



Fishing Pole Pack & Paddle (Spring 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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Hello again FFV family,

Spring is finally here thank goodness. I can't wait to get back on the river and see everyone again. It's been a long winter!!

As a reminder, this year's Memorial Day float will be at the R5 property (Rappahannock River). Also remember Memorial Day comes a little early this year (5/23-5/26) so mark your calendar accordingly.

On a house keeping note, we're still in need of a band to perform for Memorial Day. Please reach out to me with any potential prospects. Also, make sure all dues are paid to your local chapters.

The Kid Float date has been set for June 14th. Thanks again to Erica and company for taking the lead on this very special event. Be on the lookout for an email from Erica about volunteering.

Look forward to seeing everyone Memorial Day Weekend and don't hesitate to reach out with ideas and feedback. And last but not least bring a friend!!

See you next month.

Herb Coleman



Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2024

11:03 a.m.

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

11:03 a.m.

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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.

***Float Fishermen of Virginia
Herb Coleman Scholarship Application***

Eligibility: High school or college students who are sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of current members of the Float Fishermen of Virginia. Applicants should exemplify the spirit of conservation and appreciation of our free-flowing streams. Applicants should be currently enrolled or admitted to a community college or accredited four-year college or university.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

State name of and relationship with current FFV member: _____

Address of current FFV member: _____

Phone number of current FFV member: _____

What has been your association or experience with the FFV? _____

Name the college or university to which you are currently enrolled or have been admitted:

Please attach the following to this application:

- A copy of your official college and high school transcripts
- A copy of a letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment at a college or university
- A personal letter from the applicant explaining why you are deserving of this scholarship award.
The personal letter should address any of the following areas:
 - Long range career goals
 - Any circumstances that may impact you or your family's ability to provide for your further education
 - Describe any association or experience with the Float Fishermen of Virginia
 - Describe community service or volunteer work in which you have been involved
 - Any clubs, teams and organizations in which you have participated
 - What do you like to do for fun, relaxation or enjoyment?
 - Any experience enjoying Virginia's free flowing streams

Applications must be submitted by May 1st. Scholarship recipients will be selected by Memorial Day. Funds will be awarded by August 1st. The scholarship fund(s) will be paid directly to the college or university to be attended.

Please send your application to:

Float Fishermen of Virginia Foundation
P.O. Box 506, Cloverdale, Virginia, 24077



Currents & Eddies

April 10, 2025

Courtesy of Bill Tanger

Statewide: No Tires in the Rivers legislation: Our No Tires bill failed in 2024 on a 9 to 6 vote. In 2025 our bill was combined with another bill and passed out of the Senate committee 14 to 0. Then it went over to a new committee (Appropriations) and got tabled for the year. We will be bringing it back again in 2026 session and working to educate the Appropriations committee. --- Bill Tanger, Charles Ware, Mitch Sims, and FORVA board members.

Allens Creek (on James River) in Amherst County: Working on property improvements including cabin restoration, trash removal and infrastructure upgrades. ----- Allens Creek gang: Bill Tanger, Howard Kirkland, Jeff Wold, Ben Carter, Duck Stanley, and many more.

New River - Price Park (Montgomery County): Working on plans for a pedestrian bridge across Stroubles Creek, a new road and a new parking lot. Volunteers welcome. --- Randi Lemmon, Bill Tanger and Rick Roth.

Roanoke River – Blueway (Roanoke County): Working on new and improved access sites and a small in-river whitewater park. --- Bill Tanger & Roanoke River Blueway Committee

Blackwater River (Franklin County): New access site on the Blackwater River at Blue Bend. Eagle Scout kiosk under construction. New ramp and parking lot put in. ----- Bill Tanger; FFV: Pat & Ray Williams; Creek Freaks of Franklin County.

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. --- Bill Tanger, FFV

Big Otter River: Access development in Bedford County at Wyatts Way (Rt 709 and 24). Survey underway for new trail, parking lot, kiosk, etcetera. ----- Bill Tanger, Friends of Big Otter

Roanoke River: Tucker Lane (Salem) stormwater issue (Roanoke River): lawsuit filed to force city erosion control project.

Statewide: Dam Safety: beginning work on a Virginia dam safety bill. Need volunteers

FFV – Currents – Projects 4-10-25



Spotlight on a fun river float

April 11, 2025

Courtesy of Bill Tanger

Roanoke River Gorge on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Here's a snapshot of a little used river section that deserves more boaters.

The Roanoke River Gorge. One easy Class III drop with the rest of the river at Class II.

Very remote and scenic with easy access at the put-in and take-out. Parking at both ends (although currently there is some construction going on at the take-out).

The Roanoke Chapter has lots of experience on this section so check with them on details.



Roanoke River Gorge from the Blue Ridge Parkway



209 Steps to the river... but an easy slide for boats!
And parking at the top on the Blue Ridge Parkway.



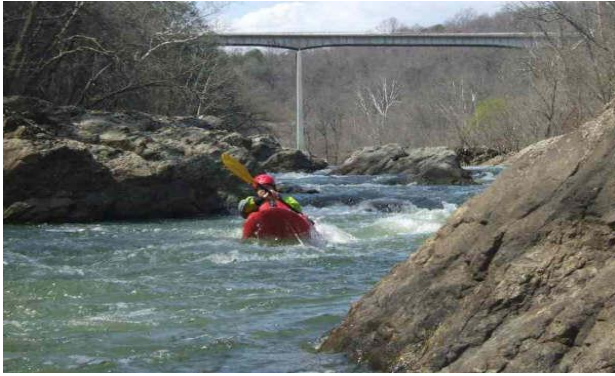
The steps were built by the Pathfinders (Bill Tanger project manager).



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Running the only Class III drop.



The take-out built by the Roanoke Float Fishermen.



The take-out is also the terminus of the Roanoke River Greenway, another fun location. And it's next to Explore Park as well. Finally, the take-out is also the confluence of Back Creek, another good float!



The take-out built by the Roanoke Float Fishermen.



Juanita Callis with parking at top of steps.

Ro River Gorge – spotlight – 4-10-25



2024 FFV Event Schedule

Event/Location:

Date:

Memorial Weekend

May 23 - 26, 2025

Location: R5

Kids Float

June 14, 2025

Location: TBD

Labor Day Weekend:

August 9 - Sept. 1, 2025

Location: Dierkes Property at Bent Creek

R5 Directions:

Address for GPS: 13300 Newbys Shop Road, Remington, VA., 22734

From Warrenton: US 29 South toward Charlottesville. Turn **left** after crossing Rappahannock River onto Bus. 29/15. Turn **right** on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn **left** into the campground <.5 mi. after railroad crossing.

From Charlottesville: Take US 29 North to Culpepper. Take Bus. 29/15 just before Remington. Turn **right** on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn **left** into the campground <.5 mi. after railroad crossing.

From Fredericksburg: Take US 17 West toward Warrenton. At Bealeton **left** on SR 28 to US 29/15. **Left** on US 29/15(South) past Remington. Turn **left** after crossing Rappahannock River onto Bus. 29/15. Turn **right** on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn **left** into the campground <.5 mi. after railroad crossing.

Editor's Note

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