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For All.

*In Memory Of
All Those Who Lost Their Lives On
September 11, 2001*



For those who did not read the "My Turn" column in the September 19 *Mountain Democrat*, Chief Chaloux has given his permission to reprint his column. Thank you, Leo, for a thoughtful and timely article.

WHY DO WE DO IT?

"As we were going down the stairs they were coming up. We applauded. They were so young, so strong, so healthy – now they are dead."

A statement from a woman who had survived the attack on Tower One of the World Trade Center. Those being applauded were firefighters. Men and women making an initial attack, performing evacuations, and providing rescue assistance. Simply doing a job they do every day.

In the morning, the Fire Department of New York lost 2 percent of its members, sending a shudder through the soul of every firefighter in America.

Our new world of instantaneous communications and rapid transportation made very one of us active participants in what took place on Tuesday. We watched first in disbelief and then reacted, each of us in our individual ways.

As a firefighter I quickly knew that at the moment those buildings collapsed many of those who have the same profession as I, perished. I wanted to stay home that morning and watch what was taking place, but I had to go to work. There was someone lost and a search-and-rescue operation was going to take place. As I went to the fire station I heard dispatchers over the radio, calls for service were being made. There were firefighters responding to those calls. They were doing what was expected of them.

There was comfort in hearing over the radio that a fire engine, a medic unit, and firefighters were "responding." No matter how bad it was they were still carrying out the expectations of their chosen profession. They were responding.

Why do firefighters risk their lives? Why are they going up a stairwell when everyone else is going down? There is no single answer, for there are as many answers as there are firefighters; be they paid, volunteer, structure, wildland or specialized. Every firefighter has looked into themselves and asked that very question, each has given themselves all kinds of reasons, and each realizes they do it because that is who they are.

The fire service has been described as a family, and as with any large family

that suffers a loss of one of its members there is pain that is felt throughout that will be shared by all, and in time become bearable by all. There is a brotherhood and sisterhood in this profession I am grateful to be a part of it.

As to the question, why do we do this? I hope it is because with all the evil there is in this world there are many of us who simply want to show the opposite side of man and do good things.

OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

Thanks to the Mosquito residents who collected donations in a fireman's boot by the Mosquito Bridge. Over \$3,600. was donated in one day for a fund for the families of the New York Firefighters. The generosity of the members of our community is overwhelming. As Ron Stone, one of our volunteer firefighters said, "It's really nice to know when a bad thing happens, it really pulls us all together."

A BUSY SUMMER IN MOSQUITO

Devery Minor

Hello again. It's been some time since I contributed to the *Byte*. I thought I might take a minute and drop a few lines. It has been a very busy summer here in Mosquito and at the Fire Station.

It all started with a fire in the National Forest about five miles from here back in June. With no one manning the lookout at Slate Mountain there was some confusion as to where the fire was located. Captain George Kellison and I went to the lookout and pin pointed the location and directed fire equipment to the scene. A cabin, some out buildings and five acres were burned.

In August, George Kellison, Firefighter Ken Joseph and I spent the better part of three days as part of a strike team of fire engines on a mutual aid near Reno, Nevada for some wildland fires. The desert will make you appreciate the mountains and the trees.

Most recently at the beginning of September, Engineer Chris Johns, Firefighter Chris Cochran and I were sent out on a strike team again, this time to Murphys to the Darby fire. From there we were redeployed to the Poe fire on Highway 70 near Oroville. Not a lot of fire but a lot of driving.

We have had other events to keep us occupied. Three search and rescues with the fire station as the

Sheriff's command post, vehicle accidents, illegal camp fires and fireworks, motorcycle and vehicle fires, wildland fires and medical aid calls have kept us on our toes.

The fire service means a lot of things to a lot of people. For customers (taxpayers) it means help is as simple as dialing 911. For volunteers it means spending time away from loved ones and work to help others and doing something they love. For paid personnel it means supporting their families doing work they enjoy and spending time away from their loved ones.

Yes, there are those of us who like to drive big trucks, play with the sirens and "put the wet stuff on the red stuff" but we could not survive in this business without compassion for our fellow man.

From the time the call goes out to 911, all firefighters everywhere go in harms way to respond to cries for help. It is a common thread among firefighters, people are leaving a scene and firefighters are going in. What's wrong with this picture? Yes, I am thinking of the New York Fire Fighters. I am also thinking of two C.D.F. tanker pilots, and firefighters over run by a wildland fire in the state of Washington.

There have been many collections being taken recently for our fallen brothers. For all of the ones who can't thank you, I would like to thank you for looking into your hearts and responding so generously.

I am fortunate to live in Mosquito and to be a part of such a unique community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the folks who took the time to vote for or against measure F recently. I personally took it as a vote of confidence in the Mosquito Fire Department. An 80% yes vote is pretty hard to ignore.

Thanks again. Come see me at the Fire Station.

MY THOUGHTS ON DAY TO DAY LIFE

I've felt this way for some time, but in light of the "Attack on America", today, I felt I needed to share.

They say to "live each day as if it were your last", or the "first day of the rest of your life". Which ever you think about or try to do, it is not easy to do as life is so unpredictable. We get tired, too busy, too many appointments, too many family situations, emergencies, and just plain interruptions for what we had planned for the day or week.

Some things we can do, in my estimation, are the following: When we are terribly mad, flustered or upset with our spouses, partners, kids, friends etc.,

and we do leave or separate from them, no matter how hard it is at the time, tell them you love them. You never know if you will ever see them again, and if you do, terrific. If not, won't you be thankful you said a pleasant goodbye? I've been there.

We all will complain about an employee in a store or business, etc., but how many of us give a compliment to the good ones? How many of us take the time to write or call a supervisor and let them know the good an employee does? You will be surprised at the shock and surprise it presents to all concerned on the receiving line. They receive so many complaints and very few compliments. Try a compliment sometime. It's very gratifying to see or hear the shock and the happy response. I think it almost does a person giving the compliment, as much if not more pleasure. Who knows what a difference it will make in the recipient's day or life, but I feel it has to be a positive experience.

In times of disaster we hear some of the nice, unselfish things people do, but I believe it should also be a part of everyday life. I also believe it will make each of us a better person.

I believe in honoring the dead. I believe we should honor the living, as well. So many people who die are given memorials and other great recognition. That is fine, but why not plant a tree, or name a bridge or whatever and acknowledge them while they are living so they can feel the love and warmth while still here?

Those are some of my thoughts on life and the living. Do what you wish, but think about it and hug someone close to you. Thank you for listening. God Bless you all.

A neighbor

HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

The El Dorado County Environmental Management Department held a household hazardous waste disposal service event on August 25th at the Mosquito Fire Station. It was a very successful day. 53 residents in our area participated. 7,322 pounds of materials were collected including such items as used motor oil, flammable liquids, used automobile batteries and paint. We thank those who participated in our community. Start collecting items for next year's collection.



TROUT LAKE WORK PARTY

(Next Party Sat. Sept. 29, 8:00 AM)

In an attempt to help keep our association costs down we have decided to try to assemble a group of volunteers to help out in our community. Anyone driving by Trout Lake the morning of August 26th may have noticed the first of two work parties in which we are removing the water lillies from the lake.

We all met at the lake at 8:00AM and under the leadership of Paul Hinds our SCPOA maintenance engineer started the process of removing the water lillies. This is hard work but we had a great time and made a good dent in the lilly population. Thank you to all who showed up: Paul Hinds, Ralph & Sharon Hern, Norm & Sandy Nester, Rob Kirkpatrick, Bill George, Iris Saxon, Kim Purcell, Bill Wren, Barbara Mikel, Gene Bowen and Kipling the dog. (I hope I didn't miss anyone).

We are going to have another work party on Saturday, September 29th at 8:00AM. It is our hope that by letting everyone know ahead of time that we can get more volunteers to help complete the removal process. As I said it is hard work but a lot of fun and I want to encourage everyone to participate. If you can't physically do the work come by anyway and offer your encouragement, say hello to some neighbors and bring some refreshments. We could use some additional equipment for the day if anyone has a small boat, heavy chain, steel cable, rakes and wheelbarrows please bring them over. If you have any questions or want to participate please give Kim a call at 621-1049

SCPOA NOTES

John Moalli

The SCPOA board has been encouraged to see a few homeowners at our recent meetings; it always helps us to get feedback from the community at large. One of the issues we have been discussing is the beautification project at Dyer Lake. As some of you may have seen, we have expanded the beach on the West end of the lake, and added sand to the picnic area at the East end. We have also graded the area that formerly held the half-sized basketball court. This area will now become a combination basketball and tennis court. As part of the expansion of the original beach area, we added a retaining wall which presently is unfinished. Due to budget constraints, we are trying to figure out the best way

to complete the project. Ultimately, we hope to end up with nicely landscaped grassy areas with picnic tables and barbecues. We will be discussing the possible addition of sidewalks at the next meeting and hope that folks will attend and give us their feedback.

The October meeting will also mark the beginning of our budgeting process for 2001. We will start planning and allocating funds for projects that we hope to complete including road paving, common area maintenance and improvement, and reserve fund building. We also look forward to receiving feedback from property owners on the 2002 budget.

Finally, we are waiting to hear back from the Internal Revenue Service, who audited us recently and inquired about removing our tax exempt status. We are hopeful that, because our association offers significant benefit to the **entire** Mosquito community, that the IRS will continue to keep us in our current category.

PHONE BOOK UPDATE

DELETE:

Adams, Dan and Vanessa
Borba, Isabelle
Brown, George
Kimmell, Susan
King, J. Daniel & Barbara
Jensen, Herb and Blanche
Moore, Kendall & Bridgett
Rose, Jerry
Smith, Loren
Stuhr, David

IS IT BROUGHT YET?

Norman Benes

The last measurable rainfall was the 27th of June when 0.01" was measured. And, total rainfall for all of June? It was only 0.21". Before that three day "splurge" one had to go all the way back to April ... yes April the 21st with 1.03" of rain. Okay! So the 10th of September with cloudy skies had a few sprinkles that were measured only by dusty cars with that messy look. Hey! There's more smoke than rain, so far in September. I could see layers of smoke at different levels in the sky the 6th through the 8th, especially in the early morning hours. That's the time when the atmosphere is very still and there is very little vertical air movement. And, it was quite smoky again on the 13th of this September. While we could even smell wood smoke some of those days, smoke

from a different source was seen from an East Coast area.

There are several airports near New York's Manhattan Island. JFK (Kennedy); LGA (La Guardia); HPN (White Plains); EWR (Newark); TEB (Teterboro). On middle and eastern Long Island there's Islip, Farmingdale and Westhampton Beach. All reported clear skies Tuesday the 11th of September except LGA and JFK with scattered clouds at 25000 feet... cirrus cloud level

Visibility was good, around ten miles at 11:00 AM. But LGA and JFK reported smoke plumes. LGA, in "Remarks" portion of the 11:00 AM observation termed it "smoke and debris plume southwest from surface to 4,000 feet drifting southeast" and Teterboro saw only smoke along with a mid-70s temperature and relative humidity hovering around 50 percent. And temperature-wise, this August was close to the normal for the last few years. My normal average temperature is 77.7°. This August figured out to 78.0°. One must go back to the August of 1997 to find a "cool" one... only 74.1° for an average temperature. For September, through the 19th, I have an average temperature of 74.8°. That is almost three degrees above normal. The few days with lower eighties weren't enough to offset all the nineties. Perhaps the last ten days of September will come up a bit cooler. When all 30 days have come and gone, we'll tote the numbers and report. Don't forget that Autumnal Equinox came on the 22nd. But, we'll have to wait until the last Sunday in October to "fall" back to standard time As we peek into the future, with all of its uncertainties, I have two longer range upper-air maps from data as of the afternoon of Tuesday September 18th. The forecast map for Sunday, the 24th of September continues the warm, dry days. Farther into the future, there is a hint, at least, that some cooling may take place. If (favorite weather-man's word) a low pressure trough does materialize near the Appalachians, fall-like weather would be in order. A good supply of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico would be a necessary ingredient, though.

October? Last year a bit over seven inches of rain. Our forest protection, as well as all fire protection people would be very happy with that, again. I've averaged about two and one-quarter inches over the past several years. That is quite close to longer term averages at this elevation of around 2.24". It should be remembered that October 1995 was rain-free and the average temperature was about five degrees warmer than normal. It is not time to let down our guard. Play it safe, be careful,

and be vigilant. Give our stalwart fire crew more easy days and sleep-filled nights.

Nights are about the best time for sky gazing. Astronomers have fought light pollution for many years (Jim Hinds claims it has been decades). My old (1959) Glossary of Meteorology lists a second definition of autumn: 2. Astronomically, the period extending from the autumnal equinox to the winter solstice. I'm sure that the weather men stole that fair and square from our astronomical folks. There is one place that might escape light pollution. The August 24th issue of *Science* tells of India seeking partners for "Himalayan Space Telescope" located close to China's border. Cold, dry, DARK, high, the spot should be ideal for astrophysicsts. The site is Mount Saraswat at an elevation of 4,517 meters (multiply by 3.3 for a rough approximation in feet) or about 14,906... call it 15 thousand feet? For those who have thin air breathing problems, making the 9-hour trek from the nearest airport, a two-day layover is suggested before setting out

Another feature reported is a dedicated satellite link that enables astronomers remote operation from Bangalore. With more high elevation telescopes either in operation or being planned, even the heavens is not a limit.

Astronomers reach out to grab stars or beyond. And, they have developed the complex mathematics that enable them to plot and chart the movements of heavenly bodies. Oh! atmospheric physics and climatology are slated for the site of the Indian telescope. Weather guys are an opportunistic bunch. After they saw how well the astronomer's equations worked, they were borrowed and put to use to forecast complex atmospheric motion. We'll see if the hints put forth earlier for the last days of September will materialize (notice that weather-word "if").

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Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department

Annual Halloween Party

Saturday, October 20th

Mosquito Fire Station

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Games-Prizes-Cakewalk



Donations needed: Candy for candy bags-drop off at the fire station anytime before October 19th .

We also need: cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc. for the cakewalk. Drop them off at the fire station the day of the party or the day before.

Help needed: Anyone who would be willing to help out at the party may call Tim Fichtner at 621-2570.
Thanks.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1	2	3	4 MVPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	5	6 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM	

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