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# Pilot

August  
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## Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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**August 18, Wednesday meeting at Archie and Clyde's Pizza in Newburgh, IN**

The Wednesday, August 18 Meetings returns to Archie and Clyde's Pizza restaurant in Newburgh.

We will be watching a special DVD—"Cold Water Bootcamp". (see attached flyer with more information). It is about 8 volunteers in 45 degree water with only minutes to survive. Under the watchful eye of Dr. Giesbrecht, you will see the effects of cold water immersion: Cold shock, cold incapacitation, and even hypothermia.

Archie and Clyde's Pizza, is located in Newburgh, 8309 Bell Oaks Drive, Bell Oaks Shopping Center. (formerly affiliated with Roca Bar).

The Newburgh shopping center is located just past Bell Road on Highway 66 (Lloyd Expressway).

We will share pizza and salad, just \$10 per person. 6pm Social time

with dinner at 7pm.

### Commander's Corner



We had an enjoyable time at our June picnic in Wesselman's Park. We had about 14 members that took advantage of the evening and just visited and exchanged conversation.



*Let's eat! Wesselman's Park.*

Our canoe trip at Hovey Lake was cancelled but we all decided to have dinner at Hawg 'n Sauce east of Mt.

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Vernon instead.

Our July Membership meeting moved to Graper's Dog House River Retreat. I want to offer a special thanks to Henry and Gay for a really outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> of July outing at their place on the river. I know it was a lot of hard work and enjoyed by all. Thank-you.

July 9<sup>th</sup> thru July 11<sup>th</sup> was our Cumberland trip at Grider Hill as well as July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru July 25 was our District rendezvous at Smugglers Cove Marina on Craig's Creek in Warsaw Kentucky.

August 13<sup>th</sup> thru Aug 15<sup>th</sup> is our Lake Erie trip and September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> is our Golconda trip. There are plenty of activities through the remainder of the year so please come and join in one or all activities with your fellow members. Enjoy the rest of the summer and please boat safe.

*Cdr. Richard Rombauer, AP*

## Education Update



One thing that really annoys me is people who publicly pat themselves on the back. I mean, are they so unsure of themselves and lacking in self-confidence that they have to call

attention to how really great they **think** they are? Well, duh . . . . . I guess I'm now joining the ranks of "those" people. Because I'm here to tell you that - *drum rolling and whistle blowing* - two of our members just passed **Advanced Piloting**. Yep, you guessed it - Richard Rombauer, and Karen Rombauer. We'll take all the CONGRATULATIONS you want to send our way - how-

ever, this accomplishment is really thanks to our great instructors: Jay and Suzy Picking.

Every now and then we get requests from people whose work schedule prevents them from participating in our week night classes. Henry Graper stepped forward and has organized and is teaching an ABC class that's underway right now - on Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m., at the French Island Marina. It began July 17 with 8 students.

We are also planning to start another ABC class on Aug. 10 (Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Management Agency (708 Stanley Ave.).

And, don't forget -- the Seamanship class is scheduled to begin Oct. 5, also at the Emergency Management Agency.

If you've never been to the EMA building, feel free to stop out during one of these classes. It's an outstanding classroom set-up with state-of-the-art electronic tools and we feel very fortunate to be granted access to this location.

Oh, and let's not forget the 2-hour seminar scheduled for Weds., Aug. 4 at Gander Mountain: "**Boating in Lakes, Rivers and Locks**". Our country is blessed with over 30,000 miles of improved waterways - some of the finest boating to be found anywhere. This seminar introduces boaters to this inland cruising world by teaching special navigation rules for rivers, the system of buoys and marks, river currents, "reading" a river, jetties and wing dams, the intricacies of locking through, and communicating with lockmasters and bridge tenders. We're still offering the seminar for free to the general public, and of course our members are also invited to attend. Bring your

family and/or friends - it begins at 6:30 p.m.

SEO Karen Rombauer, AP

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LATEST “AP” RECIPIENTS.**



Evansville Bend salutes our two newest “Advanced Piloting” members. Cdr. Richard Rombauer and SEO

Karen Rombauer. They started the class earlier in the year which continued for several weeks. Also, kudos to the teachers, Jay and Susie Picking.

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**MEMBERS ENJOY A RENDEZVOUS ON LAKE CUMBERLAND.**

Evansville members headed south to God’s Country..the Bluegrass state to beautiful Lake Cumberland. The Richey’s and Mahrenholz’s have slips at Grider’s Hill Marina. The Rombauer’s and Graper’s trailered their boats down.



Lake Cumberland is one of the largest man-made bodies of water east of the Mississippi. Its shoreline measures 1,255 miles, mostly in its natural state. The lake supports over 65,000 acres of water with an average water depth of 90 feet at its normal pool level. Lake Cumberland is one of the deepest of the lakes in the Cumberland River Valley.

See more photos on our Photo Page on our website.

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**JULY 4TH AT GRAPER’S OHIO RIVER RETREAT..WAS A REAL “TREAT”!**

It was our country’s birthday as



*Henry and Gay Graper*

Evansville Bend members gathered on the banks of the Ohio River at Henry and Gay Graper’s river house on Sunday, July 4th.

The weather was a little hot, but there was a nice breeze blowing through the trees and over the deck where most members spent the afternoon.

We all brought our special dish to add to the feast. Henry spent most of the afternoon over a very hot grill deep frying the catfish fiddlers and fillets.

Chuck Hanson brought his boat, *Fair*



*Weather*, and had it docked at Henry's dock.

Past Commander, Skip Whitehead, joined in the festivities along with the Rombauers, Mahrenholz's, Richey's, Bill Majors and Collette, Chuck Hanson, Elwoods and Eberharts.

Later we had a Corn Hole tournament



which was won by Ron Eberhart and Pat. (boyfriend of Graper's grand daughter.

As the sun began to set many members boarded Fair Weather and headed toward Owensboro for the fireworks. A very special thanks to Henry and Gay Graper for all of their work and



effort in hosting this event. We all

appreciate it!! See more photos on our website: [www.evansvillbend.org](http://www.evansvillbend.org)



## SAFE BOATING CLASS IN PROGRESS

Thanks to Henry Graper for setting-up and teaching a safe boating class on Saturdays at French Island Marina. There are 8 boaters taking the class that started on July 17<sup>th</sup> for 4 weeks, 9:30 to 11:30 AM. A DNR Officer will speak on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August before the test.

## Calendar of Events

- **August 4, Wednesday** — 6:30p—8:30pm Gander Mountain—Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Locks. FREE Seminar....Open to Public. (see attached flyer)
- **August 13-15, 2010 – Lake Erie at Sandusky, OH.** Bring your boat or stay at a hotel. In the process of getting phone numbers of area hotels.
- **September 11, 2010 – Golconda Marina.** Leave from Evansville, Mt Vernon boat or by car. Cook out on the dock Saturday night & bring side dish. Lodging for the Saturday night, Lock & Dam 51 Houses 618-683-6702, River Road Lodging 618-683-3409 or San Damiano Retreat 618-285-3507. Will need to know the number of boats participating so we can make slip reservations. [www.golcondamarina.com](http://www.golcondamarina.com)