

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Chief's Corner

by Chief Leo Chaloux

I guess you call it reflections. I find it hard to believe that I have been working as the Chief for the Mosquito Fire Protection District for almost 20 years. I never thought I had it in me, being able to work at the same job for so long. We all have to have them, jobs, careers, professions or whatever you want to call what you do in order to make some bucks in order to buy things like groceries, a house, a car every once in awhile and also raise a couple of kids. I guess I lucked out, I actually found something I really enjoyed doing and I managed to get paid for it at the same time.

In looking back, again reflections, I remember the very first incident I went to as the new Chief. It was a car wreck at One Eye Creek. I responded all nervous and hoping to do everything just perfectly. When I got on scene I couldn't find the accident, there was just no sign of a wreck anywhere. It took me a few moments to realize that I had arrived at Jaybird Creek, no where near One Eye Creek. The bad thing about this was I had to drive past the fire station to go from Jaybird Creek to One Eye Creek and sure enough there were some people at the fire station watching me drive right by with my red lights flashing away. Fortunately, Dean Edson had responded to the right Creek and was already working the accident and taking care of the driver who was slightly hurt.

At this time the District had for a Command Unit a 1985 Toyota Pickup, it was white and had a toolbox in the bed for all the medical equipment I had to carry. The thing did get good fuel mileage and managed to start all the time but it did have one problem. If I was at an Incident with the headlights on along with the emergency lights whenever I keyed the microphone on the radio the motor would stop. If the thing had been running at an idle for a few minutes it would not start up again. One of the things I had to carry in that toolbox was a set of jumper cables.

For responding emergency equipment the District had a 1979 International 1 ¼ ton truck called a Squad used as the first out on all incidents except a fire. There was also a 1964 International 2000 gallon water tender. It had a problem with the pump, it was driven by a chain, off of a power take-off unit on the transmission and if the pump was driven too fast the chain would come off. The last piece of equipment was a 1985 FMC Engine the District had bought brand new in 1985. It was terrific having a new engine and it responded to every fire we had and it still does. Even after 20 years and a few updates it is still responding for us and doing a very good job doing so.

The fire station was painted kind of a red rusty color. The station had been built in stages with the front half being completed around the end of the 70's and the back half with the upstairs finished in the middle 80's. All in all it was a nice fire station and besides some paint, no longer a rusty red, the remodeling of the offices, and the bathrooms, it is the same ole station.

In the front of the fire station there was an asphalt apron that had an underground gasoline tank right where I usually now park the command unit. It had to be dug out and hauled off to Nevada because of environmental laws and the fuel building had to be built. That process took a good piece out of the annual budget. To the east of the fire station there was no room for parking and to the west was a large drainage ditch that flowed water from the parcels behind the station, the ones that use to be a campground for Swansboro property owners to use. After begging, stealing and borrowing some large diameter pipe to put in the drainage ditch I then managed to have dirt from the east side removed to cover the pipe in the ditch. That way there became some more room for parking, a ditch covered up and a parking lot put in. Over time some concrete and asphalt was put in behind the station. That had to be done because in the winter if we drove the fire equipment back there it would get stuck in the mud.

As far as money went the Districts annual budget was not very substantial. Seems that was a common problem, just enough money to keep things going but not really enough to expand or set aside for reserves for future purchases or replacement. Over time we managed to get voter approved parcel fees and that greatly increased the Districts financial capability and offer a greater level of services along with buying additional needed fire equipment. As I recall the first budget I had to deal with was around \$54,000. Today that amount would pay the Districts, worker compensation insurance, liability insurance, equipment and property insurance and medical insurance. At the least the insurance companies are doing alright.

The District has always had great volunteer fire fighters. At the beginning though training consisted of coming to the station once a week, doing a little training and then working on the equipment to keep it going. From a medical standpoint all we had to do was first aid and now everyone has to be an Emergency Medical Technician. It was very difficult getting the proper and new protective gear for the fire fighters, as the money was limited. I remember one of the untold criteria for a obtaining a new volunteer was he had to be about the same size as someone who just left so the gear could be passed on. There was also no Support Group, they were organized in 1988 and have been a valuable part of the fire department ever since.

There were not a lot of people living up here at the time either. Probably around 400 living in about 200 homes. If you had car problems and broke down on Mosquito Road it was almost guaranteed you had to walk home as I recall driving into or back from town and not seeing a single car. Now if you break down you will probably still have to walk home as no one will pick you up and when you get back to your car all the windows will be broken out of it.

Yes, reflections. It is something we all should do, for at the least it should show us that the good ole days were not really that good.

**Fire Safe Council**  
by Debbie Rood

It's hard to believe November is almost over. There is not much happening with the FSC right now. I'm sorry to say I had no response what so ever as far as

volunteers for home visitation and have to admit I was disappointed! I hate to have to accept the fact that out of all the people that live up here not one single person cares. Ok there is one- thank you Walter! So I've decided not to accept that at least not right now. What I've decided to do is wait until the holidays are over and give myself a chance to get with our new Chief {congratulations George!} I am looking forward to working with George and would like to make every effort to do what we can to help make his job a little easier if that is at all possible. My plan is to regroup in January, I'll keep you posted.

The weather is fantastic right now so take advantage of it and get out there and start cutting some brush. The sooner you start the sooner you'll be ready for fire season next year. Remember: Be Smart Do Your Part! Happy Holidays everyone.

**Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association**  
by Leslie Baumgartner

Thank you to all who came to the potluck on November 11<sup>th</sup> and voted on the new Bylaws and had a great meal. It is so great to see everyone having a good time laughing and just catching up. The changes in the Bylaws passed unanimously and are now in effect. Thank you to all who gave input and thank you to all who came out to vote.

MVFA Board of Director positions will be voted on at the Christmas Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers for these positions, please consider working for your community and the events that are sponsored by MFVA throughout the year.

Hope to see you all at the next get together on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Christmas Dinner.

**Thank You Ross & Mary Ann for the 3 years of meals, conversation and sharing your rock collections with our children.**

**We wish you well in your future endeavors.**

**Mosquito & Swansboro Community**

## Reception for Leo

The community is invited to a reception honoring our retiring Fire Chief, Leo Chaloux. The event will be held at the fire station on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 2:00PM. Please join us to thank Leo for all those years of outstanding service and to wish him well in his retirement.

## Craft Report

by Sharon Hern

Our last sale for the Firehouse Crafters on November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> was a huge success with a total of \$756.25 being made. Many thanks to all who made crafts, set up the craft tables and those that helped sell our crafts.

Our next event is the drawing for this years "Levi Quilt" at the MVFA Christmas Dinner on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Who will be this years lucky winner, maybe YOU. You will be able to enter the drawing on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station during the Christmas Dinner.

All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association, so please help support your fire community.

Craft Meetings: None in December

## Halloween Party

by Teresa Kimm

I want to thank the community for making our annual Halloween Party a great success. It was a last minute production that wouldn't have happened without these people: Jessica, Sally, Nancy, Dave, Mary, Donna, Bart, Sharon, Norm & Sandy Nester, Marjorie, Adam, Elizabeth, Meredith, Kristie, Brian, Laura, Elliot, Paul, Kurt, Katelyn, Kearstin, Kelly, Lance, Amanda, Bob, Sydney, Brianna, Jessica W., Zack, Summer, Elaina, Trevor, Guy at the end of the haunted house, Sal's brother in-law, who orchestrated the cake walk, the Moalli's for the decorations, and all of those who stepped up and assumed a role in helping the youngsters have fun at all of the games. The phone tree volunteers many thanks to you also. I would like to thank Chief Leo for allowing us to use the firehouse as a party place,

candy storage space, and for the extra work he has to do so we could have fun.

Thank you for the candy donations and baked goods. We stuffed over 100 bags of candy prior to the party and countless more during the party. The extra candy, yes, there was extra candy, was donated to businesses in Placerville on Main Street that support our MVFA events. These businesses were very surprised that we thought of them. They were very gracious and appreciative.

## WE NEED YOUR BAKED GOODS AND YOUR HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Georgetown Divide Health Care Auxiliary

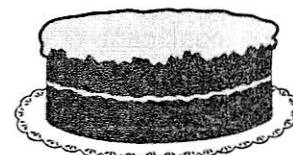
The annual Georgetown Divide Health Care Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Georgetown.

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 on the label 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.

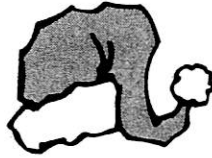
Help is also needed at the Odd Fellows Hall for set up on the 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 11:00 am and for selling items on Saturday between the hours of 10:00 am and 4 pm. If you are able to help here, please give Sharon Hern a call at 626.5268 for further information.

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.



**Christmas Party**

by Floyd Baumgartner  
Sponsored by the MVFA



The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association has arranged for Santa to stop by the Fire Station on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to visit with the boys and girls of our community. Word from the North Pole has it that one of Santa's elves will also be there with crafts for the children to do while waiting for dinner after visiting with Santa.

With dinner in mind, our annual "Christmas Potluck" will take place at 6:00 pm. Please come and meet your neighbors and share the holiday joy and Great Food. MVFA will provide the Turkey and Tri-tip, you are asked to bring a dish to serve 10-12, according to your last name.

A-H Side Dish  
I-O Salad  
P-Z Dessert

Plates, plastic utensils, coffee & punch provided  
This will be your last chance to purchase tickets for your chance to win the "Levi Quilt" donated to the Firehouse Crafters. The drawing will take place after dinner.

**DON'T FORGET.....**

**Date: December 16th**

**Time: 5:30 - 6:00 Santa**  
**6:00 - 8:00 Potluck**

**Where: Mosquito Fire Station**

**SCPOA REPORT**

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

It's finally starting to quiet down a bit after all the activities of the summer. Johnathan has continued his hard work on clearing along the roads, improving drainage and hole patching as the weather and temperature allows. The new patch mix seems to be working well although it has the characteristics of molasses and therefore is very difficult to work with when cold. We will see how well it holds up when we get some good rains. Anyone who sees any potholes that need repair or significant drainage problems should call SCPOA at 621-0309 and let us know so Johnathan can assess and hopefully take care of the problem.

The last of the bills for the road work have been paid and all funds have been transferred to American River bank. The budget committee is finalizing the budget for next year and will be factoring in repayment of the loan as well as continuing to fund the reserves. In order to meet our needs it is very clear that we will have to raise our dues 20% again for next year. Ultimately we need approximately \$500.00 per year per parcel just to meet our needs to maintain all the roads in the association. Our operating expenses also run about \$500.00 per year so you get an idea where our dues ultimately need to be. This is not out of line when compared to other associations that have similar amounts of roads to maintain. We understand nobody, including the board members, like to have dues increases but we must maintain our assets. If you would like to have input with how the budget is put together please join the budget committee, they meet after each SCPOA meeting.

Thanks to Lynda's hard work we have very few delinquent accounts at the end of this year, those that are left have been turned over to Cimмерon for collection and we had one foreclosure sale.

Building seems to have finally slowed in our area, in the last two months there have only been two sets of plans approved.

The road committee has a bit of a break after the many hours that were put in over the summer planning and executing the road work. The work has only just begun since this is a long term plan and it's not to early to start looking at what will be done next year and beyond.

The runway has been remarked, more than 30 volunteers showed up to lay out and repaint the markings on the runway. The Swansboro pilots group donated the paint and labor with the assistance of several Sacramento 99's members. We were able to get most of the job done, with some areas that still need to be filled in. Over 250 hours of volunteer work was donated saving the association the more than \$8,000.00 it would have cost to hire it out.

The SCPOA website is still around but is in need of some volunteers to do some work on it. This site has so much potential for better communication with members and could provide a more convenient way for members to submit and receive information. If



you have the abilities and are interested please come to a meeting or just contact our secretary Lynda and let her know, we really need some help!

Included in the annual packet will be a new fishing resolution as well as revised rules for the common areas. We want to remind everyone that our lakes are for catch and release only so that we are able to maintain a good fish population that will allow everyone to enjoy. If you see people keeping the fish please feel free to remind them that they need to be released. We will also be instituting a curfew, due to the increase in vandalism in the common areas. Unfortunately those who are in the common areas late at night are usually the ones creating the problems so by having a curfew we hope to reduce our vandalism problems.

Our next SCPOA meeting will be held at the fire station on Saturday December 9th at 10:00 AM and will be followed by both the road and budget committee meetings, we hope that you will attend and give us your input.

#### **HIGH-SPEED INTERNET MAY BE COMING SOON!** By Fred Adams

Direct Connect is currently blanketing El Dorado County with Wireless Broadband High-Speed Internet service. Speeds are faster than average DSL, and the quality is superior to satellite Internet. Prices start at \$36.62 per month at 768 Kbps. Speeds go up to 5 Mbps. So far they are covering areas between Cameron Park, Coloma and Placerville.

If our community shows enough interest, Direct Connect will give priority to providing service in our area in the near future. Call 672.1078 or e-mail [rgraf@directcon.net](mailto:rgraf@directcon.net) to express interest in this service for Mosquito.

For complete online information, go to [www.directcon.net](http://www.directcon.net) and click on the Wireless Internet link. See coverage map, prices, speeds, FAQ's and much more. We have had excellent Internet service from Direct Connect for the past 9+ years, and look forward to something better than sluggish dial-up or expensive satellite service.

P.S. I didn't get any commission for writing this message! ~ Fred

#### **Restaurant Lease**

by Gail Barritt

January 2007 brings an opportunity for a new restaurant at the Finnon Lake property. If you are interested please contact the MVFA at 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville.

#### **Recipe of the Month**

by Evelyn Potter

Hope all of you had a very happy Thanksgiving. This particular day always brings memories of my Mom and Dad. When we were kids, we thought the prayer before dinner would never end. It seemed as if she went through every day in the year thinking of things we should all be thankful for. I think that sometimes we don't think often enough about our blessings. If Thanksgiving is over, we hope you had a good one. Now, on to the recipe. It is a sweet potato one and very GOOD!

#### **Praline Sweet Potatoes**

1 cup sweet potatoes, mashed  
2 T. milk  
1 egg yolk  
1/4 t. salt  
Dash of pepper, optional

In a small mixing bowl, combine the sweet potatoes, milk, egg yolk, salt and pepper. Transfer to a greased shallow 2-cup baking dish.

1/4 cup brown sugar, packed  
2 T. butter, melted  
2 T. corn syrup  
2 T. chopped pecans

In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the brown sugar, butter and corn syrup until blended; cover and microwave on high for 1 minute or until sugar is dissolved. Spoon over sweet potatoes. Sprinkle with pecans. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 20-22 minutes.

I usually lightly mix the syrup into the sweet potatoes just after cooking or you can do it before cooking. 2 servings and can be easily doubled.

**The Weed Report**

by Dustin Kyle Sears, Sr.

Hello! I hope everyone had a safe summer. It is hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner. With the turning of the weather, the rain means new weeds, grasses, and bigger brush. I would like to encourage our community to realize now is the time to begin your weed control. For example, Star Thistle does not appear in June when most people notice it; it actually breaks ground as early as January. Do not let Common Mullen or Mare's Tail surprise you when it is four feet tall, take care of the problem as soon as it breaks ground or even before. We need to do preventative control now and catch the escape (weeds that survive) in spring.

Please give us a call and we can get a strategic approach in place. As you can see already, in early November, grasses and weeds are growing strong in our ditches. It will only get thicker with the more rain we get. As always, no single method is 100%, whether it is chemical control (which is what we do), mechanical or any other means. The best we can do is to have a good IVM (integrated vegetation management) approach to weeds, grasses and brush. Remember the key word is maintenance, because we will have another dry summer, another wet winter and it all starts over again! Please call us, we will talk about your personal needs and customize the proper approach for your situation.

Dustin K. Sears, Sr. at 344.8402 or Cell 363.4991

**From the Firehouse Country Kitchen**

It is official. We are closing. Our last day of business will be December 7th. Unless we get an offer (which I doubt) to buy all of our equipment, we will be selling all of our small wares. The large items ie; stove, freezer, refrigerator, can cooler, etc. belong to the MVFA and will not be sold. We will only be selling our equipment.

We have dishes, silverware, catering supplies and much more. We will have our sale on December 15, 16 and 17 from 8:00 Am to 4:00 PM. Drop by and see if you can get a bargain. Thank you to the community for all your support over the years.

Ross and Mary Ann

**FIREHOUSE COUNTRY KITCHEN HOURS**

Closed Monday & Tuesday

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**MEETINGS**

**ADULT SOCCER:** Pick-up game Sunday mornings at 10AM. Any adults interested meet at Dyer Lake near the basketball court. Shin guards recommended but not required. No experience necessary.

**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

QUEEN-SIZE PLAIN STEEL BED FRAME, or steel frame with bookcase headboard. Also need a large heavy-duty canvas tarp for a car canopy. Call Fred Adams at 642.9441 (12)

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

#### SERVICES

PELHAM BLAKEMAN CONSTRUCTION: Custom & remodels. License #850034, member BBB, senior citizen discount. Call Erik at 622.4703

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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

HORSE RIDING LESSONS on the hill. Private 45 min. lesson-\$30.00. 4 lesson package-\$100.00 for new students. Call Laura Davis at 295.1156 for details and scheduling

BEGINNING HATHA YOGA adult classes at Dyer Lake Mon, Wed, Fri from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. No prior Yoga training required. Ongoing sessions include gentle stretching, deep breathing, Yoga Philosophy and quiet meditation. Do something positive for yourself-try a class. Loaner yoga mats available for drop-ins, wear loose fitting clothing. Bill (916) 276.7087

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**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

#### FOR SALE

CREATIVE MEMORIES: Final close-out sale. Everything I have is 30% off! Albums, colored pens, cutting tools, lots of stickers, colored papers, discontinued items and much more. This is your last chance! Sundays thru Thursdays 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Call Diana Adams at 642.9441 (12)

PULLMAN SOFA HIDE-A-BED, double size-\$30. Call 622.8666 (12)

LEOPARD GECKO: Female, easily handled, very tame. Comes with tank, food and water bowls and hiding cave- \$50. Please call Casey at (530)626.0110 after 5PM. (12)

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)

GRANDFATHER CLOCK price reduced to \$1300. Must see. GULBRANSON UPRIGHT PIANO \$800. A real buy and in excellent condition. PLANTERS or FIRE POTS, ideal for a campground. Good selection. \$5 ea. RABBIT HUTCHES and CHICKEN CAGES, reasonable. 622.9492 (11)

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QUEEN SIZE PULL OUT SLEEPER: Country blue and off white checkered pattern. Like new! No stains, tears, etc., \$275. BLUE FLOOR LAMP with swing arm and 3-way switch. Great condition, \$20. ROUND RUG, 80", 100% wool, excellent condition \$100. Non-smokers and no pets. Call (530)621.3121 (11)

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CAB-OVER CAMPER: 1982, sleeps 4, stove, sink, fridge, dining table. Very roomy and great for family camping, hunting, etc. In great condition. Asking \$1500. (530) 642.0160 (11)

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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RCA VICTOR VICTROLA w/rec. works, \$125, large PET PORTER for transporting pets, 2' W, 3' L, 3' H, \$35. Call Larry 621.1071 (10)

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 NO SUPPORT GROUP
3	4	5	6	7 MVFA BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	8	9 SCPOA MEETING 10:00 AM
10	11	12	13	14 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	15	16 Christmas Party 5:30 Santa 6:00 Dinner
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 	26	27	28	29	30

*Christmas Baskets  
Canned and packaged items are  
needed. Please bring them to the  
Fire Station by December 18<sup>th</sup>*



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