# Mosquito Byte

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#### WHAT WIND CAN DO

As we go to press, we'd like to offer a word of caution about winds and fire. There was an incident on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> that illustrates what wind can do. Brush had been burned on Friday, a legal burn day. Apparently some stumps were still "hot" and the wind really blew on Monday and the result – a wild land fire. Now bushes and grass at this time of the year still have plenty of moisture in them so the fire did not get too far out of control, but this shows that we all need to make sure our control burns are really out.

#### RING - RING - RING

Leo Chaloux

Well, I have finally gone through with it. After several months, almost 2 years, and many people hounding me about it, I did it. I have gone to the Internet. In fact I even have an E-mail address. I finally realized that since the rest of the world had grown up and decided to face this new century I should do the same.

The only problem now is me. I guess I am still dragging my heels, or at the least not stepping real high, for I haven't really gotten use to this new stuff. Heck, I still hate using a telephone and that thing has been around for awhile. In fact in my opinion the worse thing ever invented has been the telephone. Sometime ago a Russian behaviorist named Pavlov did all these experiments with dogs where through conditioning they would just simply start salivating when certain things, like bells ringing, happened. Well we humans are not too far behind these Pavlov dogs. Only thing is we do not salivate when a telephone rings. We simply drop everything we are doing and take off running towards this bell noise, pick up an object that talks and listens at the same time and stick it on our ear. Most of the

time the jerk that made the dumb thing ring to begin with is either trying to sell something, has something stupid to ask you, or is just plain being a nuisance. What really makes me angry is when the phone rings and on the other end of the line is some stinking machine that knows who you are and interferes with your life by asking if you want to buy something you have no need for. The real kicker in all this phone stuff is now we believe we cannot survive without this device. I'm sure there are some people out there that would rather have a phone in the house than food in the refrigerator. Me, well I can't function well without food and to be honest I am sure if I got hungry enough I would eat the phone.

Just for kicks on a couple of days last

month I decided to count how many times the phone at the fire station would ring in a day. On one day the dumb thing rang 18 times, on another day it rang 34 times. That is about 4 times an hour, once ever 15 minutes the thing would ring and suddenly everything stops and off to the phone we would go. I don't need to be in a physical fitness program. Just running to the telephone is all the exercise I need. Devery and I sometimes take turns answering the phone. However, I am sure there must be a conspiracy for every time I answer the phone it is for Devery and when he answers the thing it is for me

So now I have a fax machine, E-mail, CD's, and the Internet along with surfing, webs, dot coms, search engines, viruses, crashed hard drives and all the other good stuff that goes along with it. For me it just points out that having all this technology just emphasizes the one thing I already knew. I am the weak link in it all. I keep telling myself that I need to go to school and get some smarts so I can use all this techno stuff. I don't have time for school, heck I barely have time to answer the telephone 34 times a day.

One thing I have learned to do once we started getting all these high tech toys is how to really plead ignorance and ask someone else to help me Sometimes if I cry real convincingly I can get them to do it for me. I do have to thank Debbie Minor, Lela Edson, and Pat Relfe for they have continuously spoiled me. Not only are they attempting to teach me how to use this stuff, once they see my tears they even do it for me. They also have to be pretty patient individuals to put up with my whining, sorrowful looks, and temper tantrums.



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Be careful out there. I have to go -- the telephone is ringing.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACTION

February 10 - March 9

2 pubic assists, 3 medical aids, 1 power line down, 1 vehicle fire, 1 control burn check

Plus 8 evenings of meetings, lots of phone calls and many meetings.

#### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

LaVonne Moser

(Please note date correction!)

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 22th at 10:00 a.m. It will be at Finnon Lake if the sun is out. Last year it rained and snowed. If that happens again, we will be at the Mosquito Fire Station, as we were last year. (Thank you again to the Mosquito Fire Department personnel.) Please park to the right of the station in the large parking area.

Anyone wishing to donate time, candy, cooked and colored eggs, or monetary donations, is very much appreciated. We need help on Friday, April 21th at 6 p.m., and on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to put all of this together. Parents, Teenagers and "you" are very welcome and needed. We plan for approximately 150 children. We are also in need of monetary donations to purchase small toys, etc. for the baskets (bags), and prizes. Our funds are very low this year. If you can help with any of the above, please call me, LaVonne Moser at 622-6337, please leave message if I am unable to answer, call or Rosemary Alexander at 626-0979 or Jean Pearson at 621-1653. Either one of us would appreciate hearing from.

Any monetary donations please send direct to Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, 2300 Mosquito Cut-Off Road, Placerville, Ca., 95667. PLEASE MARK "EASTER" ON THE FUNDS.

The Easter Bunny and her helpers "Thank you very much!!"

#### BEAWARE

RABID SKUNKS ARE IN OUR AREA. DOGS HAVE BEEN BITTEN. PLEASE USE CAUTION!!



#### CRAFTS

Betty Kinney

Eleven ladies attended the March craft meeting. Many projects were finished and new ones started. We do need some new ideas for items to be easily made that will sell well! As always, many of the gentlemen

joined us for another super potluck. Please come and join the next craft meeting/potluck on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station.

#### HILL HAPPENINGS

Jo Thomas

MEGA congratulations to *Trisha Penrod* (whose parents are just bursting with pride). This young lady, a senior at El Dorado High School, finished 4<sup>th</sup> in girls slalom at the **state** skiing championships held at Northstar-At-Tahoe last month. At the awards banquet the following weekend she was presented with the Most Valuable Skier trophy.



New SCPOA board member *Mark Kozy* is back from two weeks in Florida where he took in the Daytona 500. He no sooner returned when he immediately left for Las Vegas and another NASCAR race.

Jim Burkhalter, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker, was pictured in the local newspaper last month for being a "Top Achiever for 1999" in the county realtor's association-for the second time. To win this honor, an agent must have sold and closed a minimum of \$1.25 million in a calendar year. Then, that organization contributes toward a scholarship fund for graduating seniors from our local high schools. Congratulations, Jim, and thanks for helping the students.

Volunteer firefighter **Steve Loree** was recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration for taking the time to improve his aircraft maintenance skills through continuing education, thereby promoting aviation safety. This effort earned him a bronze award for 1999. Steve also was lucky enough to go to Florida, only he went for the motorcycle races which ran the week after the cars.

We have many "groupies" on our hill, including the crafters, quilters, moviegirls, women's club, and the walkers to name a few. And by the way, the walking group I've seen is pretty impressive as they are led by Buddy & Tyke Penrod. Believe me, these German Shepards are not easy to keep up with. And you better not tangle with *Patti Penrod's* left arm because it must have a lot of muscle. Your arm would be too if you had two big dogs dragging you to the far left side of the road as you approach the cross street where a right turn leads to home. The newest group I've heard about is composed of the *Atkins*, *Hairs* and *Nesters* who have formed the munch-a-bunch club (I think this is a seniors group). I understand they will drive as far as necessary to find a Hometown Buffet!

And speaking of the Hairs and Nesters, while driving into town one day I noticed something up ahead along the edge of the road. Something orange, and something black. It was none other than Lee with a safety

vest and large trash bag. Not too much further down the road was Norm. So if you notice how neat our roadways are and enjoy the appearance, let these energetic guys know you appreciate their effort. (The fine for littering is \$1,000, by the way!)

Stu & Doreen Frazier have sold their home (very quickly) and are moving, after 12 years on our hill. But they won't be leaving us until later this year, so we still have some time to try and talk them into changing their minds?

I hope that many of you saw *John Moallie*, the new SCPOA President, on The Discovery Channel. It was a fascinating program about the company he works for called Exponent, where he is a principal engineer. The scientists, engineers and consultants at this company have 150 PhD's between them. They call themselves the "detectives of technology" and do whatever it takes to determine how and/or why something happened. They are known worldwide and in fact did the computer generated animation scenario for the O. J. Simpson case.

Allison Moore, is cruisin' around in a new Ford Ranger (due to an incident on Mosquito Road that totaled her car) Lookin' cool, Allison, and we're glad you weren't seriously injured. However, because of incidents like this the transportation department has finally decided the dangerous condition of this road warrants realignment, widening and paving. YES!\*

Does the name Krispy Kreme conjure up wonderful thoughts in your head? I've never tried one but have heard much from some who have. This is a company based in North Carolina that makes donuts. Yes, donuts. But I understand you can watch them being made and they are served warm. They are described as having a cult following. It was reported over a year ago that they would be coming to Sacramento. (They'll never come to Placerville, at least not in my lifetime as they require a site with 100,000 households within a five mile radius. They've even turned down Folsom!) Well, there's one opening in Union City this month, but Sacramento has been pushed back to June or July. So we'll just have to be patient. I'll bet the munch-abunchers will be the first ones from here to find their location.

Assuming everyone got their initial letter from the Census Bureau, was anyone besides me wondering what the return envelope was for? Well, I called and they said when you turn the letter over there is a message in 5 languages, other than English. So the envelope was for those who checked a box for one of the other languages. He couldn't tell me how English speaking people were supposed to know what the envelope was for.

\*April Fools!

#### SCPOA CORNER

Deborah H. Arsenych

There has been a scheduling change in the monthly meetings of SCPOA. The meetings will now be held on the third Saturday of every month at 9 A.M. at the Fire Station. These meetings will be held upstairs on the second floor of the Fire Station unless there are a great number of people attending, in which case we will meet in the Bay Area of the Fire Station. There is excitement in the air, for new changes are coming. Come to the meetings and find out what the excitement is all about.

#### TRY THIS FOR BREAKFAST!

Evelyn Potter

I got this recipe from my sister-in-law who is a great cook.

#### **Overnight Bundt Pan Rolls**

20 frozen rolls (yeast rolls to raise and bake such as Bridgeford)

1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Spray bundt pan with non-stick spray and arrange rolls in it.

Melt 1 cube butter or margarine. Add 1 cup brown sugar; add nuts. Sprinkle 1 small package butterscotch instant pudding on top of rolls. Pour brown sugar mixture on top of that.

Put in cold oven over night. In the morning, bake in pre-heated 350° oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour. **OR** preheat oven to 200°. Turn oven off and put rolls in oven and leave until double in size. Bake as above.

#### BUSY WEATHER MONTH

Norman Benes

WOW! Quite a thirty-day period; let me count the ways: Super Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, Ides of March, Vernal Equinox ... even a couple of days with more than two inches of rain. Since the last writing ...17 days with measurable rain (0.01" or more). And, measured ... 24-hour totals of 2.37" and 2.29" at 8:00 a.m. on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of February, respectively. Only nine days with rain in March. Of course, there's still about ten more days to go. We'll have an outlook later on.

After a run of early morning temperatures in the thirties some with frost coatings, it must have felt good to have a few days, lately. with sunrise temperatures in the milder forties. Still, the St. Patrick's Day morn managed to skid into the low thirties with a wee bit of frost

And, have you noticed all the pretty blooms on so many trees? Beginning in the late 1950's the National Weather Service had a frost warning program for agricultural interests near here. And shortly after, the Apple Hill concept began. One of the forecast points, on Barkley Road in Camino, was called "Apple Hill."

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With grower cooperation, the spring frost warning period continued well into May.

Local weather can be fascinating, even humbling. Ask the aviation weather forecaster and the pilot with many flight-time hours. The Jet Stream, seen so often on the TV weather screens, moves the big systems; there's much more going on with local weather.

Early desert heat (Imperial Valley still in mid-70's after dark) lowered pressure on March 16<sup>th</sup> to set the stage for cool and damp ocean air to move inland toward that much lower pressure. The resulting cloudiness was as low as 500 feet in the L.A. Basin

Locally, February was wet! My rain gauge showed 16.09" as the monthly total. Adding to the season total ending January 31, it balloons to 37.70". The current March of only 2.61" only boosts the season to 40.41". The 122 year average through March, for Placerville, is 33.97" I believe Jim Hinds used 10 percent for the difference between "us and them." That would add four inches to the Placerville total, or 37.97". Hey, we're still above normal! And three more months to go with a normal of approximately six inches additional for a combined April, May and June.

Looking into the future, astronomic as well as meteorologic, a few items:

- 1. Comments regarding using auroral spectra, molecular oxygen emissions, searching for extraterrestrial life appear In EOS, Transactions American Geophysical Union 22 February 2000. 2. Same publication, 7 March 2000 details operations using aircraft as an astronomical observation platform. A two-seat, U-2 is envisioned to look near tho Sun for Vulcanoids -- small asteroids circling the Sun inside Mercury's orbit.
- 3. Thomas Horne, writing in AOPA PILOT on "Beaming Up The Weather" (March 2000) describes, and illustrates, the weather data that will soon be available inside the aircraft's cockpit, METAR's (Meteorological Aerodrome Report) and Weather Depiction charts were shown. Half a dozen providers were named. If by satellite relay and radio signal, can the home video screen be next?
- 4. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, Channel 10's Elissa Lynn will display to the local AMS (American Meteorological Society) branch, Channel 10's new Genesis system which provideo 3-dimensional graphics.

The satellite picture over the north Pacific Ocean at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> showed extensive cloudiness all the way to eastern Siberia, the Kamchatka Peninsula, and the Japanese Islands. Limited very white (bright, high altitude) clouds, indicated weak weather systems. The past half-dozen years or so, the last seven days of March have been benign; no rain that period in 1995 and only an inch and a quarter in 1996. Going for broke, the string may continue.

#### THANKS

Barbara Atkins

I would like to thank two gentlemen wearing Mosquito Volunteer orange vests who were picking up trash on Mosquito Road. It certainly makes traveling on this road more pleasant. It's a shame there are folks who think it doesn't matter how roads look. There are many of us who enjoy and appreciate our beautiful surroundings! Thanks again to these un-sung heroes.

#### GEORGETOWN BAZAAR

Hazel Smith

The Georgetown Divide Health Auxiliary had a very successful bazaar. Our share of the proceeds is \$1000.00!!!! A big thank you to all who helped with the white elephant and baked goods. An extra big thank you to Betty and Ed Kinney, Evelyn and Fred Potter for storing and transporting the white elephants. Don't forget to save your white elephants for this years bazaar.

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#### ADVERTISING

There is no charge for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte* for our subscribers. Deadline for advertising is the 19th of each month. Call Pat at 622-6436 or Lela at 626-8265. Ads in the "For Sale" department will run for three months unless you call to say the item has been sold, or you want the ad extended.

#### WANTED

Cooking Lover's Apply! Preparing meals one day a week in our home for a busy family that needs help. For details call 621-4682

Mr. Kelley is looking for a well maintained tiller/cultivator (preferably rear tine). Willing to pay cash or trade fruit and vegetables. Please call Michael or Lesley at 621-1955.

#### FREE

Dryer 622-1336

#### **MEETINGS**

CRAFT MEETING, Thursday, April 13, 9:30 AM, Potluck 11:30 AM, Mosquito Fire Station.

QUILTERS' MEETING, Thursday, April 20,, 10:00 AM til Noon. Sandy Nester's, 6680 Peycos Dr. 642-9865.

#### **SERVICES**

ROBERTI ROOFING License #754951. Call Nick Roberti at 626-7116 or 957-6399.

HOUSE CLEANING Reference available. Free estimates. Lisa Harvey, 626-1524.

DENTISTRY: Dr. Robert Catron, a dentist and 6 year resident here on the hill has just opened his own Dental office here in El Dorado County. Dr. Catron has 10 years of experience in General Dentistry and Orthodontics. Consistent with the past, Dr. Catron will be donating 5 % of his earnings from Mosquito residents to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. At this time, having just opened his practice, Dr. Catron is in a position to offer substantial savings for patients who are in need of Dental work. For a no charge consultation, please call and schedule an appointment at 676-7777.

CREATIVE MEMORIES SCRAPBOOKING--I carry a wide variety of supplies including acid-free photo albums, colored paper, colored pen sets, die-cut shapes, attractive stickers, decorative scissors, circle & oval cutters and more. My classes and workshops right here in Mosquito will help you get your pictures out of those drawers and into meaningful, fun-to-do albums! Diana Adams, Consultant 642-9441.

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SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTRY: For help in times of crises. If you or anyone you know is in need of food, clothing, transportation, abuse intervention drug dependency, emergency housing or any other need, please call Sharon McCoy 621-4383 or Mountain Fellowship 621-4282. All requests will be confidential and needy parties are treated with respect. Your help and support are needed. Call us to assist in this ministry or to donate food, clothing, cash or other usable items.

PLUMBING: Vick's Plumbing, license No. 605357. Victor Garcia, 626-6493.

CLEANING: Swansboro resident for 7 years to clean your home, meal preparation or errands done with TLC. Reasonable, experienced, references. Call Renee at 621-3998 OK to leave message

CARETAKER/DOOR SHAKER SERVICE: Available to vacation/vacationing homeowners at modest cost, daily, weekly, monthly. Reference available. Call "Critter" Don Reid, 622-7622. DON'S CRITTER CARE: Pets, livestock and gardens, too. While you're away. Reasonable rates, references. Call 622-7622.

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ANIMAL OUTREACH: Cats for adoption. Low cost spay, neuter and vaccinations. Call Pat Hair at 642-1944 for information.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Are you stressed to the max about your bills? Are you having difficulty making your monthly payments and the creditors are calling and getting nasty? WE CAN HELP! Call Barbara Proctor at Hampton Financial for a FREE consultation at 621-3153.

COMPUTER SERVICE: Frazier Electronics. Computer/printer service and repair. Free estimates. Call Stu at 621-4221.

ROBIN'S NEST CLEANING: Commercial and residential. References. Call Robin 621-1030.

TAX HELP?? Professional Tax Preparation and Electronic filing. Call Don Bates, licensed and bonded tax consultant, 622-1886.

#### FOR SALE

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LAWN MOWER high wheel, 5 HP runs great, has broken bolt for blade. \$20.00 622-1336

LAG SCREWS, 5 gal.bucket,  $1/4" \times 1 3/8" \$10$ ; Welder, 180-amp.AC Lincoln \$125; GFI, 240V, 50 Amp, new, \$65 (for spa or?); Roofing nails, 50 lbs, Galv. 2", \$20; TIG Tungstens, 30 +, misc sizes + cups \$25; Tires, set of 4, 10-15 LT, 6 ply,90% \$80; Scope auto testing mach. \$75; Chain saw, Mac, 2 each, 30" & 48" bar, running, \$20 for both; Tables, 1 - 36  $\times$  72", 3 - 18  $\times$  36" Sch. desks; 1- 36  $\times$  60" \$5 each; Chairs, office, adjustable \$25 each. Phone 642-1240 after 5 PM.

PRICE REDUCED! Frontier 1980 heavy wood stove, 29 inches high, 26 1/2 by 21 inches square, cast iron. \$250. 622-9492 or 295-8182.

FRESH BROWN EGGS - call 621-1272.

Two 10-gallon fish tanks with accessories \$10.00 each. Two 20-gallon fish tanks with accessories \$20.00 each. Classical guitar, \$10.00. Call 642-9441.

HERBS: Evergreen Herb Garden, 2001 Swansboro Road. Herbs, herb classes, products, plants and books. Call or write for information. 626-9288.

#### LATE BREAKING NEWS

Debbie Minor

Here we are at the end of another month. Finally spring has arrived. With that we will have plenty of the things in mind to do. One of those things is the Easter Egg Hunt in April on the 22nd. The hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. at Finnon Lake. If anyone would like to help with this event please contact LaVonne Moser at 622-6337. Candy and Hard boiled eggs are always appreciated.

In May we usually have a spring spaghetti feed. This year we are going to try something new. We have not got the name figured out yet but we are planning a Spring Totally Taco's theme. We hope that you will make the time to attend. If anyone would like more information on this or would like to help with this event please call me at 621-3533.

We have been working on seeing what can be done to save the Summerfield Ditch and I have applied for another grant through the Forest Service to see about getting a master recreational plan done for Finnon Lake.

Now that spring is here we should all spend some time making sure the areas around our houses are fire safe. Happy Spring!!!

# EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> 10:00 AM FINNON LAKE FUN AND PRIZES FOR THE CHILDREN



If Mother Nature rains on our parade, we will hunt at the Mosquito Fire Station



## April 2000

### Monthly Planner

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday  ALL MEETINGS AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHER WISE NOTED						Saturday  1 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS	3	4	5	6	7	8
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