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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

**Steve Ford—Sports Writer for Courier and Press
Will be Our June 19th Speaker.**

Our Wednesday, June 19th meeting



will feature a long-time sports writer for the Courier and Press, Steve Ford. For over 20 years, Steve

has covered many different types of outdoor sportsman stories You name it in sports, and Steve has covered it. Be sure and come hear Steve tell about some of these fascinating sporting stories and experiences. I am sure you have read many of his stories. Now come and see him share these stories in person.

Our location for the Wednesday, June 19th meeting is Roca Bar North on Highway 41 North.

Social time starts at 6pm; we will order the food at 6:30pm.

Commander's Corner



Greetings Fellow Boaters:

Boating season is here for most of us or at least getting very close. If you haven't already,

it's time to de-winterize your boat and start washing and waxing. It's time for some boating fun!

As we prepare our boats for summer your Bridge is planning our yearly calendar. Administrative Officer Steve Smith has already arranged or is working on great speakers for our upcoming meetings. For June, Steve Ford, Hunting and Fishing Editor for the Courier-Press, will be our speaker. He will share local news, legends, and boating tips. Please plan to attend!



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We are presently planning Squadron events and would love some ideas on what you want to see and do. Please contact any member of the bridge and give us your ideas. We're listening! One of the things we will do this year to get out in front of the public more (and potential new members) is a program I call "Manning the Docks." One weekend a month, I intend for us to go to a local boat launch and assist boaters as they launch and retrieve their boats. This is an excellent opportunity for the Squadron to get to know new boaters and be there when they really need some guidance and experience. If you remember your first few launching experiences you know how valuable another pair of hands can be.

We can be those hands and at the same time promote USPS in the best way possible: through expert assistance when needed. **Our first "Manning the Docks" event will be held on June 15th at the Dogtown Boat Launch.** Please contact me for further information. Please be aware you will need to wear one of our logoed shirts or other USPS gear.

SEO Janice Elwood is putting together our educational calendar. Our first presentation is Tuesday, June 4th and is a seminar on Rivers, Locks and Bridges. If you boat in this area you need this information. Come on out! See the website for details.

We have sent out to all members a survey that we request you complete. We are looking for ideas to help make your Squadron experience more fun and educational. Please let us know what you're want to do.

I know all of us on the Bridge want to see more involvement from our membership. We work hard to provide you what

you're looking for and often we're working in the dark. We will be reaching out to you. Please don't hesitate to let us know, it's your Squadron!

See you on the River,

Cdr. Derk Boss, AP

Education Update



On June 4th a 2 hour seminar titled Rivers, Lakes and Locks will be offered to the public, at the EMA building at 6:30pm.

Newburgh lockmaster will speak to the class as part of the seminar. Come and help proctor the seminar with other EB members.

For the first time ever, we will be offer hands-on training for boat handling this summer. More details to follow. EB has been invited by the Evansville Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation to give hourly simple boat safety sessions (pdf's) for kids at their Jakes Day on June 22 at the Izaak Walton club house. This is from 9am to 2pm. We may volunteers to work in 2 hour shifts. So if you would like to volunteer please let me know.

Janice Elwood, JN SEO

Need a new burgee, ensign for your boat, squadron shirt or name tag please email, call me or talk to me at the meetings.

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GREAT ADVICE FROM DAN WILSON, SERVICE MANAGER



Dan has been Service Manager at Lynn's for 6 years. He also helps in selling boats when needed.



He explained that most boaters don't know that the industry is changing. He was referencing the new engines that require a different kind of maintenance.

He focused on the EPA changes in gasoline requiring 10% ethanol for automobiles. The problem is ethanol is no friend to boat engines. The alcohol in ethanol can effect gas lines and cause hoses to leak. We all can imagine the problems that could be caused inside of an inclosed engine compartment. Dan also mentioned that the government might go to 15% alcohol. Many gas stations sell ethanol-free gasoline. The pumps are marked this way but the cost is higher. For the additional cost you are also getting a little higher octane.

Dan went on to explain that Mercury makes three products to help keep your engine running in top notch condition. Quickare to be added at each fill-up to protect the gasoline, Quickleen to clean carbon deposits inside the carburetors, injectors, intake valves,



to be added at each fill-up to protect the gasoline, Quickleen to clean carbon deposits inside the carburetors, injectors, intake valves,



spark plugs and cylinder heads. And at the end of the season, QuickStop to help stabilize the gas over the winter.



Dan's message was very informative and gave us all valuable information to help insure we have trouble-free boating.

He also suggested to take your boat to an authorized dealer.

RON EBERHART RECEIVES COMMUNICATION AWARDS



Cdr. Derk Boss presented Ron with 3 awards. One for Evansville Bend's newsletter, one for the website, and also for the D/24 Newsletter.



In preparation for the celebration of USPS's 100 years in 2014, squadrons are purchasing these streamers for their USPS ensigns.

Cdr Derk Boss unveiled our streamer **WE ARE TURNING 100!!** at the May meeting.



OUR NEWEST MEMBER AND SECRETARY—TREASURER



Cdr. Derk Boss installs our newest member, Jen Wilson at our May 22, 2013 meeting. Jen was unable to attend our Change of Watch in April so the induction was postponed until May.

As a new member, Jen has “jumped-in” big time helping our squadron. She has taken on the duties and responsibilities of Secretary/Treasurer as our past S/T Janice Elwood became our Squadron Education Officer.

Welcome aboard and thanks for your service to our club.

The **2013 Annual Meeting** in Jacksonville marked the beginning of a year-long celebration of the USPS® 100th Anniversary.

Every squadron and district in USPS is urged to share their pride and commitment to boating safety and education with community celebrations and to participate with fellow members by having their community successes featured on this 100th Anniversary website.

The 100th anniversary site (www.usps.org/100/) will serve as the primary resource for descriptions of USPS 100th Anniversary activities and as a source for tools to help squadrons and districts with their own celebrations. It is administered as a function of the 100th Anniversary Committee chaired by P/R/C Trudy Brown, AP, reporting to V/C Robert Baldrige, SN.

