

## Haw River Cleanup, March 14, 2009

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Weather: Air temperature in the upper 30's, rain all day.

Participants: Bob Bruckner, Loraine Burnham, Aly and Garrick Taylor, Jeff Hatcher

We had a small but determined group show up to clean up the area around Bynum. The Taylors took on the land based cleanup around the put-in while the rest of us braved the elements in open boats. One of the HRA volunteers joined me in the front of my boat (Melissa) and all told we collected about 8 bags of trash. We didn't find anything too unique, but did find an old construction barrel that was half buried. Kudos to Lorraine for digging it out.

For me, one of the great pleasures of getting more involved in the club has been the opportunity to get to know people who have been paddling a lot longer than I have and to hear their wisdom. It was really a pleasure to get to spend the day with Bob Bruckner telling us the history of Bynum, the Haw in that area and the CCC. I had never even known that there was a functioning hydropower unit on the dam at Bynum mill.

I am the Fred Sanford of river cleanups and I am wondering how much longer my wife will let me do this while I keep bringing home all this junk! This year I collected a minnow bucket and a completely intact turtle shell.

Thanks to everyone who came out despite the horrible weather.



