



# Pilot

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## Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

### August 21 Meeting features a Charter Member and his daughter...Ron Riecken and Katherine

A charter member who has been involved in our squadron for over 35 years will be our featured speaker at the Wednesday, August 21st meeting.



"River Rat" Ron Riecken and his daughter Katherine "Kate" will be our speakers. Ron owns Inland Marina and spends most of his

time on the water. Ron is also our Port Captain for the squadron available to give visiting USPS members boating information about our area. Not too many people know as much or more about our local river than Ron.

Ron's first office was serving as Administrative Officer during the first

year of our squadron. He served as Commander in 1979.

We will meet at Roca Bar North on Highway 41 at 6pm for Social Time. 6:30PM meal orders will be taken with the program to begin around 7pm.

This will be a great meeting so be sure and plan on attending.



### Commander's Corner



Fellow Squadron Members:

Another month of the year has passed already! I hope that each



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of you has been able to take advantage of the beautiful weather we're having. It is prime boating weather.

Our last two events have gone extremely well. On July 20<sup>th</sup> we manned the docks at Dogtown again. A number of us, SEO Janice Elwood and her mother Norma, Secretary/Treasurer Jen Weber, AO Steve Smith, Don Wood, and P/C Henry Graper as well as me spent the morning hours assisting fellow boaters and talking about our Squadron.

Henry performed about eight VSCs and was ably assisted by Don. The rest of us handed out fliers and assisted however we could. Thank you Henry and Don!

A special thanks to AO Steve Smith! For those of that don't know he was interviewed by Channel 14 about the event, and even arranged to have them at the dock during the event! Henry and Don were on TV inspecting boats. This was a great day of publicity for Evansville Bend!

Additionally, Steve contacted Steve Ford at the Courier Press and had a wonderful article about Evansville Bend (see link in this newsletter). Great job, Steve! By the way, Steve's new nickname is Steve "the hardest working man in show business" Smith. It is due to his efforts that we are getting so much publicity.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> we held our annual picnic. It was well attended by our membership and we enjoyed good fellowship and good food! The highlight of the event was the presentation made by the Perry Township Fire Department Search and Rescue Unit. This team of highly trained individuals provide water rescue using three different types of boats and are also used as divers for a number of different missions.

The equipment they use to effect their operations was awesome (and expensive; their truck cost over \$285,000). We were all very impressed and hope to have them speak to us again. On another note, all of these highly trained individuals are local volunteers! A number of them were known to members of the Squadron. Again, thanks to Steve for setting things up.

Please stay tuned. We will be manning the docks again shortly. We'd love to have you out! It is a lot of fun and helps take our message to the streets!

Our SEO is putting together some great classes and seminars including Instructor Certification, VSE Certification, and CPR/First Aid. Please check out what she's doing in this edition! See ya on the river,

*Cdr. Derk Boss, JN*

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## Education Update



Evansville Bend is gearing up for fall classes/seminars for the public and our members. A Rivers, Lakes and Locks seminar will be offered on August 27 for \$25

followed by an ABC Boating course on September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, and 15 for the cost of \$50 per student manual at the EMA building.

Come and help proctor the ABC Boating course and attend the seminar. The seminars are open to members, so come and enjoy, you may learn something new.

An Instructor Development Re Certification class will be offered for EB instructors on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm for instructors whose certification is going to expire in 2014. EB needs more instructors to assist in teaching classes, please consider being certified in an upcoming Instructor Development class, a date will be announced later. The ID certification is a requirement by USPS.

*Janice Elwood, JN SEO*

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### **SPECIAL THANKS TO PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE AND RESCUE**

We want to offer special thanks to the Perry Township Fire and Rescue Department for the superb presentation at our July 24, 2013 picnic at Burdette Park.



Five of their crew were on hand to discuss their rescue department. Larry Krack, Bryant Garibay,

Nick Helfert, Andrew Henshaw, and Matt Smith.

They are well equipped to handle all emergencies from under water rescue to medical emergencies. They brought



two of their vehicles. The largest vehicle contains rescue equipment for all types of situations. Although the vehicle is about 10 years old, it cost over \$285,000 when new. They also brought a small vehicle used to tow their water rescue equipment. They inflated one of their rescue boats that can carry over 6 people if necessary. It cost \$16,000 with the 25 hp motor. They are the only all volunteer department remaining in our area.

We were all impressed with their professionalism and politeness. More pictures are available on our website.

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### **MAN THE DOCKS II—WAS HUGE SUCCESS.**

AO Steve Smith got really excited about the upcoming Man the Docks Day for July 20, 2013. He talked with Steve Ford, reporter at the Courier and Press who was our June meeting speaker. Steve Ford had a great article about the

upcoming Man the Docks in Sunday edition of the Courier and Press on July 14th. Steve also contacted WFIE TV and got more coverage with news reports promoting the upcoming event and a reporter who came to our event and filmed interviews with a boater and Steve.

We need to thank all who came and participated.



Janice Elwood and her mom, and Jen Weber (sitting), Steve Smith, Henry Gaper, Derk Boss, and Donn Wood.

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### **ANOTHER FANTASTIC PICNIC AT BURDETTE PARK**

There were about 25 people at our picnic on Wednesday, July 24th. As you previously read, the Perry Township Fire and Rescue Department came with two vehicles and gave us information and a demonstration of their equipment.

The food was great especially the KFC chicken and all of the salads and desserts brought by the members.

It was great to see Dick and Sandy Mahrenholz again at the meeting as well as Chuck Blanton. Sandy and Chuck have experienced some health issues recently.

It was another great picnic and time of fellowship with each other.



### **THANKS FOR THE GREAT ARTICLE.**

We want to sent out special thanks to Steve Ford, Outdoor Writer, for the Courier and Press for the special article in the Sunday, July 14th Sunday paper which helped to promote our Man the Docks Day on Saturday, July 20th. Steve was our speaker at the June meeting.

In case you didn't see the article, here's a link to read it.

<http://www.courierpress.com/news/2013/jul/13/no-headline---fordoutdoors/>