

Virginia FFLA Chapter Report

2015

Membership: 13

Carry Forward: \$217.72

2015 Chapter Activity:

-Contributed to Virginia Tourism Corp, spring & winter hiking blogs, in which Big Walker Lookout, Elliot Knob, & Woodstock Towers were all mentioned. This has been an ongoing partnership with VA Love for almost two years now.

-Began stocking FFLA brochures at Big Walker Lookout to drive awareness of FFLA, & to gain new members. Thanks to Ron Kime for finding our pamphlets a home.

-Have begun savings accounts (personal) for Cove Mountain Tower. While we cannot currently restore it using our full funds, nor do we have enough in our chapter, it is a long-term goal & one we hope to complete by 2021, after our relocation to Wythe County in very late 2016.

-Restored signage for Bald Knob Tower in Bath County, VA (land owned by The Nature Conservancy)

-Working to get in contact with Deerfield District to repair fence at Elliot Knob as well as possibly use it as a rental.

-Visited/documented the following towers (some have been added to the National Historic Lookout Register):

Red Oak Mountain Lookout (privately owned & well maintained)

Piney Mountain (already on NHLR; actively manned)

Cumberland Tower (still trying to find owner)

Leigh Mountain Tower (private; land currently for sale)

Pleasant Shades Tower (already on NHLR; VDOF)

Dewitt Tower (VDOF)

Lunenberg Tower (private)

The towers not already on NHLR will be submitted pending further investigation into owners as well as history

-FFLA VA/WV Facebook page has grown by 69 members! It has been most helpful in driving awareness, as well as new chapter members.

-New, active chapter members have helped find three coastal fire towers (Birdsnest, Cedar Island, & Hallwood Towers).

-Working on updating VA Chapter's tower database currently to reflect towers that remain & have been taken down, as well as fixing previous errors & removing "Unknown" as a category.

Respectfully submitted,

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