

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Leo Chaloux

Every once and awhile someone comes into the fire station or calls me on the phone asking about the difference between the Mosquito Fire Protection District and the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. Since many new people have moved up here in the past couple of years, I would like to take this opportunity to explain who and what the two organizations are.

In the late 1960's Mosquito was a sparsely populated, rural community with no organized fire department. CDF, whose primary focus was fighting wild land fires, provided our so called fire protection services and an ambulance from Placerville provided our medical aid response. After the Swansboro development was approved and homes began to spring up, a need was recognized and the "Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department" was formed. It was a somewhat informal organization consisting of local people who simply volunteered their time and skills and responded whenever there was a need.

In the early 1970's, the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department became more formal when it was recognized by the Secretary of State as a private, non-profit 501(c)3 corporation for the purpose of providing fire protection, community support and education. A jar was placed on the counter at the Finnon Lake restaurant and donations were placed into the jar to fund the new organization. As the jar got filled the money was used to purchase fire equipment. In fact the first fire engine up here was something the San Francisco Fire Department was throwing away but instead they sold it to the Volunteer Fire Department for a really cheap price.

Even though we had a fire engine and community volunteers who responded when available, there was no formalized, ongoing training either for medical aid or fire suppression and both of these areas were becoming more specialized and demanding. So in the late 1970's as Swansboro and other areas in

Mosquito started seeing more homes being built and a growing population, there became the realization among the residents that the "jar on the counter" at Finnon was simply not going to provide enough money to properly and legally outfit a fire fighter, provide the mandated training and purchase the necessary equipment to be a legal fire department. To get the funds needed tax money would have to be utilized.

California has a process whereby, with the consent of the residents, a tax supported "Special District" can be formed to provide a specific service to an area of need. So in 1978 the local voters approved forming the Mosquito Fire Protection District with the specific responsibility of providing fire suppression, fire prevention, public education and medical services. The "Volunteer Fire Department" donated all of its fire fighting assets to the "Fire Protection District" and the newly formed "District" assumed all fire protection and medical aid responsibilities. The Volunteer Fire Department, however, remained in existence and retained its name and 501(c)3 status with the role of providing "community support and education".

So here is where there is a considerable layer of confusion. There is a Mosquito Fire Protection District and there is also a Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. These are two distinct entities that have similar names but very different, yet supportive, roles. The Mosquito Fire Protection District is a tax-supported Special District charged by the State with the responsibility of providing fire suppression, fire prevention, public education and first responder emergency medical services in our community. The District's assets include the Fire Station, fire station grounds and the equipment. Its members are the paid staff (myself, Devery and Mary) and the men and women living in the community who volunteer their time as firefighters and support group members.

Equally important to the community is the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department organization. This organization is funded through donations and "fund

raisers". Their bylaws state that every resident in the community is automatically a member of the organization. As I mentioned earlier, the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department's role is to provide community support and community education. They do this through the various community events they hold (Christmas pot luck, Easter egg hunt, Summer picnic, children's Halloween party, pancake breakfasts, etc.), by publishing the Mosquito Byte and Mosquito Phone Book and by working with the Fire Safe Council to secure the recent fuel reduction grants just to name a few. They also frequently purchase small tools, implements or medical equipment and donate it to the District.

Confused yet? Well try this. All of the members of the Mosquito Fire Protection District (paid staff and volunteers) because they are "residents of the community" are also members of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department organization. That's why you will often see the same faces at a fire scene or medical emergency and also organizing a Christmas potluck, pancake breakfast or Easter egg hunt.

To add even more confusion to this matter, in 1997 the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department acquired ownership of Finnon Lake for the specific purpose of providing public recreation and education. The property consists of 121 acres and the restaurant. The acquisition provided the Volunteer Fire Department organization with an additional income source from the rent paid on the restaurant and campground fees to supplement the fund raisers and donations.

Let me repeat again, the Mosquito Fire Protection District does not have anything to do with Finnon Lake; the Fire Protection District's task is to provide fire suppression and medical services.

Well, if you are still confused try being in my position. I work for the Mosquito Fire Protection District as the Chief and receive a salary for doing so. I'm also an active participant in the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department and their activities. I do this on my own time as I have a large personal attachment to the Volunteer Fire Department organization; after all I have been associated with that organization since 1976.

I hope I was able to provide enough information to clarify the difference between the two organizations. I

guess a good way to put it would simply be folks involved in a medical aid or fire suppression activity are representing the Mosquito Fire Protection District. The folks (even though they are often the same) putting on the pancake breakfast, selling crafts, hosting a Christmas Pot Luck or maintaining the Finnon campgrounds and property are doing so as representatives of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department organization.

Please feel free to come to the station if you still have questions, not only about this, but anything else that relates to what the Mosquito Fire Protection District does and the services it provides.

Spring is here they told us and all we can hope for now is that the weather realizes it too!

Mosquito Road Update

by Kris Payne

Dot staff met with the community on March 23rd at the Fire Station. The good news is that the repairs are on and perhaps a little ahead of schedule. The tentative date for reopening Mosquito Road is mid May. Remember the weather can still have an adverse affect on the repairs so hope for nothing but sun and warm weather. Kris had slides to show us of the work that has been done and the "Soldier Piles" that have already been put into place. With these pictures, it is now easier to understand how the actual rebuilding is going to take place

When the weather has been dry so that "Hot Mix" can be used, the potholes and large failures on Rock Creek Road will be repaired. The south side of Mosquito Road will be repaired before the road reopens.

Many THANKS to DOT for their diligence in repairing Mosquito Road and keeping Rock Creek Road open.

Another huge THANK YOU goes to Andy Mossler who lives on Rock Creek Road and has been cleaning the trash that has been dumped on Rock Creek Road. In addition to the trash cleaning, Andy has replaced 36 of the reflective paddles on Rock Creek Road that were placed by DOT to identify the edge of the road. These paddles had been pulled up and thrown over the side of the road by persons unknown. Thank you for cleaning up our trash and helping to keep our road safer.

Fire Safe Council

by Debbie Rood

As you may have noticed, the brush removal project is in full swing. The amount currently needed to finish fuel reduction on the evacuation routes is \$137,000. Unfortunately, our 2nd prop 40 grant has awarded us \$53,700 which is far less than we had hoped for. On the bright side, however, when we consider that there was only \$200,000 available for all of El Dorado County with \$100,000 going to Tahoe and \$100,000 for the whole West Slope, we did pretty darn good! Thank you Chief Leo and Lynda Lima for all your hard work! Mountain Enterprise is making amazing progress considering all this wild weather we are having and I would like to thank Joe Lima for overseeing their work.

Please note that in the very near future (hopefully early June) we will be holding an evacuation drill. This will not only be an excellent opportunity to reveal any "glitches" in our process that we may not be aware of but it will also give residents a little more sense of security in knowing what to do in case of an actual emergency. We will also be providing valuable information to help educate homeowners on several issues including the new 100ft clearance requirements. I urge everyone to participate because knowledge is power and since you have a choice: DON'T BE SCARED-BE PREPARED! The next FSC meeting will be Sunday April 23rd at 2:00.

MVFD

by Debbie Minor

I hope everyone is fairing well during this winter wonderland that we have been having lately. We should have some sunny weather soon, which will enable us to get started with the Fannon Dam Restoration project.

We are making progress on getting the permits needed to start our repair project. All applications have been filed with the appropriate agencies, the questions have been answered and we are awaiting final approval. If all goes well, we are looking at the end of April to get things started.

The restoration process is a sticky one and we will have lots going on over this summer and into the next. We hope you will all bear with us through this project. The first major step is to remove the soil

from just behind the restaurant building, north to the spillway and down to the bedrock. The soil will then be stockpiled in the dry lake bed to be used to rebuild the dam during the next summer.

This project will in no way hamper business at the Firehouse Country Kitchen. The restaurant should provide you with a front row seat for viewing the reconstruction activities. What a great opportunity to dine and watch a show all for the price of a meal.

The campgrounds will also remain open during this construction period. We will construct another access for those who wish to use our facility.

Our next event is the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be on April 8, 2006. If you would like to help with the event or donate money or candy please contact Leslie Baumgartner at 626.1204.

At the beginning of the month we had our first Soup Night. It was a very belly-warming event. Lots of good soups and chilis were brought to this event. That wasn't all; we also had salads, bread and desserts in abundance. Thank you Ron Stone for suggesting this event and making it happen.

We look forward to your next dining event in May, the Fiesta Latina Night.

SCPOA REPORT

by Kim Purcell

Our March meeting and elections were held despite the snow, we didn't have a large crowd but thanks to everyone who braved the conditions to attend. We would also like to thank Sharon Hern, Pat Matheny and Neil Matheny for volunteering to be inspectors of the election. Since we only had three candidates for three openings the results were not much of a surprise. John Moalli, Kris Shenoy and Wayne Mikel were elected. The officers for this next year are John Moalli President, Kim Purcell Vice President and Tee Steirwalt will continue as Treasurer.

The architectural committee has approved two more sets of plans last month with one still pending and another just received for review. There has been a bit of a lull in the number of plans coming in but as the good weather approaches we expect that things will pick up again.

The budget and long range planning committee will begin planning meetings again, with the first being set in April. Please contact Lynda our secretary at 621.0309 for the date and time if you are interested.

Not a lot has happened in the common areas with the weather that we have had. Johnathan is working to keep the areas clean as well as trying to maintain drainage along the roads and patch as the weather permits. The sand at Dyer Lake has developed a deep water path in the middle from the run off, however smoothing this area out will not happen until the rainy weather goes away.

The road committee has been very busy getting a bid package together so that it can go out to contractors in the next month. The large amount of rain that we have had this year has really taken a toll on our roads, even those that were in decent shape are starting to develop failures. The road committee can use some more volunteers. To get an accurate assessment of the condition of each of the roads, they need to walk them. Once the assessment is made then the appropriate type of fix that is needed and what the budget will allow can be determined. The road committee will be meeting on the second Saturday of each month immediately following the SCPOA meeting, please plan to attend or if you would like to help out prior to the meeting, contact Lynda at 621.0309.

The runway committee was successful in acquiring 49 runway lights from the Lincoln airport at no cost. Steve Loree was kind enough to volunteer to pick them up and transport them back to our airport. Lincoln airport upgraded their lights and donated their extra older ones to us. We will be looking into the possibility of installing these for increased safety of operations during civil twilight hours, for helicopter medical evacuations at night and hopefully the eventual return of the night operation options.

It has been announced that the model sailing club will again be having a day of racing at Dyer lake on Sunday April 23rd. This event has many races that go on throughout the day. This event is fun to watch and the members are very friendly and more than happy to talk about their boats and show you how they work. It is well worth stopping by.

The SCPOA web site will be updated with the new board members and their positions, as well as

committee assignments, when all assignments are filled. In the mean time there is a direct link to the DOT site which is providing constant updates on the Mosquito Road project. Check out the web site at SCPOA.net

Our next meeting will be Saturday April 8th at 10:00 AM at the Fire Station with the road committee meeting immediately following. Please plan to attend and participate.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

by Leslie Baumgartner

Kids 12 and under and their parents should hop on over to Fannon Lake on April 8th for the annual Easter egg hunt from 10 to 11 am. It will be a great time for all. In case of rain we will meet at the Fire Station for the fun. Donations of candy and small prizes are welcome! Drop them off at the Fire Station before Wednesday April 5. Any questions, or if you want to help, give me a call at 626.1204.



Craft Report

by Sharon Hern

The Firehouse Crafters first craft sale will be on April 8th in conjunction with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will be at the Pavilion at the Firehouse Country Kitchen from 10:00 to 4:00. In the event of rain or otherwise bad weather, we will be at the Fire Station. Lots of Easter gifts, decorations and items that everyone needs, stop by and support your fire community.

Also on display is this years "Levi Quilt". Who will be this years lucky winner of our famous Levi Quilt. Tickets will be available at all community events with the drawing to be held at the Christmas Dinner.

Good News!!! For our part in planning, baking and delivering goodies to the Annual Georgetown Medical Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar, the MVFD organization received a check for \$1000 to be used for medical equipment and medical supplies.

We 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 organization, so please help support your fire community.

Craft Meetings:

Next Meeting: April 21, 2006

Future Craft 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

Future Meetings: **NO MAY MEETING**, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27 and November 17(dates tentative)

Kids Corner

by Sally Bozeman

Welcome to the "Kids Corner". This column is all about your kids & grandkids. Tell us about their achievements in school, sports or any other affiliation. Let us know if they are taking trips on spring break or during the summer.

The newly established Junior High youth group that meets at the Galvan's home every Friday night is really growing. On the 21st of March seventeen kids and several adults are going to the SBC Stadium in San Francisco for "Battle Cry". This is a two day event where over 100,000 teenagers and leaders from all across North America will be gathering for fellowship and to share ideas.

Congratulations go to Markham student Rachael Galvan for attaining a 4.0 scholastic average.

If you have news about someone special that you would like to share, please call me at 622.9196.

Mosquito Charter School

by Esther Andreas

Mosquito Community Charter School - We are on our way and we need your help. We have several pieces of land that are being looked at, but while we are doing that we need your help to set up the school. We are looking for people with talents in financing, administration, business management, etc. If you have any interest in having a school in your

community please email me at mosquitoschool@yahoo.com or call me @ 622.6455.

A Quilt Raffle

by Ron Stone

The Quirky Quilters, a quilting group, has graciously donated a beautiful handmade quilt to be raffled off. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Ron Stone directly or you can purchase them at the upcoming events.

The quilt will be on display at the Fiesta Latina dinner to be held on Saturday May 6th. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds go to the Children's Playground Fund. The winner of the raffle will be announced at the Volunteer Fire Department picnic in July. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Ron Stone at 622.1585. Thank you for your support.

Abandoned Vehicles

by Jo Thomas

Since we've had a number of abandoned vehicles left in our area lately, Esther Bernards felt it would be prudent to let everyone know the procedure for reporting same: According to the Sheriff's Vehicle Abatement Officer, one needs to call 621.6573 and leave a message with as much description of the vehicle and its location as possible. The officer adds the vehicle to a list, someone comes out as soon as possible to attach a warning tag, a few days later a letter is sent and towing is scheduled ten days after that. We all know towing doesn't actually happen that quickly, but it all depends on how many other vehicles in the county are also scheduled for towing at that particular time. Thank you for your suggestion, Esther.

Soup Buffet Thank You's

by Ron Stone

As winter blasted through our hills, it seemed like the perfect time for the first annual Souper Soup Buffet. With snow on the ground, we only had a small window of opportunity. Thankfully the weather was perfect and all went well. I have never seen so many different and appetizing kettles of goodness in my life. The list is beyond printability, but included a tortilla chicken that was said to be spectacular, a Menudo that took a close second, and a Venison

stew. The Menudo actually had first place several times, but finally had to bow to Dick Voge's Chile. Sad to say, my own alfredo potato did not even receive honorable mention.

Thanks to Gail Barrett there was a bounty of wonderful breads. Mike and Stephanie added a topping to some of the bread that was absolutely addictive. Kim's cornbread added that country touch, while Joni's homemade loaves of lusciousness were devoured for the dunking. The part that made this event so nice is that everyone visited and seemed to enjoy themselves.

The decorations added a nice touch to the atmosphere. I especially appreciated the help after the event was over. The event takes a lot of planning and effort to put together, but cleaning countless crock-pots and chafing dishes and putting everything away can be a nightmare unless there are nice people around to help. We can always find areas to improve, but I sure am glad to live in a community where people come together and enjoy themselves. By the way, the next dinner will be Fiesta Latina, which is on May 6th., hope to see you there. If you would like to help with this event please call Ron Stone at 622.1585.

Recipe of the Month

by Evelyn Potter

Hi, again. Last month I gave you plain waffles and syrup using brown and granulated sugars. This month I am going to submit another waffle recipe using club soda, and a syrup that is different and made for these waffles Yummy! Each of these recipes takes about 15 minutes to prepare

Lemon Poppy Seed Waffles

- 2 cups biscuit/baking mix
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- ½ cup vegetable oil (1/3 cup also works well)
- 1 cup club soda
- 1 T lemon juice (I like 1 teaspoon more)
- 1 t vanilla extract
- 2 t poppy seeds

In a small bowl, combine the biscuit mix, eggs and oil. Add club soda, lemon juice and vanilla; stir until smooth. Gently fold in poppy seeds. Bake in a preheated waffle iron until golden brown. Makes about 12 waffles

Blueberry Syrup

- 1 c sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ½ c fresh or frozen blueberries
- ½ c water
- ½ c blueberry preserves
- 1 t maple flavoring

In small saucepan, combine the sugars, blueberries and water. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in the preserves and maple flavoring. Refrigerate leftovers.

Makes about 2 cups

Meet The Candidates:

Norm Krizl, candidate for the Board of Supervisors, District 4 seat will meet with area residents to discuss Mosquito Road, SMUD's Iowa Hill Project, and other issues facing our community. The Date is Tuesday, April 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at 3300 Cableview Court. Come meet candidate Krizl and hear his position on things that impact our community. Questions or direction, call Karen at 622.3306

Vern Pierson, candidate for District Attorney will be meeting with the community on Sunday, April 23rd from 11:00 to 3:00 PM at Dyer Lake Pavilion. Candidate Pierson will be serving a Chili and Hot Dog lunch, come and meet him.

Al Manard, candidate for the Board of Supervisors, District 4 seat will be meeting with the community on Sunday, April 30th from 11:00 to 3:00 PM at Dyer Lake Pavilion. Candidate Manard will be serving lunch, come and meet him.

Flowers, Flowers, Flowers

by Rosemary Wilkinson

Cool Florist will deliver to us here in the Swansboro/Mosquito area. For further information contact: Rosie at Cool Florist, 2968 Hwy #49 Suite #1, Cool, CA 95614.

in Memory
of
Marie Floyd

ADDITIONS TO THE MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK:

Gabriel, Chris & French, Kathy
6527 Deer Canyon Ct
626.0379

Petersen, Dennis & Arlene
6287 Log Cabin Ln
626.8812

Steinke, Paul & Pam
9200 Rock Creek Road
621.9999

Tyner, Julie
6460 Deer Canyon Ct
626.5217

If you would like to have your name, address and telephone listed in the Mosquito Phone Book, please send the information to: MVFD at 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667-9040

ADVERTISING POLICY

There is no charge to our subscribers for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte*. Deadline for advertising is the 19th of each month. Call Jo at 642.9783 or e-mail catjct@cwnet.com. Ads in the "Free", "For Sale" and "Wanted" category will run for **three months** unless you call to say the item is no longer available, or that you want the ad extended an additional 3months

FIREHOUSE COUNTRY KITCHEN HOURS

Changes for April:

April 6th - will close at 6:00 PM

April 16th - April 19th - Closed for spring Break

Regular Hours

Closed Tuesday

Monday & Wednesday: 11:00 to 3:00

Thursday & Friday 11:00 to 7:00

Saturday & Sunday:

Breakfast: 8:00 to 12:00

Lunch: 12:00 to 3:00

MEETINGS

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD: Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, Inc, meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Planning Commission meeting room in the EDC Government Center Building C. Call Valorie Perkins Rice at (530) 672.2375 or rice@d-web.com or www.sunshinereflections.com/ega

Jr High Youth Group: 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Mosquito/Swansboro are meeting every Friday night from 7 to 9 pm at 3342 Stope Drive. Mountain Fellowship is offering Bible based teachings and how to apply them to everyday life. There is also fellowship, fun activities and community service projects involved. All Jr. High kids are welcome! Call Debbie Rood at 642.0695

4-H CLUB: 4-H Mosquito Bites are here on the hill. We have cooking, fly-fishing, pottery, sewing and maybe Guinea Pigs. If you would like to lead a project or join one of these, call Teresa at 295.9203

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP: Mosquito/Swansboro area residents and visitors are invited to 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 9:30am followed by a Celebration service at 11am. All events are held at 3342 Stope Drive in Swansboro. For more information about MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP call 295.0503 and visit our Web site at www.cmna.net/mfom

WANTED

CANVAS TARP - Heavy duty 12' by 20' or larger to cover car canopy frame. Call Fred Adams at 642.9441 (4)

FREE

FIREWOOD, you cut. Call Cheri at 626.4488 (3)

SERVICES

IN HOME CHILD CARE service is looking for potential clients. State certified in CPR and First Aid. Interested parties contact Melissa at 295.1779

ADMINISTRATIVE support services: Microsoft Office experienced. Create and maintain databases/spreadsheets, newsletters, flyers, labels, mailers and more. Contact 530.295.1779 for details

CREDENTIALLED substitute teacher available for tutoring math and penmanship, especially cursive writing grades K-5th. Math builds upon itself lesson by lesson, once a student gets behind it's hard to catch up. A little tutoring can help a lot. I love to make math fun for students! Call Mrs. A at 626.4488

HANDYMAN available in Swansboro. Large and small jobs welcomed. Specialize in fences; also home & deck repairs, brush and limb pruning and debris hauling. Please call Ken Hahn for a free estimate at (530) 622.4424

GRAND OPENING promotion from 3/1 to 3/31 for all Mosquito/Swansboro residents. Mention **LIBERTY** and you are entitled to **ONE FREE INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURN**. Limited to new Liberty Tax Service customers by appointment only. Stop by 700 Placerville Drive (close to Home Depot) or call (530) 621.4829 to schedule an appointment. Mobile tax service also available

RETIRED ELECTRICIAN looking for electrical jobs on the hill. Please call John at 344.1912

"DROP-IN" CHILD CARE or Elder Care now offered in Mosquito. I am available on short notice for urgent problems. I have experience taking care of ill children or the elderly and assisting in basic needs. Local personal character references available so you will feel safe when I am caring for your loved ones. Nancy West 626.7975

SEARS ROADSIDE WEED CONTROL: Don't let the excellent brushing jobs go to waste on our roads. Stump regrowth spraying, ditch spraying, fire breaks and much more! Call Dustin, owner/operator, at 344.8402

COLLEGE STUDENT available for odd jobs and manual labor. Hard worker, great attitude. Prefer Swansboro area work. Please call James at 622.4424

BABYSITTING in my home. Child care is available in my home with me and my 3 little girls. We frequently do arts, crafts, music and other fun educational activities. Call Kathy at 642.8585.

HOUSEKEEPING: I am new to Mosquito and need local work. Reasonable yet thorough, have references. For free estimate call Terry, 295.1347, or leave message.

HOUSEKEEPING ON THE HILL: Weekly, bi-weekly and monthly services. "Move in" and "Move out" services also available. References upon request. Call Stacy Raye at 626.5904

GRADING & EARTHMOVING: Culverts, septic systems, footings, house pads, land clearing, driveways, utility lines, all other types of dirt work. Call KURT KIMM at (916) 496.7284 or (530) 295.9203

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AUTO REPAIR: Is Mosquito Road rough on your vehicle? Give "Hippie" a call at Mosquito Auto, specialist in transmissions, brakes, tune-ups. 642.2867

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVING THE MOSQUITO AREA: Complete design and build service. New homes, residential remodels, additions, garages, decks, barns. Top quality construction at a reasonable price. Modena Builders. License #809494. Call 622.5307

METAL STRUCTURES: We build metal buildings, carports, sheds, stalls, Fifth Wheel covers, etc. Local family, free estimates. We also do concrete work, sidewalks, foundations, etc. Call Jeremy at home (530) 626.4406 or work (916) 826.9758

SIGN PAINTER: Signs, logos, pop art, screen painting. Phil Langdon 622.5378

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CREATIVE MEMORIES: I help busy people get their albums done! Spend an afternoon at my home having fun with fellow Mosquito scrap bookers or host a class in your home and earn free products! Diana Adams 642.9441

REAL ESTATE SERVICES: Buying or selling a home? You need an honest, reliable, hardworking real estate agent on your side! Serving El Dorado and Sacramento counties. Call Jessica Dillender at 295.3331 or cell (916) 765.1256

HANGTOWN GLASS CARE: I tint commercial and residential glass. Will save you money on energy costs and retard fading your furniture and carpet. Call for free estimate! Rex Langdon, Jr. 409.5530

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

FOR RENT

1 BEDROOM, 1 bathroom, small kitchen, living room for rent in Mosquito \$550.00 per month plus utilities (gas, phone, electric). References & credit report required. Call Sally Long Johns 306.0821

ROOM for rent in my 2300 sf home with two separate living spaces on 2 ac. at 3005 Buckboard Rd. in Swansboro. \$550 per month with small deposit. Must love small dogs. House with a view on hill. Prefer mature adult, no smokers. Contact Treasa at 622.1941

HOUSE: Vacation on the Caribbean Coast. Sleeps up to 6, on the ocean. \$450 per week. 626.0307 for full info. Email: Costaricaparadise@earthlink.net

CONDO: 1bd condo available in Puerta Vallarta at Villa Del Palmar for the week of June 3-10 in 2006. Sleeps up to four, has equipped kitchen, upper and lower balcony, 3 pools, 2 Jacuzzi's and is at the beach. 621.1049

HOUSE: Out of town guests? Reasonably priced local accommodation in Mosquito. 2.5 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 Jacuzzi. For more info please visit www.naberlaw.com/cabin/cabin.htm, contact (510) 717.1420 or ayako@naberlaw.com

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'94 S.E. Honda Motorcycle, 1500cc, Green. 48K + miles, good to go. \$8000. Call 626.9601 (4)

Washer/Dryer- Good condition, works great. \$100 for the pair. Call 295.8112 (4)

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DeWALT 700 8" radial arm saw on stand \$50; 18 & 25 gal. aquariums on dbl stand \$600+ new, sell for \$110. 626.8295 (4)

SOFABED/match. o-sized chair, lt brn/tan contemp style, pd \$1450 sell \$400; rattan sofa/loveseat/coffee tbl set fair cond \$75; comp desk/shelves good cond \$50; 2 lg tbl lamps \$30; formal din. table/6 chairs, tbl good, chairs fair, glass, lt. bamboo, fabric, \$200; Cal-king pol brass bed, incl. orig. matt./box spgs, \$250; 6 sts. used, but good Cal-king sheets, \$50 (sold only with bed); 35" rnd oak tbl w/4 antique ladder-back chairs \$150; ladies' lefthand golf clubs w/cart \$25; 2 centry bar stools, pads incl, \$20. 530.621.2778 (4)

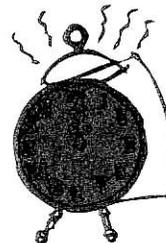
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Don't Forget Daylight Savings
Time Begins April 2nd

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Hazardous Waste Clean-up Day

The El Dorado County Environmental Management Department is proud to sponsor the following **FREE** household hazardous waste spring cleaning day on Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mosquito Fire Station (8801 Rock Creek Road).

Items Accepted are:

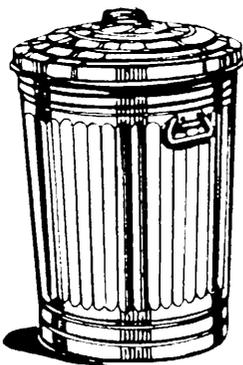
Motor oil/oil filters	Paint thinners	Household cleaners
Automotive products	Pool/photo chemicals	Paint / varnishes / stains
Solvents/ removers	Adhesives/sealant	Aerosol cans
Pesticides/herbicides	Batteries	Vapor & sodium lamps
5-gallon propane tanks	Fluorescent light tubes	
Mercury thermostats/switches and most products labeled "Caution", "Danger" or "Poison"		

Items "not" accepted:

Electronic waste	Household appliances	Radioactive materials,
infectious medical waste	Explosives	Compressed gas cylinders

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 that are labeled with contents.

For additional information call 621-5300 or visit our web site at www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/emd



HOUSEHOLD TRASH

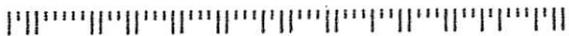
Want to get rid of that household trash that never finds its way to the county dumps???? On April 22nd at 9:00 AM the Swansboro Pilot's Association will again provide a large dumpster at the Fire Station in conjunction with the Hazardous Waste Disposal pickup. This is your opportunity to get rid of unwanted household trash.

We ask that **NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS** or **APPLIANCES** be brought to the dumpster and all cardboard boxes not filled with trash be broken down.

Thanks and happy cleanup from the Pilot's Association

APRIL 2006 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 Daylight Savings Begins	3	4	5	6 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	7	8 Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Sale 10:00 am Finnon Lake SCPOA MEETING 10:00 AM SCPOA Road Meeting
9	10	11	12	13 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	14	15
16 	17	18	19	20	21	22 Spring Clean-Up 9:00 - 12:00
23 FIRE SAFE COUNCIL 2:00 PM	24	25	26	27	28 CRAFT MEETING 9:30 AM See Pg 4	29
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