



Fishing Pole Pack & Paddle Fall 2018

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- \$20.00 per Individual or per Family (spouse & children 0-18)
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Greeting Fellow Paddlers

Time flies, another rainy summer down and we are moving into the fall and winter again. Hopefully, it will be a mild one for us. My shoulder issues are wrapping up so that's a great thing and I'm cleared to paddle again! I've been taking on the role of the shuttle master this summer, but that was fine with me.

Herb Coleman and I went out the Bass Pro Shops to promote the FFV. It was a great day speaking with people and spreading the word about our great organization. We plan to do this again at a different location if anyone is interested in helping out. The Labor Day Float at SRPI was successful, a bit muddy, but the turnout was great and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

The next event will be our Winter Meeting on 12/1/18, 1:00 p.m. at the Slate River Property. Plan to come early, bring snacks and drinks, camp out and paddle. This will be another good time to have another safety meeting and talk about cold weather paddling and the need to be very prepared with the proper gear. I hope to see everyone there and remember to bring a friend or family member that may be interested in joining. We always need members to keep us going for future years. Directions to the property can be found at floatfishermen.org under "Event Sites."

Thanks to Bryon Jones for stepping up and taking on the State Treasurer's role beginning on Labor Day. Please remember to pay your dues to the Chapter Treasurers. Refer to the website for their individual e-mail addresses if you have questions. Looking forward to seeing you all on the river.

Happy Holidays to everyone!
Happy Stroking,
Rock



Courtesy of William Tanger

Currents & Eddies

August 10, 2017

Pigg River Dam Removal: The dam is out! The river runs free. And APCo is having to pull out tons of woody debris from Leesville Lake, despite the amount we pulled out at the dam site!

Over 100 years of woody debris are being returned to the river and this will continue for the next few years. APCo was the last owner of the dam and never did address the accumulated debris when they abandoned the dam.

We are monitoring the results of the dam removal for the next 5 years.

Need volunteers to help cut out trees so we can open up the river to boating. -- Bill

James River – Balcony Falls Take-out: FORVA continues work to develop access to the James River below Balcony Falls.

We have now been granted approval by DCR to work directly with Dominion, which is a major step forward. Meanwhile Dominion is now planning on selling the dam! Good grief!

--- Bill Tanger, Tom Miller & Howard Kirkland

Roanoke River - Rutrough Point Erosion: The stone wall is in! This project put in 80 feet of rock wall to reduce the erosion and sedimentation problem. It's working!

Now we are bringing in stone for Phase II, with the support of Roanoke County for some funding. Phase II plans call for another 200 feet of wall to reduce erosion. --- Bill

New River - Price Park: A 50 acre park along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County is being created by FORVA. We are working on a new footbridge across Walls Branch to be completed by the Va Tech Cadets.

--- Rick Roth, Randi Lemmon and Bill Tanger

Roanoke River - Blueway: FORVA is co-chair of the Roanoke River Blueway Committee, now with an interactive website. We have already done our logo and signs. Have just awarded the contract for our first Roanoke River Blueway brochure. --- Bill

Big Otter River: We are looking at a possible new access on the Big Otter. If the owner will sell, we will need to raise about \$15,000. The owner has not paid taxes on the property since 2014, so it may come up for sale soon. --- Bill Tanger



Minutes

Ginnie Peck will post the minutes on the web site.



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