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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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Evansville Bend had a COW—Installed New Bull. His name is Sam!!

Commander's Corner



On March 5th Evansville Bend began a new watch year. Lt/C Derk Boss is our new Administrative

Officer and the only new bridge member; we welcome him aboard.

We had a very good time at the change of watch. Good food and a very pleasant evening visiting with friends from our Squadron, District officers, and their spouses. "Thanks to the Pickings' for arranging for us to use Oak Meadow, and shuttling people to their cars.

P/C Richard Rombauer's plan was to increase membership and have fun. We accomplished both, I see no reason to change. We still need new members and need everyone in the squadrons help in keeping up the good work going.

One thing all commanders like to do is award merit marks, but we cannot do that without some help on your part. You have to do some activity to help the squadron. I am looking for more of you to earn a merit mark this year.

Karen has been working hard setting up classes and seminars. We can use instructors and proctors; these are Merit mark opportunities.

Ron has pictures of the COW on our web site; check them out.

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Administrative Officer:	P/C Henry Graper, AP	(812-359-4927)
Secretary/Treasurer:	P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN	(812-401-8300)
Education Officer:	Lt/C Karen Rombauer, AP	(812-985-9956)

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More will be coming about activities for this year. I am hoping to see more members participate at our activities.

Boating season is just around the corner. Linda and I are looking forward to seeing everyone on water.

Cdr. Sam Richey, SN

FROM OUR PAST COMMANDER



Our District 24 Spring Conference held February 18th, 19th & 20th in Dayton, Ohio, hosted by the Dayton Power Squadron, was extremely outstanding and enjoyed by your representatives Sam Richey, Karen Rombauer and yours truly. It was even made more special because the National Representative for the conference was none other than the Chief Commander Frank A. Dvorak, SN and his lovely wife Vivien.

I believe Saturday morning at the Commanders meeting when the squadrons gave all their individual reports was most beneficial for an understanding of how the squadrons in District 24 are doing. The regular meeting followed with all attendees at the conference and had some interesting discussions among the members. One choice discussion that stirred the membership body was government involvement in licensing for boat operation. Interesting!!! You too could be a part of these discussions. Remember, we would love to have your input and company at these conferences held in the spring, summer and fall.

The topper for this meeting was some presentation of awards. To our pleasant surprise the Evansville Bend Squadron received 5 awards for the 2010 year. We received the most new members (5), the largest increase in membership - 5%, the outstanding Pilot staff - Emma Lee and Ron Eberhart, for our website, and Education Award 20th time—Karen Rombauer. I was extremely pleased with the membership awards because that was one of our goals. The other two were “sell” the education and have fun. We have a lot of education going on in this squadron thanks to the instructors and our SEO Karen Rombauer. I’m not sure if everyone agrees with me about the fun—but I sure had my share.

The Saturday evening dinner was very enjoyable. There were some important awards given and presented by Chief Dvorak. One important presentation was the Polaris Award presented by Chief Dvorak and Mrs. Jan Larimer. The recipient was P/D/LT/C Tom Woods, SN well deserving of this important award. The other important event was the District 24 Change of Watch where Chief Dvorak swore in the new District Commander Dick Remski, SN ----What an honor to be sworn in by the top man in the whole organization. It couldn’t happen to a nicer guy.

How time flies:

It doesn’t seem like it’s been two years since I hesitated and found myself Commander.

It’s only been successful because of the hard work of my bridge officers

and some core members staying involved and dedicated to keeping Evansville Bend Power Squadron afloat. To these members I say Thank-you very much for all your time and help given freely. As the bell rings and I find myself passing into the Past Commander role I know that my involvement will continue on because of my firm conviction that we as an organization have a commitment to educate as many boaters in Safe Boating Practices as possible and to welcome into our organization people interested in learning and associating with boaters that have common interests. Good luck to Sam Richey our new Commander and as part of his bridge I will help in whatever I can do to make Sam's Commandership a success. HE'S BACK!!!!

One award was presented to Ron Eberhart for his outstanding support and functional operation of the District web page by the District Commander Dick Remski ,SN.

If you missed the Change of Watch—you missed a good one!

P/C Richard Rombauer, JN

Education Update



The February 24th seminar at Gander Mountain (Boat Handling Under Power) was another success. Total attendance (not including our instructor) was 21 people, 6 of whom are current Evansville Bend members. That venue is really working nicely for these seminars - again,

if you haven't attended one I really encourage you to come to the next one! which will be on March 23 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll be presenting "**Boating on Rivers, Lakes, and Locks**".

And, have you seen our articles in the Courier and Press "Local Happenings" column? Those articles have really been noticed by our community and have been a wonderful key to getting our classes into the public eye. Most of the people who sign up for ABC classes and come to our seminars have read about them in that column.

We had yet another opportunity to spread the word about the Power Squadron on March 5 and 6 at Lynn's Marine and this Saturday, March 12th ,at the 4H Center. Since we expect to leave both those events with a list of people interested in our ABC class, we've decided to schedule another class right away. You may recall that we've started a class on March 3rd (Thursday evenings), and another one on April 2 (Saturday mornings) --- now we're adding a third class to being April 14 (Thursday evenings).

We had the next Seamanship class scheduled to begin April 26, but with the addition of this new ABC class, we'll postpone Seamanship until after all the ABC classes are finished. So, Seamanship has been re-scheduled to begin June 7. I apologize if this is confusing, but it just makes sense to take advantage of these events within our community.

Engine Maintenance: still scheduled to begin March 8.

SEO Karen Rombauer, AP



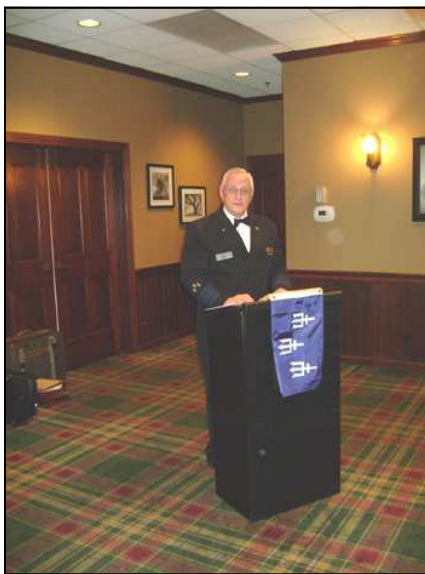
CONGRATULATIONS!!



Rob Geiss, one of our newer members has just passed the on-line Vessel Examiners test. Rob will have to perform 5

monitored VSC's (Vessel Safety Checks) before he will be able to do checks by himself and become a Certified examiner for Evansville Bend.

Our Change of Watch 2011





**2011 SCHEDULE OF
CLASSES**

**SEMINARS (@ Gander Mountain
Lodge Room, 6:30 PM):**

March 23 – Boating on Rivers, Lakes,
and Locks

Aug. 2 – Onboard Weather Forecast-
ing

ABC (@ EMA, 6:30 PM):

Thursday evenings: March 3 thru
April 7

Thursday evenings: April 14 thru May
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Tuesday evenings: Aug. 9 thru Sept
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**ABC (@ French Island Marina,
10:00 AM):**

Saturday mornings: April 2 thru April
30

**SEAMANSHIP (@ EMA, 6:30
PM):**

Tuesday evenings: June 7 thru July 5

**ENGINE MAINTENANCE (@
EMA, 6:30 PM)**

Tuesday evenings: March 8 thru April
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**Welcome our
New Officers for
Evansville Bend**

New Officers: 2011—2012

Cdr: Sam Richey

Executive Officer:
Richard Rombauer

Squadron Education Officer:
Karen Rombauer

Administrative Officer:
Derk Boss

Secretary/Treasurer:
Janice Elwood

Auditing

Jay Picking	1 years
Donn Wood	2 years
Henry Graper	3 years

At Large Committee

Mike Shirk	1 year
Jo Gries	2 years
Ron Eberhart	3 years

Rules Committee

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

Nominating Committee

Sally Frazier	1 years
Jay Picking	2 years
Karen Rombauer	3 years