

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Leo Chaloux

On October 21st the Office of Emergency Services dispatched our fire department to the fires in southern California. The request was for a Type 3 engine with a minimum of 3 fire fighters. Captain Bob Davis, Engineer Floyd Baumgartner and Fire Fighter Dave Erdman departed Station 75 at 2:30 PM and arrived at Station 85 in El Dorado Hills to meet up with the other 4 engines required to fulfill the strike team. They left at 5:00 for "Prado Staging" in San Diego County. Over the next week, they found themselves involved with protecting houses and fighting all kinds of fires. Bob has enclosed an article describing some of his experiences.

As we all know, when the "Santa Anna" winds, which can gust up to 100 miles per hour, start to blow in Southern California fires seem to start. And, when you combine those winds with the ever present brush and vegetation along with the fact that we are going through one of the driest years in California history, the odds of several large fires taking off were inevitable. But, the State of California has been dealing with these kinds of fire conditions for decades and over time has developed one of the best wild land fire fighting systems in the world! Part of that system is the State's ability to move fire fighting resources (apparatus, equipment and fire fighters) up and down the state to any emergency that develops. That is where fire departments such as ours come into play, we are classified as "local resources" designed to supplement state and federal resources whenever the need arises. The procedure is fairly simple. It starts with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) who has the responsibility to determine and acquire the most appropriate resources and then direct them as quickly as possible to the emergency. Once there is a determination of resource needs, dispatch centers around the state are notified and they in turn dispatch the proper resources. And at that point everything is off and running to the incident.

During the Thanksgiving week there was a great deal of media reporting about the state sending up to 85 strike

teams to pre-position for fires in Southern California because of possible Santa Anna winds. A strike team consists of five similar resources, it can be 5 Type 1 engines, 5 Type 3 engines, 5 dozers, 5 water tenders or whatever type of resources are required. A request for 85 strike teams means 425 engines and about 1,500 fire fighters will be on the move. The reason why 5 is the size of a strike team is that 5 is about the maximum limit one individual can manage. So with each strike team there is one strike team leader. Five strike teams are managed by one division leader and five divisions are handled by one group leader and so on. This command structure is modeled after the military and its chain of command system.

So what is a Type 1 engine as compared to a Type 3 engine? A Type 1 is designed to fight a structure fire while a Type 3 is set up for wild land fire fighting. In our case both of our primary engines can function as either a Type 1 or a Type 3 depending on the need. Also, all of our fire fighters are trained and equipped with personal protective gear that makes it possible for them to fight a structure fire and a wild land fire.

One other thing about the Emergency Response System created here in California is that as we go to someone else's emergency they also come to ours. There is a reality that there are times and incidents that happen within a fire district that cannot be handled by the district with out some help. So as a fire department we will help out whenever the need arises. We are fortunate in this state to have the best emergency response system in the world.

Winter, believe it or not is suppose to be here or at the least coming soon. Make sure your chimney has been cleaned if you use a wood stove, or your house heating system has been checked and is properly running. Besides being a safe thing to do it could save you some money.

Mosquito FPD in Southern California Inferno by Capt. Bob Davis

We left Station 75 at around 2:30 PM and arrived at the preliminary staging area in Poway, Ca. around 2:30 AM. After 5 hours of rest, we were sent to the city of Ramona for a briefing and to get our first assignment. Our assignment - "Stage in Rancho Bernardo (about 25 miles north of San Diego) for structure protection". After arriving at the staging area in Rancho Bernardo, we got a few more hours of rest and were then assigned to structure protection at the "Witch Fire" in Rancho Santa Fe. Rancho Santa Fe is an upscale neighborhood just east of I-5 between Encinitas and La Jolla and filled with million dollar homes.

To get to our assignment we had to drive through the bottom of a canyon just in front of the advancing fire. The wind was blowing about 20 mph and gusting to 40. We could see the fire in the distance so we didn't waste any time driving the 16 miles between Rancho Bernardo and Rancho Santa Fe!!

Our Strike Team Leader assigned us a house to protect that was at the bottom of the canyon. Floyd, Dave and I found a clearing by the house where we could safely park E-275 and began "prepping" the house and the surrounding area. We could see the fire coming but knew that it was still about ¼ mile away so we had time to complete the prep work. We pulled all flammable products away from the home - lawn chairs & tables, dog houses, barbecues, propane tanks - and then started to cut down brush and shrubs around the structure widening our "defensible space" as much as possible in the limited time that we had.

When we completed the "prep", I noticed that there was a stable across the road, so while Floyd and Dave made another cursory inspection of our assigned structure, I went there to make sure that there were no people around. As I was walking back to our assigned house, I heard someone yelling from one of the neighboring houses up the hill. I went to check it out and found a Sac. Metro Engine crew and the home owner frantically "prepping" that house. On it's current course, the fire would reach that house well before reaching our assigned structure so I gave them a hand. Just as we finished, the fire had reached the edge of the hill and was bearing down on the house.

We retreated next to the house for cover as the fire "blew over" us. (Fire burns where there's fuel. So, the strategy in this type of structure protection is to remove as much fuel as possible from around the structure so

that when the fire approaches it will take a more fuel laden path and burn around and beyond the structure. When this occurs, it's referred to as the fire "blowing over".)

Just as the fire was blowing over, one of the owners came out of the house and said the garage roof was smoking. I went to the back of the garage, found a ladder and climbed onto to the roof with a garden hose where I found 3" to 4" of pine needles covering the back side of the garage on the tile roof. Embers from the passing fire had caught the pine needles on fire. I put the flame out but noticed that it was still smoldering. The smoke was coming from under the tile so I started to remove tiles. After clearing about half of the roof, I found more pine needles under the tiles where the fire was and put it out with the garden hose.

The fire had now run past this house and was heading down the hill towards another house just above "our" assigned house. I let the Sac. Metro Captain know I was returning to my engine and worked my way down the hill.

As I passed the 2nd house, I noticed that no Engine had been assigned to this structure. A quick look around revealed why. No one had done any defense prep work around the house and there was too much for a fire crew to handle in a very short time. I noticed that all the lights and TV were on. That concerned me, so I knocked on the door to see if any one was home. There was no answer but I found the door unlocked. I opened the door and yelled. Still no one answered. I continued into the house to make sure it was clear - it was empty. It was kind of eerie; it was like someone had abandoned the place in a hurry with out turning anything off. I went out the back door and saw the fire approaching the corner of the house that faced the canyon. I grabbed a garden hose to try to wet the corner down but the smoke was so thick I could not breathe or see. I went back into the house to catch my breath. After a few minutes I went back out and was able to water down the corner of the house but again the smoke was just too thick and I had to retreat back into the house to breath. I realized that my efforts were about the best I could do at the time and that the fire was going to soon be down at the house where Engine 275, Floyd and Dave were staged, so I went out the front door and worked my way down to the engine.

I can not stress enough the importance of "Defensible Space" around your home here in our community!

(More to come in January)

Christmas Baskets

by Floyd Baumgartner

Christmas is coming and it's time for our Annual Food Drive. This year we have two collection points: Mosquito Fire Station and Rock Creek Café. Undented, canned foods and boxed food items are needed. Also packaged, unwrapped toys for children would be appreciated. Last day to donate is December 20th. The food we collect is distributed right here in our community so please lend a hand.



Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

by Leslie Baumgartner

The year is almost over and our next big event is the Christmas get together/potluck. Hope to see you all there at the Fire Station ready to visit and have a great meal on December 15th.

Jessica Dillender 's 1 year agreement to be the MVFA secretary will conclude in December. She has been a great asset to us and we will miss her smile and thumbs up attitude to everything. Thanks Jessica for all your hard work, we will still see you but the meetings will be without that smile. This only means we will be in need of a new secretary starting with the January, 2008 meeting. This is an appointed position that is not a voting board member. We need someone who can take good notes once a month and put them into minutes for us. Please contact me at 626.1204 or come to the Dec 6th board meeting at 7pm, at the fire station if you are interested in filling this position.

Last year Floyd and I took a trip to Montana. Along the way we stayed at different campgrounds, operated by various entities. One campground was like our Fannon Lake facility; simple campsites and a restroom. It was a nice campground with people from various walks of life coming and going. It was owned by the community and operated by caring community volunteers. And, the neat part was that the community stepped up and kept it up. Out front on a board they had posted what family was caring for the cleaning of the campground that week. Wow, this is how we should be in our community I thought. So if you are interested in being a part of this concept, even if it is only one weekend during the year, please contact me at 626.1204 so I can put you on the calendar. The main chores, of course, are not anyone's favorites - cleaning restrooms and dumping trash. But while there you are doing these simple tasks, you sure

get to meet some fascinating folks from all over and get the chance to share a bit about life here in Mosquito. While there, you also get a glimpse of nature - wildlife passing through, catch a glimpse of the eagle catching a meal if you are lucky, do a little fishing, take a walk around the lake, stopping for a bite to eat at the midway point at Rock Creek Café or just sit and enjoy the quiet. Lets make this a community campground that is truly community.

Looking forward to seeing on the 6th at the MVFA board meeting and Dec 15th for the CHRISTMAS PARTY! Please have a great, safe holiday season!

Mosquito Road Driving

by Leslie Baumgartner

Tis the season to be hurried, tis the season for the roads to get wet, tis the season to be safe!

Things **TO** do while DRIVING Mosquito Road –
Wave to every one who is courteous. Leave a BIG space between you and the next guy - most of us stop for upcoming cars and wildlife. Keep to your right. Drive like there is always a car coming your way. Yield to uphill traffic. Dim your headlights. Check across the canyon for traffic at the "Great Wall of Mosquito" so you can stop above the last switchback going to town. Pull over in a safe spot when you have a car behind you and you are 1st in line. When stopping at night, turn off your headlights and leave just your parking lights on for uphill traffic so they can see. Let the person in front of you get all the way across the bridge before you get on. Call the person/place you are going and let them know you will be late if you have not left yourself at least 25 min to get to town. Enjoy the drive!

Things **NOT** to do while DRIVING Mosquito Road –
Leave home with 10 minutes to get to town (folks, it takes much longer). Talk on a cell phone. Watch television. Read anything. Take care of children/pet issues. Flash your headlights/honk your horn to get someone to pull over, they see you, and will pull over where they are comfortable. Pass a stopped car before the last switchback, they probably are waiting for upcoming traffic! Drive slowly down the middle of the road, please stay to the right. Stop by the beginning of the guardrail at the last switchback before the bridge when going to town - this impedes cars trying to make the switchback turn - just move on down to the wide spot just before the bridge.

Thanks from the wildlife, and all the other drivers!!!!

BINGO in Mosquito ???

By Sandi Brauns

The MVFA has been looking for new "fund raising" activities to help support our activities in the community. One suggestion was to play "BINGO" once a month. But, before we move in that direction we need to know how many people would be interested in doing this. We do need a fairly large group of people to get it started so if you think you might be interested, please e-mail me **by January 1st** at mosquito75bingo@yahoo.com. When we get all of the results they will be posted in the Byte

Christmas Party

by Floyd Baumgartner

Christmas will soon be here and we have already secured a promise from Santa that he will be able to stop by our Fire Station on December 15th at 5:30 to visit with the children in our community.



Santas elves will also be there while waiting to see Santa to keep the children busy. The Christmas potluck will begin at 6:00 pm. MVFA will provide turkey and you are asked to bring a dish to serve 8 to 10 according to your last name:

A - H Side Dish

I - O Salad

P - Z Dessert

Plates, plastic utensils, coffee and punch will be provided.

SCPOA

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

Our last meeting, while sparsely attended, was quick and efficient. The December meeting will be very important since we will have to decide on the property assessment to fund the budget for the 2008 year.

Welcome back Johnathan! He and Tammy have been in the process of removing the old fencing along the north side of Rock Creek Road and replacing it with vinyl as well as clearing some of the brush that had grown up to the fence by the pond. Once we get some wet weather the blackberry bushes along Maidu Drive will be masticated along with a few other problem areas that need to be cleared.

We still have 15 delinquent accounts from last year.

The board approved placing another lien on one of the properties.

We will have three openings on the board for next year. So far there has been three candidates who have agreed to run for these positions.

The road committee would like to look into using some of the road budget to have Johnathan do more road work, since he is one of our most cost effective ways to do maintenance and he has the talent.

The web site committee is continuing to make improvements. The committee is still looking for a new logo, and the contest to design one will be open until our February meeting. If you have any questions about this, contact Lynda at 622.0309

Our next meeting will include a discussion of the budget and a decision on what our property assessment will be. We strongly encourage you to attend and give us your input. The meeting will be held on Saturday December 8th at 10:00 A.M. at the fire station, we hope to see you there.

T-SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED

by Sandi Brauns

Seen the new MVFA T-shirts being worn around our community? The newly designed "Station 75" shirts have arrived and are for sale by volunteers at the Fire Station! What better Christmas gift to give everyone; adults and children alike. Adult colors are black, gray, maroon, indigo blue, yellow haze, sand, pistachio, and violet. Youth colors are indigo blue, maroon, and purple. Prices, including tax, are: Adult M, L & XL \$17.74. Adult XXL \$19.89. Youth (all sizes) \$15.00.

Sweat shirts are available by special order. Call 626.6248 if you are interested.

Crafts

"Firehouse Crafters", our once a month craft work party will resume on January 25th. Look for the information in the January Byte.

Mosquito Phone Book Additions:

Johnston, Robert & Camille.....295.1122
6332 Log Cabin Lane

Snyder, Kurt L.....626.6450
6525 Claim Street

2nd Annual HOLIDAY ART SALE

Glass * Ceramics * Jewelry

Created By 5 Local Artists

Unique Gifts at Affordable Prices!

Saturday December 1st 10 AM to 4 PM

6732 Log Cabin Lane

An Alternative to Leaf Burning

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

This is the time of year that the air is filled with the smoke of burning leaves. Leaves break down very quickly and become a fantastic soil additive or mulch around the plants that need protection from the cold. There are several easy ways to do the composting from just putting them in a pile to placing them in a wire cage or into a composting bin. I know there must be others looking to do the same so if you have leaves you want to get rid of or if you are interested in acquiring leaves to compost lets get together and take care of them in a more environmentally friendly manor. Give me a call at 621.1049 and lets start a new trend.

News from the Café

by Frank Ethridge and the crew at Rock Creek Café.

On November 12th the café helped with a fund raiser for a little girl named Shelby, whose grandparents are trying to adopt her, and it was truly amazing how our community came forward even though a lot of you did not know her. The McCoy family and the Café gang want to thank-you so very much for your support.

We hope everyone had a fun and safe Thanksgiving. If we can help with any holiday event that you might have, feel free to call on us at 622.0210.

With the new year, look for new menu items and new winter hours. We had hoped to continue the morning hours but since September the business has just not been there, so starting on January 8th, we will be closed on Mondays & Tuesdays. We will only be serving breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 8:00 am. The Café will be available to those who might need to hold an early morning function or have a large group for breakfast. The Café will be open at 11:00am for Lunch but for those of you who still want breakfast, the breakfast menu will still be available at that time. We will try the early hours again in the spring.

We will be closed on Christmas day and the day after, the 26th. We hope to do a special Dinner on New Years

Eve and will be open for service on January 1st all day.

Recipe of the Month

by Frank Ethridge

Black Bottom Bourbon Pecan Pie

1- 9 inch unbaked pie crust
 3 whole eggs
 1 cup light corn syrup
 3 ounces bourbon
 ½ cup sugar
 ¼ cup butter melted
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup pecan halves
 4 ounces chocolate chips

Preheat oven at 350. Spread the chocolate chips evenly over the bottom of the pie crust and place in the oven for 5 minutes or until the chips have melted, spread smooth. In a medium sized bowl beat eggs, add the corn syrup, bourbon, sugar, melted butter and vanilla, mix until well blended. Spread out the pecan in a single layer and pour the egg mixture over the pecans, Bake pie for one hour or until a knife inserted 1 inch from the edge of the crust comes out clean. Let cool, serve with ice cream or fresh whipped cream.

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 19th of each month. Call Gail at 622.2235 or e-mail gbarritt@earthlink.net. 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 3 months.

MEETINGS

LADIES BOOK CLUB!!!! Any readers on the hill? I am looking for interested and interesting ladies to start a monthly book club here in Swansboro. I have been in a few and it is a lot of FUN! Call Garrison Burrell-Pelham at 622.4703

MAH JONGG - Looking for people to play Mah Jongg using Wright-Patterson rules. Call Barbara at 626.4747

PICKIN' POTLUCK - Local Acoustic Musicians: Starting a jam session once a week, hosted by a Fiddle & Mandolin player. Styles Blue Grass, Country, Oldies, Blues, Cajan, rock-a-Billy or originals. Singers & listeners welcome, bring something to share. Call Jerry for details at 621.2842.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Mosquito/Swansboro are meeting every Friday night from 7 to 9pm at 3342 Stope Drive. Mountain Fellowship is offering Bible based teachings and how to apply them to every day life as well as fellowship, fun activities and community service projects. Call Debbie Rood at 642.0695 for more information.

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP - Sunday Bible study begins at 9:30am followed by a Celebration service at 11am. Mountain Fellowship is a non-denominational congregation of Christ's church. The Celebration service features contemporary music, prayer, testimony and the Word of God. All events meet at 3342 Stope Drive in Swansboro. For more information call 295.0503 or visit our web site www.mfom.net.

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD - Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Planning Commission meeting room in the EDC Government Center Building C. Call Adeline Penn at 621.2639 or <http://www.hanging.ega-gpr.org/index.html>

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FOR RENT

HOME FOR RENT - Beautiful 2 year old home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1725 sq. ft. Available January 8, 08. \$1,300 a month plus deposit. Call Laurie at 916.337.6151

HOME FOR RENT- 2 bedroom, 2 bath home on 5 acres for rent. 1350 square feet. \$1400. Utilities not included. Pets and livestock welcome. Barn. Available January 2008. Call Alice at 626.6057.

HOME FOR RENT- 3 bedroom 2 bath house in Swansboro. Extensive improvement work in progress, available soon. \$1,000 a month. Call 621.1049

HOME FOR RENT: 1 bedroom, 1 bath roomy home on 24 acres. Hardwood floors, deck, fenced yard, W/D hookups, water included. \$675 + dep. 530.906.2021

SIMPLE LIVING - 2 bedroom, 1 bath single wide mobile home on 5 acres - must be a considerate neighbor as there is another home on the property ... credit report, deposit & good rental history & references checked. \$550. plus 1/2 utilities. Call Cell 306.0821

HOME FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, detached 2 car garage. ~1800 sq. ft. Quite, serene neighborhood for \$1250/monthly/+deposit. Includes water and garbage. Call pm 707.552.8691 or cell 707.694.4745

FOR SALE

BORDER COLLIE PUPS- 2 litter's. Special Mosquito/Christmas price of \$150/\$175. Call 622.7622 (12)

FIREWOOD: \$250.00 per cord delivered. 3-way mix; you pick the mix. Call Erik at 622.4703 (12)

WOOD SHOP EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: 10" radial arm saw, \$150; 8" table saw, \$75; 12" wood lathe, \$150; 6 1/8" jointer planer, \$150; 12" band saw \$125; 4" belt and disk sander, \$125; 15 1/2" drill press, \$150 - or make best offer for all. Call 530.906.2021 (12)

ELECTRIC Washer and Dryer \$35 each. Excellent condition, free delivery. Call Ben or Bonnie 622.9906 (11)

PAC WEST- 2 axle 20' trailer, \$1500 firm. Metal Frame 2 axle trailer, \$250. Truck Utility Rack, \$200 firm. Roof Trusses (many) - \$10 each. Call George at 621.1954 (10)

ITALIAN PORCELAIN paver tiles (reddish color), 8" x 8", approx. 200 pieces, Floral wool Belgium made area rug 7' x 11'. \$50 each. 642.2333 D. Harris (10)

SONY 57" HD INTEGRATED WIDE SCREEN TV - \$600.00 OBO, **BLACK ENTERTAINMENT CENTER** for wide screen TV \$250.00 OBO, **WRAP AROUND COUCH** (5 pieces, recliner and lounge) \$600.00 OBO. All items like new under 3 years old and in excellent condition. Call 642.8337 (10)

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Happy
Holidays



December 2007

Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ALL MEETINGS LISTED ARE HELD AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</p> <p>NOTE: ROCK CREEK CAFE IS CLOSED DECEMBER 25TH AND 26TH</p>						<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM Support Group</p>
2	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>\$5.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe</p> <p>B.B.Q. Chicken</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 AM SCPOA Meeting with Road Meeting to follow</p>
9	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>\$5.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe</p> <p>Lasagna</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting</p>	14	<p>15</p>  <p>5:30 Santa 6:00 Dinner Christmas Party See Page 4</p>
16	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>\$5.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe</p> <p>Chicken Pot Pie</p>	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>First day of Winter</p> 
23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> 	26	27	28	29
30	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> 	<p>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</p>				

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