

May 2009 Bulletin

From the LGCHS Secretary,
Stephen Castellanos:

Well, it's been awhile since our last bulletin, but I figure that it's better late than never. A lot has happened in the last month, so a quick synopsis is in order.

On April 4th, the LGCHS hosted Snakes-N-Things at Kenner's Rivertown Museums. We had a good turnout both with members and the public. Some of the herp displayers were: Fred Mattingly, Mitch Allen and family, Mel Ruth, Josh Hibbs, Myself and my daughter Kelly. Assisting with the displays and general society information were Kathleen Guinnane, Jeff Wienell and his girlfriend. This event is usually held annually for the benefit of educating the public and to serve as "payment" for use of the Rivertown cottage as our meeting place.

On April 22nd, Troy Day and I attended the Wetland Celebration day out in the Spillway. We were set up under a large tent with other animal displays. Kids of several different ages came from all over St. Charles Parish schools to look, learn and participate in activities designed to increase awareness in what makes our wetlands important.

On April 26th, the LGCHS held our rescheduled Crawfish Boil out at Bayou Segnette State Park. We had great weather with sun, small clouds and a constant breeze. The crawfish were a perfect size to eat, and eat we did! Three sacks were bought and boiled, along with corn, potatoes, sausage, mushrooms and more. I'd like to thank Troy Day for getting a discount on the live crawfish and donating the potatoes, onions, celery and garlic. I'd also like to thank him for the use of his pop-up canopy so I could do the prep work in the shade! Special thanks to everyone who helped me set up and clean up. A lot of work is involved in the boiling of crawfish, but it is much easier when everyone helps out. Thanks a bunch guys and gals!

Looking forward to May: We do not have an actual meeting scheduled at this time, so the field trip to Theron Mager's house will serve as our meeting. The details are still being worked out, so keep checking your email and/or the website. The date is set for Friday and Saturday (May 22-23). I haven't been up there for years, but usually most herpers drive up to Boyce on Friday, pitch their tents, and go on a herping convoy Saturday morning. It's a good idea to wear protective clothing and to bring lots of beverages. There are briars, insects and plenty of May heat to deal with. Also, snake hooks and collection bags will help in containing your finds. Please bring your cameras, too! I hope to get a detailed supply list when I give out final instructions and directions. If you want to save some gasoline and spend the 4 hour trip talking with friends, consider carpooling with other members. Remember that this trip is for "paid up" members only, so if you aren't current with your dues, please do so now.

The next meeting will be in June, topic to be revealed at a later date. And don't forget that the Gila Show will be back at the Alario Center in Westwego on May 30-31. We will probably need about three people both on Saturday and Sunday to man the society's table. Contact "info" if you are willing to sit down and promote the LGCHS. If you have an animal to display, that would be great. But, remember, we don't do any animal selling.

If you have any ideas for guest speakers during the summer meeting months, please send them in to "info" now for consideration. Thanks for reading this bulletin. Don't forget to read Chelonian Chat. I hope to write some more articles and to reprint some older ones from the archives. Happy herping!