



Fishing Pole Pack & Paddle Spring 2019

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Annual Dues: Due January each year

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

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and are now thinking about the Spring and Summer to come. This will be approximately 35 years that I have enjoyed floating canoes, sometimes kayaks or even logs floating down the river. Even, floating in my kayak in downtown Richmond on an iceberg. All pleasant memories with some of the nicest people on earth. I sure hope that we can get some slack on all this water. For those of you who haven't gotten too much action paddling this year I remember when we had the forecast of the likelihood of a hundred year drought, but I was still able to find water in the mighty James though.

First, thank you Bob and Ginnie for a nice Christmas party with The Dickels, good food, good fun and a great way to get together and celebrate during the holidays. Always a good time.

The winter meeting on 12/1/18 went well and I feel as though we got a lot accomplished.

Plans are in the works for a trip from North Carolina to Virginia on the Dan River Basin thanks to Mr. Williams. More dates and floats are coming soon. Check the calendar.

As we head out on the rivers this season or really anywhere you go let's be mindful of all the garbage that collects on the rivers and banks and let's declare war and pick up and recycle as much as possible. Leave it better than you find it. Take some before and after pictures and send them to me or Vera.

Please remember to pay your dues to the Chapter Treasurers. Refer to the website for their individual e-mail addresses if you have questions.

I plan on floating the Rivanna this spring and of course, the Slate. Come on out with me and enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you all on the river. Call me anytime.

Happy Stroking,
Rock



Courtesy of William Tanger

River Access: Missed Opportunities **By Bill Tanger, Conservation Chair**

We boaters are missing the boat. There are opportunities for new river access sites that come up on a regular basis in Virginia. This is due in part to the Virginia Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between three state agencies: VDOT, DGIF and DCR.

Back in 1981, the FFV was instrumental in getting an MOU passed in the legislature that required three state agencies to coordinate any river or stream crossing project to look for possible river access at the same time. This would include new bridges, bridge repairs or similar projects.

VDOT puts forth a list of such projects each year. DGIF has a list of what it thinks is needed for access which is updated periodically. DCR was to consider such access opportunities as part of the Virginia Outdoors Plan, required every two years to evaluate outdoor recreation.

The problem? Poor coordination between the agencies. No coordination between agencies and the public. The reason? No one advocating for access from the stakeholders, like the FFV, Coastal, Blue Ridge River Runners, Canoe Cruisers, etc.

The MOU was recently updated in 2015 by Governor McAuliffe, with the support of VDOT, DGIF and DCR. The new MOU is essentially the same but even a bit stronger.

It just doesn't get used much. No advocacy from the stakeholders. No coordination or collaboration with the public.

This is our responsibility. Us boaters. We are missing the boat.

No one knows the locations needed for river access better than us boaters. Yet we have not put together a list or a plan to go after these access sites.



Courtesy of William Tanger

River Access: Missed Opportunities cont.

DGIF has a list but it includes motor boat sites and tidal locations, so it is not specific to paddlers. We can help refine this list for paddlers.

For more than 15 years, the Virginia Outdoors Demand Survey has ranked public access to state waters for recreation as one of the top 10 outdoor recreation needs in the state. DCR supports the effort for more access, as evidenced by the 1000 Treasures program they have created.

The state agencies stand ready to help, but need our input.

Problem areas:

Developing a list of needed access specifically for paddlers.

DGIF has a requirement that river access sites must be paired so the use of just one site does not invite trespass at nearby put-in or take-out sites. This one requirement ruled out many potential projects. DGIF should review this requirement. Is it still applicable now that many anglers paddle boats against the current allowing return to the put-in site? This is especially true on tidal rivers.

VDOT had a requirement they could not acquire more land than necessary for just the bridge project. Often they just acquired easements for bridge construction and maintenance only. Someone needs to look into this. Is it a policy of VDOT or is it written into the law? If either, an amendment is needed to allow VDOT to fully support boating access as one form of public transportation access to be written into the projects. DGIF could cover added costs to provide VDOT some support.

I propose that the FFV put together an Access Advocates committee to work on this issue.

The FFV can reach out to other groups for help, but can lead the effort.

As more development occurs every year the chances for new access get more difficult. Now is the time to tackle the problem!

If interested, please let me or the FFV President know you will help.

River Access – missing the boat – 1-19-19



Courtesy of Herb Coleman, Jr

I'm excited to announce the official rollout of the Herb Coleman, Jr. scholarship fund. Please find the application on the next page, and remember that they will be accepted up until May 1st of this year. Also, I wanted to thank Rick Mattox and Bill Tanger for their efforts and help in getting this off the ground.

“ For those of you who didn't know Herb, he was an unforgettable figure. He was easily recognized in his bolo tie, whistle, and pipe!! Many of the Club old timers will remember him in the middle of the river directing traffic while blowing his whistle. He was also famous for getting to camp late and visiting different campsites looking for dinner. I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. On a more serious note, he was an early member of the Club and had a deep passion for the conservation of Virginia's rivers and trails. He instilled this passion in those who spent time with him. He was truly one of a kind!!”

Any further thoughts are welcome.

Herb Coleman



Herb Coleman Scholarship 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 recent community service or volunteer work in which you have 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 1750, Roanoke, VA 24008



FFV Winter Meeting 12/1/2018
Minutes by: Ginnie Peck

President: Rock Willoughby called the meeting to order & thanked the Slate River Partners for use of the property.

- Rock asked if there are more brochures available for membership to hand out. Bryan Jones asked if we could produce more brochures. Bill Tanger stated that the art work for the brochures is available. He is happy to e-mail the information to anyone that sends him an e-mail request. He will also send brochures, in the mail, to Rock and anyone else that requests them.

Secretary: Ginnie Peck apologized for being late with the minutes. They were sent out via e-mail this past week and will be posted on the FFV Webpage. ***Ginnie Peck made motion that the minutes be accepted as posted in the e-mail and on the Webpage. Rick Mattox seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion was passed unanimously.***

Ginnie Peck will be stepping down as FFV Secretary. A replacement is needed to take over beginning Memorial Weekend.

Treasurer Report: Ginnie Peck has handed all Treasury information over to Bryan Jones. There is not a formal Treasurer's Report, at this time. Bryan will meet with Tony Adams and be formally added to the FFV Account at BB&T. Previous Treasurers will be removed from the list. We have informally decided that there should be 3-4 people on the account, for security reasons. Bryan will also set up an online account, with BB&T, to more easily keep up with transactions.

Web Master Report: Traci Martin was unable to attend the meeting. Please send all requests, for Webpage posts, to Traci Martin : traci.martin1970@gmail.com Please allow 2-3 days for posts.



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Newsletter Editor: Vera Houghton was unable to attend. There have been issues with people not getting the newsletter electronically & via US Mail.

Ginnie Peck has recommended that the electronic Newsletter be sent to the Membership from the FFV Business Google account. The e-mail contact list has been updated. The most current Membership List is housed on the FFV Business Google Account. All US Mail Recipients are listed on the far right hand column of the Membership List and are updated 3-4 times yearly.

There are also compatibility issues when sending group e-mails from Verizon.net & Comcast.net accounts. If the e-mails are sent from the business account, the Membership Chair can weed out e-mails that bounce back and contact the Chapter Treasurer's to update the affected member's information.

Membership Chair: Scott McEwen reported 134 currently paid members for 2018. There may be a few changes & updates coming in. 1-2 of the Chapter Treasurers are making updates and will send the info to Scott.

Conservation Chair: Bill Tanger

A. Boat Registration

DGIF had legislation do a study to determine how much money would be made from passing legislation to force all boats, to include, non-motorized water crafts, to register. The study showed it would cost more money for administration than they would make collecting registration fees.

There is a need for a money source. Hunting is down by 26%, fishing is up by 3%. There is not as much money coming in.



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FORVA put together a bill that took 2% tax from hunting & fishing equipment which made DGIF over \$10 Million in revenue.

Basically DGIF is in need of a new source of income from all “stake holders”. DGIF really just needs to make cut backs.

Bill Tanger made a motion for FFV to write a letter to DGIF in regards to this issue and looking into changing the process or a new process. Ginnie Peck seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion was passed.

Bill will draft a letter and send it out to the membership for review, re-write, and send to DGIF. All information will be included.

B. Balcony Falls

1. VDOT Preliminary Entrance Study is for entrance and trail with tunnel down to the river. They have requested to meet with VDOT in the next few weeks.
2. A letter was received from the town of Glasgow to decrease speed limit on Route 501 to 45 MPH from 55 MPH. Letters of support have been received from Amherst & Rockbridge counties.

C. Pigg River - The river is still not boatable due to hurricane rain and runoff. Significant debris and strainers are blocking the river.

D. Bill passed around brochures from the James River Trail & the Roanoke BlueWay. Both projects were created to increase area awareness, outdoor activities, and education. There are nature trails for hiking & biking. There are also access points for fishing and boating. Check out the information online at by looking up James River Trails and Park Systems. Also RoanokeRiverBlueway.org

E. Otter River Project – A potential piece of property to purchase with 2 acres and an ideal access point. A float trip is being arranged for May with the Roanoke Valley Chapter. More information to follow after communications with property owner and the trip in May.



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2019 Schedule of Events

Douthat Weekend: 4/5/19 – 4/7/19

Location: Douthat State Park

Contact Rick Mattox for information.

Dickel Spring Fling: 4/12/19 – 4/14/19

Location: Peck Place on the Rockfish

Contact Ginnie Peck for information.

R5 Cajun Weekend: 4/26/19 – 4/28/19

This is a ticket event: \$30 per person

Contact Ed Galloway for tickets: ewgalloway@verizon.net

Memorial Weekend: 5/24/19 – 5/27/19

Meeting on Sunday at 9:00am at the campsite.

Location: Smith River in Henry County

A scouting trip will be arranged for this Spring. A final determination will be made to use this location.

Backup plan: Slate River Property

River tax: \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Porta Johns:

Rick Mattox made a motion that the budget for Porta Johns be \$500. Rock Willoughby 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Porta John arrangements to be made by Bryan Jones

2019 Schedule of Events Cont'd



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if camping in Henry County. Ginnie Peck will make arrangements if camping at Slate River Property.

Slate River mowing fee: \$75

Labor Day weekend: 8/30/19 – 9/2/19

Meeting on Sunday at 9:00am at the campsite.

Location: Solitude on the James River.

River tax: \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Porta Johns: To be arranged by Bill Tanger with a \$400 budget.

Dickel Bash – To Be Determined

Winter Meeting: Saturday 12/7/19

Location: Slate River Property

Meeting Starts at 11:00am

Fruit Cake Float– January 1, 2020

Contact Konrad Zeller

Details TBD

Other Major Events: Bateau Festival

6/14/19 – 6/21/19

Can find information at James River Bateau Festival site online

Meeting Adjourned: *Ginnie Peck made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Rick Mattox 2nd the motion. Motion passed.*

Special Consideration AFTER the meeting was adjourned: Donations to outside organizations

FORVA

American White Water

American Rivers

A motion was made by Bill Tanger to approve the above donations for \$100 each. Ginnie Peck 2nd the motion. No discussion followed. Motion passed.

Editor's Note

The opinions expressed in FPP&P are those of the author's and not necessarily those of FFV or its members. The editor is responsible for editing the content of the newsletter and its construction. Members are responsible for providing content. Please send submissions to the editor via email attachment. The following formats are preferred: Word, RFT, and/or JPEG. The newsletter goes out quarterly: Feb 1, May 1, August 1, Nov 1. **All Submissions MUST be received by the 15th of the preceding month.**

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