

# FISHIN' POLE, PACK & PADDLE

FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA

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## PRESIDENT'S PADDLE

Well now: plenty of good water this year...spring conditions in July on the Tye, Rockfish, Slate, Piney to name a few. Three trips on the James (Hardware to Bremo) all above five feet since Memorial Day. The kid's Float has been moved twice (now Aug 17) due to high water. I hope you all have had some sort of opportunity to take advantage.

The Labor trip to Solitude should provide better than average water on the Balcony Falls section of the James. We might have to run that on Saturday AND Sunday! Tim and Harry will be playing music at Solitude on Saturday night; don't miss out on that! They really put on a great performance.

As it turns out, we still need someone for the position of Assistant to the webmaster. Anyone interested should contact me at 804.248.1186 or antonadams@comcast.net. This will be mentioned on again on Sunday's meeting. Without this position being filled our Webmaster's hands are tied!

I hope you all can come to Solitude...it is going to be great!

See ya' on the river!

Tony

"El Guapo"

## MEMORIAL DAY MEETING MINUTES

**President (president@floatfishermen.org):** Tony Adams opened the meeting with four points of interest. He passed out an agenda prior to starting the meeting. He would like to keep the meeting to an hour, so that we can all get on the river at a good time.

1. Current Law governing the take out @ Balcony falls. He passed around written documentation. Basically the parking area is for Appalachian Trail & day hikers. This was not meant for boaters to park. No alcohol on the premises; tickets can & will be issued.

2. Designated Drivers: As a group we need to regulate ourselves; designated drivers are always a good idea.

3. Rockfish River Dam: Ginie Peck  
\*Recently members of the Dickel Chapter encountered the property owner of the old Mill Dam on the Rockfish River, along Rockfish River Road. He does not want anyone climbing or walking on the dam. After looking into the matter, it was revealed that he does own the dam. This means that we, as boaters, can paddle through the spill way on river left or port around on river right. The property along river right is not part of the Mill property. Trespassing includes climbing and walking on the dam. Thus far it has not been posted, therefore you could plead ignorance. Until this incident, we had been operating under the assumption that the dam was owned by the county.

4. Prospective new members: We still need to work on the best way to get prospective new members the correct contact information for joining. Current members need to contact their local chapter treasurer to pay dues.

**Secretary Report(secretary@floatfishermen.org):**  
The Secretary's Report was posted on the FFV Webpage once proofed & was in the Spring Newsletter. Ginie made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the last meeting. John Burton seconded the motion. There was no discussion to follow. Minutes were approved.

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# TRIP REPORT: DESCHUTES RIVER, OREGON

## WILD WEST WHITEWATER AGAIN!

On June 19, our annual Western Whitewater Trip saw Bill Tanger, Howard Kirkland and Danny Booker headed west towing our trailer with three rafts and lots of gear stacked on it. When we got out to Oregon, we picked up Juanita Tanger at the Portland airport. We also met up with Bill and Kathy West, former long-time FFV members who now live in California.

We spent the next three weeks doing some of the wildest and most beautiful rivers in the US. We met up with eight others from across the country near Bend, Oregon, on the Deschutes River.

We started with 8 days on the Deschutes, a mostly class III river with one portage and one hum-dinger of a Class IV called Whitehorse Rapid.

Some sections have a railroad that runs along it but much is through isolated wilderness areas. The campsites are beautiful, often next to towering hexagonal columns of basalt or other geological formations. Wildlife is abundant, including deer, antelope, eagles, snakes, ducks, herons and lots of birds.

Along the way Bill West got out his ukulele and Howard Kirkland got out his guitar and we did long, fun sessions of music by the river. Bill and Howard have played music together for seven years.

The Deschutes is also known as Oregon's best fishing river for trout and salmon. Sherar's Falls is reserved for local Native American fishing and has platforms overlooking the river used by the natives to fish, spear and net salmon. These falls must be portaged as the falls are unrunnable.

The Deschutes runs down to the Columbia River where we took out at a convenient state park.

Our next river was the McKenzie River, also in Oregon. For this river we camped at a riverside resort and did three day-trips. The McKenzie is a Class III river with one Class IV rapid each day. Again, the river is quite pristine and you can see the bottom clearly at twenty feet!

Each night we returned to our campsite at the resort for a campfire

and river stories of the day. The one Class IV rapid we have photos of us running is Marten Rapid (see photo) where a commercial photographer shoots everyone and you can go online and buy the photos.



Finally, we drove over to Utah and did a 2-day section of the Colorado River called Westwater. At the Park Service put-in we got a permit and a campsite reservation. We camped at a site called Hades, to give you an idea of the temperature.

Westwater is totally remote with a terrifying Class IV called Skull. Nonetheless, we scouted and ran it with only a minor problem of Howard having an oar pop out of its oarlock, leaving him momentarily out-of-control.

These trips are open to anyone interested in western whitewater. We keep an email list of interested persons and coordinate our efforts to obtain permits on rivers we want to run.

Using our own boats and gear keeps costs reasonable. If we were to do these trips commercially, it would cost thousands of dollars!

If interested, please let me know and I will provide more info.

August 7, 2013

submitted by Bill Tanger

### **Editor's Note**

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# OTHER RIVER NEWS

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## MEETING MINUTES (continued from page 1)

**Treasurer Report ( treasurer@flatfishermen.org ):** Katherine Waller reported in writing the following information:

- Total Ending balance as of April 30, 2013 = \$10,267.17. Total in CD's = \$8,524.43. Total combined balance = \$18,791.60.

- Katherine discussed the protocol for paying dues. Members and prospective members are to pay the local chapter treasurer. Chapter treasurers are to deposit State dues into the State account and send Katherine the deposit receipt with number of members paid. The chapter treasurer will then communicate with Tim Stuller, the state membership chair. Tim reports member updates to the Newsletter editor. Chapter treasurers should also send updated lists the newsletter editor.

- Ginnie Peck made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kitty Kimmel seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Motion was carried.

**Membership Report ( membership@floatfishermen.org ):** No new news to report. Allison was able to send out a members list. We are still unable to view updated list on webpage.

**Newsletter Report ( editor@floatfisherman.org ):** Allison reported that we have gone electronic with newsletters.

- She is working with the Chapter Treasurers to get updated information for those e-mails & newsletters that are bounced back.

- Not all members have active e-mails, those who do not will be mailed a printed copy.

- Newsletters go out four times yearly. Allison plans to send out 2-3 email updates yearly, in between the newsletters. Additional emails will be sent if or when needed.

- Ginnie Peck suggested that the chapter treasurer's contact e-mails be posted on the web page & in the newsletters for ease of contact & dues payment.

**Webmaster Update ( webmaster@floatfishermen.org ):** Bob born was present to give an update. It was good to see you, it has been a while!

- Chapter webpages are still not being utilized. Bob would like help from each chapter to get them up and running.

- Trey Mattox has volunteered to help update the current State webpage with new pictures & information.



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## SPECIAL NOTICE

*If you have received a printed copy of this newsletter, we do not have an email address on file for you OR you have elected to receive your newsletter by standard mail. If you would like to receive future issues of the newsletter via email, please send your address to your local chapter treasurer or to our state membership chair at [membership@floatfishermen.org](mailto:membership@floatfishermen.org).*

**No action is needed if you prefer to continue receiving your newsletter via standard mail.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to the FFV Family!

Erica & Travis Goode welcomed their second son, Brody into the world on May 30th.

Scott McEwen and Corinne Mohler announced their engagement on July 9th.

## 2013 TRIP & CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

**Kid Float & River Clean-Up: Saturday 8/17**  
Contact: Erica Sims, George Dickel Chapter

**Labor Day Weekend & River Clean-up: 8/30 - 9/2**  
Location: Solitude

River Tax: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family

Saturday Night Music: Timi Ryalls & Harry Faulkner

FFV Meeting: Sunday 9/1 @ 9:00 am.

Contact: Tony Adams, Scotts Creek Chapter

*A complete schedule is available on the state website.*

## DIRECTIONS TO LABOR DAY

From Charlottesville:

Follow I-64 West to I-81 South.

Then follow I-81 South to Exit 168 (Arcadia)

From Staunton:

Follow I-81 South to Exit 168 (Arcadia)

From Amherst:

Follow VA Route 130 to Natural Bridge,

Then follow US 11 South to I-81,

Then follow I-81 South to Exit 168 (Arcadia)

From Bedford:

Follow US 460 West to US 220

Then follow US 220 North to I-81,

Follow I-81 North to Exit 168 (Arcadia)

From Roanoke:

Follow I-81 North to Exit 168 (Arcadia)

Take VA Route 614 East toward Arcadia (Aprox. 3 miles).

Turn left on VA Route 622 and continue Aprox. 2 miles to campground on left across railroad tracks. Look for Float Fishermen Sign.



**WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU ON THE RIVER!**