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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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May 18th Meeting - Tour Casino Aztar Pilot House and Dine at Ri Ra Irish Pub

Administrative Officer, Derk Boss, has made arrangements for an outstanding Wednesday, May 18th meeting. We will tour the Casino Aztar Pilot House on their boat. Here's the agenda:

- Squadron members meet at the Le Merigot valet entrance (off Riverside Drive) at 1700 hours (5pm) . You may park at the Le Merigot Hotel or anywhere parking is available close to Ri Ra's.
- We will be shuttled across the street to the Pavilion. It is a five to ten minute walk to the Pilot house, including one flight of stairs. Please wear comfortable shoes!
- We will receive a tour of the Pilot House and a presentation by one of our Captains.
- Upon completion of our tour we will return to the Pavilion and will be shuttled to Ri Ra's. We should arrive at about 1800

hours (6pm) . Members who wish to forego the boat tour may meet us in the upstairs dining area of Ri Ra's for food, drink and merriment.

It is important that you notify Derk by Monday, May 16th at 812-433-4046 to RSVP to ensure your visitor badges are ready. Please leave a message if I am out of the office. You may also email me at djboss49@gmail.com

Please note that ordering will be off the menu at Ri Ra's and paid individually.

Commander's Corner



We did not get much boating in for the month of April; this month is not starting out any better. Linda and I

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finally got our boat opened up the week-end of the 30th of April. Unfortunately, the boaters who boat on the rivers don't know when they will be getting out due to the extreme high water. I hope by the time **Safe Boating Week** rolls around, 21-27th May, the river will be in better shape.

Remember on the 18th we will be visiting Casino Aztar and touring the wheel house. I am looking forward to this and have wanted to see the working part of the boat ever since it came to Evansville.

We are conducting several classes and have just finished Engine Maintenance; SEO Karen Rombauer will have more on this in her report.

We have lots of activities planned for summer and I would like to see more of our members taking part.

Commander P/STC Sam Richey SN

Education Update



If you weren't able to attend our April dinner meeting, you really missed out on a fun learning experience -- practicing with our laser fire extinguisher system. Some of our members made it look so easy, but it definitely takes a certain amount of skill to put out a fire quickly. Remember: **Pull (the pin), Aim, Squeeze (the trigger), and Sweep (at the base of the fire).**

We just can't seem to get that **Saturday morning ABC class** in gear. With the Ohio River up high again, we had to postpone AGAIN. We're re-scheduled to start May 7, but that is still tentative and will be decided only by Mother Nature. Stay tuned

Don't forget . . . **Seamanship** class is scheduled to start June 7, 6:30 pm, at the EMA Building. I need to order the books in early May, so let me know NOW if you're planning to take this class. The book cost is \$40.00.

I'd like to give a special **THANKS** to all of you who have been helping out by proctoring the ABC classes. I know we've had a lot on our plates, and your assistance and presence is really appreciated.

GOOD NEWS: I just received a notice from USPS HQ that Course Materials are now available to be purchased online from the USPS Ship's Store. Member students who want to take USPS Advanced Grade and Elective courses can now do so without waiting until a course is offered in their area. This may be a real boost for smaller squadrons like ours, where it's more difficult to offer the complete array of classes frequently. Both the student and instructor manuals (as well as shipping and handling charges) are included in the purchase price. However, in order to take the test and get credit for completing the course, the SEO still must order and administer the test. So, please let me know if you purchase a course and need the test - I'm not sure if I'll get that info automatically from the USPS system.

SEO Karen Rombauer, JN

THINGS WERE “ABLAZE” AT APRIL MEETING.

The meeting for April was held at Logan’s Roadhouse on Evansville’s Eastside.

This was our first outing to Logan’s and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



The meeting’s program consisted of the demonstration of the Laser Fire Extinguisher Training System. The Laser represents the latest advancement in fire training technology.

It senses where the user aims and sweeps the laser training extinguisher and automatically varies the LED driven digital flames in response. This allows trainees to learn how to effectively use a fire extinguisher without the cost and clean-up associated with using dry-chemical or CO2 extinguishers.



All members who wanted to were allowed to use the device. The fastest time went to “quick draw” Suzy Picking”.

Congratulations Suzy!!

**WELCOME ABOARD:
GARY CARSON**

Cdr. Sam Richey had the very distinct pleasure of installing our newest member, Gary Carson, at our April 20th meeting.

Gary is married to his wife, Pam. They have a 42’ power boat, Knot@Work, with the home port of Grand Rivers, KY.

Be sure to give Gary and Pam a big Evansville Bend welcome at our meeting on the 18th.



Welcome Aboard!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MAY 21 - OHIO VALLEY MARINE SPONSORING "RIVER HERITAGE DAY" IN HENDERSON.

On **Saturday, May 21** from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Ohio Valley Marine (Butch and Kelle Branson, our newest members !!) and the Depot Community Room is sponsoring a RIVER HERITAGE DAY on the Ohio River at Henderson, KY. This date marks the start of **National Safe Boating Week** and in that spirit, Evansville Bend Power Squadron will host a booth at the event.

The actual location is the riverfront park in Henderson - just downriver from the boat ramps.

It looks like it's going to be a HUGE event. Some of the "attractions" they have planned are:

- A working lock and dam replica
- Coast Guard - buoy tenders
- Tugboat tour
- Knot-tying demonstrations
- 2 giant puzzles (they each weigh 200 lbs!!) - a tugboat, and a steam boat.
- Activities for children



We'll be needing volunteers to help pass out brochures, stickers, activity books for kids, and just talk to people about the United States Power Squadrons.

You can come early (approx. 9:00 or so) to help set up, or come anytime and help for as long (or as short) as your schedule allows. We're not picky -- we'll take help of any length, type, size, or shape!!!! C'mon ----- don't miss out ---- this will be lots of fun!!!!

Also, does anyone have a portable tent/roof that we can borrow that day? Just in case it rains (I know, hard to believe, right ?!!!!!!???).

To volunteer please contact Rich or Karen Rombauer, 812-985-9956 or

rkem.rombauer@sbcglobal.net.

OUR WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK!!

If you haven't visited our website recently, you will notice a new look. The content and pages are the same, but the masthead picture and color scheme has been updated. When you get a chance, check it out at:

www.evansvillebend.org



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