

# Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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## Evansville Bend Annual Picnic at Alcoa Party House —16 August

Summer time means picnic time and Evansville Bend has scheduled our annual picnic for Wednesday, August 16th.



Henry Graper has made arrangements for us again to use the air-conditioned Alcoa Party House.

**Social time starts at 6pm and we will eat sometime after 6:30 pm.**

Cost will be just \$5.00 per person for Shyler's pulled pork and chicken (with the sauce on the side) and baked beans and potato salad.

**Please bring hors 'd oeuvres or a dessert and your favorite beverage.** Paper plates, napkins,

utensils etc. will be provided.

We will be taking reservations for the meat so you will receive a call from your "friendly" phone caller.

Thanks to Henry Graper for making arrangements for the facility and Vicky Trapp for making the food arrangements.



## Commander's Corner



A big thanks goes out to Amy Brown of Canoe Evansville for an excellent presentation at July's meeting. Amy's insight and knowledge of environmental issues along with the recreational

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opportunities that are available to use made for a very interesting program. I can only suggest that we all take advantage of Canoe Evansville.

The August meeting-picnic is almost here again. Thanks to Henry Graper for all his help in securing the Alcoa party house for the picnic this year. I hope everyone will be able to attend this for it is sure to be a good time for all, plus a good opportunity for everyone to get together.

With boating season in full swing now I hope everyone is out enjoying the water, just remember to be safe and have a good time and we will see you at the picnic.

*Cdr. Ron Steckler, P*

boat, man and wife and three children boating in front of ship and had young ones on tubes. It was a windy and stormy day and they almost got caught in the wind and current and swept under the ship. I do not think they knew how much danger they were in, but all of us on ship knew.

Teachers—Instructor Development is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 8th at St. Mark's Church. The class will last 3 to 4 weeks. The good news is that the books are FREE. Members who teach classes to the public have to be recertified every four years.

*SEO Sam Richey SN*

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## Education Update



There's not much going on in the Education department as most everyone is enjoying their boats and the summer.

However, summer is speeding on by, then it's back to education.

I hope everyone had a safe summer. I know if you spent much time on water you probably saw lots of boaters that need to take at least a boat smart class.

I worked on LST today Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a pontoon

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### JULY SPEAKER WAS VERY INFORMATIVE



Our July speaker, Amy Brown, Program Manager for Canoe Evansville, provided Evansville Bend members with a

power point presentation of Wesselman Nature Society.

She specifically discussed Canoe Evansville which was started in Au-

gust of 2003. The purpose is to provide “canoers” a trip through various local creeks and lakes to see the abundant wildlife.

Most of their trips are offered on Pigeon Creek. In addition, trips on Hovey Lake can be taken. One of their more popular programs is “Moonlight Paddles”. You can watch the sun set and the moon rise.

Interesting facts about Pigeon creek: Starts in Princeton, IN—covers 235,000 acres—41 miles long and ends in Evansville at the Ohio River:

You can get more on their website. [www.wesselmannaaturesociety.org](http://www.wesselmannaaturesociety.org)

### DICK’S TRUNK KEEPS GROWING!

Nola “mo money” Bernstein was up to her usual shenanigans at our July meeting. This month she was dressed as a.....”well...you decide!”

Janet Wilson won the prize in our contest of those who had contributed to Dick’s Trunk.



We will use this money to help pay for the additional decorations and expenses for the upcoming Change of Watch for Dick

Mahrenholz when he becomes District 24 Commander in March, 2007.

### FREE CHARTS

P/C Harold Nix, JN is offering to EB members some books and old Charts. The Charts are mostly of the Keys and the Virgin Islands. They’re good for planning or just general knowledge.

Harold is going to bring them to the picnic so if you are interested in any of these, see him!

### District 24 Rendezvous

Several EB members attended the District 24 Rendezvous at Smuggler’s Cove, Craig’s Creek in Warsaw, KY., July 28-30: Sam and Linda Richey, Leroy and Janice Elwood, and Dick and Sandy Mahrenholz.



## DEADMAN'S ISLAND GIVES BIRTH

The Ohio River is ever changing. Each year as the spring rains bring the flooding and higher water levels, dirt and sand moves to new and different areas.

Over the years, boating south of Henderson, Kentucky by Henderson and Deadman's Island has been very enjoyable. The river is wide and scenic surroundings make for a pleasurable boating day.

Boaters familiar with the area at the head and east of Deadman's Island know that the water is very shallow particularly when the river is in pool stage. Over the years boaters have anchored in waist to knee high water with hundreds of yards of sandy bottom in which to recreate.

About 15 years ago, I noticed several sprigs of vegetation growth midway between the island and the channel. Over the years, the vegetation grew as did the build-up of sand causing the emergence and birth of an island. Today, the



island has grown to a size that 30 to 40+ boats can safely nestle up to the banks on both sides.



As the island continues to grow, a name might be in order. Until then, boaters familiar with the area know that this is a wonderful island to spend a relaxing boating day.

*P/C Ron Eberhart, P*

## ARE YOU A "BUDDING" WRITER?



Do you have a boating story you would like to have published in the Pilot?

It could be an article about your favorite boating lake or place, how you assisted a distressed boater, or your best boating trip or adventure. The story should be about 150-250 words.

Please submit your article by email to P/C Ron Eberhart, P.

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