



Mosquito Byte

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IMPORTANT MEETING WITH

George Osborne, the President of the EID Board, to discuss the future of the Summerfield Ditch at the Fire Station on August 28 at 6:30PM. The Community is encouraged to attend !

HOW FIRE DISPATCH WORKS

Leo Chaloux

The new fire engine is now in service and ready to respond as the first out unit on any incident. The 1975 International Rescue/Squad is no longer in service due to its age and other safety concerns. Expect to see the new, big, red fire engine more on the road as it responds. In fact it has been out on several medical aids already. Fortunately, there has been no need for it to respond on a fire.

We have been extremely fortunate so far this summer as we have not had a single wild land fire anywhere in our district. We have had some of our equipment out on fires in other Districts. Just recently one engine and one water tender were requested by the Garden Valley Fire District for a wild land fire that was a threat to structures in the Greenwood area. I thank Devery, Chris Johns and Chris Cochrane who went over on Engine 272 to do structure protection and to George Kellison and Clarence Hogrefe who responded with Water Tender 75.

To have two pieces of equipment out of the District at one time can be a little nerve racking. However, that still leaves us with two engines and one water tender, still enough equipment to handle 95% of anything that may happen. As usual, when the dispatch pagers went off for this response I received many phone calls from the Volunteer Fire fighters telling me they are coming home early from work or they are on the hill and will come to the station immediately if they are needed. That is the reassuring feeling, having fire equipment capable of responding is part of the equation but they are useless without the volunteers to operate them and solve the many problems that may arise. To all those who stood by and stated they are available I thank you.

I have often been asked why we send equipment out of our District into another Fire District. First of all we don't send equipment, as they are requested through our Dispatch Agency by another District that has need. We have automatic aid agreements with all our neighboring Fire Districts and mutual aid agreements with the other fire districts in the county and then we have cooperative agreements with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services and the United States Forest Service. Anytime anyone has a need it is filled through these agreements. It is a great benefit to us because as we go to them they in turn come to us. At any time a large wild land fire or a residential fire can start and in minutes many fire engines and fire fighters are coming our way to help.

This will give you an idea what takes place at the onset of a wild land fire. Our Dispatch Agency which is the CDF&FP located in Camino utilizes a computer aided dispatch system that tells them what equipment to send our way and where the closest equipment is located. On a typical day we can expect on an immediate dispatch to anywhere in Mosquito our three engines and two water tenders, along with from the neighboring fire districts five more engines, from the CDF&FP five engines, one dozer, two hand crews, airco, and two aircraft tankers, and from the U.S.F.S. at least two engines and one hand crew along with one helicopter. This equipment is coming our way no matter what size the initial fire is, if it is needed we keep it coming or we can make the decision to turn some of or all of it back. Now, if the day is an abnormal one and the humidity is lower than normal, or the wind is higher than normal then we can expect that besides the resources listed above there will automatically be

five more engines coming from districts in El Dorado County.

The above is based on an assumption that there are no other fires in the County or there are no requests for County equipment to be fighting fires in other areas. However, no matter what is going on the resources are requested and on the road coming this way. True some of it may have to come from Sacramento, Lake Tahoe or some other surrounding County, but it is on the way.

Now, if we are real fortunate this summer there will be no need for any of the resources listed to come this way. I would rather have one of our engines go over there than have some of theirs come here. So be careful out there as the worst part of the summer fire season is just coming up. September is the month that normally burns us up. It is the driest part of the summer, the wind starts to pick up, weather conditions become erratic and with summer over people seem to drop their guards.

Take care.

SPECIAL THANKS

"I want to thank the members of the Swansboro Pilots Association and the Fire-Safe Committee for the time and work they did in cleaning and brushing around the fire hydrants located throughout the District. Thank you again for taking on this project. Your support of the fire department and the community is greatly appreciated. Leo Chaloux, Chief."

FINNON UPDATE...

Mary Joseph

It's starting to look a lot like a restaurant! If you take a peek inside the building you will see the progress that is being made. There has been extra help since our last inspection and it sure has helped move this project forward. It's coming along nicely. Thank you to all the volunteers who have taken time out of their schedules to spend a few hours helping out.

The insulation went in quickly with the help of our regular and dependable Monday/Friday volunteers and was followed immediately by drywall. There's room to actually walk around in the place now that the stuff that was covering the floor is on the walls. The drywall task is still in progress and once that's done it's tape and texture time. As for the outside of the building we are currently making plans to have the stucco applied.

If you can spare some time and help out, we are always looking for volunteers. Give me a call @ 642-0338.

CRAFT REPORT

Sharon Hern

Our next Craft Sale will be on September 2nd at the Diamond Springs Labor Day Bazaar. We will be located on Pleasant Valley Road right across the street from the Diamond Springs Fire Department and in front of the Diamond Springs Counseling Center. Stop by and look at all of the talents that we have in our community.

We need to have as many crafts to sell as possible. We are busy doing "summer event" crafts at our meetings, but do hope that you will help us out by not only coming to our craft meetings but work on crafts at home. We will arrange to pick up your items or have them dropped off at the Fire Station. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so please help support your fire community.

I am happy to report that to date we have made a total of \$1112.25 for our Fire Department.

I would like to thank the following for their help in setting up and cleaning up the craft sale area at the Fireman's Picnic and for helping to sell our crafts to our neighbors: Darlene & Dick Rood, Ralph Hern, Barbara & Tom Atkins, Maryanne Haywood, Sally Bozeman & Kelly Hern.

Future Craft Sales:

September 2nd - Diamond Springs Labor Day Bazaar

November 8th & 9th - First Baptist Church on Cold Springs Road

We need volunteers for these sales. If you would be able to help us out on any of these dates please call Sharon Hern at 626-5268.

Meetings:

Future meetings are scheduled for the 4th Friday of each month at Darlene Rood's home

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

Dates: August 23, Change of date to September 13, October 25 and November 22

We hope to see you at our next craft meeting. If you have any questions or need further information, please call Sharon Hern at 626-5268.

*In Memory of
Edith Mette*

THE 2002 ANNUAL MVFD PICNIC

Mary Joseph

Our annual picnic was a great success. It was good to see so many people having fun and enjoying each other's company. There was quite a variety of food and drink and a nice display at the dessert table.

We had several wonderful entries in the Chili Cook-Off. Congratulations to Dick Vogele for winning 1st place!

The kids seemed to have it all...spraying water from the fire trucks, the bucket brigade, pie and watermelon eating contests and of course, swimming.

Thank you to all those dedicated people who provided food, showed up early to set up, participated in keeping the picnic going and worked until everything was cleaned up and put away.

We had a great turnout this year and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

SCPOA BOARD REPORT

Bill George, Director

Maintenance Report:

Basketball court is almost complete. Water primrose on Dyer Lake has been sprayed. Building new picnic tables to start soon. Buckeye Court will be patched.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws & DC&Rs: Bill George & Jim Irving: One new complaint has been received. This will be addressed by Paul Hines ASAP.

Common Areas/Fences: George Kellison & Kim Purcell: A re-bid will be done on the vinyl fencing.

Signs for the common areas listing rules of use as well as El Dorado County leash laws have been put in place.

Nominating: Kim Purcell & Bill George: No report at this time, but it is never too early to think about serving **YOUR** community by becoming a Board Member.

Roads: George Kellison & Pete Stressenger; Patching will continue as the need arises. Several people brought up the fact that after the repaving; several areas were left with a high drop off at the edge of the paving. George Kellison will contact Veerkamp to determine a fix.

Missing road signs have been ordered, and brushing roadsides will begin shortly.

Runway: Jack Kirk, Kim Purcell & Rob Kirkpatrick
Tree & brush removal along the runway object free area is still incomplete. A user inquired about

the possibility of proceeding with the installation of the new lighting system so that when the remaining property owners come into compliance with their trees & brush, we will need only to have an inspection and turn on the lights. Bill George to follow up with Cal Trans.

Old Business:

The association is the owner of a new (to us) tractor that will enable Paul Hinds to do more of the roadwork that we now have to contract out at additional cost.

A grant has been received for a Fire Safe Demonstration area at Finnon Lake. As a reminder, the campgrounds at Finnon Lake are still **CLOSED!** All the fire hydrants have had the brush removed around them, with the exception of one on Rock Road near Claim Street. It is surrounded with poison oak; the volunteers will be attacking it this month.

There has been some discussion by the Fire Department about building a new station on Dogwood. Your SCPOA Board has been discussing the possibility of having a permanent office/meeting room at the same location.

NOTICE:

It has been suggested that we establish a database of any and all expertise that our members possess and would be willing to volunteer for the good of our community. So please contact me at 642-8063 or bgeorge@innercite.com if you wish to participate.

Our next regular meeting will be **Saturday, September 21, 2002 at 09:00 AM.**

Please plan to attend, this is your organization, and the members of the Board welcome your input.

PHONE BOOK UPDATE

ADD

AVERY, Jerome
2896 Swansboro Road
626-1140

BRAUNS, Sandi
2896 Swansboro Road
626-6248

HITCHCOCK, Elizabeth
3106 Buckboard Rd
626-7088

NUNEZ, Fernando and Joan
3303 Lupin Lane
621.3642

DELETE

MOORE, Kendall & Brigett

GOPHER HUMOR

(Continued from the August 2002 Mosquito Byte)

In gopher trapping you get another try! Set the trap deeper in the hole or put a board over the hole or both. To catch a GES gopher, you might have to get down right dirty, mean and tricky. The following is information that should be considered in GP (Gopher Preparation). WGC "Whole Gopher Cooking" is not recommended. All gophers have the same expression on their face when caught in a trap. They appear to have said "damn" but most likely they yelled "shucks" as the trap nabs them. Thus their little mouths and very large teeth are showing big time. So to pan fry a mess of these guys as you would a catch of trout - well, they just don't look happy. Gopher on a stick seems like cruel and unusual punishment so shredded gopher taco recipe or gopher stew is the most accepted. If want to kick it up a notch, try a Gopher taco recipe with Emeril's "kick it up a notch" seasoning. Just substitute gopher for the standard when using these receipts. And you gotta wonder about the satisfaction of Gopher Stew! Your gopher and your veggies! What a delight. I intentionally did not mention gassing, drowning or cat and dog catching as a method of getting a mess for dinner. The cats won't give them up and the dog slobbers all over them and then buries them. The latter means you have to find them all over again looking for a SDH (Slobbering Dog Hole). Gassing doesn't give one the satisfaction of seeing that surprised face and neither does the drowning.

I should mention one more thing about gopher trapping. One day you will catch the South end of a North bound really fast gopher. This makes for a very unhappy critter. Now you might be tempted to tell your eager hunting DAG (that's Dumb Awful Dog) to "fetch". I tried this ONCE. You see, Max was mostly Airedale and had that terrier mentality. He thought he was the "master of Disaster". So, without hesitation, Max nailed that gopher in a shortened heart beat on the fetch command. Except the gopher got Max's nose as well.

HOLLY JUMPING HILLSIDE! There was 80 pounds of Airedale, 1 ½ pounds of gopher, wire trap and a short length of chain flying through the air! They were here and they were there, and no matter where you looked, they had either been there or were going to show up shortly. I'm telling you, a Walt Disney scriptwriter would have looked on in awe. I felt terrible! Well, eventually the gopher let go and old Max just stood there licking his nose. That's when Pooky, the outside cat, who had been watching the show from the sidelines, made his

appearance. He looked at Max still standing there wondering what in the holly gee whiz happened and then looked at the gopher. Then with an air of "this is how you do it fool" that only cats can do, he then picked up the gopher, with the trap and the little chain following, and trotted off. The cat had so much fun that day that he brought one in for old Max to play with about a week later and can you guess what happened. Yep, Pooky set the gopher down, in front of Max right there in the driveway. He then stepped back cause he knew what was going to happen next. The gopher took off, Max in hot pursuit and BAM! Just like that. There was 80 pounds of DAG being flung around by a 1 ½ pound gopher. You gotta wonder about a terrier huh?

Well, let me wish you the best of excitement and entertainment this summer. Right now I got to check the traps so I can plan dinner.

Cheers, Byron Moser

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

I just read the *Mosquito Byte* and when I got to the article about the dogs barking on Lawyer and around Indian Way it upset me. There are four homes on Indian Way. One new neighbor, I don't even believe they have a dog! The other home has no dog. My son (the fire chief) has a 17 year old dog that is so old she has forgotten how to bark. We have a dog who is a house dog. The only time she leaves the house is when she has to tend to her business. She sleeps near our bed all night and is never allowed out at night as we have bears and mountain cats around. If would appreciate it if you could print my letter in the *Mosquito Byte* as I do not want to get blamed for every barking dog on the hill.

Thanks,
Lois Chaloux

VET VISIT

Dr Lisa Couper, mobile veterinarian will be at the Mosquito Fire Station on Sunday, September 22 from 9:00 am until noon for walk-ins. She will make house calls in the afternoon. Call 677-4558 and leave a message to make an appointment for the afternoon or if you have a special request.

NOTICE: The County D.O.T. will be chip sealing Rock Creek and Mosquito Roads starting about August 26th. There will be delays so be prepared to take extra time. Signs will be posted with information about work in progress.

The *MOSQUITO BYTE* is available by subscription and is mailed first class to subscribers. Cost of subscription is \$11.00 per year. Mail check to 2300 Mosquito Cut-Off Rd, Placerville, CA, 95667-9081. Deadline for news and advertising is the 19th of each month.

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MVFD BOARD

Debbie Minor

Can you believe that it is almost the end of August? School is in session again. Fall is around the corner, and fire season is in full swing.

I want to thank everyone that turned out for our annual Fireman's Picnic. It was a great success. I noticed many new people this year. We all enjoyed the food and good company. The kids had a ball eating pie, watermelon and playing in the water. I hope you all got a chance to go look at our shiny new engine.

I would also like to thank our Craft club who has shown tremendous support to the fire department and community.

Our next event will be the annual Italiano night. Ron Stone and Chris Dillender are chairing this function. It should prove to be very filling and fun night. We hope to see you there, so mark your calendars now to attend. If you would like to help with this event, give Chris or Ron a call.

At our last board meeting we had some discussion

about the Summerfield ditch possibly being abandoned by EID. I understand that a meeting is going to be held on August 28th at the Fire Station concerning this issue. I would like to request any interested parties willing to help us save the Summerfield ditch to please attend. We desperately need to keep this water in our community.

As to everything else, the restaurant and campgrounds continue to improve. The dam itself is still in limbo as we are still in need of a few more permits from the Division of Dam Safety and US Army Corp of Engineers.

Just a reminder, you don't have to be on the board to help support the fire department. There are all kinds of ways to help. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with the many projects we are doing year round. If you have any ideas or would like to help, just let us know.

Until next issue I wish you all well, stay cool and fire safe!

NEW FIRE-SAFE COMMITTEE FORMED

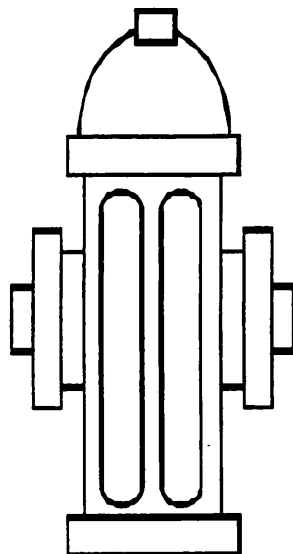
A new group has been formed in the Mosquito area to assist our Fire Chief in finding ways to reduce the dangerous fire conditions in our community. This is a volunteer group which meets each month and needs more members. Our next meeting will be August 30th. Contact Walt Graves at 295-8299 for more information.

Thanks to a generous donation, we have put together a mailing with some fire prevention information in it. We are working on finding grants, equipment and resources which can be us in our community and are assisting the Fire Chief in any projects we can do. Our first project was to clear brush from all of the fire hydrants to make them easily visible and accessible. They now need to be painted and so –

WE ARE HAVING A FIRE HYDRANT DESIGN/PAINTING CONTEST.

We are asking everyone, from children to professional artists interested in designing and painting a graphic for a fire hydrant to submit their design. We have 30 hydrants to paint and want to have a patriotic theme as well as limit the colors of paint we have to buy. Therefore designs can only use red, white and blue. Mail or drop off your designs to the Mosquito Fire Department, 8801 Rock Creek Rd. If you have any questions contact Kim Purcell at 621-1049. You may use the graphic below or you may get a full page graphic of the fire hydrant at the Fire Station.

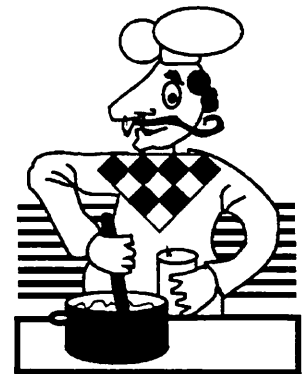
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**MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS**

ITALIANO NIGHT

**At The
Casa del Fuoco Vagone
Ristorante
(that's the Fire Station)**



**Saturday, September 21st
4:30 - 7:30 pm**

Please join us for an evening of fun and food. We are again serving a variety of all you can eat Italian fare along with fresh hot garlic bread, crisp green salad and dessert. Coffee, iced tea and punch will also be served.

Adults \$8.00, Children \$4.00



El Dorado County Environmental Management Department

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COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS OR HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.
~ BUSINESS WASTES ~

Please limit materials to 5 gallons or 50 pounds; however, you may transport up to 20 gallons of used oil or latex paint with no single container larger than 5 gallons. Please use original or disposable containers.



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ON THE SAME DAY

The Swansboro Pilots Association will provide a dumpster at the Mosquito Fire Station for household waste **Please** no furniture, large appliances or yard waste and of course the hazardous waste will be taken care of by the county. Now is the time to do some cleaning of closets and the garage !

SEPTEMBER 2002 Don't forget August 24 and August 28 important dates!

All Meetings are at the Mosquito Fire Station unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day 	3	4	5 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	6	7 SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 am
8	9	10	11	12 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 9:00 am Italian Night see page 8
22 VET VISIT SEE PAGE 4	23 First Day of Fall 	24	25	26	27 CRAFT MEETING SEE Page 2	28
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