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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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Annual Education Night and Teacher Appreciation—Wednesday, 19 November

The November meeting is always designated to acknowledge our squadron's education workers and squadron's achievements. This year is no exception as our meeting returns to Hornville Tavern on Wednesday, 19 November.

We have many dedicated members who volunteer their time to teach our various classes. Many teach in 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. In addition, many members act as proctors at the classes to assist the students.

Our SEO, Steve Wilson, S will be in charge of the program.

Social time starts at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. We'll enjoy smoked chicken, smashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, beer bread, water, tea, and coffee. Cost per person is just \$8.00.

If you played a role in our classes this year, be sure to attend and get the recognition you deserve..

The reservations committee will be calling you.



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Commander's Corner Education Update



Squadron Members –

What a great time at our second annual chili cookout!

Special thanks to Greg and Sally Frazier for hosting us again.

I am looking forward to education night at Hornville Tavern and I hope you will join us. Also, we are in the process of making plans for the annual Holiday Party, which will be held on Saturday, December 6 at Oak Meadow Country Club.

We are continuing to look for new programs that would be of interest to our members. If you have any ideas, please share them with us!

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



We are finishing up the Seaman-ship class with testing to begin within the next 2 weeks , and will have 3 new members to add to our ranks.

I am looking forward to our Education Night meeting this month, which gives us an opportunity to say "Thanks" to our many members who take their time to help out with teaching and proctoring classes through out the year.

We also need input from you, what new classes would you like to see?

Are there classes that we haven't previously offered that might be of interest to you, as always let me know?



Steve Wilson SEO

WE SMOKED 'EM AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Our Chili-Cook-Out was a resounding success!! The weather was perfect for a warm fire, hot chili and great fellowship from members of Evansville Bend Power Squadron.



We moved the meeting to Sunday, October 19th at 2pm to take advantage of the outdoors.

Many thanks to Greg and Sally Frazier for providing the location at their home on Barton Road for our second annual Chili Cook-Out.



Serious discussion—Sam Richey, Dick Mahrenholz and Jay Picking talking about Sam's recent LST 325 September trip



Lefty, Richard Rombauer, throwing jarts in the tournament.



Emma Lee Eberhart grabs a marshmallow to make a "smore"



Sally Fraizer presents Dick and Richard their winnings from the jarts tournament

Everyone brought their own chili and poured it into the big "pot" hanging over the fire.

The Jarts tournament was won by Dick Mahrenholz and Richard Rombauer.

Many also cooked hotdogs over the fire. Later, we enjoyed roasting marshmallows and making "smores". It was a great time and the weather co-operated again this year providing the right atmosphere for a "cook-out".

A Boating Thanksgiving & Jekyll Island— a Boating Holiday

Wednesday, Nov. 24th:

A small craft advisory and thunderstorms were forecast for today but we had our hearts set on a traditional Lanier Island Thanksgiving. Actually, we weighed the pro of avoiding travel by remaining at the Tuesday night anchorage vs. being stuck there for the next three days, until the winds calmed, with no access to land, other human beings, (or cells/internet). So we left, traveled 30 miles, and made it only an hour after the winds began whipping. Of course the “no anchoring cable crossing” sign did not correspond with that on the chart. No one responded when we tried to contact the harbormaster on the marine radio, to request clarification. However, the marina operator answered when we tried him, hoping to sell us some dock space, but pleading ignorance about the anchoring question – he later admitted that he was also the harbormaster – all the while with Elias’ dinosaurs singing Twinkle Twinkle in the background.

Since we anticipate that everything will be closed tomorrow for Thanksgiving, we will have stayed on the boat for 3 solid days – once again the title of that play “No Exit” pops into my head. Actually, I am amazed that Jonas and Elias can envelope themselves in creative play, in that oversized closet room with a 2 x 2 foot floor space – for a 9 hour period (coming above deck only for lunch, swing bridges, and barges) - although I sometimes become apprehensive when they start pulling out their Halloween fireman’s ax and Ninja “defensive” sword. When I dare to sneak below to grab some cookies, they quickly discover and accost me with urgent requests.

Looking forward to opening that can of

Campbell’s condensed turkey noodle soup tomorrow...

.....**please pass the gravy boat**

Thursday, Nov. 25th:

Did you ever wonder what a turkey eats on Thanksgiving ... Anyway... considering our present circumstances, we tried fishing for our meal - unfortunately, the stuffing we caught was a bit too soggy. So contrary to what one may have imagined, we really did have a quasi-traditional holiday feast - the “shake and bake and inflate” turkey was just right for our Suzie Homemaker oven. Since counter space was not a standard option in this vessel, we alternated between counter space use and stove top cooking (in Jonas & Elias’ bedroom) - the stove/oven range conveniently (?) rocks, so as to maintain a level position as the boat sways, which can be challenging when opening the oven door to check the turkey, the weight of which causes tilting stove top pans to spill their contents. Nonetheless, we did enjoy our feast, complete with fixings - missing only the requisite gravy boat (which we failed to locate at the nearest marina).

Although some may presume we have too much time on our hands, we’re usually actively traveling/navigating or touring (get out those violins) - so it was nice to dedicate a day to hanging out on the boat (not that we had a choice, with the 30 mile gusts and closed establishments).

Tom, Ellen, Jonas, Elias

Note: Above boaters are not USPS members but thought you would enjoy reading about their boating adventure.

