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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

**September 18 Meeting....on the Fly....
with 2 Fly Fishermen**

Marion Meyer and John Trout will be our speakers for the Wednesday, September 18th meeting. They are experienced fly fishermen and have just returned from a fishing trip to Alaska. They are members of a local fly fisherman's club. I am sure we will be hearing details of this adventure as well as others.

Commander's Corner



Greeting Fellow Members

Our meeting location is moving this month down to the river at Marina Pointe. We will be meeting at the Open Pavilion just above the LST.

We will order off of their casual dining menu.

Social Time is 6pm and we will order off of the menu around 6:30pm.

It should be a beautiful view of the river as the sun begins to set.

So come and join us for a great evening on the river.

August was a busy month for the Squadron. We conducted another Man the Docks Program, this time in conjunction with the Perry Township Water Search and Rescue team. We had a great time working together to demonstrate boating safety. P/C Henry Graper again performed a number of Vessel Safety Checks. Thanks Henry.

This event, was again arranged by Steve 'the hardest working man in show business.' Thanks Steve.



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We are planning on closing out our Man the Docks program for the season in September. Our last event will be on Saturday, September 7th from 0800 - 1200 at the Dogtown Boat Launch. Perry Township will again join us. Please plan on donating your time. We have a great time together and meet a lot of people.

P/C Sam Richey presented "Rivers, Locks and Lakes (Thank you Sam) and we will start our next ABC Class on September 10th. Please let us know if there are any classes you'd like to take.

You will notice that we are trying different locations for our general meeting. Some members have expressed their desire to try other venues and the Bridge has agreed to do so. This month's meeting will be at the Inland Marina (the owner, Ron, was our speaker at our August meeting). Our speakers will be from the local Fly Fisherman's Club and they will speak about fishing and their adventures.

The Bridge has decided to again hold our annual Holiday Party at Oak Meadows. We are planning to make it a great event. Stay tuned for further details.

See you on the docks!

Cdr. Derk Boss, AP

Education Update



A River, Lakes and Locks seminar was offered to the public on August 27, 2012. Four students took advantage of the seminar. The seminar started with a visit from the Assistant

Operations Manager of the Newburgh lock. Thanks to Sam, Derk, Jennifer, Karen & Richard, Steve and Henry for helping proctoring the seminar.

The ABC Boating Course is being offered on September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, and 15 for the cost of \$50 per student manual at the EMA building. Come and help proctor the ABC Boating course you may learn something new.

The Instructor Development Re Certification class was held on August 21st at 6:30 pm for EB instructors whose certification was going to expire in 2014. Sam, Henry, Derk and myself have been Re Certified. EB needs more instructors to assist in teaching classes, please consider being certified in an upcoming Instructor Development class, a date will be announced later. The ID certification is a requirement by USPS.

I understand that Derk Boss is EB newest VSC person. Congratulations!

Janice Elwood, JN SEO

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We have set the date for our annual **Holiday Party**. It will be Saturday,, December 21st at The Oaks Golf and Tennis Club . This is the same location as the last previous years.



AUGUST MEETING WAS TRULY ENTERTAINING.

Charter member, and our Port Captain, Ron Riecken and his daughter, Katie, were our speakers for the August 21, 2013 meeting at Roca Bar North. Katie's husband, Ed, also assisted them.



Ron has a great sense of humor and is a great story teller. He entertained the members by weaving various stories throughout his presentation



about the building of Marina Pointe Marina and surrounding area.

The idea was to build a marina for Evansville. The land was purchased in 1963 and excavation to remove the dirt to form the marina was completed in 1964. Next year they will celebrate their 50th year in operation. Marina Pointe is a "slack harbor" marina. Slack harbor refers to a



marina that provides shelter to boats from currents, and winds.

Ron also brought a display of pictures and articles about the building of Marina Pointe.

Ron told of several business ventures at the marina. The Marina Pointe Restaurant which had many owners before burning several years ago. He also told about the purchase in 1979 and placing of The Barge Restaurant up on land at the back of the marina. He and his wife, Gail, lived on the barge for several years.

Ron also told of three "rivermen" who lived across the Ohio River from Marina Pointe in an area that used to be known as White City. All were very colorful men who have since passed on. It was a very enjoyable presentation full of very colorful stories and tales.



MAN THE DOCKS DAY WAS ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS.

Man the Docks Day II was a tremendous success. Thanks to AO Steve Smith for putting together the special attraction, Perry Township Fire and Rescue.



WE ARE GOING TO BE 100!!!

Submit your stories for The Ensign's 100th Anniversary edition!

The Ensign staff is working on a 100th anniversary issue for 2014, which will showcase stories honoring the organization's history and mission. We want to hear your own personal stories that relate to your personal experience with USPS or to the organization's history (sample topics include the expansion of membership, the creation of courses and seminars, and profiles of members who played an integral part in establishing USPS).

Members are also encouraged to submit information and photos of anniversary-related events held by their squadrons and districts. If you got 'em, share 'em with us!

We'd love to hear from you about your experiences with the organization or your squadron, so tell us:

What has USPS done for you? Email ensign@hq.usps.org with your boating story of adventure.

OLDER BOATERS TAKE NOTE

10,000 people turn 65 each and every day in this country!

The eye opening and best selling handbook and guide "The Book for Senior Boaters" shows the correlation between safe boating and the traits and conditions of human aging that can affect safe boating operations. Boaters that admit to one or more of these traits....are making a step in the right direction.

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