



# Pilot

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## Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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**Cdr. Keith and Dorothy Will Present  
Program 21 January 2009**

### Happy New Year!!

Commander Keith Gehlhausen and his wife, Dorothy, will be our speakers for the January 2009 meeting. We will be returning to Tumbleweed restaurant on Wednesday, January 21st.

The Gehlhausen's will be presenting a program about the Ocean Conservancy's Good Mate program. The Good Mate program raises awareness to help keep waterways and the ocean clean and promotes environmentally responsible boating as well as responsible marina operations.

Ocean Conservancy promotes



healthy and diverse ocean ecosystems and op-

poses practices that threaten ocean life and human life. Through research, education, and science-based advocacy, Ocean Conservancy informs, inspires, and empowers people to speak and act on behalf of the oceans. In all its work, Ocean Conservancy strives to be the world's foremost advocate for the oceans.

Social time is 6pm with dinner at 7pm. The menu is 6oz sirloin or grilled chicken plus salad and a Potato. Tea and coffee included. Cost is just \$12 per person.

The reservation calling committee will be contacting you.

The Tumbleweed restaurant is located on Evansville's far west side, 4600 University Drive, across the street from the Schnuck's Supermarket on Highway 62 (Lloyd Expressway).

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# Commander's Corner Education Update



Hello Squadron Members – We had a very enjoyable time at our annual Holiday Party in December. I really appreciate Suzie Picking for making arrangements at Oak

Meadow Country Club and Janice Elwood for table decorations and for running our game.

I hope you will join us for our next dinner meeting on January 21 at Tumbleweed Restaurant. Dorothy and I will be the presenters. Our presentation will be on the Good Mate program by the Ocean Conservancy. This program raises awareness to help keep waterways and the ocean clean and promotes environmentally responsible boating and marina operations.

You should soon receive or may have already received a phone call from one of our squadron members asking a number of questions about the squadron programs, meeting locations, and membership initiatives. We plan to summarize the responses from all squadron members to formulate a plan for growth in Evansville Bend. If you haven't been contacted to participate in this survey yet, please let me know.

*Yours in Safe Boating,  
Cdr. Keith Gehlhausen , S*

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and were off and running for



2009. We just completed the testing for the Seamanship class, and are now awaiting the results. Four members took the class and test.

Over the next several months, I am going to give a brief overview on the classes the Power Squadron has to offer. This month we'll look at the Seamanship course.

This course is the next class typically taken after the ABC (America's Boating Course) class has been successfully passed by a new member. It goes further in depth than the ABC course in the art of seamanship including onboard safety equipment, forces relating to stability, single and dual props, and prop "walk", buoyancy, maneuvering, proper use of trim and stabilizers, anchoring, "the rules of the road" navigation, water emergencies, and of course my favorite, weather.

The class typically has four sessions of about 1 1/2 hrs each, with homework assignments, and a closed book examination for the last session.

As always if you are interested in this class, or any of the other classes listed on the Power Squadron website [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) please do not hesitate to let me know.

*Steve Wilson, SEO*

## MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE SURVEY IS COMING

A special committee created to contact members regarding Evansville Bend will be calling you. The committee has several questions regarding your thoughts on how to improve the squadron. The questions will range from meal costs, program speakers, to social activities. So, be thinking about your ideas on how we can make our squadron responsive to our members' needs.

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## HO..HO...HO...HOLIDAY PARTY

It was the social event of the squadron year thus far, the Holiday Party at the Oak Meadow Country Club on Saturday, December 6th.

Everyone was "decked-out" in their holiday best socializing with one another and talking over this past season's boating experiences.



*Contest winners, Ron and Emma Lee Eberhart with their prize; Chocolates.*



*Commander Keith Gehlhausen talks with Leroy Elwood as other members socialize.*



*Linda Richey, left and Gay Graper having a great time at the party.*



*Henry Graper, left, with Sam Richey and Susie Picking*

After a scrumptious meal, we played a game naming famous

Christmas Songs. Interestingly, Ron and Emma Lee Eberhart both ended up with the same “high” score to win the game, and the prize.

Another prize went to the person whose birthday was closest to Christmas. Emma Lee’s is the 26th..so she won another prize, but graciously gave it to P/D/C Dick Mahrenholz whose birthday is on the 22nd.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 18**—Regular Dinner Meeting...speaker will be new member, Jay Ubelhor talking about his recent sailing trip. Place TBA.

**February 27—29** (Friday—Sunday) OBC Boat Show at Roberts Stadium. We will have sign-up sheets for members to work our display promoting our Public Boating Course.

**March 7 (Saturday)** Change of Watch. Place and time TBA.

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## NOMINATING REPORT 2008

**Commander: Richard Rombauer**

Executive Officer: Sam Richey

Squadron Education Officer: Steve Wilson

Assistant Education Officer: Henry Graper

Administrative Officer: Karen Rombauer

Secretary/Treasurer: Janice Elwood

### Auditing

Leroy Elwood	1 year
Anne Trapp	2 years
Jay Picking	3 years

### At Large Committee

Dorothy Gehlhausen	1 year
Karen Rombauer	2 years
Sandy Mahrenholz	3 years

### Rules Committee

John Trapp	1 year
Leroy Elwood	2 years
Linda Richey	3 years

### Nominating Committee

Dick Mahrenholz	1 year
Suzy Picking	2 years
Sally Frazier	3 years

Submitted by:

*Susan G. Picking*  
*Nominating Committee*

**Membership will vote on this slate of officers at our January meeting.**