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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

Charles E. Parrish — History of Navigation Development on the Ohio River - March 20th; Change of Watch — April 20th

CHARLES E. PARRISH will be our speaker of our Wednesday, March 20th meeting thanks to the efforts of AO Derk Boss.

His topic will be the **History of Navigation Development on the Ohio River** from settlement time to today's modern towboat river. Chuck will talk about navigation conditions prior to river improvements, early locks and dams, steamboat days, barging, the economy of the river, and the present lock and dam system, with a few colorful quotes thrown in.

Chuck is a native Louisvillian and graduate of University of Louisville, BA in history (1964); graduate work at UL in history.

We will meet at Roca Bar North on US Highway 41. Social times starts at 6pm, we will order from the menu at 6:30pm. Our program with our speaker will begin around 7:15pm.

We are encouraging members to bring special guests to this meeting.

Our squadron is incurring some expenses to bring Mr. Parrish to be our speaker. Several members are assisted in covering these financial obligations.

Read more about our speaker on page 3 of this newsletter.

Commander's Corner



I know we have been sending out announcements about the upcoming meeting on March 20th. I just want to remind everyone again, Derk has lined up a speaker He should be very interest-



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ing meeting he will be talking about ***History of Navigation Development on the Ohio River*** .

I hope to see everyone there.

Most of you are not as interested as I but the last hole is being poured on the dam at Lake Cumberland. They should start raising the lake level by this time next month. We will have to find new stumps to tie to, and watch out for trees that have grown since lake was lowered. However, we still have 60 foot of water under our boat at dock, even with lake at lower levels.

Janice and I recently put on GPS Seminar at Emergency Management Agency. We had 6 people who attended.

Also, on March 15-16 several Evansville Bend members will be attending the District 24 Spring Conference in Indy.

Cdr Sam Richey, SN

Education Update



March. So, spring is just around the corner, right?? And, yes, we'll be getting our boats back in the water soon. But, first, please consider taking advantage of

another opportunity to enhance your on-the-water skills.

Seminar: **Boat Handling Under Power**
Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm
Location: Emergency Management Agency, 708 Stanley Ave.

This seminar is intended for both power

boats and sailboats and will teach types of steering, turning, propulsion (jet drives, single and twin screw), departing and docking, and close quarters maneuvering.

There is a \$25 fee, which provides a copy of the course materials for your future reference. No pre-registration is necessary, just bring cash or personal check to the seminar. And bring a friend, too!!!

Also, don't forget that our next **ABC class** will begin April 2.

ABC Class: April 2 thru May 7. This class will also be conducted at the Emergency Management Agency of-fice.

If you know anyone who's been wanting to take this course, be sure to tell them to contact me to register.

On the water Training: For the first time ever, we're going to offer some real hands-on training this summer, on June 8. Location to be announced later.

Karen Rombauer, SEO

CHARLES E. PARRISH

Charles Parrish retired Jan 2004 as Historian of the Louisville District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers with 30 years service. He was re-hired by the Corps in 2006 to work on several special historical projects, and after completing that work, retired again in November 2008, with 32 years of service.

Previous employment: Kentucky Heritage Commission; Filson Historical Society; Louisville/Jefferson County Planning Commission. His entire career has been in the field of historic preservation, historical agency management, and documentation of America's maritime history.

Chuck has been active in numerous historical organizations and projects: Louisville Historical League; Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Committee; Farnsley-Moreman Landing (Ohio River); Louisville Marine Hospital; Howard Steamboat Museum; River Heritage Museum (Paducah); Lock and Dam #52 and #53 preservation, Ohio River; preservation of Life Saving Station #10, Louisville; and Belle of Louisville Centennial Committee.

He is also author of numerous articles on history of navigation development in the Ohio Valley and co-author of "The Commonwealth's Waterway: A History of Navigation on the Kentucky River".

From 2006-2008, as a re-hired annuitant, He co-authored "Triumph At the Falls: The Louisville and Portland Canal," and co-authored volume three of "The Falls City Engineers: A History of the Louisville District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers". Also in that period, he wrote a booklet on the history of navigation development at the Falls of the Ohio, and wrote the narrative for a series of interpretive signs at the McAlpine Locks and Dam project, Louisville.

He has also collaborated on numerous publications dealing with river subjects, by other authors, and have served as proof-reader/editor for several river-related publications.

While employed by the Corps of Engineers, he was involved in many projects as advisor to exhibits, symposia, panels, and tours related to the Ohio River and its environs, and was frequently called on to speak on related subjects. Chuck was the Corps' advisor to the "Always A River" project in 1990, consisting of an exhibit barge that floated the length of the Ohio River. Of particular note, he has been involved in the River Heritage Museum at Paducah, KY since its inception.

During his Corps employment, he was in the Planning Division for 18 years, and in the Public Affairs Office for 12 years.



While in PAO, he dealt with the print and electronic media extensively. The Louisville District continues to seek his counsel on matters related to Corps and river history. He also still receives inquiries occasionally from the Office of History, Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC.

For 25 years, he has given numerous narrated tours on river boats in the Louisville area., including the Belle of Louisville, River Queen, Bonnie Belle, and Star of Louisville. Also, he has been a guest lecturer on the Delta Queen, American Queen, and Chattanooga Star. In addition, Chuck has been a speaker aboard the Riverbarge Excursion Line's "River Explorer," annually since 1998.

Since retirement, Chuck has been a consultant/writer/speaker on river-related history and preservation projects at numerous river venues, including Living Lands and Waters, and has been a guest lecturer at Bellarmine University, Louisville.

He also gives periodic tours at McAlpine Locks and Dam, Louisville and worked as a consultant to the Rivers Institute at Hanover College in Indiana to help plan activities and programs in observance of the bicentennial of the first steamboat on the Ohio River, 1811- 2011.

He served as Chair of the Steamboat Bicentennial Committee, coordinating regional activities along the Ohio, production of a DVD on 200 years of steam boating, and

publication of a book of essays dealing with the subject, as well as giving many presentations on the history of steamboats. He continues serving as a consultant to the Rivers Institute on matters related to river history.

Chuck is married; 2 sons, 4 granddaughters, 1 grandson. His hobbies include reading, book collecting, bicycling, and learning more about America's rivers. We are encouraging all members to invite guests to hear this presentation. We would like to have a huge number in attendance.

WE WENT IRISH IN FEBRUARY

Special thanks to Ron and Emma Lee Eberhart for their very informative presentation about Ireland at our February 20th meeting. Ron and Emma Lee have traveled to Ireland two times to visit their daughter, Andrea, and son-in-law, Johann.

WE ARE HAVING ANOTHER COW!!

Save the date— April 20th—Saturday Night for our Change of Watch.



Derk Boss has made arrangements for our COW to be held at Casino Aztar. (Tropicana Evansville). A special invitation will be

soon sent to all members. In addition, a special \$69 room rate (plus taxes) will be available to all members and D/24 Officers attending.

Remember— COW — Saturday, April 20th.

HELP! If you can help us this weekend at Lynn's Marine open house, contact Cdr. Sam— srichey8@aol.com

Proposed Slate of Officers for Evansville Bend 2013- 2014

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