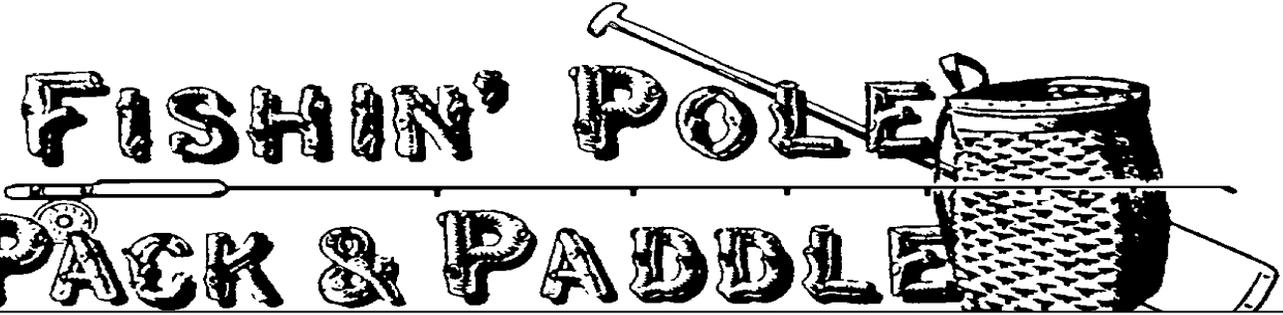


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***Labor Day Weekend Float
& Business Meeting
September 1-4
Solitude, James River***

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The President's Paddle

As this is my last President's Paddle I want to thank all of the members who have made the club work for the last two years while I was president. Not just the officers and chairpersons, but the members who have supported the club. After Labor Day the club will have a new president and I know everyone will support Ginnie and make her term productive.

As always there is not only a need for members to serve as officers but to support the club by volunteering to help with the logistics of the meetings. Club members enjoy socializing and that is what it is all about, but from time to time there is still work to be done. No one gets paid for the time contributed to the club so we should all be patient when something doesn't get done right away. Let the officers know you appreciate what they are doing and give them your support and suggestions. And if you feel you can do a better job, volunteer. New blood is always good and keeps the club vital.

Once again we will elect new officers this Labor Day meeting and we need to support these new officers and returning officers. We will be on the James River in the Arcadia area this Labor Day weekend. Thanks to Bill Tanger for letting us use his property and helping in the preparation for the meeting. I also want to thank the George Dickel and Roanoke Valley Chapters for volunteering to cook and help with site preparation.

See you there and I know we will enjoy the weather and river.

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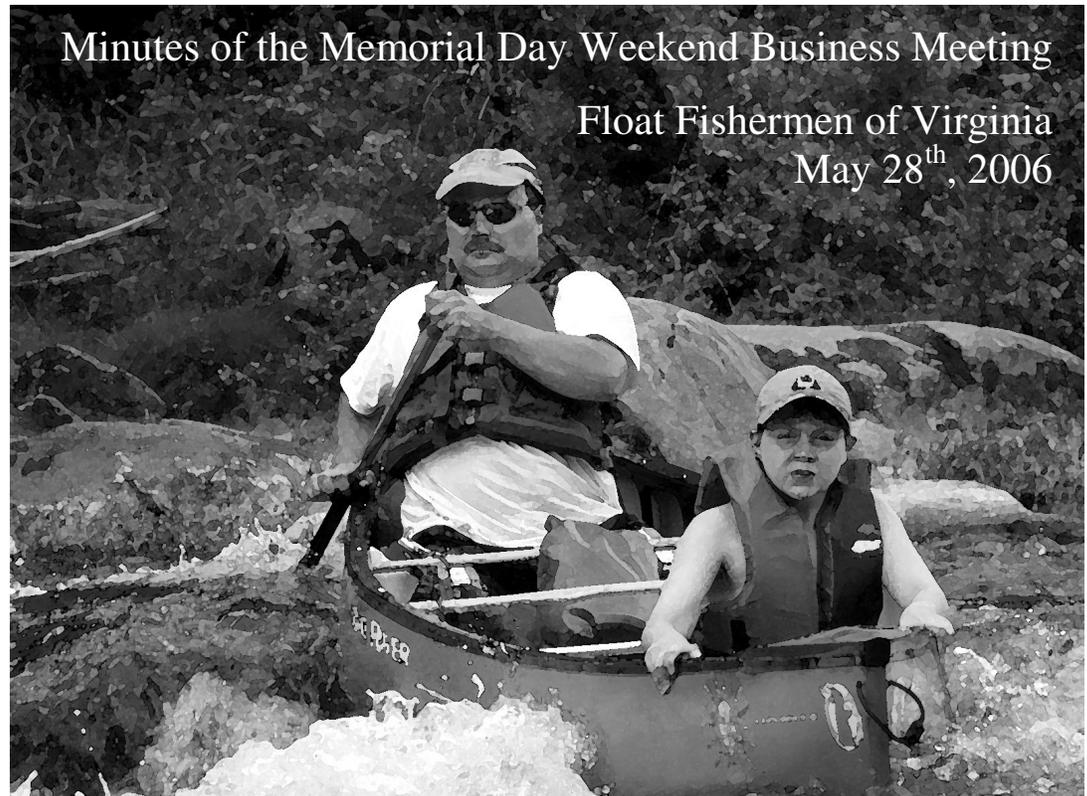
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R5, Near Remington, VA. The Memorial Day Weekend FFV business meeting was called to order Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the December Meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter (FPP&P, Winter/Spring 2006, No. 1).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Katherine Waller distributed a written report to the membership present showing a beginning balance of \$2,466.34 (as of 12/1/05), with income, all from membership dues, of \$3,030.00, and expenses of \$1,047.65. Expenses consisted of a payment to the State Forrester of Cumberland (\$200), the Healthy River Institute (\$100), FPP&P production & mailing (\$451.75), and Web page services (\$295.90). This left an ending balance, as of April 30, 2006, of \$4,448.69.

FFV also holds a Certificate of Deposit with a balance of \$7,211.61 (as of 12/2/2005). The treasurer requested permission to rollover the CD to something with a better interest rate, whether it be for 6, 12 or 18 months at the treasurers discretion. A motion to do so was made, seconded, and approved.

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Newsletter Report

FPP&P Editor Bob Pillow reported the cost of the most recent edition as \$340.00, and that \$152.00 of this can be attributed to the additional cost to print and distribute the April 1 roster.

Individual chapter treasurers were invited to copy the editor when new members are reported to the state treasurer and membership chair. When such notification is received the editor will send the new member(s) a copy of the most recent newsletter. In addition, the member's name will be included in a "Welcome New Members" column in the next newsletter published.

The editor delivered the standard request for trip reports, photos, et cetera.

Membership Report

A new and updated roster was included in the last newsletter (as of April 1 2006). This list is not to be used for solicitation. All were asked to be sure and keep their address information current.

Conservation Report

There was no report as the Conservation Chair Bill Tanger was unavailable due to illness. The President however reported that the James River Advisory Council (JRAC) is having a cleanup on 10 June. There is also a cleanup being held on the Roanoke River.

Foundation Report

Foundation Treasurer Jim Garner referred to the financial statement published in the most recent FPP&P but had no further business to report.

FFV Website

Webmaster Bob Born reported the cost for for all of the domain names for our web site as \$106 annually. Also, there is one password for everyone that will be changed April 1st every year. If you are planning any trips send an email to the Webmaster so that they can be added to the calendar.

Other Business

The President thanked the Randy Charter Chapter for hosting the Memorial Day float and the wonderful chicken that we had for dinner. The summer float will be the weekend of July 14th at the Glenn Maury Campground. Meeting adjourned.

Next State Business Meeting: Labor Day Weekend: Solitude, James River
see back page for directions

Welcome New FFV Members...

Roanoke Valley Chapter

Curtis Williams, Arlington

Sarah Faith, Blacksburg

Benjamin Russell Gardner, Collinsville

Michael G. Haynie, Roanoke

Michelle Beech, Roanoke

Lynn Davis, Roanoke

Sharon Bottomley, Roanoke

Debra Anne Vascik, Roanoke

Bethany Hundley, Salem

Patricia Tanger, Newington CT

Maria Melo, Tampa FL

John Musilli, Charleston WV

Don and Nic Mohler, Gapmills WV



Randy Carter Chapter

Ed Bradley, Warrington

George & Rionne Hahn, Mineral

Andy Weeks & Carla Twomey, Culpeper

Cliff & Denise Hale, Clayton NC

Scotts Creek Chapter

Charles & Ericka Poppell, Richmond

Cathy Koval & Dustin Bivins, Richmond

Anglin' in the Archives



Fishin' Pole, Pack & Paddle / June 1986

James Johnson was President. Membership stood at 222, an increase of 50 since the April count that year. Front-page news predicted the "largest turnout in FFG history" for the upcoming VIP float. Editors Lise and Cindy Willoughby included the following information for the benefit of members in need of a "lesson in fishing terminology." Excerpts are reprinted below, starting in the R's...

- Reel** Cylindrical device attached near the end of a fishing rod for winding up or letting out line. There are several types and sizes...but they all offer the angler the option of two basic settings: "wheeeee" in which at the slightest pull, the line is paid out at a high speed, and "punk" in which the reel spontaneously stops revolving with a sharp metallic sound instantly dividing the line into two sections of unequal length.
- Reservoir** A flood named after a congressman.
- River** Any stretch of moving water large enough to have an ABS lined bridge abutment crossing it.
- Rowboat** Small craft that is so named because its occupation by more than one angler immediately causes a row.
- Rules of Thumb** (a) Never drink beer in waders; (b) Never fish with a notary public; (c) Don't let anyone hold your fish; (d) Never ask a game warden where he got his hat; (e) Don't take advice from people with missing fingers.
- Scales** Annoying things on a fish. Comparable to fish hair.
- Sinker** Lead weight attached to the end of a length of fishing line to facilitate speedy disposal of unwanted lures.
- Solitude** The state of being closer to nature than the nearest toilet.
- Tent** Cumbersome devise composed of fabric used to collect specimens of local insects by fishermen.
- ZZZZ** 1) Sound made by patient angler waiting for a bite. 2) Sound made by insect about to deliver one.

FFV Foundation - Paddler Access Survey

In November of 2005, your Float Fishermen Foundation voted to undertake a survey of paddlers to see what our needs were in Virginia for access. The results of our survey have been tabulated and the priorities are fairly clear. The number one need in Virginia among respondents was the need for a better takeout for the Balcony Falls section of the James River. A close second was the need for a takeout at the confluence of the Roanoke River and Back Creek. As most of you know, we are already working to develop both of these access points.

We want to thank the more than 30 dedicated respondents who took the time to send us their top three choices. We also want to leave the door open for anyone who would still want to respond, and therefore we will update our survey periodically when we get enough new data.

River access places are becoming fewer and fewer, since many are leased and the leases can be lost over time. We also have no state agency that looks out for paddler access. The DGIF has said they receive no funds for paddlers, which is not accurate, but they play little role in paddler access. There is a critical need to preserve existing access and develop new access before paddlers are blocked forever by development. If you have an interest in working on any access locations, please let the FFV Foundation know.

~ Bill Tanger, FFV Foundation President

<u>Water</u>	<u>Point/Section</u>	<u>Count</u>
James River	Balcony	18
Roanoke River	Back Creek	13
Tye River	Lower	7
Maury River	Goshen	7
New River	McCoy Falls	4
James River	Narrow Passage	3
James River	Catawba	2
Rockfish River	Lower	2
Staunton River	Leesville	2

Other waters, each with one mention, were:

- Back Creek
- Big Reed Creek
- Blackwater River
- Catawba Creek
- Cowpasture River
- Craig Creek
- Goose Creek, Rt 24/122
- Jackson River
- James River, Colonial Parkway
- Maury River, below Rockbridge Baths
- New River, Rt. 100
- Pigg River
- Reed Creek
- Smith River, Lower
- Smith River, Upper

Also noted:

Johns Creek [3]: The problem here is a legal right of way issue; put-in/take-out access is secondary.

Gauley [3]: Out-of-state rivers will be covered in a future survey

Seen Y'all on the River

A sampling of photos from a few events around the state where FFV members could be found.

FFV Memorial Day Weekend, May



R5 was the scene for the Memorial Day Weekend Business Meeting & Float. Fine weekend weather provided many opportunities to enjoy the water. A few took to streams less traveled - some even hiked the Hughes - but most FFVers found their path to happiness in a lazy, leisurely float on the genteel waters of the Rappahannock.

Blackwater Blackout, June



Eighty-seven boats showed up at sundown for the 1st Annual Blackwater Blackout in Franklin County. With a start time of 9:00 p.m. the evening before the Pigg River Ramble, the Blackout called for headlamps, flashlights, and anything that glowed to light the way. On more than one occasion the river itself could be seen illuminated from beneath the surface where less careful boaters had lost their lanterns. Forget reading the water -- listening skills were more important here.

Fun Float, June



Nearly two dozen FFVers joined the crowds for the Staunton River Fun Float in June. An example of anything but solitude, the river was literally teeming with hundreds, if not thousands of boats, many of which had hulls to the sun within sight of the put in. Others chose to go ashore, take to the trees and, and do their diving there. Definitely a social experience!

FFV Summer Float, July

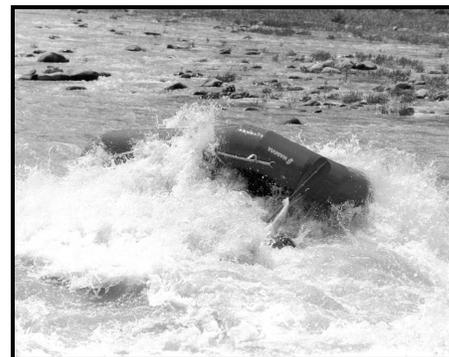


Scheduling conflicts and hot weather combined to lighten attendance at the Summer Float this past July; but those who did make it to Glenn Maury had a good time nonetheless. Ned Dillon shows how it's done on the Rockbridge section of the Maury.

Rafting Fun Continues!

The Roanoke Chapter continues to provide rafting to FFV members. On one weekend (August 5&6) rafters from George Dickel, Steve Keller and Roanoke Valley Chapters, all rafted together. So far in 2006 (through July) the club had conducted 23 raft trips!

The schedule is pretty full for the rest of the year, but there may be a few seats open. Contact Bill Tanger if you are interested. Gauley season starts the first weekend after Labor Day. Note that Upper Gauley rafters need prior experience on either the New River or Lower Gauley.



Randy Carter Award Presentation



Each year the Float Fishermen of Virginia recognize the contributions of individual river conservationists with the Randy Carter Memorial Award. Initiated in 1974, this award is given for outstanding efforts to protect Virginia's free-flowing streams for their recreational and environmental value, for significant contributions to the growth of the Virginia Scenic Rivers Systems, or for promoting a greater appreciation of our rivers among the citizens of our state.

The 2005 Randy Carter Award was presented by Bill Tanger, FFV Conservation Committee Chair, to John Tippett, Executive Director of Friends of the Rappahannock at the FOR Annual meeting in Fredericksburg, May 4th, 2006.

Tippett holds a Master's degree in Environmental Resource Management from Duke University (1990) and a B.S. in Environmental Science from Allegheny College. Prior to joining the Friends in 1995, Mr. Tippett was an environmental scientist with the water quality department of The Research Triangle Institute, a non-profit research organization located in North Carolina's Research Triangle Park.

As director of the Friends of the Rappahannock, Mr. Tippett has led a series of successful conservation initiatives ranging from the removal of Embrey Dam to securing precedent-setting county code changes for Low Impact Development.

In 1999, he initiated a four-year education and consensus-building effort that resulted in the passage of a precedent-setting suite of code changes in Stafford County, Virginia. These codes were the first in the region to create incentives for the use of LID design in subdivisions, and to mandate the use of LID practices on commercial parking lots.

Through this process, he developed a "building block" approach to effective grassroots code change efforts. This approach has generated extensive interest by non-governmental and governmental agencies regionally, nationally, and internationally. Mr. Tippett has presented on the approach in venues ranging from the

keynote of the 2004 National LID Conference to special trainings of grassroots nonprofits in the Philippines. The approach is now being replicated in various forms in a number of other river basins. He has also authored a narrated CD tutorial and resource kit on Low Impact Development, over 1,000 copies of which have been distributed nationwide. In 2004, he and his staff completed two federally-funded model watershed studies which pioneered an approach to prioritize sites for LID retrofit using GIS analysis of impervious cover, soils, and water quality data.

Over the past decade, Mr. Tippett led a grassroots advocacy effort that played a major role in securing the ultimate removal of Embrey Dam on the Rappahannock River. His organization's advocacy work was responsible for successfully engaging Sen. John Warner, who ultimately funded the \$10M removal of the dam through the Water Resources Development Act. The breach of the Dam in 2004 restored over 700 miles of historical spawning habitat for shad, herring, striped bass and other migratory species.

Currently Mr. Tippett is working on a major initiative to secure a 4,300 acre conservation easement along a 25 mile section of the Rappahannock and Rapidan rivers. He is also overseeing the construction of several demonstration Low Impact Development practices which he designed. These demonstration practices are part of an advocacy effort to secure policy changes in state Departments of Transportation that will

allow LID practices in road right-of-ways.

The meeting & presentation occurred at the Rappahannock Outdoor Education Center adjacent to the Rappahannock River and the Rappahannock Canal. The center is operated by a long-time river conservationist Bill Micks, one of the founding members of FOR. The center also serves as FOR headquarters. Attendees included the Mayor of Fredericksburg, members of the city council, FOR board members and nearly forty other guests and dignitaries.

The Randy Carter Memorial Award was one of several presented that evening, but without a doubt the statuette award was the most admired and received the most attention. All in all, the FFV made a good splash with the Friends of the Rappahannock and their local guests.

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*Randy Carter, of Warrenton, was Virginia's premier river runner during the 1950's and 1960's and creator of the Randy Carter gauging system (a.k.a. 'boater's gauge').*

*Copies of his classic "Canoeing White Water River Guide" (Appalachian Books, Oakton VA 1967, Eighth Revised Edition, 1974) are available in both paperback and hardcover from John Sweet,*

*by phone:  
(804) 231-3322*

*or on the web:*

*<http://johnrsweet.com/Carterguide.htm>*



## Thank You FFV

In a letter to FFV State President John Van Luik, Tippet expressed his gratitude to FFV for being named the 2006 Randy Carter Award. The text of this letter is included below.

*I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Float Fishermen of Virginia for honoring me with the 2005 Randy Carter Award. Over the years, it has been my great pleasure to work with many dedicated volunteer conservationists from the Float Fishermen. It means a great deal to me to receive recognition from exactly those people who have inspired and mentored me in my work.*

*The award itself is a marvelous creation ... truly a magnificent work of art. I will certainly treasure it greatly.*

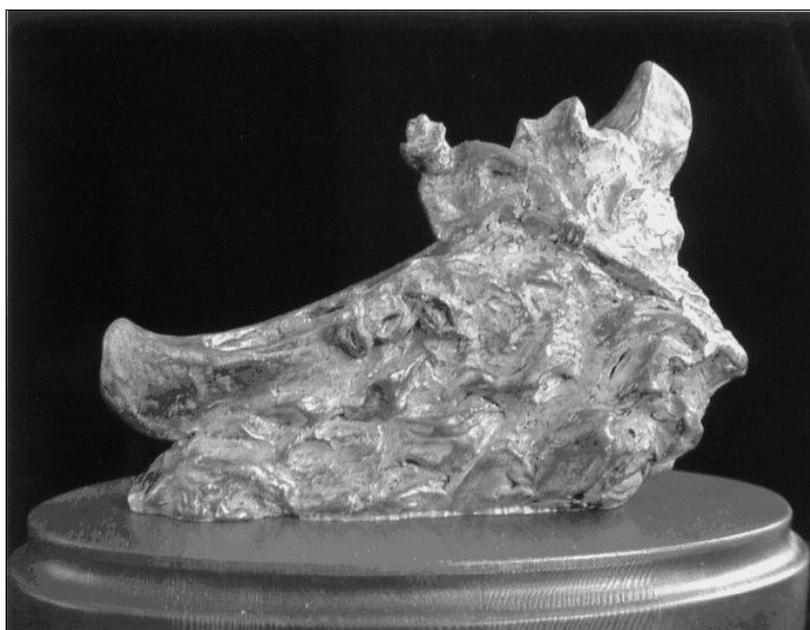
*Sincerely,*

*John Tippet  
Executive Director*

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The Randy Carter Award of today was sculpted by Judith Damon and cast at a foundry in Greensboro, North Carolina. The base is made from wood taken from old doors out of the Hotel Roanoke prior to the 90's renovations.

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## An excerpt from Carter's *Canoeing White Water River Guide*....

After 30+ years some of the specifics in Randy Carter's *White Water River Guide* have become dated; but his river and stream descriptions, peppered with humor, historical observations and inspired prose, create an enjoyable read for their own sake. Here is one brief example (extra credit if you can identify the stream).

*"Starting out in a meadow, past farmers' back doors, past another's front door, and on down into the mountains... getting faster and faster. Past big rocks covered with the most beautiful soft green velvet moss, past great rock gardens with ferns and wild flowers; cliffs and jagged mountain sides and the beautiful hemlocks screening the light and leaving a dark quietness in the gorges and ravines.*

*Around sharp bends to come upon some unexpected scene or a narrow place to shot through; brushing up against the vertical side of a mountain going up into the sky where an eagle soars above the peaks. The blue sky, the white clouds, the rushing little river, and its sudden surprises of beauty are rewarding indeed."*

# Cushaw Project Update: Forest Service Indicates Support for Site

The US Forest Service has indicated tentative approval of an access road and parking lot to be constructed below Balcony Falls eliminating the major portion of flatwater paddlers must now traverse to reach the "legal" takeout at Rocky Row Run.

In a letter dated June 29<sup>th</sup>, Maureen T. Hyzer, Forest Supervisor of the Washington and Jefferson National Forests, indicated support for plans to locate an access road about ¼ mile north of the picnic area (i.e. the Iron Man takeout) along US 501 and leading down to the end of the ridge just above the railroad.

The Forest service further suggests a two-lane road from 501 to a parking area part way down the ridge. From there the road would become single lane and one-way, looping down to the takeout and back up to join the two lane access road above the parking area.

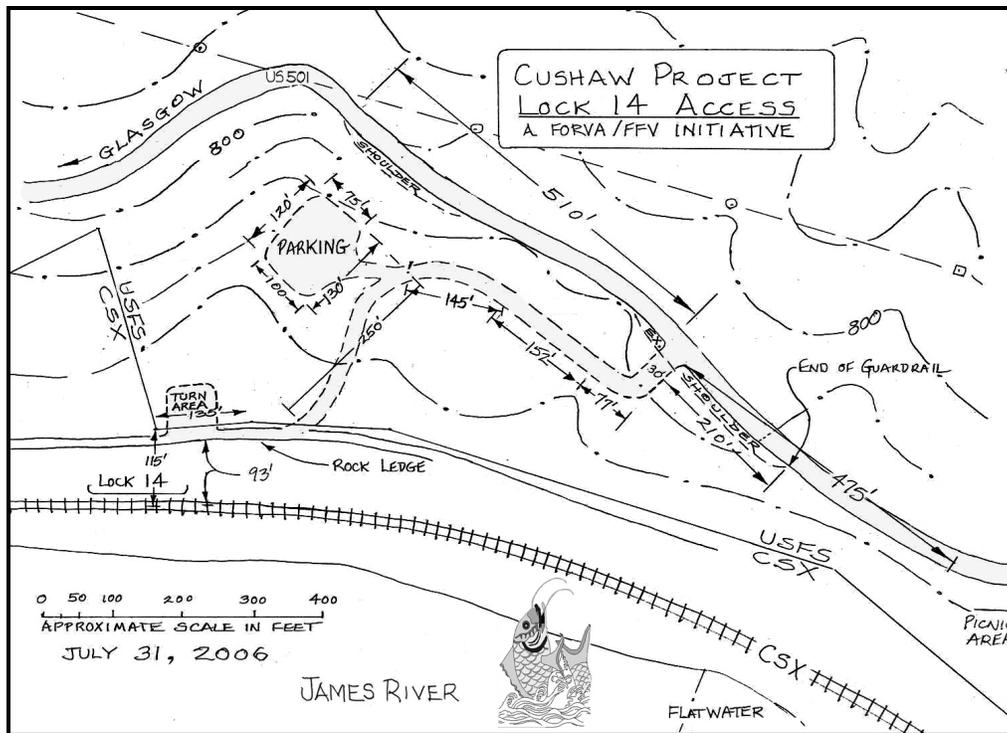
This proposal is based on the assumption that the site would be used only as a takeout; hence it would be unnecessary to tie the single lane road back to the parking lot; however, an alternate road plan has been drafted to allow for such a tie back, and is represented in the drawing below.

Even more critical than the layout of the access road, is the need for cooperation from CSX and VDOT. The forest service specifically requires "letters of full cooperation and commitment from CSX and VDOT" and requests an explanation of plans for the railroad crossing to the river.

Efforts continues to obtain approval from VDOT for an intersection plan at US501. The next step will be to satisfy the concerns of CSX over safety and liability issues. FORVA and FFV contend that the under the right circumstances the Landowners Liability Act could release the railway from responsibility; however, to date CSX has been reluctance to approve any at grade crossing.

Despite these remaining obstacles, Hyzer's letter represents significant progress, stating: "In conclusion, based on our site visit, we feel that a takeout parking area and road at this site are feasible."

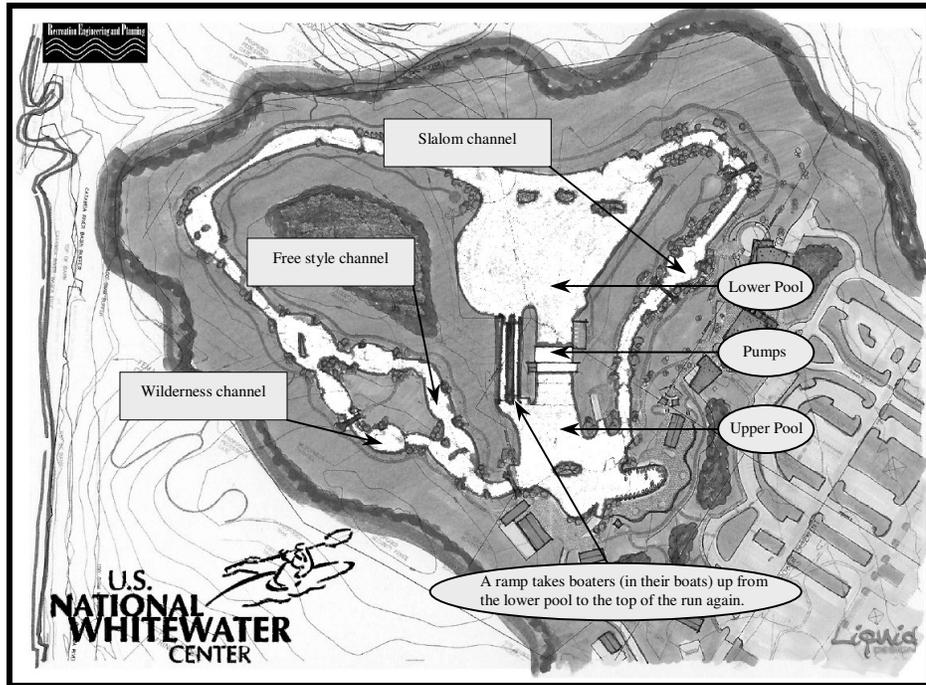
Anyone wanting to assist in this effort should contact Bill Tanger or Jeff Wold. And if you can't help, at least thank them both for their continued work to improve access for us the many boaters, FFV members and others, who enjoy this classic run.



A work day is planned for Saturday, September 2, to coincide with the FFV Labor Day Weekend Business Meeting & Float. Volunteers are needed to clear the lock for which this location is named. Work will commence Saturday morning at a reasonable hour, to be followed by a Balcony run. Contact Bill Tanger, Jeff Wold, or Bob Pillow for details.

# The United States National Whitewater Center

*Inspired by Olympic facilities in Greece and Australia, the USNWC will be the largest whitewater park in the world with 4,000 feet of class III-IV whitewater.*



In addition, the Center will boast access to flat-water paddling and on the Catawba River and adjacent tributaries, 11 miles of biking, hiking, and running trails, climbing services totaling 5,700 feet, a 500 seat amphitheater for music and other entertainments, a 22,000 square foot lodge with a conference center, restaurant and outfitter shop. The drive to make the center a reality gained significant support when the U.S. Kayak & Canoe Team decided to make Charlotte their home, and again when the U.S. Olympic Committee selected the site as their training center. But it ran into a major hurdle recently when construction was halted by residents in a dispute over road access.

Neighbors along Hawfield road, the only way into park property, had complained about construction traffic almost since it began early last year. Although Charlotte's City Attorney's office had initially informed the center that Hawfield was a public road before work had started, the city reversed itself in May of 2006 indicating that a portion of the road was in fact a private road. Shortly there after residents erected a gate, blocked traffic, and halted construction just weeks before the park was scheduled to open to the public. A restraining order eventually reopened the road with the USNWC agreeing to take steps to better control traffic and reduce dust kicked up by trucks on the gravel road. Construction was able to resume, but a final solution to the access road problem is still pending.

Meanwhile, mountain biking events continue to be held on the grounds. The area has been home to biking trails for more than a decade. The USNWC will continue to support biking and running with a series of technical, single track trails climbing 90 feet above river level at some points and dropping down to the river's edge at others. Competitive mountain bike races, adventure races and triathlons are planned throughout the year. The center will also host international climbing competitions at what will be the largest outdoor climbing facility in the country. Dozens of routes will offer a variety of surfaces and levels of difficulties.

Delays have impacted the schedule. The American Canoe Association Canoe Slalom Nationals scheduled for August 18-20<sup>th</sup> at the center have been moved to the NOC. However, the USACK Whitewater Slalom US National Championships are still on for August 21-26<sup>th</sup>. Participants will be running the challenging "Competition" or "Slalom" course, and in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event a "Parade of Champions" will be held in honor of past competitors.

Rates for rafting, kayaking, and other activities are posted on the USNWC website at <http://www.usnwc.org>, or you can contact the center by telephone 704-272-9695, 8-5 Monday through Friday for details.



*The mission of the USNWC calls for "creating stronger communities by: Promoting healthy, active, outdoor lifestyles; developing environmental stewardship; encouraging family and civic interaction." The Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*

USNWC Website: <http://www.usnwc.org/> For an excellent accounting of efforts to get the center started, see: "Braving the Narrows" by Susanne Deitzel (Greater Charlotte Biz), <http://www.greatercharlottebiz.com/article.asp?id=622>

# A River Flows through Plans at Future Home of State Fair

Lee Graves, Richmond-Times Dispatch, Friday, June 9, 2006

The North Anna is a sluggish river by the time it flows beneath the state Route 30 bridge separating Hanover and Caroline counties near Kings Dominion.

Its placid pace belies a bolder nature upstream, where rocky gardens, steep drops and rugged isolation have won the hearts of paddlers such as Ned Dillon.

The river's languid meanderings downstream also contrast with ideas bubbling beyond its banks, where broad visions have attracted the commitment of conservationists such as Jim Garner.

Those visions involve the State Fair of Virginia, which purchased a historic farm tract called The Meadow in Caroline County in 2003. Curry Roberts, president of the fair, called on Garner, retired state forester of Virginia, to help shape the future home of the fair.

Roberts framed an enticing picture. He talked about preserving open space, protecting wetlands, keeping the horse-farm feel of the property, enhancing the North Anna with trails and boat access and rethinking opportunities to educate young and old alike about natural resources.

"The more he described what he envisioned doing at The Meadow, the more excited I became," said Garner, who worked under Roberts during the administration of former Gov. Gerald L. Baliles.

Garner has formed a coalition of likely partners - Ducks Unlimited, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and state agencies such as the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

No strangers to the State Fair, these groups are forging new approaches to

everything from education to conservation at The Meadow.

Sharing the natural heritage includes a proposal that has been floated to folks in Caroline County. Fair officials have offered to donate up to an acre of land to the county for a public portage or access site for canoes and non-motorized boats. The land is next to the path for an expanded bridge over the North Anna.

Wheels already are turning in Caroline. The State Fair's proffer dovetails with plans to improve access to all of the county's rivers - the Rappahannock, the Mattaponi and the Pamunkey, as well as the North Anna, said Mike Finchum, director of planning for Caroline.

"We have viewed it as an opportunity to address what was generally deemed as a deficiency in terms of river access with this project," he said.

The only North Anna access in Caroline that doesn't involve trespassing or bushwhacking is at Butler's Bridge, where state Route 601 crosses the water. The put-in is on private property, but the residents for years have accommodated paddlers with an honor system.

The Float Fishermen of Virginia built steps at that landing years ago, recalls Dillon, an Ashland resident who is a charter member of the group. That improved the access to a section of river that, after 40 years of paddling, still is special to him.

"I've floated a whole lot of rivers in Virginia and other states," he said, "but I've never found one that I like like that stretch on the North Anna."

The fishing is excellent, the white-water is exhilarating and the surroundings are calming.

"My favorite thing is the isolation. You don't see anything until you get down to the end."

Getting to the end, however, means negotiating a menacing falls-line rapid. A series of drops through jagged rocks puts teeth in the water. At the best of times, it's a Class IV rapid; in high water, a Class V.

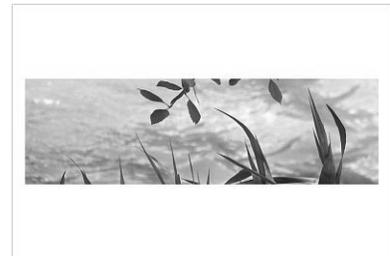
"It has the potential to be very dangerous," Dillon said. "I've pulled any number of people out of that spot."

The usual takeout downstream is at the U.S. 1 bridge on the Hanover County side. The next public landing is miles and miles downstream at U.S. 301 on the Pamunkey.

The proposed access at Route 30 would connect a much-needed dot. And though State Fair officials ask that the access be closed while the fair is in session, Finchum sees that as a reasonable request in a good deal.

"We're always looking to expand recreational opportunities through partnerships like this, and I think this is a great opportunity there."

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# *The Passing of the Paddle*

*Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.*

~ Warren G. Bennis ~

*Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.*

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower ~

*Leadership demands that we make tough choices.*

~ Alan Autry ~

*It takes leadership to improve safety.*

~ Jackie Stewart ~

*Don't necessarily avoid sharp edges. Occasionally they are necessary to leadership.*

~ Donald Rumsfeld ~

*When a man assumes leadership, he forfeits the right to mercy.*

~ Gennaro Anguilo ~



## F.F.V. BOARD ELECTIONS

Past FFV Presidents Jones, Cooper & Born met recently in an undisclosed, smoke filled room where they donned funny hats, exchanged secret handshakes and engaged in weird and ancient rituals late into the night, as is the custom of the nominating committee. At dawn the next day a puff of smoke was seen rising above the rooftops and the people knew that a new slate of candidates for FFV Board had been anointed.

The chosen will be presented to the masses at the Labor Day Business Meeting. Members are reminded that FFV practice has been to allow additional nominations from the floor at the time of the meeting so if you have something to say, speak up.

