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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

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It's Picnic Time - Head West to Burdette Park, Wednesday, June 15 Meeting

June 15th, Wednesday, is our annual Evansville Bend Squadron picnic. This year our picnic will be held at Burdette Park in shelter house #8 starting at 6:00 pm.

We will furnish pulled chicken and pork, buns, plates, napkins and utensils. Please plan on bringing your own drinks and a covered dish of your choice.

The shelter is enclosed and I believe has power. If you plan on sitting outside bring your own folding chairs.

The plan is to add up the expenses and divide by everyone attending. My \$10.00 a person was based on at least 20 people attending.

Come one and all and enjoy an evening with fellow members.

The more the merrier.

For those not familiar with where Burdette Park is located, the address is 5301 Nurrenbern Road, Evansville, In. 47712.

P/C Richard Rombauer, JN

Commander's Corner



We had a very pleasant evening, visiting the wheel house of Casino Aztar, and dinner at RI-RA'S. Thanks Derk.

Our membership voted and passed a name change at the May meeting. We will be more in line with the rest of squadrons, with our new name— Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron. My next step is to update our bylaws and get them approved.

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Rob Geiss is our newest Vessel Checker. He passed the test and did five boat checks with Henry. Glad to have you aboard Rob.

We have two new members: Butch and Kelle Branson. I will be swearing them in at our picnic on June 15th. Hope to see everyone there.

The rivers are falling and I hope everyone can soon get on water. The "lake" boaters should already be enjoying the lakes. [Be safe]

We had a 26 foot boat in 117 foot water, with 18 people aboard sink at edge of our marina, Saturday, Memorial Day weekend. They were lucky as there were several boats nearby and no one was lost.

We have lots going on in education; see Karen's article for her update..

Commander P/STC Sam Richey, SN

Education Update



We've just finished another **ABC** class -- with 5 participants completing the course. On Sunday, June 5, the **ABC** class for the local Sea Scouts troop will conclude. We're

expecting to administer the test to about 24 students that night.

Henry Graper hasn't given up yet he's still trying to get the Saturday morning **ABC** class started. The river just hasn't been cooperating at all!! Hopefully June 4 was a good day. If you know anyone who would like to join

in on Saturday mornings, please let Henry know ASAP.

Our next weeknight **ABC** class is on the calendar to begin August 9th, again on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the EMA building.

My apologies, but we've re-scheduled the **Seamanship** class again it will be held in September, the actual date hasn't been determined yet, so watch the next PILOT for further details.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 4 recent **Engine Maintenance** Graduates: Gary Carson, Rob Geiss, Suzy Picking, and Karen Rombauer. Henry obviously did a fabulous job teaching this course.

Do you always know who has the right-of-way when two boats approach each other? Our summer seminar at Gander Mountain is set for Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The subject will be "**Mastering the Rules of the Road**". Why take this seminar? You'll learn WHY and HOW regarding: Avoiding collisions, Meeting head on, Crossing, Overtaking, Vessel responsibilities, Sound signals, Distress signals, and more. Even experienced boaters will most likely learn something in this 2-hour program. BRING A FRIEND!! It's FREE!!!

SEO Karen Rombauer, AP

MAY 18 MEETING WAS A BIT IRISH!!

Special thanks to Administrative Officer, Derk Boss, for making arrangements for an outstanding Wednesday, May 18th meeting.

Derk had an inside track because he is employed there.

We toured the Casino Aztar Pilot House on their boat and then we were shuttled back to Ri Ra Irish Pub across the street; some walked back.

Our female Captain Ludy Caryl, gave us a tour of the Pilot House. She explained the many instruments used to control the boat when it is away from the dock. Even though the boat remains docked and only takes an annual cruise, the engines are started weekly. Captain Ludy has a Senior Deckhand to assist her. We conducted a brief business meeting at Ri Ra Irish Pub.

the state of Indiana's first gaming river-boat under legislation passed in 1993. Built by Jeffboat in Jeffersonville, Indiana, the boat is a replica of the historic 'Robert E. Lee' racing sidewheel steamboat crafted nearly 130 years ago. Jeffboat deployed 200 workers and spent over twelve months constructing the vessel.



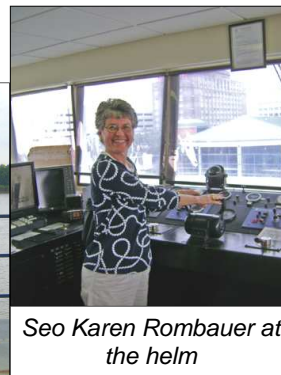
The exterior was designed by R.A. Stern, Inc. to appear as if the boat is straight from the Civil War era; the interior, designed by Morris & Brown Architects, Ltd., is purely Las Vegas glamour.

The boat is 310 feet long by 70 feet wide, has a depth of 14 feet by 6 inches and stands 80 feet above water level (including stacks). It weighs 1,589 tons and has a maximum draft of 7 feet 6 inches.

Derk introduced his sister, Suzanne, from Washington State, and his Aunt Susan from San Francisco.

There is a total of 47,863 square feet of public space for 2700 passengers. Boat speed: 5 knots cruise, 10 knots top speed.

We also had one guest from the Public Boating Course, Pete Smith. Here is a description of the Casino Aztar Boat. The 'City of Evansville' is



Seo Karen Rombauer at the helm

LAKE ERIE RENDEZVOUS

Come and join in the fun at the "Lake Erie Rendezvous" from August 26 – 28, 2011. You don't need a boat to come and have fun on Lake Erie at Sandusky, OH. Some of last years activities included cruising Sandusky Bay, dinner at the Sandusky Yacht Club, dinner at the Crush, a popular wine bar restaurant, Lake Erie Maritime museum and a stop by Tofts ice cream shop (world's best, for sure). Other activities that were available, but not enough time to take advantage of them were Cedar Point amusement park, cruise to Lake Erie island and shopping. Some of the water activities all depend on the weather, of course.

A couple of members are planning to trailer their boats up to Sandusky and meet up with our hosts, Jay and Suzy Picking that dock their boat at the Sandusky Yacht Club.



This year we have an opportunity for 3 couples to stay at a house 'owned by Suzy Picking brother' is on the beach not far from Sandusky and Cedar Point amusement park. The price per night is \$150.00 and if you divide that by 3 couples that is only \$50.00 per night, what a deal! If you look online for hotel rooms at that time of the year, you will find that the going room rate is around \$160.00 a

night. I have pictures if you are interested in seeing the house before you make up your mind. There is a contract that needs to be signed and a security deposit of \$150.00 to hold the house. So I would need \$50.00 per couple by the deadline of June 22, so if interested please let me know. Email Janice.Elwood@gmail.com or 401.8300.

P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN

Canoe Float at Hovey Lake



The canoe float is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd at Hovey Lake. We will need to be at Hovey Lake at 5:00pm. It will cost \$15.00 a person with all equipment furnished. If you want to bring your own PFD and or paddle----- no problem. The rental company requires at least 6 people. We need to know in advance how many members plan on going. The float trip will probably last 2 to 2-1/2 hours depending on Karen and Janice.

Come and enjoy nature at its best with a relaxing canoe float and a stress relieving venture.