

Fishin' Pole Pack'n Paddle Summer 2022

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Annual Dues: Due January each year

- \$20 per Individual or per Family (spouse & children 0 – 18)
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- Contact your CHAPTER Treasurer to pay dues.
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For information on paying dues please see FFV Webpage:

<http://www.floatfishermen.org/officers.html>

President's Paddle

Hey FFV,

Happy summer! Memorial Day was a blast, the Slate was rockin', and some folks paddled the stretch above camp and attempted to take out some strainers. Those of us with kids or not as strong paddled upriver from camp! The live band was amazing, and I hope we can get them back to another event.

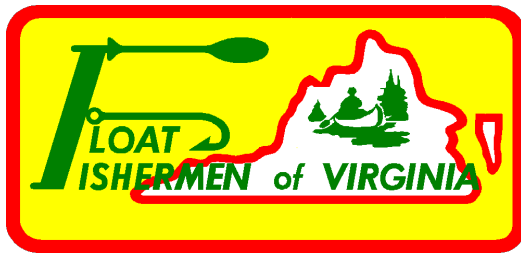
Labor Day will be at the Dierkes property at Bent Creek and is sure to be a great time with friends, live music, and good paddling. The state meeting will take place on Sunday at 9am.

As most of you know, we had to postpone the Kid Float due to weather. It will take place on Saturday, August 6. Thanks to those that have reached out to volunteer and those that have supported in other ways.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Labor Day float and checking out a new spot. Don't forget to bring a new river friend! Please reach out anytime with ideas, questions, etc.

See ya on the river,

Erica



Currents & Eddies Courtesy of Bill Tanger

Statewide: working on a proposal for dam recreational safety study and regulations to address the continued drownings at unsafe dams. Have draft legislation ready. If interested in helping out, let me know. We will need members to contact their state reps.

Blackwater River (Franklin County): just finished a streambank restoration at Lynch Park in Rocky Mount. Lynch Park is a Blackwater River access site. ---- Bill Tanger, Ray Williams

James River – Balcony Falls Take-out (Amherst County): FORVA is working with an engineering firm in North Carolina to develop plans for a crossing of the CSX track at our Balcony Falls site. We just completed a survey and feasibility letter to CSX. --- Bill Tanger, FFV

Roanoke River Niagara Dam Relicensing (Roanoke County): Working on recreational access issues along the river. APCo not very helpful. ----- Bill Tanger, Ro River Blueway Committee

Blackwater River (Franklin County): Getting ready to improve a 6-acre access on the Blackwater River at Round Hill Road in Franklin County. ----- Bill Tanger, Creek Freaks

New River - Price Park (Montgomery County): The 50-acre park along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County is very popular. Working on plans for a pedestrian bridge across Stroubles Creek and a new shed for our mower. Volunteers welcome. --- Randi Lemmon and Bill Tanger

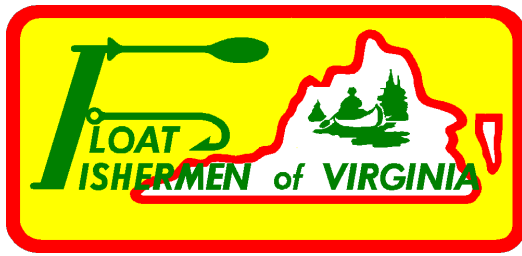
Roanoke River – Blueway (Roanoke County): FORVA is co-chair of the Roanoke River Blueway Committee. Just finished an improved access at the Salem Wayside location. Planning on a Blueway Blackout float trip. --- Bill Tanger & Roanoke River Blueway Committee

Blackwater River (Franklin County): New access on the Blackwater River at Rt 122 under development for a parking lot and an access ramp. Just did a site plan for the property. ----- Bill Tanger; FFV: Pat & Ray Williams; Creek Freaks of Franklin County.

Roanoke River – Rutrough Point Access (Roanoke County): Working on a new environmental assessment for APCo due to planting requirements. --- Bill Tanger

Also: Tucker Lane stormwater issue (Roanoke River); Altice Mill Dam removal (Blackwater River);

Also: volunteers always welcome!



Trip Pics: Pigg River Courtesy of Bill Tanger



Juanita Tanger on Pigg River Ramble



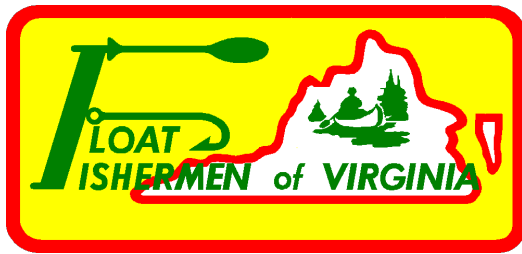
Bob Juanita & Bill at take-out for Ramble



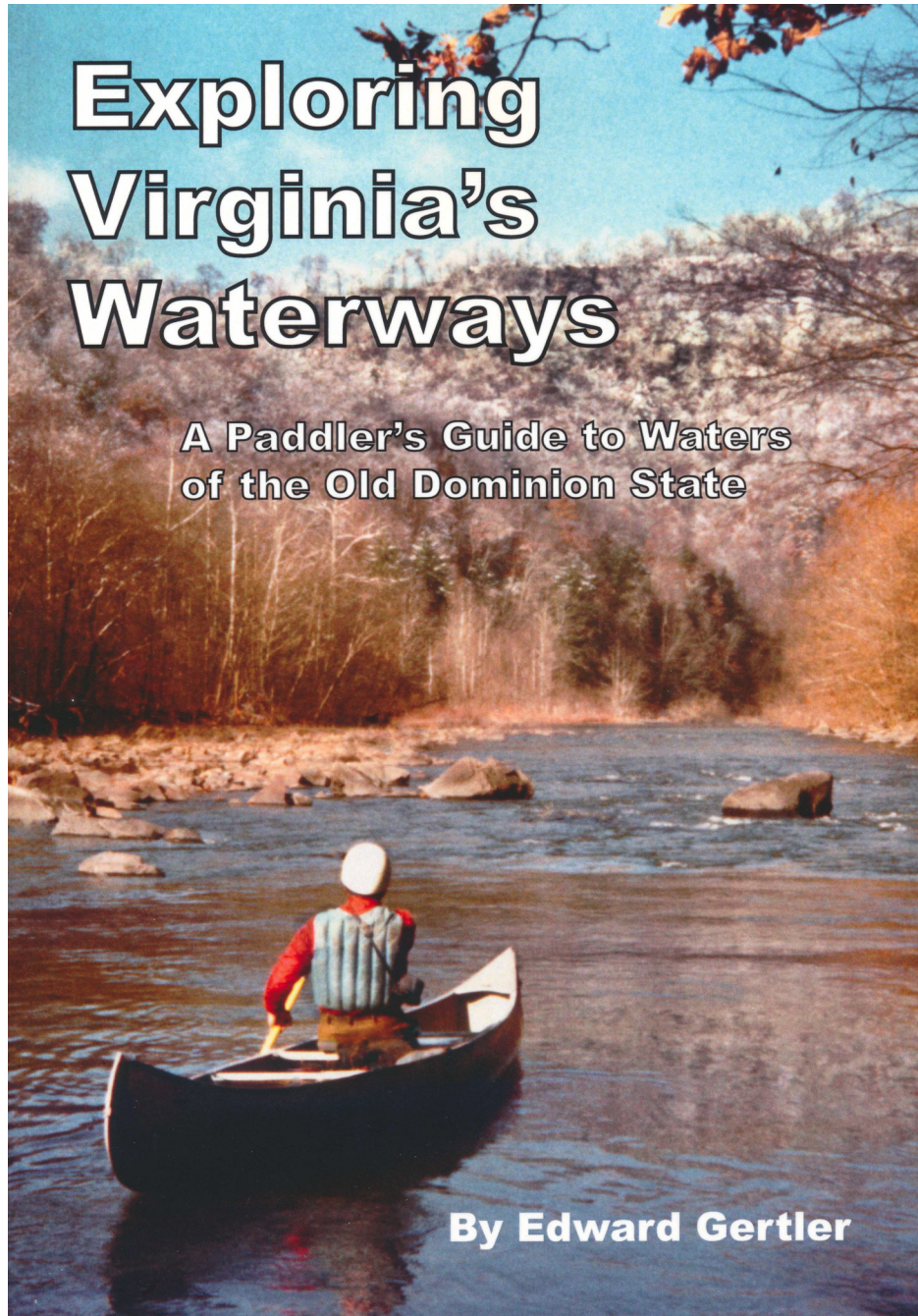
Juanita & Bob after brief spill



FORVA is restoring a riverbank on the Pigg River in Franklin County.
Part of developing a new Franklin County Blueway



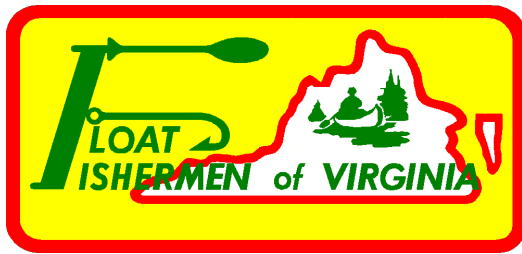
New Virginia Paddling Guidebook By Ed Gertler



Following the path blazed by Randy Carter, Roger Corbett, and Ed Grove, I have now attempted to showcase Virginia's wet side too. The title is "Exploring Virginia's Waterways." This book follows the same format as my other books, and if you are not familiar with them, it is similar to that in "Virginia Whitewater." Its most distinctive characteristic, besides being more up-to-date, is that it recognizes the great paddling potential east of the Fall Line too. Hope you like it and it serves you well.

Distribution is in progress. Please ask for it at your favorite book store or paddle shop.

<https://paddlersguides.wordpress.com/>



Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Rick Mattox

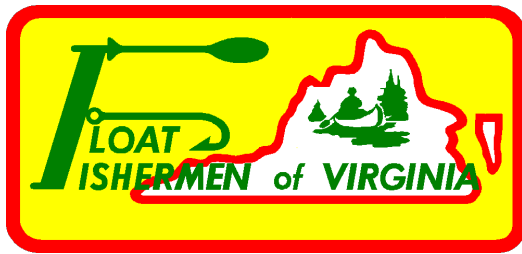
FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA
MEETING
May 29, 2022
Minutes

- Call to order:
The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.
- Secretary Report (Approve minutes):
The minutes were approved as published.
- Treasurer's Report:
The Treasurer's Report showed total receipts of \$980 and disbursements of \$1,130 and a checking account balance of \$12,720.

In addition, we have 2 CDs in the amount of \$4,427 and \$4,211. The latter CD matures in August, 2022. Mitch will handle renewal.
- Membership Report:
62 paid members.
If you haven't already, please pay your dues ASAP.
- Newsletter Report
The newsletter was sent out this past week. As always, Jaime continues to do an excellent job putting the newsletter together and getting it distributed to the membership. Please send relevant articles and photos to Jaime Baird.
- Webmaster Report:
Traci will renew the FFV domain name. She is always looking for content for the website.
- Conservation Chair Report:
Mr. Tanger was unable to make the meeting, but did want to emphasize the repeal of the river access fee legislation. Thanks to Bill for spearheading that effort to almost unanimous approval by the General Assembly.

Bill also wanted to make the membership aware that the dam removal project on the Blackwater River has been successfully completed opening that section of the river for boating and better fishing.

- FFV Foundation Report:
Nothing new to report. We are looking for recommendations for the Randy Carter Award. The members were also reminded that the Herb Coleman Scholarship is available for members to take advantage of.
- Kids Float Update:
Saturday, June 11; Warren Ferry to Hatton Ferry
29 kids signed up
Thanks to volunteers and contributors
Bring boats, PFDs, paddles, cooler, water, etc.
For those interested, camping is available at the Slate River property.
A motion was made and approved to donate up to \$600 for lunches for the Kids Float.
- Old Business:
No old business to report
- New Business:
No new business to report.
- Adjourn: the meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM



Fishin' Pole Pack'n Paddle Trip Locations and Directions

2022 Trip and Event Schedule

Labor Day Weekend

9/2 to 9/5

Location: Dierkes property on Rt. 60 at the James River Bridge at Bent Creek.

Directions:

The Labor Day meeting will be on the James River immediately downstream from the Route 60 bridge at Bent Creek.

Traveling west from Richmond, turn right as soon as you exit the bridge over the James on Route 60.

Traveling east from Route 29/Amherst/Lynchburg area on Route 60, turn left just before the bridge over the James.

Dickel Bash

9/23 to 9/25

Location: Slate River Property

GPS Address: 10330 Bridge Port Road Arvon, VA 23004

We will have live music on Saturday night!

Business Meeting

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

Location: Slate River Property

GPS Address: 10330 Bridge Port Road Arvon, VA 23004

Editor's Note

Call for Content!

Any member of FFV is welcome to submit content for the newsletter. Did you take a fun trip down a river in Virginia (or somewhere else)? Send me pictures! Did you read a good article about conservation efforts for our waterways? Send me a link! Are you an artist who has made work inspired by a river or paddling? Send me a picture of your work, your poem, or short story and we'll gladly include it in the newsletter.

Submissions are accepted year-round and can be sent to jaimenbaird@gmail.com, or you can text them to me at 845-464-6855.

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