



Pilot

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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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Come And Get Educated— Dan Belwood of the DNR Will Be March Speaker

Here's the Buzz: Our upcoming Wednesday, March 17th meeting returns to the Hornet's Nest. **Dan Belwood with the Department of Natural Resources** will be our featured speaker.



By popular demand, we return to the Hornet's Nest for their great fried chicken.

Our bill O'fare will be: family style fried chicken or roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, slaw, tea or water. Cost is just \$14.00 per person.

Leroy and his calling committee will be contacting you.. Reservations are required with our **deadline of Wednesday, March 10th**. So when Leroy or one of his "crew" gives you a call, be prepared to give them the "go ahead" on your reservations.

Commander's Corner



Our January Membership Meeting had 13 members there to enjoy a very informative presentation by Chase Kelly, Director of Corporate

Communications from Vectren. The closest we can come to associating boating with the power company is "SHORE POWER". Of course there is our personal link of our individual carbon footprint. There were suggestions to us how we could improve and conserve our energy consumption. All in all it was a very enjoyable presentation and I believe enjoyed by all.

The Bridge Officer election took place at the January Membership Meeting. The slate of Officers

Commander:	Cdr. Richard Rombauer, P (812-985-9956)	
Executive Officer:	P/Stf/C Sam Richey, SN	(812-721-2322)
Administrative Officer:	P/C Henry Graper, AP	(812-359-4927)
Secretary/Treasurer:	P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN	(812-401-8300)
Education Officer:	Lt/C Karen Rombauer, P	(812-985-9956)

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elected and their positions were listed in the Pilot.

The Change of Watch took place at Oak Meadows Country Club Saturday February 27th where the old bridge was dismissed and the new bridge was sworn in. To see your new bridge please view them on the web page at evansvillebend.org. We had a great evening with good company from the District and our own membership. Since the District Bridge was just sworn in this past January this was a good opportunity for our members to meet the new District Officers.

I imagine that the cabin fever has reached its peak and that all of us are ready to start boating. Mother Nature is not quite ready yet but this would be a great time to prepare our check list for mechanical inspections and for smooth safe operation of our water craft.

I got an idea! Why not contact Our Vessel Inspector chief (Henry Graper) and schedule a FREE Vessel Inspection.?? Henry knows what you need for a safe boat eliminating the guess work.

Activities are gelling together for this year in the squadron. Once again updates of these activities will be given at the membership meetings and listed in the "Pilot".

We would love to have you join us for our March Membership Meeting at the Hornets Nest March 17th.

Cdr. Richard Rombauer, P



Education Update



Here it is -- March, 2010 already. As you know, March is traditionally the month when we teach the America's Boating

Course to the public. This year, however, we're doing things a little differently. We began our first ABC course on Feb. 16, and plan to conduct a second course (via USI) beginning April 6. To date, there are 7 students in the first course. Without the annual boat show, we find it very challenging to get the word out about our classes. So this time we tried an ad in the Boat column of the Sunday Classified section of the Courier Press. The ad ran the four consecutive Sundays prior to the Feb. 16 class date – you may have seen it.

Soon after these ABC classes are completed I'm hoping to pull together a Seamanship class. Those of you who have not yet had an opportunity to take this class (you know who you are!!), get ready !! I'll be contacting you about dates.

The Advanced Piloting class is at about mid-way point. Students Ron Eberhart, Henry Graper, Rich and Karen Rombauer, and Donn Wood are happily :-) charting and plotting (or is it plodding ??!?) their way through Bowditch Bay. Many thanks to instructors Suzy and Jay Picking for their patience!!

Lots of emails and memos are coming to us from the USPS National Education department. At the February 6 annual meeting the restriction against squadrons offering education programs

to the public has been removed from the National By-Laws. Any squadron can now offer any USPS educational programs (courses, seminars, or Boat Operation Certification) to the public as well as to members. However, the expectation is that if offered to the public, these advanced classes would be fee-based. Not sure how (or if) we would address this in the Evansville Bend area, but your Bridge will be discussing these options.

Two new seminars have been released: **Partner-in-Command:** an intro to boating for crew members, providing essential information required to replace the skipper of a recreational boat in an emergency.

Rules of the Road: an explanation with examples of the 37 Rules of the Road.

Last year we had some success with hosting seminars at Gander Mountain, and we expect to continue that in 2010. Watch for further details as we plan the seminars – this would be a good chance for you to learn something new or to refresh your memory, and bring along a fellow boating friend!!!

SEO Karen Rombauer, P

JANUARY MEETING WAS ELECTRIFYING AND A GAS!

Chase Kelly, Director of Corporate Communications from Vectren was our January speaker at the Black Buggy Restaurant.



She discussed how Indiana customers can "Live Smart" - using En-

ergy Wisely; How to understand your natural gas and/or electric bill and how costs are determined; Rebates on high efficiency natural gas appliances; Online tools to analyze your energy use; Free and low cost energy efficiency tips to lower energy usage; Billing and payment options; outage response.

Get more information at their website: www.vectren.com They have a lot of on-line tools to help you save on your energy bill. There is also information about rebates on Energy Star appliances.

NEW BRIDGE APPROVED AT JANUARY MEETING...

Well, it is official!! Our slate of officers that were presented to the membership were unanimously approved.

Congratulations to Commander Rombauer and his bridge as they take the helm of Evansville Bend for another year.

WE HAD ANOTHER COW!!!

It's the biggest night of the year, at least for Evansville Bend members, as we dress-up and head to Oak Meadow Country Club for the Change of Watch, Saturday, February 27th.

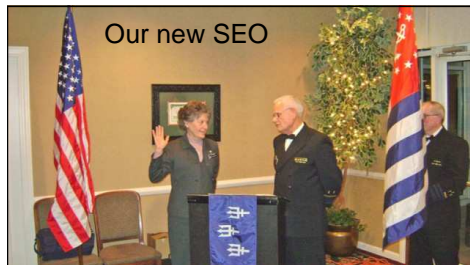
D/24 Members were also in attendance: D/24 Commander Don Cloyd, SEO Larry Samuels, Treasurer David Robertson, and Secretary Paul Durstock.

D/24 Cdr. Cloyd installed our new

bridge officers. DEO Larry Samuels installed our new SEO Karen Rombauer.

Food was great; fellowship was even better.

We viewed a 17 minute video recap of Richard's first year as commander prepared by Ron Eberhart.



Calendar of Events

- 4th of July Celebration at Graper's River Retreat.
- Cumberland Lake Rendezvous: July 9th - 10, 2010
- Lake Erie/Sandusky: August 13,14,15 - 2010
- Golconda Marina: Sept 11-12, 2010

New Officers: 2010—2011

Cdr: Richard Rombauer

Executive Officer: Sam Richey

Squadron Education Officer:
Karen Rombauer

Administrative Officer:
Henry Graper

Secretary/Treasurer:
Janice Elwood

Auditing

Anne Trapp	1 year
Jay Picking	2 years
Donn Wood	3 years

At Large Committee

Ron Eberhart	1 year
Sandy Mahrenholz	2 years
Mike Shirk	3 years

Rules Committee

Leroy Elwood	1 year
Linda Richey	2 years
John Trapp	3 years

Nominating Committee

Suzy Picking	1 year
Sally Frazier	2 years
Jay Picking	3 years