



# *Fishing Pole Pack & Paddle (Winter 2026)*

## **President's Paddle**

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#### **Annual Dues:** Due January each year

- \$25.00 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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Greetings again FFV family,

I hope everyone had a joyful and memorable Holiday Season. Can you believe that just a week or so ago we had temps in the high 60's, and now we're living thru the "Blizzard of 2026"!! But it does feel like we may have dodged a huge bullet this time. Here's to warmer weather and Spring paddling.

Just in case you may have missed Jenny's email regarding the 2026 float schedule I've summarized it below:

-Dickle Spring Fling @ the Peck's 4/17-4/19.  
Paddling the Rockfish River.

-Memorial Weekend. Location is 5/22-5/25 @ Solitude.

-Kids Float on the James, Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more trip details from Erica Goode as we get closer.

-Labor Day Weekend. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> @ the Slate River property.

On a housekeeping note, Chapter Presidents remind your members that annual dues have increased from \$20 to \$25. Also, the Scholarship Fund is available with fresh funding so encourage your young adults to take advantage this opportunity. And finally, let's get out there and talk up our Club to new prospects. We have so much to be proud of!!

See everyone in May.

---- Herb Coleman



# Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2025

Courtesy of Rick Mattox

Call to order: Herb Coleman

Herb called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

Secretary Report (Approve Minutes):

Loren Jacobs

A motion to approve the Labor Day meeting minutes was made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mitch Sims

-According to Mitch, over the past 12 months there are receipts of \$4,870 and disbursements of \$3,860, leaving a checking balance of \$10,505. This includes the transfer of \$2,190 from the Kid Float fund, as decided at the Labor Day meeting. The CD balance is \$10,352. The CD is drawing an interest rate of 3.3% with a maturity date of 8/21/2026.

-Christin Henderson has volunteered to be treasurer. The transition from Mitch to Christin should take place by Memorial Day Weekend.

Membership Report: Erica Goode

-Membership is currently 155. This is a reminder that dues will increase to \$25 in 2026.

Newsletter Report: Gabby Safley

-Continue to send articles and photos to Gabby to publish in the newsletter.

Webmaster Report: Traci Martin

-Traci and Gabby were looking at options besides GoDaddy to service our website as the cost has increased over the past couple of years.

Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger

-The No Tires Bill is the focus for the upcoming General Assembly session. Bill is searching for a sponsor. Last year's sponsor has opted out. Several of the river access project are on-going.

FFVA Foundation Report: Bill Tanger

-Allen's Creek:

- Amherst County has conducted a reassessment of county real estate values which has seen a significant increase in property values. The assessment of our Allen's Creek Property has increased from \$38,200 in 2025 to \$60,960 in 2026. The county may vote to lower the tax rate from its current \$.61 rate.

- Please send any recommendations for the Randy Carter Award with justification to Rick Mattox.

Trip Schedule:

- Dickel Spring Fling: 4/17-4/19 Peck's property

-R5 Cajun Weekend: 4/24-4/26

-Memorial Weekend: 5/22-5/25

-Location: Solitude

-Por-o-Johns: Bill Tanger

-Band/Dinner?: Christie

Ramsey

-Budget: \$600

-Kids Float: Tentative 6/6

-\$500 for lunches

-Labor Day Weekend: 9/4-7

-Location: Slate

-Port-o-Johns: Ginnie Peck

-Band/Dinner?: Rick

-Budget: \$600

- Dickle Bash: 9/18-20

-Location: Slate

- Frisco: 10/22-25



# *Meeting Minutes*

*December 6, 2025*

*Courtesy of Lauren Jacobs*

Old Business:

I read a letter from Bill Duncan notifying us that he is resigning as FFV VP and as Director on the FFV Foundation Board. Much thanks to Bill for serving on the FFV and Foundation Boards and especially for consistently participating in our annual gatherings.

New Business:

None.

Adjourn:

- The meeting adjourned at around 10:48 am.



# *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 1750, Roanoke,

VA 24008



## Currents & Eddies

*January 10, 2025*

*Courtesy of Bill Tanger*

**Statewide: No Tires in the Rivers legislation:** In 2024, our No Tires bill failed on a 9 to 6 vote. In 2025 our bill was combined with another bill and effectively tabled for year. Our new plan is to get more localities to do a resolution of support before we go back to the legislature Bill Tanger, Charles Ware and FORVA board members.

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

**New River - Price Park (Montgomery County):** Working on plans to purchase additional land for a new entrance 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 now finished.

New ramp and parking lot put in. Survey done to sell off 3 of the 4 acres to cover our costs.

----- Bill Tanger;  
FFV: Pat & Ray Williams; Creek Freaks of Franklin County.

**James River – Balcony Falls Take-out (Amherst County):** FORVA is reaching out to Amherst County for their support as called for by the USForest Service. --- Bill Tanger, FFV

**Big Otter River: Access development in Bedford County.** Working on both Wyatts Way access and the Bells Mill access. Legal issues with both. ----- -- Bill Tanger, Tom Phillips, Meade Anderson; Friends of Big Otter

**Roanoke River (Salem):** Tucker Lane stormwater problem; lawsuit filed 1/12/26 against Salem City. ----- Bill Tanger, Terry Grimes.

**Glade Mountain Road: AT and Mt Rogers Nat. Rec. Area (NRA) access:** we have filed suit in Smyth County to re-open a road into the Mt Rogers NRA. Have a partial victory. Now working with the USFS to resolve road maintenance issue.

----- Bill  
Tanger, Sidney Osborne  




# Images of Round Hill Road

Courtesy of Bill Tanger



Another access kiosk completed on Round Hill Rd on the Blackwater River in Franklin County.



2 Round Hill Rd roadwork completed.



## *2024 FFV Event Schedule*

Event/Location:

Date:

Dickle Spring Fling

April 17-19, 2026

Location: Peck's property

R5 Cajun Weekend

April 24-26, 2026

Location: R5

Memorial Weekend

May 22 - 25, 2026

Location: Solitude

Kids Float

June 6, 2026

Labor Day Weekend:

September 4-7, 2026

Location: Slate

Dickle Bash:

September 18-20, 2026

### **The Peck's Property Directions:**

**Address for GPS: 794 Farrar Bridge Lane, Shipman, Virginia, 22971**

From Charlottesville: US 29 South towards Lynchburg. Go approx 23 miles. Turn **LEFT** onto Route 617 (Rockfish River Road). Go approx 2.5 miles. Turn **RIGHT** onto Route 620 (Farrar Bridge Lane). Turn **RIGHT** at the "Y" in the road; staying on Farrar Bridge Lane. Go approx 0.2 miles and go **STRAIGHT** past the "End of State Maintenance." Go another 0.1 miles. Turn **RIGHT** at bottom of hill into large field.

From Lynchburg: US 29 North towards Lovingston & Charlottesville & follow signs to stay on US 29 North. Approx 30 miles to Lovingston, VA. Stay on US Route 29 North. Go approx 8.5 miles. Turn **RIGHT** onto Route 617 (Rockfish River Road). Go approx 2.5 miles. Turn **RIGHT** onto Route 620 (Farrar Bridge Lane). Turn **RIGHT** at the "Y" in the road; staying

# *Editor's Note*

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**If you receive this newsletter via US Mail, we do not have a current email address for you. Contact your local treasurer or the Membership Chair to update your information.**

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