



# Fishing Pole Pack & Paddle (Winter 2025)

## President's Paddle

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**Annual Dues:** Due January each year

- \$20.00 per Individual or per Family (spouse & children 0-18)
- Individual chapters may have additional annual dues.
- Contact your CHAPTER Treasurer to pay dues
- Please, DO NOT send dues to Membership Chair or State Treasurer

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Greetings again FFV family,

I hope everyone had a festive and joyful Holiday Season. As I write this note temperatures are falling like crazy. I know we're all looking forward to getting back on the River this Spring and enjoying much warmer days!!

Speaking of the upcoming paddling season here is the trip schedule. Below are the confirmed floats with locations and dates.

-Dickle Spring Fling 4/18-4/20. Rucker's Run on the Tye River

-Memorial Weekend. Location is R5 (Rappahannock River) Date is 5/23-5/26.

-Kids Float on the James River, 6/7 is a tentative date at this time.

-Labor Day Weekend. 8/29-9/1. @ Dierkes property at Bent Creek on the James River.

On a house keeping note, Chapter Presidents please make sure your members are current on their dues. Also, let's get some \$/s dispersed out of the scholarship fund. If you have anyone in need or deserving of, please get them to fill out the application attached to this newsletter. And finally, let's push to invite new boaters to check us out!! Our club has so much to offer from great fellowship, to conservation, to community outreach programs. We have a lot to be proud of!!

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Memorial Day Float and of course, please reach out with any feedback or ideas.

See everyone in May!

---- Herb Coleman



# Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2024

Courtesy of Lauren Jacobs

Call to order: Herb Coleman

Herb called the meeting to order at 11:03 am

Secretary Report (Approve Minutes):

Loren Jacobs

Motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mitch Sims

No Report

Membership Report: Erica Goode

-146 paid members currently, last year 141. Allen's Creek has brought in 10 new members. With possibly more on the way.

- Will have Traci update the website with new officers.

-Ginny has a master membership spreadsheet that will be sent to the chapter treasurers to update and return to the membership chair. Format should be the same with all chapters.

- Question: How does the newsletter chair get updates with new member information?

- Looking into the process

Newsletter Report: Gabby Safley

No Report

Webmaster Report: Traci Martin

No Report

Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger

-Passing around a photo album of Alan's Creek. Deck, porch, and steps have been removed.

-No Tires in The River Bill - Did pretty well, vote 9-6 against

-Most against were from Northern Virginia

-Many river access projects

-FORVA now has 6 projects in the works

-Putting signs up that say free river access but we encourage you to join the FFV

FFVA Foundation Report: Bill Tanger

-Bill would like to step down as foundation chair. We have until 2030.

-Allen's Creek still number one issue

-Don Leeger donated fireplace grate. Thank you!

-Plans to rebuild decking, open deck

-It has been winterized

Trip Schedule:

- Dickel Spring Fling: 4/18-4/20 Rucker's Run on the Tye river

-R5 Cajun Weekend: 4/25

-Memorial Weekend: 5/23-5/26

-Location: R5

-Por-o-Johns: Randy Carter?

-Band/Dinner?: Working on Band

-Budget: \$500 (accepted)

-Kids Float: Tentative 6/7

-Labor Day Weekend:

-Location: Dierkes property at Bent Creek on the James River (Motion and Approved)

-Port-o-Johns: Rick

-Band/Dinner?: yes

-Budget: \$500



# *Meeting Minutes*

*December 7, 2024*

*Courtesy of Lauren Jacobs*

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Herb Coleman Scholarship fund available. April deadline.

-Winter meeting at Brewery?

Adjourn:

- Rick motioned to adjourn, Seconded and adjourned.



# *Herb Coleman Scholarship Application*

On the following page you will find the Herb Coleman Scholarship application.

Eligible applicants may complete the application and return it to the address listed at bottom of the application.

Qualifications for eligibility are listed at the top of the application.





# *Currents & Eddies*

*October 6, 2024*

*Courtesy of Bill Tanger*

Statewide: Working on No Tires in the River bill. 2024 session resulted in a 9 to 6 vote not to proceed. Now working on the negative vote senators to change the vote. Goal is to end incentives for people to throw tires in the river to avoid paying landfill fees.

**Statewide:** Working on a proposal for dam recreational safety study and regulations to address the continued drownings at unsafe dams. Help wanted.

James River - Balcony Falls Take-out (Amherst County): FORVA is working to find a political jurisdiction to partner on access development. Possibly Amherst County. — Bill Tanger, FFV

James River - Scotts Mill Dam (Lynchburg): No recent news.

Blackwater River (Franklin County): Round Hill Road access complete, with parking lot, ramp, and lighting. Kiosk to come.

Route 122 access open. Created a new parking lot. need volunteers to cut and clear brush.

Blue Bend access underway. Have site plan, getting estimate on grading, etc. Have Eagle Scout working on kiosk. - Bill Tanger; FFV: Pay & Ray Williams; Creek Freaks of Franklin County

Roanoke River (Salem City): Tucker Lane stormwater issue (Roanoke River). Filed lawsuit against City of Salem on Oct. 1 to get corrective action.

Craigs Creek: won our lawsuit. Fundraising has paid for almost all legal expenses! Friends of Craigs Creek membership now at 169.

FFV - Currents - Projects - 10-6-24



# *A Message from Bryan Dierkes*

*January 14, 2025*

Our Batteau, the Jubilee made the cover of the Canal and Navigational Societ's Cover.

Great 2024 for canoeing and fishing, caught some excellent smallmouth bass this year on the James, Balcony Falls, Bent Creek, New Canton, and Richmond areas.

As well, the Dierkes Family is excited to have FFV out at our property this year.

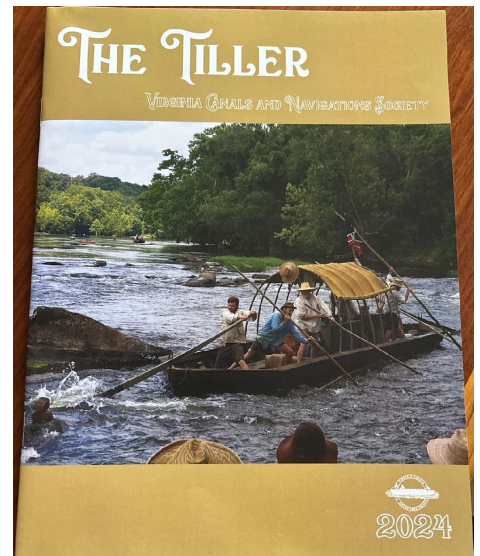
Don't forget we host the Batteau Festival in June, Father's Day Weekend. Come on out and paddle along with these historic boats, camping fees apply for this event. Make plans now!

Wish all of FFV a great 2025,

Bryan Dierkes



Bryan Dierkes posing with Smallmouth Bass on the River (Courtesy of Bryan Dierks - 2024)



Cover of the 2024 Virginia Canal and Navigational Society feature the Jubilee (Courtesy of Bryan Dierkes - 2024)



## 2024 FFV Event Schedule

Event/Location:	Date:
Dickle Spring Fling Location: Rucker's Run on the Tye River	April 18 - 20, 2025
R5 Cajun Weekend Location: TBD	Tent: April 25, 2025
Memorial Weekend Location: R5	May 23 - 26, 2025
Kids Float Location: TBD	June 14, 2025
Labor Day Weekend: Location: Dierkes Property at Bent Creek	August 9 - Sept. 1, 2025

**Rucker's Run Property Directions:  
Address for GPS: 3568 Cedar Creek Road, Arrington, VA, 22922**

From Richmond: Get on I-95 North. Take I-64 West State Rte 632 in Maidens. Continue on State Rte 632 to Powhatan County. Take US-60 West to VA-56 West Buckingham County. Continue on VA-56 West. Take State Rte 647 to State Rte 654 in Nelson County.

From Charlottesville: Get on 1-64 West in Albemarle County from VA-20 S/Monticello Ave. Take US-29 South to VA-56 E/James River Road in Lovingston. Continue on VA-56 E/Jams River Road. Take State Rte 647 to State Rte 654.

From Lynchburg: Get on US-29 North in Amherst County from VA-210 E/Old Town Connector. Merge onto US-29 North. Follow State Rte 665 to State Rte 654.



# *Editor's Note*

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