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2011 LOS WINTER MEETING

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 28-30

Monroe, Louisiana

Monroe, Louisiana, will host the LOS Winter Meeting January 28-30, 2011. Headquarters for the meeting will be the Monroe Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. Monroe is fortunate to have several National Wildlife Refuges and State Management Areas within a short driving distance of the city. This affords us some great opportunities for birding close to home. We hope to see all of our old birding friends and meet many new ones.

Friday, January 28, 2011

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Registration

Outside the New Orleans Room, Monroe Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Meeting and Evening Program:

The speaker, Richard Gibbons, Coordinator,

Louisiana Bird Resource Center at LSU, will discuss eBird.

Saturday, January 29, 2011

Field Trip: All Field Trips depart from the parking lot behind The Monroe Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites.

7:00 A.M. - noon

Leader: Kelby Ouchley. At this time, we are planning to have one trip to the Mollicy Unit of Upper Ouachita NWR. Availability of this trip will depend entirely on the weather. There have been many changes to Mollicy since our last Winter Meeting in 2004: improvements were made to the roads, about three million native hardwood trees were planted, and an observation tower was added to enhance bird watching. There was a plan to eventually remove the levee to return the land to a flood plain as it had once been. The Ouachita River had its' own agenda though. In May, 2009, with the river near flood stage, it topped the levee at Mollicy and broke through. This resulted in water to depths of 25 feet on some parts of the refuge. Since the levee was still intact in places, it held the flood waters long after the river went down. For this reason, we thought it best to plan only one trip to this area. If we don't have much rain, it will be fine. If we get many days of rain and the river floods the area, the trip will be cancelled.

7:30 a.m. - noon

Ouachita WMA: This is a state-owned management area and you must have a Wild LA Stamp, fishing, or hunting license to enter the area. Waterfowl, sparrows, wrens, and possibly eagles can be seen here.

Black Bayou Lake NWR:

Waterfowl, sparrows, warblers, wrens are among the varied birds seen here.

D'Arbonne NWR: Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatches and other pineland species, waterfowl, LeConte's sparrows and possibly eagles can be seen here.

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Registration

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner (choice of two entrees.)

Following dinner, Kelby Ouchley will present the program. Kelby was a biologist and manager of national wildlife refuges for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for more than thirty years. He has written a book, "Flora and Fauna of the Civil War", that explores humans' attitudes toward nature during the Civil War period. Kelby will talk about birds and how soldiers and civilians thought about and interacted with them during the war.

Sunday, January 29, 2011

Field Trip: All Field Trips depart from the parking lot behind The Monroe Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites.

7:30 a.m. -

**D'Arbonne NWR
Black Bayou Lake NWR**

Meeting Location and Directions

Headquarters for the meeting will be the Monroe Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites located at 1051 165 Bypass at I-20. There is easy access from I-20 or US 165. We have reserved a block of rooms for Friday and Saturday night for \$72.00 per night. This is for a single or double room. We urge members to stay at the Holiday Inn as this will help reduce the cost of the meeting. It is also more convenient when meeting for field trips. The cut off date for room reservations at this price is January 7, 2011.

For room reservations, call Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites at 318-387-5100 or FAX 318-387-0334. Be sure to mention the LOS meeting to get the special rate.

Galveston Ornithological Society Outreach

Our President, Linda Stewart-Knight, suggested we forward this info from Jim Stevenson, Director of the Galveston Ornithological Society. It has a FREE bird list where participants receive very recent bird pictures with educational commentary on a PDF document. It is low-resolution, and names are suppressed so NOBODY views user's e-mail addresses.

He attached an extensive illustrated example that is too large to be included here. Email me, bob_hamil@yahoo.com, to request a copy.

For more information about their program go to www.galvestonbirders.org

Parish Lists Now Complete and Available on LOS Web Site

The Louisiana Parish Checklist Project - a project undertaken by Rosemary Seidler to produce a checklist for each of Louisiana's 64 parishes has reached an important goal with the publication of the checklists on our web site, www.losbird.org. These lists are an important record of what has been observed in the past as well as a means to help identify gaps that might be filled with new observations.

For new birders, these checklists will serve to identify the species that are likely to be found at any parish in the state. For those who have not checked out our web site, www.losbird.org, this is a reason to do so. You will be pleasantly surprised by the extensive content and its usefulness and beauty. It is a site we can all be proud of.

[I hope all our members have access to this and the other great sites on the internet. If not, please let me (bob_hamil@yahoo.com) know; it will help me understand the types of material to include in LOS NEWS. Ed.]

Volunteers Requested for North American Bird Phenology Program

Hello,

I am working at the North American Bird Phenology Program (BPP) at USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, MD. The BPP is the oldest bird monitoring program in the country, currently housing several million bird migration records dating back to the 1880's. The records document bird migration arrival and departure times from around North America. This is an unparalleled and untapped resource which will help us to understand the scale of global climate change and how it is affecting bird populations across the country, which is why we're digitizing all of these records and making them publically available on the USA-National Phenology Network's website.

We rely solely on volunteers both in the BPP office and transcribing records on our website. We are trying to raise awareness of our program and increase our number of volunteers.

Thank You,
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Life Members

If you have an email address,
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In Memory of LOS Life Member Olga Clifton



Walter and Olga Clifton

On December 12, 2010, the birding world lost a dear friend. Olga Clifton, of Abita Springs, was dearly loved by people all over the country for her infectious smile and warm hugs. She was a wonderful person who influenced many people with her love of all birds, especially hummingbirds.

The Clifton's yard (Hummer Haven) was a bird sanctuary and they opened their yard for International Hummingbird Day in 1996. More than 100 persons participated in the inaugural event at the Abita Springs site. Visitors watched hummers being banded, photographed them, and were educated about hummers and how to improve their own yard with hummer plants. When the crowds just got too big to handle, the festival was moved to Mizelle's nursery in Folsom and continues to attract many people. Olga loved birds, and people, especially children and loved to share her vast knowledge about birds and plants. Olga and Walter gave many programs with Olga doing talking and showing Walter's excellent photographs. A memorial service will be held in the spring to celebrate her life.

Our sincere sympathies go to Walter, son Paul, and daughter Mimi. Cards may be sent to Walter at P. O. Box 17, Abita Springs, LA 70420

LOS New Members as of December 2010

Erik Johnson, *Lafayette*
James Maley, *Baton Rouge*
Mary and Cham Mehaffey, *Folsom*

New Life Members

Jean and Jeff Trahan, *Shreveport*

In Memoriam

Olga Clifton

LOS Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewals are due January 2011 for the coming year.

Please check your label. If it says Dec 2008 - you owe for both 2009 and 2010 (this will be your last newsletter if you do not renew this month). If it says Dec 2009, your 2010 membership is due.

Thank you for renewing your LOS membership.

LOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please join today!

*Dues are payable January 1st of each year;
Please check your mailing label for expiration date.*

Renewal New Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family:	\$20.00/yr	for foreign
<input type="checkbox"/> Library	\$15.00/yr*	subscriptions
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining:	\$100.00/yr	**Installments may
<input type="checkbox"/> Life:	\$300.00**	be arranged for
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Life:	\$500**	Life memberships

Make check payable to: **LOS**

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Make a note ...

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Winter meeting January 28-30, 2011 Monroe, LA

Spring meeting April 29, 30-May 1, 2011 Cameron, LA

More information will be posted on the LOS website as it becomes available. www.losbird.org

DEADLINE

We welcome submission from readers and others.

Submission deadline date for Spring LOS News is March 1, 2011



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LOS 2011 WINTER MEETING – MONROE, LA
FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28-30, 2011

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number registering for meeting _____ at \$10.00/person = \$ _____

Number attending banquet _____ at \$18.25/person = \$ _____

To pre-register, complete form and send _____ = \$ _____ 2011 Membership Dues
 with a check by January 14, 2011. = \$ _____ **Total enclosed**

LOS meeting check can be refunded
 if cancelled by January 21, 2011.

Complete form and send with check payable to LOS to:
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