



Power Outage Safety Tips #1

By Rob Kirkpatrick

We all just experienced a PG&E power shutoff due to weather conditions. Many of us turned to portable generators to return our lives to some scene of normalcy. If you used Extension Cords to power up appliances and lights here are some safety tips to consider. There are approximately 3300 home fires originated in extension cords each year, killing 50 people and injuring 270 more*. Extension cords can overheat and cause fires when used improperly, so keep these important tips in mind.

- 1) Don't attempt to plug an extension cord into another. This can produce high heat at this connection site with larger loads.
- 2) Make sure extension cords are properly rated for the intended use, indoor or outdoor, and meet or exceed the power needs of the appliance or device being used. Example: If your appliance draws 10 amps continuously and you are using a 25 foot cord you will need a 16 AWG rated cord. For 50 feet you will need a 14 AWG cord and for 100 feet you will need a 12 AWG cord minimum for the same load.
- 3) Inspect cords for damage before use. Check for cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connectors.
- 4) Do not run through walls, doorways, ceilings or floors. If cord is covered, heat cannot escape, which may result in a fire. If a cord is pinched in a doorway this can create a heat source and lead to failure.
- 5) Buy only cords that have been approved by an independent testing laboratory for example: UL, CSA or ETL.
- 6) Keep all outdoor extension cords clear of snow and standing water.
- 7) Do not nail or staple electrical cords to walls or baseboards.
- 8) Never use three-prong plugs with outlets that only have two slots. Never cut off the ground pin to force a fit, which could lead to electric shock. Do not use light weight two wire lamp cords to run appliances.
- 9) Do not substitute extension cords for permanent wiring.
- 10) Don't use a 100 foot extension cord where a 25 foot cord would work. This will reduce the heat and provide more startup current to the appliance.
- 11) Do not use power strips to run appliances. Power strips are rated at 15 amps maximum

and should be used for lite loads, TV, Lights, Radios, Phone Chargers, etc..

Be Safe...

*esfi.org

Next MFPD meeting will be the Second Thursday, November 14th, 7pm @ Fire the House

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

Saturday, October 19, was another great event at Finnon Lake. It was Finnon Lake Trout Fish and Keep Day. Five hundred pounds of trout had been planted and MVFA opened up Finnon for a free fishing day. A big thank you goes out to Dave Angelo for coordinating this trout plant with California Fish and Wildlife. If you missed this one look for another chance next Spring

Sunday, November 10, Frank and Heidi, along with MVFA will host the 3rd annual Veterans Day get together at the Diner from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This event is open to all area Veterans, their spouses and community members. Frank will be serving hot dogs, drinks and sweets. Come down to the Diner for a great afternoon and meet our local Vets.

Another event planned for Saturday, November 24, will be the Holiday Bazaar with local vendors, crafts, food and holiday items. Details regarding location and time will follow in a separate post.

The annual MVFA Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the fire station. This event will also partner with the MFA's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. The dinner is a free event given by MVFA to show our appreciation to the wonderful members of our community, our superb fire department personnel and the many great volunteers who help make our community the best. It is a full turkey and dressing dinner. As always Take outs will be available. More details will follow as to the timing of the tree lighting and dinner. Come join your friends and neighbors for a fun evening this holiday season.

MVFA is again asking for donations of canned food and boxed food for the Community Christmas Baskets. You can bring your donations to the community Christmas dinner on December 7th or drop them off at the fire station no later than December 11. Those wishing to donate a turkey or ham, please call Linda at (702) 236-9138 or Kim at (530) 409-2357. Please remember that outdated, opened or perishable food cannot be accepted. We will also be accepting donations of toys for families with children. Any toys that we don't use will be donated to another charity. Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday.

MVFA Board elections will take place at our regular Board meeting on December 5. We will be accepting nominations until our November 7 meeting. There will be four seats to fill this year. Please submit your nominations in writing to our address at 9009 Orval Beckett Ct, Placerville, Ca 95667 or to our email address at mvfa95667@gmail.com

Just a quick note about Finnon Lake Recreation Area. We had another wedding there this month. It seems to be turning into a beautiful destination wedding location. We are accepting reservations into 2020 on our new Hipcamp website. It takes a tremendous amount of volunteer time to keep this little gem maintained and bringing in more campers. Help is always appreciated. If anyone would like to volunteer, please give Eileen Riesner at 530 295-0541 or Kim Purcell at 530 621-1049 a call.

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, November 7th
at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.**

Finnon Lake Fishing Catch and Keep Day

By Dave Anglo

On Saturday the 19th of October, the MVFA sponsored "**FREE, Finnon Lake Catch and Keep Trout Day**" was held, as scheduled. It was a beautiful 60 degree, mostly overcast day. Ideal weather for successful catching of trout. The 500 pounds of rainbow trout were stocked by California State Fish and Wildlife on Thursday the 17th of October, giving them a good chance of spreading out over the entire body of the lake. From 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 we had more than 30 participants, mostly from Mosquito, in attendance. Numerous trout were seen rising to the surface to feed on the lake's insect population, sometimes jumping completely clear of the lake's surface. The majority of the participants fished from shore along the dam using worms, powerbait, artificial flies and small lures. The powerbait and worms were allowed for this one day event only, to allow young children the opportunity to catch and keep some trout. We had participants from the Sacramento area, Fair Oaks, Placerville and Pilot Hill beside the 25 or more residents of Mosquito. The biggest trout caught during the event was a beautiful 24" rainbow trout, weighing approximately 4 to 5 pounds. It was landed just below the diner's pavilion by a Sacramento young man. He proudly brought it home for supper with his 2 buddies. I didn't see a trout caught that was less than 12" in length. One of our residents caught and released 4 trout that measured between 14 and 22" using small Panther Martin lures. The excited smiles on the faces of 3 of our youngest participants won't be soon forgotten.

A special thanks to the MVFA board members, Support Group members and friends who assisted in planning and greeting all of the participants. We'll, definitely do this one day event again, hopefully sometime in March.

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell

The treasurer reported that expenses were approximately \$10,000 over this month but about \$48,000 positive for the year. The overage was mostly a onetime item attributed to the severance package of one of the maintenance employees. He also requested to move more cash into CD's in order to earn better interest, this would still leave adequate cash in case of unexpected expenses.



The maintenance crew is down to one person, the pavilion painting should be finished soon and hopefully the last mowing of the season has been done.

The governor signed a new bill into law that effects HOA's starting January 1st. Some of the changes include disqualifying non-members, those with criminal convictions and delinquent owners from serving on boards. It also includes a multitude of requirements related to elections.

Mark Egbert is working on getting right of entry permission from property owners who are in the areas marked for clearing with the grant, work could start in December.

The airport committee met and made recommendations to have the runway fog sealed then repainted, since markings need to be repainted it's far more economical to plan both rather than have to repaint again later. The board approved \$15,000 out of reserves for this project for next year. The idea of installing solar lights was also brought up as it would improve safety for life flights, during overcast days, early morning and evening and improve visibility of wildlife.

The board approved a contract with the CPA, \$1945 for audit and \$395 for taxes.

The board approved the purchase of a snow plow attachment in the amount of \$4,500 - \$5000.

. For more information go to: scpoa.info.

**Next SCPOA meeting will be the third Saturday, November 16th, 10am @ Dyer Lake Hall
6770 Sluice Street.**

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

Please join the Firehouse Crafters at our November Craft Sale. Fall and Christmas decorations as well as holiday gifts galore. Lunch and other goodies will be available.

Friday, November 8th 9-4 pm

Saturday, November 9th 9-4 pm

Cold Springs Community Church, 2600 Cold Springs Road, Placerville

Get an early start on your Holiday Shopping!

Holiday Craft Sale

by Kim Purcell

MVFA, Trading Post and local crafters will again be holding the annual Holiday Craft sale at the firehouse on Saturday November 23rd from 10:00 am - 2: pm. If you would like to participate we ask a \$10 donation per table to the MVFA Station 75 fund, please contact Kim Purcell 621-1049 or Sharlyn Fields 440-0240. Plan to come to the station for some local shopping as well as socializing with your neighbors and firefighters.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo



Below are the results of the October 12th observation. Our next bird watch will be on November 9th. Starting time has been changed to 9:00 A.M. Park in the "Day Use" area after the spillway bridge

1 Canada Goose
3 Band-tailed Pigeon
6 Killdeer
1 Northern Flicker
2 American Robin

2 Bufflehead
120 American Coot (Red- shielded)
12 Acorn Woodpecker
4 California Scrub-Jay
1 Spotted Towhee

Number of Taxa: 10

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

Thank you to all who participated at Trunk or Treat at Finnon, it was a Spooktacular event put on by the MVFA. November is also the month that we celebrate our veterans, on November 10th (Sunday) , MVFA will be hosting their 4th annual meet and greet @ Frank's Diner from 2-4 pm, we will serve hot dogs and snacks. A table will be set up for pictures and memories please bring a photo to share with the community. Now it's time to talk turkey and all things Thanksgiving. November marks our 2nd anniversary at Frank's Diner, we are thankful for this community for supporting us through this adventure.



Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Wednesday Night Specials

6th Stroganoff
13th Asian Stir-Fry
20th Meatloaf
27th Baked Ziti
Ask us about our vegetarian option.

**Veggie options are available
Always \$10.00**

November Dates to Remember

7th MVFA meeting @ Frank's Diner 7 pm
10^t Veteran's Day Celebration 2-4 pm @
Frank's Diner
28th Happy Thanksgiving-Closed

Recipe of the Month`

By Franks Diner

Rice Stuffing with Apples, Herbs, and Bacon

Ingredients

3 1/2 cups water, divided	1 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
1 1/2 cups low fat, low sodium chicken broth	1 3/4 cups currants
1 cup uncooked wild rice	3/4 cup dried cherries
1/3 pound bacon	3/4 cup dried cranberries
3 cups diced onions	1/2 ounce dried apricots
3 cups diced celery	1 cup diced, unpeeled apples
1 tablespoon water	1/2 cup chopped Italian flat leaf parsley
	6 tablespoons dried mixed herbs

Directions

1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, bring 1 1/2 cups water and the chicken broth to a boil. Stir in wild rice. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 45 minutes.
2. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Reserving drippings, drain bacon, crumble, and set aside.
3. In the skillet with the reserved bacon drippings, saute onions and celery with 1 tablespoon water. Cook until very soft, about 20 minutes.
4. Stir remaining water, white rice, currants, cherries, cranberries, apricots, and apples into the wild rice. Continue cooking 20 minutes, or until wild rice and white rice are tender.
5. In a large bowl, mix the bacon and the onion mixture into the rice mixture. Season with the Italian parsley and dried mixed herbs.

Happy Thanksgiving

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

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- \$30.00

Hooded with Zipper S-XL –\$35.00

Hooded with Zipper XXL- \$38.00

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1/\$4 or 3/\$10 or 4/\$12

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WANTED

LOCAL FARM seeking manure source. Specifically, Goat, Sheep, llama or Alpaca. Please contact Ryan at Goat Mountain Farms. 530-497-4279 or goatmntnfarms@gmail.com

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 www.mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0620)

SERVICES

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

SIERRA SHIELD FIREARMS & TRAINING - Mention MOSQUITO BYTE and get 25% off CA CCW Class. Also, receive FREE box of ammo with each firearm purchase. www.SierraShield.com or call [530-387-0110](tel:530-387-0110). (0620)

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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. (0620)

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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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 (0620)

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Support Group 10 am @ Fire House
3 Daylight Savings Time Set your clock back 1 hour	4	5	6 Frank's Family Night Stroganoff	7 MVFA Board Meeting 7pm at Franks Diner	8 Crafters @ Cold Springs Community Church 9-4pm	9 Bird Watch Fannon Lake 9:00 AM in the Day Use Area Crafters @ Cold Springs Community Church 9-4pm
10 Veteran's Day Celebration 2 – 4 pm at Franks Diner	11	12	13 Frank's Family Night Asian Stir-fry	14 MFPD Board Meeting 6 pm Fire Station	15	16 SCPOA Board Mtg. 10am, Dyer Lake Hall 6770 Sluice
17	18	19	20 Frank's Family Night Meatloaf	21	22	23 Holiday Craft Sale , Fire House, 10-2pm
24	26	29	27 Frank's Family Night Baked Ziti	28 Happy Thanksgiving Franks Diner Closed	29	30

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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 Frank's Diner ay 7:00 pm. 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 their 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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