



VOLUME 18, NUMBER 6

JUNE 2006

MAY MEETING NOTES

submitted by Anna Dell Williamson

President Judy Strauss called the May 13 meeting to order. There were 17 members and 2 staff members present. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Anna Dell Williamson took minutes in the absence of Secretary, Bruce Williamson.

REPORTS:

Steve Killian and **Sharon Hanzik** brought their reports, which are published elsewhere in the newsletter.

Beth Debenport reported that the Gift Shop is doing well and thanked volunteers for their help.

Bryan Leach reported that the maintenance report is in the newsletter. **Ron Morrison** will oversee fire ant control. Let him or Bryan know if there is a need.

Anna Dell Williamson reported that there are changes in the new training classes. These will be presented later.

John Bradford brought the Treasurer's report. Three budget requests were approved.

- 1) An increase to the Maintenance budget for Gator supplies.
- 2) An increase to the Maintenance budget for tools and equipment.
- 3) Request for a hitch for the tractor to pull a trailer.

NEW BUSINESS:

The **volunteer campout** will be in the equestrian area next weekend.

Al Childs brought a presentation on the Prairie Restoration Project 2006.

The meeting was adjourned.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Meeting notes, p. 1
President's Corner, p. 2
Staff Reports, p. 2-3
Congratulations, p. 3-4
Thanks, p. 4-5
Nature Center Report, p. 5
Richard Board, p. 6

New at the Nature Center, p. 6
Visitor Comments, p. 6
Volunteer Training, p. 7
Gift Shop News, p. 8
Interpretive Workshop, p. 8
Interpretips, p. 8
Meeting Night Suppers, p. 8

Web Calendar Sign-up, p. 9
Maintenance Report, p. 9
Alligators in the News, p. 10
Calendar of Events, p. 10
The Bolas Spider, p. 11
Alligator Fast Facts, p. 11

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



School is finally out, and summer vacations are upon us. I sincerely hope that each of you enjoy whatever plans you might have for the summer, and that you stay safe and healthy. Remember, too, that this is a very busy time for us out at BBSP, so any and all help that you can give will be greatly appreciated by all.

I wanted to again thank Steve Killian, our Park manager, for coming to our May Volunteer meeting and discussing the things that have been going on out at our park. It is always so much easier to understand things when we are aware of what is going to happen, and Steve has agreed that he will inform the Volunteer Organization in advance (except in the case of an emergency situation) of any future major changes that are to be done, by way of calling a special meeting with the Volunteer Organization so that we will be able to voice our questions and opinions. I commend Steve for understanding just how important BBSP is to the Volunteers as well as to our frequent visitors.

Have a great Summer. Hope to see you soon.

Judy Strauss ♦

STAFF REPORTS

STEVE KILLIAN

Superintendent Steve Killian presented a program on Lake Restoration, explaining the extent of the work going on to reclaim the lakes of BBSP. He showed pictures of various park lakes from 1984 to present, with the changes that have occurred as wild rice and other vegetation have taken over the lakes. He also discussed the need to manage the growth on the basking islands. The presentation was followed by general discussion regarding the restoration work being done, the rationale behind the work, and the expectations for the future after the restoration is completed. The goal is to create a diverse aquatic wildlife habitat with many recreational components.



Steve reported on the following projects:

- Pilant Slough work is nearly finished, then we can put water in the channel.
- The paving crews have pulled out while the sidewalks are being installed at certain picnic tables, camp sites and restrooms, etc., for better accessibility.
- Fire rings have been built and installed in the overflow and equestrian campsites.
- The levee on the back side of Horseshoe Lake, which keeps the lake from the creek, has been widened and raised.
- The New Horseshoe trail is being restored. The new levee is not finished yet.
- There is a new trail under construction to keep hikers off the mile stretch. It will go from 40-Acre Lake, across the road, down the property line to the levee, back to the road and across to Pilant Slough Trail.
- We have a new Park Ranger 1, Carl Reist, $\frac{3}{4}$ time position for mowing.
- Carlos and Steve have been tested and licensed to apply herbicides to any area. The rest of the staff will be licensed.
- The Creekfield and Observatory parking lot will be paved, and perhaps the wood lot parking area.
- The prairie is being sprayed regularly. We are getting a handle on the restoration. Certain low diameter trees will be removed.
- The park is in the middle of a construction phase. We probably won't have any more construction for a long time.

SHARON HANZIK

Sharon brought her report. BBSP has the best volunteer group around, and we're doing more each year. In April of last year, we had turned in 1757 hours. By April of 2006 we had increased to 1876 hours. There are 75 members on the roster, counting everyone – active, emeritus and VIT's.



George Observatory Family Space Day went very well, with about 600 people attending. The BBSP booth had 452 visitors, and many came over to the Nature Center.

The staff thank-you luncheon will be Wednesday, May 31.

National Trails Day will be June 3 and several special activities are planned.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Noel Duncan, Jerry Carpenter** and **Diane Carpenter**, our newest volunteer members from the Fall 2006 class. They have completed their training requirements. Give them a hearty "Welcome!" to the volunteer organization.

Congratulations to **Lexi** and **Laszlo Perlaky**. They exhibited their photographs in early May in Fayetteville, TX. Fifty artists were selected for the juried Fayetteville Art Walk, sponsored by the Art Guild of Fayetteville. Based on the presentation of their images and the exhibited body of work, the judges selected their booth for the "Best of 2D" prestigious award. In addition, their first and almost complete "On Wings" portfolio was sold and registered to Dr. Hannes Vogel, a birder and friend, who made a permanent "On Wings" exhibition from the matted, framed, portfolio images at the Neuropathology Department at Stanford.

BBSP STAFF HONORED

Congratulations to **Sharon Hanzik** for receiving her 20-year service award from Texas Parks and Wildlife in a special ceremony in May.



Congratulations to **David Heinicke** for receiving his 10-year service award from Texas Parks and Wildlife as of April 1.

BEST WISHES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Judy Huber
Glen Kilgore
Jacob Ramirez
Anna Dell Williamson



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Diane Carpenter
Martin Gay
Frank Smith
Susie Taylor
Carlos Torres
Barb Tucker
Susan Walther

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Joe and Sue Carmichael
Nelda and Martin Gay
Joan and Warren Jackson



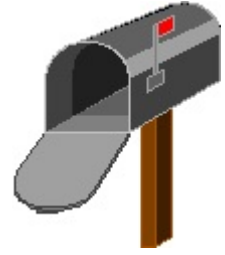
JULY ANNIVERSARIES

James and Joyce Blankenship

Thanks

- ☺ to **Carol Ramsayer** and VIT **Candice Kenyon** for taking on the responsibility of cleaning the gator tank and "grooming" the gators and turtles.
- ☺ to the **weekday maintenance force** who are topping the low spots on the trail at 40-Acre Lake. This is just one of the many and diverse projects that go on every week. Thank you to **Bob Haynes, Ron Morrison, Willie Anderson, Jim Hiatt, Don Nelson, Bryan Leach, Noel Duncan, Dennis Keppta, Ken Debenport, Clarence Niemann, Jeff McMullen, Frank Smith, Tom Draper**, and the "unstoppable" emeritus members **Joe Carmichael, Joan Jackson, Warren Jackson** and **Elmer Aden**.
- ☺ to Beth Debenport for the May meeting night supper.
- ☺ to **Rick Dashnau** for the picture of the longhorn beetle.
- ☺ to **Rick Dashnau** and **Tom Prentiss** for information about current articles on alligators.
- ☺ to those leading school groups: **Mark Garbutt, Johnny Hite, Diane Kerr (VIT), Tom Prentiss, Carol Ramsayer, Frank Smith**, and **Anna Dell Williamson**
- ☺ to the **Adens** and **Jacksons** for helping out on meeting Saturday. We needed the extra hands for the 700 visitors.
- ☺ to **Bruce Williamson** for the pictures of Sharon and Priscilla
- ☺ from *Sharon* and *David* to **The Volunteers**. Because of volunteer help, they have more flexibility on weekends.

WE GET LETTERS



(Sent from a visitor referring to John Bradford.)

Thank you. John was a nice man. Thank him again for me. We loved the park. I cannot wait to come back. I am looking forward to many enjoyable adventures there. Hopefully, on upcoming visiting I will avoid narrowly escaping stepping on a snake.

(Note: This photographer from TX Christian University in Dallas visited a couple of weeks ago because she had heard so much about our park. She sent the following request: "Would you mind passing the information on this web page to your volunteers. They were helpful, gracious and charming during our recent visit. I promised them I would send the link for the Brazos Bend photos. Thank you." View her photos at <http://www.photoarchive.tcu.edu/Main%20Pages/BrazosBend/BrazosBend.htm>)

NATURE CENTER REPORT - MAY

by Anna Dell Williamson

Here is a breakdown of the various activities and attendance recorded for the Nature Center, hikes, and programs for May 1-31. This month included Mother's Day and Memorial Day, plus several school groups during the week. Numbers come from the calendar in the Nature Center and may not reflect all activities.

	2006	APRIL
NATURE CENTER	SATURDAYS (4) + MEMORIAL DAY	2309 High, 700, 5/13
	SUNDAYS (4)	1072 High, 297, 5/28
	WEEKDAYS (20) no visitors 3 days due to weather or construction	2006 High, 245, 5/11
CREEKFIELD HIKES (8)		203 High, 51, 5/27
BIRD PROGRAMS AND HIKES (3)		56
ALLIGATOR PROGRAMS AND HIKES (6)		191
OTHER REPTILE PROGRAMS (3)		67
WASP PROGRAM (1)		50
OTHER PROGRAMS (2)		35
OUTREACH (1) Space Day, George Observatory		452

Total Nature Center attendance for May 2006 was 5387. May 2005 had 5443 visitors.

VOLUNTEER NEWS AND NOTES

GET WELL SOON

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Richard Board**, who had heart surgery recently. He had a valve replacement at Veteran's Hospital. At last report, he had been moved from SICU to a room and was alert and relatively comfortable. He is also beardless. Nancy's e-mail address is <nbailey@earthlink.net> if you'd like to contact her or Richard.



NEW IN THE NATURE CENTER

Check out two new displays on the Nature Center counter.

- The black widow spider babies have hatched and filled the display case.
- Rick Dashnau sent us this picture of the Longhorn Beetle that has been in Nature Center for the last few weekends, and which draws blood--according to the sign on the tank. Don't try to handle it.



VISITOR COMMENTS

Below are some visitor comments that have been left in the guest book or on the comment cards. We have recently had visitors from all over the US and the world – UK, Belgium, Holland, Africa, Ireland, France, Norway, Argentina, and the list goes on.....

"This place is so Kool! I love it here!"

"Beautiful, nice staff."

"I love the souvenir shop."

"Very friendly and clean"

"Wonderful, fun, great!"

What keeps you coming back? "The trails", "the nature", "Proximity and it's a nice park"

"Raccoons - bad"

This person visited us 3 times in a year for camping and 6 times for day use: "Please trim some of the overhanging tree branches on the roads. They are ruining the top of our camper. Some branches have busted our refrigerator vent covers on our roof and busted antennae."

"Great volunteers, awesome teaching"

"Great displays and fun for kids"

"Best camping and birding yet" – Canada

"Gets better every time"

"So interesting" – Washington state

"Intriguing" – London

"We don't understand the tree cutting. We miss the trees."

"We'll be back"

"Better than the White House!"

"Come home with us. – Australia – enjoyed our customer service so much"

"Weird stuff"

"Great presentations – top notch"

"Can't wait to come back"

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Do you know someone who may be interested in training to be a volunteer at BBSP? Application deadline is June 30th. Training dates are Sept. 9, 16 and 23. See the website for details. Here is a brief summary of the tentative plans for fall training. Remember that current volunteers are invited to sit in on any session they are interested in. The final schedule will be posted in the lounge before training starts.

Saturday, September 9: Orientation has been expanded from two hours to four hours, and will include presentations on TPWD and BBSP, such as state park structure and funding, BBSP staff, resource management, and how volunteers fit into the state park program at BBSP. Lunch will be served as part of the program. **All members are invited, especially mentors.**

Saturday, September 16: Park history and ecology, rules and regulations, volunteer conduct, visitor contact, dress code, interpretation, Creekfield hike, live animal use and handling, and water station demonstration.

Saturday, September 23: Maintenance and safety, firewood preparation, tree trimming, annual events at the park, park places and terminology, nuts and bolts of interpretation, VIT-led jigsaw Creekfield hike and prairie ecology hike.

We will be calling on current volunteers to help us with some of the activities.

Serve as a mentor to one VIT or VIT couple for the duration of his/her training

Bring sandwich makings and side dishes for the orientation lunch (9/9)

Volunteer to drive VIT's around the park roads to get them acquainted with the park (9/9)

Speak during the training for 2-5 minutes on why you volunteer and how you found your niche. (All 3 days)

Volunteer to take VIT's on an ATV tour of park trails during Phase 2 training

Volunteer to take VITs on a hike to learn about trail interpretation on a weekend during Phase 2 training.

Be willing to train a VIT during your shift in the Nature Center, Gift Shop, firewood prep and water station.

Get acquainted with the VITs and make them feel welcome.

Please let Anna Dell Williamson know if you can help. There will be sign up sheets in the lounge as we get closer to training time, or you can call or e-mail Anna Dell, 281-485-2843 or <awilliamson4@houston.rr.com>

GIFT SHOP NEWS

The Gift Shop is doing well and keeps very busy on weekends. Some weekdays bring good business, also. Here are some new procedures and reminders about standing ones.

- ◆ In the counter drawer, there are laminated cards with numbers 1-5 on them. When you sell ice, give the customer the card with the number of bags paid for. The customer can then give the card to a volunteer in the Nature Center to get the ice. If you are getting the ice, be sure to return the card to the cashier.
- ◆ On weekdays, use the paper records unless you have Beth's approval to use the computer.
- ◆ Remember to mark all bills over \$20.00 with the counterfeit pen.
- ◆ Remember to write the driver's license or ID number on all checks, and to endorse all checks when you accept them. The endorsement stamp is in the drawer.
- ◆ If you're working the Nature Center and the shop is closed, you can sell ice or any merchandise by leaving the money in Staff/Volunteer box. Be sure to mark the item sold on the list on the lid or put a note in the box with the money, showing item number and quantity sold.

The Gift Shop is the source of funding for all volunteer activities. Please sign up for a shift at least once every quarter so we can spread the work around. It applies to your membership requirements and helps the organization.

INTERPRETATION WORKSHOP/TRAINING

by Sharon Hanzik

What is interpretation? Where did it originate? Why do we do it? How do we do it? Learn the answers to these questions and how to develop an interpretive program or hike. Participants will be asked to develop and present a program within 1 month. That is the challenge.

There will be two interpretation workshops open to volunteers. The first one is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 1 hour lunch. Registration is required. Six staff members will be attending, and there is space available for 4 volunteers. The second one is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Observatory classroom.

INTERPRETIPS

1. Interpreters should not use podiums. Podiums are for speeches, training sessions and lectures. You should not separate yourself from your audience.
2. If you are reading note cards or notes, you either don't know your program well enough or you may simply have too much information.
3. If you are presenting a program or leading a hike for the first time, consider having a staff member or volunteer monitor your program and give feedback. If you choose a volunteer, choose someone who has had interpretive training and is skilled in that area, and above all will be honest and fair. You can also use your audience to gauge effectiveness. Don't let your audience know that it is the first time. Tell them afterward and ask for feedback.
4. You do not have to be an expert to develop and present a program. Getting bogged down in research will most likely put off or prevent you from ever getting your program off and running. "Do not try to satisfy your vanity by teaching a great many things. Awaken people's curiosity. It is enough to open minds: do not overload them. Put there just a spark. If there is some good inflammable stuff, it will catch fire." - Anatole France, as quoted in *The Earth Speaks*.
5. Every interpreter, seasoned or not, formal or informal setting, will get asked questions they do not have the answers to. It is unavoidable. Learn how to handle it. Questions from the audience are a great sign that YOU have awakened their curiosity!

MEETING NIGHT SUPPERS

by Anna Dell Williamson

Thanks to **Beth Debenport** for bringing supper for the May meeting. **Judy Strauss** will bring supper for the June meeting. We will collect \$3.00 per person to cover costs. If you are willing to prepare a meal for a future meeting, please contact me by email (<awilliamson4@houston.rr.com>) or by phone (281-485-2843). No one is signed up after June. Thank you to all those who have already brought a meal. ♦



BBSPVO WEB CALENDAR SIGN-UP

(Ed. Note: These steps are to remind new and experienced volunteers how to sign up to work weekends and weekdays in the required areas. The web address is www.bbspvo.org)

- ◆ click “volunteer calendar” in blue Featured Links Menu
- ◆ Type in username and password
- ◆ Current month will appear, current date will be highlighted in red
- ◆ Navigate to other months by clicking on month
- ◆ Check calendar for availability
- ◆ Click desired date to the left in blue letters
- ◆ “Edit Daily Events” will appear
- ◆ Click the work “edit” next to time slot and duty you want
- ◆ Replace “put name here” with your name (do not type in any other box)
- ◆ Click submit at bottom left
 - Your name will only appear in the opening calendar, not in the editing calendar.
 - Do not click on the scissors, you will delete the item.
 - Once you find your name has been added, that’s all you need to do. Close calendar.

PROBLEMS?

- If you have problems using the web calendar at work, your system may not allow it.
- If you have problems with your personal computer please contact the web master, volunteer Marty Gay, through the web site. He is also in your roster.

CANCELLATIONS AND LATE ARRIVALS

If you cancel within 72 hours or will be late, please notify the staff.

WEEKEND CANCELLATIONS AND LATE ARRIVALS

If you cancel same day or will be late, please call front desk 979-553-5122. Staff emails and phone messages do not get checked regularly on weekends.

MAY MAINTENANCE REPORT

by Bryan Leach

Unloaded 3 cords of purchased wood, split and stacked fire wood, tied wood and stacked the bundles in the racks at the wood yard, and delivered wood to both wood racks several times

Cut up downed trees off Big Creek, between screen shelter #5 and #6, and in the Elm Lake picnic area and cleaned up the areas

Treated the 40 Acre Lake Playground, the picnic area, and the area around the parking lot for Fire Ants

Topped the trail from the top of the hill at 40 Acre Lake to the parking lot

Put a new plywood top on the box in the center of the Amphitheater and painted it

Changed the engine oil and filter, the power steering fluid and the transmission fluid and both filters and the fluid for the hydraulic bed lift system on the K1 Kubota and changed the engine oil and filter on the K2 Kubota

Watered 23 trees along the road to the Elm Lake area

Removed the compost bin and its contents from down the hill at the Nature Center

Had a flat Gator tire repaired

Started topping the trail that goes from the trail at 40 Acre between the park benches and to the parking lot and the entrance road to the park

Treated the Screen Shelter area, around the Dining Hall, around the Restrooms, and the Playground area for Fire Ants

Trimmed some of the Crapemyrtle’s and worked around some of the smaller trees at the Nature Center and watered them

ALLIGATORS IN THE NEWS

Alligators are getting a lot of negative press these days after alligators in Florida have been found to attack humans. **Rick Dashnau** sent us a link to an article that's in the current *Houston Press* about alligators. It has a lot of coverage about reaction to the opening up of alligator hunting from the previous tightly-regulated season in September. The paper article is on the table in the Volunteer Lounge.

The link is <http://www.houstonpress.com/Issues/2006-05-25/news/feature.html>.

Tom Prentiss contacted the Alligator Management Program of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission to ask about the recent alligator attacks. Their response included the following:

Question: What happens to nuisance alligators when they are removed by trappers?

Answer: When a nuisance alligator trapper removes an alligator, that alligator becomes the property of the trapper (except in the case of an alligator attack on a human). In most cases, the alligator is killed and processed for its hide and meat. The sale of the hide and meat is the primary compensation for the nuisance alligator trapper. In a few cases, a nuisance alligator is sold live to an alligator farm, animal exhibit, or zoo. The trapper is usually reimbursed with an amount equivalent to the market value of the alligator. However, the demand for live alligators by these establishments is low.

Some people would like the FWC to relocate nuisance alligators. While the agency does allow for the relocation of alligators less than four feet in length in rare cases, relocation of larger, problem alligators is not an effective solution. Relocation does not change the behavior that caused the alligator to be a nuisance, and relocated alligators frequently return to their capture site. As a result, these alligators would continue to pose a danger. Also, viable alligator populations exist in all suitable habitats in the state, making the relocation of alligators an unwarranted exercise from an ecological perspective. Relocation of wild animals can also facilitate the spread of disease.

Alligators commonly become a nuisance when they are fed by humans. Feeding-habituated alligators lose their fear of humans and can be dangerous. For this reason it is against the law in Florida to feed wild alligators or other wild crocodilians.

For additional information, please visit the following web sites:

<http://MyFWC.com/gators> - this web site gives you access to a PowerPoint presentation on alligators.

<http://MyFWC.com> - this web site presents information in printed form similar to the PowerPoint mentioned above.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 10	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
July 1	Close-up photography Photo-walk #2, 5:00 PM
July 8	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
July 18	Interpretive Training, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, registration required
August 12	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
August 26	Interpretive Training, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, registration required
September 2	Amphibian and reptile photography Photo-walk, 5:00 PM
September 9	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
October 7	Bird photography Photo-walk #3, 5:00 PM
October 14	Regular meeting/picnic, 5:30 PM
October 28-29	Texian Market Days, George Ranch
November 4	Landscape photography Photo-walk #2, 3:00 PM.



THE BOLAS SPIDER

by Rick Dashnau

When I walked into the NC on Easter morning, there was lots of talk about a mysterious spider on one of the benches on the deck. At first glance, it looked like some kind of bird's poop. Well it DID, don't look like that. Anyway, when I saw it, I guessed that it was a Bolas Spider--only because I'd thought something else looked like one last year, and I looked at lots of pictures of them then. It was just a lucky coincidence that this one happened along. Chuck pointed out an egg case he was sure belonged to it.

Then, Chuck and I went into our NC library and searched through everything we could find for a picture of a bolas spider. The *Biology of Spiders* (by Foelix) gave us the scientific name "mastophora" (it's on page 147, with a picture on page 171). AHA! Then, Chuck got on the internet while I got some more pictures in the books. We're pretty sure that it is indeed a Bolas Spider. According to one website, Chuck also nailed the egg case. (See? HE is the spider guy!!).

I got excited about this because the mastophora is another one of those spiders that uses webbing (and chemical bait!!) in a unique way. It emits pheromones that males of certain species of moth find attractive. This brings the moths near the spider. Meanwhile, the spider extrudes a single strand of silk with a sticky blob on the end. When insects start flying nearby, it hangs down and slings this blob around in circles (looking like one of those gauchos slinging a bolo--except with 4 more limbs) until it hits--and sticks to--a moth. Then it reels in the moth and has a meal.

COOL, HUH? Just say yes. I can't hear you from here anyway. Here is a link to a website with more information. <http://mamba.bio.uci.edu/~pjbryant/biodiv/spiders/Mastophora.htm>

I looked all over but couldn't find a video clip of the spider in action. So...I made one. Actually, I pulled a clip out of a short film that resides in the public domain. I cut this out, and recoded it as small as I could make it. It's in windows media player 9. The name of the original film is "Spider Engineers", 1956. At that time, the pheromone discovery hadn't been made yet, so the clip indicates the baiting mechanism is unknown. The entire short film can be found on the internet archive site, and anyone may download it for free, and use it however they like. Here's a link to the film: <http://www.archive.org/details/SpiderEngine>. It's downloadable in a number of different formats and sizes, but pay attention to those details. The files are pretty big.

Here is one of the pictures I took of the spider. I was so excited about getting a picture of it, I forgot to get the egg sack. And there you are. Easter Spider Eggs...or Spider Easter Eggs???



ALLIGATOR FAST FACTS

While most reptiles have 3-chambered hearts, the heart of alligators, and all crocodilians, has 4 chambers; a trait shared with mammals and birds. The crocodilian heart differs from birds and mammals in that it contains a shunt (small passage) that allows mixing of oxygenated blood with deoxygenated blood, a condition which helps crocodilians dive for extended periods. Taken from <http://MyFWC.com/gators>

Brazos Bend State Park

Texas Parks and Wildlife
21901 FM 762
Needville TX 77461

FIRST CLASS MAIL

→ **NEXT MEETING DAY AND TIME** ←
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006, 5:30 PM



REGULAR VOLUNTEER EVENTS

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

The **Brazos Bend Bunch Bugle** is the newsletter of the Brazos Bend State Park Volunteer Organization, A.K.A. The Brazos Bend Bunch. It is distributed monthly to volunteers through the BBSPVO web site. For further information on this newsletter or the volunteer program, contact David Heinicke or Sharon Hanzik at Brazos Bend State Park, phone 979-553-5101.

**BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK
VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION**

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

President:	Judy Strauss
Vice-President:	Anna Dell Williamson
Secretary:	Bruce Williamson
Treasurer:	John Bradford

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the author of the article and do not necessarily reflect the official position of Brazos Bend State Park Volunteer Organization nor of BBSP administration. The deadline for Newsletter contributions is the Saturday following the monthly meeting, if mailed to Anna Dell Williamson, or at the meeting if delivered to the park. (E-mail address: awilliamson4@houston.rr.com). Notify Anna Dell (281-485-2843) well in advance of any events you want announced in the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Editor	Anna Dell Williamson
Production Assistants	Bruce Williamson Terry Williamson