

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

I hope you were able to make it to the 4th of July Fire Works event! It was great. Frank put on an over the top barbecue with all the fixins. The MVFA did a great job on the fireworks. Thanks to the many who participated and helped out. Without their assistance, this holiday celebration could not have happened. Last, but not least, let's not forget the amphibious group who transported, repaired, and fired off the show. Thanks again!

As all of you know, our area is extremely vulnerable to wild fires. We have already had two potential wildland fires, so everyone, be on your toes and report any smoke you see.

The first fire was up on Deer Canyon Ct. where someone had a burn pile and left when it appeared to be out. Unfortunately the wind came up and the fire re-ignited. Luckily the fire department got a jump on the fire and had it out before it had a chance to spread to the neighbor's house.

The second fire we had was reported as smoke in the canyon on the south side just below the Slab Creek dam by a homeowner. I learned a good lesson last year that when any fire is reported in the canyon, I automatically respond and try to locate it (last year a fire was reported on the south side, but it ended up being on our side). I first went to Slab Creek Ct. to a house that looks down into the canyon. As I went out on the deck, I didn't notice any smoke. I reported to dispatch and let them know that I was going to the end of White Oak to a home I knew of at the end that looks down onto Slab Creek Dam and the footbridge just below it. As I pulled up to the house, I saw smoke coming up out of the canyon. I reported to dispatch that I had smoke, but did not have eyes on the fire. I set up the incoming units at the homes near the end of White Oak to start structure protection and

evacuations. Around the same time I arrived, Cal-Fire tanker aircraft began hitting the fire hard, making numerous water drops. Air-Tac gave an update and stated the fire was 100' above the river and approximately 2 arcs in size. The air tankers, helicopters, and ground crews were able to contain the fire before it reached the top.

So far so good! We are not quite halfway through the summer fire season and we have only had two wildland fires. With any luck, we will get through this fire season without any major losses; however, we should not be putting all of our faith into luck. We all have to be very careful of what we do outside when we start any fire. Please be careful! The fire season is just now getting critical.

Be Safe.

Chief

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

by Teresa Wren

Our 2nd Annual 4th of July celebration at Finnon Lake was a great success. As soon as the sun set, the community came in carloads to enjoy the fireworks. Frank and Heidi from the Rock Creek Café put on a spectacular BBQ with all the trimmings. I'm sure everyone noticed the new and improved "SS Mosquito Raft". Thank you to Devin Hern who repaired the raft and built the rails around it, with the guidance of his grandfather. Thank you "Commodore Hern" for bringing your "sea going vessel" and ferrying the crew and fireworks back and forth. The fireworks crew consisted of Ryan Joseph, Christian Eldridge, and Todd Hern, our safety person. Thank you all for the wonderful display that was bigger and better than last year. Dee Harris did the signs once again this year and we really appreciate her doing them for us. Thank you, Barbara Beacham, for

donating the decorations, flag pins, and glow bracelets, which were enjoyed by all who donated to next year's event. We all enjoyed the music by Cathy Camp, sponsored by Frank Ethridge. What a perfect evening it was and a big thank you to all who worked on this event, came out, and enjoyed the evening with us. MVFA appreciates all the comments you have relayed to us on how much you enjoyed the evening.

July was certainly a busy month for MVFA. Our next event was the Annual Community Picnic chaired by Fred Wilder and Jo Thomas. This year's temperature approached 100 degrees. We were all entertained by the firefighters who decided a few days earlier to have a cardboard boat race. The firefighters really worked hard on their boats and it showed. The race brought everyone to their feet laughing at those boats struggling to make it off the starting line. The first place winners were Chris Dillender and Aaron Green. I heard they used 18 rolls of duck tape on that boat.

We were happy to see those who did come out to enjoy the jump house, kid's game, and face painting by Dee Harris, along with the great music. The community and local businesses donated some awesome raffle prizes. Chef Joe Lima who manned the BBQ with his crew Neil Matheny and Rick Clemens cooked all day while Lynda Lima and Ethel Behymer kept the salads and desserts organized. Thank you to Paul Floyd and the Rock Creek café for giving us ice. Tom Stuart and his crew did a wonderful job serving up the beverages. Debbie Rood, Gene Bowen, and Betsy Garrison kept the kids busy with the games. Coleman Johns thank you for all your help with the kids.

Mary Ann Haywood, thank you for donating the BBQ that was won by Paul Floyd. A special thank you to the firefighters who were there in full force setting up and tearing down and doing everything asked of them. Thank you to the Support Group who worked the pump and the MVFA Board who worked for weeks getting everything ready for the picnic. Fred Wilder and Jo Thomas, thank you for taking this project on and making it a success. Last but not least a big thank you to everyone in the community for your support.

See you at the next board meeting on August 5th, 7pm at the Fire Station.

HIGH FIVES by Fred Wilder

A long overdue thank you goes to Dick Rood for his volunteer work at Finnon Lake. Dick drove over on his tractor with the brush hog while I followed behind him on the mower as we cleared weeds. Next, Dick attached his scraper (this man has it all) and worked on many of the potholes and gullies on the back road, which made a big improvement after much damage from all the rain.

Since I injured my knee last month, Devin Hern (with assistance from his grandpa Ralph) took over maintenance at Finnon Campground for July. He has done a lot of weed eating to keep the campsites and restroom areas trimmed, and he looks cool in his coveralls; great job, Devin.

SCPOA by Kim

The SCPOA maintenance crew of Johnathan and Kevin has been doing their best to keep up with mowing around all the lakes, patching potholes as the temperatures have risen, and now prepping all the roads that will have work done this year. Potholes have been addressed on Dogwood, Lupine, and Pineneedle. Others will be done as soon as time allows. The current priority now will be ditching and cleaning up the roads that are to be done in August as well as removing brush along them.

Trout, Dyer, and Catfish lakes will all have some form of treatment done to them this year to control unwanted growth. This treatment should be done sometime in July or early August. A suggestion was brought up to post signs at Dyer prohibiting fishing in the beach areas. This was prompted by finding a fishing hook in the sandy area. The board will look into the cost of having signs made but in the mean time we would like to ask everyone not to fish in the beach areas and if you see someone doing so please ask them to move since fish hooks can be very painful to any child who might step on them.

Another suggestion was brought up to look at making a walking trail around Dyer Lake. This could provide a fairly level surface to walk on and hopefully provide an alternative for those who walk on the runway. The potential cost associated with this project and

possible methods will be explored then brought back for discussion.

We still have just over \$100,000.00 in delinquent accounts this year. Some owners are making payments, some are bank owned, and others are having liens placed on their properties. Our secretary Lynda is doing her best to work with those trying to catch up and has been successful in forcing some banks to pay. She has placed 14 liens so far with another 14 due by the end of the month. She is also starting the paperwork to foreclose on those properties owned by banks that have not paid.

The association is due for our biannual reserve study. Discussion was held about the merits of staying with our current company or changing to another, and it was decided to stay with our current company, Browning.

Roadwork this year will be done by Veerkamp and should start around August 14th. A double chip mat will be applied to finish the areas that had a leveling asphalt layer on them. These roads include Dyer, Lawyer, and Indian. A leveling course of asphalt will be applied on portions of Dyer, Lawyer, and Gold Trail with tie-ins to Tumeli and Nugget.

We have had an issue with loose rocks on the runway surface over the past couple of years. The solution has been to blow them off periodically since rocks can do damage to aircraft propellers. Delta Construction, who did the resurfacing of the runway four years ago, was contacted about the issue and they volunteered to bring up equipment to take care of the problem. They spent over nine hours on the runway sweeping and blowing off all loose rocks at no cost to the association.

We also need to remind people not to walk on runway surface if you are going to be out at the airport, stay off to the side and move as far off as possible when you see an aircraft either in the air or on the ground moving. There have been a number of issues lately and nobody wants to cause an accident. Our next meeting will be held Monday August 9th at 6:00 PM at the firehouse. We hope you will join us.

**BOOK - CHILI BAR FIRE 1979
A Rural Chief's Recollection**

Paul Hinds, our Rural Fire Chief in 1979 during the Chili Bar Fire, which destroyed 7000 acres and 5 homes, has written his experiences as the first paid MFPD Fire Chief. Jan Escamilla, Richard Paradise, and many others have teamed together to develop this Fund Raiser for the Fire Fighters Fund. This book is on sale NOW for \$20 at the:

**MFPD Fire Station
Rock Creek Café.**

100% of your donation will go to the MVFA Fire Fighter's Fund. Contact Jan Escamilla 621-4271

**Crafters
by Sharon Hern**

Even though it's the HEAT of summer, our craft projects are now focusing on Fall and Christmas decorations and gifts. We need your expertise whatever it may be, so come join the fun and friendships.

Our next meeting is August 27th. Don't miss the fun! Our craft meetings are held on the 4th Friday of each month at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road, from 10am to 12noon.

**Antique/Classic Aircraft Display
by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick**

Want to take an up close look at some airplanes that are 35 years old and older? Now's your chance. Stop by the Swansboro Airport on Fri. August 13th, Sat. August 14th, or Sun. August 15th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM (Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and take a look at the aircraft on display. Come see the great variety of aircraft. For further information please contact Kim at 621-1049.

**2009 Mosquito Phone Book
Updates**

Please contact Sharon Hern at 626-5268 with any additions or corrections.

Additions:

**Weeks, Roland.....916-630-8855
3160 Stope Drive**

News from the Café

By Frank Ethridge

Well I don't know about you but I think that the MVFA and Our Fire department put on one heck of a Fireworks show for the 4th here at Finnon, and we can't wait until next year. The café would also like to thank everyone that came out for our little BBQ. I haven't had that much fun in a very long time, and a very special thank you to those who helped us put it all together.

The café will be closed August 1st thru August 10th.

Thank you from the Crew at the Café.

Recipe of the Month

by Chef Frank

Shaved Zucchini Salad with Parmesan Pine Nuts

This no-cook salad is a refreshing (and lovely) way to use up lots of zucchini—and also impress your dinner guests. A vegetable peeler makes it easy to create the zucchini ribbons.

Yield: Makes 6 servings

Active Time: 40 minutes

Total Time: 40 minutes

Ingredients

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 1 teaspoon coarse kosher salt
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 1/4 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper
 2 pounds medium zucchini, trimmed
 1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh basil
 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted
 Small wedge of Parmesan cheese

Preparation

Whisk oil, lemon juice, 1-teaspoon coarse salt, 1/2-teaspoon black pepper, and crushed red pepper in small bowl to blend. Set dressing aside.

Using vegetable peeler and working from top to bottom of each zucchini, slice zucchini into ribbons (about 1/16 inch thick). Place ribbons in large bowl. Add basil and nuts, then dressing; toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper, using vegetable peeler; shave strips from Parmesan wedge over salad.

Dietary considerations Vegetarian
 Low Cal Healthy Low Cholesterol

Classified Section

MEETINGS:

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP -Sunday Bible study begins at 9:30am then 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.

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>

BUNCO fundraiser at the Fire Department
 Saturday September 18th, 6PM – 9PM, \$10/person
 Light snacks and drinks served.
 White Elephant prizes!
 Proceeds benefit our community Food Closet
 RSVP's appreciated - Email
SwansboroBuncoBabes@Yahoo.com
 or Call: Jessica Dillender (530) 295-3331

GROUP EXERCISE CLASS:

Group exercise is a great way to get in shape, maintain fitness, and stay committed to your fitness goals. 1 hour class 3 times a week, includes cardio/fat burning, shape muscles and strengthen, stretch and relaxation. Group exercise class is limited, please call Paisha Weaver if interested. Home 642-8991 or Cell 409-1317, please leave your name and number!

FREE:

FIREWOOD: Big pile of pine logs close to the road for easy access. Cut and haul away as much as you'd like. Call Pam or Dave 621-3688. (6)

KITTENS to responsible homes. Wormed and first vaccination done. 530-621-9999. (6)

COCKATIEL to good home only! 2yr old female, very loving. She needs lots of Love and Attention. Please Call Linda at 621-4168 if interested. (6)

SHIPPING BOXES varied sizes. Call Kim 621-2316 (6)

WANTED:

All CA CRV aluminum cans, beer bottles and plastic water bottles. Please drop off bags from 8-5 at the fire station or call 642-9783 for pick up service. MVFA THANKS YOU!

Got any carved, stuffed, or pix of fish? Call Dee at 642-2333. I'm sprucing up the Rock Creek Café, so come in and see! Pick up a delicious TAKE 'n BAKE pizza while you're there! (6)

SERVICES:

MOSQUITO AUTO- All general vehicle repairs including brakes, tune-ups and specializing in transmissions. Also repairing chain saws, weed eaters, lawnmowers and blade sharpening. Call Hippie at 642-2867

PET CARE - Pet feeding while your away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Devin & Dylan's Pet Feeding Service at 295-9165

NEED HELP WITH YOU CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS? Call Big Dave, 40yrs experience, 25yrs right here on the Hill. Very Dependable, with excellent references. I am experienced in all phases of construction and masonry work. i.e. retaining walls , rock walls etc. have pictures. \$25/hr for construction work and I will also do weed eating for \$15/hr. Please call 621-4168

OPTOMETRY CLINIC - Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eyecare, 532 Main Street, Placerville. Open Tuesday thru Friday 9:00AM to 5:30PM, Saturday by appointment. Call 622-8300 - most insurance accepted. (New Patients Welcome!)

XM WRENCHING- Swansboro mechanic, now providing routine maintenance for all your dirt, snow and water toys. Engine building, high performance racing upgrades, exhaust systems, carb mods/ rejetting, tire mounting/wheel lacing/accessories installation, cylinder boring and more. Specializing in motocross suspension re-valving and cylinder/head porting/ polishing. Call 417-3260 or 626-7873

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DROP-IN CHILDCARE- Stay at home Christian mom willing to care for your child as need arises. One family per day, mildly sick children ok, all ages are welcome. I am a credentialed teacher, Swansboro resident for 9 years, and enjoy children. \$30/child/day Shelly Sears 344-8402

CALIFORNIA GARDENS - Landscape Design and Consultation. Web site - www.california-gardens.com or email - li@california-gardens.com

SOUTHERN LIVING at HOME parties and gifts. Call Kelly at 295-9165 or kjhern@yahoo.com

CHANA'S DOG SITTING SERVICE AT THE CAFÉ- You're hungry and you have a dog to watch. You don't want to run in and out every 5 minutes to check on your pet, so call Chana at 622-0210 or 344-8015.

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HIMALAYAN CRYSTAL SALT LAMPS - Call Mel or Debbie Gephart at 626-7529
peacefultrailstradingco@yahoo.com

LOG SPLITTER - Owner operator, \$25.00 hr., 2 hour min. Swansboro area only. Call 344-9066

CATERING-FOOD SERVICES - Special event planning. Large or small. We will help you design your menu. Catering on the Hill by Rock Creek Café. Call Frank at 622-0210 or FAX 530-622-0211

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YARD WORK - Experienced doing yard work. Reasonable rates. Call Beau at 344-9066

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR, Owner, specializing not only in all types of custom stair rail installation; but also in all types of finish trim, custom as well as standard packages. New construction or remodel. Licensed, bonded and insured. 20+ yrs in business, 30+ experience. Ken Osborn at 622-0551.

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GLASS & CERAMIC ART - Affordable handcrafted items made here in Mosquito! Studio open most days, call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill. Call Pam Angelo at 621-3688

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** at 622-6822

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VEGETABLES - Heirloom tomato's and herbs for sale I have 20 varieties of heirloom tomato's in a variety of colors as well as basil, thyme and dill. They are started in my own composted soil, passing 6 inches tall and ready to move outside to plant. 621-1049 (5)

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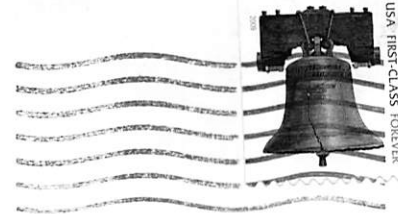
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