

# Evansville Bend Power Squadron

# Pilot

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## November Meeting Moves to Thursday, November 16 — Education Night

**Our November meeting has moved from our normal third Wednesday of the month to one day later — Thursday, November 16th.**

This November meeting is always designated to discuss and acknowledge our squadron's education achievements.

We have many dedicated members who volunteer their time to teach our various classes. Many teach our Public Boating Course. Some teach in our "members only" classes. Without the dedication and sacrifice of these individuals, our squadron would not grow and flourish.

Our SEO, Sam Richey, SN will be in charge of the program on Thursday, November 16th. In addition, Sam will be giving a talk about his experiences on the LST

traveling from Evansville to Cincinnati and return. Travel time was about 30 hours going and 32 hours returning including a stop in Cannelton. He'll illustrate the trip with photos taken during the voyage. There was a complement of about 40 crew members on the journey.

Sam will discuss his volunteer duties as a tour guide on the ship since last October. I believe you will find the discussion informative. So come and join the fun.

We will be meeting once again at Hornville Tavern. Social time is 6pm with dinner at 7pm.

Our Bill O' Fare will be Pork Loin and Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans with the usual beverages. The cost is only \$8.00 per person.

<b>Commander:</b>	<b>Cdr. Ron Steckler, P</b>	(473-0107)
Executive Officer:	Lt/C Louise Habermel, S	(867-2559)
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C Jay Picking, AP	(867-3858)
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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# Commander's Corner Education Update



The end of another boating season, leaves falling, the weather turning much cooler . It's time to put the boats away for

most of us and turn our attention to the education opportunities this fall.

We don't want to forget that Sam and his crew are putting together the fall class schedule. With the new weather class underway....with a piloting and possibly advanced piloting on the list. It's a great opportunity for a lot of us to take advantage of everything that the education office has planned this fall.

This is a very busy time of year coming up for most of us, so don't forget to join everyone for an excellent meal and fellowship at the next meeting.

*Cdr. Ron Steckler, P*



I have my boat winterized and now I feel winter is upon us. It is time to take classes to help get through cold weather and then back to boating



We will be starting Piloting soon. Jay and Suzy Picking are back from the summer on their boat and are ready to teach the class. **Now we need students!!** This is a very good class and now has as much "GPS" as it does "dead reckoning". Let me know if you are interested.

We have three more members certified as teaching instructors.

They are:

- P/D/C Janice Elwood JN
  - D/LT/C Richard Mahrenholz
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Steve Wilson S.
- Congratulations to them!!

*SEO Sam Richey SN*

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## THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

One of our "oldest" members, in terms of tenure, P/C Craig Hills, (member since July, 1977) spoke to Evansville Bend at our October



a railing, and a broken line in Marsh Harbor during some rough weather.

There was plenty of “good” as Craig and Nancy’s children and grandchildren joined them in Florida during the holidays. One member asked Craig how much the trip cost....and said....”I haven’t taken the time to total it up”... as he looked at Nancy. Craig did say that he spent several thousand dollars on diesel fuel, and stocked over \$1000 in food in preparation for the trip.

meeting. Craig, (with comments from Nancy) gave a presentation about their “trip of a lifetime” to the Bahamas.

The Hills finally made their 6-month voyage to the Bahamas in the fall of 2005. Craig, and two men started the journey on October 25, 2005. In November in Florida, Nancy joined the crew, as one of the men “jumped ship”.

They traveled down the Ten-Tom, across the Gulf, and through Florida. They then proceeded into the Northern Abacos and to the southern Exumas. They returned to Eddy Creek Marina on April 5, 2006.

Craig showed many pictures and related boating “tales”...hence, the “**Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**” .

The “**Ugly**” consisted of busting an engine strut under the hull, damage to



*Carolyn Nix (left) and Nancy Hills talk before our October meeting.*



*Harold Nix (left), Bob Garrett, and Craig Hills chat at the October meeting.*

**Please call LeRoy Elwood at 812-401-8300 if you can not attend the dinner meeting after you have turned in reservations or if you have not been called by the Calling Committee... call LeRoy to make reservations for this month's dinner meeting.**

### THE BOAT THAT WAS TO BE

I remember "the boat". He was always talking about it at our squadron meetings. Every month, he would talk about it...how it was being built... "an aluminum hull"....a "houseboat"....with a "plow" type bow that would be "ocean worthy". The dream began in the early 1970's of a boat and one day a trip on "blue water". This was almost 30 years ago as I joined the squadron in 1978. These meetings were "members only", no dinner meetings in those days.

Craig has always been a very friendly, outgoing guy. Every squadron meeting, he would talk about the progress on the construction. I thought, how long does it take to a build boat?

For about 1 1/2 years he would update everyone who would listen about this new boat. That was in the "early days" of our squadron and Craig Hills was talking about his new boat, Emily K II.

Well, it took 34 months to build, with completion in 1979. Craig has maintained, updated, and upgraded his boat several times.

Last year, Craig and Nancy realized their dream of taking their boat to a tropical winter haven, the Bahamas, and returning it home.

Craig and Nancy have been part of Evansville Bend for almost 30 years contributing to the our success.

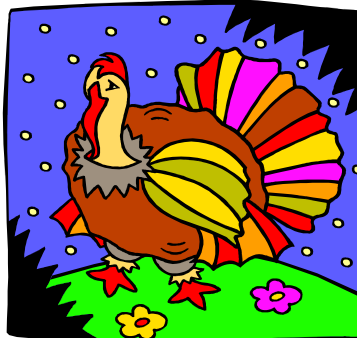
We thank them for their faithful service and for all that they have done for our squadron over the years.

*P/C Ron Eberhart, P*



***In Memoriam:*** Our sympathy is extended to Jim Mattingly, a Past Commander of D/24, whose wife, Naomi, passed away on October 16, 2006. Jim is a member of the Louisville Power Squadron.

### Happy Thanksgiving



**Save a Turkey.....eat Chicken!!**