

Melon City Sam's April 2022 Newsletter

The Lake Bistineau State Park campout is behind us and Lake Catherine State Park coming up fast at the end of the month. The Arledges had a great time in Louisiana with the group. Even though the temperatures felt like July instead of May, we spent a lot of time outdoors! Our sites were level, all had spacious wooden decks, and were shaded by large oaks draped with Spanish moss. The lake was low and, unfortunately, choked with invasive Giant Salvinia (which is trying to get a foothold in south Arkansas as well) but the cypress trees treated us to some beautiful scenery. We enjoyed spaghetti, tacos and burgers and hot dogs for our potluck meals, and even a delicious pancake breakfast one morning, courtesy of the guys. Tina's Kitchen in Doyline and Swamp Daddy's in Haughton were good places to go out to eat. Lots of card games were played and some Mexican Train too. And of course I found a lot of photo subjects. Many good memories to look back on.

LaVerne

p.s. I posted several photos on our chapter's facebook page. I also took some wildlife and scenery pictures for my own pleasure. There was a male cardinal determined to destroy his reflection on the Stovall's and our motorhome's windows right up until we left on Friday.

