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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

On October 9, 2010 we had our annual volunteer picnic with beautiful weather and quality food from our volunteers or in my case from my supportive wife. There was no shortage of food and no one should have gone home hungry. Carrie Sample, our outgoing president, planned this event, and those who agreed to help with setup and the serving of the food did the job in the fashion you volunteers always perform. We missed Carrie, who had a commitment to a close friend. Carrie was a great president and will continue to give us guidance in making Brazos Bend State Park more enjoyable. Thank you, Carrie!

The Building Committee Chairman, Chuck Duplant, presented a written report of this committee's work, which has been signed and forwarded to the regional park officials. A vote of confidence was given to the committee which means that they will continue to move toward the building of a new Brazos Bend Environmental Education Center facility.

Recognition of years of service as a member of BBSPVO is done at this annual event. Sharon Hanzik, our Volunteer Coordinator, presents these awards and also presents awards to those volunteers that have been very significant factors in the success of our organization during the past year. Those awards are listed in another part of this newsletter.

It was wonderful that Joan and Warren Jackson and Buddy Franklin were present. Joan and Warren, Buddy and his wife Mozelle are Emeritus Volunteers. The park has received immeasurable benefit from the support of these wonderful volunteers. Buddy and Mozelle were recognized for their more than 25 years of service to BBSP. We new volunteers would be better if we could have worked with these folks when they were active in their efforts at BBSP. Some very interesting and fun stories were shared about Buddy.

Your officers are just as excited about the next year as you are. Please give us your suggestions for next year or give us modifications to plans that we will present to you. I look forward to working with you and the Officers this year. Thank you for this opportunity.

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Offie Walker

PICNIC AWARDS

At the Annual Volunteer Picnic on October 9 in the Dining Hall, Sharon Hanzik gave out special awards and service awards to various members of the Volunteer Organization. Below is the list of recipients:

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Customer Service - Cindy Peterson Education - Carl Franke Teamwork - weekday Nature Center staff -Doris Dahse Marilyn Vossler Dave Armstrong Teresa Jones Anna Dell Williamson Leadership - Carrie Sample Excellence - Tom Prentiss First-ever **Golden Feather Dusters** for above and beyond Housekeeping: Jo Ann Davis Dawn Tejero Joan Hebert Ric Rincon Doris Dahse Host Charen Teague

SERVICE AWARDS:

Twenty Years Joe Carmichael - Emeritus Member

Twenty-Five Years (First Recipients) Buddy and Mozelle Franklin -Emeritus Members

Five Years Jaci Elliott Bob Haynes Ron Morrison

Ten Years

Jim Hiett Jane Minard

Fifteen Years

Linda Heinicke Anne Shelton



Buddy Franklin in the Nature Center

Buddy was the first volunteer to keep the NC open. He loved working there and telling his stories. He and Mozelle insisted on keeping the center open every Thanksgiving until 2009.



Buddy and Mozelle Franklin

Buddy attended the picnic and was the object of some stories. Ever hear about the "Mongoose"? Mozelle was unable to attend.

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EMERITUS STATUS AWARD

Carol Ramsayer

Carol sent the following note to the Organization:

Dear Fellow Volunteers,

I wish I could be there at the picnic to thank you all for the emeritus status!! It's an honor that I truly appreciate. Believe me, any time I get even close to the State of Texas I'll be back at the park!

All the best to my Brazos Bend Family,

Carol Ramsayer

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

submitted by Anna Dell Williamson

President Carrie Sample called the meeting to order on Saturday, September 11, 2010. There were 13 volunteers, 2 VITs, 1 guest and 3 staff members present. She thanked everyone for coming, and thanked Judy Strauss and others for the meal. Diane Carpenter moved we approve the minutes as posted. Judy Strauss seconded the motion, which carried.

Steve Killian, Ted Stevens and Sharon Hanzik brought their reports, which are printed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Budget: Treasurer Dave Armstrong brought the budget report. During the presentation, Steve Killian announced that the funds previously allocated for diesel fuel will not be needed and may be returned to the general budget.

The following budget requests were approved:

- Steve Killian requested a Facebook banner to increase usage of Facebook and promote BBSP. The money will come from the Supervisor's fund.
- Judy Strauss requested 5000 "I touched an alligator" stickers and 5000 "I touched a snake" stickers for outreach programs. Stacy Hobbett agreed we can take the funds out of her grant.
- Sharon Hanzik requested the purchase of safety equipment, hard hats, vests, and goggles, for volunteers to use. Glen Kilgore offered funding from the Kilgore restricted fund. Sharon will talk to maintenance volunteers on Tuesday about using this equipment.
- Beth Debenport requested a new refrigerator for the Nature Center lounge. The old one uses a lot of electricity, is leaking, and has mildew around the doors. She will ask Carol Raysayer for approval to use funds in her grant money account.
- Steve Killian requested aluminum window screens, paint and paint supplies for screen shelter renovations. Host and staff will accomplish repair work, in preparation for a busy camping season. Regional Managers and Austin staff managers and support personnel will be using the shelters in October. Funding will come from the unused diesel fuel allocation.

Carrie thanked **Dave** and **Rachelle** for all their help with the financial reports.

Carrie presented the following slate of nominated officers for election:

President, Offie Walker Vice-President, Mary Lockwood Secretary, Linda Heinicke Treasurer, Dave Armstrong The slate was accepted by acclamation. The new officers were authorized to sign checks.

Anna Dell Williamson offered a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers.

The **Volunteer Picnic** will be October 9. Help is needed with setup. Carrie is working on a slide presentation about volunteers for the picnic. If you have pictures of volunteers in action, send them to Carrie.

Thanks to the new VITs, Paige O'Neal and Holly Haynes for coming to the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Judy Strauss reported that there are 2 outreach events coming up, **Texian Market Days** at George Ranch on October 23 and **Prairie Heritage Day** here at the park on November 6.

Gift Shop: Beth Debenport expressed appreciation for volunteer help in the Gift Shop. We are selling a new game, Alligator Farkle, which is similar to Yahtzee. Alligator silly bands are still selling well. We have some new t-shirts. Carrie thanked Beth, Diane, Judy and Anna Dell for their work in the Gift Shop.

Wood Sales: Chuck Duplant reported that wood sales are picking up after a very slow August. We are getting back to bundling time.

Carrie brought up the presentation last month by **Cynthia Morales** on a **BBSP Friends** program. We will be forming a committee to determine the guidelines for the new group and present it to the membership for approval. **Ted Stevens** has volunteered to help. If you are interested in helping, contact Carrie.

Diane Carpenter asked Steve about the **Nature Center signs** in front of the center. The sign is located past the driveways and below the line of sight. We discussed moving the sign to a spot before the parking lot or getting a new sign. Only about 25% of park visitors make it to the Nature Center. We will look at new signage options.

Chuck Duplant announced that he, Steve, and Dennis have been working on the **small prairie** across the slough from the Nature Center. They have been seeding and transplanting grasses and are developing a trail for photo hikes, bug hikes, etc. It will be a meandering, self-guided trail covered with wood chips. There will be signs, handouts, etc., developed for the trail.

Carrie Sample said she has enjoyed being President. It was an honor representing us at the 25th Anniversary for BBSP and the 20th Anniversary for the volunteer organization, and also at the Commission meeting in San Antonio last month. Thanks to all the volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned.

FIELD TRIP

by Sharon Hanzik

I have arranged for a visit to Lake Texana State Park on Wednesday, November 3rd. Park interpreter Cindy McLemore will show us their nature center and tell us about the site and then we can explore the trails on our own. We will meet there at 10:00. The nature center will be first. You may arrive earlier if you like and then meet us at the center. The park is located off HWY 59 between Ganado and Edna. The first exit is in Ganado. If you plan to come please RSVP so that I may have some idea of who is coming and can help arrange for carpooling.

STAFF REPORTS

STEVE KILLIAN

Steve Killian brought his report: This has been the hottest August on record. Visitation was low, and it was the slowest month of this year, but not the slowest ever. The fiscal year ended August 31. Revenue is up 5-6% from the previous year. Both 2009 and 2010 were record years.

The new **State Parks Director** is **Brent Leisure**, who has many years experience in Texas State Parks operation. **Walt Dabney** retired after 11 years and did an outstanding job.

On August 26, Sharon Hanzik and Carrie Sample attended the **TPWD Commission** meeting with Steve Killian, to present a check for the new wildlife viewing platform. Carrie and Sharon did a great job of teaching about the park and the volunteer organization. We hope to get pictures soon of Carrie presenting a huge check beside a picture of the proposed platform. It was an outstanding day for BBSP and BBSPVO. Carter Smith wanted us to present the check directly to the Commission. We hope to soon present a check for the new Brazos Bend Environmental Education Center. Good job.

The ranger staff continues to maintain grounds and facilities. Recent rains have contributed to grass growth, which then needs mowing. Camp hosts carry a heavy load for mowing. Lake management continues, with Dennis Jones, JT Calina, and Gary Bialis spot spraying invasive exotic and native trees. Since April they have been spraying in the portal prairies and are almost through the last prairie. We have completed a draft for a burn plan, hoping to burn a significant portion this winter. Spot treating with chemicals will never get all the invasive species, but fire will destroy some plants. Tallow, persimmon, and McCartney Rose have been spot treated.

Office staff is learning a new financial system. All computer systems have changed.

There is a Park Manager's retreat scheduled for October 12-14 at BBSP. Support staff from Austin and Regional, along with the new Division Director, will be attending. They will stay in the screened shelters.

As individuals and as an Organization, we can contact our local representatives and the Governor's office, on behalf of support of State Parks. We should stress the need to maintain funding of State Parks, especially BBSP.

TED STEVENS:

Management Intern Ted Stevens reported that we will be getting money from Region IV to get GPS units for a geocaching bootcamp. This will make BBSP the first park to offer a Geocaching 101 course. We currently have the most geocaches of any state park in the region. Interested volunteers will be in the first class. Ted has taught Geocaching at the Texas Outdoor Family program for some time. This class will start after Chris Bishop returns from law enforcement school.

SHARON HANZIK

Sharon reported that Labor Day weekend had good attendance: 500+ on Saturday, 800+ on Sunday and 300+ on Monday. "Put Name Here" had a 3-day weekend, as all shifts were covered.

Sharon introduced the two new VIT's who were present at the meeting: Paige O'Neal and Holly Haynes. Holly's husband attended as a guest.

VIT Training started today, and we are planning a new event for recruitment for the February class. We plan to hold a small open house on Sunday, October 24, 3-5 PM, with a slide show about what volunteers do and information about training. We are already receiving applications for February. This event is one month before the deadline for the February class.

The alligator eggs are not looking good. They appear to be unfertilized eggs. We will need to get some babies from the wild. If you see any moms with babies, let Sharon know.

Thanks for helping out while David was on vacation, and for helping Sharon when she got sick on Monday. The volunteers handled the situation very well.

Check the Newsletter for upcoming dates, such as Astronomy Day, the Volunteer Picnic, etc.

BRAZOS BEND BUTTERFLY COUNT

by Rich and Sandy Jespersen, Compilers

After having rain all day on our originally scheduled date in September, we were delighted to have a beautiful sunny day for the 15th Annual Brazos Bend Butterfly Count on October 10. The abundant rain in September resulted in a proliferation of wildflowers, and the Park prairies and woodlands were beautiful.

Our 10 observers divided into four parties and spent the day scouring the various habitats within the park. The numbers of species and of individual butterflies were about average for our count, but there really is no "typical" result. We saw record high numbers of Monarchs, Northern Cloudywings and Little Wood-Satyrs. On the other hand, there were fewer than usual Little Yellows and hardly any Swallowtails. The Turk's-cap White-Skipper, which was present in record numbers last year was not seen this year, nor were the Least Skipper and Whirlabout.

We counted a total 796 individual butterflies of 44 species.

In the past our count has been scheduled right at the historic peak of hurricane activity and this has resulted in cancellations or postponements three of the

past six years. Therefore we are moving the count to the first Sunday in October, which will be <u>October 2, 2011</u>.

Rich and Sandy Jespersen Compilers



Little wood satyr, Sandy Jespersen, 2009

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Don't forget to contact your legislators with your opinion regarding State Park support. Use some of the Talking Points from the last newsletter to back up your presentation.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to newlyweds **Bill** and **Diana Godley** who were married Friday, October 22 in Godley, TX. Congratulations to our newest volunteer, **Sherida Carpenter**. Give her a hearty welcome to the organization.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mozelle Franklin (Emeritus) Debbie Fewell (VIT) Buddy Franklin (Emeritus) Pete Hart Dennis Jones (Staff) Tom Kanak Nicole Olson Ric Rincon Veronique Toussaint-Sweerts



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ray Anderson Nelda Gay (Emeritus) David Heinicke (Staff) Steve Killian (Staff) Patricia Marshall Curtis Parent

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Justin and Kate Bower Diane and Jerry Carpenter



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Holly (VIT) and Gene Haynes Mike (VIT) & Paige Manley

MAINTENANCE SAFETY INFORMATION

There are now first aid kits inside the storage areas at the wood yard and the maintenance. Additional personal protective equipment has been ordered. Hard hats in the storage building at maintenance have been cleaned, labeled and stored in a plastic bag. Please clean after use and return to the plastic bag. Once new equipment arrives I will label and store accordingly. Please do your best to keep it clean and available to all at the location you find it.





Remember to wear hard hats, orange vests, ear protection and eye protection whenever a hazard exists, particularly with chain saws, tractors/mowers and wood chipper (DO NOT wear vest or any loose clothing with wood chipper.) If you notice that someone is not wearing proper equipment, do the right thing and remind them. If someone refuses to wear it, please report to me, or David.

VITS ON THE CALENDAR

If you have a look at the calendar, you will see many eager trainees signing up. We need someone to be here for them. Please help them out.

REMEMBER YOUR COMMITMENT

We are well into the 4th and final quarter of 2010. Keeping in mind that the holiday season can get in the way of scheduling volunteers hours, you may want to plan now in order to fulfill your quarterly commitment (water station, gift shop, nature center, Creekfield Hike and/or firewood). As many as 3 volunteers can sign-up to staff the nature center per any shift.

Only been working 6 hours per quarter all year? Keep in mind that you still need the "other 24" or you will fall short on the yearly requirement of 48. The "other 24" can be anything, including the areas of the quarterly requirement.

SATURDAY CREEKFIELD HIKES

Although we cannot guarantee how many will show, youth groups are coming! It's fall and camping is booked every weekend and many of those are youth groups who want to attend the hike. We can use 4-5 leaders (or more!). If you sign up and are not needed you still get the 2-hour credit. You would most likely also be needed elsewhere (nature center? wood yard? trails?) so your time and trip will not be wasted. The first to sign up gets preference and so on...

NATURE CENTER REPORT SEPTEMBER 2010

Below are the totals of the various activities and attendance recorded for the Nature Center, hikes, and programs for September 1-30, 2010. The three-day Labor Day weekend brought us about 1800 visitors.

PROGRAMS	TOTALS	E E ED
NATURE CENTER ATTENDANCE Sepember 2010 - 4112 (high, 9/5) - 823 September 2009 - NA September 2008 - 1386 (open 9 days, then closed for Ike) September 2007 - NA	Saturdays (4) 1689 High, 597, 9/4 Average: 422	
	Sundays (4) – 1568 High, 823, 9/5 Average: 392	
	Weekdays (23) – 855 High, 393, 9/6 (Labor Day) Average, 37	
CREEKFIELD HIKES (9 days)	124 – High, 30 - 9/11 & 25	
ALLIGATOR PROGRAMS (5)	154 - High, 39 - 6/26	
SNAKE PROGRAMS (5)	76 – High, 40 - 9/5	
CHILDREN'S STORY TIME (6)	103–High, 26 - 9/4	
HUMMINGBIRD BANDING (3)	56	
OTHER PROGRAMS (4) includes skull, otters, photo hike, and owls	50	
TOTAL VISITORS SERVED IN HIKES AND PROGRAMS	451	



...to all who helped with the picnic:

Setup, decorations, and food preparation: Jerry Carpenter, Chuck Duplant, Suzie Gann, Joan Jackson, Nancy Lynn Jones, Christine Kovach, Mary Lockwood, Jane Minard,, Frank Seay, Judy Strauss, Offie Walker(please forgive me if I missed someone's name) Picnic planning: Carrie Sample, Suzie Gann Picnic pictures: individual: Offie Walker

group: Chuck Duplant

Picnic cleanup: Too numerous to remember. Everyone pitched in and finished in record time Awards: **Sharon** and **David**

Meat purchase: Carrie Sample, Offie Walker, David Heinicke, Anna Dell Williamson

...to those who played a role in acquiring, funding and preparing for the new refrigerator in the lounge: Beth Debenport, Anna Dell Williamson, Bruce Williamson, Carol Ramsayer, Diane Carpenter, and Noel Duncan.

...to those who participated in the 15th Annual BBSP Butterfly Count:

Chuck Duplant, Bill Godley, Linda Heinicke, Rich Jespersen, Sandy Jespersen, Gary Moore, Kathy Moore, Vicki Poorman, Wayne Poorman and Pam Tatge. A special thanks to Rich and Sandy Jespersen, compilers and organizers

PRAIRIE HERITAGE DAY

Prairie Heritage Day will be celebrated Nov 6, 2010, 10 AM - 4 PM, at BBSP. This is a fun and educational event for the whole family! Activities include live wildlife, guided prairie adventures, presentations and demonstrations, and exhibits. The Volunteer Organization will have a booth outside the Nature Center. You may sign up to help on the website.

The program includes the following presentations, hikes and speakers:

- 8:00 Hike: Early Bird Hike led by Bill Godley. Meet at 40 Acre Lake hike sign
- 10:00 Welcome by Commissioner Richard Morrison. *At the Amphitheater*
- 10:15 "Prairies In the Past" by Dennis Jones. At the Amphitheater
- 10:30 Hike: "Wonders of the Prairie" led by Jaime Gonzalez. Meet at 40 Acre Lake hike sign
- 11:15 "Prairies The Original Garden of Eatin", by Dr. Mark Vorderbruggen. At the Speakers tent
- 11:30 Owls by Mary Anne Weber. At the Amphitheater
- 12:30 Snakes by Tom Prentiss. At the Amphitheater
- 12:45 "Backyard & Pocket Prairie Habitats/Wildscapes" by Diana Foss. At the Speakers Tent
- 1:30 Prairie Birds by Mary Anne Weber . At the Amphitheater
- 1:30 Wildfire Workshop For Kids by Dennis Jones. 30-minute class for 5 to 12 year olds, adults welcome. Under the tree, by the pumper
- 1:45 "Bringing Back the Quail" by Jim Willis. Restoration efforts to build a wildlife corridor. *At the Speakers Tent*
- 2:30 Mammals by Sharon Hanzik At the Amphitheater
- 3:00 Hike: Insects on the Prairie led by David Heinicke. Meet at 40 Acre Lake hike sign
- 3:00 Landscape Photography by Laszlo Perlaky. Bring your own equipment. Limit of 12 people. Meet at the Nature Center front door
- 5:00-7:00 Music by The Brazos River Pickers *At the Amphitheater*

BIRD HIKE SCHEDULE

BBSP Naturalist **David Heinicke** and Volunteer **Bill Godley** lead bird hikes for the public. Beginners and advanced birders are welcome. Hikes are normally 2 hours in duration. Bring your binoculars and cameras! There is no fee for the hike; standard park entrance fees apply. Friday and Sunday hikes begin at 8:00 a.m. from 40 Acre Lake Restrooms

Friday, November 12, 2010 Friday, December 3, 2010 Sunday, December 12, 2010 Friday, January 7, 2011 Sunday, January 9, 2011 Friday, February 4, 2011 Sunday, February 6, 2011 Friday, March 4, 2011 Friday April 15, 2011* Friday April 17, 2011 Friday April 22, 2011* Friday April 29, 2011* Friday, May 6, 2011 Sunday, May 15, 2011 ck Bellied Whistling Ducks

Zona, October 2009



-Jerry

Friday, April 1, 2011 Friday, April 8, 2011*

Dates marked *, indicate the Friday "Migration Madness" hikes in April, which include both BBSP and Quintana (optional) to follow. These hikes begin at BBSP at 8:00 AM and finish after lunch. Contact Bill at fribbish@msn.com for details.

Saturday "Bird Blizzard at Sunset" programs meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Observation Tower at 40-Acre Lake. Observe thousands of incoming birds roosting at the park in the evening.

Saturday, December 4, 2011 Friday, December 24, 2011 Saturday, January 15, 2011

PHOTO WALKS

There are two more Photo Walks scheduled with volunteer Laszlo Perlaky. Check out the dates below and join him for an interesting lesson in taking great photos.



November 6, 3 p.m.Landscape photography Photo-walk #2.December 11, 3 p.m.Landscape photography Photo-walk #3.

Check the web site for more details and the 2011 schedule when it's posted.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 6 Photo Walk: Landscape photography #2, 3 PM
- November 12 Bird Hike, 8:00 AM, 40-Acre Lake Restrooms
- November 13 Budget and Executive Meetings, 3:00 PM
 - Regular Business Meeting, 5:30 PM (Supper, 5:00 PM)
- November 22-26 Thanksgiving Break, lots of visitors, Nature Center closed Thanksgiving Day
- December 3 Bird Hike, 8:00 AM, 40-Acre Lake Restrooms
- December 4 Simple Christmas
- December 4 "Bird Blizzard at Sunset" program, 5:00 PM, Observation Tower
- December 11 Photo Walk: Landscape photography #3, 3 PM
 - Budget and Executive Meetings, 3:00 PM

Regular Business Meeting, 5:30 PM (Supper, 5:00 PM)

BIRDS EATING CRAWFISH

by Rick Dashnau

Back in June-July, we had a number of "crawfish bloom" events in and between 40 Acre Lake and Elm Lake. Crawfish in huge numbers were appearing in the water, on land, in the road---just about everywhere. Just about anything that eats live animals was having a crawfish feast. Crawfish claws littered the trails--as well as expelled pellets of crawfish shells.

On July 4th, I watched and filmed a troupe of grackles (I don't know the correct term--perhaps someone can tell me. I know that a group of crows is sometimes called a "murder of crows".) fishing for crawfish. Around the same time, I'd watched and filmed Yellow-Crowned Night Herons catching crawfish.

Compared to the generally expert technique demonstrated by the Herons, the Grackles were pretty funny. I've finally edited some of their efforts into a 5-minute clip and put it online.

Here it is: http://rickubis.20m.com/grackle_crawfish.wmv

and for comparison, here are the Herons:

http://rickubis.20m.com/yellow_crowned_w_crawfish.wmv

I hope you enjoy them.

DO YOU KNOW THESE HANDS?

by Anna Dell Williamson

I've sometimes heard volunteers in the Nature Center say that we have the most-photographed hands in history. Visitors are always wanting to photograph the baby alligator, snake, tarantula, or other animal we're holding and interpreting to them. Here's some hands that have been photographed in the Park, the Nature Center or on an outreach trip. Can you name the volunteer? (I'm not sure I can, so if you are pretty sure it's your hands in the picture, let me know. I do have some ideas, though.)



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NEXT MEETING SATURDAY,NOVEMBER 13, 2010

REGULAR VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Creekfield Hikes

Photo Hikes Volunteer meeting Every Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM, led by volunteers First Saturday of each month Second Saturday of each month at 5:30 PM, supper at 5:00 PM See schedule in calendar

Bird Hikes

BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

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