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Chili Cook-Out...Sunday, October 25th at the Frazier's. Annual Jarts Tournament

Our October meeting moves to Sunday afternoon, 25 October, 2pm for our annual "Chili Cook-out". Greg and Sally Frazier have again agreed to host this event at their "large compound" in Northern Vanderburgh County.

Please mark your calendar: **Sunday, October 25th, 2:00pm**. Everyone is to bring their favorite chili which will be mixed into the big "chili pot" hanging over a big fire. Also bring "finger foods", lawn chairs, and drinks.



In addition to the chili, these items will be provided: hot dogs, crackers, cheese, condiments, tea,

bottled water, and smores.

Activities include the annual jarts tournament. The jarts tournament last year was won by Dick Mahrenholz and Richard Rombauer.

Two-year winner, Commander Rombauer will be taking bids to be his partner. Money goes to the squadron.



Last year's winners, Dick and Rich

There will be a fire for those who enjoy sitting and socializing.

Last year, the second year for our Chili Cook-Out at the Frazier's, was very well attended. The weather was perfect, food was great and all enjoyed the company and fellowship of other squadron members. Many shared their past summer boating experiences. It's a great time and one you won't want to miss. Many thanks to Greg and Sally Frazier for providing the location at their home on Barton Road. Directions are on the last page.

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Commander's Corner



Our September 15th GPS Seminar at Gander Mountain was a huge success. Sam Richey did a great job teaching the seminar. We had fourteen people attend, not including myself or Janice Elwood. Because we arrived early and worked the bugs out of the electronics, the class went very smoothly from a mechanical standpoint. Our next big educational effort will be our Safe Boating Class starting October 6th at USI. There are no guarantees; but, hopefully, we will see some new membership activity from these educational efforts. Thanks to Karen Rombauer for setting up the Lodge at Gander Mountain and the USI boating class.

Where did the summer go? Here its fall already and winterizing boats is the last thing on my mind. Well, the reality is that cooler weather is on its way and steps need to be taken to prepare our boats for hibernation. We had a short, fun, season and, now it's time to think seriously about getting it ready for winter.

Our September membership meeting guest speaker was Sherman Greer, Director of the Evansville Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Office of FEMA. He delivered, I think, an extremely interesting talk on a relative boring subject." Getting prepared for all kinds of emergencies." He talked about most preparations as being common sense; but it make sense to stop and review these steps occasionally to be sure the ducks are all lined up – just in case. Actually, there is always something new that can be learned. For example: I hadn't even thought about the hot

water tank as having potable water and didn't even think about securing it to the wall. To some this would be a no brainer. To me ---I learned something valuable that I hadn't thought of in the past. So if something happens where the water supply is interrupted for sometime then this hot water heater is a great source for drinking water. Remember: the human body can only go without water for three days. I'm glad that Mr. Greer took the time to visit us and give the talk he did.

Anything that would help to educate me in keeping my family safe is extremely important to me. Thank-you Mr. Greer and to the Administration Officer for setting this program up.

We had a great time at Lake Cumberland. Karen wrote an article about our raft off that has been posted on our blog site and in this Pilot. Don't forget to make plans to be at the Chili cookout at the Frazier's in October. It's always a great time. And there is the third annual Jarts contest to highlight the activities. See you all there.

Commander Richard Rombauer, P.

Education Update



It appears that another boating season is coming to an early end this year, so time to get winterized and clean things up for next year. This is not a bad time to check on the condition of safety equipment, PFD's, and lines. And,

after a season of use the boat trailer could probably use a good once over as well. During the "off season" its also not a bad idea to take advantage of the many different classes that are available from the USPS. If you are interested in taking a class, please let us know.

Steve Wilson, SEO

ARE YOU PREPARED!!!

Sherman Greer, Executive Director of the Evansville Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency was our speaker, September 19th at the Hornville Tavern. Sherman has been in this position for 20 years. He also has responsibility for our security in the event of a terrorist attack.

His talk centered on being prepared for weather and natural disasters like an earthquake. He discussed the many weather related disasters like flooding, lightening, tornados. He discussed an emergency survival kit that we should have ready with food , water, emergency radio, flashlights. And, don't forget the can opener! Also, he explained the advantage of having a "safe place" in our house during severe weather. He also advised that we should have a family plan on where to meet outside of our home if a disaster



occurs.

He talked at length about the New Madrid and Wabash Valley earthquake faults. It is a matter of time when this area receives a big quake. Hopefully, that will be several hundred years away.

Grider Hill Dock & Marina @Lake Cumberland - Sept 18, 19, 20: *(submitted by Karen Rombauer)*

Dick & Sandy Mahrenholz, Sam & Linda Richey, and Rich & Karen Rombauer (and Emma) arrived on Thursday afternoon and drove to the State Park Lodge for dinner. Delicious catfish, but no dessert.

On Friday afternoon **Leroy & Janice Elwood, and Tom & Carol Woods** (from Bluegrass Squadron) arrived. No boating that day due to grey clouds, with rain on and off. We gathered for social hour at the suite shared by Elwoods and Mahrenholzs and then went to dinner at the Grider Hill restaurant. Good



food, but a big disappointment because it was a slim menu since they're getting ready to close for the season. In fact there wasn't enough bread for everyone to have a sandwich!! But the bread pudding for dessert was scrumptious (even though some servings were noticea-

bly larger than others).

Saturday morning hailed the arrival of **Tony & Stephanie Hawking** (also from Bluegrass) who have retired to the Lake Cumberland area and dock their boat at Jamestown Marina. All 5 boats were cast off and headed to a favorite cove for fun and socializing in the sun. Since the water was only 77 degrees there were only 3 brave swimmers: Sam, Rich, and Emma. Mid-afternoon that party came to an abrupt halt at the sound of a HUGE boom of thunder. We scurried like mice to get the boats untied and running. Not fast enough, though - before we could get to the marina (and our covered slips), and without time for some of us to get the tops up properly - we found ourselves in a torrential downpour. After drying off we re-convened at the suite again - and this time we



decided to bring our own food for a potluck dinner in the room. Meanwhile **Henry & Gay Graper** had arrived to join the festivities. Gay stole our hearts with her delicious turtle brownies as they went real well with the peanut butter pie we ordered from the restaurant.

Some left early Sunday morning, but the rest of us gathered for a breakfast (again at the Grider Hill restaurant) before taking off for home in more rain. Even though Mother

Nature did NOT play nicely, everyone who participated agreed that it was a fun and enjoyable time together.

TALES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Bill Majors is still flying not boating and recently “buzzed” Henry’s river camp and sailboat. Bill also won the “half-pot” drawing. He bought two tickets this time and was bragging before the meeting that this would double his chances of winning. I guess he was right.

Leroy Elwood is still not missing the boat which they recently sold.

Sandy Mahrenholz said that Dick is so busy that she had to prepare him a “spreadsheet” so he would “know where to go”. Now that’s being busy.

Sam Richey was talking about how much he misses Linda not being at the meeting due to having to work.

Neil Phillips was sporting a real nice black “ivy cap”. He looked really cool in it. Charolette looked nice too.

Chuck Blanton is already talking about leaving for his annual Florida sabbatical.

Calendar of Events

- **November 18, Wednesday , 6pm** meeting at Hornville Tavern - Education Night Recognition.
- **December 5, Saturday, 6pm** - Holiday Party at Oak Meadow
- **Change of Watch— Saturday, February 27—New Date**

Directions to Frazier's

Call 812-867-3058 if you get lost.

If you are coming from Highway 41...

Take Highway 41 North past Baseline Road. You will come upon Ameriqua Foods on your left, and Cambridge Subdivision on your right. Right in front of Ameriqua there is a road running east and west called **Volkman Road**. Turn right onto Volkman Road. You will pass Cambridge Subdivision on your left. You will travel two intersections, the first one being Old State Road and Volkman. Go through that intersection heading east. At the next intersection you will not have a Stop sign, but the roads going North and South do. Turn left on to **Barton Road**. You will need to count 5 driveways on the left. Do not count houses. The 5th drive on the left is ours. We have a white and black round mailbox. Our house is a white farm house with black shutters, and a white garage with black shutters.

If you are coming from 164...

Take 164 North to exit 18 which is the **Elberfeld exit**. When you come to the light off the ramp, that will be Highway 57. Go straight at that light, and that will be Old Highway 57. You will go around a curve and up a small hill. At the bottom of that hill will be a road on your left called **Seven Hills Road**. Turn left there. You will go over several hills. You will come to an intersection at the bottom of the last hill and you will not have a Stop sign. There you will turn right onto **Barton Road**. You need to count 5 driveways on your left. Do not count houses. The 5th driveway on the left is ours. We have a white and black round mailbox. Our house is a white farm house with black shutters, and a white garage with black shutters

If you are coming from Oakhill Road...

Take Oakhill road North to Highway 57. Turn right onto **Highway 57**. You will go past Daylight, past the Shoe Carnival Warehouse, and past the old Kingsmen's Club on your left. After you pass that you will go to the yellow flashing light. At that light you will turn left onto **Old Highway 57**. You will go around a curve and up a small hill. At the bottom of that hill you will turn left onto **Seven Hills Road**. You will go over several hills. You will come to an intersection at the bottom of the last hill and you will not have a Stop sign. There you will turn right onto **Barton Road**. You need to count 5 driveways on your left. Do not count houses. The 5th driveway on the left is ours. We have a white and black round mailbox. White farm house with black shutters, white garage with black shutters.

18740 Barton Road, Evansville, IN 47725

Or....go to "Google"...copy and paste the address in search box....and get turn by turn directions from your home to the Frazier's.