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Life Award To Steve Thomas

Alicia Jahsmann

On Saturday, 10/15/05, Steve Thomas was honored at the Coastal Canoeists Annual Meeting with a Life Membership Award. This award was for over 30 years of service and dedication to Coastal Canoeists, as trip leader, instructor, safety advocate, and president.

Les Fry, another Life Membership recipient, sent the following testimonial for Steve, even though he could not be there himself to deliver it.

“When asked to participate in this presentation, I wondered if I could be allowed 40-45 minutes. I figured it would take at least that long just to list the pieces of significance that Steve has contributed to Coastal Canoeists since he joined the club in 1971.

“Over 35 Years, he has earned it.”

“Tonight, Steve joins a small and rather diverse group: OK Goodwin, Hunter Marrow, Charles Ware, and –uh – one other guy (*editor: Les*).

“A few years ago, I had a fellow in one of my whitewater classes who earlier had taken a basic canoeing class under Steve. When Steve’s name came up, as it often did in canoeing classes, this guy said, ‘Oh, yeah, Steve Thomas. You ask him what time it is, he’ll tell you how to build a clock.’

“Thoroughness has been the hallmark of everything Steve does. He was put in charge of water purification for a 1990 trip down the Rio Grande for a dozen of us. We knew he was a chemical engineer. We knew he was thorough. We knew we were safe. His system, as later written up in Coastal CaNews, and picked up by canoe club newsletters all over the nation, became the authoritative reference work for potable water safety on extended river trips for the entire country.

“He did as much for canoe repair – aluminum, fiberglass, and ABS – for canoeing shin-guards, and for a number of other subjects.

“The technique of extracting a broached canoe became dubbed, “The Steve Thomas

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After tying the knot on June 11, 2005 at York River State Park, Coastals Welby Whiting & Duncan Fairlie paddled away for a life of matrimonial bliss. Welby & Duncan met two years ago on a Coastals’ Nottoway River trip. Photo: Alexa Welch Edlund

Water Pollution in Virginia

David Bernard, Conservation Chair

Virginia law says that all state waters shall be clean enough for swimming and boating. In fact fewer than half of Virginia waters - lakes and sections of streams and rivers - are that clean. What pollutes our water?

TOXIC POLLUTION: Any poisonous material that enters surface water and degrades the quality of the water and harms plants and animals living in the water is toxic pollution. Sources include leaking fuel tanks, motor oil washed off of parking lots, industrial waste, and household chemicals that go down the drain.

SEDIMENT POLLUTION: Soil enters water through erosion, a natural phenomenon. Over millions of years the Appalachian rain and

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**Paid Your Dues?
If not, we hope you enjoy
your last CaNEWS!**

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A Hike A Paddler Would Appreciate

Mike Dean

I was sent on a trip to Boise, ID for a business presentation. “Not to bad,” I figured, “I’ve never been to Idaho.” Considering this, I scheduled my flights so that I could get a long afternoon to do a little exploring in the greater Boise area.

After my meeting, I raced back to the hotel to get out of the corporate noose and into my hiking boots. I went down to the front desk and asked, “This may be my only afternoon in Boise. If you only had one afternoon, what would you do with your day?”

The answer was to take a trip to McCall, Idaho. “It a sleepy little ski town that has not yet found the peak season,” the desk clerk explained. “It a beautiful drive through the Payette Canyon and a nice place to get some dinner. Straight up Rte 55, about 100 Miles.” “Payette,” I think, “that rings a bell.” The weather was sunny and about 45 degrees (not too bad for Mid-November in Idaho.) I was

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Steve Thomas
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Rope Trick,” a name given it by then club secretary, Charles Berry. The name stuck.

Steve insists he didn’t invent it, but over the years, he became one of its most experienced practitioners. And we saw it work perfectly on his own canoe deep in the Doe River Gorge in 1978. Again, though publication in Coastal CaNews, the salvage system’s use became widespread – was picked up and reprinted in publications of countless canoe clubs, and nationally by the American Canoe Association, the American Whitewater Affiliation, and the American Red Cross.

“In addition to his service to Coastal Canoeists as a member of the Board of Directors and as President, I would guess that Steve has written in excess of a hundred contributions – trip reports and other articles – for Coastal CaNews. I’m sure that he has coordinated (or in the old days *led*) over 50 club trips. And a Steve trip was always an educational experience. He made it a point to share with his trip participants not just a river’s topographic details, but its natural beauty and its historical significance as well. This is particularly true of his history-rich home river, the Appomattox.

“I am delighted that the club has seen fit to bestow Life Membership upon Steve Thomas, Jr. Over 35 year, he has earned it.”

Unanimous

Coastals’ membership unanimously elected Ray Williams,

Martha James and Gretchen Cornell to the Board of Directors at the October 15 Annual Meeting. Ray, Martha and Gretchen will replace Cathleen Lowery, who served as Store Chair; Bernie Farmer, who served as President and Raffle Chair; and Dave Stockdill, who served as Treasurer. These three will join six other board members in governing Coastals, Inc. Each board member serves a three-year term. Three board members rotate off the board each year.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors reconvened and elected Scott Wiggins to serve a second year as President. Additionally, Dane Goins was re-elected Secretary. Subsequent to the meeting, the Board elected Gretchen Cornell Treasurer.

Programs

Spring Quarterly Meeting & Program

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2006.

Place: (*tentative - check the website to confirm*) Doswell Community Center, Doswell, VA.

Directions: Take I95 to the Doswell Exit #98, about 25 miles north of Richmond. Go west on Routh 30 to the intersection of Routh 1. Turn right and go north on Route 1. Pass Lumber Yard on the left. Go left to a big brick building, the Doswell Community Center.

Campgrounds: Camping is available at the King’s Dominion Campground. Call 800.922.6710 or 804.876.5355 for reservations, <http://www.kingsdominion.com/visit>

Schedule Saturday, January 21

Paddling: Doug Jessee 999.999.9999 j.jessee@honeywell.com

4:00 p.m. Board Meeting: Doswell Community Center

6:00 p.m. Dinner: Potluck. The club will provide Brunswick Stew. If your last name ends with A-G, bring dessert; H-O, bring salad & dressing; P-Z, bring vegetable.

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

7:15 p.m. Program: To be determined. Check website.

Sunday, January 22: Paddling: Doug Jessee

Conservation

David Bernard

snow runoff eroded the high mountains to create the Tidewater coastal plain and the Mississippi delta. In the period after the end of the Ice Age and before European settlement this erosion was mostly a gradual process because the vegetative cover broke the fall of rain and the roots held the soil in place. Agriculture, mining, and development have removed large amounts of this plant cover and erosion has accelerated. The excessive sediment blankets the stream bottom and chokes aquatic life. The sediment is also a hindrance to navigation and increases floods.

NUTRIENT POLLUTION: The elements nitrogen and phosphorus are necessary for life and are normally in small quantities in Virginia water. Excessive amounts of these nutrients introduced from sewage treatment plants, from faulty septic systems, from livestock grazing in creeks, and from dissolved fertilizers from lawns and fields lead to excessive growth of algae and water weeds. When these water plants die, their decomposition uses lots of another life element, oxygen, which is normally dissolved in water. Without this oxygen, fish and shellfish die.

BACTERIAL POLLUTION: A common measure of water pollution is the fecal coliform concentration, the bacteria from animal waste. Some is natural from bears and raccoons. Now we have seven million people, their pets, and their livestock. This is the pollution most immediately dangerous to human health. Sewage treatment plants and septic systems control most but not the entire human source. Controlling the waste from animals is not so comprehensive.

Virginia's water has many problems, but many bodies of water are cleaner than in 1972, when the Federal Clean Water Act was passed. Many industries have been obliged to remove toxics from their process water before releasing it into public waterways. Federal grants to states and local governments have financed modern sewage treatment plants and collection piping. However, these same projects have subsidized spreading development, which has posed its own set of problems. Runoff from lawns, farm fields, and roads and parking lots is only beginning to be dealt with on other than a voluntary basis.

Last year Virginia appropriated \$50 million

from the General Fund to deal with sewage treatment plants that do not adequately control nutrient discharges and to help agriculture reduce its contribution to the pollution problem. Your correspondent does not like the concept of this expenditure, as it allows the polluter to escape the responsibility of cleaning his own mess. The bill passed with large bipartisan support. No environmental group opposed it, as all were thankful that our government was willing to recognize that Virginia's waters need attention if they are all going to be able to support normal aquatic life and be suitable for swimming, paddling, and as a source of community water supplies.

Balcony Falls Takeout

A November 16 meeting in Lexington resulted in progress and agreement on developing a paddlers' takeout after the Balcony Falls whitewater run on James River.

The meeting was called by Jim Thornton of Dominion Resources to iron out issues for Dominion's re-licensing of their Cushaw Dam. A number of recreational uses in addition to whitewater paddling were under consideration in this very special area, where

tight turn limit boat size at the ramp. Appalachian Trail officials had been concerned about noise and wake problems adjacent to the James Face Wilderness Area on river right. Further discussions on banning jet skis from Cushaw Lake may follow. Coastals takes no position on motorboat regulation in Cushaw Lake.

Dominion will do nothing to ease access for fishers to the steep bank below the dam. All thought that it was just too dangerous. Dominion did agree to build a portage for paddlers around the dam river right, but only if and when a portage is built around the Bedford Dam just downstream.

For our number one issue, Dominion considered five possible takeouts, from the culvert scouted by Float Fishermen of Virginia down to the Appalachian Trail Bridge. All had pros and cons, but the lower two were rejected as requiring too much flatwater paddling. The culvert is favored by paddlers, but not by the US Forest Service who would have to authorize, design, and maintain a steep access road. The use of the existing culvert by paddlers is not a sure thing either. The steep carry at the Iron Man takeout meant

no one advocated for it. A strong second choice would be a takeout across from Matt's Run, in an area that is already used by many paddlers. No one from CSX railroad was present, but the word is CSX grudgingly concedes they must do something to facilitate access. The many letters from public officials orchestrated by Float Fishermen appear to have had good effect.

CSX does insist on negotiating any crossing with a public agency, not a private group, which all private groups present readily agreed to. The re-licensing will provide for an undetermined amount of funds from Dominion to be disbursed as Dominion, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation decide is best. First priority will go to the culvert location.

If that proves unworkable, the Matt's Run location will be developed. In the event neither of these is feasible, Dominion will contribute money to improving the Locher Landing VDGIF access, which many of us know is often crowded, muddy, and lacks bathrooms and changing rooms. There was concern about improving Locher Landing if downstream access is not improved. It was pointed out that Locher Landing is often used as a takeout for trips starting upstream. Watch this column for further updates.



Alicia Jahsmann, Recognition Chair, presents Steve Thomas with a plaque for his Life Membership Award Photo: Julie Wilson

Virginia's largest river cuts through the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Dominion had commissioned a study of recreational use, and there was some discussion of its' scientific validity. The study did reveal that almost all outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the area – paddlers, fishers, hikers, tubers, hunters, and sightseers.

The status quo will be maintained at the VDGIF launch ramp at Rocky Row, near Cushaw Dam. Some motorboaters had wanted a new access since the low bridge and

Membership

Chuck Berkey

Last Call: Your Dues are Due

If the mailing label on this CaNEWS indicates your membership expires in Dec., 2005 you must renew your membership by December 31.

Send your \$20 dues to: Membership Chairman, 505 Winterberry Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

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T R I P R E P O R T S

Nepisiquit River

Dane Goins

This was a different sort of canoe trip.

After several months on a new job assignment, I was in the grip of an overwhelming desire to get back to the wilds of North America. I began searching for a guided trip in Maine or Canada in March and went to old friends at Sunrise Expeditions. Having been on the Bonaventure River in the Gaspé Peninsula of Quebec, I sought to revisit that pristine environment. Unfortunately, no one else was interested in paddling that area of the country and going solo wasn't an option.

Feeling a bit let down, I called Mike Patterson of Wilds of Maine Guide Service, whom I've done about a dozen weeklong canoe expedition trips. Sure enough, Mike was planning an "exploratory" trip – this time down the Nepisiquit River. As luck would have it, he had an opening for one more paddler. Needless to say, I rushed my deposit to Mike and started my planning.

The trip was limited to 10 paddlers, all experienced and all but one known to me. It was quite a diverse group of folks. We had three Maine guides, two college math professors, a lawyer, a psychologist, an IT manager, a historian/author, and a retired marina owner from St. Thomas. Our ages ranged from 40s to early 70s.

For a description of this area and river, I quote from the Wilds of Maine write up, "The name Nepisiquit derives from the Mi'kmaq name meaning "river that dashes roughly along." The Mi'kmaq (also known as the Micmac) are an indigenous people with the traditional lands primarily in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The Nepisiquit River has been billed as the best whitewater trip in New Brunswick. Beginning in the province's northeastern Mount Carleton Provincial Park, it flows east then north into the Baie des Chaleurs at the city of Bathurst. Mt. Carleton is the highest peak in the Maritimes at approximately 2,700 feet."

A 75-mile section was planned and started at the Mt. Carlton Provincial Park. Class I-

IV whitewater was ahead of us but spaced randomly throughout the trip. The three Class IV rapids were all in one section of the river where we encountered them on the third day at Indian Falls. These we portaged. Paddling open canoes, loaded heavily with supplies for a week. There was little need to take risks that could destroy our boats and loose equipment.

Ordinarily, this would have been pretty typical for a weeklong canoeing and camping trip. But there were there elements that I had not experienced before that had me label the expedition a "proverbial character builder". First there were the bugs. More black flies and mosquitoes than I had ever seen before. Although, I felt that maybe it

was fishing - circling, then hovering, then diving and retrieving a medium sized brook trout. Wow! What a way to start a trip!

The next morning we experienced the next factor for our "character building" trip – the weather. Our 85-degree day dissipated into 50 degrees and rain. For the next 6 days, the temperature only once rose above 56 degrees and it rained sporadically (lightly) but consistently every day and night. The air temperature was not a problem and the rain worked to keep all the bugs at bay. So, looking at the weather as a good thing, no one complained, and this made a tremendous difference in the enjoyment of this adventure.

I have to say equipment get a real test in this environment. My REI tent held up superbly, but after six days my Gortex rain gear was saturated with water. Fleece was great. Packing fleece in Richmond during 90-degree heat I felt pretty silly. But you pack for contingencies and this paid off big time. Taking plastic trash bags to double up waterproofing your clothes and sleeping bag is essential for comfort. That little bit of extra weight and hassle is worth it! Bug defense is not often needed, but when they strike you better be prepared. I had 40% deet

with me but what worked best was my bug net and bug shirt. These are standard items that I have in my gear but never have used except for this trip. I used them just about every day – usually at breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner. And for you beer drinkers, beer flows fine through a bug head net!

Now for the third phenomenon that made this trip unique – portages. Most of know about portages around obstacles. Some of know about long portages, like what Nate Houser and Tom McCloud described on their Moise River Trip. Nothing beats having to actually do one to get real personal with the effort involved. We had three portages, each becoming progressively more difficult. Our first was 50 yards, up over a bank, quick drag, then back into the river. This portage got us around the first Class IV drop. We actually found a sneak route around the second Class IV of Indian Falls. *(continued on the next page)*



Dane Goins approaches Indian Falls on the Nepisiquit River Photo: Shauna

was just a southeastern view, it was verified by the locals. Bugs this year were worse than they had experienced in 50 years... lucky me. Having packed for most contingencies, the deet wipes and bug net came out while at the put-in. With 85-degree heat, fighting bugs while loading the canoes, this was not making me feel very endeared to nature. Once moving across three miles of lakes, the bugs lighten and we removed our head nets. After six miles on the first day, we made our first camp around 6:00 p.m.

Forgetting the bugs for the moment, the group awed at an incredible sight – a huge bull moose standing by the banks edge in the river eating aquatic plants. This guy must have weighted over 800 pounds. Getting bored with the spectators, he lumbered off to the dense fir forest. To cap the experience, a bald eagle soared off his perch into an aerial display for the crowd. The majestic raptor

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definitely game.

The Boise area is located on large plateau surrounded by snow-capped peaks to the north and south. I was heading north.

About 30 miles, and I was going over the first pass through the leading range of mountains. From the top of the hill, I could see a small town in the valley called Horseshoe bend. It's located where the Payette River makes a sharp bend to the West. From this point on, Hwy 55 follows the Payette's banks all the way to McCall.

When I first found out I was heading to Idaho, I checked out the AW site for any of the Rivers. I remembered a few of the big names (The Salmon, The Snake) but I overlooked the Payette and didn't realize how close it was to where I was staying. This river was truly a jewel.

From Horseshoe Bend, the road (and the river) starts heading up hill. As I come to find out, it climbs almost 1500 feet in about 18 miles through the Payette Canyon. I was in Heaven.

I first really started noticing the rapids a few miles after Horseshoe bend. Like every whitewater Junky, I would get out and scout at every turn in the road. Climb my way to where I could get a good look at the water and drool. Super cool little slots; nice play waves and friendly holes. Nothing too unfriendly, but it all looked as though it would be much more interesting with some higher water and a stiffer current. I'm thinking "I got to bring my boat if I am ever in Boise again."

After about 5 stops, I come upon the first river company. I stop in to say hello and get some information about the river. As it turns out, I was at a whistle-stop town called Banks. This is located at the confluence of the North and South forks of the Payette. The helpful lady at the desk was very nice and shared a little info about the river. Banks is the take-out; I hadn't even seen the part of this river that is considered a whitewater classic. I also learned that the water level was miserably low. Seemed run-able to me, but this is through the eyes of someone with downtown James River standards. Anyway...

I set off from Banks and can't believe how much the canyon chokes down. What was once a river as wide as the Balcony Falls section of the James was now little more than a 30-foot wide creek. On the opposite side of

the river are railroad tracks. From the map provided by the Outfitter, I could see that the tracks crossed the river three times; once at the top, once at the bottom, and once about ½ way. My Plan was to drive up, park, and hike down the tracks to the middle bridge. I'm out west; I am hoping I can hitch back to my car. At the top, I parked and set off for the most beautiful hike I ever enjoyed.

The North fork of the Payette is awesome. I have never in my life seen anything like it. It's kind of Nolicucky-esque, in that it carves it way through the mountains, but at such a much more violent pitch. AW says it drops 110 feet per mile. Each and every corner is an unbelievable challenge. There are giant boulders splitting the current only mere feet from a four-foot drop onto a pointed rock garden. The 6-mile stretch I walked was completely constant. So much so that I had a difficult time even figuring out where the named rapids started and ended.

Unlike everything I ever paddled, this river's rapids seem to be formed from rock falling into the water. This compared to ledge drops that are associated with the southeast's rivers. Seems that landslides fall into the water and chock down the current creating jagged boulder dams. The water washes over and through the giant boulder dams and creates violent shapeless rapids. Surrounding this river are sheer granite cliffs that seem to go on forever. It is a sight to behold, even at "low water."

I hiked my way down along the tracks and was in a state of shock. I only wish I had the skill to paddle this river. I also wish I would have thought to bring along a camera. Maybe someday.

At the bottom I caught a ride back to the top with a guy in a pickup. He smirked at my parked rental Caddy (free upgrade baby) as he let me out of the truck.

Moments later I was back on the road. A few miles later the road took a right from the river up a small tributary. After several turns, I suddenly found myself at the beginning of a 60-mile long plateau that ended in McCall.

The difference in elevation was so severe that I was now in the midst of 20+ inches of snow. 10 miles ago the temperature was a balmy 45 degrees and I was hiking in a light fleece. This huge basin is what feeds the Payette.

I got a surprisingly good Rueben sandwich in McCall, and was back on the road a little before dark back towards Boise.

If you're like me, you probably have a preconceived image of Boise. I was completely wrong. It reminded me a lot of Boulder, Colorado. I was trendy in the "Out West" sorta way. I ate at great restaurants, and spent significant time in their downtown district where I was surprised as it was very much alive with a vibrant bar scene, and lots of upscale shops and restaurants. I highly recommend a trip to Boise for anyone who is an outdoor fanatic.

I am always awestruck by the vast variety our country has to offer. I only wish I had the time to see it all....

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The third portage, and last section of Indian Falls, was about one quarter mile. Gear had to unloaded then hiked to the new putin area. When all the gear was relocated, the canoes came next. To add to the fun, the sky cleared, the sun shone, the temperature rose, and then the bugs came!

Our last portage came a few days later. It was around a New Brunswick hydroelectric station. Initially it looked simple and our information from a native agreed. However, scouting soon proved our intelligence was in error. Despite an easy walk from up river, it was near a mile to the putin. The putin is misleading here as I am just referring to where we stopped with the gear. To get to the river, the boats and gear had to lowered down a limestone face of about 100'. The bolder pile below was only large enough to hold six canoes and four people. Having to repel to the launch sight, load the canoes, launch a couple of boats, then get the next group took us a total of 3 ½ hours. We did this in the rain, on slippery slopes and rocks. No one rushed and therefore we had no injuries.

I have spent a lot of time describing the difficulties of the trip. The reader needs to understand these situations make the trip memorable – not preventable. Our group of ten had a wonderful time. We fished and caught brook trout each day. Saw a half dozen moose, including two very young twins that looked like fuzzy wool balls on toothpicks. We came across many whitetail deer and about a dozen hawks and eagles. Their habit was undisturbed which added to the serenity of our trip. And above all else, the camaraderie and fellowship of old and new friends completed the equation for a most excellent adventure.

Cruise Schedule

Ken Dubel

The rules are few, but very important: Coastals trips are intended primarily for club members. However, visitors are invited to check us out! Paddling can be quite dangerous. All trip participants assume full responsibility for their own safety. The coordinator only organizes the trip. Paddlers must self-rate themselves for these trips. Difficulty ratings are intended as a rough guide and are subject to error. You are expected to research an unfamiliar river yourself. Please don't just "show up". Please don't bring unexpected guests. Please don't endanger yourself and the group by paddling a trip that you are not prepared for.

Dates	River or Activity	Rate	Coordinator	Email	Phone
	Rolling session - Appomattox River Company. Midlothian YMCA 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. \$5 in advance at store. 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5		ARC	website = paddleva.com	
	Kayak roll instruction. Manchester YMCA 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. 3 instructors / 8 students. Equipment provided. \$40 12/18, 1/22, 2/19, 4/23		Chesterfield Parks & Recreation		
3/19	First timer introduction to kayaking	N	Chesterfield Parks & Recreation		
	Rolling session - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Clean boat! Chester YMCA. \$5 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2		Val Puster		
TBA	Rolling session - Bridgewater Pool		Ken Dubel	dadmskteer@aol.com	
	Rolling session - Victory YMCA Yorktown. \$5, limit 10 boats. 1/8, 2/12, 3/12		Dave Bradford	lizdave@cox.net	
1/21 1/22	Quarterly meeting, North Anna River (Richmond)	I	Doug Jessee	j.jessee@honeywell.com	
2/4,5	Appomattox, Chesden Dam to VA state college	I	Doug Jessee	j.jessee@honeywell.com	
2/18 2/19	Bannister River (SW VA)	I	Shawn Alexander	scalex@yahoo.com	
2/25 2/26	Staunton River Camper, Long Island to Brookneal (Lynchburg)	I	Doug Jessee	j.jessee@honeywell.com	
3/4 3/5	A different Back Creek, Shanghai to Tomahawk / dinner / contra dance (Martinsburg, WV)	N	Ed Gertler	e_gertler@yahoo.com	
3/4, 5	James at Seven Islands (Charlottesville)	N/I	Martha James	marthajames@yahoo.com	
3/4, 5	Appomattox, Chesdin to Petersburg	I	Shawn Alexander	scalex@yahoo.com	
3/11 3/12	Maury River clean up and paddle -- Goshen Pass and lower sections (Lexington)	I / A	Alicia Jahsmann	aliciaoc1@hotmail.com	
3/18 3/19	Nottoway, Cutbank to Purdy Sat., Purdy to Jarrett Sun. (30 miles S of Petersburg)	N/I	Doug Jessee	j.jessee@honeywell.com	
3/18 3/19	James in Richmond	I	Jenny Wiley	jwiley@hsc.vcu.edu	
3/18 3/19	Back Creek / Jackson River -- 100% must contact David in advance! (Warm Springs)	I	David Bernard	david@aquariusplumbing.com	
3/25 3/26	Ocoee (TN)	A	Robert Weddle	kayak2@mindspring.com	
3/25	Roanoke River, Gaston to Weldon (60 miles S of Petersburg)	I	Doug Jessee	j.jessee@honeywell.com	
3/25, 26	South Anna (Richmond)	N/I	Ginny Newton	newt546@erols.com	
4/1, 2	North or South Anna (Richmond)	N/I	Martha James	marthajames@yahoo.com	
4/1 4/2	(Daylight savings) Webster Springs Elk River Race (WV). Race has something for everyone, Dave's looking for advanced creeking		Dave Kessmann	dave.kessmann@simplimaticautomation.com / www.websterwv.com/whitewater.html	
4/8, 9	Upper and Lower Tellico (TN)	A & I	Karl Gordon	karlgordon@filtrona.com	
4/8, 9	North Branch Potomac at Bloomington	I	For	Your	
4/8, 9	James in Richmond, upper Sat., lower Sun	N,I,A	Doug Jessee	j.jessee@honeywell.com	
4/8, 9	Rappahannock Camper, Ely's Ford or Kelly's Ford (Culpeper)	I	Larry Gross	lgross@pobox.com	

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Introducing the all-new dual V-8/canoe powered Corn Wagon from Ford. Currently a big seller in gulf coast states. Guy Colombini and Thomas Bernadas test drive one at the Annual Meeting. Photo: Julie Wilson

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