



# Mosquito Byte

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## LOOK AND LISTEN !

In the past several months there have been several robberies in the community. Who ever is doing these robberies is bold enough to go directly into someone's house and take whatever they want. As a community we need to increase our awareness levels and be aware of who are neighbors are and who is not suppose to be here. Please pay attention and care about what is happening and if you see anything suspicious contact the El Dorado County Sheriffs Office.

### OUR FIREFIGHTERS ATTEND TRAINING CLASSES

Chief Leo Chaloux

There are many things happening at the fire department this year. Winter is the time when things kind of slow down, especially in the area of wild land fires and the threat it can bring. Unfortunately, we still do the normal things like heart attacks, car wrecks and stuff like that. During this slow down the emphasis goes to training. It is an opportunity created by the shorter days, nastier weather and more volunteers at home to do some education. Seems today in the fire service training and education are constant necessities while at the same time the demands of what is expected of fire fighters grow ever larger.

Last fall I got together with the Chiefs of the Garden Valley Fire Protection District and the Georgetown Fire Protection District to discuss the possibility of putting together a joint training program for new volunteer fire fighters. In looking at the similarity of what we do, the terrain we do it in, the equipment we use and the all volunteer fire fighters we have we felt it was time for us to come together and put a training program in place. The Georgetown Divide Fire Academy was formed with the full intent of providing a basic fire fighter course for all new volunteers. With all three districts participating it was quite evident there was a great deal of talent and capabilities available for teaching and providing experience and support. A Lesson Plan was developed that would fit the needs of a new person wanting to become a volunteer fire

fighter. In January we started the fire academy with instructors from all three fire departments. In this academy are 21 new volunteers who are training with each other in areas throughout the Divide. This gives us an opportunity to share our teaching resources, equipment, and experience while at the same time giving these volunteers an opportunity to work with other fire fighters. After this academy is completed there will be a formal graduation for all who completed the program with each volunteer fire fighter receiving their Districts badge, a certificate of completion and our gratitude.

Today there are many things expected of a fire fighter. Not only do we have to know how to deal with the suppression of a structure fire along with the possible rescue involved in it, the control of a wild land fire and the structure protection problems that go with it, the mitigation of a vehicle accident, the removal of a cat from a tree and the most important is how to provide medical aid to a patient in need, but now we are being asked to develop the abilities to deal with new threats that the state will be requiring of all fire departments.

Along with being able to respond to a 911 incident there are behind the scene requirements of the volunteers such as passing the driving program in order to acquire a driving license, CPR certificates, automatic defibrillation certificates, and emergency medical technician certificates. Other requirements such as hazardous materials awareness, confined space, over the bank rope rescue and swift water rescue are also part of what is expected. I often wonder how these people can do what they do

considering what is expected of them along with managing their own lives, their families and their professions. But that is not all, the State is now coming out with new demands that really do not apply to our fire district but we may still have to deal with, such as dealing with terrorists, biological, and chemical incidents, things that were not even thought of just two years ago. I just hope if the state mandates this kind of stuff they give us the money to pay for it.

Two years ago the Board of Directors of the District desired to increase the Districts ability to offer a higher medical standard to the community. They developed a policy where all volunteer fire fighters must be EMTs and they backed this up with money, support and commitment. In order to carry this policy out an Emergency Medical Technician class will be developed and put into affect within the next month. Jerry Okumura and I will be teaching this class with the assistance of other fire fighters serving as proctors. Not only will we be instructing an EMT class we will be attempting to enhance this program by teaching the utilization of an airway device called a Combitube. This device is designed to be inserted into someone who has a compromised airway, thus providing them with oxygen. All that is required for us to do this is support from the El Dorado County Emergency Medical Association and I am working on that process right now.

This Emergency Medical Technician class is offered to anyone in the community who is interested in taking it. Just call me at the station and I will answer any questions you may have.

Winter is far from over even though we have had fantastic weather for the past month. It has been difficult to believe that it is in fact winter and not spring. There is still plenty of opportunity for rain and snow before the real spring is here so be careful.

## HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

We really do need help in making sure the new issue of the Mosquito Phone Book is accurate. Please call Pat at 622-6436 or Lela at 626-8265 if you want to be in – or out – of the phone book. Also, if you have a business and would like your business card in the “yellow page” section, send one of your cards to 2820 Darr Court, Placerville. If you want your card in, we are requesting a donation of \$5.00 to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. Deadline is March 15.

## FINNON RESTAURANT UPDATE

Mary Joseph

Work is progressing nicely! The inside has been textured and painted. The lights are installed. The tile floors will be completed in a couple of weeks. The tile work has been given by a local tile setter, Paul Hieb and his friend. The major appliances will be moved in as soon as the tile work is done. The Swansboro pilots have been active in helping. The range hood/exhaust system will be installed after the tile work is finished. Thanks to all who have helped - we are moving toward completion!

## EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

April will be time for the Easter Bunny! Like always we warned him where the Easter Egg Hunt would be depended upon: The WEATHER! Raining or wet, it will be at the Fire Station! Otherwise Dyer Lake

When: April 12th, 2003 Time: 10:00am

Plastic egg games to follow. Watch the April Byte for details.

For questions call Iris Saxon 642-9335

## YOUR SCPOA BOARD

Bill George, Director

Annual Meeting - February 8, 2003

Election was held to fill four (4) board positions. Jack Kirk chose not to run for re-election. George Kellison, Rob Kirkpatrick and Kim Purcell ran for re-election along with new nominees Gene Bowen, and Wayne Mikel running to fill the four (4) positions for a term of 2 years.

The three (3) incumbents were re-elected and Gene Bowen was elected to fill the remaining position.

After the Annual Meeting, a regular meeting of the new Board of Directors was held to assign Standing Committee Members. George Kellison is President, Rob Kirkpatrick, Vice-President and Pete Stressenger, Treasurer. Please note that two of the committees already have members from the general membership. If you are interested in becoming more involved with YOUR COMMUNITY you too can volunteer to serve on one or more committees. Contact any member of the board.

Following are the current Committee assignments:

A. Architectural Review Committee

Rob Kirkpatrick

Jim Irving

- B. Budget & Long Range Plan Committee
  - George Kellison
  - Pete Stressenger
  - Elizabeth Citrino (Association Member)
- C. Bylaws & DC&Rs Committee
  - Rob Kirkpatrick
  - Gene Bowen
- D. Common Area/Fences Committee
  - Kim Purcell
  - George Kellison
- E. Nominating Committee
  - Bill George
  - Jim Irving
  - Kim Purcell
- F. Roads Committee
  - George Kellison
  - Jim Irving
  - Gene Bowen
- G. Runway Committee
  - Kim Purcell
  - Bill George
  - Gene Bowen
- H. Website Committee
  - Jim Irving
  - Elizabeth Citrino (Association Member)
  - Lynda Lima (Association Member)

**A NEW IDEA**

I am putting together the first Annual Mosquito Garden tour and Tea on Sunday, June 8. I will be advertising this at a later date. For now, I am looking for people who would be interested in displaying their unique and beautiful gardens in our tour. If you want to share (and show off) your garden, please call me, Jan Okumura, at 626-5321.

**CRAFT REPORT**

Sharon Hern  
 Our Craft projects for this year are beginning to take shape. We are planning our craft sales for the year with our first sale on April 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 We need to have as many crafts to sell as possible. We do hope that you will help us out by coming to our craft meetings and working on crafts at home. We will arrange to pick up your items or you may drop them off at the Fire Station. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so please help support your fire community.  
**Meetings:**  
 Future meetings are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at Darlene Rood's home

**Next Meeting: March 21<sup>ST</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**  
**Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am**  
**Location: 2211 Swansboro Road**  
**Future Dates: April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24 and November 28.**

**A QUICK SALAD**

Evelyn Potter  
 This is nice because it can be doubled or tripled as standing improves flavor

**CUCUMBER SALAD**

- 1 tsp. sugar
  - ¼ c rice or tarragon vinegar
  - 2 T vegetable oil
  - ½ tsp. salt
  - pepper -- freshly ground is best -- to taste
  - ¼ c fresh herb leaves such as dill or mint
  - 4 small cucumbers -- about 1 pound
- Mix sugar, vinegar, oil, salt and pepper in the serving bowl. Mince herbs if using and add to dressing.  
 Peel cucumbers if desired, then thinly slice and add to bowl. Stir to mix and coat.  
 Per serving: 81 calories, 1 gr. protein, 5 gr carbohydrates, 7 gr fat, 0 choiesterol, 276 mg sodium .

**SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA**

Brought to you by the Mosquito Firehouse Crafters Easter and Spring Crafts & Yard Sale A One Stop Shopping Day right here in Mosquito/Swansboro.  
**WHERE...** Hanger #12 at the Swansboro Airport (just inside the gate)  
**WHEN...** April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4pm.  
**CRAFT SALE** The Mosquito Firehouse Crafters will have craft items that they have made for sale.....  
**AND YARD SALE** Don't want to buy crafts? Well, you can clean out your closets and make some money too! Just rent a table for \$10 from the Crafters, bring your items to sell and participate in a **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**  
 Information: Call Barbara Atkins at 626-9344  
 Reserve a Table: Send your check for \$10 made out to Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department By April 4<sup>th</sup>, including your name, address and phone number to: Barbara Atkins, 2671 Poke Court, Placerville.  
 All proceeds from the Crafts sold and the table rental goes to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department

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.

The editors reserve the right to edit, limit or refuse any article submitted for publication in the *Mosquito Byte*. The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department accepts ads from subscribers without endorsement.

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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.

### FREE

Wilson Multi-Station Home Gym - 642-0338

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### HELP WANTED

TO ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING JOBS: **Wood Workers:** pay by the piece. 1. Building manzanita bird gyms, tabletop and floor models. 2. Cutting & nailing melamine bases using a table saw & air tools. **Laborers** \$7.00 per hour. 1. Cutting manzanita, sand blating manzanita. 2. General shop clean up. **Assemblers** 1. Production of perches, swings, toys. Pay by the hour or by the piece. WE need to produce 300-3000 perches per month. Some piece rate jobs can be done at your home or shop. Call Manzanita Creationz 626-9066.

CAREGIVERS NEEDED - Local home care agency has immediate openings for Homemakers, CNAs and HHAs at every level of experience. Various schedules available. Call (530) 622-9020.

### WANTED

Basketball anyone? I'm looking for people interested in playing basketball at Dyer lake. Weekdays about 4:30pm or weekends. Call Solon at 621-3875

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP Mosquito/Swansboro area residents and visitors can now attend Christian fellowship, Bible studies for all ages, and participate in ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of this area without driving off the hill. The Sunday Bible

study begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Celebration service at 11a.m. MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP is a non-denominational congregation of Christ's church. The Celebration service features contemporary music, prayer, testimony and the Word of God. All events are held at 3342 Stope Drive in Swansboro. For more information about MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP call 621-4282 and visit our Web site at <<http://www.cmna.net/mfom>>

### SERVICES

TUTORING IN MATH OR SCIENCE. Credentialed teacher with a degree in Chemistry. Experience in teaching Junior High/ High School Students. Flexible hours. \$25/hr. Call Jeanine at 621-3875

.SEAMSTRESS/ALTERATIONS: Need a new outfit for a special occasion; Prom, weddings, club uniforms? Or, do you have clothes in your closet that need fixing? How about home decorating changes with new curtains and pillows, etc.? Reasonable prices, profession work, 23 years experience. Call Esther at 622-6455.

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### FOR SALE

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For **Avon Products** & Free catalogs please call: Sharon Thompson 621-3823 your local Avon Independent Sales Representative.

**LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES** - 3 American Miniature horses (13-year-old blue roan mare, 2-year-old blue roan pinto colt, and 19-year-old b&w pinto "pet" stallion), a pair of year-old female pygmy goats, and a 3-year-old short-haired tortoiseshell cat. They

need more love and attention than I can provide, so I am looking for suitable buyers/homes for them. Please contact Elisabeth at 626-7088 for more information or to schedule an appointment to meet one or all of them. Feel free to tell friends, family, business associates...

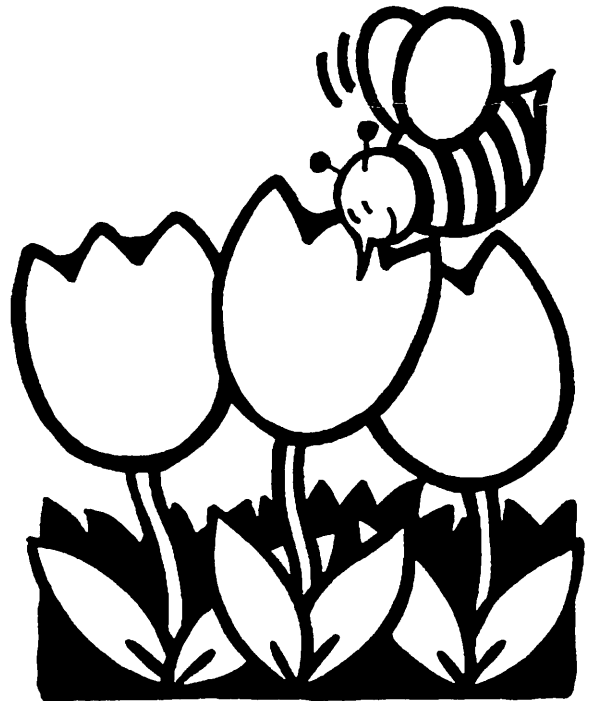
PHILLIPS MAGNAVOX TV network with remote control, tapes and manual \$50.. LARGE SATELLITE DISH and receiver, reduced to \$60.. 622.9492, 2749 La Paz Road.

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FREE RANGE/ORGANIC EGGS Call Samantha Ford 344-1744



**HAPPY SPRING**

# MARCH 2003

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 am
2	3	4	5	6 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	7	8 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 9:00 am
9	10	11	12	13 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	14	15
16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 CRAFT MEETING SEE Page 3	22  Spring
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