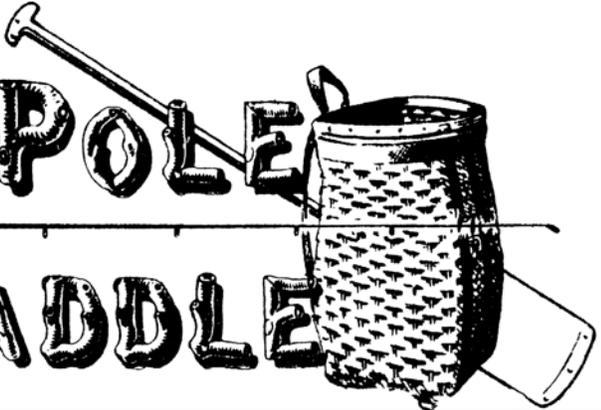


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## 2010 FFV Photo Contest

Grab your digital camera and share with us your reason why you love FFV! Show us your favorite stretch of river, cutest paddler or best boat crew; The contest is open to all chapters and the winner will be featured on the cover of the summer issue.

Deadline for contest is August 1st, please send your photos to: [editor@floatfishermen.org](mailto:editor@floatfishermen.org)

## PRESIDENT'S PADDLE

**From beautiful downtown Lakeside;  
Greetings.**

As most of you know, I had a little battle with colon cancer and a little lymph node cancer. They cut out a quarter of my large intestine and the cancerous lymph node making me currently cancer free but unable to paddle for a while. I do chemo every two weeks as a preventative measure so it won't come back.

While I was in the hospital, the Appomattox River Company did a complete overhaul and an excellent job on my Cascade and made it a solo boat. (*I have always loved that Cascade*)

This is going to be a great paddling spring as the water is up. Hell, the water table at my house was above ground for most of the winter. As Tanger put it "your back yard doesn't percolate".

Don't forget the craw dad festival at R5; you know the Rappahannock will be rolling and Memorial Day will be at Glen Maury Park. That means Rockbridge Baths and Balcony Falls. Hopefully I will be able to paddle with y'all, but I definitely will be at the meeting on Sunday.

**Thank all y'all for your prayers (they worked); I'll  
be around to bother you guys for a while longer.**

Don

**Don't Forget....**

## 2010 DUES ARE DUE

**Membership depends on you!  
Please contact your chapter treasurer for  
prices and where to send payments.**

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# Jackson River

## April 3, 2010

We did the Jackson River Gorge and had only one swimmer at Rainbow Rapid in the Gorge.



We floated from Lowmoor to Glen Wilton for about 9 miles total.

Boaters are members of FFV and BRRR. FFV Members were Bill Tanger, Mike Byrd, Don Mohler, all in canoes.



In the raft, BRRR members Howard Kirkland, Danny Booker, and Robbie Booker BRRR Kayaks: Brandy Maxwell and Dennis. All photos courtesy of Bill Tanger.

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# Roanoke River Clean Up



We had 15 of our Roanoke Valley FFV members show up on March 27 for Clean Valley Day. It started out fairly chilly at 37 degrees with a water temperature of 43 degrees (Tom had a thermometer).

We collected 41 bags of trash, 5 tires, 2 childrens swimming pools, 2 basketballs, and many things you couldn't really identify.

As usual, the bulk of the trash was beer bottles/cans, soft drink bottles, plastic grocery bags and many fast food and prepared foods wrappers. Along with some treated lumber and mailbox posts, we also found a Fishermans chair complete with a built in tackle pocket (nothing in it, though).

There wasn't a lot of fishing worm and tackle wrappers from our bank fishermen. Maybe they've gotten better at keeping it picked up or it had washed downstream with the high waters.

Afterwards, most everyone went to the River Rock Restaurant for lunch, and several went on to float from Green Hill Park to the Rotary Park in Salem.

Attending were (in order of arrival): Ken Ingram, Deena Maio, Tom Christenbury, Mike Byrd, Cathy and Alan Joslyn, Lee Williams, Scott McDowell, Bill Tanger, Rebecca Dameron, Pat Williams and his son Zane, Brian Lang and his son Forest, and Mike Robertson.

Hopefully next year we'll have as good or better turnout as this is a part of the Roanoke FFV chapters commitment and requirement to maintain our Adopt-A- Stream status for this section of the Roanoke River.

A big THANKS goes out to everyone who was able to assist.

April 4, 2010

## Public Access Coalition Forming

### For public access in the Chesapeake Bay & Virginia area

A new coalition is forming to address the problem of public access to our rivers, streams and bays in the Chesapeake Bay and Virginia area. Special emphasis will be on gaining cooperation from the railroads in these watersheds. In addition, we will provide input to the groups working on the Presidential Executive Order 13508 which also plans to address public access in the Chesapeake Bay area.

The coalition started in Virginia but will include the six state/DC area that corresponds with the new bay initiative. Not all states have the same types of access issues, but all states have public access issues. Ideally, we would like to see a federal law regarding rail crossings, as we know the Park Service has similar issues nationwide with crossings.

*So far current members include:*

Appomattox River Company, Inc.	Back Country Ski & Sports
Blue Ridge River Runners	Citizens for the Preservation of the River
Coastal Canoeists	Creek Freaks of Franklin County
Dan River Basin Association	East Coast Greenway Alliance
Float Fishermen of Virginia	Friends of the New River
Friends of the Rivers of Virginia	Friends of the Roanoke River
Friends of Russell Fork	National Committee for the New River
Richmond Area Bicycling Association	Sept. 11 Nat'l Memorial Trail Alliance
Shenandoah Riverkeeper	Staunton River Watch
Tangent Outfitters	Twin River Outfitters
Upper James River Heritage Trail Committee	Virginia Bicycling Federation

We were successful in getting Report #404 produced by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) as a result of HB2088 that we put in last year (2009). That report develops the process for nominating and evaluating pedestrian railroad crossings for the first time in Virginia.

We have SB546 bill in the Virginia legislature which improves the Landowner Liability Law. It was voted out of the Senate favorably on a 38-2 vote, and voted out of the House on a 99-0 vote. It awaits the signature of the governor.

We want to grow the coalition, so if you know of a group that should join, please let them know. There are no dues or obligations, and all major positions will be reviewed by the members and, if necessary, voted on before taking action. Come join us and be a part of a new effort toward better public access to our natural resources.

Our slogan and mission statement is: "Public Access to our Public Resources in the Public Interest"

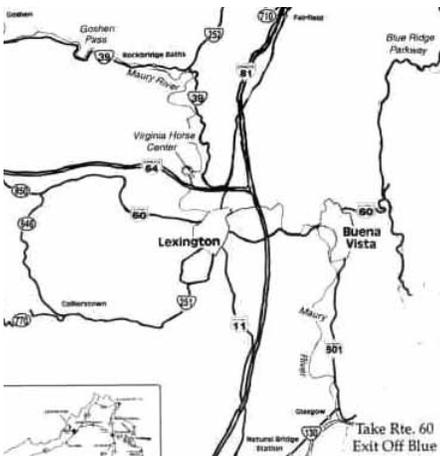


Bill Tanger, Chair, FORVA

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**Directions to Labor Day Float:**

**From Roanoke:** Take I-81 North to Buena Vista exit; then take US-60 East to Buena Vista; at Buena Vista, turn right on US-501 South. Turn right on 10th Street and cross the river to Glen Maury Park.

**From Staunton:** Take I-81 South to Buena Vista exit; then take US-60 East to Buena Vista; at Buena Vista, turn right on US-501 South. Turn right on 10th Street and cross the river to Glen Maury Park.

## 2010 Float Fishermen of Virginia Calendar

**April 23-25, 2010  
 Cajun Weekend**

R5  
 Contact: Randy Carter Chapter  
 Rappahannock River

**May 15, 2010  
 Roanoke River Renaissance**

Downtown Roanoke  
 Contact: Ken Ingram  
 Roanoke River

**May 28-30, 2010  
 Memorial Day Float \*\*\*State Meeting**

Glen Maury Park  
 Contact: Brian Van de Sande  
 James & Maury Rivers  
 Dinner: Scotts Creek Chapter

**June 12, 2010  
 Kid Float**

Tapscott's Farm  
 Contact: Erica Sims  
 Howardsville to Warren (James River)

**Sept. 24-26, 2010  
 Dickel Bash**

Rockfish River  
 Contact: Ginnie Peck

**Sept. 4-6, 2010  
 Labor Day Float\*\*\*State Meeting**

Slate River Property  
 Contact: Bob Peck  
 James & Slate Rivers

**December 2010  
 State Winter Meeting**

Tentatively Cumberland State Forest  
 Contact: Don Sims

