

MOSQUITO BYTE

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PHONE BOOKS DUE SOON !

The twelfth edition of the Mosquito Phone Book is being printed. It should be ready the first week in April and will be available at the Fire Station. The cost will be still be only \$3.00 and you will be surprised at all the "upgrades!" Please try to have the exact amount of change so that Leo and Devery do not have to take time out from their duties to hunt up change.

Next thing – it has been suggested that perhaps one of the high school students might like to make the commitment to write a "Kid's Column" each month. If there are any aspiring journalists out there – give Pat at 622-6436 or Lela at 626-8265.

Next thing – Nancy Miller needs a few more people for the "phone tree." This is an important committee in our community as in the event of a disaster, the phone call you get may save your life. So if you can help Nancy, give her a call at 642-9961.

THANKS TO A RETIREE

Chief Leo Chaloux

Just recently one of the fire departments key volunteer fire fighters stepped down as a volunteer. This person did this after twenty years of service to the fire department and this community. How many individuals are there that are willing to do twenty years of volunteer work? Not many, but fortunately there are those individuals who do and in doing so make a great deal of difference.

When looking at twenty years of service as a volunteer fire fighter it is very difficult for the average individual to understand what kind of commitment that is. At the least there are those training sessions, which in our fire department is every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. There are those special Saturday training periods that sometime go on four hours at a time and focus on specific training needs. Then there are the many hours required to learn CPR and to become a medical First Responder. Once the basic training criteria have been made there are the constant re-certification, updating, and new standards that are constantly being required. Just undertaking the training

can be seen as an unbelievable process. Now, do that for twenty years and you soon realize over 2000 hours of donated time has been spent on just training.

Training is just part of being a volunteer fire fighter. The training allows someone to function as a fire fighter in an effective and safe manner. I can only estimate, but it would be possible for a person who has been serving as a volunteer fire fighter in our community for twenty years to respond to 1500 incidents. Just think about it. How many people are willing to work their lives around a pager? When the thing goes off because something has gone wrong for someone you stop doing what ever it is you are doing and you respond. At all times under all kinds of conditions you simply go and do your best at solving one of the many problems that often faces a fire fighter. While doing this you are at times putting your life and health at risk. As a volunteer there is no financial reward, just a satisfaction of knowing you are helping someone. Sometimes that person is a neighbor or a friend but most often it is someone you do not know but yet you still go and help.

In a volunteer organization such as ours there are not enough financial resources to provide for new fire equipment and other necessary items. That means that many hours are spent working on equipment, helping rebuild fire equipment, working around the fire station and throughout the community. Those hours are not possible to calculate, but over twenty years I am sure they are substantial.

It takes a very special person to be a volunteer fire fighter in the first place and an extraordinary individual to be one for twenty years. All the volunteer fire fighters, this community and I owe a great deal to Dean Edson for he has been exactly that kind of extraordinary person. Now, Dean is no longer a fire fighter but he is continuing to help all those in this community by being a member of the fire departments Support Group. So he hasn't gone away, he is only helping in a different way. I am extremely grateful for that and truly thankful for all he has done for this fire department, the community and me. Thank you Dean.



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IZ SPRING RIZ?

Norman Benes

Must be so. The Sunday after St. Patrick's Day there were a bunch of early morning temperatures in the spring-like sixties. At eight o'clock Palm Springs had popped into the mid-sixties. Tack on about twenty more and a high around 90 degrees could be reached there. Porterville, about half-way between Fresno and Bakersfield, climbed (like a homesick angel) 13 degrees from 3:55 to 8:15 a.m. nearly a degree and a half every ten minutes. Some south state locales such as Avalon, Thermal, San Luis Obispo and El Cajon were in the low sixties. The calendar does, indeed, show spring on the 20th. And, the U.S. Naval Observatory will have the precise time when the vertical rays of the sun will be directly over the Equator... the Vernal Equinox ...when day and night are equal. Using atomic clocks, accuracy is to the nanosecond. And, with the Navy as part of our government, that must make it all "official" as the news people keep claiming.

However, some aspects of the winter season refuse to depart. While spring-like in the south, winter-like fog hung heavy in parts of northern California. Some eight a.m. visibilities on Sunday the 18th were only one quarter of a mile. Truckee's automatic weather station report had dropped to one eighth of a mile. San Francisco's International Airport was "socked in" at one sixteenth of a mile. The transmissometer had measured visibility on Runway 28 Right as variable between 800 feet and 1400 feet.

The mid-week of March, saw a few frosty mornings with low temperatures skidding into the low and mid-thirties. That was after the several consecutive days of rain at the beginning of March. A wee bit of rain sneaked in on the ninth, but afterward the days have been mostly sunny... drying out after seven days of wet at the end of February. I measured 4.2 for a February total of 7.01 inches. Since the 20th of February and through the 19th of March 6.46 inches of rain went into the rain bucket. That brings the season's total to a bit over 27½ inches.

February rainfall topped out at 7.01 inches. Adding the past eight years and obtaining an average, the result is 10.40 inches. With April 15th so close at hand, I used an Olympic averaging method (throw out highest and lowest) and obtained an average of 0.77 inches. (Is that a way to outfox the IRS???) March's rain could top out at less than three inches; currently 2.26. In 1997 I only measured 0.40 and in 94 only 0.52. It was swampville in 1995 with 18.79 inches of rainfall.

Looking at the April rain data and averaging a few years, one finds an average of 4.07 inches. Over a much longer period of time there's Auburn at 2.85; Grass Valley at 4.43; Sonora at 2.56; and Placerville at 3.56. If 1.15 is multiplied to compensate for the thousand foot elevation change between Placerville

and Swansboro Country ($3.56 \times 1.15 = 4.09$) which differs very little from the short period 4.07

The change in average high and low temperatures among the same locales is similar. Average highs up six to seven degrees; the average lows go up four to five degrees. That would have the average highs clustered around 70 and the average lows about 40 to 45. A couple of decades ago when the U.S. Weather Bureau had a Fruit-Frost warning service for the Camino, Placerville, Cool, Lotus, Auburn areas, nightly forecasts were made into late May. A forecast spot: Apple Hill, an orchard on Camino's Barclay Road. Forecasting can be difficult at times. The rains early in March were due mainly to an upper level low (about 18,400 feet). It slid south from Canadian provinces along the east side of the Cascade-Sierra Nevada ranges. Dallying for a few days, it surged rapidly south to Southern California. I do mean "swish." Friday morning the center was just about over the Columbia River in central Oregon. 24 hours later it was over Hoover Dam, just a tad south of Las Vegas. The distance it moved was about 600 miles. A speed of approximately 25 miles an hour would be needed to cover that distance in that time period. Then that speedy upper air low hung around the south state for a while, drenching many areas. Doppler radar returns from several radars were composited, producing a mosaic coverage of the south state referred to at times as "regional radar."

Now that some upper atmospheric palaver has been given, let's go somewhat higher. The March 2001 *PHYSICS TODAY*, monthly journal of the American Institute of Physics describes how a once abandoned satellite tracking station was reclaimed for use in educational astronomy. Where? In the hilly woods of western North Carolina, about 30 to 35 miles southwest of Asheville. It is so sensible when facilities are no longer used for an original purpose, that their use can be extended, especially when education and research are key factors. Regular readers of this column will note, I'm sure, that more attention seems to be focused on obtaining newer and more powerful telescopes to not only see deeper into space, but also to be able to analyze more critically that which is seen.

Don't forget Easter Sunday... and the Easter egg hunt. Do remember that Daylight Saving Time begins on the first day of April! I have two different calendars attesting to that.

Why April Fool's Day? Nightly comedic, talk-show hosts may have many quips regarding that combination. Anyway, sunrise that Sunday about 5:30 Standard Time (now Spring Ahead) and with Daylight Time it is 6:30 a.m. The T.V. news people will be falling all over their terminology reminding us to move clocks ahead one hour the Saturday night before Sunday April 1st.

SPECIAL CAKE

Evelyn Potter

I found this recipe in a copy of *Taste of Home*. So moist and delicious!

Prune Bundt Cake

½ c butter flavored (or regular) shortening

1 c sugar

2 eggs

2 c all-purpose flour

1 t baking soda

1 t ground cinnamon

¾ t salt

¼ t each ground allspice, cloves and nutmeg

1 c prune juice

1 c finely chopped prunes

Confectioners sugar - optional

In large mixing bowl, cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time. Combine dry ingredients: add to creamed mixture alternately with prune juice. Stir in prunes. Pour into greased (can use non-stick spray) 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Dust with confectioners sugar if desired. Makes 12 servings.

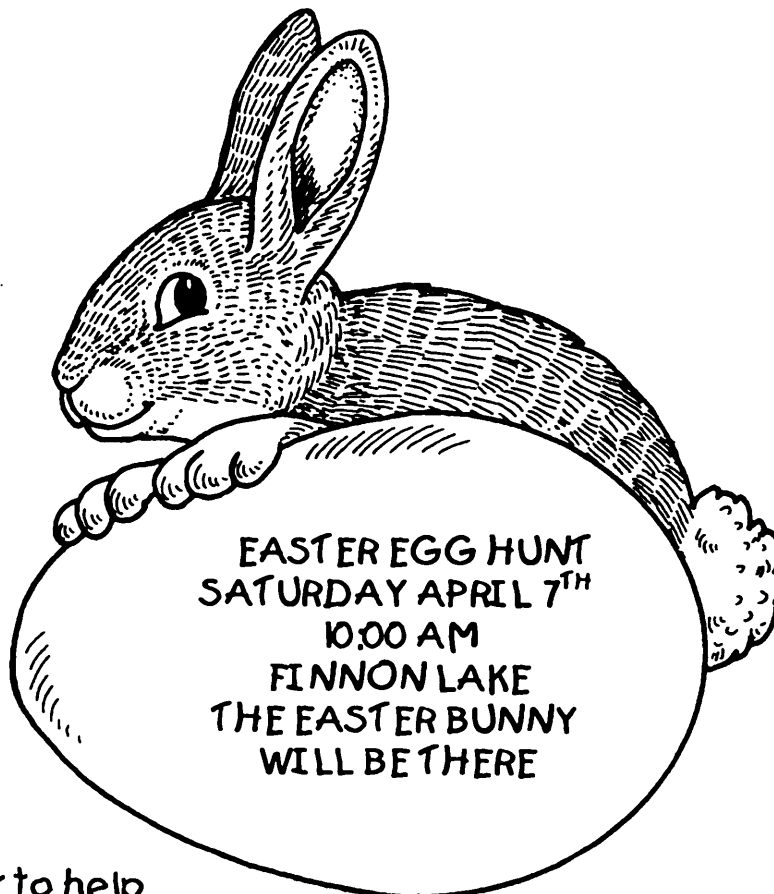
RECYCLE IT!

Diane Brady

For a long time I have been seeking a way to easily recycle the things that Sierra Disposal doesn't take, like glass and magazines. I recently stumbled on a solution to this problem, and I wanted to share it with you.

A new business called FRS One Stop Recycling Center opened last July at 5740 Mother Lode Drive, near the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road. Alan, the proprietor, is very helpful and accommodating. He will pay cash for CRV containers, such as aluminum cans and glass bottles, and even some scrap aluminum, like tuna and cat food cans. He also accepts other bottles and cans, as well as #1 and #2 plastic containers, magazines, paper, and newspapers, although he can't pay you for all these items. Still, it's a great way to clean out those unwanted items, do something good for the environment, and help a local small business all at the same time!

ED Note: Jo Thomas reminds us that there is free tire disposal for county residents Saturday, April 21st 9AM to 2PM, El Dorado County Fairgrounds parking lot. For info call 621-5300.



Call Nancy Miller to help
642-9961

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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.

MOVING SALE - ALL MUST GO -

WHEN, SATURDAY 3/31 AND SUNDAY 4/1 9:00 TO 6:00
WHERE: 3903 STOPE DR, SWANSBORO (Lupin to Stope, turn left, second driveway on left just past Log Cabin Ln)

WHAT: BEDROOM SET, Queen pillow-top mattress. Night stands, man's and woman's dresser, lamps, sleigh bed style with head and footboard, light pine. — BEDROOM SET, queen mattress and box springs, matching four drawer and six drawer dressers, light pine — Queen MATTRESS set, pillow top, brass headboard; — two ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS. One oak. One walnut; — rectangular D/R TABLE. 4 chairs, matching bakers rack, white washed oak ; — Overstuffed SOFA and LOVE SEAT, White/blue/lavender multi with oak accents. Oak coffee, sofa and end tables with brass/oak/glass lamps ; — SWIVEL ROCKER forest green, oak accents; — oak FUTON, no pad; — oak butcher block ROUND TABLE; — Computer DESK and Office chair; — oak DESK and PRINTER STAND; — 23,6 Kelvinator REFRIGERATOR, top freezer, no ice-maker, almond. Clean; — GE WASHER/DRYER, heavy duty, large capacity, electric, almond, clean; — WICKER bar stools, two WICKER chairs; — Hand-crafted oak ARMOIRE; — Char-broil propane BBQ (tank included) — Assorted ELECTRONICS and gadgets, Magnavox BOOM BOX, Panasonic wand MASSAGER, Gas WEED-EATER still IN the box, VIDEOS (mostly action), Upright DIRT-DEVIL, Upright HOOVER, wooden WINE RACK, Silk FLOWERS, Pots and pans: MUCH MORE! CALL 622-1616 FOR MORE DETAILS.

WANTED

Someone to do weekly ironing, either pick-up and deliver or at our home. If you're available, please call Leslie Keene at 621-0508.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Square dancing lessons for new dancers, every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the IOOF Hall in downtown Placerville, 469 Main Street, upstairs dance floor. For further information call Loren at 626-1231.

SERVICES

Local HANDYMAN FOR RENT. 30+ years as a carpenter. Also does odd jobs, painting, brush removal, etc. Call and leave a message for Doug @621-3533

PILOTS - ARE YOU CURRENT & PROFICIENT? Flight Reviews and Instrument Proficiency Checks. Also ask me about the FAA Wings Program. Ratings include CFI Single & Multi-Engine Land and Instrument. Bill George 530-642-8063.

2 SCOUT HOUSE/PET SITTER - We will care for your plants, house and animals (all types!) when you can't! Leave Clinton or Coleman a message at 642-8801. P.S. We are trying to earn money to go to camp for us and other Scouts too - there is a scholarship fund that needs money so we are trying to earn some.

SEE'S EASTER CANDY- Cub Scout Pack 58/Mosquito Residents Noah & William Britton and Clinton and Coleman Johns are taking orders for See's Easter Candy. We deliver! 642-8801 Leave us a message or look for us at the Mosquito Cut Off and Dyer Lake. email: snlongjohns@yahoo.com Thanks for your support!

HORSE AND PET CARE TLC Pet sitting, Western Pleasure Show Training; Horse Training, the gentle way; Horse hauling with care. 20 plus years experience. 530-642-9386.

REPAIR AND REMODELING. General contractor. Lic. #418862. In business since 1982. I specialize in vinyl siding and windows, but I am available for all your home renovation needs. Call Loren at 626-1231.

SWANSBORO LAND 7 HOMES: Specializing in Mosquito/Swansboro real estate. Debbie and Rusty Harris have 32 years experience "on the hill." 530-622-6822

LOCAL INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER: \$99 per Year - Lowest Price Around; No Set-up Fees (\$35 Savings); No Monitoring / No Limitation; No Hidden Fees - Just Good Service ;Free e-Mail / Free WEB Site; Call TODAY (530) 295-8590 HiTech Networks, 681 Main Street, Suite 204-A, Placerville, CA 95667 Visit our WEB site <http://www.hitechnetworks.net> e-mail : info@hitechnetworks.net

CREATIVE MEMORIES supplies, classes and workshops are still available here in Mosquito. Call Diana Adams at 642-9441 to schedule a class and earn free products!

CHIMNEY SWEEP for hire, 27 years experience. Wood stoves - pellet stoves - fireplaces - dryer vents - gutters. Repairs - installations - problem solving. Richard Smith 622.2990.

VICK'S PLUMBING: Call Victor Garcia at 530-626-6493.

SUPERVISE VISITATION MONITOR. El Dorado County Court approved. Sliding scale fee. 530-344-9432.

CAN'T GET OUT? Mobile beauty services provided for men and women. Specializing in hair cuts, pedicures and perms in your home. 626-0307

IS MOSQUITO ROAD ROUGH ON YOUR VEHICLE? Give "Hippie" a call at *Mosquito Auto*, specialist in transmissions, brakes, tune-ups. 642-2867.

WOOD SPLITTING: \$20. per hour. Call 622-8711

IF YOU ARE GOING ON VACATION we can do pet and garden care. Call the Pearson's at 621-1653.

I CAN RUN YOUR ERRANDS, do shopping or even help with cooking meals. Call Jean Pearson at 621-1653.

ARTIST: All subjects (portraits, landscapes, animals) all media (watercolor, oil, pencil, pen and ink, etc.) Makes great birthday or anniversary gifts. Call Ann, 622-6447.

DON'S CRITTER CARE: Pets, livestock and gardens, too. While you're away. Also, I do mail box installation and repair. Reasonable rates. References. Call 622-7622.

NEED SOMEONE to take care of your yard, plants, animals when you are away? Or do you need a baby sitter? Then I'm your answer! Responsible, reliable and caring at a low cost. Call Whitney at 295-9190.

FOR HIRE - DUMP TRUCK. Edd Darr 622-8648.

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 Mosquito resident, has 10 years of experience in General Dentistry and Orthodontics. Consistent with the past, Dr. Catron donates 5 % of his earnings from Mosquito residents to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. For a no charge consultation, please call and schedule an appointment at 676-7777.

HORSESHOEING: Hot, cold or therapeutic: Call David Greenlee at 647-9100.

COMFORT CONTROL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING: Sales - service - installation. Free estimates on replacement. 10% senior discount. 530/642-0987 or 1-800-770-7747.

GOODYMZ ENTERTAINMENT: Offering the newest and best music for dancing and for karaoke singing. Private parties, corporate parties and clubs. Reasonable rates and service with a smile. Call John or Lee-Ann Becton at 642-1444 or e-mail at g00dtyzmz@pacbell.net.

NOTARY PUBLIC- Anytime, Anywhere: I live in Mosquito and will come to your house to do notary work. Call Elaine at 621-2433.

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 295-8112 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.

BUSINESS CARDS: Small quantities, 10 to 100. Designed for you. Cost plus \$5.00. Call Lela, 626-8265.

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

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

FOR SALE

BLACK ANGUS BEEF for sale. Halves or whole orders available. Locally bred and raised. Call 621-3533 for more details.

TWO GIRL'S BICYCLES, Good condition. \$45 each. Call 622-0524.

8hp Coleman GAS GENERATOR, like new \$350; Queen size BED, extra firm \$100; Drinking WATER LINE, 3/4inch dia, approx 200 ft long, \$65; LIZARD CAGE, 16x16x32" hi \$40; Maple TELEPHONE TABLE \$30; 15" COLOR TV, works, \$25; Childs full face moto HELMET \$25. New Milgard vinyl fixed WINDOW, 34" h x 46" w, obscure glass, \$100. Call Loren at 626-1231, lv message.

305 Chev long block, totally rebuilt, \$450; Reloading equip: Lee shotshell \$10, Pacific w/o dies, (make offer); RCBS Lubeamatic \$15; Ruddy shotshell, (make offer); 4-5 lbs bullet lead \$free. For your new spa: 220 volt, 50 amp GFI new in box \$ 35; Heater, elect/oil 600w-1500w, \$20; 2ea. Presto quartz heaters \$ 10 ea; Elect. Sump pump w/float sw., never used, \$ 50; 50 lbs 1/4-1 1/2 " lag screws (make offer); 50 lbs 2" washer roofing nails (make offer); Pool table, Fisher Regent, full size, 3/4 slate w/all accessories. U-haul \$500; Bar & stools, w/ 3 stools. \$150 622-6337

ROTO TILLER, WEED WHACKERS, BRUSH CUTTERS, CHIPPER/MULCHER, 2 ELECTRIC CHAIN SAWS, 2 REGULAR CHAIN SAWS, POWER WEED SPRAYER. Call 626-1913, but not until after 2-27-01.

OAK STUDENT DESK with Hutch -bought at Naturwood \$350- informal oak rectangular DINING SET w 4 oak chairs asking \$350 626-5699

TOYOTA TERCELL white with front end damage-'95 4door auto/ac \$700 obo call 626-5699

2 SMALL ANIMAL CAGES good for Guinea Pigs - \$10 each. 642-8801

BABY STUFF for Grandma's house? PORTA-CRIB, 2 BOUNCY SEATS, DIAPER GENIE, Infant CAR SEAT with Stroller, Jogger STROLLER, Toddler CAR SEAT. 642-8801

Ornate, dark wood dining room table, chairs and buffet for sale \$400.00 642-8801

'91 Jeep Camanche, new clutch, 4 wheel drive, runs great - with camper shell \$3,500. 626-0979.

BRAND NEW GAS DRYER \$100. Call 344-0422

FIRE WOOD Edd Darr 622-8648.

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

PRICE REDUCED! Frontier 1980 heavy wood stove, 29 inches high, 26 1/2 by 21 inches square, cast iron. \$150.

Must see! 622-9492 or 295-8140.

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KID'S ADVICE TO KIDS "Never trust a dog to watch your food." Patrick, age 10
 "When your dad is mad and asks you, 'Do I look stupid?' don't answer." Hannah, age 9
 "Never tell your mom her diet's not working." Michael, age 14

AND – A FIRST GRADE TEACHER ASKED CHILDREN TO FINISH PROVERBS

Better to be safe thanpunch a 5th grader
 It's always darkest before ...daylight savings
 You can lead a horse to water but ...how?

It would be most helpful when you renew your subscription to the *Byte* if you would mail it to the address on the label. Things get lost at the Fire Station sometimes and we wouldn't want you to miss an issue!!

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

To discuss new revenues for County Roads

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and its Department of Transportation cordially invite you to attend a public workshop regarding options for spending new road-related funds. **YOUR INPUT IS HIGHLY DESIRED!**

Representatives from the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and El Dorado County Department of Transportation will provide information, seek your input, and answer your questions.

Public workshops are being held throughout the County. Each workshop will cover the same information and provide the same opportunity for public input. The first workshops have been scheduled as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, March 29 District IV	7:00 - 9:00 pm	RSLs Hall Next to Rescue Fire Station, Rescue
Thursday, April 5, District IV	7:00 - 9:00 pm	IOOF Hall Main Street, Georgetown


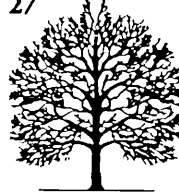
Additionally workshops are being scheduled in the following locations:

Camino/Pollock Pines, Mt. Aukum, Grizzly Flats, Meyers, South Lake Tahoe, and El Dorado Hills (dates and locations to be arranged).

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ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	6	7 SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT SEE PAGE 3
8	9	10	11	12 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	13	14
15 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27  ARBOR DAY	28
29	30	If you are going to try cross-country skiing, it's best to start with a small country.		Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.		If we really were being observed by aliens from outer-space, don't you think we'd be able to hear them laughing?



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