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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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Get "ELECTRIFIED" at Our January 20th Meeting - It's Back to the Buggy!

We start our new year with a return visit to the Black Buggy Restaurant, Wednesday, January 20th, Lynch and Green River Rd.

Our presenter will be Chase Kelley, Director of Corporate Communications from Vectren. She will discuss how Indiana customers can "Live Smart" - using Energy Wisely; How to understand your natural gas and/or electric bill and how costs are determined; Rebates on high efficiency natural gas appliances; Online tools to analyze your energy use; Free and low cost energy efficiency tips to lower energy usage; Billing and payment options; outage response...plus bring any questions you may have!!!

We will meet in one of the private rooms in the rear of the restaurant located just past the buffets.

Do NOT pay as you enter the

restaurant - Janice will collect the money, as usual. Non-alcohol social time beginning at 6:00 PM. **Dinner at 6:30 PM.**

Meeting and program will begin at 7:00 PM. *(Please note the change in times - due to the fact that Black Buggy closes a little earlier than most restaurants.)*

Dinner is your choice of Full Buffet for \$12.00 per person or Soup and Salad Bar for \$8.00 per person.. No need to decide your choice prior to the meeting night!!

Soup Selections: Chili, Vegetable, Potato, Ham and Bean. Dinner Selections: Fried and Baked Chicken, BBQ Pork, Meatloaf, Smoked Sausage and Kraut, Liver and Onions, Breaded Pork Chops, Tender Sirloin Tips, Peel and Eat Shrimp.

Commander:	Cdr. Richard Rombauer, P (985-9956)	
Executive Officer:	Stf/C Sam Richey, SN	(812-721-2322)
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C Karen Rombauer, P	(985-9956)
Secretary/Treasurer:	P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN	(401-8300)
Education Officer:	Lt/C Steve Wilson, S	(477-2814)

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Commander's Corner



November has been a very busy month for some members. On Nov 4th we tried to hold a seminar at Gander Mountain (Boat Handling Under Power) but had a no show---- and it was free!!!! Must have been timing. We'll try it again

later. We have managed to get an Advanced Piloting Course going in January 2010. We have four students committed.

The District 24 Conference went off without a hitch thanks to all the planning and hard work of the following members Dick and Sandy Mahrenholz, Sally and Greg Frazier, Janice and Leroy Elwood, Ron Eberhart, Karen Rombauer, Suzie and Jay Picking, Henry and Gay Graper and Linda Richey. Thanks to you all.

Our November membership meeting was our education night held at Hornville Tavern. Sam Richey presented an overview of the new BOC (Boat Operators Certificate) Program that's the new focus of the USPS. Henry Graper recognized all of the Vessel Inspectors and thanked them for all of their time and hard work. Even though we had one person take the Safe Boating Class and pass, I appreciate all of the effort and time that was given by the following members in teaching, proctoring and advertising the class back in March of this year. Sam and Linda Richey, Janice and Leroy Elwood, Henry Graper, Steve and Janet Wilson, Jay and Suzie Picking, Sally and Greg Frazier, Ron Eberhart, Karen Rombauer, Dick and Sandy Mahrenholz, and Vickie Trapp. Thanks again for all of your help.

I'm still looking for a Marketing Officer/ PRO Officer. Leroy Elwood volunteered for BOATING ACTIVITES. Thanks Leroy.

Just a note. I found out the other day that the Evansville Boat Show will not happen again this year. It will be a challenge to try and get safe boating classes going when in the past we had counted on the boat show as a pool of interested people in boating and prime for our safe boating classes.

Our Christmas Party was quite enjoyable. It was a pleasant evening of enjoying each others company at a festive time of the year. Thankyou to all who were involved in the planning of a great evening at Oak Meadows Country Club.

Speaking of planning –Now is the time to contribute to any activities that you would be interested in doing in the up coming year. Leroy is the activities chairman and would appreciate any suggestions for activities the membership may have for the squadron. Please e-mail your suggestions to (jeleelwood@juno.com).

This is your last chance to VOLUNTEER to be the Public Relations Officer. Responsibilities: 1). Work with the Boat Show Chairman (NO BOAT SHOW THIS YEAR) 2). Work with the SEO to determine how best to publicize the Public Boating Class(es) 3). Work on Co-op advertising 4). Help publicize Safe Boating Week. (Henry Graper -- Safety Officer). OK ----- call me at 812-985-9956 if you want to be involved. We would love to have you.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cdr. Richard Rombauer, P

Education Update



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year and, a new decade. I think it has been amazing what new technology has come

about in boating over the last 10 years and I can't wait to see what is on the horizon for the next 10. Well, one thing will always stay constant and that is the basics.

No matter how much technology improves boating and boating safety, the simple fact is that the basics will never change. So enjoy the new stuff that is to come, but remember to trust the basics.

AP Update: Jay and Suzy Picking are starting the AP class with several students. If you are interested in taking it, the dates are (Jan 7, 14, 21, Feb 4, 11, 18, March 4, 18, April 1,8). Classes are going to be held at several library branches - a schedule will be distributed later. Contact Jay Picking at email: EVVPicks@aol.com

Steve Wilson, SEO.

CONGRATULATIONS HAROLD!!



Special congratulatory recognition goes out to P/C Harold Nix.

Commander Richard Rombauer, presented Harold with his 25 year pin as

a member of Evansville Bend Power Squadron at the Holiday Party. Harold has been an integral part of our squadron over the years having served in many capacities. Harold was commander in 1991 and has served in many offices and committees over the years. He has earned 15 merit marks for his service.

He and his wife Carolyn have served faithfully in our squadron and attended many activities and social events except for the time they spend in Florida.

Harold and Carolyn exemplify the kind of dedication that has made our squadron great.

We thank Harold and Carolyn for being faithful to Evansville Bend Power Squadron.

HO...HO....HOLIDAY PARTY

It was another festive Holiday Party for Evansville Bend Power Squadron.

Members gathered on December 4th at the Oak Meadow Country Club.





Many were decked out with their Holiday best attire. Some even had on their special Christmas sweater (Janice Elwood). Our commander, Richard, and his wife, Karen, donned



matching sweaters. In addition we had members donate \$85 to the Tri-State Food Bank.

EDUCATION NIGHT RECOGNITION NIGHT WAS "ENLIGHTENING"

It's always a special meeting when we recognize those who have given of their time to help teach and assist others in our squadron or at public classes. Many were recognized for their help in our education department this past year.

Sam Richey was our featured speaker discussing the Boat Operators Certification program. Sam assisted in their program this past summer during the D/24 Summer Rendezvous.

EXERCISE YOUR MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS!!

Be sure to attend the January meeting to vote for the new slate of officers as listed on this page.

New Officers: 2010—2011

Cdr: Richard Rombauer
Executive Officer: Sam Richey

Squadron Education Officer:
Karen Rombauer

Administrative Officer:
Henry Graper

Secretary/Treasurer:
Janice Elwood

Auditing

Anne Trapp	1 year
Jay Picking	2 years
Donn Wood	3 years

At Large Committee

Ron Eberhart	1 year
Sandy Mahrenholz	2 years
Mike Shirk	3 years

Rules Committee

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

Nominating Committee

Suzy Picking	1 year
Sally Frazier	2 years
Jay Picking	3 years

Calendar of Events

- **Change of Watch—**
Saturday, February 27—
New Date
- Oak Meadow Country Club