

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Leo Chaloux

As the year is coming to a close, with the celebration of Christmas and the start of a New Year we should be taking some time to be grateful and thankful for what we have, such as our lives, our family, and our friends.

I do know I have a great deal to be thankful for, especially in the area of friends. At the beginning of this year I started on a fuel reduction program for a grant I had received. The grant was for the removal of brush, and some trees and the planting of several thousand Ponderosa trees. Well, I got behind the power curve on this process and fortunately for me several friends have come to my aid. Here is where I am thankful and I do give thanks to Ralph Hern, Norm Nester, Bill Wren, Byron Moser, John Gallemore, Joe Lima, LaVonne Moser and those from my church who have come to help me. Their work and time is greatly appreciated.

So, I am going to keep this article short this month but I do want to say one thing. Thank you to all who have dropped by the fire station to say hello and welcome me back even though it will only be temporary. We live in a great community and we again should be thankful for that.

To everyone, have a good Christmas and a successful New Year.

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Mosquito FPD in Southern California Inferno

by Capt. Bob Davis

[Editor's Note: On October 21st Captain Bob Davis, Engineer Floyd Baumgartner and Fire Fighter Dave Erdman on Mosquito Engine 275 were part of a Strike Team from El Dorado County sent to southern California to help combat the many fires raging in the area. During their assignment, they found themselves involved in protecting houses and fighting all kinds of fires. This is a continuation of the article in the December Byte by Capt. Davis describing some of his experiences.]

.... After I worked my way down the hill back to the house that we were assigned to protect, I found Floyd and Dave watering down the area around Engine 275. It seemed like every property owner used "bark" as ground cover around their homes. "Our house" was no exception and with the fire closing in around us, we needed to water down the bark to provide our own "defensible space". We could see the fire approaching and once we had completed wetting down the bark we made one final check around the house just to assure ourselves that we had done everything possible to make it "defendable".

We stood, watching the fire approach. In front of us at the base of the canyon was a eucalyptus grove. When the fire reached that eucalyptus grove, we got a "once-in-a-life-time" fire show. Simultaneously, the far side of the canyon wall seemed to explode in flame from the intense heat and strong winds just about the same time as the eucalyptus trees in the bottom of the canyon burst into flame. We stood there in awe as this huge wall of fire traveled about a mile laterally on the far side of canyon wall in about five minutes. And it's hard to describe the sound, noise really, that accompanied that fire. An unbelievable display of fire behavior!!! Even the strike team leaders came down to our position to watch the "action".

Now it was our turn as the fire continued its advance towards us. We took our positions and waited. Boy, during this "waiting", a thousand questions went through my mind. Is our "defensible space" big enough to protect us from the heat of the passing fire? If the house catches fire do we have enough water to put it

out? Did I place E-275 in the right strategic place?. And on and on.

The fire "blew past" us and things worked just as they were supposed to do. We made a check of the house and surrounding area and found a few "spot fires" here and there, all started by the flying embers. We quickly put those out and then one more final check. We were fortunate this time - not too many spot fires and the house was saved! We gathered up our things and prepared for our next assignment.

The Strike Team Leader then asked us to move up hill to the north and supply water to a Georgetown engine that was making a defensive stand to the rear of their assigned house. Using the remaining water in Engine 275, we "topped off" the Georgetown engine and then went looking for a water supply to refill our tank. Remember, this is a semi rural area like here and fire hydrants were few and far between. After 15-20 minutes of driving around in an unfamiliar area we finally found a working hydrant and refilled E-275.

We went back to the Georgetown engine and began helping them wet down a wooden fence and some shrubbery between their structure and the approaching fire. The "strategy" was to keep the fire on the back side of the fence and hopefully direct it around and away from the house. A few minutes later, a Georgetown firefighter yelled that a palm tree in the court yard of the house was on fire. If we didn't contain that tree, the fire would likely spread to the house and all our work to direct the fire away from the structure would have been in vain. Since we were the closest, we gathered up our hose lines and went to the front of the house to work on the palm tree. The top part of the tree - up where the fronds are located - was about 20 ft. off the ground and the center area was burning. There's one thing I learned about burning palm trees - it takes a whole lot of water to put them out!

(More to come in February)

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

by Leslie Baumgartner

Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas gathering. There were so many children there to see Santa that it was mind-boggling! Santa's lap was kept occupied for a good hour and the children seemed so grateful to see him - cameras were flashing for pictures and there were smiles all around! For those who couldn't stay for the meal after Santa's visit, we hope you will join us next year. For those who did make it for

dinner this year, even with what seemed to be a lack of seating at first we all managed to have a seat and I wish to apologize to any who left feeling they would not be able to find a seat. Part of this community is everyone making a space for the next guy. That carries from the events we host to everyday life. You are always welcome and we will do what we can to make everyone comfortable.

Thursday, January 3rd is our next scheduled board meeting. Please join us at the Fire Station at 7pm, all are welcome, lets make 2008 a memorable year for our community organization and bring the community back together as a unit, neighbors helping neighbors, neighbors joining together to have fun and neighbors celebrating together the special times. We are in need of a Secretary, this is not a board position, but an appointed position. If you are interested please give me a call at 626.1204.

May your New Year be blessed and may we all focus on the community as a whole area, and enjoy the beauty we have around us.

Christmas Party Thank You!!!!

By Floyd Baumgartner

WOW, WHAT A DINNER!!! WOW, what a turnout from the community!!! I want to thank everyone who came to the dinner and brought their special dishes to share with others. There were a lot of new faces and a ton of kids that kept Santa busy. I want to thank some special people who helped make this event happen; Jerry Avery, Gail Barritt, Sandi Brauns, Bob Davis, Elvia Davis, Chris Dillender, Jan Escamilla, Frank and Heidi Ethridge, Aaron Greene, Jared Infante, Sharon Hern, Crystie (the picture taker) and of course Santa Claus and his 2 elves. Thanks guys, I could not have done it without you! The following businesses also donated to the event, COSTCO, Food For Less, Rock Creek Café, Safeway, Sysco Foods. Please give them a big thank you and support their business when you get a chance. They make it possible to put on such great events! Hope that I didn't miss anyone and I hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy, Safe New Year!

Yellow Star Thistle Work Shop

A workshop to learn how to control yellow star thistle and other invasive weeds indigenous to our area planned from 1:30 to 5:00 PM on Friday, January 11, 2008 at EDC Government Center, Bldg. C in Placerville. How to Register- Contact Nancy Starr at (530) 621.5552 or nancy.starr@co-el-dorado.ca.us.

Fire Fighters Thank You!!!

by Ken Langley

To the men and women of the Mosquito Fire District and to all that have the privilege of knowing them:

An hour before midnight, on October 8, 2007 an event occurred of which I feel compelled to recount.

I suffered a life changing injury while on a visit with family, here on the mountain. Not unlike the famous TV ad, "I had fallen and could not get up"! The beauty of Gypsy, a new mustang pony, was my downfall. Never bridled, ridden, nor saddled this BLM wild mustang horse stood in the moonlight awaiting the flake of alfalfa I carried in my arms. As I tuned to take it down to her, I began to slide down the hill upon a bed of acorns. On the way, my foot picked up a large pinecone for the ride. A steel no-climb fence (the best in the county) formed my destination. The pinecone hit the fence. My foot hit the fence. My momentum accelerated body hit the fence.

In the first minute of the 911 call, the operator asked my sister "How do you know his leg is broken?" Her response: "His foot's pointing in the wrong direction." My sister let me know that help was on the way. This was somewhat comforting; however, I was beginning to shiver a little more than that night's temperature warranted. Between short breaths I relayed my feeling that I just might pass out. Shock was fast setting in. Yet as all was growing dark, lights appeared at the base of the drive. The crew of the Mosquito Fire District had arrived within minutes. Leaving their own families on that holiday night (Columbus Day), they came to my aid.

With compassion I was examined, appraised and cared for and the conversation and interaction kept me conscious, minimizing the shock. An ambulance was deemed prudent. Acting as my advocate, they insisted we wait for the ambulance to reach us, rather than having my family attempt to transport me down to meet them.

With great skill, my leg was gently immobilized with splint and duct tape. With group strength I was lifted and carried up the hill and placed into the ambulance.

Not until after my radiological examination and consequential surgery was the true extent of my injury revealed; as well as what I had gained from the men that night.

The leg had been fractured in multiple locations. Ligaments were shredded and tendons ripped from the

bone. My surgeon informed me, in recovery, that the main nerve in my leg had been displaced and exposed in such a manner that it could have been easily severed. This would have resulted in permanent, lifelong paralysis from the hip down.

But thanks to the expert care I received from the men and women of the Mosquito Fire District, they had saved my leg; they saved my future; they saved my life. Words can not express the depth of gratitude I and my entire family hold for them.

Bumpers 5 - Bambis, Does & Bucks 0

(In case you are keeping score)

by Taffy Warner

November seems to have been a particularly brutal month for our local deer population. Might have something to do with the time change and folks have a harder time getting out of bed so they are rushing down the roads to get to work. 5 extra Minutes can save a life and it could be yours!! So please make sure you have enough time to get in to town and are watching the road and adjacent areas.

There a lot of deer on Stope between Highgrade and East Highgrade (and they sometimes lurch off a hillside and lose footing when they hit the asphalt) as well as on Mosquito between Dyer Lake and Mosquito Cutoff - especially around Buckboard. New fences means some confusion for deer as well since they lack the power of thought association and can become befuddled with a new fence - so again, they sometimes do stupid things like jump into the roadway. I don't think you can cut more than a minute off your commute by going 50+ mph down Stope but you can save a life by driving responsibly and also continue to enjoy some of the benefits of living up on the "hill" - the wildlife.

Thank You!!

By Mary Ann Haywood

First and foremost I want to thank all my friends and neighbors for circling the wagons around me after I fell and broke my hip. I'm doing fine, limping a little and hobbling a bit but basically OK. But, there is a story to be told about our wonderful Fire Department.

On my way to the hospital I asked the three paramedics a question about "hating the trip up to Mosquito". They said they didn't mind coming up here, except now that the new ambulance couldn't make it over the bridge, Rock Creek Road cuts into their response time. One of the paramedics said something that made my buttons

pop with pride. He said, "I hope you can remember this and tell your fire department how we feel about their professionalism. Mosquito is one of the few fire departments that we don't have to do anything for the patient, except transport. Most fire departments make the patient comfortable and wait for the paramedics to do the rest".

I can attest to our departments professionalism. Leo, Dave, Floyd & Aaron had me boarded and had my leg stuffed, fluffed, packed & strapped and ready to go. (Even the Doctor in the E.R. was impressed).

So the next time you pass the fire station give a toot and wave and just knowing if you ever need our Fire Department, you'll get the best care in El Dorado County and that's not just my opinion.

Yoga on the Hill
by Jan Okumura

The Raja Yoga Club of Swansboro invites you to join our yoga classes. The yoga classes are offered three times a week in Mosquito.... for free! Our instructor Bill. Is a certified Raja Yoga instructor. The classes focus on stretching, balance, flexibility, deep relaxation and meditation techniques. It's a great "work out" deserving of deep relaxation at the end of class.

I started attending classes one year ago mainly for stress reduction but I have gained so much more. It has been so beneficial for me. I really love it!

For more information, call Bill at 916.276.7087 or just show up at the Fire Station M.W.F. a little before 6 pm.

Thanks from Mosquito Auto
by CynDee & Hippie Snyder

Out with the old, in with the new. "Happy New Year"! We hope 2007 and the holidays were good to you all. We would like to take a moment and thank all of you up here on "the Hill" who have supported Mosquito Auto this past year. We'll be here in 2008 to continue serving your automotive needs. Remember, the winter rains and snow are here and it's time to make sure your vehicle is in good running condition. Check out our ad in the "Ad Section" and if we can be of help, give us a call.

Craft Report
by Sharon Hern

The "Crafters" are beginning a new craft year with their

first meeting scheduled for Friday January 25th. Last year, the "Crafters" took a much needed break after the July Picnic, but are now ready to be crafty. The last event for the craft group was the "Levi Quilt" drawing held at the Annual Christmas Party. This years lucky winner was Nancy Truman. Congratulations Nancy and THANK YOU Sandi Miller for another of your great "Levi Quilts".

All you crafters and those of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint etc. are encouraged to come. We also have coffee, goodies and of course table talk.

The craft meetings are scheduled for the 4th Friday each month at Darlene Roods home.

Date.....January 25th
Time.....9:30 to 11:30
Location.....2211 Swansboro Road

SCPOA
by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

Our December meeting had a surprisingly small turnout considering that this was the meeting where we determine what next years assessments are going to be. A significant part of our budget is for the maintenance of our roads, unfortunately this is an oil based product and we have all seen oil prices skyrocket. We can't expect that oil prices will go down. We can only hope that they can't continue to go up like they have. There was some good discussion on the options of deferring an increase assessments verses various percentage increases. In the end, it was decided that a 20% assessment increase to \$757 per parcel is the most economical in the long run. This allows for paying down our current road work loan as well as doing our best to avoid loans in the future which saves on interest.

We still have delinquent accounts from last year and have ten members in collections. The board approved another lien to be placed on a delinquent property. We know that the increase in dues can be difficult but if you are having problems you need to communicate with our secretary Lynda. She will do her best to work with you to get them paid prior to penalties being added on.

The architectural committee has remained quiet with three permits renewed but no new plans submitted.

You will be receiving your annual packet soon, your ballot will be in it with three good candidates running for the three open positions on the board. Please take a

few minutes to fill it out and send it in.

The road committee is looking at options to try to reduce the cost to our members for road maintenance. One option will be to have Johnathan and Tammi work on them more. By far they are the most cost efficient way to do maintenance and they do a great job, we would like to increase their hours next year and have the extra time go to the roads. Tom will also be going to several conferences to see what the new products are being developed that may be useful to us in the future. There are also several cuts that have been made across sections of the road by EID that were not fixed properly and will cause deterioration eventually, you can feel the dip as you go over them. We will be contacting EID to have them do a proper fix when the weather permits.

The web site committee has been very busy and if you haven't looked at the web site recently take the time to do it at (<http://www.scpoa.net>). They have redesigned the whole thing to make it more user friendly, better looking and useful, it is still a work in progress but so far it looks great. They are still looking for suggestions for a new logo for the site so if you have any ideas contact Lynda at 621.0309.

A suggestion was made and approved to invite Supervisor Ron Briggs to attend our annual meeting in February again, he attended last year and has proved to be very helpful to our community. Our next meeting will be January 12th at 10:00 A.M. at the fire house, we hope you have very happy and safe holidays and to see you then.

Congratulations Dick & Darlene Rood on your
50th Wedding Anniversary
Your family loves you!

Congratulations Walter & Ellie Graves on your
60th Wedding Anniversary

Thank You Rock Creek Café
by Swansboro Pilot's Group

The Swansboro Pilots Group would like to thank Frank, Heidi and the Rock Creek Café for catering our annual Christmas party. We have always done a pot luck style dinner but this year we decided to make it easier and support the Café, so we all pitched in and had it catered. The food was fantastic, the quantities large,

everyone had more than they wanted and we still had lots of leftovers to take home. I don't think we will ever go back to "pot luck" again. We would certainly recommend the Café catering operation to everyone. It is very reasonable, easy and the food was wonderful!

News from the Café

by Frank Ethridge

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We wish to thank everyone for your support for the Café this past year. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year with new menu items and more special events such as our sweetheart dinner on February 14th. Let us help you with any catering needs that you may have. You may reach us at 622-0210 or at fethridge@rockcreekcafe.us

NEW HOURS: On Monday and Tuesday the Café will be closed. Wednesday thru Sunday we are open from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

Thank you from the Crew at the Café

Recipe of the Month

by Frank Ethridge

Southwestern Tortilla Soup

This will put a little warmth in you on those cold winter evenings

8-6-inch corn tortillas cut in strips
2 ounces corn oil
3 cloves garlic minced
1 fresh jalapeño minced
(Add a little more if you like it hotter)
¼ cup chopped cilantro
16 ounces chopped tomatoes (canned)
16 ounces vegetable or chicken stock
8 ounces tomato juice
½ teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon light chili powder
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 ounces cream

In a medium sauce pot, heat the corn oil, add the tortilla strips and cook until crisp but not brown. Add all of the other ingredients (except the cream) simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Place in a food processor or blender (be very careful the liquid is going to be extremely hot) and blend until smooth add the cream.

May be garnished with grated cheese or grilled chicken and avocado.

CHRISTMAS PARTY MIX-UP! I brought a square Corning ware casserole dish to the party at the firehouse and returned home with a LID that does not fit my casserole. Did anyone out there do the same? Please check, and if you find you have the wrong lid and wish to swap, please call Carol at 621.1301.

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

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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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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, or 295.4641 or toll free 866.SALLYRE, snlongjohns@yahoo.com

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

HORSE AND PET CARE – TLC: Pet sitting, Western Pleasure Show Horse Training the gentle way. Horse hauling with care. Over 20 year's exp. 642.9386

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

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 295.4645, Office 621.4334, Office FAX 417.1018, Cell 626.9565, Home Office Coldwell Banker Real Estate

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. Call Elaine Galvan at 621.2433

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 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". Located next to the fire station. **SWANSBORO LAND AND HOMES:** 622.6822

BULL DOZER FOR HIRE: Great rates, quality work. Roads, drainage, fire prevention, clearing or ?. Local mosquito resident since 1993. Call Eric at 626.8979.

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

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

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

DOG BISCUITS - Homemade Biscuits for your best doggie friends. All natural ingredients, wholesome and delicious, baked with love. Delivered to your door. 1 lb \$3, 2 lbs \$5. Small, Medium and Large. Call Alice @ 621.3485. (1)

TV - Panasonic, 18" , Excellent condition, \$50. Work benches, \$35. Antique boxes \$8. New interior door knobs, \$5 each. Call Eileen at 622.9492 (1)

DOWNSIZING/MOVING SALE- 27 inch Samsung TV(HDTV) with Armoire \$500, Madag. gas dryer \$150, Rocking/Recliner \$100. Call 344.8015 or 622.0210 (1)

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)

TRUCK UTILITY RACK, \$200 firm. Roof Trusses (many) - \$10 each. Call George at 621.1954 (12)

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Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ROCK CREEK CAFE'S HOURS CLOSED MON. AND TUE. OPEN 8AM TO 8PM WEDNESDAY THRU SUNDAY	NEW	1 	2 \$5.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe Build Your Own Hot Dog	3 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	4	5 10:00 AM Support Group
6	7	8	9 \$5.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe Chicken Pot Pie	10 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	11	12 10:00 AM SCPOA Meeting with Road Meeting to follow
13	14	15	16 \$5.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe Lasagna	17	18	19 10:00 AM Fire Safe Council Meeting
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed	22	23 \$5.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe Sloppy Joes	24	25 9:30 AM Craft Meeting	26
27	28	29	30 \$5.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe BBQ Chicken	31	ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.	

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