



# Pilot

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## Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

**Mitch Luman — Evansville Museum Planetarium  
Takes Us to the Stars — Wednesday, March 21**

Our Wednesday, March 21st meeting returns to the Roca Bar Pizza on Highway 41 North. Everyone seems to enjoy the atmosphere of this new restaurant and the ability to order off of the menu.

Our program will be Mitch Luman—The Dorothy & George Eykamp Director, Koch Science Center and Planetarium.

Mitch has been a speaker at our meetings on several occasions. He is very entertaining in his presentation about the “stars”.

### Commander's Corner



We had another good meeting at Roca Pizza North for our February meeting. Jeff Lyons with WFIE TV was our

speaker and always puts on a good show even though he did not attempt to teach us much about weather forecasting.



### KOCH PLANETARIUM

EVANSVILLE MUSEUM OF ARTS, HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Our social time 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

We have lots of activity planned in the next couple of months: the weekend of 9-10<sup>th</sup> March, Lynn's West Side Marine will be holding an open house. Derk and I will be attending the D/24 Spring Conference in Covington that same weekend, so we cannot help with the show. Ron Eberhart is handling this and can use all the help he can get. Also March 31<sup>st</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> Outdoor Unlimited is hosting the second annual



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boat show at the 4-H center. Again Ron is handling the sign up, and needs all the help he can get. You should have received an email from Ron with the dates and times we need help.

We have one new member, David Bryant, who joined through the USPS cyber member program. He has now joined Evansville Bend and is taking classes. I am sure Karen will be talking more about what is going on in education.

See you on the water soon.

*Cdr. Sam Richey, SN*

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## Education Update



Don't forget our next seminar, **Using GPS**, on **March 28**, at 6:30 pm at the Gander Mountain Lodge meeting room. This 2-hour seminar is **FREE**, and open to all Evansville

Bend members, guests, and the general public. GPS has become a common tool for navigation. However using GPS on the water is distinctly different from a moving map display in your car. This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation which you will use. It then shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts which provide essential information about what is around you.

The seminar also shows you how to operate your GPS – what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need. A hand-held GPS is used as the demonstration model, but all GPS receivers function similarly. By the time you have completed the seminar, you will be able to

store waypoints into your GPS, activate them for navigation, and use GPS to keep you on a safe, pre-qualified course of your choosing. You'll also get some tips for choosing a GPS if you don't currently own one. You may also purchase a copy of the waterproof McGraw-Hill Captain's Quick Guide *Using GPS* to take aboard to remind you of the steps, or to show another of your crew how to use your GPS.

Our next public ABC class will begin April 11, 2012 at 6:30 pm, in the EMA Building on Stanley Ave. If you know anyone who would like to take this class, please have them contact me to register.

JN is still scheduled to begin March 27, at 6:30 pm, in the EMA Building

*SEO Karen Rombauer, AP*

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### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT BROADCAST

You may have read that LightSquared LLC was recently dealt a setback in their plans to create a terrestrial broadband network on frequencies close to the GPS band. These signals would overwhelm many GPS receivers and render them useless.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has concluded that there's no way to eliminate the risk of interference with GPS devices. The FCC is accepting comments until March 1 before making a decision whether or not to vacate the waiver sought by LightSquared to begin operations. LightSquared bought spectrum at auction and,

through a series of spectrum trades, legally owns the right to utilize the lower part of the Mobile Satellite Services band just below the GPS L1 frequency. They have invested \$4 billion in the project to date and have threatened to sue the FCC to protect their rights to the bandwidth. They are likely to try to swap spectrum and will use the threat of lawsuit as their lever.

The GPS user community (aircraft pilots, mariners, cell phone users, farmers, surveyors, etc.) can start to breathe a collective sigh of relief, but keep your eyes on the news. The battle is not over.

R/C Gene Danko  
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### **TITANIC GETTING READY TO SINK AGAIN**

We've been asked to set up a booth/table at Showplace Cinema East during their re-release of *The Titanic* on Friday evening, April 6 and on Saturday, April 7. We need lots of volunteers to help man the booth and talk to movie-goers about safe boating. If you're available to help out, please contact Sam Richey or Karen Rombauer to sign up.

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### **FEBRUARY MEETING WAS "MOSTLY SUNNY"**

Jeff Lyons, Meteorologist with 14 WFIE television was our speaker at the February 13th meeting. Jeff presented a very lively presentation about the weather.

He discussed the wet/mild weather

pattern we are in. This is caused by La Nina. The cold sea temperatures in the Pacific Ocean affect our winter by making it milder. The jet stream has been located more to the north, thus allowing the mild weather to prevail. It does predict a wet and stormy period from mid-March through mid-May.



He explained that it is difficult to predict weather more than 3 to 4 days in advance for high accuracy. They use 3 computer models to assist in their predictions.

Jeff took many questions from members.

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### **FIRST AID CLASS IS COMING**



We will be offering a First Aid class to members. Most likely it will be conducted at the EMA office on Stanley Ave-

nue. This will include CPR.

There will be a minimal charge for the group to take it. The class will last about 3—4 hours and will be offered on a Saturday.

The date is to be determined but will be offered in the next several weeks.

If you are interested in taking the class, be sure to let Sam, Richard, or Derk know.

## SQUADRON OFFICER ELECTIONS AT MARCH MEETING

Be sure to attend the March meeting to cast your vote for our slate officers for the upcoming "Watch Year"?

Jay Picking, and his committee, have put together a great slate of officers. We need you to attend to vote and support these officers.

### Slate of New Officers for Evansville Bend 2012—2013

**Cdr: Sam Richey**

**Executive Officer:**  
Richard Rombauer

**Squadron Education Officer:**  
Karen Rombauer

**Administrative Officer:**  
Derk Boss

**Secretary/Treasurer:**  
Janice Elwood

#### Auditing

Jay Picking	1 year
Cheri Boss	2 years
Henry Graper	3 years

#### At Large Committee

Steve Smith	1 year
Jo Gries	2 years
Ron Eberhart	3 years

#### Rules Committee

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

#### Nominating Committee

Jay Picking	1 year
Karen Rombauer	2 years
Cheri Boss	3 years

## CHANGE OF WATCH

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST.**

It's the big event of the year—the Evansville Bend COW; Change of Watch - Saturday, April 21st at Oak Meadow Country Club.

#### Salad

*Mandarin Orange, Walnut Salad  
Mixed Greens with Feta Cheese  
And Balsamic Dressing  
Rolls and Butter*

#### Entrées

*Chicken Piccata - \$23.00  
Horseradish Crusted Salmon -  
\$25.00  
8 oz. Rib Eye with  
Caramelized Onions - \$27.00*

#### Sides

*Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Bean Amandine*

#### Dessert

*Cheese Cake with Fresh Strawberries  
Coffee, Ice Tea*

*Price is inclusive of Tax and Tip*

**Send your check and entrée choices to**

**Janice Elwood,**

**2112 Bayard Park Dr.,**

**Evansville, IN 47714.**

**Make checks payable to:**

**Evansville Bend Power Squadron**

**Deadline for reservations is  
Friday, 13 April 2012**