

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Chief Chaloux's Replacement Named

The Mosquito Fire Protection District Board of Directors has selected George Kellison to be the new Fire Chief when current Chief, Leo Chaloux, retires in January, 2007. He was selected as the most qualified from a candidate pool that had applicants from as far away as Idaho and Texas. George is a long time resident of Mosquito/Swansboro and a thirteen year Volunteer Fire Fighter. He has been a Fire Captain for the last nine years and holds various medical, supervision and command certificates from the State..

The District Board would like to once again thank the Applicant Screening Committee for their outstanding efforts in this selection process. The Committee, made up of two members from the community, a District board member, a volunteer firefighter and a support group member, reviewed applications, verified credentials and interviewed the applicants to identify the three most qualified candidates for the District Board to interview.

George will begin working full time for the District as a Battalion Chief on December 1, 2006. The community is invited to drop by the fire station and meet George during the month.

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### Chief's Corner

by Chief Leo Chaloux

My apologies for not writing an article for the Byte last month. I usually start writing an article about five minutes before it is requested. Guess I'm a typical procrastinator and as usual I simply ran out of time. However, I did have a rather reasonable excuse for not getting the article in. We were dispatched on a strike team to the "Ralston" fire in Placer County and then just as we got back there was the Mule fire on Rock Creek Road and off we went to that one.

So what is a Strike Team? California has instituted a system through the Governors Office of Emergency Services that makes it possible to put several thousand fire engines and other public service equipment and personnel on the road to an Incident anywhere in the State. No matter what the Incident is, earthquake, a Wildland fire, flood or whatever, once it is determined that the incident is too large for local resources to handle a request for additional resources goes to the Office of Emergency Services. The OES reviews the request and if the request is determined to be appropriate they begin to look for the proper resources that are near enough to quickly respond. The Dispatch agencies where the resources are located are then contacted and the resources are dispatched to the incident.

An example was the recent Ralston fire in Placer County. The Incident Commander of that incident determined that he needed additional resources to mitigate the fire so a request went to the OES. The OES concurred with the request notified our dispatch agency located in Camino. Camino Dispatch then dispatched five Type III engines for an immediate response as Strike Team 4076C with staging at Station 72 in Cool.

Before I go on, here's a little bit of technical stuff. A Type III engine is one that is designed and equipped to do Wildland fire fighting. A Type I engine is one that is designed and equipped primarily to do structure protection and structure fire suppression. Our Engine 75 has both Type I and Type III classifications. An "immediate response" simply means that we are suppose to be out of the door of the fire station with complete staffing within 30 minutes.

To continue, a Strike Team consists of five engines and one strike team leader. Once all five engines arrived at Station 72, we received our assignment to go to Forest Hill for structure protection. So off we go with all five engines following the strike team leader on the way to Forest Hill. When we arrived in Forest Hill we were staged (held in place) at the old mill until the team leader received our assignment

which wasn't long in coming. We were assigned to Division Kilo as support for a "firing out operation with mop up of 200 feet in". That's exactly what we did for the next 3 days. We would go out at 6 in the morning, fight fire and do mop up until 6 in the evening, go back to the old mill site in Forest Hill, get something to eat, get refueled and resupplied, go to sleep in a ball park and then start all over. Once the Incident Commander determined that the resources were no longer needed, the Strike Team was released to go back to Station 72 where Strike Team 4076C was disbanded. Then we got to finally come back home.

Over the years we have been dispatched all over the State. I personally have been in Nevada on several occasions, Southern California a few times and all over Northern California many times. We went to Oakland when the hills there were burning up and over 3000 homes were lost. Also went to the Santa Cruz earthquake where we were sent to Gilroy to cover a station there while their engines were covering San Jose and fighting fires. The best experience I have ever had was being on the San Bernardino fires three years ago where there were engines from Texas, Utah, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada. There were fire fighters from many local fire departments in those states, from the CDF, from the US Forest Service, with fire fighters from Australia and New Zealand who were flown in.

Whenever there is a need, the request goes out and fire fighters from all over are asked to respond and that is simply what we do. Usually we do not know exactly where or for how long or what we will be getting into. Over the years our fire department has never failed to respond when asked and I am very proud of that fact and of our Volunteer Fire Fighters who have served professionally. I am also proud of those fire fighters who have not had an opportunity to go on a Strike Team as they have remained behind and never failed to answer any call that came up anywhere in our own District.

Oh, one other thing. As we go anywhere we are asked to go, they also come here simply because they are asked to.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> !**

### **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association by Leslie Baumgartner**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!!!:**

The MVFA needs some dedicated community member volunteers to run for the MVFA Board of Directors. It's extremely rewarding and gives you an opportunity to help put together some of our community and help lay the ground-work for the communities future. If interested please submit a short letter to the Mosquito Byte stating your views and ideas about our community by November 19<sup>th</sup>. And, come to the board meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Elections will be held at the annual Christmas Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>..

Don't want to volunteer but know someone who you think would make a good board member. Get their permission and nominate them through a letter to the Byte or from the floor on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MVFA BYLAWS REVISED:**

After several months work by some very dedicated volunteers, a revised set of By-Laws to govern the MVFA has been prepared. Many tanks to Jerome Avery, Gail Barritt, Guy Barritt, Leslie Baumgartner, Bill George, Pat Johnson, Joe Lima, Devery Minor and Ron Stone for all of your input and time on this project. Thanks also to all who gave input to the original draft before the committee got going.

However, the bylaws need to be adopted by the community so come vote on these new bylaws Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at the fire station and at the same time enjoy a potluck buffet from 5 to 7 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share with your neighbors. Ron Stone will be heading up the soup table, maybe we can have a few more soups. Reminds me of his earlier fantastic soup night.

Copies of the Bylaws will be available for members to review by October 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact me at 626.1204 if you would like a copy.

### **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association by Debbie Minor**

I have not been able to make the last few meetings as I had major surgery. But that has not deterred me from working in the background. We are waiting for final determination for the permits to start the dam at

Finnon. We hope to have something before the end of the year so that we can start the process of burning the vegetation off of the dam and creating the coffer dam which will allow us to move the water in the lake behind that new coffer dam and also move the fish. With this hopefully to be done before winter is over, we should than be able to keep moisture off of the original dam. This part will help with the next stage of the project come spring. As information comes in I will let everyone know.

**CRIME \* CRIME \* CRIME \* CRIME \***  
by SCPOA Secretary

I would like to thank all of you who attended the first Neighborhood Watch meeting. I would also like to thank Iris Saxon and Joe Lima for setting up the meeting, Peggy Cory for bringing cookies and the Fire Department for letting us hold our first meeting at the fire station.

If you are interested in purchasing a sign for your neighborhood or if you would like to be the caption of your neighborhood please contact Lynda Lima at 530.622.5541. It is something we all need to do and if you want to be involved call today for more information. We will be having another meeting so look for more information in the Byte.

**Beware of our Wild Animals!**  
by Byte Editors

Be aware of the animals that live with us in this beautiful area. A bear(s) have been seen in several locations, as well as mountain lions. Coyotes are getting hungry, cats and small dogs are one of their favorite meals. You can help by not leaving any food out for nature's wild four legged animals to eat. They are awesome to look at and watch, but they are wild and do what mother nature intended, prey on the food chain.

**Iowa Hill Project**  
by Karen Hansen

Iowa Hill Pumped Storage Power Plant Meeting. Get updated and express you views regarding noise and other issues directly affecting Mosquito residents.  
Date: November 16<sup>th</sup> (Thurs)  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Place: Camino Elementary School (South on Snows Road, off of Carson Road in Camino)

**Farewell Party for the Aguilers**  
by Neil matheny

A reminder to those in the community who are friends of Ross and Mary Ann Aguilar that there is a farewell party being held on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the Mosquito Fire Station beginning at 7:00 pm. We will have an optional potluck dessert, however, light snacks and coffee and punch will be provided. No gifts, please.

Please RSVP to either of the numbers below. If you leave a message, please leave your name, phone number and number of people in your group who are attending. If you would like to volunteer to assist in party setup, it will begin at 5:00 pm at the Fire Station.

Joe and Lynda Lima at 622.5541 or Neil and Pat Matheny at 295.5578.

**Greetings to Mosquito!**

Just a quick note to let you know what happened to me after I resigned as mechanic and Battalion Chief for the Mosquito Fire Protection District. At the end of August I started a new job with CDF driving a transport truck with a bulldozer to vegetation fires. I am stationed in Dobbins CDF Station 35 miles east of Marysville. My other duties include working on CDF fire engines and command vehicles. One of my first assignments was an eight-day stretch working on the Ralston Fire in Forest Hill.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the eight great years working as a paid employee with the MFPD, many different volunteers, the Board of Directors and the best boss ever, Leo Chaloux. Good Luck in retirement Chief.

For those of you who don't know I am still a volunteer firefighter. After twenty years I can't just walk away, I like it too much. I have wanted to be a Heavy Fire Equipment Operator for most of my career and I have finally realized that dream.

Thank you again for all the great experiences and opportunities. I will still be around; I just have a new job.

Regards,  
Devery Minor  
P.S. I love my new job!

### Georgetown Divide Health Care Auxiliary

The annual Georgetown Divide Health Care Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Georgetown.

We need volunteers to make the following items for the home baked sale: Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Breads, Candy and homemade Jellies (no cupcakes please). Please label the items as to their contents, such as type of pies, cakes, breads and cookies. Also please include if any of the items have nuts in them and the type.

Bring your items to the Fire Station no later than 11:00 am on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>. Lynda Lima will be leaving at 11:00 to deliver them to Georgetown.

Help is also needed at the Odd Fellows Hall for set up on the 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 11:00 am and for selling items on Saturday between the hours of 10:00 am and 4 pm. If you are able to help here, please give Sharon Hern a call at 626.5268 for further information.

The proceeds from this event are distributed to the 3 Fire Districts in the Divide area. Our Fire Department uses this donation towards medical equipment or medical supplies. So once again please help to support our Fire Department.

### Craft Report

by Sharon Hern

The last sale for the Firehouse Crafters this year is on November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at Cold Springs Community Church, 2600 Cold Springs Road, Placerville. Friday 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm. Hope to see you there.

We do hope that you will help us out by not only coming to our craft meetings but work on crafts at home. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association, so please help support your fire community.

**Craft Meetings:**  
 Next Meeting: **November 17<sup>th</sup> the last for this year**  
 Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am  
 Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

### Electronic Recycling

Reminder: **FREE** electronic recycling is available in Placerville on Wednesdays only at Snowline Hospice, 455 Placerville Drive, from 9AM to 3PM.

### Thank You, Thank You

by Kathy Wuestewald

My heartfelt thanks to the volunteers (Leo Chaloux and all the ones I do not know the names of) who bailed out of bed at 5 AM on the 23rd of Sept. to come to my aide. I was treated with the utmost care and respect and tenderness and thoughtfulness.

Ultimately, I had surgery and am well on my way to recovery. I thank all the Lucky Stars in the Galaxy for you great people. We have lived here 14 years now and absolutely love this area and of course really appreciate the folks living around us.

### Christmas Baskets

by Floyd Baumgartner

It is time to start collecting donations for our Christmas Baskets. We need canned or packaged foods, paper towels, laundry detergent, bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste and any other non-perishable items. Please check your can goods for expiration dates. If you know of someone who could use a gift basket or if you wish to help with the packaging or delivery of baskets please call Floyd at 626.1204 or leave a message at the fire station.

Beginning November 26<sup>th</sup> you can bring your donations to the fire station and leave them in the kitchen in the container marked Christmas food drive.

### Christmas Party

by Floyd Baumgartner

Here it is the end of October and now it is time to think of Christmas. This year the Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at the fire station.

Santa will be there along with a lot of good food a great time for all. Mark your calendars now - more in the December Byte.

**Recipe of the Month**

by Evelyn Potter

Hello everyone. Christmas is fast approaching. How many have their shopping done? Raise your hands---If it is any consolation, my hand isn't raised either.

The recipe for this month is a goody! Orzo, what the heck is Orzo?!

**Garlic Parmesan Orzo (Makes a lot, cut it down)**

2 c uncooked orzo pasta  
 3 t minced garlic (or to suit your taste)  
 ½ c butter or margarine, cubed  
 ½ c grated Parmesan cheese  
 ½ c milk (same for ½ recipe)  
 2T minced fresh parsley  
 1t salt or to suit your taste  
 1/4t pepper or to suit your taste

Cook orzo according to package directions; drain. In a large skillet, saute garlic in the butter. Then add orzo, Parmesan cheese, milk, parsley, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until heated through.

This makes a bunch. ½ recipe serves 4  
 First time I've used orzo and I will use it again.  
**HINT FOR GARLIC;** put unpeeled cloves in microwave for 8 to 10 seconds and skin will almost always come off very easily. Make, eat, and enjoy

**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 [jtjct@cwnet.com](mailto:jtjct@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

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Closed Monday &amp; Tuesday

Wednesday: 11:00 to 3:00

Thursday &amp; Friday 11:00 to 7:00

Saturday &amp; Sunday:

Breakfast: 8:00 to 12:00

Lunch: 12:00 to 3:00

**MEETINGS**

**4H CLUB:** Mosquito Bites 4-H needs you. Adult volunteers needed to lead small groups. What ever interests you can become a project. The small groups only need to meet 9 times during the school year. For more information call Teresa at 295-9203.

**JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP:** Beginning September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Mosquito/Swansboro are meeting every Friday night 7 to 9pm at 3342 Stope Dr. Mountain Fellowship is offering Bible based teachings and how to apply them to everyday life along with fellowship, fun activities and community service projects. 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. Grades K-5 meet Tue. 6pm, 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)

**LOST**

Black faced, black/brown Siamese male cat, neutered. Please call 621.2530 (10)

Large tiger-striped cat with big paws and legs. Has total of 13 toes on front paws. Please call 621.2530 (10)

**WANTED**

HONDA 90 Trail Bike from the 1960's, running or not. Need parts to keep my dad's bike running, or one to replace it! Call Fred Adams at 642.9441 (9)

HEAVY DUTY CANVAS TARP - large size for car canopy. Fred Adams 642.9441 (9)

**FREE**

FIREWOOD from downed trees, you cut and carry off. Bonus of about 30 pieces already cut. 626.7975. Leave message (11)

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**RESTORATION/REFINISHING/REPAIR SERVICES:** Free estimates offered in the Mosquito area. We do furniture & cabinetry repair & refinishing, custom cabinet design & interior/exterior water damage repair. Honest, quality work, 15 years experience. Please call (916)939.0109 or (916)990.4471

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**ARE THERE THOSE DAYS** when you need a helping hand? Shopping runs to town combined with errands, \$25 hr. prorated from starting point in town. Call Diana 621.3485

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

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

**VEHICLE SHUTTLE:** I work at Placerville Ford/El Dorado Hills Dodge. If you have a Ford or Chrysler vehicle needing serv., 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

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**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!!

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**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)

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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](mailto:Costaricaparadise@earthlink.net)

#### FOR SALE

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 \$3000. Located in Swansboro 622.5378 or 417.5487 (11)

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**MOUNTAIN/FOREST GETAWAY HOME IN SWANSBORO:** Very cozy cottage style starter home nestled in the pines, 2b + loft, 2 story, 1.5 bath, 1300 sq ft great room with huge bay windows, wooden ceilings and floors. Outside includes lots of usable space with wraparound deck. Asking \$298,900. Open to buyers/their agents. Call owner 621.4829 for details. (11)

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**HEAVY DUTY LOG SPLITTER:** gas powered, mobile w/trailer hitch, \$800. Call Nancy 626.7975 (9)

**SMALL KEYBOARD / stand and seat.** \$25. (530) 621.3641 (9)

### Helpful Hints

1. For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: Get warm water and put Dawn dishwashing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't re-freeze.
2. Spray a bit of perfume on the lightbulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light is turned on.
3. Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.
4. Spray your TUPPERWARE with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains.

5. When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.
6. Cure for headaches: Take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.
7. Ants, ants, ants everywhere .... Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march. See for yourself.
8. Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine.

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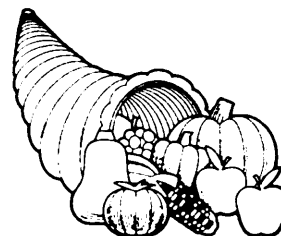
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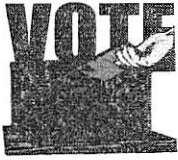


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00PM	3	4 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
5	6	7 	8	9 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	10 	11 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 10:00 AM Road/Budget Committee MVFA Potluck/By- Law Voting 5-7 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17 Craft meeting See Page 4	18
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