

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

Over the past month the Fire District has been a very busy place. We have had several "escaped" control burns. A couple were up in the forest on Sierra Pacific Industries land and the others were down here in the "inhabited" area. One of the fires serves to point out the importance of really controlling your burn. The property owner was eliminating brush around his property and in the process of doing so used a control fire to burn a stump. He thought his burn pile was out but unfortunately it wasn't. All it took was a strong gust of wind a few hours later and the sparks went flying. I can't stress enough the fact that once you start a control burn you have to attend it until there's no question that it is out.

Fortunately none of the fires were very large. They provided us with a great training opportunity to run some equipment, lay out some hose lines and actually do some line work around the edge of the burned area. But having these kinds of fires this time of the year is a little unusual. Normally the fuels have too much moisture in them to start burning, much less carry the fire to other adjoining fuels. Historically, March is the month that makes or breaks the amount of rainfall we receive during the wet season which in turn determines when the fire season gets serious and how long it will last. We have actually just gone through one of the driest March's in many years and it's looking as though this may be a long fire season.

Unfortunately, the longer a fire season the more opportunity there is for a large fire in the District. We have been fortunate in the past and maybe our luck will carry us through for another summer. But, as Leo once told me, "luck only seems to be there when you are having a good day in a Casino so prepare for the worse and hope for the best". I think that's good advice! Now, is the time to be clearing around your house and preparing for that possible "unlucky day"

when a fire does happen. As we all know, the State requires 100 feet of clearance around every structure. That means the removal of all ground fuels and the trimming of all trees to at least 10 feet high. Considering the area we live in, I also strongly recommend the removal of ground fuels in this 100 clearance area too. Also make sure all the pine needles and leaves are cleaned out of your gutters so you don't have a place for a spark to turn into a roof fire.

Let me say a few things about your driveway. First, your driveway is not only a means for fire fighting equipment or an ambulance to access your house, it is also the way **you** get out if you must evacuate! Second, it should be cleared to a width of at least 15 feet and a height of at least 12 feet so that we can rapidly get emergency equipment in and back out. Remember, while fires are definitely a possibility, the likelihood of a medical call is also there. We need unobstructed access for both.

There is a Chipping Program being offered by the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. This program makes it possible for you to cut your brush, leave it next to a driveway or the road and a crew will come up and chip it. You have to sign up for this program and forms are available at the fire station. Come down, get a form and then take advantage of this program.

The Fire District's Support Group members will soon start doing annual fire evaluations. In the District if you need some advice or help on what to do around your house please give a call to the fire station (626.9017) and someone will come up and do everything possible to answer all your questions and concerns.

**LET US HELP YOU MAKE YOUR HOME MORE SURVIVABLE IN A WILDLAND FIRE!!! CALL THE FIRE STATION AT 626.9017 FOR AN EVALUATION OF YOUR PROPERTY.**

## Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

by Leslie Baumgartner

WOW what a month! We have had another great month of weather and are now heading for summer. Thanks to all of you who came to the spaghetti dinner and brought sauce to share. We had lots of choices and they were fantastic! Everything from traditional red sauces to sauces filled with vegies and with meatballs. We even had a few white sauces added to the mix. If it were a contest, everyone would have been a winner! I also want to thank Save Mart (Prospector Plaza) and Safeway for their donations. And thanks to these community members: Sharon and Ralph Hern and Ron Stone for donating the bread; to Gail Barritt, Floyd Baumgartner, Sandi Brauns, Linda Buchanan, Amanda Morris and Tom Stewart who helped with set up and serving. If I have forgotten anyone thank you too!

At the dinner, Carl Weiland showed the slide presentation about the Finnon Lake Dam project. Thank you Carl, it was GREAT. If You have a group that may be interested in seeing it please give us a call or come to a meeting and let us know. Supervisor "Jack" Sweeney came up for the dinner and it is great to see his support of our community even though he is from another district.

This month marks the start of the camping season and that has meant "campground cleanup time" for volunteers. THANK YOU DEVERY MINOR for falling the big pine tree over in the Campground that the insurance company wanted taken down. Thanks also to Gail Barritt, Floyd Baumgartner, and Tom Stewart who have been down helping me get it cleaned up.

Boys Scout Troop 95 has been out to do their pre-set up for their big weekend and have done quite a bit of clean up as well as donating a much needed picnic table. Thank you Boys and parents! Gene "Mowen" Bowen was out with Tom Harris in the campground helping with weed eaters and working on the downed tree cleanup, Thanks to you both.

Our next event will be the Annual Community Picnic on July 19<sup>th</sup>. This has always been a community favorite but we could sure use some help on it. If you would like to help out, let us know and we will find a spot for you, there is a lot to do.

## SCPOA

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

We had a small group attend our April meeting and we would like to thank them for their input. Current maintenance projects depend on what the weather is doing; when it is warm enough, Johnathan is patching potholes and when we get some rain to soften the ground, fencing work will begin. We had two transfers of crushed asphalt delivered and it is being used to do some of the larger pothole and road repairs. This product is being used in several areas and the board approved the cost of using a dump truck to relocate it to the appropriate spots. The black berries along Maidu will be sprayed as soon as the weather conditions are right and several dead trees have been removed.

After a review of the paperwork to provide both our secretary and maintenance person a credit card with a limit of \$500 to make required purchases easier, a motion was made and approved to acquire these cards.

We still have 187 property owners who have not paid dues for this year, second notices will be going out this month.

The website committee has continued to make improvements to the website, if you have not seen it recently check it out. \_ (<http://www.scpoa.net>) .

The architectural committee has had only one plan submitted and that was for an outbuilding, still very quiet for new construction.

The budget committee will start meeting in June, as this is when we start looking at our budget for next year. Lynda has received a number of comments regarding the dues increase, she has no more to do with the decision then any other member. If you are unhappy about it you need to come to the budget meetings or at the very least the one meeting a year that we make the final decision. It is always posted on the agenda the budget will be voted on and everyone at the meeting has a say in the decision. Every year those in attendance ask questions and get the facts and in the end most if not all are in agreement with the board recommendations.

The runway is holding up great with the pilots doing the maintenance on it including taking care of the

weeds along the edges and at the ends.

Road committee chairman Tom was unable to attend the meeting but he still plans to complete a road survey to finish the plan for maintenance. There will be a road meeting after the May SCPOA meeting.

Many of you may have noticed that Dyer lake is low, it has not yet filled to the point of running over the spillway this year. This is an issue that needs to be addressed in upcoming years or we may lose this lake.

One of our members wanted to convey what a great job our fire department does. A house near hers burned and there have been a number of investigators looking into it. All of the investigators have made the same comment - that this department does a better job than some of the paid, full time departments they deal with. Our new fire chief Bob Davis also wanted to let everyone know that they will be getting the fire safe program going again including home inspections to help everyone comply with the "100 ft rule". Contact the fire station if you would like to set up an appointment to have them come out and answer any questions about your property.

Our next meeting will be May 10th at 10:00 AM at the fire station, we hope to see you there.

### **Pine Cones Galore** by Lee Hair

With the abundance of pine cones, think of all of the possibilities.....Making small animals like a porcupine. Making table center pieces, Christmas wreaths. Decorate cones, using a little sparkle, glitter, glue, latex paint or spray paint. Pine cones would also make good kindling for starting those winter fire place fires, or use the larger ones as fire wood.

Gather them up in garbage bags, keep them dry and enjoy them.

### **Pilots Association Scholarship Program** by Al Raymond

The Swansboro Pilots Association is again offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors or college under grads a chance to compete for a \$500 scholarship. If you live in our community, are a high

school senior going to college next fall, or are already in college and plan to continue, you can apply for one of the scholarships.

To apply: send us a one-page double-spaced typed essay\* that states: who you are, what college you plan to attend, your life plans, and why you should receive one of our scholarships. Please include your address, phone number, and email address if you have one. Send your essay to: Pilots Association  
6234 Pineneedle Ln.  
Placerville, CA 95667

*\*Essays must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2008*

### **Thank You for the Clean Up Day!**

Many thanks to the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department and the Swansboro Pilot's Association for providing the Free Community Clean Up Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mosquito Phone Book**

Phone Book additions and corrections are listed in the Mosquito Byte each month. Please contact Sharon Hern (626.5268) with additions or changes.

**Remove:**  
Veale, Howard

**Correction:**  
Vreeland, Arnie.....621.0135

### **Meeting with US Forest Service**

The US Forest Service (FS) will be at the fire station on Saturday June 14 at 11. The FS will be discussing topics related to the El Dorado National Forest such as recreational uses of the forest, roads and trails; logging and fuels reduction plans; road maintenance and trail management; and anything else the public attendees wish to discuss with them. This is not intended to be a complaint session but rather a positive meeting that can result in better communication and information sharing between Mosquito residents and the FS.

The Eldorado County Sheriff's Office and the CHP have also been invited to discuss enforcement and traffic management issues in our area. Please come

to this meeting and learn more about living within and helping to protect the beautiful forest we are so lucky to have surrounding us.

### **Retired..... Once Again**

by Leo Chaloux

Well as of the end of March I have once again retired. I came back last September to fill in for awhile until a new Chief could be selected. During that six month period the Board of Directors decided to hire Bob Davis to fill a permanent Chief's position. One of the tasks I was given was to help Bob learn the business of being a Fire Chief. I do not know if I am a great teacher or if Bob is just a good student, but he is catching on quite well. He doesn't know everything yet, but after all it took me about 20 years to figure out how to be a reasonable Fire Chief. I am willing to bet that if a fire chief from the bay area was to come up here to work as the Chief for Mosquito he would have less experience than Bob does. Experience is simply a function of time and place. Bob has the time and to him Mosquito is the place. We're fortunate to have him step up.

Being a fire chief in Mosquito is really quite different from being a fire chief in say, Davis. They have a large number of people, a major interstate freeway, a University, all kinds of money, all the personnel needed to operate a fire department and all the necessary equipment. But what we do have is a great community, Mosquito Road, a properly controlled budget, people who want to live here, dedicated volunteer fire fighters and the best equipment the community can afford. A fire chief here has to like people; after all, the people have access to the fire chief. He has to be willing to pull a fire hose or get a cat out of a tree. He has to drive a fire engine and sometimes he has to work on a fire engine. He must depend on volunteer fire fighters and support group members who will do anything you ask them but nothing you tell them. He has to have a good mind within one head that can carry many different hats. Above all he has to be willing to help, care, support, and love the community he lives and works in.

I have been asked how the fire department is going to do now that I am retiring again. The only answer is, just fine. The Board of Directors will continue to do the great job they have always done by assuring that the community has the greatest level of service with

the finances available. The Fire Chief will continue to provide the guidance and leadership necessary to fill the direction established by the Board. The Volunteer Fire Fighters and Support Group will respond to every 911 call and they will perform in a highly trained and professional manner. And above all the community will continue to support the Mosquito Fire Protection District as it always has.

By the way, I plan on staying up here for awhile longer so if Chief Davis can put up with me I'll be a volunteer fire fighter and the training officer. That is how I started in this business and I would love ending it that way. I'll be seeing you around, hopefully not on a 911 call.

**Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Mosquito Art Show at Rock Creek Café in the pavilion area on June 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 4:00.**

### **Eagle Scout Project** by MVFA Board

"Thank You Clint Johns", for your Eagle Scout project. Clint erected the flag pole and bench around it in the garden area off the parking lot at the Rock Creek Café. Next time that you are in the area stop by and take a look, it is great.

### **Crafts**

Want to be a "Crafter"? Our meetings are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month from 9:30 to 11:30 at Darlene Rood's home, 2211 Swansboro Road The next meeting is May 23<sup>rd</sup>, hope to see you there.

### **News From The Café** by Frank Ethridge

We want to thank everyone who came out for our little party and a special thank-you to those who gave us a helping hand and we will see everyone next year. We will be open our normal hours for mothers day with some very special menu items for the day. As summer heads our way please let us help with any special catering functions that you have planned, we can be reached at 622.0210 or at [fethridge@rockcreekcafe.us](mailto:fethridge@rockcreekcafe.us).

We will continue the Wednesday night dinners also

Prime Rib on Thursday Nights. I would like to mention that on Wednesday mornings @ 6:00am we hold a Mens Bible Study here at the restaurant and it is open to all who would like to come. I am getting a lot of phone calls about the disc golf course and it looks like people are becoming are very interested in our little piece of heaven up here

Rock Creek Café is accepting applications for summer help. See Frank at the Café.

### Recipe for the Month – Grilled New Orleans-Style Shrimp - 4 servings

1 1/2 pounds large shrimp (21 to 25 per lb)  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 3 medium garlic cloves, minced  
 3/4 teaspoon salt  
 6 tablespoons unsalted butter  
 2 teaspoons chili powder  
 2 teaspoons black pepper  
 4 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
 Baguette  
 Lemon wedges

### Cooking Directions

Snip shells of shrimp with scissors down middle of back, leaving tail and first segment of shell intact. Make an incision along length of back where shells are cut and de-vein, leaving shells in place. (Shells will prevent shrimp from becoming tough on outside when grilled.) Toss shrimp with oil, garlic, and 1/2 teaspoon salt and marinate at cool room temperature 15 minutes.

While shrimp marinate, prepare grill for cooking. If using a charcoal grill, open vents on bottom of grill, then light charcoal. Charcoal fire is medium-hot when you can hold your hand 5 inches above rack for 3 to 4 seconds. If using a gas grill, preheat burners on high, covered, 10 minutes, then reduce heat to moderately high. Heat butter, chili powder, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt in a small heavy saucepan over moderately low heat, stirring, until butter is melted, then remove from heat and stir in lemon juice.

Thread 4 or 5 shrimp onto each skewer and grill, covered only if using a gas grill, turning over once, until just cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes total. Push shrimp off skewers into a bowl, then pour butter mixture over them and toss to combine well.

### ADVERTISING POLICY

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### MEETINGS

NEW DANCER CLASS for APPLE JACKS & JILLS SQUARE DANCING CLUB- Starts September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 thru June 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7:30 PM at Hangtown Grange. Call John or Peggy Cory at 642.2217 for more information.

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

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [www.mfom.net](http://www.mfom.net).

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD - Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

### WANTED

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**WOOD DECK PRESERVATIVE** - 5gal pail of Olympic Clear, never opened, \$35 Linda at 622.1616 (5)

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DRAPES, Brand New. Beige linen-like fabric with subtle white stripe, unlined. One Pair, 43"x90" Each side (ten triple pleats) plus one full drape, 66"x90". Ordered for a rental property, didn't fit. \$95 for all, Linda at 622-1616. (5)

I-FIT TREADMILL- very good condition \$50. Call Sandi at 626.6248 (5)

MOTORCYCLE, 2001 Triumph 900cc Triple. Never been down. Fun street bike. \$3500 OBO. Health forces sales. 642.9783. (4)

6 PIECE OAK STUDY SET - \$800, OBO. Bookshelf, File Cabinet, desk all attached great condition. Call 295.3405, Sara or Jarrod (4)

DIAMOND PLATE TOOL BOX - 51 1/2 x 20 1/2 - 4 months old. \$150. Call Kathy at 626.4281 (4)

DOG BISCUITS - Homemade Biscuits for your best doggie friends. All natural ingredients, wholesome and delicious, baked with love. Deliver to your door. 1 lb, \$3, 2 lbs, \$5. Small, Medium and Large. Alice @ 621.3485 (4)

BUILDING SUPPLIES - sheet rock, insulation, lumber, plastic railing spindles (two lengths) etc. View by appointment only. Call 530.417.5978 (4)

TOYOTA 4RUNNER - 1987. Removable hard top, manual transmission, four wheel drive, two door. Almost entire engine has been replaced, with paperwork. Slight body damage, great, clean interior. Great truck with good gas mileage. Fun, Fun, Fun! \$3500 or best offer. Call Garrison/ Erik 622.4703 (4)

1 VTWIN 2100 TORO RIDING MOWER 50 in. CUT - \$1,000 1 YR old, 1 2' 8" fire rated door \$200, 1 2' 8" Pella Metal door with frame and Blinds in window section \$250, Decorative concrete pavers 16X16" \$1 Each 50 plus qty. & 10X10 Metal Perv/fence with gate \$75. Call Brian at 642.0779 (3)

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

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### BUZZ BOMB

by Samantha Langley

The Stinging Truth - When it comes to mosquitoes, those miniature flying torpedoes - there's good news...and bad news.

Good News: Mosquitoes are tiny. One mosquito weighs only 1/25,000 of an ounce. You can squash it with your thumb.  
Bad News: This tiny creature is responsible for more human deaths than any other creature on earth.

Good News: A male mosquito's life span is less than 3 days.  
Bad News: Female mosquitoes live for more than 3 months.

Good News: Mosquitoes don't actually bite.  
Bad News: They suck...blood.

Good News: Male mosquitoes don't bite people; they prefer flower nectar.

Bad News: Female mosquitoes do bite people-they need the protein to reproduce.

Good News: Relax. That welt a mosquito bite raises on your arm is temporary.

Bad News: That welt is your body's allergic reaction to the mosquito's saliva, which it injects into you to prevent your blood from clotting while it drinks.

Good News: Mosquitoes have trouble seeing you.

Bad News: They can smell you. They like carbon dioxide, and use your exhaled breath to track you down. This explains all those welts on your face when you've been out camping.

Good News: At 30 feet, nearsighted mosquitoes can't distinguish you from a tree trunk.

Bad News: At 10 feet, they become heat-seeking missiles, using their antennae's thermal receptors to find you.

Good News: Central America's "Mosquito Coast" is not named after the bug. It's a corruption of Miskito, the name of the indigenous local people.

Bad News: It's still infested with mosquitoes.

Good News: Mosquitoes avoid citronella, it irritates their feet.

Bad News: Eat bananas and you become a mosquito target.

Good News: You cannot get the HIV virus from a mosquito.

Bad News: You can get malaria, yellow fever, dengue fever, and encephalitis from mosquito bites. They also transmit heartworms to cats and dogs.

Good News: You can take pills to prevent malaria.

Bad News: Not everyone has access to those pills.

Mosquito-transmitted malaria kills one million people per year in Africa.

Good News (for Grownups): Mosquitoes prefer children to Adults.

Bad News (for Blondes): They prefer blondes to brunettes.

Good News: Mosquitoes rarely travel more than 300 feet from their breeding grounds.

Bad News: One mosquito averages 1,000-3,000 offspring.

Good News: North America has only 170 species of mosquitoes.

Bad News: There are more than 2,500 species in the world.

Good News: Bug zappers kill 3,000 insects a night.

Bad News: Only a handful of them are mosquitoes. The rest are beneficial, like butterflies and moths.



Good News: A mosquito has a built-in mechanism that tells it to stop feeding when it is full.

Bad News: When that chemical signal is disabled, the mosquito eats so much it explodes.



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**Community Happenings**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</p> <p>** ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS</p>				<p>1 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM Support Group</p>
4	5	6	<p>7 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Chicken Enchiladas</p>	<p>8 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting</p>	9	<p>10 10:00 AM SCPOA Meeting with Road Meeting to follow</p>
<p>11  MOTHER'S DAY</p>	12	13	<p>14 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Lasgana</p>	15	16	<p>17 10:00 AM Fire Safe Council Meeting</p>
18	19	20	<p>21 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Soup &amp; Salad</p>	22	<p>23 9:30 AM Craft Meeting See page 4</p>	24
25	<p>26  MEMORIAL DAY</p>	27	<p>28 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** BBQ Beef Ribs</p>	29	30	31



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