

Evansville Bend Power Squadron



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EB Members, Rick and Vernia Moore, Tell Their Story - Comin' to Kuttawa; July 18 Meeting.



Two new members, Rick and Vernia Moore, who joined the squadron in 2006, have agreed to be our featured speaker at our Wednesday, July 18 meeting.

Rick and Vernia will be relating their story about the maiden voyage of their new houseboat as they brought it back to Kuttawa Harbor on Lake Barkley. *(Read their article on page 4 which originally ran in our October 2006 Pilot).*

It's sure to be a very interesting meeting so you'll want to come

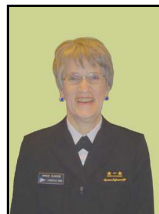
and support Rick and Vernia as they tell their story.

Our July 18th meeting moves to Western Ribeye on Boeke Road. Social Time at 6pm with dinner being served at 7pm.

Bill O Fare will be Chicken, baked potato, the famous Salad Bar, and drink for just \$13.50 per person.

(Note: Reservations are a MUST. Remember, if you make reservations and do not attend, you will be billed for the meal because our squadron will be charged for your meal by the restaurant.)

Commander's Corner



There are still a few EB members who have not paid their dues, so take a minute to write that check or go online and pay by credit card. It is that

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easy. The burgers at the picnic at Alcoa were cook just right by Master Chef John Trapp, thanks again John.

The funny Tee Shirt contest winner was Craig Hills. The saying went something like this 'I didn't have any more sick days left, so I just called in Dead'. Good job! Craig.

The Raft up at Prizer Point was fun even though we had to keep our eye on the storms. I wish we had more participation of EB members, but the members that were there enjoyed getting to know each other and checking each other boats. We will plan another raft up next year, Thanks Steve for all the planning.

The July meeting will be held at the Western Ribeye, the program will be given by two of our own EB members, Rick and Vernia Moore... Take a moment to read their article about the trip in this newsletter.

Please plan to paddle down Pigeon Creek on July 24 (Tuesday) from 6PM to 8PM. I have enclosed a brochure from Evansville Canoe that explains what to bring and what NOT to bring. When the Calling Committee contacts you about the July Dinner reservations, they will be asking if you are planning to paddle your cares away on the Express Canoe Trip. The price will be \$10.00.

Several EB members are heading to Smugglers Cove for the D24 Rendezvous on July 27 - 29. So if you haven't sent your reservations in yet, please do...the weekend is great fun, meet lots of Power Squadron members from D24.

See you at the July meeting and/or canoe trip.

Cdr. Janice Elwood, JN

Education Update



Not too much is going on in the education department right now during the summer. It seems we are having too much fun on the water,

We do have three families who are doing home study of Seamanship.

I have taken a position with national, as assistant regional certifier, I will be traveling to the Chicago area Friday 6th of July, attending a seminar on Saturday the 7th. I am looking forward to attending the seminar and learning more about this position. Will update the squadron members at a future meeting about the duties and responsibilities of this position.

One interesting point is that I got to see a B-52 fly over the Freedom Festival from the LST on June 29th and that made my day!

Enjoy the rest of the boating season

SEO Sam Richey SN

RAFT-UP 2007

Several Evansville Bend members gathered together for the RAFT-UP 2007, on Saturday, June 23 at Hurricane Creek, Lake Barkley adjacent to Prizer Point Marina.



Although the turn-out was less than anticipated all who attended enjoyed the beautiful Saturday weather. Commander Janice Elwood and Leroy brought their boat, Stardust, down from Green Turtle Bay. Richard and Karen Rombauer



trailed their 28 foot Sea Ray, KJ's Sea Ray, from Evansville. Steve Wilson who spear-headed the preparations for the raft-up brought his pontoon boat over from Prizer Point Marina.



Ron and Emma Lee Eberhart drove down and joined the group courtesy of Steve and Janet Wilson.

The raft-up was shortened by a line of thunderstorms moving into the area in mid-afternoon.

The water was refreshing, the conversation was good, and the fellowship was very enjoyable.

Thanks to Steve Wilson for making all of the preparations for the raft-up and contacting Prizer Point Marina.

2007 PICNIC DELIGHTS ALL

The annual Evansville Bend picnic was a rousing success again this year. Special thanks to Sally Frazier for making the



preparations and to Henry Graper for securing the use of the Alcoa Party House.



John Trapp was our main "cook" who grilled the hamburgers to perfection. Everyone brought a side dish or dessert. After the meal, Nola Bernstein conducted a contest for the "shirt with the funniest saying". Craig Hills was the winner receiving a certificate for \$13 toward a meal at Western Ribeye.

ORDER SQUADRON SHIRTS

We will be taking orders for shirts with our EB burgee at our July meeting.

Shirt sizes from Small to 3X with many different colors. Prices range from \$24 to \$32.

If you prefer to take your own shirts to have the EB logo embroidery on their shirt there will be an \$8.00 charge. The logo will not be ready until after July 18th. Crown Trophy located at 4600 Vogel Rd (across from Macy's).

ARTICLE BY MEMBERS, RICK and VERNIA MOORE

MAIDEN VOYAGE



After many delays we finally took delivery of our houseboat on August 8, 2006 at Jefferson City, Missouri on the Missouri River and after a brief orientation and shakedown by the factory rep, we were on our way with our first boat and our first trip.

We found the Missouri to be quite scenic with many bluffs, higher water quality than we had expected, a current that averages about four miles per hour and a well marked channel of about twelve feet. Being a Lewis and Clark buff, I found it very interesting to follow their journals on the river almost exactly two hundred years after they were there. A severe thunderstorm with rain so heavy we couldn't see the channel markers added some interest too. In three days we saw two tow's and a half dozen small fishing boats. We had the river to ourselves.

After 145 miles on the Missouri, we entered the Mississippi about fifteen miles above St. Louis and negotiated our first solo lockage, which was not a thing of great beauty, at the Chain of Rocks Lock but it will provide entertaining stories for our grandkids. The barge traffic in the St. Louis area is something to behold but not a single public dock on the riverfront.

About twenty miles below St. Louis is the small town of Kimmswick, Mo. which was the only source of fuel on our trip. They do provide a courtesy car for shopping.

After an overnight stay at the "marina" at Kimmswick we continued down the Mississippi making about forty miles a day at seven miles per hour and anchoring overnight behind wing dams. At Cairo, Illinois we headed upstream on the Ohio and after an eventful lockage at Dam 53 we continued to the Cumberland River then thru the lock and into Barkley Lake and on to our marina at Kuttawa Harbor.

We had an enjoyable twelve day, 450 mile trip made possible for two beginning boaters by Sam Richey and crew who provided the information we needed to safely make our journey. The graciousness of Charlotte and Neil proved very helpful although Neil's superior helmsmanship make it all seem deceptively simple and I thought of him as we were having fun at our first lock.

Rick and Vernia Moore