

Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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15 March Meeting at Hornville- Tom Wood — North Coast Prop Scan

Our speaker for our Wednesday, 15 March meeting is Tom Wood. Tom is the owner of a business called North Coast Prop Scan in Huron, Ohio.



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He started his boating experience at the age of 11 in a homebuilt boat his father built in the basement of their home. The family soon bought a larger boat that they boated on Lake Michigan. He reminded me that they ran out of gas in the middle of a storm at night and had to be rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

He started his formal training taking the USPS Boating Safety Class at age 16. When he and Karri married in 1967, they started with a canoe. A year later they moved to the Indianapolis area and purchased a small runabout to boat on the reservoirs in Indiana. Four years later they moved

to Cleveland, Ohio where they began boating on Lake Erie. Their boating adventures have taken them to all 5 Great Lakes, Georgian Bay and the North Channel, Trent Severn and Rideau Waterway, the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers, the New York State Barge Cannel, The Finger Lakes, the Hudson River, the Atlantic, and the Chesapeake Bay.



They currently own a 39' Sea Ray Express, which they dock at the

Sandusky Yacht Club. They are members of Sandusky Yacht Club and the Dock of the Bay Yacht Club in Sandusky, Ohio.

Tom got started in the prop business when he got the notion of re-powering his Sea Ray and wondering what it would mean with regards to the propellers, and the performance of his

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Secretary/Treasurer:	P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN	(401-8300)
Education Officer:	P/Stf/C Sam Richey, SN	(812-721-2322)
Asst. Education Officer:	Lt/C Steve Wilson, S	(477-2814)

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boat. In his search for answers he met Ron Jacobs of Wolverine Propellers in Detroit. After a several hour lecture about propellers they became interested in the possibility of establishing a propeller shop in the Lake Erie area.

They established a Prop Scan machine which included instruction and training and the rest is history. This training was done at the Propeller Dynamics headquarters in Australia. The training included the operation of the Prop Scan machine and support software but actual hands on experience working in a propeller repair facility.

As a Certified Prop Scan Technician, they repair, recondition, correct and tune propellers up to 60" in diameter to ISO 484/2 standards. They also sell propellers, shaft, shaft seals, and other propulsion related equipment. They are very focused on customer satisfaction, increased boat performance, and the elimination of prop problems.

Dinner for the evening will be the famous Hornville Tavern **Pork Chop, potato, green beans, corn** and the usual refreshments. Cost will be \$10.00 per person.

Social time is 6pm with dinner at 7pm.

Commander's Corner

Greetings,

I would like to thank Sandy for a great two years. I am beginning to appreciate the hard work and dedication that this job requires.

I think the coming year will bring some new and exciting things to



Evansville Bend. We hope to see an increase in membership this year. By offering a wider variety of classes, and through member involvement reaching out to those that may not be familiar with the power squadron, also with member involvement at different public events throughout the year.

The Owensboro Boat Show was successful in signing up a number of people for the safe boating course as was the Evansville Boat show and a total of 32 people will be taking our Public Boating Class. A special thanks to Janice and Leroy Elwood for an outstanding job at making these such a success this year.

I would like to thank everyone involved especially Tammy, Nancy, Linda, and Janice for all their help in making this years change of watch a success. A good time was had by all.

Happy Boating, *Cdr. Ron Steckler P*

Education Update

As we start the new watch year, looking for a great educational year, it seems we are off to a good start. We have about 40 signed up for Boat Smart class starting March 7th. I need everyone that is available to show up as proctors. Our Instructors, P/C Henry Graper AP, will be teaching first section; Wayne Gundry S, will be teaching



second section, and Jay Picking and Suzy both AP, will be co-teaching 3rd section.

I will be looking for instructors, If anyone would like to teach any of the classes, please let me know. We plan on having a seamanship class as soon as the boating class is finished.

P/STF/C *Sam Richey, SN*

A GREAT “CHANGE OF WATCH”

It was another great evening for Evansville Bend Power Squadron as we inducted our new commander, Ron Steckler at our “Caribbean Cruisin” themed meeting.

The District 24 Bridge attended the event—D/C Jack Banister, AP; D/Lt/ C Tom Larimer, SN; D/Lt/C Bill McDonald, AP, D/Lt/C Keith Williams, SN; and D/Lt/C Joe Venhoff, AP; each were escorted by their lovely



New commander, Ron Steckler, is being installed by D/C Jack Banister

wives. We thank them for attending.

Nearly 40 people including many Evansville Bend members were present to enjoy the festive evening.



Our education department, Sam Richey and Steve Wilson, being installed by Tom Larimer

P/D/C Janice Elwood, AP ably filled-in for our immediate past-commander, Sandy Mahrenholz, S as she and Dick were doing their own “cruising” on a real cruise ship.



D/C Jack Banister install bridge officers, Louis Habermel and Janice Elwood

Two sea scouts were our “color guard” who presented the flags.



District Treasurer, Joe Venoff (right) with Keith Gelhausen, two Sea Scouts, and Joe’s wife.

The old “bridge” was dismissed and the commander and new “bridge”



Louis, John, Tammy and our new commander, Ron Steckler

installed. Our new education officers were also installed by D/Lt/C Tom Larimer, SN. D/C Jack Banister, AP made several remarks about his beliefs regarding our need to attract quality members who actively participate in squadron activities.

A DVD created by P/C Ron Eberhart, P was shown which included photographs of the people and events from Sandy's two years as our commander.

Cdr. Ron Steckler, P made remarks about his new watch year.

To cap off the evening P/D/C Leroy Elwood, AP read a short humorous tale.

THANKS TO BOAT SHOW WORKERS!!

The annual tri-state area boat shows were a rousing success for Evansville Bend. Our main purpose was to promote our squadron and safe boating through education to the public.



Steve and Janet Wilson at our Evansville boat show display

We had workers at the Owensboro and Evansville boat shows. A total of 37 people signed up for our Public Boating Course.

Special thanks to: Linda Richey, Sam Richey, Janice Elwood, LeRoy Elwood, Ron Eberhart, Dan Vaughn, Beth Vaughn, Steve Wilson, Janet Wilson, Cameron Wilson, Greg Frazier, Sally Frazier, Phil Bryan, Maryann Bryan, John Trapp, Vicki Trapp, Larry Colter, Pat Colter, Bill Majors, Colette Loehrlein, Keith Gehlhausen, Dorothy Gehlhausen, Ron Steckler, Tammy Williams, John Habermel, Louise Habermel, Henry Graper, and Gay Graper. Again...thanks to everyone who helped!!



Phil and Maryann Bryan, our new members, at the boat show