at the Holiday Inn as this will help reduce the cost of the meeting. Reservation cut off date is January 9, 2004.

For room reservations, call Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites at 318-387-5100 or FAX 318-387-0334. Be sure to mention the LOS meeting and reserve your room before January 9, 2004 to be assured of getting the special rate.

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2004 LOS WINTER MEETING

Winter Meeting – continued

Winter Meeting Field Trips

There will be four half-day field trips. The most popular trips will be run three times in order to allow everyone the opportunity to visit all the areas. The Mollicy NWR trip will leave at 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning because of the travel time. All other trips will leave at 7:30 A.M. and return to the hotel around 11:30 to allow time to eat and get ready for the next trip. We plan to car pool as much as possible for these trips. If you have walkie-talkies, please bring them. This helps to keep all the vehicles in contact during a caravan and also lets the leaders alert everyone of any birds along the way.

Please pre-register for field trips when you send the registration form in. This will allow us to make adjustments ahead of time for any trips that would be too large.

Saturday morning trips:

Mollicy NWR (leaving at 7:00 A.M.) This is a great area for waterfowl, sparrows such as LeConte's, Savannah, Song, and Swamp, Northern Harrier, Bald and Golden Eagle

Ouachita WMA (leaving at 7:30 A.M.) This is a state-owned management area and you must have either a Wild LA Stamp, fishing, or hunting license to enter the area. This area should have waterfowl, shorebirds, sparrows, wrens, and possibly eagles.

Black Bayou Lake NWR (leaving 7:30 A.M.) Our newest refuge. You could see Barn Owl, sparrows such as Savannah, Swamp, LeConte's, and Song, House and Sedge Wrens, waterfowl, and raptors.

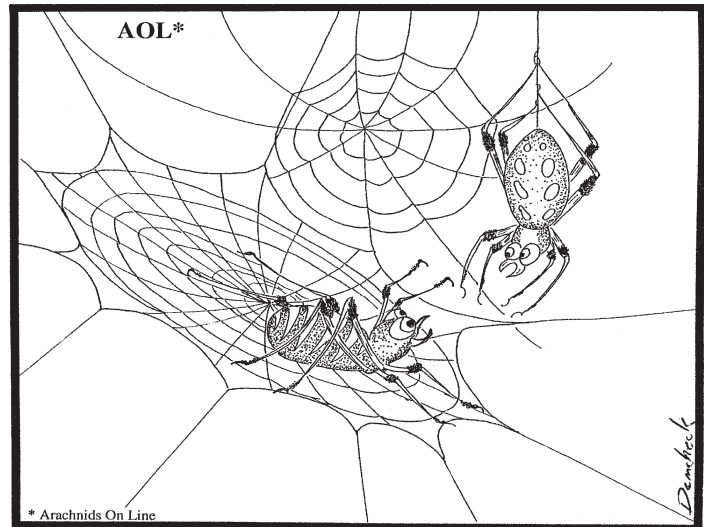
Saturday afternoon trips: All trips will leave at 1:00 P.M. and return around 5:00 P.M.

Mollicy NWR
Ouachita WMA

D'Arbonne NWR This trip should see Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, possibly Bachman's Sparrow, Nuthatches and other pineland species, waterfowl, LeConte's and Henslow's Sparrows and possibly eagles.

Sunday morning trips: These trips will leave at 7:30 A.M.
Mollicy NWR

Ouachita WMA
D'Arbonne NWR



Internet? So what? We've been on the web since the Jurassic!

**Membership Renewals are Due
January 1, 2004
LOS Membership dues are payable
the beginning of each year.**

Please send your check to:

**Judith O'Neale, LOS Treasurer
504 Whitebark Drive
Lafayette, LA 70508-6362
337-981-1011**



LOS MINUTES OF FALL MEETING

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FALL ANNUAL MEETING
CAMERON
Saturday, October 25, 2003

President Rosemary Seidler opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Sammy Faulk of the Cameron Parish Tourist Bureau welcomed LOS to Cameron and spoke briefly about a proposed festival and requested assistance from LOS members. He also thanked LOS for their part in providing funds for the observation tower that the Cameron Parish Police Jury constructed.

Rosemary expressed thanks to Marianna Primeaux and Judy Fruge, Elouise Mullen, Joseph Vallee and Judith O'Neale for their work on the meeting. Volunteers are needed for hospitality and sales tables.

Rosemary introduced the Officers and Board Members: Vice President Karen Fay, Past President Marty Guidry, Secretary/Treasurer Judith O'Neale, Board Members Gay Gomez, Joan Brown, and JLO editor Jim Ingold.

Not present: LOS News editors Dennis Demcheck and Kay Radlauer, Board Member Lee Ellis and Webmaster David L'Hoste

Rosemary thanked Dr. Beth Leuck for her excellent program on Friday night.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, October 26, 2002, were read by Secretary/Treasurer Judith O'Neale. Roger Breedlove moved to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded and approved.

Judith gave the financial report (attached). Roger Breedlove moved to accept the report as presented and the motion was seconded and approved.

Grace Eyster, a past president of LOS, was introduced.

The LOS proposed bylaw changes were presented as printed in the LOS News. Marty Guidry moved to approve the bylaw changes. The motion was seconded and approved. [New bylaws attached]

The nominating committee, composed of Gay Gomez, Marty Guidry and Joan Brown presented the slate of officers for 2003-2004.

Fall Meeting – continued

President: Karen Fay

Vice President: Bill Fontenot

Secretary: Joelle Finley

Treasurer: Judith O'Neale

There were no nominations from the floor and the officers were elected by acclamation.

Karen Fay thanked Rosemary Seidler for being President for the past year.

Karen read the checklist with a total of 171 birds.

Final prizes were awarded for the observation tower donation drawing. [over \$3,000 raised]

List of winners attached.

Gay Gomez introduced her guests, JoAnn Nunez and Freddie Theriot, Cameron area residents.

Gay gave an interesting and informative talk on the Whooping Cranes in Southwest Louisiana.

A big thank you was given to the Knights of Columbus.

LOS Financial Report Account Balance as of 10/24/2003

Assets:	
Bank Account	\$ 3,590.00
Petty Cash	111.58
Postmaster	12.03
Ted Parker Youth Fund	\$ 2,521.65
Restricted Life Members	\$10,000.00
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 7,478.35
Total	\$23,713.61



New Members

Cinnamon Baldwin, Lake Charles, LA

Matt Carling, Baton Rouge, LA

Jessica Eberhard & Kyle Harms, Baton Rouge, LA

Tommy Hillman, Eunice LA

Brian O'Shea, Baton Rouge, LA

Fred Sheldon, Baton Rouge, LA

Stephen Sorensen, Baton Rouge, LA

Rick Whittington, Pineville LA

New Life Members:

David Booth, Lake Charles LA

Dave Patton, Lafayette LA

We were sorry to hear of the deaths of LOS member Scott Litz of Baton Rouge and LOS Life Member Dr. Henry Haberyan (NC). We wish to express our sympathy to their family and friends.

NEW BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTING SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Karen Fay, President of LOS, has appointed David Booth as the Board Member for the Southwest Louisiana area. David will serve a one-year term and be nominated for another two-year term at the LOS fall meeting, 2004.

As a Biology major, David graduated from McNeese State University Cum Laude. He completed his M.S. in Environmental Science graduating with a 4.0 GPA. He now currently owns and operates his own environmental consulting company, Booth Environmental Services, LLC.

David has extensive experience as a birder. His birding career began early in his life and has been avidly pursued here in the Louisiana Gulf Coast as well as inland. He is the founder of the regional birding group, The Gulf Coast Bird Club, founded 20 years ago in March of 1983. This is a strong group, with a membership of nearly 100. He has continued to provide leadership and act as an officer in some capacity over the years. Mr. Booth has several other experiences which are a credit to his birding skills. He was the principal investigator for the US Fish and Wildlife's Breeding Bird Census for a 10 year period for the DeRidder area. In this effort he consistently catalogued the breeding birds commonly found in a 25 mile route and tabulated the data reporting it to the US Fish and Wildlife agency.

He was the first person to document the nesting of the Inca Dove (a western species) in Louisiana and the second person to document a finding of the Rock Wren (another western species) in Louisiana. He has birded the four corners of the nation, from Maine to Florida to California, Washington, and Alaska. He has participated in numerous Christmas Bird Counts in the Louisiana coastal area and was founder of the Lake Charles Christmas Bird Count. He has participated in numerous guided birding tours and has visited numerous National Wildlife Refuges, State Parks, and other principal birding sites across the nation.

Make a note . . .

Upcoming Meetings

January 23 - 25, 2004 • Monroe

April 23 - 25, 2004 • Cameron

October 29 - 31, 2004 • Cameron

Louisiana Ornithological Society

CAMERON OBSERVATION TOWER RAFFLE WINNERS

Celestron Nexstar 80GT Scope & tripod: **J. B. Guillory**

Eagle Optics/Wild Birds Unlimited Ranger Binoculars:

Joan Brown

Bushnell Sentry Scope & Window Mount:

Sue and Larry Wilson

Thayer's Birds of NACD: **Janis Harrison** (new LOS member)

Avian Aquatics Layered Waterfall Rock: **Virginia Rettig**

Louis Agassiz Fuertes hummingbird prints:

Melvin Weber and J. B. Guillory

Birds of the Gulf Coast: **Lu and Grady Skillern**

John O'Neill prints: Aplomado Falcon: **David L'Hoste**

Blue-headed Parrots: **Peggy Siegert**

Great Texas Birds: **Cathy & Phil DiSalvo**

Sibley Guide to Birds: **J. D. Guillory**

Sibley Swallow-tail Kite print: **Marianna Primeaux**

Membership to Cornell Lab of Ornithology:

Cathy & Phil DiSalvo, Gayle Strickland & Marianna

Primeaux

Birder's World year's subscription: **Cathy & Phil DiSalvo**

Cabella quail print: **Rosemary Seidler**

Bird Watcher's Digest year's subscription: **Pat Seager**

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Tower Fund.



REGISTRATION FORM • 2004 WINTER MEETING

Names (all) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _(____) _____

E-Mail _____

Number to register _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Number for dinner _____ X \$15 = \$ _____

Meeting Check Total \$ _____

Choose dinner entrée:

Number of Chicken Breast Piccata (6 oz.) _____

Number of Roast Beef _____

Field Trip Preference:

Sat. A.M. _____

Sat. P.M. _____

Sun. A.M. _____

**To pre-register, complete form and send
with check by January 9.** Make check payable to:

Northeast Louisiana Bird Club (Joan Brown)
3100 Deborah Dr. #63
Monroe, LA 71201-2091

LOS meeting check can be refunded if
cancelled by January 9, 2004
For More Information contact : Joan Brown 318.322.3424

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