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## DAN RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION MERGES WITH MARTINSVILLE/HENRY COUNTY RIVERS AND TRAILS GROUP

It's official. The knot has been tied. The three-year-old Dan River Basin Association has merged with the six-month-old Martinsville-Henry County Rivers and Trails Group. The engagement was a short one, but the prospect for a happy marriage seems good.

"It's a natural fit," says Lindley Butler, DRBA Treasurer, who with wife and DRBA Secretary T Butler has been attending the meetings of the Henry County group. "The emphasis with which DRBA started three years ago is the same as the one that has come to dominate the thinking of Martinsville-Henry County R & T: trails and river access." MHRTG has already obtained a VDOF greenway planning grant for a trail along the Smith River southwest of the Fieldale Bridge.

From its inception the Dan River Basin Association has been conceived as an umbrella group embracing sub-groups throughout the Basin. Henry

County is one of the eight Virginia and North Carolina counties that make up most of the area of the Dan River Basin. The Rivers and Trails Group is particularly concerned with the upper reaches of the Smith River.

"I think that this is a good match," said Kay Slaughter, a lawyer with the Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville who has been convening the sessions of the Henry County Group under the aegis of the Harvest Foundation, located in Martinsville. "The members of the Rivers and Trails group think so too, so long as the group is able to maintain its identity." At its April retreat the group agreed to merge with DRBA.

Then at the DRBA annual membership meeting April 9 three members of MHRTG were elected to the DRBA Board of Directors: Roger Adams, Ellen Jessee and Ben Murdock. John Buck, a teacher at Patrick Henry Com-

munity College, who has been active in MHRTG, was already a member of the Board.

The two groups are now working jointly to secure grants to staff offices in both Virginia and North Carolina.



Board members and visitors preparing for meeting (#259). Left to right: Roger Adams, Linda Strange-Dillard, T Butler, Jeff Johnston, Ben Murdock, and Will Truslow

Submitted by Forrest Altman

## Spring Clean Competition Nets Cash Prizes

For two weeks each April, the Rockingham County Beautification Council sponsors Rockingham County Spring Clean, designed to clean up area roadsides and illegal dumps. Nonprofit groups register, clean up pre-approved locations, deliver the trash to the landfill, and compete for cash prizes. Friendly rivalries arise between groups, though not often so pronounced as in the Pyron family, where Julia and daughter Ashley collect and haul trash for DRBA but Julia's father George uses the same truck for the Rockingham County Naturalist Club.

Throughout the cleanup, DRBA and Naturalist Club members worked

side-by-side and wondered which would win the first prize. Milton Hundley, whose energy never seemed to flag, put his new trailer through its paces with daily hauls. Jane and Ron Norwood brought in dump truck loads of tires, and pickup trucks carried debris loaded by Barbara Solomon, Ken and Margo Perkins, Bill and Cheryl Garrity, Mike Vaughan, Jim Joyce, Tom Good, Kitty Williams, Charles Mallard, Sandy Connolly, Peyton Cherry, Wanda Hamrick, Jocelyn Gordon, Marion Edwards, Jane and Mike Haines, Cheryl and Bennet Nooe, Brenda Atkins, Ann and Jim Clark, and T and Lindley Butler.

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## FIRST SATURDAY OUTING April, 2005

### ROCK CASTLE CREEK GORGE HIKE

I am happy, as a new member of DRBA, to report on my first "First Saturday Outing" on the Rock Castle Creek Gorge Hike. The day began rather inauspiciously when I awakened to the sound of pouring rain. But I managed to entice my husband, Joe, out of bed with the smell of bacon & eggs and to convince him that we should head up the mountain anyway, just for the fun of the ride if nothing else. But, who would have believed it, we arrived at the trailhead with bright blue skies dotted with fluffy white clouds, although I can't say that it was particularly warm.

Our group set out with our fearless leader, Will Truslow, and we started to get acquainted with our trail mates, Gerald Witt, Ken Hilton, Diane Bartz, and the Knight family. (Sorry I couldn't remember your names; I got a chance to refresh my memory with the others again at trail's end.) When we came to the first big creek crossing, I'm afraid the Knights got "cold feet" and decided to turn back. That lucky devil, Joe, had on tall waterproof boots and just waded on across while the rest of us had to get along as best we could. Some of us, rather than get them wet, removed our boots and socks, and waded across. Then, not much further down the trail we had to repeat the process. But from then on we had much appreciated bridges for our treacherous crossings.

Forrest Altman and his young neighbor, Dylan Stiltner, coming from the other direction, joined us near a rather nice white farmhouse with capital rest area facilities. The porch was a great picnic area for lunch and the wooden outhouse was first class with a regular toilet seat and a concrete floor.

We continued our journey through the lovely gorge with rushing Rock Castle Creek cascading over rocks and cliffs crowded with rhododendrons. Although the rhododendrons are still a couple of months from blooming, we did discover numerous wildflowers in bloom, including Virginia Bluebells, Spring Beauties, Bloodroot, Cut-leaved Toothwort and Early Saxifrage. There were others, though not in bloom yet, the leaves have appeared such as Trillium, Trout Lilly, and Rattlesnake Plantain.

I noticed Gerald taking numerous notes and on questioning him about it, discovered that he is a reporter for the Danville Register and Bee writing an article on spring wildflowers! The article should be in either this coming Wednesday's or Sunday's edition.

Ken's brother, Kerry Hilton, who lives nearby, saw us off at the trailhead and met us at trail's end. A special thanks to Kerry and Forest for shuttling us back to the trailhead.

*Submitted by Ellen Jessee*

## FIRST SATURDAY OUTING May, 2005

### Stokes County Float

#### NC 89 BRIDGE TO DAN RIVER COMPANY

We began the May 7<sup>th</sup> outing in the parking lot of the Dan River Company on Flinchum Road in Stokes County. They provided the shuttle and quickly, expertly loaded us and our gear. We were taken to the put-in point, provided with up-to-date hazard info ("tree down river left..." etc.) and unloaded with "have a great paddle" ringing in our ears.

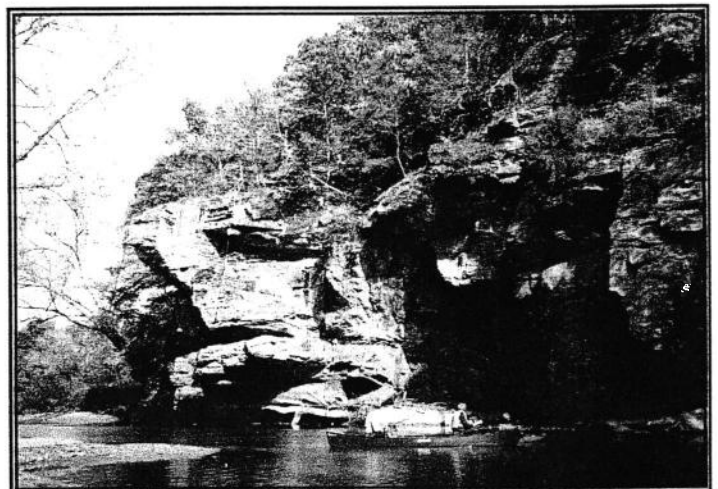
The weather was perfect for paddling. It was a very moderate temperature with a clear Carolina Blue sky and plenty of water in the river. Our group of 16 donned PFD's, loaded gear (better known as "stuff") into boats in record time and prepared to engage with the mighty Dan. Ah, but it was then that "Where's my paddle? Have you seen my paddle?" was heard from four of our group. It seems they were about to be "up the creek (in this case the river) without a paddle"...literally. Whoops! The day was saved by the quick action of our group leader who pulled out his cellphone and got...a signal. Most cellphones go dead in this area near Hanging Rock/Danbury. A quick call to the Dan River Company and within 10 minutes we were all on the river. Our deepest thanks!

This day's leisurely float covered a 6.5 mile scenic section of the Dan passing Moore's Spring Campground, Cascade Creek, Indian Creek and Demon Rock. It has Class I and II rapids. It is here too, that it is easy to believe that civilization has been left far behind. High bluffs, wildflowers, a variety of trees and birds; these are what can be seen from the river. There is no sound of

traffic and no visible pollution. As we neared our lunch stop at Demon Rock, there was a glimpse of houses high on the bluff. The first sign of civilization.

It was during lunch on the gravel beach adjacent to Demon Rock that the youngest member of our group helped a fisherman bring in a "single serving" size bass. It was a beauty. Good job! After lunch, we continued our leisurely float to the take-out at Dan River Company. We had enjoyed a day of perfect weather, beautiful scenery and good companionship.

*Submitted by Barb Solomon*



Demon Rock

## Surprise Discovery in Mayo River State Park

Some long-distance sleuthing has turned up architectural treasures in the old Mayo Park in Mayodan, NC, now part of the Mayo River State Park. Dr. William Whitaker of the University of Pennsylvania discovered that in 1948 Washington Mills employed internationally renowned architect Antonin Raymond to design the recreational buildings for the mill-owned property.

Born near Prague, Raymond came to America in 1910 and worked with Frank Lloyd Wright. According to Professor Whitaker, Wright's influence and Raymond's decades of work in Japan inspired a philosophy that "enlivens the spirit through the use of natural materials" and "captures the essence of nature." Constructed of local wood and stone, Raymond's buildings include elements of Japanese style and

seem uncommonly suited to their location.

Beloved by generations of mill employees and townspeople, the park achieved Raymond's goal of creating "an atmosphere of serenity and calm, life and joy." Clearly, Raymond was especially proud of the park pavilion, since he published a photograph of the building on the cover of a Japanese architectural journal and included it in his autobiography.

DRBA organized Professor Whitaker's visit to the park in early May to discuss the buildings' future with officials from NC State Parks, NC Cultural Resources, Rockingham County, and the Town of Mayodan. All are viewing the buildings with new respect, hoping that this architectural legacy can continue to inspire many generations to come.



*Above in the foreground,:* Joe Jessee, T Butler, Katy Drews, and Julia Pyron count insects and crustaceans netted from the South Mayo River to test the water quality.

### PHOTO GALLERY



*Left:* Ashley Parham, T Butler, Bill Garity using the Pyron truck for Spring Clean.

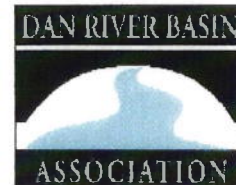
*Above:* Milton Hundley's new trailer as it looked nearly every day for two weeks.

*Right:* The Pavilion at Mayo Park

*Below:* Dr. William Whitaker, hands on hips, with officials at the ruin of the bath house.



*Right:* One of many sites on the Chinqua Penn Trail



## Retiring Board Member Steve Carpenter Shares His Experiences

About eight years ago, when I was in the second or third time around in my second childhood I "rediscovered" canoeing. I grew up in the mountains near Morganton, about five miles from Wilson Creek but although I'd lived a third of my life there I never tried paddling rivers. Before I moved here to Roxboro, nearly six years ago Sheri and I bought a lake boat to paddle for bird watching. I thought my life was too dull so I decided to learn about river paddling.

When I moved here I read the "green book" written by our local Dan River guru, sorry Forrest this is not an advertisement just a truth telling, and a mutual friend suggested that I call him if I was interested in learning about the river and canoeing. Eventually, I did and he invited me to go with him to Mayodan to a meeting where a group was interested in increasing access and use on the Dan River in a manner what would preserve its' uniquely isolated and unspoiled state. I don't know why, but folks seem to think that's a natural conflict. He told me that if I'd help him he'd guarantee me some instruction on how to survive the river. It sounded like a deal to me so I took him up on the offer.

Anyway, after a couple of those meeting I accidentally became the temporary treasurer

of the group and was entrusted with the non human "assets" of the group. I believe it was about \$36 or so? can't really remember. A few more meetings and a group of us set some goals and mission statements and invited a whole host of people to another meeting in Mayodan. Although, the DRBA has a number of stated lofty goals, education, stewardship, preservation and the like, we all knew that unless we got folks on the river, we would never get enough people interested and committed to those goals so we concentrated in those first years on encouraging the recreational assets of the river and the "first Saturday" trips evolved.

In addition to being fun, and allowing folks to safely get on the river and live to tell the experience to others, the group really jumped in size. Although the interest of the Board was to share that experience all along the Dan River Basin the real focus came in Rockingham County.

I guess it was just their time! Others have lent their support and faithfully worked on core projects but those Citizens in Rockingham "got the picture" and have developed the curiosity of floating on the Dan into a local trade. I applaud them and hope others will follow them when they figure it out.

My work on the Board has been to represent local government and to share some of the things we know about how groups work and what it takes to keep developing new leaders and interests. Without new people coming into the organizations and picking up the challenges any group is destined to die.

That's why after about five years it's time for me to move along from the Board and watch from the side. It's kind of like when mom pushed me off on my first bike without training wheels on the "back road". It was a steep down hill dirt road with a 90 degree right turn and 30 foot bank on the end of it. She sure was brave to push her eldest progeny, did you like that one Forrest?, off the hill, but, in spite of the fact that I wrecked twice on the way down, I did eventually make it and gained knowledge, and experience in the process.

Good luck to those coming onto the Board and may your ride down the hill be rewarding as mine has been.

Watchin' from the side!

Steve

*PS guys, I just bought a new bicycle so maybe if I live long enough I'll be ready to try this again.*

## FIRST SATURDAY OUTING June 4th 2005

By all accounts the trip down the Dan on June 4<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success – the weather started out overcast and very warm, but progressed to be a hot and sunny early summer day. With 21 boats and 38 participants, it was a great group. Several commented that this was the largest group for an outing yet.

At the Settle Bridge Access Lindley Butler gave us all a good introduction to the history of that section of the river, noting points of interest that we would pass along the trip. After our "lesson" we all loaded up and headed to Madison where we launched a small flotilla of canoes and kayaks at the 704 Access on Water Street.

The journey began smoothly with everyone getting used to the boats and those sharing boats working together. We went along nicely, with T and Lindley leading the way and stopping to help people navigate under the bridges at Highway 220. But then came the first challenge – Slink Shoal Sluice – the water was up slightly so you really couldn't see the structures, and unfortunately two boats didn't make it through with out taking a dip. We understand the water was pretty cold. But the ones that overturned quickly got their boats set right, and we were on our way again.

About noon we stopped at Lone Island for lunch and a comfort break. After a nice respite, we loaded back up and were on our way again. We passed Jacob's Creek Landing and a large metal object embedded in the river that Lindley tried to convince us was a Confed-

erate submarine. (Nobody took him up on his offer of land that went along with that story either. It turns out the thing was a fuel tank of some kind that had been in that spot for years.)

The next challenge was Gravel Shoal – luckily everybody made it through without mishap. We traversed along for another hour or so, making good time until we spotted our final destination dead ahead – Settle Bridge. Everyone made it out okay and a few of us transported folks back to their cars at 704. All in all, a wonderful trip.

It's amazing how peaceful the river is even amongst a large group of people. You truly do feel as if you're in the wilderness, doing something that was commonplace in days gone by. It gives you the chance to look at the flora and fauna with more than a glance. We saw a number of species of birds, including a great blue heron, an osprey, and a red-tailed hawk; a turtle, all kind of water bugs, and the odd cow from pastures that border the river. What is most striking though is the trees along the river bank: they are amazingly tall and many are reckoned to be 100+ years old; you just don't see that along the roads we travel.

Everyone should take at least one of these outings....it's well worth it.

*Submitted by Julie Talbert*

## EXCERPTS FROM APRIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Next Meeting:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on July 13th at the Danville Water Treatment Plant.

**Martinsville-Henry County Rivers and Trails Group (MHRTG):** Kay Slaughter of the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) brought the Board up-to-date on this group, which has been meeting for about six months and which share's DRBA's goals of preserving, protecting, and enjoying the area's rivers. MHRTG decided at their April 1 strategic planning retreat to merge with DRBA while retaining their group's identity. T and Lindley Butler serve as ex officio members of the group, and John Buck has been a member of both from MHRTG's beginning. [Note: Roger Adams, Ellen Jessee, and Ben Murdock are MHRTG members who were also elected to DRBA's Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on April 9.]

As part of their strategic plan, MHRTG decided to apply for a Virginia Forestry Department greenway planning grant for a demonstration trail alongside the Smith River southwest of the Fieldale Bridge. The trail is envisioned for hikers, bikers, and horses between Fieldale ballpark and the sewage treatment plant, with a river access beside the bridge to be built in the future.

John Buck made a motion (Brenda Martin seconded) that DRBA authorize Roger Adams to apply for a planning grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry for the greenway river trail and access. The motion passed unanimously.

**Grants:** Lindley Butler and Kay Slaughter

reported that DRBA and MHRTG will apply to North Carolina's Z. Smith Reynolds (ZSR) and Virginia's Harvest Foundation (HF) and Public Welfare Foundation (PW) for planning, offices, and full-time staff in both North Carolina and Virginia. Kay Slaughter and Will Butler, working with other SELC staff, will prepare the grant applications. Harry Cerino, HF Executive Director, has suggested that we write a combined grant application to take advantage of the regional synergy across the state line. Since the deadlines are June 15 for HF and August 1 for ZSR, the application will be completed this spring. Both grants should be awarded by early November.

**Bateau:** Jeff Johnston reported a successful bateau voyage earlier today on the Dan River at Eden for editors of *Our State* magazine. The bateau will be on display at the Rockingham County Folk Festival in Wentworth on Saturday, May 7, with river rides offered on the river at Eden on May 8. DRBA members are needed to learn how to pole the bateau and serve as crew. Jeff said that Three Rivers Outfitters in conjunction with DRBA is enabling folks to get on the water who otherwise could not. Mark Bishopric stated that the trailer is completed and licensed, and the boat can accommodate approximately 16 passengers, plus the crew.

Jeff had noticed today that the USGS river gage at Wentworth is to be discontinued on July 15 if no financial partner is found to support it. Barry Dunkley said that the City of Danville pays \$5,000 annually toward the \$11,000 cost of maintaining the gauging station above its wastewater treatment plant. Jeff will look into the problem of the Wentworth gage, which is vital for all river users in Rockingham County.

**Stream Monitoring:** Brenda Martin reported that she and Wayne Kirkpatrick are certified in Virginia's Save Our Streams program, which they demonstrated on the South Mayo at the general meeting April 9. Walter Hairston expressed interest in having the SOS program established on the Smith, and Mike Vaughan commented on the low cost and effectiveness of the program and our desire to extend it into North Carolina. Paul Ferguson donated a chemical testing kit for Wayne and Brenda's use. Brenda hopes to become an SOS trainer.

**Strategic Plan:** Our applications for grants require a strategic plan that projects our vision through at least the period of the proposed grant. The Board agreed to merge information from MHRTG's strategic plan with the outline plan DRBA has created in the past, prioritize the items, and put it in proper form. Ben Murdock commented that sustainability is the weakest part of DRBA's current plan.

We will apply for funding an office and full-time executive director in North Carolina, plus an office and full-time planning director in Henry County. Kay Slaughter, citing 20 years' work with nonprofits, assured the Board that foundations want us to apply for multiyear funding to do a strategic plan and figure out our funding. ZSR gave SELC enough money to build capacity when it began and really tried to help. Ben, who has worked for 30 years in nonprofits, pointed out that foundations are set up to give out money, get their name out, and satisfy their mission. Taking this step requires us to think large enough and to realize our potential once new money starts coming in. Hiring the right staff is crucial.

**Philpot Dam 216 Study:** Kay Slaughter read a draft of a letter to Virginia Congressmen Goode and Boucher requesting their support of funding for a study of Philpot Dam operations. Currently the flow regime associated with power generation at the dam adversely affects the Smith River's trout fishery, and the study will review impacts on other users of the river. Ben Murdock moved, and Barry Dunkley seconded, that the letter be sent as read to Virginia representatives in Congress and that additional letters be prepared and sent to North Carolina representatives. The motion passed. Copies will be sent to the respective senators as well. Members were urged to write similar letters as individuals and to get other interested groups to do so as well.

### SPRING CLEAN COMPETITION *continued from front page*

"One day we dragged tires, appliances, and trash out of half a dozen dumpsites," reported T Butler. "We stopped to rest and admire wildflowers along a stream, hoping Milton would announce it was lunchtime, since it was after 2:30. Here came Milton, end-over-ending a water heater up the embankment, saying there was just enough room left to load it onto his trailer. I decided that if Milton won first prize for the Naturalist Club, I surely couldn't quarrel."

Not to worry. When the tallies came in, the eleven registered nonprofits had collected over 103,000 pounds of trash, but three of the groups had turned in more than 82,000 of those pounds. The amounts were so close to the same that the Beautification Council announced a three-way tie for First Prize, enriching the coffers of the Madison Circuit Charge Youth, the Naturalist Club, and DRBA by \$500 each.

## EXCERPTS : MINUTES OF 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

**Election:** Julia Pyron reported for the Nominating Committee, recommending the election of the following slate of officers and Board members, who were elected unanimously:

**President:** Tom Edmonds, Caswell County  
**Vice President:** Barry Dunkley, Pittsylvania County  
**Secretary:** T Butler, Rockingham County  
**Treasurer:** Lindley Butler, Rockingham County

### New Board Members:

**Terms Expire 2008:** Roger Adams, Henry County  
 Mark Bishopric, Rockingham County  
 Ellen Jessee, Henry County  
 Ben Murdock, Henry County  
 Will Truslow, Guilford County  
 Mike Vaughan, Rockingham County

### Returning Board Members:

**Terms Expire 2006:** Joey Bane, Halifax County  
 Ken Bridle, Stokes County  
 Paul Johnson, Halifax County  
 Terry Painter, Person County  
 Julia Pyron, Rockingham County

### **Terms Expire 2007:**

John Buck, Henry County  
 Paul Ferguson, Wake County  
 Clark Graves, Halifax County  
 Wayne Kirkpatrick, Patrick County  
 Brenda Martin, Patrick County  
 Tom Taylor, Guilford County

### **Term Expires 2008:**

Jeffrey Johnston, Rockingham County

**Tour of Dairy Farm:** Wayne Kirkpatrick gave a detailed and fascinating tour of his dairy farm. He pointed out the difference between two young calves, one of which will join his herd as a good milk producer, the other to be sold. He displayed and explained the 100-pound mixture of feed that each of his 84 cows consumes daily. The milking parlor was visited, concluding with the milk storage facility where he explained how the milk is transported for processing.

Wayne's dedication to the farm and his pride in its high quality products are evident, as is his enjoyment of his profession.

**Grants Committee:** Tom Taylor reported that we have recently received two grants. The Annie Penn Community Trust has awarded about \$8000 to DRBA, the Rockingham County Naturalist Club, and the Upper Piedmont Research Station for the Chinqua-Penn Trail to cover a brochure, parking lot, and landscaping. The application and administration of the grant are headed by Mike Vaughan.

The second grant of \$5600 to DRBA from the Rockingham County Tourism and Development Authority will pay for a batteau navigation system brochure to promote and enhance paddle trips on the Dan River in Rockingham County. Lindley Butler is writing the brochure and administering the grant.

In addition, Will Butler is working on a Z. Smith Reynolds grant application for paid staff in North Carolina.

**Education Committee:** Forrest Altman asked for volunteers to help with the committee's tasks, which include archives, public relations, booths at festivals, brochures, displays, news releases, newsletter, pamphlets, programs, photo library, and website. He recognized David Tingen, our new webmaster. New volunteers include John Buck and Ellen Jessee, and many more are needed.

**Stream Monitoring Demonstration:** After lunch Wayne drove the group to the South Mayo River on his farm where he and Brenda Martin demonstrated the process of netting macroinvertebrates from the river bottom. Three stations were set up where we could collect and count the insects and crustaceans, comparing them to an identification chart before they were returned to the river. Wayne and Brenda calculated the condition of the stream based on the organisms we counted, and we were pleased at the good quality of the river at this location.

**Stewardship Committee:** Ken Bridle reported that as Streamwatch Group for the Dan River Basin in North Carolina, DRBA is being asked to organize monitoring activities in the river and tributary streams twice a year. NC DENR has supplied packets explaining the assessments—visual survey, stream diagnosis, and insects and aquatic life—that volunteers can perform. The forms and instructions will be posted on DRBA's website. As volunteers select a stream to monitor, they should notify Ken, who will create a map of monitored sites throughout the basin in both states. He invited everyone to a meeting of Dan River Partners, organized by Piedmont Land Conservancy to coordinate the effort, at 10:00 a.m. on April 27 at Hanging Rock.

Mike Vaughan introduced our special guests from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Amanda Gray and Mike Shaver from the South Central Regional Office in Lynchburg, which oversees the eastern portion of the Dan River Basin. Brenda Martin and Wayne Kirkpatrick, our Save Our Streams certified stream monitors, participate with other volunteers in Virginia in creating the data base that screens waterways and lets DEQ know what needs their attention. Both officials solicited DRBA's help in increasing cooperation across the state line.

### DAN RIVER POKER PADDLE RUN

for Hospice of Stokes County will be held on June 25th. The fee is \$16.00 per person. This run is a 6.2 mile river trip on the scenic Dan River through Hanging Rock State Park, a trip time of 2.5 to 3 hours depending on skill level. Fee includes shuttle, BBQ dinner, dessert, live music, 1st prize of \$250 and many more prizes. Sign in at 9am at the Dan River Company at 1110 Flinchum Road, Danbury, NC. Rain date is set for July 16th.

Raffle for a Mad River canoe, courtesy of Confluence Water Sports Company, will be held. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the Hospice of Stokes County office or the Dan River Company. All proceeds go toward patient care of Hospice of Stokes County.

For more information call 336/593-5309 or 336/593-2628.

# DRBA VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET

As we grow so does the need for more volunteers to help with the following needs. Please share some of your talents, energy, and passions.

I am interested in helping with:

Historical batteau reenactment (poling batteau, making costumes, storytelling)

Boat access on Dan, Smith, or Mayo (planning, constructing, maintaining)

Create/maintain hiking, riding, portage trails (demo trails in Fieldale, Eden)

Grant proposal writing

Program for 2006 annual meeting

Streamwatch testing/monitoring

Displays for festivals, museums

Other \_\_\_\_\_

And so very many thanks to those of you who already give so much!!

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by promoting  
Stewardship,  
Recreation  
and  
Education*

The mark of a successful man is one that has spent an entire day  
on the bank of a river without feeling guilty about it.

*Chinese Philosopher*

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## First Saturday Outings

July thru December 2005

**July 2.**

Mayo River in Henry and Rockingham Counties

**August 6**

Dan River Boat Race in Madison, NC

**September 3**

Danville, VA to Milton, NC, including batteau

**October 1**

River cleanup, TBA

**November 5**

Mayo River in Rockingham County

**December 3**

Sprig Outing on Upper Little River

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