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A Message from the President

Summer brings a hiatus from club meetings for the months of June, July and August. While we do not have monthly meetings during the summer, that doesn't mean that we have gone into hibernation! We will continue to get together the first Saturday of each month for a fly tying session

and there are outings scheduled throughout the summer months. Abundant opportunities to participate and take advantage of your membership in Free State Fly Fishers exist.

The summer months are a great chance to enjoy for the great fishing that Maryland has to offer – trout fishing continues, farm ponds come alive for bass and the Chesapeake Bay rewards anglers with a wide variety of fish to catch and eat.

So from the Atlantic Ocean off Ocean City to the mountains of Garrett County, opportunity abounds.

I depart for the northern climes in late August and do not return until early October. My Canadian hiatus to the maritime provinces offers me an opportunity for some terrific brook trout fishing as well as a seafood abundance that is hard to beat. My wife and I enjoy dining on nothing but seafood from the time we leave until we return. Shellfish including lobster, mussels, oysters, clams, scallops and shrimp as well as finfish that includes haddock and halibut all freshly caught grace our table daily. Just thinking about it stimulates my taste buds especially the fish and chips!!!!

I always look forward to my return and renewing my friendships at FSFF. I know that while I am away, the club is in the good hands of our vice presidents, Rich Batiuk and Denis LaCroix.

Denis LaCroix continues to bring interesting speakers to our meetings and Rich Batiuk has a calendar full of outings.

You can read more about these programs and outings in this issue of the newsletter.

So spread the word and enjoy your membership in FSFF. 🍷

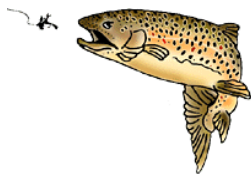
Monthly meetings are held in the FSFF Clubhouse

The **Free State Fly Fishers** meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM except December, June, July and August. The meeting site is located in Davidsonville, MD at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (DFRC) in the Clubhouse behind Ford Hall, on Queen Anne Bridge Road off of MD Route 214.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DAVIDSONVILLE FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

From Rt 50/301: Take Davidsonville Rd (Rt 424) south 3.2 miles to Rt 214. Go right 0.7 miles to 3727 Queen Anne Bridge Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to the DFRC.

From Rt 2: Take Rt 214 west 3.7 miles to 3727 Queen Anne Bridge Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to the DFRC.



Club Outings for Summer and Fall 2013 - Rich Batiuk

Well, summer has fully arrived with 90 degree day, humidity and thunderstorms...just in time for our suite summer and fall oriented club outings. In the coming months we have a great schedule of outings planned to date through September, from western Maryland trout to Shenandoah smallmouth bass to the West Branch of the Delaware River.

- If you are planning to join Ken Moser and John Scarborough for the extended trip to Western Maryland, please give Ken a call to let him know you will be heading out there.
- Please note the date for the float trip down the south fork Shenandoah River in Virginia has changed to Saturday, June 29th. If you

Date	Location	Target Species	Outing Coordinator(s)
June 6-7	Casselman River/Western Maryland Streams	Trout	Ken Moser 410-544-4861 mosemac@aol.com
June 11	Monocacy River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass	Ray Cline 410-266-0860 cline@annapolis.net
June 29	South Fork Shenandoah River, VA (float trip)	Smallmouth Bass	Rich Batiuk 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com
July 10	Monocacy River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass	Ray Cline 410-266-0860 cline@annapolis.net
July 27	Potomac River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	TBD
August 10	Rappahannock River, Virginia	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	Rich Batiuk 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com
September	West Branch Delaware River, New York	Trout	John Donnelly 410-570-1493 johnamy89@comcast.net

- are planning to go, please contact Rich Batiuk so he can get a head count and make reservations with our river outfitter.
- Members has a double opportunity to fish the Monocacy River this summer with ESPN's guide of the year, Ray Cline.

Having missed last year's outing as some of us have to work during the week, I fished this section on my own on a weekend—outstanding piece of water with great riffles and lots of smallies.

- We still need an outing coordinator for our July 27th outing to the Potomac River for the infamous white fly hatch. (I will be on vacation in Maine that week so need someone to step up for this highly paid position! Someone please call Rich at 410-268-5226 or email him at rbatiuk@aol.com and lead this trip.)
- John Donnelly will provide more details on the trip logistics for our outing on the West Branch Delaware River at the FSFF September club meeting. John was quoted during lunch at the Trap Pond outing on his third helping of food, "I guarantee 16-24" trout on every cast or I will forgo my outing coordinator salary." Sounds like a promise to me.

A one page description of outing logistics, including when, where, meeting location/time, target species, recommended equipment, recommended flies, license(s) needed, and any other instructions, will be emailed out to all club members several weeks prior to each outing (thanks to George!). Copies of these one-page outing logistics are also included in this newsletter, with any updates to be included in the email just prior to the outing. 🌿

2013 Spring Club Outings—Great Opportunities to Get Out and Fish

Thanks to John Scarborough for leading our April trip to Muddy Creek, Pennsylvania and to George Vincent for taking club members to our traditional April outing to the Gunpowder River in Maryland. High, discolored waters disrupted our traditional Hickory Shad bonanza on Deer Creek in Maryland (thanks for trying, Tom Gooding), with several club members wading in catching a few shad. Ken Moser stepped up and lead the club outing to Clarks Creek in Pennsylvania, a unique trout tailwater fishery. And once again John Donnelly delivered in spades: great fishing

successful and a meal that could have fed thousands during our long held traditional outing to Trap Pond, Delaware. (And don't believe Glenn's stories about Rich catching the same darn spawning bluegill at least 8 times in a row from the same honey hole—just ain't true.) And to close out the spring outings, Larry Meyer led the club on a trip to the Patapsco River, Maryland. 🌻

Still Time to Offer Up an Outing—We Use This Thing Called Email to Get the Word Out

Clearly we still have room on our outings calendar for more fishing trips this summer and fall. Our objective is to schedule at least two, if not more, outings per month during any month when the fish are biting. We also want to introduce club members to waters where they may not have fished before. So if you have a favorite place to fish you are willing to share with your fellow club members, then you can lead an outing. Here's how simple it is:

- Select the location and date for the outing
- Send Rich Batiuk a simple one-page outing logistics flyer with the relevant information
- Show up at the appointed time and location
- Lie like crazy about not even being able to make a single cast without hookin' another record setting fish following the outing.

So, got an idea for an outing? Please contact Rich Batiuk, FSFF Outing Coordinator at 410-268-5226 or rbatiuk@aol.com or talk with me at an upcoming club meeting. 🌻

Tight Lines, Rich Batiuk



Monthly Programs - Denis LaCroix

The club does not meet in June, July and August. Be sure to mark your calendars and check your email to watch for monthly meeting reminders and the speakers that are scheduled for the fall. 🌻



2013 Fly Tying Update - George Vincent

The monthly fly tying sessions at FSFF continue throughout the summer months. We continue to get together the first Saturday of each month from 10AM till Noon to tie various patterns of interest. Patterns for bass and shad have been added. And in preparation for the cicada emergence Wayne Blake-Hedges introduced a cicada pattern that should be productive at the May session. In June we tied Bob Clouser minnows and Enrico Puglisi patterns provided by Wayne. We continue to encourage the use of a variety of materials and be innovative in their application.

Interest in this addition to our sport of fly fishing continues to grow among our membership.

So please consider joining us on Saturday mornings throughout the year at the clubhouse where tyers of all levels can tie new patterns, improve techniques and hone their skills. 🌻



Dues Decrease and 2013 Membership Renewals

At the May 1st meeting it was voted on to decrease the age for senior member from 65 to 55.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2013, it is not too late. Membership is only \$15 or **\$10** for those members **55 and over**. To renew your membership, please print the membership form in the newsletter and send it along with a check payable to the Free State Fly Fishers to:

Frank Bowne
3523 Tallyho Ct.
Davidsonville, MD 21035-2436

Each month you will receive and email notification reminding you of the monthly meeting and when a new on-line newsletter is available on the FSFF Listserve.

If you address, phone number or email address have changed, please be sure to highlight that on the form.

A membership application appears at the end of this newsletter. 🌻



FSFF Listserve Online

The FSFF Listserve is gathering place for the members of Free State Fly Fishers. Our membership is drawn mostly from Annapolis, Bowie, Davidsonville, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, Maryland.

As an added benefit of membership in the Free State Fly Fishers (FSFF), this Listserve is set up to help members stay in touch with each other. It is also a means of distributing meeting information to members.

All members of are automatically subscribed to the club Listserve (Mailing List) when they provide an email address with their membership renewal. 🌻

For more information check out:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fs-ff/>



Summer 2013 Treasurer's Report - Tom Gooding

FFF coffee mugs and patches are available at the monthly meetings for \$3.00 each and the newly designed FSFF club hats with a longer bill are available for \$15.00 each. 🌻



Help To Stop Poachers

Reminder - If you spot poaching please place a call to

Catch a Poacher Hotline at 1-800-635-6124

A cash reward is available for information leading to an arrest and conviction of a violator.

REPORT POACHERS!!





Federation of Fly Fishers News and Items of Interest

**Federation of Fly Fishers –
PO Box 1688, Livingston MT 59047
406-222-9369**

Conservation News

Conservation is one of the founding principles of the Federation of Fly Fishers. Contributing over 40 years of conservation work, the Federation of Fly Fishers is proud to continue protecting our fisheries and angling opportunities for the future.

The grassroots activities done by the work of our many Clubs and Councils are the heart of our conservation efforts. River trash pick-up, stream habitat restoration or letter drives to local government officials are all examples of conservation work.

FFF Announcements

The Federation of Fly Fishers supports the rights of anglers to recreationally pursue fishing in the waters of the United States.

The U.S. Clean Water Act of 1972 establishes a policy of maintaining fishable waters. The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members wholeheartedly accept this provision and adopt the following pro-active policy in support of the Clean Water Act.

The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members shall...

- Support the Federal and State environmental agencies in their implementation and enforcement of water quality standards applicable to fish.
- Coordinate our volunteer activities and financial resources with other conservation and environmental organizations seeking to protect water quality;
- Participate in clean-up and restoration projects to build or improve fisheries;
- Encourage our members to monitor our favorite fishing streams and lakes by utilizing the appropriate tests from the FFF or other sources to measure temperatures, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and other state and federal water quality measures to assure compliance with established standards;
- Report pollution events (oil and chemical spills, suspected polluting outfalls, violations of water quality standards, etc.) to emergency and enforcement officials.
- In appreciation of the quality resources gifted us by our forbearers; we shall leave these resources no less diminished to our children.



FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC.

2013 Membership Application

Name: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

If renewal → Is this a new address, phone number or email address?
___ yes or ___ no

Type of Membership:

___ Senior (55 or older) \$10.00
___ Junior (16 or younger) \$10.00
___ Regular \$15.00

Payment Method: Cash _____ Check _____

Make checks payable to: FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC.

Renewal _____ **or New Member** _____

May we share your contact information with other club members? ___ Yes
___ No

Send Application and Payment to:
Frank Bowne
3523 Tallyho Ct.
Davidsonville, MD 21035-2436

Free State Fly Fishers Western Maryland Outing

When: June 6-9TH, 2013

Where: Fishing the trout streams of western Maryland, with the main focus on the Casselman River in Grantsville.

Meeting Location/Time: We will meet at Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 7 AM if you plan on going with Ken Moser and John Scarborough.

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

We want to be on the river by 10:00 AM as there is usually a hatch that comes off at that time. Let me know if you plan to attend and if you plan on driving and willing to take others, need a ride, or driving but do not want company due to scheduling.

Lodging: We will be staying at The Casselman Inn, 113 Main Street, Grantsville, Maryland 21536. Call the front desk at 301-895-5055 or go on-line at www.thecasselman.com. Splitting a room will run about \$30 per night. The Inn has a restaurant for meals. Also, Burger King, Pizza, Subway, etc. nearby.

Target Species: Brown, rainbow, and brook trout

Recommended Equipment: Waders are needed, (no felt sole boots or shoes), wading staff if you're a bit unsteady, 2 to 5 wt rods, with reels, floating lines only since water is not that deep.

Recommended Flies: Caddis patterns work well, terrestrials, wooly buggers, March Browns, and for late evenings, extended body Mayfly patterns. Sizes can range from 12 to 20's.

License Needed: Maryland freshwater license with trout stamp

Outing Coordinator: Ken Moser

Contact Information: 443-717-2621 mosemac@aol.com

Please let me know if you plan to join us so that if the trip is cancelled due to weather I can let you know. Look forward to seeing many of you there. Can't make it all the days, no problem—meet us up there for a day or two.

Free State Fly Fishers Club Monocacy River Outing I

When: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 (Rain date: June 18)

Where: Upper Monocacy River at intersection with MD Rte 77 Rocky Ridge Road

Meeting Location/Time: Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 1 PM

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Target Species: Smallmouth bass, greenear sunfish, redeye bass

Recommended Equipment: Wet wading is not uncomfortable, but bring waders if you wish (remember: no felt soles). The water is cool and clear, and the river bottom varies from sand and gravel to occasional rocks and boulders and infrequent ledges. Sunglasses with polarized lenses are very helpful. A landing net can be convenient, but not necessary.

Recommended Flies: Smallies feed on crawfish, which are abundant, and minnows. Work the bottom during bright days with streamers, zonkers, and terrestrials; and move to topwaters later in the day.

License Needed: Maryland freshwater fishing license

Outing Coordinator: Ray Cline

Contact Information: 443-837-6242 cline@annapolis.net

Trip Logistics: We can consolidate at the 'Park & Ride' or drive individually if you prefer. Driving directions are provided below. Approximately 75 miles from Annapolis – 1 ½ - 2 hour drive. This access point is also the start of the Monocacy Water Trail that ends 42 miles downstream at the Potomac River. Park along the south side of the road at the western end of the bridge.

This is a scenic stretch of the Monocacy, with wading upstream for approx ½ mile to RR bridge, or downstream 2-3 miles. There are many access points along the Monocacy, but I have had the best results here. There is a good population of smallies averaging 10-14 inches, with an occasional 16 or 17 inch fish. They are great fighters, and if you hook a 12 inch smallie, you will think it's a 2-pound largemouth until it starts leaping!

Driving Directions to the Monocacy River at Route 77: From the 'Park & Ride' use I-97 south to MD 32 or north to MD 100 to access I-70. West on I-70 to Exit 62 MD 75 North (Green Valley Road). Approximately 10 miles to Libertytown – turn left at the light on Main Street, proceed about ¼ mile, then right on MD 550 North (Woodsboro Road). Approximately 5 miles to right on MD 194 North (Woodsboro Pike). Proceed approximately 3 miles through New Midway, then left on Detour Road Detour Road ends at MD 77 Rocky Ridge Road. Turn left, go 1 mile to cross bridge and park on south side of the road.

Free State Fly Fisher South Fork Shenandoah River Outing

Where: South Fork Shenandoah River, Virginia

When: Saturday, June 29th 2013

Meeting Location/Time: 'Park & Ride' at the intersection of Route 424 and Route 50 in Davidsonville, Maryland at 6:00 AM [CONTACT RICH BATIUK IN ADVANCE IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US—NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS W/RIVER OUTFITTER!]

Species of Interest: Smallmouth bass, greenear sunfish, bluegills, rock bass (aka, red-eye bass)

Equipment Needed: 5-7 weight fly rod, floating weight forward line, spare spool with a sinking tip line, waders (or plan to wet wade with wading boots), wading staff, seat cushion (optional), small anchor or length of rope to tie on a rock to act as an anchor. (I usually bring at least two rods, one set for popper action and one set up for subsurface)

Recommended Flies: Bring your favorite smallmouth bass flies, including: Clousers, Sneaky Pete's, Woolly buggers, crawfish imitations, dragonfly and damselfly imitations, leech and hellgrammite imitations, and (of course!) Ken Moser's infamous 'Fly Alternative'. For the greenear sunfish, bluegills and rock bass, bring an assortment of smaller poppers.

Fishing Licenses Required: Virginia License (non-tidal)

Other Instructions: Bring something to eat and drink for lunch and to snack on during the float trip as between canoeing and wade fishing you will be thirsty and hungry.

Outing Coordinator: Rich Batiuk

Contact Information: 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com

Trip Logistics: This early summer float trip down the South Fork Shenandoah River was a long held FSFF club outing until the massive fish kills on the river in the early to mid-2000s. Well the smallies are back in good numbers and the river is well on the road to recovery, so time to re-start the tradition. Unfortunately, the outfitter the club used for two decades (Shenandoah River Trips) went out of business a number of years ago (but Trace and Edith are still doing well!), so we will starting to be use Front Royal Canoe located at 8567 Stonewall Jackson Highway, Front Royal, VA 22630 and accessible at 800-270-8808 and www.frontroyalcanoe.com. They offer a multitude of different length float trips down the river. We will sign waivers, pay for Virginia fishing licenses, and select which float trip we want when we arrive. The outfitter will bus us to the put-in point and make arrangements for pick up times as well as provide for canoes, paddles and lifejackets. Plan to meet at the Park 'n Ride and we will car pool from there.

Directions: Take Interstate 66 West from Washington DC to Exit 13 (Linden Road/Front Royal) Take U.S. Route 55 West into Front Royal. At the fourth traffic light inside of Front Royal, take a left onto U.S. Route 340 South (Stonewall Jackson Highway...this is the south, you know!). Front Royal Canoe is on the right hand side approximately 3 miles past the entrance to the Shenandoah National Park/Skyline Drive at 8567 Stonewall Jackson Highway. Look for their highway sign with the red canoe on top.

Free State Fly Fishers Club Monocacy River Outing II

When: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 (Second Club Outing to Monocacy!)

Where: Upper Monocacy River at intersection with MD Rte 77 Rocky Ridge Road

Meeting Location/Time: Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 1 PM

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Target Species: Smallmouth bass, greenear sunfish, redeye bass

Recommended Equipment: Wet wading is not uncomfortable, but bring waders if you wish (remember: no felt soles). The water is cool and clear, and the river bottom varies from sand and gravel to occasional rocks and boulders and infrequent ledges. Sunglasses with polarized lenses are very helpful. A landing net can be convenient, but not necessary.

Recommended Flies: Smallies feed on crawfish, which are abundant, and minnows. Work the bottom during bright days with streamers, zonkers, and terrestrials; and move to topwaters later in the day.

License Needed: Maryland freshwater fishing license

Outing Coordinator: Ray Cline

Contact Information: 443-837-6242 cline@annapolis.net

Trip Logistics: We can consolidate at the 'Park & Ride' or drive individually if you prefer. Driving directions are provided below. Approximately 75 miles from Annapolis – 1 ½ - 2 hour drive. This access point is also the start of the Monocacy Water Trail that ends 42 miles downstream at the Potomac River. Park along the south side of the road at the western end of the bridge.

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Free State Fly Fisher Potomac River Outing

Where: Potomac River, Maryland

When: Saturday, July 27th 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 1 PM

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Species of Interest: Smallmouth bass, bluegills, rock bass (aka, red-eye bass)

Equipment Needed: 5-7 weight fly rod, floating weight forward line, spare spool with a sinking tip line, waders (or plan to wet wade with wading boots), wading staff.

Recommended Flies: Bring your favorite smallmouth bass flies, including: Clousers, Sneaky Pete's, Woolly buggers, Ken Moser's infamous 'Fly Alternative' (not to worry, between Ken and Rich Batiuk, they will have plenty to share!). For the bluegills and rock bass, bring small poppers and size 10 to 12 wet flies. For the evening white fly hatch, bring White Wulffs in sizes 10 to 14 if you have them, otherwise just about any small white dry fly will work.

Fishing Licenses Required: Maryland License (non-tidal)

Other Instructions: Bring something to eat and drink for dinner as we will take a break from fishing (yeah, for a few minutes) in the early evening prior to the beginning of the white fly hatch.

Outing Coordinator: Still to be determined—need someone to lead this trip.

Contact Information: TBD

Trip Logistics: This mid-summer trip to wade fish the Potomac is a long held FSFF club outing timed with the infamous white fly hatch. In the past we have either: 1) hit the hatch and caught massive numbers of smallies, 2) gotten chased off the river with a BIG thunderstorm coming down the river, 3) missed the hatch, but caught enough fish to keep us flyfishing for another day, or 4) went fishing at an alternative location due to the high river level from prior storms. Plan to meet at the Park 'n Ride and we will car pool from there.

Directions: Directions to where we park besides the river are: Interstate 97 to Interstate 695 West to Interstate 70 West (towards Frederick), Route 340 to Route 180 West (Jefferson Pike) to Route 79 South (Petersville Road) to Brunswick. In Brunswick, continue straight on Route 17 (still Petersville Road) to left onto Maple Avenue, across the railroad tracks and into the parking lot at the C&O National Historic Park.

Free State Fly Fisher Rappahannock River Outing

Where: Rappahannock River, Virginia

When: Saturday, August 10th 7:00 AM

Meeting Location: 'Park & Ride' at the intersection of Route 424 and Route 50 in Davidsonville, Maryland

Species of Interest: Smallmouth bass, bluegills, rock bass (aka, red-eye bass)

Equipment Needed: 5-7 weight fly rod, floating weight forward line, waders (or plan to wet wade with wading boots), wading staff. Bring good wading boots as there are A LOT of rocks to navigate in the river.

Recommended Flies: Bring your favorite smallmouth bass flies, including: Clousers, Sneaky Pete's, Wooly buggers, Ken Moser's infamous 'Fly Alternative' (not to worry, between Ken and Rich Batiuk, they will have plenty to share!). For the bluegills and rock bass, bring small poppers and size 10 to 12 wet flies.

Fishing Licenses Required: Virginia License (freshwater)

Other Instructions: Bring something to eat and drink for lunch. And bring lots of water.

Outing Coordinator: Rich Batiuk

Contact Information: 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com

Trip Logistics: This end of summer trip to wade fish the Rappahannock is geared towards introducing FSFF club members to another larger smallmouth river, but to the south of the Potomac. Depending on the river conditions and how much walking to get to the river, we will plan to fish one of locations on the river upstream of Fredericksburg: Kelly's Ford, C.F.Phelps Wildlife Management Area or the confluence of the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers.

Plan to meet at the Park 'n Ride and we will car pool from there and determine our final fishing destination on the Rappahannock.

Directions: Copies of the specific driving directions will be provided along with GPS coordinates and our destination location at the Park 'n Ride.