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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Summary: This was a busy time of transition with many projects in progress. We have done some additional organizing with staff assignments to oversee and coordinate the many things we are doing. Grant management and revenue/expense tracking is a top priority currently in development. We are fortunate to have significant current grants and several grant applications pending. These grants are extremely helpful for our operations and to our community, especially in these tight budget times. Over the next few months, we hope to see additional personnel join us through our recruitment efforts. There are exciting training opportunities on the horizon which will attract talented men and women who want to be a part of our team. We are already seeing positive results from the efforts which have been moving forward for many months.

On Sunday 8/2 at 6:20pm Engine 275 with a crew of four, led by B/C Mark Schwegler, left on a strike team with four other fire districts assigned to the Apple Fire in Riverside County. The engines arrived at basecamp on 8/3 at 3:30am. The Strike Team remained in staging most of the day 8/3 and was sent to the Stagecoach Fire near Lake Isabella in Kern County. At the time of this report the Strike Team was assigned to the fire and actively working. Two of our SSD personnel are assigned to the Stagecoach Fire, Annmarie Carlson (Finance Section Chief) and Jim Eckroth (Facilities Unit Leader).

Fire Season Preparedness: We were reminded that fire season is upon us with the closure of the Mosquito Bridge for repairs. We issued a press release about the closure leaving only Rock Creek Road for travel in and out and reminded the community what they should do to prepare for fire and possible evacuation. The primary issue is the hazard and possible delays caused by vehicles leaving Rock Creek Road while responding fire engines and bulldozers make their way in. Swansboro Airport is the designated temporary refuge area where residents will be directed during an evacuation. On Saturday 8/1, District Support Group personnel (15) conducted an exercise of newly developed evacuation procedures (reviewed and approved by Sheriff's Office- Emergency Services). This involved setting up several road closures to direct residents to the airport, staffing two access gates into the airport, deploying signs and testing the radio system. The exercise was a success and produced important information which will help the Group deploy quickly and efficiently.

Support Group: The Support Group (15 members) participated in a training exercise on 8/1 which tested our procedures during a fire with evacuation. There are six separate road checkpoints to prevent vehicles from leaving out Rock Creek Rd and down to the Mosquito Bridge. Residents would be guided to the temporary refuge area at the Airport pending an organized removal of residents from the area by the Sheriff's Office. The exercise was a success. We learned a great deal how to deploy efficiently. The Group is evaluating a list of needs, including additional road closure material we can borrow from the County. We also

tested our portable radios, which worked fine between the checkpoints, the fire station and the airport. The Support Group, following the SOP guidelines, were able to provide basic medical support to residents using Squad 75 and members of the Group with medical experience. Overall, an excellent job by the Support Group which again proves their value to the District.

We would like to cultivate more interest in the Support Group program from interested members of the community with specialized training and capabilities (medical, IT, web site design, heavy equipment, mechanic, tree removal, etc). With our SAFER Grant marketing for volunteer firefighters we will also incorporate Support Group recruitment into our outreach.

Apparatus & Equipment:

Cal Fire Inspections: Cal Fire has offered for no charge to conduct a detailed mechanical inspection of our vehicle inventory (including review of our documentation). Engine 275 was inspected recently; the rest will occur when schedules permit. The inspection of Engine 275 and Water Tender 75 will allow us to be hired cover for Cal Fire stations in EDC under their hired equipment program. This opportunity is similar in structure and pay to our current participation with out of county strike teams. I am also interested in obtaining a quote from Cal Fire for them to perform our repairs and preventative maintenance, at least on our front-line engines and water tender. A quote can only be obtained from Cal Fire if a detailed inspection occurs first. This is beneficial to us as the District does have well maintained equipment, but we will receive an independent expert evaluation of apparatus condition for no charge. We also need consistent, expert preventative maintenance and repair program, which we do not current have. The regular mechanic the District has used is retiring and current way we approach apparatus maintenance is not consistent.

OES Type 6 Fire Engine: The State of California Office of Emergency Services-Fire Rescue Branch has ordered almost 80 brand new Type 6 fire engines for distribution to fire agencies around the state. This engine is built on a smaller chassis like Squad 75 but with tool compartments, water tank, hose and pump. It has a smaller frame with four-wheel drive, which allows the engine to maneuver in tight places to access areas where conventional fire engines cannot. The design and capability of the fire engine is very well suited for the Mosquito community. The truck can be operated without any special drivers licensing and comes fully equipped, including the latest battery powered vehicle extrication equipment.

I have drafted a letter of interest to OES Fire Chief Brian Marshall. To receive an OES engine (Georgetown has a Type 1 OES engine), a fire agency must draft a letter of interest and if granted, must comply with a temporary vehicle transfer agreement between the District and State OES. The District would agree to house/maintain the vehicle in good working order and provide adequately trained staffing to deploy at the request of the State. The State would provide repairs over \$100 and generally take care of most maintenance issues including tires, batteries, pump, chassis, motor, radios, etc. When deployed to an incident, State OES covers all repairs and maintenance including fuel. We believe the acquisition of one of these engines would be a tremendous benefit to the District and would provide a training platform to attract firefighters. The worst of fire season is still ahead, and we will remain vigilant. I appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

MVFA continues to have a busy season with our campground, besides being our major asset for fire protection it's a very popular place to visit. Our Bald Eagle baby has fledged the nest and is now flying around with the parents; this is a great first for Finnon!



We are looking at planning a Harvest Festival on October 17th to be held in the campground to allow adequate social distancing. This would be held in conjunction with Three Goats Farm's stand, the Trading Post group and any other community members who would like to participate, more information to come.

We are always looking for community input and volunteers, if you have ideas or suggestions or would like to volunteer please contact a board member, come to a meeting or you can always email the board at mvfa95667@gmail.com

A reminder that MVFA collects CRV recycle cans and plastic behind the fire station, we are discontinuing glass due to the heavy weight and potential of injury from broken glass. All proceeds from the recycle program go to the fire station and are distributed at the request of the Chief for station needs. It is an all-volunteer crew who separates, bags and transports the recycle to the redemption center, more volunteers are always welcome.

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 3:30pm at the Finnon Lake Pavilion

SCPOA Report

by Rob Kirkpatrick

At the July board meeting it was agreed upon to move the August SCPOA meeting to the last Thursday of the month in order to have the current financial statements. The Management Trust is responsible for supplying these documents but has been continually late for the past several months. Because of the meeting date change the SCPOA report will be one month later due to our printing schedule.

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 September 11, 12 and 13th. 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

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 may think that we are nurturing our garden, but of course it is our garden that is nurturing us." We're entering the unstoppable fury/glory of high summer and we at Three Goats Farm are really enjoying sharing the bounty with our community at our WEEKLY market stand.

Eating seasonally supports your body's natural nutritional needs. Local, seasonal and sustainably grown food is more ripe, flavorful and carefully harvested than its far-traveled and off-season counterparts. Eating local means you get produce that retains more nutrients, one-of-a-kind meals, and you directly support your local farmer, community and local agriculture! See you Saturdays in the Finnon Lake Pavilion starting at 8 am. Thank you, from our farm to your table.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

The next Bird Watching event will be held on September 12th 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. Here are the results for the August 8th event.



9 Canada Goose

2 California Quail

3 Wild Turkey

4 Pied-billed Grebe

1 Calliope Hummingbird

3 American Coot

3 Turkey Vulture

1 Cooper's Hawk

2 Bald Eagle

18 Acorn Woodpecker

3 Black Phoebe

3 California Scrub-Jay

3 Oak Titmouse

2 Barn Swallow

10 Bushtit

1 White-breasted

Nuthatch

1 Bewick's Wren

20 European Starling

2 Western Bluebird

1 American Robin

8 Lesser Goldfinch

2 Spotted Towhee

5 Red-winged Blackbird

6 Brewer's Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 24

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and Autumn was awaked.
~Raquel Franco

"Thank You" to the community of Mosquito for supporting our little diner through these trying times. We are a strong community and Frank's Diner is humbled to be a part of it.



Note: On September 18th - **Frank's Diner will be open 11 am - 2 pm for lunch.**
We will close at 2 pm for a private function.

Wednesday Family Night Specials

2nd Lasagna and Salad
9th Herb Chicken Dinner
16th Tostadas
23rd Pork Schnitzel
30th Thai Chicken Salad

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 Tomato Butter Spaghetti

I know that our lives have been disrupted with the virus and many other things and kids are home zooming school...how about letting (the older ones) join you in the kitchen for an easy recipe.

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 onion, chopped
kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 lb. fresh tomatoes, chopped

1 tbsp. dried oregano
4 tbsp. butter
8 oz. Cooked spaghetti
1/4 c. Fresh basil leaves, torn
Finely grated Parmesan, for serving
(optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil.
2. Add onions and season with salt and pepper.
3. Sauté until beginning to soften, then stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.
4. Add tomatoes and stir to combine.
5. Continue to cook over medium heat to let the tomatoes start to break down.

6. When the mixture reaches a simmer, reduce heat slightly and and stir in butter. Season again with salt and pepper, add oregano, and let simmer about 15 minutes more to allow the flavors to develop.
7. Taste and season as necessary. Serve over cooked pasta and top with basil and Parmesan, if desired.

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
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00

Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
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, Glass 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!

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

WANTED

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)

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)

WELDING & FABRICATION

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0621)

VHS VIDEOS CONVERTED TO DVDs

Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs. Call Dee at (530) 642-2333. (0720)

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)

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)

UNIQUE JEWELRY

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

FLORIST ON THE HILL

Your source for fresh, local, organic and international flowers. All occasions deserve flowers. Call me 530.295.0503 Elaine Galvan for a specially made arrangement or buy individual blooms to brighten your day. Always delivered FREE on the hill! (0621)

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)

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)

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Live the American Dream: the ownership of a home and a little acreage to call your own! Sally Long Johns, your resident Mosquito Road Realtor, will help you buy 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.

<h1>September 2020</h1>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Frank's Family Night - Lasagna & Salad	3 MVFA Board Meeting 3:30pm Outside Pavilion @ Finnon Lake	4	5 MFPD Support Training 10:am Three Goats Farm Market Frank's Diner Pavilion 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Franks Diner, 7-8am
6 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	7	8	9 Frank's Family Night – Herb Chicken Diner	10 MFPD Board Meeting 10 am via Tele-conference	11 SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport	12 SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport Three Goats Farm Market Frank's Diner Pavilion 8:00 Bird Watching Finnon Day use area 8:00 am
13 SPA Aircraft Display 10-2pm @ Airport MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	14	15	16 Frank's Family Night - Tostadas	17	18	19 Three Goats Farm Market Frank's Diner Pavilion 8:00am
20 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	21	22	23 Frank's Family Night - Pork Schnitzel	24 SCPOA Board Meeting 7:00 PM Dyer Lake Hall	25	26 Three Goats Farm Market Frank's Diner Pavilion 8:00am
26 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am-Noon, See website	27	28	29 Frank's Family Night - Thai Chicken Salad	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 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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