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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: May 25-June 21

Fires: 3 (Water Tender Mutual aid to Coloma & Georgetown- Engine to Wildland Fire- Kelsey/Cancelled)

Medical: 7

Public Assist: 3

The Fire Safe Council hosted a breakfast at the Fire Station on Saturday June 19. The event was well attended, serving over 90 people. We appreciate the organization and generosity of Jerry and Karen Pullin.

Also, on June 19th the Support Group conducted annual evacuation training, deploying to various locations to assist residents with evacuation directions. Attached are the recently revised procedures and information given to residents encountered on the road during the drill.

I would like to extend our appreciation to McCauley Construction and Director James Young for the donated paving improvements to the Fire Station, including asphalt to the removed oak tree area in front of the Station.

The Station has also received an evaluation for the conversion of our station interior lights to LED, a program sponsored by PG&E. The program involves a no interest loan for the conversation, the payment being the savings from the normal PG&E bill. The details will be brought to the Board when the estimate and proposal is completed by the PG&E vendor.

We are in the process of installing two of the three water storage tanks for the strategic placement of additional water supply (in areas with no fire hydrants). One tank will be located at the end of Gravel Rd. and the other at Buckboard & Lawyer Rds. We appreciate the property owners' cooperation to place these tanks for the benefit of the community. Our ability to quickly contain a fire with adequate water supply is critically important.

We have conducted three Covid vaccination clinics between April-June, administering a total of 69 vaccinations. The Moderna vaccine was administered in a two-shot series. The clinics have gone smoothly thanks to the skill, organization, and positive attitude of our personnel. This involved staff giving vaccinations, screening paperwork, directing vehicles through the drive-thru, monitoring residents for vaccine after-effects.

Defensible space inspections are still in progress. District personnel are available seven days a week to assist residents with property inspections and fire safety information. This includes those residents who have received a violation notice from Cal Fire. Please email rosevear@mfpd.us to schedule an inspection.

The Sheriff and Cal Fire encourage residents to sign up for the Code Red program (phone application but also for hard-wire phones, email, and other devices), to receive emergency information about fires

or other emergencies to be aware of and possibly evacuate from. You can find sign-up information at: [EDSO Alert Notification](#).

Cal Fire has prioritized our Community for defensible space inspections. Three fire inspectors have conducted 193 inspections and have issued 38 violation notices. Cal Fire considers these inspections educational oriented and does not anticipate legal enforcement action.

Personnel Update:

Firefighter Engineer Brian Morris has been accepted to Paramedic School, beginning in August 2021. Brian will be funded by a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which will cover salary, tuition and replacement of Brian's position while he is away. The training process will take approximately one year, and Brian will return to us a certified paramedic, as Ryan Purves is now.

The District is hosting a Fire Apparatus/Pump Operation class June 21-24. The class is grant funded for District personnel with several seats opened to personnel from the Divide Departments. We will host additional classes for wildland fire training and CPR.

Summary of Current Personnel:

2 Full Time- Chief & Captain

3 Part Time- FF Engineers, Admin Assistant

2 Volunteers- Administration/Grants

9 Trained Volunteers- Asst Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Apparatus Operators, Firefighters

11 Volunteers in Training- Firefighters

1 Explorer

4 Volunteers being on boarded- Firefighters

1 Part Time being evaluated for on boarding- Captain

19 Support Group

Grant Update:

On 3/12/21 we submitted our grant request to FEMA for the SAFER program funding for staffing. If awarded, which we are hopeful, the grant would provide the ability for us to fund six full time positions for round the clock staffing for the next 3-4 years. Awards will be announced in September 2021.

Our Cal Fire 50-50 grant is currently active (\$20,000) for the purchase of wildland safety equipment. We have ordered approximately \$13,000 in safety gear and equipment, so far. We will be reimbursed for half the amount we spend. According to grant requirements we must purchase the approved equipment prior to June 30, 2021. I have submitted a grant request renewal for \$20,000 for the next fiscal year 2021/22. It identifies additional safety equipment, in anticipation of more volunteers being added over the next 6-8 months. If approved, the grant will come to the Board for review and approval.

I also submitted a grant request to the Jenny Jones Foundation through the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA). The request was for \$25,000 for the replacement of aging hose and the addition of new fire hose, which we have not been able to afford. There was quite a bit of hose which was sold for surplus last year, without consideration of replacement. We need to add hose length capability for water supply and fire attack lines. We are currently borrowing 600 feet of fire attack double jacket hose, from Cal Fire.

We have also submitted three additional grants (2 regional, 1 District) to FEMA for various equipment. Regional grants have been requested with our sister districts for the purchase of new, state of the art breathing apparatus and updated mobile radios, portable radios and pagers. District equipment includes vehicle extrication equipment, a washing machine for contaminated safety gear and a replacement breathing air compressor.

SSD/Strike Team Invoice Update:

Attached is the latest update of invoices, breakdown of expenses and revenue generated by fire engine and SSD out of District fire deployments. We have recently received payments for incidents (SSD) of approximately \$330,000. The payment for the fire engine/crew deployments are all paid now (4 incidents). I will continue to keep the Board updated each month as payments arrive. I do not anticipate all invoices to be paid until late July. There is approximately \$130,000 remaining from the unpaid invoices.

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we have a place for you. Please visit our website, mfpd.us.

The next MFPD Board meeting on Thursday, July 22 starting at 7:00 PM at the fire station or by Zoom meeting. Contact the station at 530-626-9017 prior to the meeting for more information.

<https://mfpd.us/>

MVFA UPDATE

MVFA Board of Directors

Thanks to everyone who attended our June meeting to approve the updated bylaws, they were approved and will be submitted.

The Finnon T shirts have been popular; the new order has arrived and is now available at Franks Diner. Our Finnon cleanup day was a big success with so much getting accomplished in just one day. A huge thank you to the community members who volunteered to help mow, weed eat and do clean up at the campground. Also a huge thank you also to our fire department personnel who mowed and cleaned the entire dam surface both front and back. MVFA provided lunch for everyone with Frank's delicious pizza's, it was a fun productive day. MVFA also purchased just over \$800 worth of equipment needed for the fire department from the Station 75 fund. It will to be used in case of evacuation as well as road control.

The annual community yard sale was a success again this year. We had over 20 participants with lots of great items for sale and trade. Fresh produce from Three Goats Farm, lunch from Frank's as well as fresh baked goods including homemade baklava.

The campground at Finnon continues to be popular and as we progress into summer even weekdays are starting to fill up. At this point two of the young bald eagles have fledged and can be seen practicing their flight skills around the lake. The third should be joining them shortly. It doesn't get much better than sitting outside while enjoying a meal at Franks and watching them fly!

Campground Reservation

To make campground reservations go to: www.hipcamp.com and search on Finnon Lake

The July MVFA Board meeting has been canceled for the month and will resume in August.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the June bird watch. The next bird watch is scheduled for the July 10th. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. We will start at 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



20 Canada Goose	1 Osprey	2 American Robin
28 California Quail	3 Bald Eagle	5 Lesser Goldfinch
1 Wild Turkey	31 Acorn Woodpecker	15 Red-winged Blackbird
2 Pied-billed Grebe	2 California Scrub-Jay	2 Brown-headed Cowbird
10 Band-tailed Pigeon	5 Oak Titmouse	15 Brewer's Blackbird
2 Mourning Dove	2 Violet-green Swallow	2 Great-tailed Grackle
2 Calliope Hummingbird	2 Barn Swallow	
2 American Coot	2 White-breasted Nuthatch	
1 Turkey Vulture	6 Western Bluebird	

Number of Taxa: 24

Aircraft Display Days

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Airport is home to many interesting aircraft both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft displays on July 16th, 17th and 18^h from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM each day at the airport. Aircraft that are unique as well as older than 35 years will be out and you are invited to look but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway as the aircraft may be operating. 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

Crafters

by Eileen Reisner

The MVFA Fire House Crafters are looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings in January of 2022. During this down time we hope you are all putting your thinking caps on to come up with some new creative ideas. Don't have time to meet? That's okay, we are always looking for crafters willing to donate their crafts for the cause. All sales go to the Station 75 Fund, used to buy needed items for the Fire Station.

The 2021 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner

2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK. Fresh off the presses the MVFA 2021 Mosquito Phone Book has arrived! 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.



Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

“July: Just take me to the Ocean.” – Unknown

Join us at Frank's Diner for our 4th of July BBQ starting at 11:00 am. We will have live music with "Almost Blue" and Frank's Texas style BBQ with all your favorites. We hope to see you there.



We have some things going on in August. Our daughter has graduated high school and is leaving Mosquito to move on on to college back east. We are having a party on August 1st. to wish her well and send her off, feel free to come by after 3 pm and join us in celebrating our daughter's accomplishments. We (Frank, Heidi and Chana) will be traveling east to drop Chana off at college. We will be gone from August 7th to August 23rd. We will reopen on August 24th.

Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Thursday 11 am - 8 pm

Friday 12 pm - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

Monday-Tuesday – Closed

(Breakfast Served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$10.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

July 7th-Lasagna

July 14th-Pork Chops

July 21st-Chicken Piccata

July 28th-Asian Salad with a choice of
Chicken, beef or Veggie

Dates to Remember

August 1st-Private Party @ Frank's Diner

August 7th-23rd Frank's Diner is CLOSED

August 24th-Frank's Diner is OPEN

Recipe of the Month Herbed Grilled Corn on the Cob

Looking for a new twist on an old favorite? Since you are grilling anyway, let's try something new.

Ingredients

8 medium ears sweet corn

1/2 cup butter, softened

2 tablespoons minced fresh basil

2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions

1. Place corn in a stockpot; cover with cold water. Soak 20 minutes; drain. Carefully peel back corn husks to within 1 in. of bottoms; remove silk.

2. In a small bowl, mix remaining ingredients; spread over corn. Rewrap corn in husks; secure with kitchen string.

3. Grill corn; covered, over medium heat until tender, 25-30 minutes, turning often. Cut string and peel back husks.

Frank's Diner will be CLOSED August 7th - August 24th.

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Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile...

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com/>), you need to select Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (*Not MVFA*) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Please refer to the AmazonSmile website for further questions/answers.

You may also visit our website <http://www.gomvfa.org/> and click on the SmileAmazon link directly to sign up. Thank you so much – as always – for supporting our wonderful Community!

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	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00		

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00

MVFA CRV Recycle Program



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 no Glass)

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic **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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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)

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Having a hard time finding the book Goat Doctor of the Sierra's? I still have some left from the Harvest Festival. \$20 each. Proceeds support MFPD. Call Taffy at 530 626-8689.

Tires, Studded snow winter, size 225/50R-17, Federal- Himalaya WS2 Mud/Snow \$300 916-765-3652

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 am at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

SERVICES

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Specializing in repaints contact Steven Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com
Lic# 960086

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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)

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Hangtown Range

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)

HANDCRAFTED GLASS ITEMS

Birdbaths, flowerpots, plates, bowls, etc. Also, handmade wooden jewelry boxes. Affordable and unique. Studio open most days; call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill! Call Pam or Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688. (0321)

Mosquito Creek Outfitters

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 outdoor products. Mosquito Creek Outfitters is always stocked with the best gear to accompany you wherever you may roam. 530-621-4500 (0621)

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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)

Local 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 (MFOM)
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MVFA Board Meeting No meeting this month	2	3
4 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	5	6	7 Frank's Family Night – Lasagna	8	9	10 MFPD Support Group 10 am Fire Station Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 8 am ManLand , 8 am at 3342 Stope Drive
11 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	12	13	14 Frank's Family Night - Pork Chops	15 SCPOA Board Meeting, 7pm Dyer Hall	16 Aircraft Display Day	17 Aircraft Display Day
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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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