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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

June 20th Meeting Features Derk Boss, Casino Follies: Bad Guys and Idiots at Roca Bar North

Our meeting for June will be held on Wednesday, the 20th at Roca Bar North on US. Highway 41 North.

Our speaker will be our own Administrative Officer, Derk Boss. His topic is Casino Follies: Bad Guys and Idiots!

Remember, our social time at Roca Bar North begins at 6:00pm with dinner at 7pm. Be sure to arrive by 6:30pm as that is the time we will order the food. Roca Bar North is located on Highway 41 North across from the 4-H Center.



Commander's Corner



Boating season is finally here!! I hope most of us have been able to be on the water by now. Linda

and I certainly have. Lake Cumberland, our boating water, is really pretty and the water is already warm.

Karen and Richard are spending time in Georgia with her father who is having medical problems; so, I will try to give some of her report.

We just finished the ABC class which was the largest we have

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taught in some time. Eleven finished the class. Unfortunately, we were not able to sign anyone up as new members.

The JN class is in progress. We believe it would be best to not plan anymore classes until fall after the busy boating season.

We had, what I thought, was a very interesting meeting in May. The editor from Courier spoke about future of printed newspapers. The meeting was very informative. The speaker had many interesting points, and again the Pizza was good.

I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting.

Cdr. Sam Richey, SN

THE FUTURE OF NEWSPAPERS.

Our Wednesday, May 16th speaker was Tom Lovett, Business Editor/Metro Editor/Watchdog Editor from the Courier Press. The subject title of his presentation is: The "Future of Newspapers". Tom was very informative and gave us great insight into the future of the newspaper business.

His prediction is that at some point in the next 10 to 15 years, many newspapers will stop "printing on paper".

He indicated that Courier and Press "make their money" on the Sunday



edition because of the greater volume of advertising and lose money on the daily paper. *Young readers: How to attract them?* He said that newspapers are not going to get them reading the paper. Since the internet plays such a major role in news dissemination, more and more people are turning to social media, websites, and apps to get their news.

In fact, right now, with the paper, courierpress.com, and mobile apps, they reach more people than they ever have. On the average, they get about 230,000 hits per day, on their website.

Tom believes that "if you give people a light they will find their own way. "



Derk Boss, left, talks with Steve Smith, Cheri Boss, and our Speaker, Tom Lovett, before the meeting

Tom graduated from Western Kentucky University with a BA in Journalism in 1991. He has been the Business/Metro Editor since 2008.



Sam Richey, standing in back, Harold and Carol Nix (L) with Karen Rombauer and Suzy and Jay Picking.

Watch Out for Barges and Towboats

Towboats and barges are familiar sights on many of our nation's waterways. Since these vessels operate 24 hours a day and pose a number of safety hazards, recreational boaters should be vigilant when boating in areas with commercial traffic.

Barges can be surprisingly quiet, and the speed of both barges and towboats can be deceiving. These vessels are capable of traveling a mile in seven minutes, **but it may take them over a mile to come to a stop.** Boaters should steer clear of channel areas with high commercial traffic even after barges have passed since strong wakes can create serious turbulence hundreds of yards behind the towboat.



Neil and Charolette Phillips

Even though the speaker did not discuss boating, all in attendance enjoyed his presentation.

We gathered at Roca Bar North and enjoyed their great pizza. Come and join the fun at our next meeting there.

While towboat operators are generally on the lookout for smaller boats, their visibility is sometimes limited and they may be unable to maneuver quickly enough to avoid a recreational boater... especially one who is not paying attention!



In addition, a towboat without barges in front of it may be towing astern with the towline submerged. Stay Clear! Recreational boaters should always maintain a proper lookout and steer well clear of commercial boat operations. Boat Smart. Boat Safe



Drawing by P/C Richard Geier

Vivica A. Trapp



We lost one of our most active members, P/C Vicky Trapp, P. She was called home on April 26, 2012.

For many years, Vicki, and John were extremely active in Evansville Bend.

Known to her friends as Vicki, she was a member of Evansville Bend for 20 years joining in 1992. She served as commander in 2001. Vicki, her husband, John, and their entire family were very involved in the activities of Evansville Bend until the last four years as her illness prevented her from being as active. Her son Will, and daughter Rebecca, are also members

In addition to serving as commander, Vicki served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years.

We remember Vicki as a fun-loving person always with a smile on her face and a positive attitude.