



Fishing Pole Pack & Paddle Summer 2018

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

Let me start by thanking you all for voting me in as President of the FFV this year. I am looking forward to working with everyone to make the FFV an organization that we can continue to be proud of.

So, with the river levels being elevated it's probably a good time to remind everyone about safety on the river. Whether it be float bags, foam blocks and yes, my specialty Dollar Store noodles. Make sure you have it and always wear your life jackets and keep beverages in check at the take outs. Just want everyone to stay safe out there.

We've had a pretty wet mild summer and now it is almost coming to a close, which is hard to believe. We are gearing up for the Labor Day Float on 8/31/18 – 9/3/18 at the SRPI Property. Please bring a dish for our potluck on Saturday night. Also, invite all your friends and family that may be interested in joining and having fun with us. The Slate will be ready and waiting for a great weekend. Let's pray that the weather will be fantastic!

I want to put a special thanks out there for the FFV officers and all the hard work you all put in to make this a great organization. Herb and I will be out at the Bass Pro Shops over the weekend to help promote the FFV and increase our membership. We would love to have some new blood added. If you would like to volunteer to man a booth or if some of our "seasoned" paddlers would like to help with a paddling clinic, please touch base with me.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the river.
Happy Stroking,
Rock



Courtesy of William Tanger

Currents & Eddies from FORVA newsletter

July 25, 2018

James River – Balcony Falls Take-out (Amherst County): FORVA continues work to develop a new takeout on the James River below Balcony Falls. With Dominion funds now given directly to FORVA, we have contracted with an engineering firm in Roanoke to develop the engineering plans for creating a new driveway off Rt. 501 for a possible takeout for Balcony Falls. Once plans are developed, FORVA will meet with VDOT to apply for the permit.

Back Creek: Jae Valley Park (Roanoke County): FORVA & FFV have created a 3 acre riverside park along Back Creek in Roanoke County. Great new access to Back Creek. Beautiful remote section, that runs into Roanoke River 4 miles downstream

Pigg River Dam Removal (Franklin County): The Pigg River runs free, except for strainers! FFV members helped cut strainers out of the river, but much more work is needed. Anyone interested in chainsaw work in the river please contact me. \

New River - Price Park (Montgomery County): The 50 acre park along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County is open. We just put in a stone bench and a wooden bench on the trails. Volunteers welcome.

Roanoke River – Blueway (Roanoke County): FORVA is co-chair of the Roanoke River Blueway Committee, now with an interactive website and a brand new brochure. Roanoke is one of the few cities to have both a greenway and a blueway. Much of the greenway runs along the blueway!

Big Otter River (Bedford County): We are looking at a possible new access on the Big Otter River near Rt 460. The owner has not paid taxes on the property since 2014, so the county turned the file over to a collection agency, which is part of the collection process. The collection agency now has until December 31, 2019, to collect. If taxes cannot be collected, the property is turned back over to Bedford County to be auctioned off.

The assessed value of the property is \$15,000. I think it could be purchased for less, but boaters should think about purchasing this key access property.



Summer Meeting Minutes

FFV Memorial Day Meeting Minutes 5/27/18

By: FFV Secretary Ginnie Peck

President: Ryan Bomar was unable to attend the meeting. Ginnie Peck called the meeting to order. The President's Paddle & Briefcase have been unofficially passed to Tyler "Rock" Willoughby. Ginnie Peck asked that we make a special consideration to officially vote Rock in as President. There have been no other candidates for President Elect.

Motion by Ginnie Peck: *I make a motion to officially vote Rock Willoughby in as President rather than wait until the Labor Day meeting.*

Second: *Charlie Safley*

No discussion to follow.

Motion passed.

Rock Willoughby accepted the position as FFV President. He thanked the Randy Carter Chapter for hosting the event and thanked the property owners as well.

Secretary: *Ginnie Peck made a motion to accept the 2017 Meeting Minutes as printed in the 2018 Newsletter.*

Second: *Tony Adams*

No discussion to follow

Motion passed

Membership Chair: Scott McEwen reported 113 currently paid members for as of 5/25/18. There have been a few people that have paid this weekend & will be added to the currently paid member's roster.

Rock Willoughby recommended a brochure be given to all new members or prospective members along with the contact information for the Chapter Treasurer for the chapter the person will be joining.

New members should also be given appropriate instructions for when to pay dues, how much yearly dues are, and that yearly dues should be sent to their chapter treasurer.

Dues should not be sent to the Membership Chair.



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Newsletter Editor: Vera Houghton

E-mail address: vhoughton@verizon.net Her e-mail address is also posted on the Web Page & in each newsletter.

Please send pictures, stories, & articles to her directly for the newsletter.

Webmaster: Traci Martin

Please send pictures, videos, stories, announcements, etc to her directly to be posted on the Web Page.

There is a section for video on the Web Page.

A suggestion was made that the events page also list details for each event.

Location

Date(s) of event

Directions

Special instructions: Will there be a group potluck? When can people show up to camp? (Can people start camping a day or two prior to the event?).

Etc.

Rock Willoughby & Herb Coleman are planning to set up a booth at a few upcoming events (possibly at Bass Pro Shop) to advertise, hand out brochures, answer questions.

Traci Martin suggested we sponsor a few safety events / presentations. We could partner with outdoor oriented companies.

Erica Goode suggested we host an instructional series.

Katherine Waller recommended we get involved with Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts.

Don Leeger stated: LL Bean to teach classes for canoeing & kayaking at the new park in Goochland. The classes are inexpensive and are 60-90 minutes.

Conservation Chair: Bill Tanger was unable to attend.



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Old Business:

Ginnie Peck announced a new FFV Treasurer is needed **ASAP**. Tom Baker has officially stepped down. Ginnie Peck has custody of the Treasury briefcase until Labor Day. Bryon Jones offered to take over as FFV Treasurer beginning Labor Day Meeting.

Herb Coleman Scholarship Program: There is a rough draft of the Bylaws, for the scholarship.

He is working with Bill Tanger to tie it into the FFV Foundation. They are working on how to get the scholarship started.

A committee will need to be formed to run the scholarship.

Contributions to the scholarship would be tax deductible & reside in a separate account within the FFV Foundation.

New Business:

Ginnie Peck would like to step down as Secretary. Volunteer needed.

River Tax for Memorial Weekend: \$5.00 / person or \$10 / family. Chapter Treasurer's to collect River Tax and give to Ginnie Peck. Ginnie Peck to deposit River Tax into FFV State account.

Foundation Chair: Bill Tanger unable to attend meeting. Bob Peck, treasurer of the FFV Foundation, reported no new news to report.

Financial Committee: Bill Tanger unable to attend the meeting.

Adjourn Meeting: Rock Willoughby thanked everyone for electing him as the new FFV President & for the opportunity to lead our club. He has been a member of FFV for many years & looks forward to contributing to its growth.

Traci Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Herb Coleman

No discussion to follow.

Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned.



The FFV voted to award Brian Williams of the Dan River Basin Association the 2018 Randy Carter Award for his river conservation efforts. Congratulations!!!! His great response is listed below.

Bryon,

Wow, I am humbled and honored to review this news. I have the upmost respect for the Float Fishermen of Virginia as an organization and the continued efforts by the membership to protect and promote our beautiful waterways. No one person does anything in conservation alone, and I am extremely aware of and appreciate the efforts of all the volunteers and partnerships I have had the pleasure to be associated with. Every river lover is a hero to me and I constantly see these unsung heroes going about the task of clean-ups, river access construction, land acquisition and lobbying our leadership to help protect the rivers we enjoy. Its just amazing to be in the company of so many wonderful souls that care that deeply about our environment.

I had the pleasure of Bill Tanger's company my first Upper Gauley trip and not only enjoyed his demeanor and wisdom but I also had a chance to pick his brain on dam removal and other topics of concern in our basin. I learned a lot from Bill in just a couple of days and still refer to the knowledge I gained from that trip. I also appreciate the fact that the FFV recognized the need for an improved flows on my home river, the Smith, and I still have the original letter of support for flow regime changes. This letter, along with others, was the basis from which I was able to build a consensus of stakeholders that allowed the changes to the flow regime on the Smith that we still enjoy today. More work remains, but this simple step by FFV set us on a path to a more sustainable, healthy economically vibrant river for fishermen, paddlers and all users. In the past 6 years alone we have experienced exponential increase in tourism based on paddling and fishing opportunities afforded the simple act of some changes that allowed for weekend flows.

I hope to be able to meet with the group, perhaps at the Labor day event.

Thank you again for this incredible honor !

Brian



OMiGod RAPID
Trip Report
6-2-2018
BY
BILL TANGER

Obed:

Three of us went to Tennessee to do the Big South Fork. I kept asking, "Big South Fork of what?" I mean really, there must be lots of Big South Forks out there.

Of the Cumberland, it turns out, although nobody uses that when they talk about the Big South Fork. It has enough reputation that you don't need to.

When we got there the river was running insanely high. Being of sane mind, we drove south and did some quick research on the Obed River. We talked with several boaters in the parking lot in front of the Obed River Recreation Center, run by the National Park Service.

The Obed has to be run by coming down Daddy's Creek to the Obed first. Then you run the Obed. That's the biggie. The Obed then turns into the Emory River until the takeout.

But the Obed is the big water. It has three big rapids. 90 degrees Right/90 degrees Left, class III. Then Omigod Rapid, class IV. Then Rock Garden, class III.

Beautiful river. Great sunshine. Great entertainment.

Howard Kirkland ran 90 Right and was off a tad, scraped the right hand rock as he tried to go 90 Left, spun around backward and flipped the Slice cat for a massive swim.

Joe Schuppe and I ran the rapid, caught Howard and pushed the Slice to shore. I went after an escaping oar.

We finally caught the oar and re-grouped. Just around the corner was Omigod Rapid. A horrendous hole or a sheer drop onto a rock ledge. Good thing we did not swim over that one. Joe and I snuck around the right side of the pourover. Howard ran the hole and made it.

The rest of the Obed was great fun and less intense, thank goodness.

Clear Creek:

Next day Howard and Joe ran Clear Creek down to the Obed. It was too narrow for my blue cat. Even for Howard's Slice, which they had to line through Camel Rock Rapid.



OMiGod RAPID
Trip Report
6-2-2018

Big South Fork:

The Big South Fork river level dropped to a safe level. So we went back to the Big South Fork.

We launched on Clear Fork two miles up from the Cumberland. A pretty river!

It has three big-ass rapids in a bunch that are on steroids. Double Drop, class III. The Washing Machine, class III. The Ell, class IV.

So I ran Double Drop first, with my 14' Blue Cat. Whamo!

Whamo! One drop after another, really close, really big but pretty safe.

Behind me Howard came down in his Slice. Clean run.

Then Joe dropped in and flipped his canoe and swam. Roll did not work. Safe swim with help from his friends. This is the Joe Shuppe who paddled the Grand Canyon and swam only once!

At The Washing Machine, we all had a clean run on the huge, deep hole.

At The Ell, which is impossible to scout, we have all seen photos of it on the AW site. Plus Howard and Joe have run it once before at a higher, more washed out level.

Howard runs first. His Slice rears up like a bronco, Howard goes flying over the side for a deep swim.

Behind Howard, Joe drops in, flips, tries to roll twice and swims. Two swimmers. I realize I am the rescue boat.

Next I hit the crease perfectly, or so I thought. The blue cat did a nose-dive straight down until the water hit my chest. Then the current behind me pushed the boat forward and the buoyancy pushed it straight back up. The result was the cat came flying up out of the hole, out of the water and landed the cat on a huge flat rock, with one tube hanging over a crack between it and another rock.

I am no good for rescue. I am high and dry on my rock.

Howard and Joe soon get themselves together and paddle over to my suspended cat. Joe has banged and scraped his ribs on The Ell.



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Trip Report
6-2-2018

Big South Fork:

It took us about 20 minutes of pulling, bouncing and swearing to finally yank the cat off the rock. That was one helluva rapid.

Later on Joe had a third swim on another rapid, but the rest was much tamer than the Big Three section. So it is now just the Big South Fork. You will have to ask what river.

Just the way it is once you have been there.

Notes:

The NPS campgrounds at the Obed and Cumberland are first class, with hot showers and everything else you might want. We also camped at a really cool private campground called the Lilly Pad. It has a brewery! The \$5 fee is paid on a trust basis when you check out in the morning.

Joe and Howard ran a total of 6 rivers, including 5 new ones; I ran 5 new rivers. Wow! Great trip!

OMiGod Rapid – trip report 6-2-18





PICTURES
Tennessee trip



BILL SCHUPPE BAILING



**HOWARD KIRKLAND ON
CLEAR CREEK**



NATURES EYE

Hey Gang:

Everyone has a moment when they are outdoors and see something really breathtaking or fun. I would like to dedicate a column of the news letter to the observance of unusual sightings in nature. Please send me pictures or a short article for the next news letter. Keep your eyes on Natures Eye!

Natures Eye

While taking a mid morning sailing lesson with our buddy Tony Adams (our former “Guapp”), an amazing thing happened. Located almost exactly where the three counties of Mathews, Middlesex and Gloucester connect, some eight miles up river from the bay and almost 30 miles from the ocean we were intercepted by a lovely school of Dolphin [grey, hooked dorsal, bottle shaped nose]. I was working the sails and Tony was helming when he hollered out,

“Vera, are you seeing this?!?”

First one, then two on our port side, then two to starboard and then another two just off of our bow. Though Tony had sailed with Dolphin in the ocean and had seen plenty in the bay, never had he seen any so far upriver. They ran and played as the little 18 ft. sloop sliced along on a great little 8 knott reach. Quite exciting and amazing!

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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I am in awe of how powerful the currents are after flooding which we have seen quite a bit of this year. The web site <https://paddling.com/learn/river-hazards/>. had the following hazards and really great pictures representing how the hazards look. You should check it out. The next page lists some of the hazards on their web site.

Editor's Note

CURRENT – Ever present flow of the water - from timid to turbulent – where volume, channel width and gradient (see definition below) all affect the characteristics of a river. Current is usually slower along the inside bend of a river, faster along the outside bend. Also current is faster on the surface due to less friction than along the bottom of the channel.

GRADIENT – The steepness of the river bed, expressed in feet/mile (an avg).

RAPIDS – water flowing over an obstruction, causing turbulence.

Most often formed by boulders below the surface.

HOLES – water flowing over a ledge or rock creating a void, can trap objects held in the circulating flow/hydraulics created.

HYDRAULICS – Water circulating on top of itself – evident by the churning of water below a dam or spillway. Often associated with other hazards such as holes and breaking waves.

EDDIES – Water rushing around obstacles, circulating downstream, towards shore in a reverse current. Current flows to fill void created by flow of water. Sometimes violent eddies form whirlpools.

EDDYLINE – boundary between the circular eddy and the downward current flow.

POUROVER - Think of it as a vertical eddy, water flowing over a rock, ledge or manmade horizontal structure (dam, spillway, weir) creating a "hole" below the obstruction.

DROP – Water dropping straight down – a waterfall is a classic example.

CONSTRICTED WAVE – As flowing water is constricted – by a narrowing channel - it begins to move faster. The compressed water sometimes forms waves.

WAVETRAIN – a series of non-breaking waves.

BREAKING WAVES – the top of a swell that collapses down on the upstream side of the wave (often referred to as a "stopper").

I hope you are having a great summer!

Vera