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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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Knight/Scott Township Fire Departments to be Program for our 18 June Meeting

Jeremy Silvester from Knight Township Fire Department who also works with Scott Township Fire Department will be our featured speaker at the Wednesday, 18 June meeting.

He and one of his fellow firefighters will present a power point presentation. They are also bringing a fire and



rescue rig for display. One of the men from Knight Township Fire Department has fifteen years experience on

the dive team.

We will be meeting at Hornville Tavern at 6pm for Social Time with dinner served at 7pm.

Our meal will be smoked chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, green beans, beer bread, tea, coffee,



and lemonade, all for only \$9 per person.

A Brief History of Knight and Scott Township Fire Departments—

Founded in 1983, **The Knight Township Fire Department** faithfully serves the residents of Knight Township outside the city limits of Evansville, IN. The Knight Township Fire Department is comprised of over 65 men and women who react quickly to approximately 800 emergency calls per year. Dispatches range from minor EMS calls to multi-alarm fires. Their response area includes residential, commercial and industrial areas. They also cover a major part of the Ohio River, several highways, and Interstate 164.

The Scott Township Fire Department is a combination fire department made up of dedicated men and women working together to provide these services to the community. Currently the department employs 7 full time personnel, 7 part-time personnel and 33 volunteers. They are the only fire department in the area to provide advanced life support ambulance services to our residents. Their department was organized in 1955 and since has grown with the community. They now have a total of three fire stations that span our district in Darmstadt, Daylight, and our newest station located on Baseline Rd. near Old State Rd .

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Commander's Corner



Squadron Members:

These are busy times for Evansville Bend. After a number of frustrating experiences running presentations at training and dinner meetings, the bridge

recently decided to purchase a new laptop. We received a very good deal on a new machine last week and hope it is delivered in time for our June dinner meeting.

We have been hard at work planning some great summer programs. Steve Wilson is putting together a fun raft-up at Barkley Lake in July. Rick Moore is planning a canoeing trip on Pigeon Creek and cookout at the Newburgh Lock and Dam in August. Look for more details in the Pilot and at our June dinner program.

The bridge has tried a number of new locations for our dinner meetings in recent months. We need your input! Do you like the new locations? Do you prefer to go to the Hornville Tavern for every meeting? Without your feedback, the bridge has to make the best decisions it can. So please let us know what you think.

Finally, don't forget we have changed our membership requirement to accept experienced boaters without requiring them to take the Safe Boating class (Boat Smart, ABC, etc.). The new

member must be recommended by a current member of Evansville Bend as an experienced, safe boater. We will strongly encourage these new members to take the Seamanship course within their first year of membership. If you know some fellow boaters that may have not previously been interested in joining due to the Safe Boating class requirement, please reach out to them.

I hope to see each of you at the June meeting.

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

Education Update

We now have a solid date for the Raft-



Up on Saturday 19 July 2008 @ 1030 hrs in the Mammoth Furnace Bay on Barkley Lake. We will need to know in advance, how many boats we can expect. We will also

need to know how many members who aren't able to bring their boats who will need transportation out to the bay, so we can make sure everyone who wants to participate can.. I will provide a sign up sheet and have more info at our next squadron meeting.

Plans are now in the works for 2 classes this fall, these being a small engine repair class and another weather class. If you think you may be interested in any of these classes please see me.

This time of year, prior to heading out to the lakes or to the river, be sure you get a good weather briefing, and pay

close attention to any fronts in the area. This time of year the fronts can still advance fairly quickly, especially the cold fronts, and with associated squall lines, (which can form 50 to 300 miles out in advance of the front) can move in quite rapidly. Watch for rapidly building towering cumulus clouds from the northwest or the west, and remember the TCU anvil is pointing in the direction of the storm motion. Make sure you have a NOAA weather radio on board and keep ahead of changing weather conditions.

Steve Wilson SEO.

MAY SPEAKER WELL REPRESENTED THE SEA SCOUTS

Julie Bollinger, Sea Scout with ship 312 was our May speaker. We met at Tumbleweed Restaurant on Evansville's Westside.

Julie is a senior at Memorial high school. Her "grade" level with the Sea Scouts is "Able" and is working toward the "quartermaster" level by this summer.



She presented a power point presentation of her various experiences as a Sea Scout. She discussed her trip to Texas and sailing in Galveston Bay. In addition, she showed pictures of her 10 day backpacking trip to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Other

sailing adventures included taking classes in North Carolina.

This summer she is going to the Naval Academy to further her Sea Scouting experience.



Sea Scouts are for boys and girls ages 14 through 20. Evansville Bend has been associated with the Sea Scouts for several years with the help of Keith and Dorothy Gelhausen who are also active Sea Scouts instructors.

Julie is a real fine young lady and I am sure her parents are proud of her accomplishments as a Sea Scout.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!!



As you know, we have been conducting our meetings at different restaurants for several reasons. The Bridge Officers are trying to accommodate all members by having them in different locales.. We have been in Newburgh at Edgewater Grill, Evansville's Westside for Tumbleweed, and Eastside at Weinbach's Cafeteria.

The Bridge believes a change in food choice and surroundings may attract more members to attend.

Moving meetings to these different restaurants means that the cost can vary anywhere from \$10 to \$15 per person. We have used the Hornville Tavern as our "main" restaurant and will continue to use them, but possibly not as often.

What do you think?? Would you rather keep Hornville as our primary meeting place? Do you have an opinion on the meeting places we have visited? Do you have a suggestion for a meeting place? Do you have a suggestion on a speaker? If so, send an email to Administrative Officer Rick Moore.

moores@hamiltoncom.net

The calling committee will also be asking for your opinion.

DUES ARE DUE!!!



Have you paid your dues?? Sometimes we put the envelope aside and forget about paying it or thought we

had paid it and haven't.

This is a gentle reminder to those who have not returned their payment to send it in to National.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Raft-up— 19 July, Saturday, 1030 at Mammoth Furnace Bay on Lake Barkley. Craig and Nancy Hill's boat, Emily K II, will be the main host boat. Everyone is to bring their own food and beverages.

Canoe Trip— It was such a tremendous success last July we are planning another canoe trip on Pigeon Creek.. Tentative date is Tuesday 12 August. We will take a different route leaving at the Heidelbach ramp and canoe toward the Ohio River.



Annual Picnic—plans are underway for our 20 August Picnic. We will be meeting at the Newburgh Locks and Dam and hope to schedule a tour.

