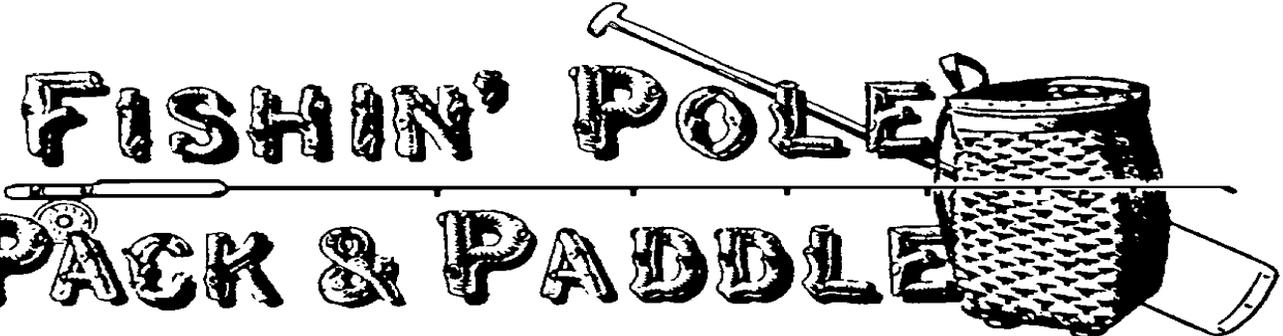


# FISHIN' POLE PACK & PADDLE



*Float Fishermen of Virginia*

*Spring/Summer 2006, No. 2*

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***Memorial Day Weekend Float  
& Business Meeting  
May 26-299  
@- R5  
Rappahannock River***

***Summer Float  
July 14-16  
@- Glen Maury Park Campground  
Maury River***



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## *The President's Paddle*

Well it is that time again to think seriously about getting the boat and fishing gear out and enjoying the warmer days. With the warm weather also comes spring clean ups.

Several chapters participate in road, river and river access clean ups. I encourage you to keep up the good work. This is a good way to put a positive face on FFV and let the public know we are concerned about the environment. We are known by our deeds; so let them be good ones. Whenever we can get our name in front of the public for a positive contribution to river conservation it is a plus and a way to attract new members.

We are all part of the membership committee in that we all have a chance to present the club in a positive light to prospective members. We want prospective members to see something in the club that they would want to be a part of. This is our club and we make it what it is.

This Memorial Day we will be meeting at R-5 on the Rappahannock River, at Remington. I want to thank the Randy Carter Chapter for hosting the club and cooking dinner for us Saturday night. I Look forward to seeing everyone and hope you attend the meeting on Sunday morning.

Bring you boats and appetites and any prospective members and enjoy the great outdoors.

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**New Business:**

**A Message To All Local Chapter Treasurers**

For those who are using the deposit slips, thank you very much! It is a wonderful help. If you don't have any deposit slips, or simply need more, please call or email me and I will send you some. All chapter treasurers, please don't forget to collect your chapter dues, write a check to FFV and make your deposit to BB&T, then send receipt of deposit to me. This is faster and more secure as it means fewer checks in the mail. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Also, please RSVP regarding the meeting of local chapter treasurers following the Memorial Day Weekend Float Business Meeting on Sunday. I would like to go over some possible changes in processes that I think will make our lives a lot easier ~ *KS Waller, FFV Treasurer*

**Tally of Membership, Effective April 1, 2006**

Article V of the FFV Bylaws states, "Each chapter is entitled to elect one director for each twelve (12) members, or majority fraction thereof, in good standing with a minimum of one (1) director per chapter. Chapter membership shall consist of those members in good standing as of April 1st of each year." The count of members for each local chapter as of April 1 is shown below.

<b>Members as of April 1st</b>	<b>Voting Directors</b>	<b>Local FFV Chapter</b>
11	1	Appomattox River Chapter – Petersburg
1	1	Bent Creek Chapter – Chesapeake
17	1	George Dickel Chapter – Charlottesville
57	5	Randy Carter Chapter – Warrenton
83	7	Roanoke Valley Chapter – Roanoke
25	2	Scotts Creek Chapter – Richmond
1	1	Shenandoah Valley Chapter – Harrisonburg
20	2	Steve Keller Chapter – Peninsula

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New Business, continued ...

### Proposal For Consideration at the Memorial Day Business Meeting

**Raymond Williams, President of the Roanoke Chapter FFV has submitted to John Van Luik, President FFV a five point proposal regarding the way membership rosters are maintained, with the stated goal of goal of removing discrepancies between local and state lists and reducing the time needed by local treasurers to ensure lists are accurate.**

*The proposal was adopted by vote of chapter members in attendance at the chapter's March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and submitted for consideration at the Memorial Day Weekend Business Meeting:*

#### FFV Policy - Membership Chair Responsibilities:

1. Maintain a membership list for each year. The year should be based on the calendar year. The list should be members for only that year.
2. Indicate on the list those members who were paid members by April 1 of the year in order to determine the number of delegates allowed form each chapter.
3. Provide and maintain in perpetuity a final membership list as of December 31 of each year, showing the total membership for that calendar year.
4. Provide the membership list to members by email and by hard copies at the Memorial Day, Labor Day and December statewide meetings.
5. Develop a plan each year to increase membership. The plan should be presented to the club at the December meeting of each year for the coming year.

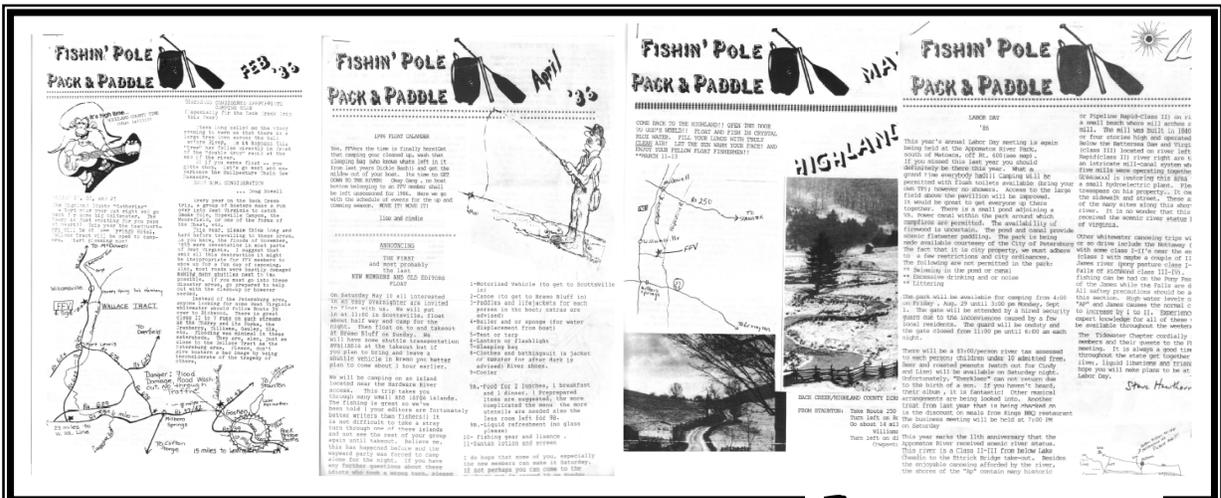
**Don Leeger, FFV Membership Chair has responded with the following statement:**

I am aware of the policy changes that have been proposed. I have requested an explanation as to why the changes are necessary and have not received an answer. Below are my comments on each point:

FFV Policy cannot change or over-ride the responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws.

1. At present a membership list is maintained continuously. Is there any value having a new list for each year?
2. The Bylaws only require publishing the membership list once each year. That is the list of members paid by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A separate list of Delegates should be generated by each chapter and submitted to the State.
3. This is not part of the Membership Chair responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws.
4. This is not part of the Membership Chair responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws. But, it could easily be done. Estimated cost - \$300 to \$500. Funds must be budgeted.
5. This is not part of the Membership Chair responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws. The number of members in each Chapter is the responsibility of each Chapter.

Respectfully,  
Don Leeger, Membership Chair



Twenty years ago....

# Float Fishermen of Virginia Foundation

## Winter Meeting Minutes December 3, 2005

*Cumberland State Forest*

1. The board agreed to get the word out about our Access Needs list. Each board member will take the message back to his chapter. The survey would allow the foundation to then contact various groups in the areas where we need paddler access. This would include realtors, land trusts and riparian landowners.

2. Bill Tanger provided FFV certificates that would go to Randy Carter Award nominees. The nominees were: FORVA, John Tippett (of Friends of the Rappahannock) and Rick Roth (Friends of the New River).

3. Bill Tanger suggested the foundation pay part of the cost of development for the certificates. The art and electronic file was developed by Bill but paid for by the Roanoke Chapter. The board agreed to pay \$50 to the Roanoke Chapter to share the \$75 cost of the certificate development. Jim will write a check to the Roanoke Chapter and send to Bill.

4. Chris Leonard submitted his resignation from the board. It was accepted.

5. Bill suggested that all board members suggest names to replace Chris Leonard. The suggestions should be sent by email by April 30. The vote on a new board member would then occur at the Memorial Day meeting.

6. Jim Garner will provide a summary of the raffle results, with the raffle expenses, ticket sales income and net profit.

7. Because John Tippett is seriously ill, Bill will talk to him about an acceptable way to allow us to present the Randy Carter Award to him. Bill will try to do this without letting him know the award is coming.

8. The suggestion was made by Bob Born that the Foundation help with the Cushaw Project. The board agreed this was a good idea. When Bill can provide some further info the board will then contribute some funds.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Financial Report March 31

*Jim Garner, Treasurer*

Several members have asked me about the finances of the Foundation, so I thought I would provide a brief update to all. This is the status of our treasury only. Other matters could be sort through Bill Tanger, President.

Balance on hand as of March 31, 2006.  
\$5,677.34

Outstanding bills:  
State Corp. Commission fee \$25.00

Results of last years canoe raffle:	
Expenses	\$461.66
Revenue	<u>\$2,085.00</u>
Net returns	\$1,623.34

The Board of Directors will meet during the Memorial Day weekend. All members are cordially invited to attend and be heard with thoughts, ideas, suggestions, etc.

### ***SPECIAL INSERT TO THIS ISSUE***

#### ***FFV Membership Roster***

FFV Bylaws (Article X.C) call for the publication of a state membership roster "...in the state newsletter once each year based on those members in good standing as of April 1st in any given year." New members may join, and old members may renew or move, change phone numbers etc. at any time so please consult the web site for the latest roster or contact your local chapter officer(s).



# FFV / CUSHAW DAM PROJECT COMMITTEE

Jeff Wold

**Update as of 5/3/06** ■ As reported in the last newsletter, the Forest Service rejected the road leading to the CSX culvert site for three main reasons. 1) The reluctance of CSX to allow passage through the existing culvert. 2) The steep road grade and forest disturbance that would be required to lessen the grade. 3) They felt the intersection with Route 501 was too dangerous (it should be noted that VDOT thought the intersection could be made safe).

This prompted a conference call with CSX officials, Dominion Power, DCR, FORVA, and FFV. CSX stated that they did not want to allow access to the culvert because of the chance that someone would try to use it during a very high water event and get trapped (later study by Dominion proved that this should not be a concern). They did suggest that a second culvert be installed beside this one. When the craziness of this was pointed out, there was discussion of finding an alternate location to install a culvert. A decision was made to look at alternate sites.

We went out Saturday 3/25 to locate an alternate location. We found what seems to be a promising location at a site just upstream from "Iron Man" at the site of lock 14 on the old canal. There is room for parking, the grade is much less than the culvert site road, and the road will only be around 1/4 mile long.

Dominion Power held a meeting in Lexington 3/28 to specifically discuss the culvert and access issues. In this meeting Bill Tanger pointed out to the Forest Service that they should be more cooperative and forthcoming with information. We discussed the culvert site and road problems and then rolled out the new location at lock 14. There was considerable interest in this by all. Dominion asked FORVA and FFV if we would drop the culvert proposal in lieu of pursuing the lock 14 site which we agreed to.



Bob Munson of DCR brought up the landowner liability law and the possibility of getting legislation through to indemnify railroads and will specifically mention them by name. This may allow at grade crossing and save the expense of installing a culvert.

Dominion proposed \$100,000 to the access issue and we have asked for them to increase it to \$165,000. This money will be used for the takeout above the pond if a suitable location can be arranged. In the event that does not work out, the money will be used to improve the put in at confluence in Glasgow or some other part of the Upper James.

We met with the Forest Service and Dominion Power at the lock 14 site Friday 4/28 and walked 2 possible roadways. The Forest Service was certainly more positive than I have experienced since starting this project, and we agreed to pursue the better of the two alternatives. In addition, the Forest Service engineer agreed to evaluate the site and report back by mid-May. As the FFV may need to submit a special use application to the Forest Service, we will need the services of a civil engineer to lay out the proposed road, and will welcome any volunteers.

Comments to the final FERC application were due prior to 5/1/06. I have submitted our comments on behalf of FFV. Please contact Bill Tanger or Jeff Wold if you need more information or if you would like to help out on this project.

# TRIP REPORT: ELK RIVER FESTIVAL, WV

Contributed by Ken Ingram & Bill Tanger, Roanoke Valley Chapter

We had a great turnout in Mineral Springs, WV the first weekend in April, with a total of 9 boats and 14 people from our Roanoke FFV group. Several stayed at the Mineral Springs Motel, some stayed in the campground, while others stayed at a Bed and Breakfast.

Saturday we floated with 9 boats, including Bottom Feeder (the raft). We had very few casualties and it was a great day on the water, although a little chilly for some (the casualties in particular). Everyone had a great time and the trip ended at the motel. The Festival and race was the largest they've had so far -- our group alone equaled 20% of their previous record.

On Sunday, most everybody took another trip down the next stretch, joined by several non FFVers including two boaters from Ohio and an one ex-guide on the Ocoee. The latter, known only as "Tennessee," shot the two on-the-water photos seen on this page. All together we had nine boaters.

The Sunday float covered from Webster Springs to Sandy Beach with plenty of clean, green water, superb scenery and nine splendid waterfalls. Only one boater swam on Sunday.

This was a good exploratory trip as we saw many potential trips on the Gauley, before Summersville, as well as several other rivers with really good whitewater action. Hopefully next year we'll have an even bigger group, as this is a fantastic weekend to get the boating season started.



*Don & Nicki Mohler in the Puma, Chase Mohler, Bill and Juanita Tanger in Bottom Feeder, and Jeff Wold looking on from above.*



*Left to right: Mo Byrd, "Tennessee", Lee Williams, Juanita Callis, Bill Tanger, Nicki Mohler, Eddie Mohler, Chase Mohler and Donnie Mohler at the take-out at Sandy Beach on the Down Elk, taken by an innocent bystander.*

For more information on the Webster Wildwater Weekend go to their web site here:  
<http://www.websterwv.com/whitewater.html>

# Events around the Commonwealth . . .

## Franklin County, VA

### June 2

**Blackwater Blackout** ~ Franklin County. Friday, Start time 9:00 p.m. ~ Night float (not a race) to raise money for the Antioch Community Park. The park will serve the upper Blackwater area of Franklin County and is located just a few miles from the put in. Bring a boat, a flashlight and "an adventurous spirit." Shuttle & safety boat provided. \$10.00 fee. Note that the registration form reads, "This event is not for the faint of heart!"

### June 3

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pigg River Ramble** ~ Franklin County. Saturday, Start time 10:30 a.m.; on-site registration starts at 7:00 a.m. ~ Put in at Waid Recreation Area on the Pigg River. Seven-mile race/float (a.k.a. Ramble) followed by post-race awards and a meal at the Farmers Market in Rocky Mount at 5:00 p.m. Shuttle provided for boaters back to Waid Park. \$20.00 fee per person (under 12 free).



### June 4

**Breakfast on the Blackwater** ~ Franklin County. Saturday. 7:30 a.m. ~ Float begins at Cooper Wood Products Bridge at 7:30, with breakfast served on the banks of the Blackwater at 9:00 a.m.; float ending approximately noon 'till 2 p.m. at take-out. Shuttle provided. \$15.00 fee per person (under 12 free).

Details and entry forms for all events available at <http://www.historicrockymount.com/events/pigg.html> or contact the Community Partnership at 540-489-3825 ; email: [director@historicrockymount.com](mailto:director@historicrockymount.com)

>>> See: [http://www.fcvaonline.com/index.php/page\\_id/283](http://www.fcvaonline.com/index.php/page_id/283) for photos of last year's event (*especially pages 36 & 64*) <<<

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## ***National Park Service Official Speaks at Roanoke Valley Chapter Meeting***

*Bill Tanger, Conservation Chair*

The February meeting of the Roanoke Chapter of the FFV featured a visit and talk from the National Park Service, with Park Biologist Clif Bobinski presenting a program on the upcoming New River Gorge General Management Plan (GMP).

Clif asked the FFV to provide comments for the scoping document that the NPS is developing. This means suggesting subjects that we think need to be studied for the upcoming management plan.

By the time Clif left the meeting he already had a half dozen written comments. In addition, several others were sent in by mail within the next week. Issues suggested for scoping included:

- Development to the viewshed of the Gorge is the greatest threat to the integrity of the park today. Since adequate protection is not being provided by Fayette County, the NPS should consider expanded park boundaries and increased land purchases.
- The NPS should pursue legislation or other means to allow pedestrians to cross the railroad tracks to get to access or parking for access. This effort is underway in Virginia and other states and should be addressed in the GMP.

- Minimum Instream Flow study should be done to determine minimum flows needed for recreation. Efforts should be ongoing to protect minimum flows since numerous water withdrawals are occurring in Virginia along the New.

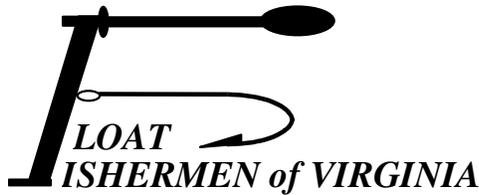
- Better access for paddlers is still needed at Meadow Creek, Prince and Stonecliff. The Cunard access should be modified so that paddlers can bring vehicles past the gate to load boats they are taking out, just as commercial overnight trips do today.

- Preservation of some of the old mining infrastructure should be investigated. This is especially true of those facilities within view of the paddlers on the river. Hiking trails to these sites should be considered for boat passengers.

- ATV use should continue to be prohibited in the park.

- Greater public/private partnerships should be considered with conservation and recreation groups that meet NPS standards. NPS should encourage "Friends of the Gorge" type volunteers.

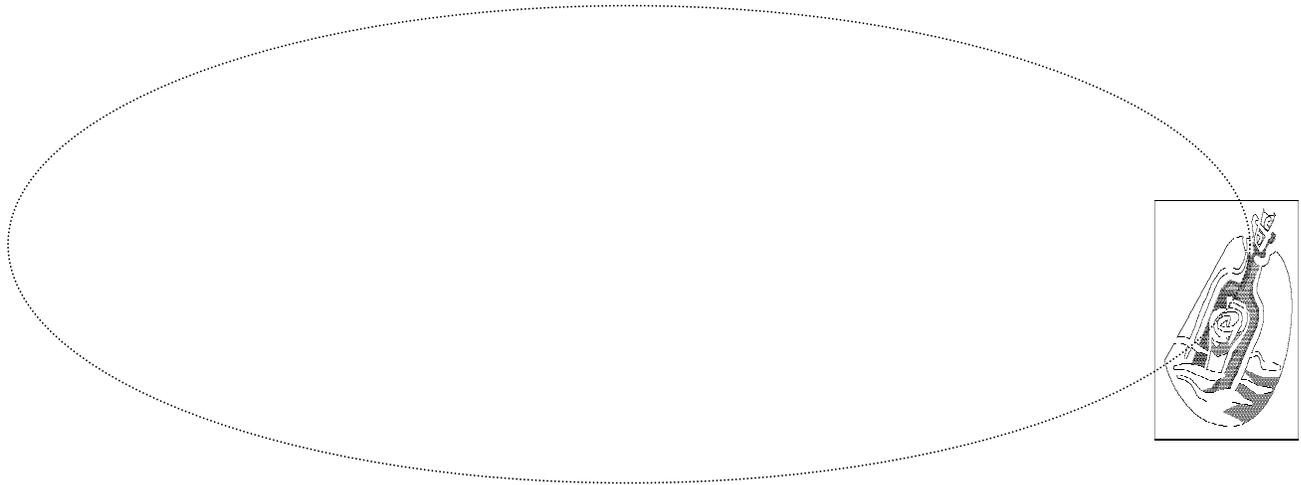
The FFV hopes these comments will contribute positively to the dialogue pertaining to the Gorge GMP.



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## F F V : Calendar of State Events

**May 26-29 / Memorial Day Float & Business Meeting  
@ R-5**



Need Maps?  
See website trip schedule

**From Charlottesville:** Take US 29 North to Culpepper. Take Bus. 29/15 just before Remington from Bus 29/15 Turn RIGHT on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn LEFT into the campground < .5 mi. after railroad crossing.

**From Fredericksburg:** Take US 17 West toward Warrenton. At Bealeton LEFT on SR 28 to US 29/15. LEFT on US 29/15(South) past Remington. Turn LEFT after crossing Rappahannock River onto Bus. 29/15 from Bus 29/15 Turn RIGHT on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn LEFT into the campground < .5 mi. after railroad crossing.

**From Warrenton:** US 29 South toward Charlottesville. Turn LEFT after crossing Rappahannock River onto Bus. 29/15 from Bus 29/15 Turn RIGHT on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn LEFT into the campground < .5 mi. after railroad crossing.

**July 14-16 / Summer Float  
@ Glen Maury Park Campground**



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**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.

Also mark your calendar for these events:

**September 1-4 /**  
Labor Day Float & Business Meeting  
Solitude

*Details in the next issue of FPP&P*

**August /**  
**Fishin' Pole, Pack & Paddle**  
Summer/Fall issue 2006, No. 3  
(Trip reports and other submissions due the 5<sup>th</sup>)

**November /**  
**Fishin' Pole, Pack & Paddle**  
Fall/Winter issue 2006, No. 4  
(Trip reports and other submissions due the 5<sup>th</sup>)



More trips can be found at the 2006 Trip Schedule page online at <http://www.floatfishermen.org/ffvschedule.html>