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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

**We Are Going Irish in February —
See a Presentation about Ireland**



P/C Ron Eberhart and his wife, Emma Lee, will be speakers at our Wednesday, February 21st. meeting.

The Eberharts have made two trips to Ireland to visit their daughter, Andrea, and son-in-law, Johann, who reside there.

They will be showing a power point presentation covering their trips to various cities in Ireland.

We will be meeting at Roca Bar North on US Highway 41 North.

Social time begins at 6pm, with ordering from the menu at 6:30pm.

If you have ever wanted to visit Ireland, here's your chance to see the beauty of this country.

Commander's Corner

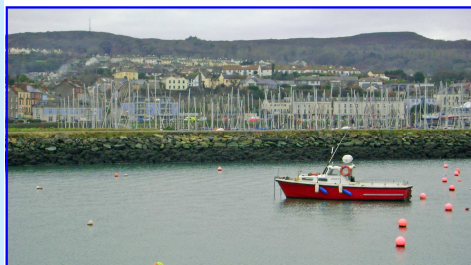


I visited our boat on February 1st and that made me want Spring to get here quicker than ever.

As you know, the Ground Hog did not see its shadow, so maybe it will.

We have one new member who joined from the cyber squadron and is now taking seamanship; he is Chris Kaminski and lives in Owensboro. Welcome aboard Chris!!

Jay Picking is working on nominations, and he is looking for some-



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one to fill some of the offices. We really need several members to step up. We need all the help we can get.

One of our members, Ron Eberhart, is showing pictures of his trip to Ireland. It should be really good presentation, you all know how good Ron's presentations are, so you don't miss it.

Cdr. Sam Richey, SN

Education Update



Don't forget to reserve the following evenings on your calendar for our upcoming seminars:

- **Feb. 19 - GPS**
- March 12 - Boat Handling Under Power**

Just a reminder: Gander Mountain no longer has the Lodge Room available for use by the general public, so all seminars and classes are now being located at the Emergency Management Agency on Stanley Ave. Seminars will begin at 6:30 pm and last under two hours.

As always, there is no fee for the seminar (it's a public service provided by our power squadron). However, this year the Bridge has decided to try a new approach - we have ordered the instruction manuals and will collect \$25 per manual from each participant. These materials are excellent reference sources and will definitely enhance the learning experience.

- **June 4 we'll present Rivers, Lakes, and Locks.** These have been very successful events for us in past

If you haven't attended one of these programs, please try to come this time. It's always nice to have our members present --- and you will probably learn something new, too!!

Piloting: We're going to re-instate the Piloting class that was started in 2012. Current tentative schedule is to begin Feb. 19 and go thru April 23. Even if you didn't get into the class last year, it's not too late to sign up for this one.

ABC Class: April 2 thru May 7. This class will also be conducted at the Emergency Management Agency office.

On the water Training: For the first time ever, we're going to offer some real hands-on training this summer, on June 8. Location to be announced later.

That's my report.....from on the road.

Karen Rombauer, SEO

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR OUR MARCH MEETING—CHARLES E. PARRISH.

AO Derk Boss has arranged a very special speaker for our March 20th meeting - Charles "Chuck" Parrish.

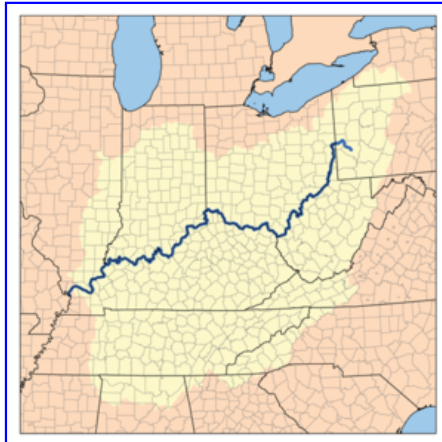
His topic will be the **History of Navigation Development on the Ohio River** from settlement time to today's modern towboat river. Chuck will talk about navigation conditions prior to river improvements, early locks and dams, steamboat days, barging, the economy of the river,

and the present lock and dam system, with a few colorful quotes thrown in. Chuck is a native Louisvillian and graduate of University of Louisville, BA in history (1964); graduate work at UL in history.

He retired Jan 2004 as Historian of the Louisville District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers with 30 years service. He was re-hired by the Corps in 2006 to work on several special historical projects, and after completing that work, retired again in November 2008, with 32 years of service.

Previous employment: Kentucky Heritage Commission; Filson Historical Society; Louisville/Jefferson County Planning Commission. His entire career has been in the field of historic preservation, historical agency management, and documentation of America's maritime history.

Chuck has been active in numerous historical organizations and projects: Louisville Historical League; Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Committee; Farnsley-Moreman Landing (Ohio River); Louisville Marine Hospital; Howard Steamboat Museum; River Heritage Museum (Paducah); Lock and Dam #52 and #53 preservation, Ohio River; preservation of Life Saving Station #10, Louisville;



and Belle of Louisville Centennial Committee.



He is also author of numerous articles on history of navigation development in the Ohio Valley and co-author of "The Commonwealth's Waterway: A History of Navigation on the Kentucky River".

From 2006-2008, as a re-hired annuitant, He co-authored "Triumph At the Falls: The Louisville and Portland Canal," and co-authored volume three of "The Falls City Engineers: A History of the Louisville District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers". Also in that period, he wrote a booklet on the history of navigation development at the Falls of the Ohio, and wrote the narrative for a series of interpretive signs at the McAlpine Locks and Dam project, Louisville.

He has also collaborated on numerous publications dealing with river subjects, by other authors, and have served as proof-reader/ editor for several river-related publications.

While employed by the Corps of Engineers, he was involved in many projects as advisor to exhibits, symposia, panels, and tours related to the Ohio River and its environs, and was frequently called on to speak on related subjects. Chuck was the Corps' advisor to the "Always A River" project in 1990, consisting of an exhibit barge that floated the length of the Ohio River. Of particular note, he has been involved in the River Heritage Museum at Paducah, KY since its inception.

During his Corps employment, he was in the Planning Division for 18 years, and in the Public Affairs Office for 12 years. While in PAO, he dealt with the print and electronic media extensively. The Louisville District

continues to seek his counsel on matters related to Corps and river history. He also still receives inquiries occasionally from the Office of History, Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC.

For 25 years, he has given numerous narrated tours on river boats in the Louisville area., including the Belle of Louisville, River Queen, Bonnie Belle, and Star of Louisville. Also, he has been a guest lecturer on the Delta Queen, American Queen, and Chattanooga Star. In addition, Chuck has been a speaker aboard the Riverbarge Excursion Line's "River Explorer," annually since 1998.

Since retirement, Chuck has been a consultant/writer/speaker on river-related history and preservation projects at numerous river venues, including Living Lands and Waters, and has been a guest lecturer at Bellarmine University, Louisville.

He also gives periodic tours at McAlpine Locks and Dam, Louisville and worked as a consultant to the Rivers Institute at Hanover College in Indiana to help plan activities and programs in observance of the bicentennial of the first steamboat on the Ohio River, 1811- 2011.

He served as Chair of the Steamboat Bicentennial Committee, coordinating regional activities along the Ohio, production of a DVD on 200 years of steamboating, and publication of a book of essays dealing with the subject, as well as giving many presentations on the history of steamboats. He continues serving as a consultant to the Rivers Institute on matters related to river history.

Chuck is married; 2 sons, 4 granddaughters, 1 grandson. His hobbies include reading, book collecting, bicycling, and learning more about America's rivers. We are encouraging all members to invite guests to hear this presentation. We would like to have a huge number in attendance.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



If you are interested in any of these available offices, please contact Cdr. Sam Richey.

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