

# MOSQUITO BYTE

August 2006, VOLUME 19 #12

---

---

## MOSQUITO ROAD IS OPEN

Now that Mosquito Road is open, it is a good time to review the safe and courteous driving practices for our "new" road.

- Just because there are no yellow lines to mark the center of the road, does not mean that you should drive in the middle. When you see a vehicle approaching, move to the right side of the road as safely as the road allows and SLOW down.
- Remember, the vehicles that are going uphill have the right of way if backing up is necessary, the vehicle that is going down the hill must back up (backing uphill is safer because you have control of your vehicle) until it is safe to pass.
- Driving across the "White Bridge" requires drivers to **take turns**. When you are on the Placerville side of the bridge, wait up in the wide spot across from the waterfall if another vehicle is approaching the bridge. When you are coming from Mosquito/Swansboro, wait down by the bridge in the wide area, **DO NOT WAIT UP AT THE TURN!**
- Driving slow will enable you to get to your destination safely, however if there are vehicles behind you who want to go faster, please be courteous and pull over when it is safe to do so and let the vehicles pass. Just do not stop on a turn or a blind spot so that the vehicle(s) behind you can see that it is safe to pass.

The Department of Transportation will still be doing finishing up work on Mosquito Road for the next couple of weeks. The work will begin after "commute time" in the morning and end before "commute time" in the afternoon so watch for work signs and flagmen.

---

---

### Chief's Corner

by Chief Leo Chaloux

With the ending of July we are now about half way through the fire season. Unfortunately, the last half of any fire season is the worst half where the possibility of a large, devastating wildfire becomes extremely possible. Historically El Dorado County and in fact the State, experience the largest and most destructive fires in the months of September and October

Yet with the realization of wildfire being a part of life in California it is surprising how many people have a mind set that a wildfire cannot impact them. In a recent survey done in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties eighty-eight percent of homeowners believe that it is "somewhat" or "very" unlikely their home will be damaged by a wildfire. This is surprising when you consider the serious threat of wildfire in those counties and how during the summer and fall the TV news shows a constant

display of homes threatened or destroyed by fire. I am willing to bet that here in El Dorado County the awareness of wildfire is just as high as it is in Southern California but the attitude here is probably greater that it (a wild land fire) cannot happen here. It is just strange how people think that something bad always happens to the next guy and never to ourselves. I have learned over the years that stuff happens, and most of the time it isn't good.

Another interesting thing that came out of that survey taken in the three southern California Counties was that 73 percent of those who responded to the survey are very or somewhat confident they know what to do to be prepared for a wildfire. However, two thirds of them were not familiar with the term "defensible space," a key wildfire safety term that refers to the safety buffer created around a home by clearing brush and flammable materials. Here in our own fire district the majority of people know that the defensible space around their home is 100 feet, remember it use to be 30 feet. Yet, the knowledge of

having 100 feet of clearance around a house is not always practiced. It is funny how people are often resistant to clear around their homes until a fire is coming their way, then they are out cutting down everything with the only problem being at that point it is just a little too late.

Southland homeowners do not appear to be heeding the call to be personally prepared for a natural disaster. Seventy percent of survey respondents said they did not have a written evacuation plan to get their family to safety in case of wildfire. Only 28 percent have a written evacuation plan, and one third of those have practiced it. I wonder how many people in our District are aware of the District's evacuation plan and know where to go in the event of an evacuation? On the positive side, 60 percent of homeowners surveyed said they have assembled an emergency supply kit that includes enough food, water, medicine and other necessities to sustain their family for at least 72 hours. It seems that over the years people have gotten so use to having the government take care of their needs that they have forgotten how to take care of themselves. One thing to remember about a wildfire rolling through a community, is that it is different than a hurricane for most of the time there is no roof to climb up onto to show a big sign to the press helicopters asking for the governments help. No one should be able to take care of your family better than you! As proven in recent disasters, the government tries its best but often fails while doing that.

There are a few things that can be done to mitigate wildfire risk. One is to create defensible space by clearing dry weeds and brush from around all structures. Use caution with power tools as they should be used only early in the morning or late in the evening to avoid sending sparks into dry grass. Every family should write an evacuation plan. The plan should include an out-of-area contact family members can call if they're separated, familiarity with the Fire Districts fire evacuation plan, knowledge of the evacuation center, and provisions for evacuating pets. Another thing that my family has done over the years is develop a quick process for gathering important documents, pictures, and one important toy for each child. Also, think of being able to quickly gather enough water, food, and medicines for each family member for at least three days. Do not forget about having at least enough gasoline in one vehicle to get off the hill if that becomes necessary.

Simply, be aware that it could happen to anyone of us at any time, so please be proactive instead of reactive. Someone out there is thinking that it "will not happen to me, but to the next guy." What if we are the "next guy?"

### **Finnon Lake Recreation Area**

by Leslie Baumgartner

We have had a steady stream of weekend campers during the summer. Home Depot has donated items to finish fixing the restrooms at the far end of the campground. Tell them thanks when you go visit them. Preston Davis has decided to put in a information center at Finnion Lake depicting the local history, flora and fauna. This will be his Eagle Scout project and will truly be another wonderful addition to the other Eagle Scout projects already in place. It is great to have the scouts so involved in the community. Once again if you have a desire to go down to the lake and work a bit give me a call at 626-1204 and we can find a project you will enjoy.

### **Community Picnic**

by Jessica Dillender

A GREAT time was enjoyed by all. The kids and not so young kids had a very "cool" time in the lake. In addition to the water activities, there was a jump house, raffles with many great prizes, a craft sale, a BBQ lunch, and most importantly time to sit around and visit with friends and neighbors. After expenses, the picnic income was approximately \$1400.

Many THANKS to all of you who helped with the planning, rounding up prizes and other needed items, setting up, cooking, providing side dishes and cleaning up. But most especially THANKS to all of you who came to support our community and to be with friends. We look forward to next year.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Come and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner with friends at the Mosquito Fire Station on **Saturday, August 5th at 6pm!!!!!!** Your complete meal includes Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert.

Suggested donation: Adults \$5.00 Kids (12 & under) \$3.00. All proceeds will benefit the MVFA's equipment fund for the restaurant at Finnion Lake.

**Fire Safe Council**

by Debbie Rood

**FIRES, EVACUATIONS, HOMES BURNING!** It's a homeowner's worst nightmare. All I can say is **DEFENSIBLE SPACE**. The question is - is your family, home and all your possessions worth the work it takes to create the defensible space required to save these things? [100ft] Only you can answer that question for yourself and only you can set the priorities for your life. The one common problem we all have right now is it is too late in the season to do anything "safely" this year. Please, Please, Please **DO NOT** use power mowers, tractor mowers, trimmers with metal blades anywhere near the dry grass! Weed whackers and string mowers only. The risk is far too great right now with this heat and the cost may not only be your own home, but your neighbors as well.

So now what? Be safe, be smart, pray lightning won't strike and wait. The one thing we can count on is summer will end. So if you're concerned, as you well should be about the fire dangers in this area, make a plan. Make a commitment to yourself for your family's sake to do your very best to succeed with your defensible space as soon as the weather permits. Resources are available and don't forget about the **FREE** green waste vouchers and chipping program forms available at the fire station. Be smart, be safe and enjoy your summer while it lasts.

I would like to thank all our firefighters for their dedication and commitment to our community. Even though we have not had a significant wildfire this year doesn't mean we are not thankful that you are always there in case we need you- **THANK YOU!**

The next F.S.C. meeting is Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the fire station.

**SCPOA**

by Kim Purcell

Our roads are still a big issue. We have a contract in place with Delta Construction for some road work and the runway but we need far more work then our budget allows. Our treasurer, Tee, has been spending many hours researching loan possibilities,

meeting with banks, negotiating terms and came up with a plan that was presented to the board. When all of the details have been successfully worked out, funding for additional road work will be available. The road committee is working with Johnathan to prep areas (clearing vegetation and improving drainage) along the roads that will have work done to help cut costs.

The architectural committee reviewed and approved 1 plan last month with another plan pending review.

Non-residents using the lakes and common areas is continuing to be a problem. In many instances they are taking fish and leaving messes. Remember that a California fishing license is required for fishing in the ponds even though they are private. If you see a non SCPOA resident using the facilities and you don't feel comfortable asking them to leave, you can contact the sheriffs department. These people are trespassing on private property and the Sheriff will respond.

Our next meeting will be **Saturday August 12th at 10:00 AM** at the fire station. The road and budget committee will continue to have meetings following the regular SCPOA meeting to make it more convenient for everyone to attend.

**Nugget Court Fire**

I want to thank all of you who called the FD in the middle of the night to report the fire on Nugget court. Leo said that if they arrived just 15 minutes later, my house probably would have burned down. My ex-husband & my 2 young children were sleeping in the house & would have been very possibly killed.

I am so thankful that they are all right! Every day since the fire I look at my kids & grab them & hug & kiss them, realizing what could have been...and thanking God that I have them. If it weren't for your calls, they seriously may not have lived. For that I am truly grateful!! Words cannot express the humble thankfulness I feel; typed words cannot express the emotion in my heart...It was all totally beyond my control-I was in San Jose when the fire started.

My ex-husband said that the night of the fire, my cat

was biting him & scratching him, trying to wake him up. He said he smelled a little smoke, but not enough to alarm him, or even really wake him up. The wind was blowing downhill, so he wasn't smelling it like you neighbors below me were. Leo pounded on the door at 3AM to get everyone out of the house.

The FD got the fire out, with NO damage to the house, even though the fire started 3 FEET from the house-GREAT JOB!!

I work in San Jose and only get home on weekends. A person I had working for me on the property was burning manzanita in burn barrels right by my house. I had no idea this was going on. On that night, he thought the fire was out in the burn barrel, but it wasn't and that's how the fire started.

The person no longer works for me and you can be assured, I am removing all of the trash & junk that has accumulated on my property from other individuals that I entrusted my land to in my absence. I am furious that my family almost died over someone's stupidity!!

I have lived in Swansboro since 1995. I am very aware of the danger of fire. I don't even like to burn during burn season. I can understand how upset everyone is when a fire starts. I just hope that my neighbors understand that I am taking control back of my property & making it fire-safe, & a BIG THANKS again to those that called the FD & to all our wonderful firefighters at Mosquito FD! THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY FAMILY!!

Sincerely, Denice Garza

### **Craft Report**

by Sharon Hem

The Firehouse Crafters are working on Fall and Holiday crafts for their third craft sale in November. The craft sale at the Community Picnic on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Dyer Lake was a great success. Thanks to all who came by to look at and purchase our crafts.

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 Association, so please help support your fire community.

### **Meetings:**

Next Meeting: **August 25th**

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

Future Meetings: September 22, October 20 and November 17 (dates tentative)

### **Recipe of the Month**

by Evelyn Potter

Well, summer has hit us with a vengeance. Like it or not, it is HOT. Maybe this salad will help us get out of the kitchen a little sooner. It is very good and easy to do.

### **Garden Bean Salad with Mustard Vinaigrette**

3 cups small white beans (2 - 15oz cans, drained and rinsed)

2 cups each cooked cut green beans and sliced carrots

1 cup sliced green bell pepper

3/4 cup sliced scallions (green onions work)

Lightly toss these veggies, then add 1/2 cup Mustard Vinaigrette mixed with 1 t dried dill weed

### **Mustard Vinaigrette**

2 cups vegetable oil

1 1/2 cups cider vinegar

3 T Dijon mustard

4 t salt

2 t minced garlic

1/2 t sugar

Put ingredients in a 1-qt jar and shake until well blended.

Makes 3 3/4 cups. Keeps up to 1 month in fridge

**Mars**

by Judy Mathat

The Red Planet is about to be spectacular! This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the Last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification.

Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 11p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m.

By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m.

That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month. Share this with your children and grandchildren. **NO ONE ALIVE TODAY WILL EVER SEE THIS AGAIN**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

It's time for a new Mosquito Phone Book.

If you are in the current Phone Book, you need not contact us, but if are not and want to be, or if you know that neighbor has moved, please let us know. We plan to publish in August/September. The deadline for getting information to us has been extended to August 15<sup>th</sup>. To have your business card reprinted in the phone book is only \$10 per advertisement.

Please call or e-mail either Sharon or Jo.

**Phone Book Corrections**

Deletions:  
Hoffman, Earl 622.8361  
2699 Riffle Court

Corrections:  
Vreeland, Arnie 626-8666

**ADVERTISING POLICY**

There is no charge to our subscribers for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte*, however ads must be limited to 7 column lines maximum. Deadline for advertising is the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month. Call Jo at 642.9783 or e-mail [catjct@cwnet.com](mailto: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**

We will be closed on Monday, July 3 and our regular Tuesday July 4.

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

\* We close at 6:00 PM the first Thursday of each month to attend the MVFA Board meeting

**MEETINGS**

4H CLUB: Mosquito Bites are on summer vacation...HOWEVER when school starts up, so will we. If any parent is interested in being a group leader please give me a call to discuss the responsibilities and the wide variety of projects available. Teresa @ 295-9203.

TENNIS ANYONE? Hangtown Women's Tennis Club open to new members, 18 yrs. to 80+. We play 2 hrs. every Wed. at El Dorado High School in PV- 8 to 10AM. Cost is \$30 / year. Birthday luncheons, business meetings and lots of fun. Come join us. I live in Swansboro and drive in every Wednesday. Call Elsie, 626-7001.

**JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: NEW SUMMER MEETING TIME:** 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> and 8<sup>TH</sup> graders in Mosquito/Swansboro will be meeting Thursday afternoons instead of Friday night. Beginning Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Dyer Lake by the basketball court from 3 to 6pm. All Jr. High kids are welcome, the more the merrier! If you have any questions call Debbie Rood at 642-0695.

**EMBROIDERER'S GUILD:** Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, Inc., meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:rice@d-web.com) or [www.Sunshinereflections.com/ega](http://www.Sunshinereflections.com/ega)

**MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP:** Join us for Sunday Christian fellowship & Bible study for all ages at 9:30am followed by a Celebration service at 11am. Groups meet: grades K-5 Tue. 6pm, Jr Hi Fri. 7pm, Men Tue. 6:30pm at 2721 La Paz Rd, women's fellowship luncheons monthly. Except as noted all events meet at 3342 Stope Dr. in Swansboro. Call 295.0503 or visit [www.usmna.net/mfom](http://www.usmna.net/mfom)

#### WANTED

If anyone is interested in purchasing any Pampered Chef products or attending a party being held up here on the hill in July please call 295-9203 and leave a message. (7)

#### FREE

**STEEL DOOR** with frame. Approximately 2 ½' x 6 ½'. Combination lock. Suitable to build gun safe or perhaps secure hangar storage. (530) 903.6497 (7)

**CAL KING BED**, well used, and a Breckwell pellet stove. Call 626.6970 (6)

#### SERVICES

**BABYSITTER:** Reliable, experienced female, high school junior. First aid certified, references on request. Reasonable rates. Elliot Davis 295.1156

**BEGINNING HATHA YOGA CLASSES:** The latest fitness study results on Hatha Yoga are available at <http://www.acefitness.org/getfit/yoga.aspx>. Is there anyone who would like to attend beginning Hatha Yoga classes on the hill? I am a newly certified instructor and would like to teach 2 or 3 adult sessions a week. If you are interested please call Bill 916 276.7087 (C)

**GUITAR/BASS LESSONS** here on the hill. Beginners to intermediates, all ages. Call Heidi at 344.8015

**VEHICLE SHUTTLE:** I work at Placerville Ford/El Dorado Hills Dodge. If you have a Ford or Chrysler vehicle needing service, repairs, etc. (except Crossfire or Viper) I can pick up the vehicle at your convenience either the evening before or in the AM and return it to your home in the evening when the work has been completed. Call Fred, 642.9783 (H) or 622.7720 (W)

**PLUMBER FOR HIRE:** Quality work, affordable rates, licensed and bonded. New construction, remodels, repairs, water heaters, sewer and drain clearing. Lic#829135. RGB Plumbing, 295.0820

**HARKEY'S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION:** Dustin Harkey, owner, specializes in custom concrete but does all types of concrete work: foundations, stamped concrete, sidewalks, pools, etc. CA license 849435, also bonded. Call 642-8986

**ASPHALT SEALING:** Since 1975, Northern California and Nevada's premier asphalt sealcoating specialists - Sierra Nevada Sealcoating, (530) 644.8888, Scott Thomas Butcher, 5001 Coyote Hill Rd., Placerville 95667, CSL# 680730, NSL# 0033220A. Sorry - no paving!!

**ANNOUNCING STUFF- A- FRIEND!** Adorable animals and dolls just waiting to get stuffed and fluffed by your little ones. Perfect for birthday parties, sleepovers and gifts. All friends are shipped right to your door. Order directly from my website: [www.stuffafriend.com/shop.php?morganstein5](http://www.stuffafriend.com/shop.php?morganstein5)

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES:** Microsoft Office experienced. Create and maintain databases, spreadsheets, newsletters, flyers, labels, mailers and more. Call (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

**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, Cell, 363.4991

**ASPEN LITES ELECTRIC CO:** Electrical wiring, all phases. Specializing in new construction and remodeling. Serving our local Mosquito-Swansboro area for over 15 years. Competitive rates and excellent dependability guaranteed! Keep the business up on the hill! Call Rich at 621.2911 or Cell 409.9931

**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

**EAT. PARTY. SHOP.** What's not to love? Tastefully Simple offers over 30 easy-to-prepare gourmet foods you and your friends can taste before you buy. Contact Kristie Kotaska for more info! Tastefully Simple Consultant 642.0779 or [kkotaska@hotmail.com](mailto:kkotaska@hotmail.com) or [www.tastefullysimple.com/web/kkotaska](http://www.tastefullysimple.com/web/kkotaska)

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

**BACKHOE & TRACTOR WORK:** Trenches, driveways, gravel needs, footings, house pads, utility lines, brush clearing, septic systems, stump removal, and more!! 4X4 backhoe. Call Jim Collins (530) 621.4794 or [jcbackhoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcbackhoe@sbcglobal.net)

**REAL ESTATE SERVICES:** Live the American Dream; the ownership of a home and a little acreage to call your own! Sally Long Johns, your resident Mosquito Road Realtor, will help you buy or sell any property in El Dorado County! Utilize your new neighborhood website [www.mosquitoadneighbors.com](http://www.mosquitoadneighbors.com) (530) 295.4641 or toll free 866.SALLYRE, [snlongjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:snlongjohns@yahoo.com)

**HANDCRAFTED POTTERY:** Swansboro studio open by appointment, or visit the website. Classes available. Pam Angelo 621.3688. [www.clayimpressions.com](http://www.clayimpressions.com)

**SEAMSTRESS/ALTERATIONS:** Reasonable prices, years experience. Call Esther at 622.6455

**REAL ESTATE SERVICES:** Fifth generation Sierra Nevada & Mosquito resident, helping you to sell or find your treasure in California gold country's best kept secret. Realtor Judy Mathat (530) 295.4645, Office (530) 621.4334, Office FAX (530) 417.1018, Cell (530) 626.9565, Home Office Coldwell Banker Real Estate

**NAUTILUS MARINE SERVICE:** Marine engine, inboard & sterndrive specialists. Generator repair - marine & stationary. Fabrications, installations, electrical & electronics. Toll Free (800) 760.1430

**FAX AND PHOTOCOPY SERVICE** here on the hill. Call Fred Adams at 642.9441

**NOTARY SERVICE:** I am a "Mobile" Notary Public living right here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Save time and money, call Elaine Galvan 621.2433

**LOG SPLITTER:** owner operator, \$25.00 hr., 2 hour min. Swansboro area only. 344.9066

**VICK'S PLUMBING:** Specializing in kitchen and bath remodeling. Offering over 30 years of experience. Call me for repairs and installation of water heaters, garbage disposals, ice makers, etc. Victor Garcia 626.6493

**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

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

**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

**HORSE AND PET CARE – TLC:** Pet sitting, Western Pleasure Show Horse Training the gentle way. Horse hauling with care. Over 20 years exp. (530) 642.9386

**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

**REAL ESTATE SERVICES:** Specializing in Mosquito/Swansboro real estate. Debbie and Rusty Harris have 35 years experience "on the hill". Our office is located next to the fire station.  
**SWANSBORO LAND AND HOMES:** 622.6822

**OSTERKAMP CONSTRUCTION:** Specializing in custom homes. Plumbing and general building contractor. Home improvement. Certified, dependable service. Quality construction at competitive prices. Swansboro resident since 1987. CCL 612033. Call 626.7873

**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

**GARDEN MEMORY STONES:** Custom made. Call 344.8049 for information

**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

**HOUSE CLEANING:** Weekly, bi-weekly or new construction. 20 years in the business. Call Gloria at 363-2637

#### **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

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

**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](mailto:Costaricaparadise@earthlink.net)

#### **FOR SALE**

**TRAILER-** 2004 Fleetwood, 24', sleeps 6, complete with full kitchen and bath. Interior colors green/beige. Like new. \$13,800. Call 363-2637 (8)

**OFFICE EQUIPMENT-** Printer-HP Photosmart 7350 w/ 3 new ink cartridges; Scanner-HP Scanjet 3500c, 1200dpi/48bit; FAX/Phone/Answer Machine- Brother 820c. All work and complete with manuals and installation CD's. Make offer, all or part call 622.1616 (8)

**TAX FRANCHISE:** Be your own boss, opportunity to own the fastest growing tax franchise territory available now in Cameron Park. Potential for 1500 clients. Current owner operating in Placerville. Will help with training and setup for motivated individual. Please call 530 621.4829 for details (8)

**GRANDFATHER CLOCK,** lt. Oak w/pic of Coloma gold rush, beautiful, ex. cond., easy to move, \$2500 OBO; 2005 UPRIGHT GE FREEZER, frost free, 5'6" x 2'8", ex. cond. \$280; PLANTERS, 2' dia., good drainage, \$5 ea.; COLONIAL FLOWER POTS, 32" x 8 1/2", \$22; TV NETWORK, Philips Magnavox, brand new, \$200. 622.9492 (8)

RCA VICTOR VICTROLA w/rec. works; 6HP LAWN/GDN SHREDDER; OXY-ACETYLENE set, etc., no tanks; NEW MAIL BOX POST; RIGID PIPE WRENCHES, 20/30", VACUUM AIR HORN set; lg select. new DRAWER PULLS, many RECORD ALBUMS, HD SOLDERING IRON; RC/B&G COLL. PLATES; new, orig. old stock BUMPER for 78-84 Chevy SS PU. Larry 621.1071 (8)



RADIAL ARM SAW, 10", \$125.00 firm; ANTIQUE CHILD'S CANE ROCKER, converts by cranking to a high chair. In very good condition except that it is wobbly in the high chair position. \$75.00 firm. 626.7975 (8)

1990 FALCON MINI MOTORHOME Class C, built on a Ford Econoline 3/4 ton chassis with fuel-injected eng., smogged, (pd. \$61 for '06 tags), 100,000+ miles, runs very well, trans recently over-hauled, good brakes, serviceable tires, self-contained w/shower, toilet, sink, propane heater & stove. Fridge does not work, sleeps 4, \$4,000 OBO. No longer need. Call Buzz at 642.2306 after 4PM daily (8)

1969 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK: Flatbed, two foot stake sides, lumber rack, winch 15,000 lbs. cap. GVW 19,000 lb. V8 gas eng. Approx. 26,000 miles. As is, good condition \$4000. Located in Swansboro 622.5378 or 417.5487 (8)

1966 FORD F-100 4X4, engine & trans: The truck has a good running 352 FE big block motor. The engine has a 2-barrel manifold and carb, but comes with an extra factory 4-barrel manifold for an easy conversion if you wish. Motor starts fine in the cold (when using the manual choke), and has good power. Call Teresa, 295.9203 (7)

CLUB CHAIRS (2) w/matching ottoman, good cond., \$60; lg. brass table lamp, \$25; Sony tape/CD player w/2 speakers & headphones, works great, \$40; small solid oak occasional table, excellent cond. \$20; bag type car top carrier, only used once, like new, \$20. Call 626-7001 and come see these great items (7)

1979 TOYOTA SR5 long-bed pickup truck, stick shift, needs new clutch, good tires and runs good. Was used as dump run truck and local (county) hauler and work truck. Do not need another pickup. First \$500 cash takes clear title. Call to see vehicle, 626.9565 (7)

BORDER COLLIE PUPS, purebred, 8 weeks old. B/W \$150 & R/W \$200. Call 622.7622 (7)

'03 INTERSTATE 6x10.5' enclosed heavy duty utility trailer or ATV hauler, fully paneled interior, very secure, rear ramp, side door, rear leveling jacks, night work lights, skylight/vent in roof, red w/black, bright aluminum diamond plate trim \$2800. (916) 968.3666 (7)

ANTIQUO OAK DRESSER w/mirror \$175; umbrella tent for 4, 2 sleep bags, back-pack \$50 all; Bissell shampooer \$25; Krups toaster oven, like new \$20; sm. maple chair \$20; 2 tbl lamps \$20

both; glass top dining table, 6 chairs \$150; 35" md oak tbl w/4 sm. ladder-back chairs \$125; older sofa/loveseat/coffee tbl, gd cond. \$70; new in-cabinet range hood, white \$25. 621.2778 (7)

WRAPAROUND COUCH, 5 piece sectional, like new, \$800. Call Michelle at 642.8337 (6)

The *MOSQUITO BYTE* is available by subscription and is mailed first class to subscribers. Cost of subscription is \$12.00 per year. Please make check payable to MVFD and mail to 9009 Orval Beckett Ct, Placerville, CA, 95667-9040. Deadline for news and advertising is the 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Editors:

Sharon Hern 530.626.5268

[rshern@netscape.com](mailto:rshern@netscape.com)

Jo Thomas

530.642.9783

[catjct@cwnet.com](mailto:catjct@cwnet.com)

**August 2006 All Meetings are at the Mosquito Fire Station unless otherwise noted.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 MVFA BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	4	5 SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 AM
6	7	8	9	10 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	11	12 SCPOA MEETING 10:00 AM SCPOA Road Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Craft Meeting See Page 4	26
27 Fire Safe Council 2 PM	28	29	30	31		



MOSQUITO BYTE  
9009 ORVAL BECKETT CT  
PLACERVILLE CA 95667-9040