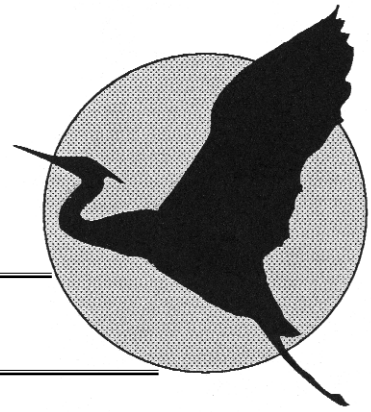


Haw River Assembly Newsletter

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HRA Executive Director Elaine Chiosso Appointed to State Sedimentation Control Commission

Elaine Chiosso, HRA Executive Director, has been appointed by Governor Easley to serve on the North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission (SCC). The Commission was created to administer the Sedimentation Control Program pursuant to the N.C. Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973. It is charged with adopting rules, setting standards, and providing guidance for implementation of the Act.

The SCC works with the staff of the Division of Land Quality (DLQ), who carry out the Sedimentation Control Program in North Carolina, either directly or through oversight of local government programs. In her work with the Haw River Assembly, Chiosso has spent much time monitoring streams, and alerting DLQ and others to the constant problem of mud flowing into the creeks and rivers--and Jordan Lake--during construction of new roads, housing and commercial developments. The impact of sediment--and the suspended sediment that causes turbidity--is harmful to aquatic life (choking gills and filter feeders, smothering stream bottom habitat, etc.) and to our enjoyment of these waters. She looks forward to using her time on the Commission to try and improve erosion control and enforcement in North Carolina so that our rivers can run clean again. The Haw River Assembly is honored that her efforts have been recognized by the state as an important contribution on this muddy issue.



Photo by Anne Cassebaum

Elaine Chiosso (wrench in hand) with (left to right) River Watch Coordinator Cynthia Crossen, 2004 & 2005 Learning Celebration Coordinator JJ Richardson, and HRA Board Acting President Debbie Tunnell



Photo by Cynthia Crossen

Volunteer Stan Stutts takes a young one for a first canoe ride, at last year's Haw River Community Festival in Bynum.

Join us for the Haw River Community Festival Saturday May 13!

Celebrate the beautiful Haw River with us on Saturday May 13 down at the old Bynum Bridge from 1 - 6 pm. Kids' canoe rides; kids' paint-your-own Clyde Critter; great live music--from Off the Road, Saludos Compay, the Never, JAAFAR, Nadine & the Cornsqueezers, and Confluence; critter catching at Bynum Beach; good food; walking and "chalking" on the pedestrian bridge; hiking along the river; environmental awareness displays and activities; native wetland plant sale; crafts for sale; a silent auction; and more. Details on insert.

Haw River Festival "Learning Celebration" for Schools This Fall! Sept. 23 - Oct. 13 (see p.6)

Sign up now for this great opportunity to share your love for the river with fourth-graders throughout the watershed!

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The Haw River Assembly is a nonprofit grass-roots organization founded in 1982. Our mission is to protect and restore the Haw River, its tributaries, and Jordan Lake; and to build a community that shares this vision.

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Notes from the Haw

Spring returns to the Haw with a green mist of young leaves on trees embracing the riverbanks. Ospreys have returned, turtles are sunning on rocks, wildflowers are in bloom--its a wonderful time to get out for a hike along the river, creeks, or to go paddling. It's time for our annual canoe raffle (another "Allagash" canoe supplied by Great Outdoors Provision Co.). We'll raffle it at the Haw River Festival on May 13--you can order tickets with the tear-out form in this newsletter.



Photo by Doug Wakeman

And now that it is spring the algae blooms again as well. The "greening" of Jordan Lake, the brown coating on the river rocks and slimy green in impaired creeks, are all signs of pollution from nitrogen and phosphorus--in our wastewater effluent, and runoff from the land we live on. As you get outside this spring to plant a garden, wash your car, and take care of your yard, please think about the impact on the little creek or branch near you that flows to the Haw and Jordan Lake. We can all be good stream stewards and reduce water pollution!

We are happy to announce that we have signed the contract with the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for our Haw River Corridor Protection Planning Grant. This is a partnership with Elon University, whose staff and students will carry out much of the project. It will give us valuable information on land along the Haw, to help us target areas for conservation in Alamance and Chatham counties.

We welcome two new staff members to HRA! Kathy Buck has joined us for a 10/hour per week Office Manager position and in a short time has already helped us become better organized and more efficient. And Carly McGee is our new Learning Celebration Coordinator; her hiring officially launches the planning for the September - October river education program for schoolchildren. Carly was an enthusiastic volunteer crew member for the program last fall, and brings some great managerial experience to help us put on our 17th year with fourth-graders on the Haw.

Come join us outdoors to enjoy the Haw River and Jordan Lake this spring--on one of our field trips, the river monitoring day, and of course, the Haw River Festival on May 13 at the old Bynum Bridge!

See you there!

From the river, Elaine



Photo by Cynthia Crossen

A "Hi!" from HRA Office Manager Kathy Buck, at the Hootenanny.



STREAM STEWARD PROJECT

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STREAM STEWARD PRESENTATION FOCUSES ON

KEEPING DRY CREEK HEALTHY

by Cara McDonough

Congratulations to Pittsboro Stream Steward Businesses

Congratulations to the following Pittsboro businesses, who have received Haw River Assembly Stream Stewardship Awards: Ameri Print and Copy, Annie B & the Black & White Guy, Antonella's Salon, Beggars and Choosers Antiques, Blossom, Cambridge Hills Assisted Living, Cambridge Hills Independent Living, Carolina Hardware and Fuel, Carr Amplifiers, Chandler Concrete, Chatham Habitat for Humanity, Chatham Arts, Chatham Record, Circle City Screen Printing & Embroidery, Country Farm and Home Supply, Doug's Auto and Tire Inc., Edward Jones, Flamingo Restaurant, French Connections Inc., Dr. William Garlick Family Medicine, General Store Café, Goodnight Gracie Antiques, Griffin Funeral Service and Cremation, Hill Creek Veterinary Hospital, Holt's Interiors, J. Henry Paint & Hardware, Janie's Hair and Nail Salon, Jordan Lake Animal Hospital, Keepsakes Custom Picture Framing, New Horizons Trading Company, North American Video Inc., Old Pittsboro Antiques, Orchids By Hanks Chapel Greenhouse, Dr. Michael Peele Dentistry, Peggy's Pet Supply, Piedmont Biofuel, Pitt Stop Café, Pittsboro Auto Care, Pittsboro Christian Village, Pittsboro Discount Drug, Pittsboro Farm and Garden, Radio Shack, Rural Advancement Foundation International, Second Bloom, Side Street Gallery, Smart Cars by Wieland, Southern Treasures, Sparkle Devine Gallery, Uptown Beauty Shop, Webster Chevrolet Oldsmobile, and WDL Systems.

These businesses scored "Excellent" on their use of best management practices for good stream stewardship. The stream steward awards program is part of HRA's outreach endeavor, funded through N.C.'s 319 program to address nonpoint source pollution, to commercial and industrial sites in the Robeson Creek watershed.

Streamside Plantings in Pittsboro

Downtown Pittsboro landowners along Little Creek are lining up to have stream buffers planted in native riparian grasses, shrubs and trees. Vegetative buffers filter and slow down the stormwater runoff that pollutes and erodes our streams. Karen Hall from NCSU Water Quality Group and I are finding landowners along Little Creek to participate in protecting this highly impacted urban stream. Steve Carr, owner of Carr Amplifiers; Marilyn Beal, landlord; Margo High, homeowner; and Julie Bourque, owner of Blossom Florist; have been happy to agree to streamside plantings. --Catherine Deininger



"Spring Beauty" by Ken Crossen



Photo by Cynthia Crossen

HRA Director Elaine Chiosso (right) describes recent severe sediment problems on Dry Creek (a creek which she has monitored since 1994) to Stream Steward program attendees.

Jim and Sandy Swenberg's home sits at the very end of Rock Rest Road at the confluence of Dry Creek and the Haw River. It is a beautiful, natural, mostly undisturbed location, surrounded by a variety of plant life, and, as a group of about 15 concerned Chatham County residents learned Saturday morning, waterways that need immediate attention.

The group gathered in the Swenberg's living room to hear HRA's Stream Stewardship program about Dry Creek, roughly 13 miles long, which flows through Chatham county into the Haw River near the end of Rock Rest Road. It was named an impaired stream by the state in 2005.

The HRA says there is hope. "What we're trying to do is talk to people about what they can do in their own backyards," said Catherine Deininger, HRA's Stream Steward Coordinator. The Stream Steward Campaign educates the public on methods to prevent pollution of local streams, Deininger said to those in attendance, many of whom own land on Dry Creek. Residents can help reduce nonpoint pollution, she said.

Planting vegetative buffers between a residence and a stream greatly helps reduce stormwater runoff, as does creating a "green roof" on a structure, catching rain water in a rain barrel, planting a rain garden, watering lawns only as needed, using fertilizers and pesticides sparingly and carefully, properly maintaining vehicles, washing cars on pervious surfaces, recycling and disposing of household materials properly, and maintaining septic systems.

HRA Director Elaine Chiosso, Dry Creek monitor since 1994, described a recent disaster: due to a major sediment runoff incident at the Chapel Ridge golf course this summer, for which the developer was fined, up to 12 inches of mud settled in Dry Creek. Cynthia Crossen, HRA's River Watch Coordinator, encouraged attendees to help monitor Dry Creek through the Haw River Watch project. Alerting the state when there's a problem will help the environment for years to come, Crossen said. If the intense discussion after the presentation is any indication, HRA will be adding some new names to river watch teams and committees, ready to take action.

(excerpted from 1-26-06 article published in the Chatham Record)



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Standing in the Stream

Photo by Cynthia Crossen



Jane Coburn helps Mighty Oaks 4-H'ers explore and monitor New Hope Creek.

The mild winter has brought all kinds of folks out to their river or creek--to learn about its unique ecology, check its water quality, explore its many points of interest, dream of restoring its health and diverse life, and experience its magic. It's always inspiring to visit the creek with younger folks. These early experiences skipping across rocks, splashing through clear water, hunting for critters, and discovering life forms from caddisflies to crawdads, create lifelong impressions and passions for creeks and for the natural world. Parents who take their kids river-watching, such as the leaders of the Mighty Oaks 4-H Club monitoring New Hope Creek, are giving their children this lasting gift, as well as teaching them a lifelong care for water quality and a healthy environment.

Then, there are the visionary educators at New Century Charter High School in Saxapahaw. With their school right on the Haw River, they have decided to make the river the focus of their interdisciplinary curriculum. Students learn about the river through scientific study, art projects, hiking and canoeing, and exploring the cultural history of the area. What a unique learning opportunity these educators are providing for their students, who are getting an educational experience they will remember their whole lives, and which may well shape their futures. At the

school's field day on the Haw in January, we learned about the river in the morning's assembly, I led them in our version of the song "Wade in the Water" ("Is it clean enough to wade in the water?"), then teachers and the entire student body of 80 spent the day on the river. Students leapt gazelle-like out onto the farthest rocks to bring back clams, caddisflies, and other critters for examination and identification. Their projects include being a River Watch team, participating in Bridge Watch, and doing regular trash cleanups along the Haw.

Photo by Cynthia Crossen



Dr. Calhoun Bond, Biology professor at Greensboro College, and riverwatcher Jada Anderson, monitor water quality for College Branch, an urban creek that runs beside Greensboro College.

Sometimes when I see urban streams, I am saddened to think "this is a creek nobody loves." It is heartening when I meet folks like Dr. Calhoun Bond, biology professor at Greensboro College, who along with others at the college wants to restore the highly impacted College Branch, only blocks away from the center of downtown Greensboro, which runs by Greensboro College and flows into North Buffalo Creek. As Cal and I talked during a river watch monitoring training, I could share his vision: the creek as a beautiful oasis of peace and beauty in this urban setting, for college students and others; the creek with a lovely riparian buffer of native plants and trees, beside which a planned greenway would meander; the creek with a healthy ecology, full of diverse and prolific life. It is HRA's privilege to support these dreams of clean streams whenever we can.

Happy spring!
--Cynthia Crossen



Photo by Heather LaGarde

HRA Board member Joe Jacob (left)--biologist, environmentalist, canoeist, and PE teacher at New Century Charter High School--helps students launch on a special field trip to explore the ecosystem of the Haw.

Join me for Haw River monitoring! Sat. July 8, 4 - 6 pm in Saxapahaw for Rivermill day, and Sat. Sept. 9, 10 - noon, in Bynum near the old mill. See www.hawriver.org for info, or call me at (919) 967-2500. ~Cynthia



Clyde Jones wields his brand new birthday chain saw to saw slices from his Birthday Cake Log, at the April 1 Hootenanny.

Happy Birthday, Clyde!

Hootenanny Brings Out April Fools

We celebrated Clyde Jones's birthday on April Fool's Day at the Haw River Learning Celebration Hootenanny at the Nightlight in Chapel Hill. Clyde cut the log cake (baked by Learning Celebration Chair Wanda Sundermann) with his new birthday present--a chain saw!--and slices (full of Gummy worms) were enjoyed by all.

Clyde's Critters are beloved by children and adults alike, and have adorned our HRA T-shirts since 1991 (this year's design is a deer on bright purple or deep brown). You can bid on a Clyde Deer painting at our May 13 Festival in Bynum, and kids of all ages can "paint-their-own" Clyde Critter there as well. And while you are in Bynum, walk over to Clyde's yard, full of Clyde Critters--you can't miss it. Kids are welcome to "ride" the critters.

Thanks to all those who made this year's Hootenanny such a success: Wanda Sundermann, Learning Celebration Chair; the Learning Celebration Steering Committee; Sarah Howe for "the door"; Larry Bohs for organizing music; Larry and Ken Crossen for sound; Jef the Mime for April foolin' fun; Mickey LePew and the "whole stinkin' fam'ly" for laughs; Josh Lozoff for amazing magic; Jimmy Magoo and Donovan Zimmerman for hootenanny howlin'; and Nadine and the Cornsqueezers for foot-stompin' tunes. Old and new Learning Celebration volunteers came together, and we raised over \$700 for this year's Learning Celebration.

Help HRA When You Shop



You can send HRA a percentage of every dollar you spend at any Food Lion! Sign up for Food Lion Shop & Share for HRA.

We have linked up with Food Lion's Lion Shop & Share program. Any shopper with an MVP card can link their card to HRA by calling 1-800-210-9569 and choosing option #3. Or, visit www.foodlion.com; click on the "Lion Shop & Share" button on the right; click "Register MVP Cards", then "Select Organization". Select NC for State, BYNUM for City, and HAW RIVER ASSEMBLY for Organization. Then add your MVP card. Once an MVP card is linked, HRA will receive a percentage of every purchase that is made with that card. Thank you!

New 2006 Haw River Festival T-shirt!

Clyde Jones deer on bright purple or deep brown shirt



Photo by Cynthia Crossen

Kira Dirlak (HRA Board Secretary), Lake Watcher Doug Wakeman, and Elaine Chiosso (HRA Director)

\$ 20 (adult) S, M, L, XL, XXL

\$ 16 (youth small & medium)

Available at the General Store Cafe in Pittsboro, Townsend Bertram Outfitters in Carrboro, Great Outdoors Provision Co., Pringles in Ferrington, and the Haw River Assembly office in Bynum.

HRA On the Air-- Live at WCOM-FM!

On January 25, Catherine Deininger represented the Haw River Assembly on Brian Rosa's Earth Day Today show at WCOM-FM Community Radio of Carrboro. The show (Earth Day Today 01.25.2006) can be downloaded from



Photo by Chris Frank

www.communityradio.coop/Podcasts/default.asp

Learning Celebration News

The Learning Celebration Steering Committee has been hard at work getting ready for the 17th Haw River Learning Celebration 2006.

Welcome, Carly McGee! We have hired a Learning Celebration Coordinator! Carly McGee crewed on the HRLC for the first time last year, and liked it so much she is coming back as our 2006 Coordinator. She lives in Durham, works at Whole Foods, and has lots of experience with organizing and nonprofits. Welcome, Carly!

Register now for the 2006 Learning Celebration!

- *** September 23 - 29: Week one, Bynum
- ** September 30 - October 6: Week two, Saxapahaw
- * October 7 - 13: Week three, Guilrock

The Thank you party is October 29.

Sign up now: Please contact Carly at info@hawriver.org or (919) 542-5790 for information or to sign up. You can find HRLC updates at our website as well: www.hawriver.org.

Community Input Sessions: The HRLC Steering Committee has identified topics for discussion that we would like input on from the larger HRA community. We will be including them in our monthly Steering Committee meeting and hope for passionate people to join us. These Community Input meetings will be held from 6:30 till 8:00 on the dates below, at the OWASA public meeting room, 400 Jones Ferry Rd., Carrboro. As you face the front of the building the room is on the left side on the ground floor. (Thanks to OWASA for providing the space to us free of charge.) Please mark your calendars:

- May 8th Crew culture, day vs. week volunteers, check-in, ceremonies, moves and chores
- June 12th educational programs, stations, training
- July 10th the concert
- August 14th staff roles, coordinator's jobs on site

We hope you can join us! --*Wanda Sundermann (Chair) and the HRLC Steering Committee*



Photo by Cynthia Crossen

Carly McGee (second from left) is welcomed by clown Mickey LePhew, Cornelia Lee, and Board member Austin Lybrand.

Clean Water Lobby Day

Wed. May 24th, 9 am - 3 pm

Share in the excitement of Clean Water Lobby Day, where hundreds of others from river and coastal organizations across the state come together to talk with legislators about the importance of clean water in North Carolina.

Sponsored by water quality and river basin advocacy groups from across North Carolina, including the Haw River Assembly, and organized by N.C. Conservation Network, this year's Clean Water Lobby Day takes for its theme "Water for Life: Protect It." We will advocate for legislation that protects ground water and surface water, and mandates enforcement of clean water regulations.

To participate, contact HRA at (919) 542-5790 or info@hawriver.org. There will be a carpool from the HRA office in Bynum to Raleigh; or you can meet us at the N.C. History Museum.

Jordan Lake Recreation Area Events Calendar

C.A.S.T. - Catch A Sure Thing!

When: Every Saturday in April, May and June, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Where: Vista Point, shelter #7. Vista Point is located on North Pea Ridge Road, South of HWY 64.

What: Kids ages 6 - 12 years are invited to come and learn how to catch fish! We'll discuss the basics, then venture out to the dock at Vista Point and try our newly learned skills!

Pre-registration is required for this popular program, so call the park office at (919) 362-0586 and register. No fee charged.

Sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended.

Jordan Lake State Recreation Area, 280 State Park Road, Apex, NC 27523. **Contact:** Sue McBean, (919) 362-0586; **Email:** susan.mcbean@ncmail.net

Win A Brand New Old Town "Allagash" Canoe

See insert to order raffle tickets, or buy tickets at the May 13 Festival.

Pollution Watch in the Watershed

Development Issues

We had a great turn-out by concerned Chatham citizens at the December 13 public hearing held by the state Division of Water Quality (DWQ) on Briar Chapel's 401 permit (which regulates wetland and stream impacts by development). Well-prepared remarks by the public bolstered a set of specific conditions that the Haw River Assembly put forward for this permit. One of these asked that stream mitigation be carried out in the same subwatershed—not in the Deep River as was proposed by Newland, the Briar Chapel developers. As a result of the comments the state has asked the developers to respond to some issues, including the mitigation site, before the permit is issued. With nearly 2500 houses planned (plus commercial buildings) this is essentially a new small town—all impacts need a full and open review.

Briar Chapel has also just submitted an application for their “non-discharge” (sprayfield irrigation) wastewater permit under the Express Permit process. To see information on this permit, click on “Briar Chapel WWTP” at:

<http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/lau/expressreview.html#Available>

HRA does not believe that express review permitting should be used for a development of this magnitude, as it does not allow sufficient time for serious public review.

For this reason, we have asked DWQ to disallow use of the express review for the wastewater permit for Chapel Ridge, which is now planning on serving 1700 housing units with their “non-discharge” system. In other news, the Homestead development has now changed its name to “The Legacy”—we have to wonder just what that legacy will be?

Jordan Lake Nutrient Rules – and First Fish Kill of the Year

Despite much opposition from Burlington and Greensboro—that discharge into the Haw River arm of the lake--the state continues to move forward, very slowly, with rules to reduce nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) into Jordan Lake. Elaine Chiosso and Amy Pickle, an attorney with Southern Environmental Law Center, made a special presentation to the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) in January countering claims by these municipalities that more study and monitoring was needed before rules are developed. In March, the EMC instructed DWQ to move the process forward, bringing a revised draft of the rules to the EMC's July meeting. Staff have said that in a concession to the dischargers they may extend the timeline for reducing nitrogen reductions, moving forward the timeline for phos-



Photo by Elaine Chiosso

Joe Jacob (left) leads Chris Ketchel and Board member Anne Cassebaum on a hike along the Lower Haw State Natural Area. See Upcoming HRA Events on back page for other exciting field trips--details at www.hawriver.org.

phorus reductions in exchange. We will continue to work for strong rules with no more delays.

On March 20th a fisherman up near the Fearington Road bridge (upper New Hope arm of lake) reported seeing many dead fish—mostly catfish—to DWQ. Other bass fisherman reported this as well on a popular bass fishing website. We were alerted to the problem, and our Lake Watch rapid response volunteer, Doug Wakeman, went out on a cold windy day, and in addition to the catfish, photographed some dead crappies. DWQ investigated the original report and found 50 dead fish and evidence of a “severe algae bloom” that was the probable cause. A fish kill this early in the year does not bode well for the summer season ahead, when conditions are even more favorable to algae. The Haw River watershed is in severe drought status this spring, which means even less dilution for the nutrient pollution. We continue to urge the state to move forward with greater protections for Jordan Lake. We will send out an alert to our members when the public hearings are opened on the final rules.



Photo by Catherine Deininger

Matt Deininger and Jeff Waller plant native riparian trees to protect Little Creek in Pittsboro.

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Special Thanks To *Clean-Up-A-Thon Team Leaders & Volunteers!*

- 👤 **Billy Cummings**, *Chicken Bridge in Chatham*, 10 volunteers picked up 23 bags of trash & 1 tire (*mountain bike, weed eater, leaf blower, colt 45 magnum pistol configured for bb's, auto fender*) 🤝 **Jeff Pettus**, 2 bags of trash
- 👤 **Mary Longhill**, *Saxapahaw Boy Scout Camp*, with Homeschool Community Service Group, 9 volunteers picked up 16 bags of trash and 6 tires
- 👤 **Johnny Randall & Libby Thomas**, *Morgan Creek in Orange*, 7 bags of trash (*lots of tennis balls from UNC courts*)
- 👤 **Sam Kome**, *Old Greensboro Hwy bridge*, volunteers picked up 2 bags of trash

(*Sam Moore Real Estate Sign, Rex Health Care umbrella, a glass bottle of Bodacious Stink*)

- 👤 **David Cooley**, *Bolin Creek in Orange*, 6 volunteers picked up 10 bags of trash & 1 tire (*TV, microwave oven*)
- 👤 **Kathy Buck & Debbie Tunnell**, *Bynum bridge, beaches, islands, river trails, Bynum Creek, and 15-501 canoe access*, 54 volunteers picked up 73 bags of trash & 5 tires (*kitchen sink, truck wheel, jon boat, kiddie pool, 5 unmatched sandals, pillow, sleeping bag, tent, underwear, giant plastic flowerpot, rubber mat, gutter*)
- 👤 **R. C. Duckson**, Army Corps of Engineers team, *Jordan Lake, Haw River below spillway, Kirk's Creek*, 8 volunteers picked up 27 bags of trash & 9 tires (*gas tank, fire extinguisher, plastic horse head, plastic bowling pin*) ****Heroic Team Award Winner****
- 👤 **Cynthia Crossen**, *Rock Rest in Chatham*, 14 volunteers picked up 10 bags of trash & 4 tires (*NCAA Official Basketball, grub-like skein of yarn*)

Photo by Libby Thomas



Johnny Randall, of the Morgan Creek Valley Alliance, with his "garbage scow."

REPORT FROM THE FIELD: CHICKEN BRIDGE HAW CLEAN-UP TEAM

A high-spirited and convivial team of more than a dozen friends, neighbors, HRA members and sympathizers, and several unwary paddlers recruited on the spot, contributed to this year's Chicken Bridge Haw River Clean-up.

Blessed with a fine Spring morning, diligence and daring generated a near-record haul, including: an automobile fender; a pistol; a mountain bike, weed eater, and leaf blower submerged beneath the span; as well as a tire and other scrap plastic and rubbish from the bridge area, roadside, and banks. The small trash picked up by the well-gloved team filled more than twenty-three collection bags. Garbology of the bagged materials revealed a preponderance of plastic and glass bottles, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bags, styrofoam and other small plastic pieces, as well as cigarette butts.

Passersby could hardly miss the swarm of safety-vested volunteers, the mound of orange bags, and the colorful sign promoting river clean-up temporarily affixed to the bridge. Motorists honked and thumbed-up support to HRA efforts, and several spontaneously helped themselves to some of the choicest items pulled from the river, including the mountain bike and leaf blower (*see photo*), demonstrating the high commitment to recycling in the community.

Putting-in from a tidy and significantly refreshed access area, paddlers also cleaned up downstream to Bynum, though many big items and tires, as well as plastic debris, had to be left in place for lack of canoe and kayak capacity. An unusual number of hikers, fishers, meditators, and other paddlers were also on and along the river, providing for pleasant exchanges and offering opportunities for Haw dialogue and celebration. I now have the sign and 10 collection bags, 15 glove pairs, and 18 safety vests for next time. --Billy Cummings



Chicken Bridge clean-up "waders" Bill Daigle and team leader Billy Cummings (brandishing weed eater & leaf blower) display trove of submerged trash.

- 👉 **Sam Berryhill**, *Saxapahaw along river and islands*, 12 volunteers picked up 20 bags of trash & 5 tires (*charcoal grill, mattress springs, washing machine, tailgate, mail box, VCR, oar, metal pole, shoes & boots*)
- 👉 **Bob Brueckner**, Paddler Team, *Haw River above Bynum dam*, Carolina Canoe Club members cleaned up islands & log jams: 23 volunteers picked up 30 bags of trash & 5 tires (*20 foot tanker truck hose, basketballs, softballs, PFD, plastic swimming pool*)
- 👉 **Sarah Goddin**, *Redbud in Chatham*, 11 volunteers picked up 14 bags of trash & 4 tires. (This team acted as land support for paddlers, hauling trash up the banks that paddlers left off on the way to the Hwy 64 takeout.)
- 👉 **Catherine Deininger**, *Robeson Creek Canoe Access in Pittsboro*, 9 volunteers (8 from Woods Charter School) picked up 12 bags of trash & 2 tires (*metal cooler, basket ball*)
- 👉 **Nancy Hillmer**, *Robeson Creek in Pittsboro*, 4 volunteers picked up 13 bags of trash (*tarheel dog leash, army serving spoon, vinyl record, 2 chairs*)



Woods Charter School students clean up Robeson Creek Access.

- 👉 **Nancy Matsinger**, *Jordan Lake, Fearrington Pier*, 25 volunteers picked up 25 bags of trash
- 👉 **Joe Jacob**, ****Sponsor Award Winner**** *Swepsonville*, 24 volunteers picked up 31 bags of trash & 5 tires (*fishing poles, highway banner, fozzeball players, ammunition can with assortment of items plus a note that it was a Geocache*) *****The Geocache won the Weird Trash Award!*****
- 👉 **Cathy & Jerry Markatos**, *Dry Creek in Chatham*, 2 volunteers picked up 5 bags of trash (*fabric gift bags*)
- 👉 **Joey Norman, with REI volunteers**, *Swepsonville Paddler Team*, 6 volunteers picked up 10 bags of trash (*grill structure, DOT barrel, Playskool Basketball goal, moonshine jug*)

Totals: 226 volunteers at 17 sites picked up 330 bags of trash and 47 tires (*plus weird trash items listed in italics*)!

Upcoming 2006 HRA Events See www.hawriver.org for more info

- Saturday, April 22, 2 - 6 pm* Earth Day Wildflower Hike along the Haw. Leader: Kathy Seaton (919) 929-4761
Monday, May 8, 6:30 - 8 pm Learning Celebration community input, OWASA Meeting Room, 400 Jones Ferry Rd. Carrboro
Saturday May 13, 1-6 pm, Bynum Haw River Community Festival (*see colored insert for details*)
Thursday, May 18 Eagle Watch hike at Jordan Lake. Leader: Donna Riggs (919) 542-3676
Wed. May 24, 9 am - 3 pm Clean Water Lobby Day, Legislative Bldg in Raleigh. To participate, call HRA (919) 542-5790 or email info@hawriver.org
Saturday, June 10 Haw River Paddle, Swepsonville to Saxapahaw. Leaders: Lynn & Brenda Featherstone (919) 545-0017
Monday, June 12, 6:30 - 8 pm Learning Celebration community input, OWASA Meeting Room, 400 Jones Ferry Rd. Carrboro
June 24-25 Haw River Watch Monitoring Weekend
Saturday, July 8, 4 - 6 pm, Saxapahaw Finding River Critters--Citizen Water Quality Monitoring on Haw. Leader: Cynthia Crossen. For info, call (919) 967-2500, riverwatch@hawriver.org
Monday, July 10, 6:30 - 8 pm Learning Celebration community input, OWASA Meeting Room, 400 Jones Ferry Rd. Carrboro
Monday, Aug. 14, 6:30 - 8 pm Learning Celebration community input, OWASA Meeting Room, 400 Jones Ferry Rd. Carrboro
Saturday, September 9, 10 am - noon, Bynum Finding River Critters--Citizen Water Quality Monitoring on Haw. Leader: Cynthia Crossen. For info, call (919) 967-2500, riverwatch@hawriver.org
Monday, September 11, 6 - 9 pm Burrito Bash Fundraiser at the General Store Cafe in Pittsboro
September 23-24 Haw River Watch Monitoring Weekend
September 23 - October 13, Haw River Learning Celebration for schools
Saturday, October 7, Jordan Lake State Recreation Area Heritage Day at Jordan Lake
Sat. Oct. 14, Haw River Paddle, Saxapahaw to Chicken Bridge (for experienced paddlers) Leader: Jeff Dotson (919) 542-6260
Saturday, November 4, Harvest Full Moon Paddle in Alamance County. Leader: Joe Jacob (336) 260-6465
Saturday, December 2 River Mill Tour. Leader: Elaine Chiosso
December 16-17 Haw River Watch Monitoring Weekend



For info see Upcoming Events at www.hawriver.org; for info and to volunteer contact HRA at (919) 542-5790; info@hawriver.org

**Festival in
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