Programs for the Second Half of 2013
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Here are the programs to look forward to for the rest of the year 2013.

In September Betty Conner will present a program on the Bowie brothers, James and Rezin. This is very timely, as a presentation by our guest speaker at the next Laffite Seminar in the spring of 2014, will concern the Bowie brothers and their dealing with Jean Laffite in the slave smuggling business.

For our October meeting Lou Graves MacBeth will talk to us about Henry Journeay, a member of the disastrous Mier Expedition in 1842. This foray by Texans into Mexico resulted in the Black Bean Episode. This is an interesting story.

In November, Greg Whittaker, the animal husbandry manager at Moody Gardens, will give us a natural history perspective on the species that inspired the myths of sea monsters, Greg will tell us about animals that were perceived as monsters to the sailors of the day. This talk might give us a different perspective on how we picture these sailors and their everyday lives at sea.

At press time there is a tentative field trip planned for Nov 15th. The trip will be to Barataria, south of New Orleans, and home to Laffite’s first privateer base of operations. Mark your calendar and stand by for more information on this.

As you can see, we have very informative programs lined up for us. Be sure to make these meetings. I encourage each of you to do a program for the Laffite Society. Even if your subject matter is too short to warrant a full program, I would like to hear about it, I can imagine two short programs being just as interesting as one.