



Pilot

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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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Sherman Greer—Homeland Security for Vanderburgh Co. to be Sept. Speaker

Sherman Greer, Executive Director of the Evansville/Vanderburgh County Homeland Security, will be our speaker for the Wednesday, 16 September meeting at the Hornville Tavern. Sherman was scheduled for July but was called "into duty" at the last minute by his boss, the Mayor, and was unable to attend.

The Evansville/Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for the mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery from major emergencies and disasters that would affect the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County.

Our meeting returns again this month to Hornville. Back by popular demand is their specialty, a 16 oz. smoked pork chop with baked potato, salad,

beer bread, choice of coffee, tea, or lemonade. Price is just \$13 per person.

The Calling committee will be contacting you for your reservation.

Commander's Corner



Our third annual **canoe float** was enjoyed by all the attendees and was considered a big success. Seven members and a guest paddled for

two hours on Loon Pit off of Boonville-New Harmony road east of 164. Karen and Janice spent the two hours practicing their serpentine paddling. Sam rode while Dick paddled the whole two hours. Gay and Henry

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Executive Officer:	Stf/C Sam Richey, SN (812-721-2322)
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C Karen Rombauer, P (985-9956)
Secretary/Treasurer:	P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN (401-8300)
Education Officer:	Lt/C Steve Wilson, S (477-2814)

headed to the barn early--- and the commander and his daughter were flawless. (see video of the trip on our website)

I guess the writer gets free license!!! It did give us all time to appreciate slowing down and enjoying nature. After we finished the canoe float trip we all met at the Hornet's Nest for a great dinner and a rehash of the earlier events. Great Fun!!!

Tuesday the 18th we spent our time on top of the water canoeing and Wednesday the 19th we spent a great evening at Hornville Tavern being entertained with an underwater award winning slide show by our thrice returning Allen Campbell. As it had been in the past the slide show and presentation were excellent and quite entertaining.

Check the Pilot and/or web page for more upcoming activities. The **blog** is off and running on our website. Share your fun or not so fun experiences with your boating buddies. So, don't be bashful, we've all been there. Read my boating blog.

Please plan on being at our next membership meeting September 16th at Hornville Tavern. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Sherman Greer, the Director of the Evansville Emergency Management of Evansville Vanderburgh County. I'm sure he will have something about "Being Prepared" and good information about getting prepared.

My hope is that everyone is having a great safe boating summer.

Education Update



Summer is starting to wind down, (ok.. what summer you may ask!) There are still plenty of great days and weekends left to get out on the

water. However the water levels are starting to recede so keep an eye out for those previously hidden sandbars and those partially submerged trees and other "junk".

Several boaters this last weekend on Lake Barkley lost props and damaged lower units. (Overheard at the dock) "I was only out of the channel just a little bit". Knowing where you are...Priceless!

Hopefully you saw the ad in Sunday's paper (August 30) promoting our Safe Boating Course starting in October at USI. If you know of someone who is interested in taking the boating course, have them register ASAP. **More info is available on our website including the registration form.** This is a new venue for us and we want to make the most out of this opportunity. Stay Safe!

Steve Wilson, SEO

AUGUST MEETING WAS AN UNDERWATER DELIGHT

One of Evansville Bend's favorite speakers, Allen Campbell, brought his underwater slide show back to our meeting for a third time.



Members were not disappointed as Allen's underwater photography was better than ever.

Allen has been diving since 1978 and has made over 1000 dives. He has traveled to all parts of the world to take pictures of the underwater world. His favorite way to visit these sites is to dive and live aboard a boat. This allows him to get in 4 to 5 dives per day. It is more expensive but it's the best way to dive because you are staying in a floating hotel right above where you can dive. Allen has taken 15 of these diving trips aboard these boats.

He uses a wide-angle lens for some of his close-up shots to get the complete subject. His goal is to "make them not look wet" so when

people look at the photograph, the subject looks dry as if not taken underwater.

He likes to take photos looking upward in about 30 feet of water with the sunlight filtering through the water. These make for spectacular shots.

It was another great program and we thank Allen for making the drive from Henderson to Hornville.

TALES FROM THE MEETING

Leroy Elwood is not missing the boat which they recently sold. Not sure about Janice.

Donn Wood just finished working on the new Burger Bank restaurant which has reopened on Weinbach and Covert Avenue.

Henry Graper is still working on his sailboat. Henry also has two power boats.

Bill Majors has not done any more work on the sailboat he is building, although he has been flying.

Charolette Phillips was able to attend the meeting after having a knee replacement about one month ago. Oh...Neil was there, too. Glad you both made it!

Chuck Blanton's boat is dry-docked this year. Believe it or not!! . Chuck - here's a picture of your boat, "Fairweather", so you don't forget what it looks like.
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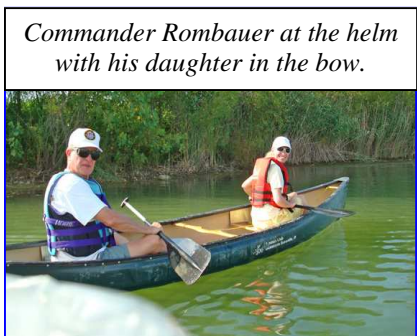


CANOE TRIP WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Tuesday, August 17th was the big day when EB members took to the water. No power...just arm-strong propulsion. The canoers navigated Blue Grass Fish and Wildlife Area. The best part, for some, was the



stop at the Hornet's Nest after the trip for some fried chicken and liquid libation.



See an 8-minute video of the canoe trip on our website.....
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ON THE HORIZON

P/D/C Dick Mahrenholz, JN is in the process of putting together a slate of officers for next year. If you have a desire to be an officer, please contact Dick. RMahrenhol@aol.com We will vote on the nominations later in the year.

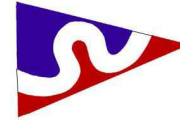
Calendar of Events

- **September 15, Tuesday** - GPS class at Gander Mountain.
- **September 16, Wednesday, 6pm** - Monthly meeting at Hornville Tavern - speaker—Sherman Greer
- **September 18, 19 and 20** - Rendezvous at Lake Cumberland; Grider Hill Marina
- **October 25, Sunday Afternoon** - Chili Cook-out at Frazier's House.
- **October 10 and 11, Saturday and Sunday:** Boating Trip to Golconda
- **November 18, Wednesday, 6pm** meeting at Hornville Tavern - Education Night Recognition.
- **December 5, Saturday, 6pm** - Holiday Party at Oak Meadow





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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

is offering this free seminar:

**Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
at Gander Mountain's Lodge**

**Using your GPS on the water is different
from in the car !!!**

In less than 2 hours, you will learn:

-  **To operate your GPS** (What the buttons do, what the screens show)
-  **Principles of waypoint navigation**
-  **How to use your GPS with charts**
-  **To use the functions to navigate a safe course**
-  **Tips on choosing a GPS that's best for you**

If you already own a GPS unit, bring it to the class

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