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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear

It is an honor and privilege for me to serve as your fire chief for the Mosquito Fire District. I was fortunate to arrive in an organization with so much positive momentum moving forward. I would like to thank Interim Chief Mark Schwegler for his leadership during this transitional and challenging time, made even more challenging because of the pandemic crisis. Chief Schwegler will continue to be an important part of our operations.



I have been involved in the fire service most of my life, starting out as a fire explorer, similar to the young people currently involved in the District's Explorer/Cadet program. I still hold those memories which formed the excitement for the fire service and service to the community, which I have to this day. In my years of public service I have not experienced a more engaged and supportive community as I have right here. This is a community that reaches out and helps one another. The Fire District is definitely a reflection of its community and there are great things ahead.

One of the best reflections of this community is the Fire District's Support Group. This is a collection of residents from diverse backgrounds who desire to give back with their expertise in support of the District's response and administrative operations. These great people donate their time and energy under any conditions, which is vital in our overall service to you.

The recent closure of the Mosquito Bridge for repairs has created a serious situation if a wildfire forces an evacuation of the community. Rock Creek Road is the main access for responding fire engines. We are currently updating planning to be prepared in the event a fire forces an evacuation. The key component of an evacuation of our community is the use of the Swansboro Airport as an evacuation staging area. There is plenty of room for residents to park in a safe area pending an orderly evacuation out of the area by the Sheriff's Office. It cannot be overstated that vehicles leaving the area in a panic, rushed fashion will create a hazardous situation for both residents leaving and incoming fire engines. The ability to get fire engines in quickly is vital in saving lives and property.

Fire District Support personnel and members of the Swansboro Pilots Association pilot will be present to direct residents into the airport, including a gate at Dyer Lake which can accommodate RVs and animal trailers. This will be the safest location until Sheriff's deputies can lead vehicles out on Rock Creek Rd. It will also be important for us to note where your residence is and that you and your loved ones have safely evacuated. This will assist deputies and firefighters who are looking for anyone trapped and needing assistance. Additional preparedness and evacuation information can be found at www.mfpd.us or by stopping by the fire station.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of your community. The Fire District is moving forward in a very positive direction despite financial and other challenges, which have not slowed us down. This is a Fire District you can be proud of. I will have updates regarding the things we are doing in my monthly Chief's report.

In Memory of
Celian "Buck" Adams

Mosquito resident since 1938, Died within ten days
of his 100th birthday. "He lived to serve"

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

The MVFA board would like to extend an enthusiastic welcome to our new fire Chief, Jack Rosevear! The positive changes being made in our Mosquito fire department are exciting and we look forward to supporting and working with the department in any way that we can.

The campground at Finnon continues to be very popular, weekends are completely booked through the summer and even weekdays are busy. The campground is run and maintained by all volunteers and the board thanks the many community members who always help out. We can always use more volunteers so if you're interested please contact a board member or come to one of our meetings.

Our bald eagle baby is growing and is still in the nest although it is now venturing out to other branches in the tree. This picture is of one of the Adults. There is a new set of baby barn swallows in the pavilion nest at Franks Diner, the last crew is now out flying around doing their part to reduce the bug population.



The MVFA board decided to cancel the planned upcoming dinner events with the current restrictions due to the virus.

The MVFA board has approved Three Goats Farm the use of the pavilion at Franks to sell their amazing locally grown produce on Saturday mornings. This all organic fresh produce is grown on the hill and should be available every other Saturday. Their first outing was a great success. Look for the announcements of future dates and come check it out.

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, August 6th at
3:30pm at the Finnon Lake Pavilion**

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell

The treasurer, David Blain, reported that he doesn't have current financial information due to the reports being several months behind. Based on what he has, the board is still running under budget so he would still like to plan a return of the extra funds back to members. David also requested to move as much as possible of the \$300,000 in the operating account to an interest bearing account, this could be transferred as needed to pay bills but it doesn't make sense having that much money earning nothing. He also expressed frustration in not having current information and suggested that if the Management Trust cannot provide it in a timely manner then perhaps they should reduce their fees, they are behind but planning to catch up.

Tom Best reported that the final coat of paint with glass beads was completed on the runway, Kevin will mark the tie downs again so they'll be easy to see. Dan has measured out and marked the area for the helispot, it will be painted soon.

Kevin has completed a bulletin board and it has been installed near Sluice and Rock Creek on the airport side. He also will be picking up the new trailer for the mower and then the mower as soon as it comes in. He has also been adding water to Dyer Lake which is just about keeping up with the evaporation.

David requested to move the August meeting to the fourth Thursday for August in order to have current financial information since the management company could not assure they would be on time, the board agreed to the change.

Swansboro Pilots Association Aircraft Display Days

by Swansboro Pilots Association

Swansboro Airport is home to many interesting aircraft both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft displays on August 7, 8 and 9th. You are invited to look but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway as the aircraft could be operating at the same time. Please also be respectful and look but do not touch without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, would like further information or a guided tour you can contact Kim Purcell at 621-1049

MVFA History & Policy's

by MFVA Board of Directors

Based on its founding documents and in keeping with both its fiduciary responsibility and its policy of openness, transparency, and full disclosure, the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) operates as a non-political, independent, volunteer-run, community-support and education organization with no financial connection, actual or implied, with the taxpayer-financed Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). Complete MVFA financial reports are produced and made public every month at MVFA board meetings.

When the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) purchased the Finnon Lake property in 1997, concern was expressed about the confusion in name and function between the MFPD and the new Finnon owners, MVFD. So, in order to protect the MFPD taxpayers from

any legal liabilities, taxes, fees, and penalties associated with the property holdings acquired through Finnon's purchase, it was agreed by both parties that the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department would legally change its name to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association. According to IRS tax code and state law, as a 501(c)(3) charity, MVFA can make distributions only to other 501(c)(3) organizations and is prohibited from appearing to endorse or support political candidates and from attempting to influence legislation.

MVFA will continue to encourage education of fire risks in our district, actively support the Fire Chief and the Fire Department, and promote social activities among district residents. In addition, MVFA will continue to maintain the MVFA Station 75 Fund (as well as other funds, at the discretion of its Board of Directors) for the purpose of purchasing firefighting tools and equipment for use by Station 75, and to purchase these items upon written request by the chief, according to MVFA policy.

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

Unfortunately, it has been decided to take a temporary hiatus from Crafters through the end of 2020. We will reassess and see where we are after the New Year. We know everyone misses our monthly meetings but staying healthy is the priority. This situation is temporary and better days are ahead.

Three Goats Farm Market Stand

by Chelsey Shanks

We want to thank this fantastic community for the support we received at our market! It's a true joy sharing the fruits of our labors with you all! We have been operating our diverse farm out here on the hill since 2010, growing a mixture of fruits, veggies, eggs and honey. We are very pleased to be sharing the farm with you all. What we stand on is what we stand for. This year we look forward to hosting a bi-weekly market through fall on Saturdays at 8:00 am in the Finnon Lake Pavilion. Our next market will be August 1st. Look for information @3goatsfarm on Instagram, via Facebook, or on our website 3goatsfarm.com. Head on down and get yourself some fresh, local organic seasonal delights! Thank you for supporting our family run farm!

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

The next Bird Watching event will be held on August 8th at 8:00 A.M. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of the dam, just past the Boat Launch area. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no day use charge to attend this event.



12 Canada Goose
9 Mallard
2 Pied-billed Grebe
2 American Coot
1 Turkey Vulture
1 Cooper's Hawk
16 Red-winged Blackbird

1 Bald Eagle
14 Acorn Woodpecker
2 Black Phoebe
1 California Scrub-Jay
3 Common Raven
4 Violet-green Swallow
12 Great-tailed Grackle

6 Barn Swallow
1 White-breasted Nuthatch
3 Western Bluebird
10 Lesser Goldfinch
2 Black-headed Grosbeak

Number of Taxa: 19

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

“When summer opens, I see how fast it matures, and fear it will be short; but after the heats of July and August, I am reconciled, like one who has had his swing, to the cool of autumn.” – **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



Welcome to the middle of summer. It sure is hot out there. Thank You to this community for supporting your local diner. We are wishing everyone well and hope you are keeping safe.

Wednesday Family Night Specials

- 5th Chicken Pot Pie
- 12th Roast Beef Dinner
- 19th Gumbo with Cornbread and Salad
- 26nd Asian Ribs

Veggie options are available
All specials are \$10.00

Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm
Monday – Tuesday Closed
(530) 409-1977
www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Recipe of the Month Gazpacho Soup

Ingredients:

4 large fresh tomatoes, peeled and diced
½ English cucumber, peeled and finely diced
½ cup finely diced red bell pepper
¼ cup minced green onion
1 large jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground cumin
1 pinch dried oregano

1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 pint cherry tomatoes
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 lime, juiced
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt and ground black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh basil
(Garnish)

Step 1, Combine diced tomatoes, cucumber, bell pepper, green onion, jalapeno, and garlic in a large bowl. Stir in salt, cumin, oregano, cayenne pepper, and black pepper.

Step 2, Place cherry tomatoes, olive oil, lime juice, balsamic vinegar, and Worcestershire sauce in a blender. Cover and puree until smooth. Pour pureed mixture through a strainer into the tomato-cucumber mixture; stir to combine.

Step 3, Place 1/3 of the tomato mixture into the blender. Cover, turn blender on, and puree until smooth. Return pureed mixture to the remaining tomato-cucumber mixture. Stir to combine. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

Step 4, Season cold soup with salt and black pepper to taste. Ladle into bowls and top with basil.

Happy summer from Frank's Diner

MVFA SWAG

by Maryann Haywood

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts in a variety of sizes and colors, Tote Bags and Local Phone books are also for sale at Frank's Diner during normal business hours or at MVFA sponsored events. Custom orders can be taken and delivered on the next re-order schedule. For custom orders, contact Mary Ann Haywood at: 530-622-5477



T-Shirts S-XL	\$20.00		
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00
MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00			

The 2019 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner

The Mosquito Phone Book contains information on our Mosquito/Swansboro area such as, Who Are They (MVFA, MFPD & SCPOA), Helpful Area Phone Numbers, a Timeline History of Mosquito, Mosquito Fire Department History & Other Useful Information, Map of our Area, and Residential & Business listings. The Phone Book is available at the Mosquito Fire Station 75 at 8801 Rock Creek Road (530)626-9017 or Franks Diner for \$5 per copy. The Mosquito Phone Book is published every 2 years. For changes to the Phone Book, email us at mosquitophbook@gmail.com or mail the information to: MVFA, phone book 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville CA 95667. Residential and business listings are free to list.



Please drop off bags from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials. (Sorry, wine bottles do not have CRV so we cannot use them)

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycle volunteers.



MVFA THANKS YOU!

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LOCAL ORGANIC FARM

Seeks manure source, specifically goat, sheep, chicken, llama or alpaca. Please contact Ryan at **THREE GOATS FARM**. (530) 497-4279 or farm3goats@gmail.com (0000)

MEETINGS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP

Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. We meet Sunday mornings 10 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

SERVICES

HARP TEACHER

Have you always wanted to play the harp? There is now a Harp Teacher in Swansboro. Over 20 years' experience teaching children and adults. I have a few harps available for rent. For more Information, please call 530-344-1531 and ask for Paula or e-mail: harppaula@gmail.com. (1220)

FACE PAINTING

I'm available to do face painting for parties or events. \$40 an hour. Call: Dee at 642-2333 (0720)

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1540 Broadway, Placerville
Tuesday – Saturday 9 to 8
and Sunday 10 to 5 with 10
Indoor Shooting and 8
Archery Ranges, Firearms and Recurve
Bow rentals, Milo Virtual Shooting Range
w/ live fire ammunition, Archery and
Handgun classes, CCW classes, One on
One training, Basic Pistol Classes,
Women's Classes. Call 530-497-5443 for
more information. (0621)

FREE VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES

Food preparation demonstrations, recipe handouts, video clips, resource materials, generous samples provided. Interact with health-minded folks, learn healthful lifestyle principles and discover tasty new recipes. We meet once a month at the Camino SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Mondays at 11 a.m. Call Fred Adams at (530) 642-9441 or AdamsAmigos@gmail.com for dates and to reserve your space. (0000)

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Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0720)

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3000 Mosquito Road,
Placerville, Tuesday –
Friday 9 to 6, Saturday 9
to 5, El Dorado County's premier source
for the best hunting, fishing, archery and
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a home and a little acreage to call your
own! Sally Long Johns, your resident
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or sell any property in El Dorado County!
You can reach me at
www.mosquitoadneighbors.com or
(530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE,
snlongjohns@yahoo.com. (0000)

NOTARY SERVICE

I'm a mobile Notary Public living here in
Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of
notary work including loan packages, real
estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at
(530)295-0503 (0621)

Area Web Links

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)
Finnon Lake Recreation Area
Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)
Swansboro Country Property Owners Association
Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito
Mosquito Fire Safe Counsel

<http://www.gomvfa.org>
<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>
<https://mfpd.us/>
<https://scpoa.info>
<http://mfom.net>
<https://mosquitofsc.org/>

Due to the current Covid-19, the August calendar of events and meetings listed below may change at any time. Contact the organization's for the current status.

August 2020						
Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Three Goats Farm Market Frank's Diner Pavilion 8:00am MFPD Support Training 10:am	2	3	4	5 Frank's Family Night Chicken Pot Pie 5 to 8pm	6 MVFA Board Meeting 3:30pm Outside Pavilion @ Finnon Lake	7 SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport
8 SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport Men's Breakfast, Franks Diner, 7-8am	9 SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	10	11	12 Frank's Family Night Roast Beef Dinner 5 to 8pm	13 MFPD Board Meeting 10 am via Tele-conference	14
15 Three Goats Farm Market Frank's Diner Pavilion 8:00 Bird Watching Finnon Day use area 8:00 am	16 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	17	18	19 Frank's Family Night Gumbo with Cornbread & Salad 5 to 8pm	20	21
22	23 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	24	25	26 Frank's Family Night Asian Ribs 5 to 8pm	27 SCPOA Board Meeting 7:00 PM Dyer Lake Hall	28
29	30 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	31				

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MVFA values and promotes voluntary efforts in our community. MVFA continues to carry on the work begun by its predecessors many years ago. If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Finnon lake pavilion located at Frank's Diner at 3:30pm. At the meetings, you have the opportunity to obtain correct and updated information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake and events and volunteer opportunities. Mosquito residents may request a copy of approved MVFA Board meeting minutes by emailing your name and address to mvfa95667@gmail.com, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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