

# Evansville Bend Power Squadron

# Pilot

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## 18 January Meeting at Hornville- Wayne Hart - News 25 Meteorologist

Wayne Hart, the Chief Meteorologist for



News 25 will be our speaker for the January meet-

ing. He is going to discuss the recent November tornado that caused so much damage in the Tri-State area. It will be interesting to get a viewpoint from a meteorologist's perspective of the tornado and weather leading up to this event,

Wayne earned the title of Certified Broadcast Meteorologist from the American Meteorological Society, becoming only the 34th meteorologist in the country and the first in the Tri-State to achieve this distinction.

He was awarded a Certificate of Special U.S. Congressional Recognition and a Citation from the Kentucky House of Representatives for his performance tracking and alerting citizens of the F3 tornado in Webster County in April of 2002.

Wayne is a graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Atmospheric Science. He started his broadcasting career at WGRZ in Buffalo, then to WLKY in Louisville, and down river to Evansville in 1993. He is a native of Glenolden, PA.

Wayne's First Warning Doppler Forecast can be seen each weekday on NEWS 25 at 5, 6, and 10p.m., and in the local newspapers.

Social time will be 6pm with a Fried Chicken dinner with mashed

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| <b>Commander:</b>        | <b>Cdr. Sandra Mahrenholz, S</b> | (963-9171)      |
| Executive Officer:       | Lt/C Ron Steckler, P             | (473-0107)      |
| Administrative Officer:  | Lt/C Jay Picking, AP             | (867-3858)      |
| Secretary/Treasurer:     | P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN          | (401-8300)      |
| Education Officer:       | Lt/C Wayne Gundry, S             | (853-2506)      |
| Asst. Education Officer: | Stf/C Sam Richey, SN             | (812 -721-2333) |

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potatoes, vegetable and refreshments at 7pm. Cost is \$9.00 per person.

Meeting is at Hornville Tavern.

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## Commander's Corner



It's hard to believe that this is my "Swan Song" article (I know, I know, you all thought this would never come!).

Seriously, I've enjoyed being your Commander for the past two years and I hope you enjoyed it too. I'm turning things over to some really capable and competent hands and I know you will continue to give the new Bridge your support. Thanks so much to all of you who have helped me so very much. It's been a very good learning and growing experience for me. I couldn't have accom-



plished anything without all your help.

A big **THANK YOU** to Nola Bernstein and comrades for providing a wonderful Holiday Party! If you weren't there, you missed what everyone agreed was "one of the best parties ever". Santa (a.k.a. a Presbyterian minister) was a hoot and we had no idea so many of our members were such comedians! Everyone had to sit on Santa's lap and tell him about the

worst gift he had ever brought them. The answers ranged from a fur-lined jock strap, to a purple thong (with gold anchors), to lumps of coal (Santa said the recipient just didn't put it under enough pressure to turn it into a diamond). Santa and his "Jewish Elf" provided a great evening for us all.

I want to offer my heartfelt wishes to Ron Steckler, his Bridge, and the entire Squadron for a fabulous, successful Watch Year.

*Cdr. Sandy Mahrenholz, S*

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## Education Update

WOW!! 2006 !! What a New Year. We are sitting on the balcony of a wonderful condo with Charlotte and



Neil Phillips, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. The weather is perfect, but the end is in sight. We will be traveling home in the next few days. The boats here are

fantastic and the water that they sit in is beautiful. What a life.

Now that the New Year is here, we must start thinking about our education programs for the upcoming season. Cdr. Sam Richey will be setting up the classes as the new SEO. I know that he will have a great selection of classes and educational material to choose from.

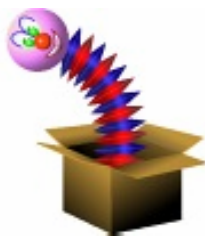
I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has helped me during the past 2 years as

SEO. Without your help, I couldn't have accomplished anything. It would take the whole Pilot to mention all of you. Thanks again for all of the teaching, proctoring, phone calls, meeting attendance and just putting up with me.

I know that this is short, but the beach and sun are calling and Ron Eberhart is in need of the article for publication. Ron, thanks for your patience. Good Luck to the 2006 – 2007 Bridge. *SEO Wayne Gundry, S*

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### **SURPRISE!!!!**



Commander Sandy says she will have a surprise for all of us at the January meeting".

So.....come and share in the BIG SURPRISE!!

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### **CHANGE OF WATCH— 25 FEBRUARY; SATURDAY**

Cdr. Sandy's Watch Year is ending and we will install Lt/C Ron Steckler, P as our new Commander.

Our COW will be held at Wolf's Banquet Hall (same place as last year).

The menu will be a choice of (1) 8oz Ribeye Steak (2) Pork Tenderloin (3) Grilled Chicken Breast (4) Fried Shrimp. With side entrees of a vegetable, potato, salad, and beverages of coffee and tea.

Theme will be: Caribbean. The cost will be \$20.00 per person with a cash bar that will remain open throughout the evening. The social hour will start at 6pm with dinner starting at 7pm.

This is our biggest event of the year so mark you calendar. Watch for your invitation. Reservations required.

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### **MERIT MARKS**

A labor of love has its rewards. The work is completed for the betterment of the squadron not for self-aggrandizement. All members who receive a merit mark do it for this reason. They love Evansville Bend and want to see it continue to succeed and grow.

These members have been awarded one Merit Mark for their service in Cdr. Sandy Mahrenholz's second watch-year.

### **Name and their total number of Merit Marks earned:**

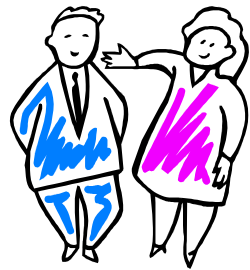
Craig Hills — 27  
Ronald Eberhart — 25  
Leroy Elwood — 18  
Ronald Riecken — 17  
Janice Elwood — 16  
Sam Richey — 16  
Henry Graper — 12  
John Trapp — 12  
Vicky Trapp — 12  
Richard Mahrenholz — 9  
Linda Richey — 8  
Nola Bernstein — 6  
Clarence Blanton — 5

Nancy Gundry — 5  
 Wayne Gundry — 5  
 Louise Habermel — 5  
 Gay Graper — 4  
 Ron Steckler — 4  
 Jerry Bernstein — 3  
 Charolette Phillips — 3  
 Jay Picking — 3  
 Susan Picking — 3  
 Harry George — 2  
 Dan Vaughn — 2  
 Dorothy Gehlhausen — 1  
 Keith Gehlhausen — 1  
 Linda George — 1  
 Wilson, Steve — 1

Commander Sandy's Merit Mark is submitted by the District 24 Commander and has not been officially approved. She will earn her 8th Merit Mark.

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**WELCOME ABOARD TO EB**



Evansville Bend welcomes it's newest members; **Philip and Maryann Bryan.**

Philip is an active member and Maryann a Family member.

The live in Evansville at 2813 E. Walnut Street.

Their boat name is: 'ALL DAY ALL NIGHT'.

Give them a big EB welcome at our January meeting.



**BOAT SHOW IS A COMIN'**

February means the annual OBC Boat and Sport Show at Roberts Stadium.

EB will again participate with our NEW display. We need volunteers to "man" the display to promote our upcoming Public Boating Course.

Janice Elwood will be signing up members at the January meeting. Mark your calendar. The Boat Show runs from Friday 6pm February 24th through Sunday the 26th. Our Change of Watch is on that Saturday evening, so we need members to participate at the boat show who will not be going to the COW.

This is an important event for our squadron because we recruit many members from the boating course.

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**FAREWALL TO ALVIN BURCH**

One of our dearest members has taken his last voyage. Alvin Burch, 87, was a member of Evansville Bend for several years.



He was Commander of the Sarasota squadron while living in Florida. He had earned

16 Merit Marks for his service to USPS.

Our sympathy is extended to his family.