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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



This month marks the one-year anniversary of the pandemic, which has forever changed our community and the way we conduct business. The Budget Workshop for the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget (3/20/21) was the first physical meeting the Board has had in the last year. We have introduced Zoom meeting capability with our physical meetings in the future. The remote access feature to participate in board meetings is beneficial to the community and will continue to be available for every meeting in the future.

On Saturday June 19th there will be a Community evacuation drill with a fire safety event following. The exercise will be an opportunity for residents to be involved in a simulated evacuation, which will end at the airport. Our Support Group and the Pilots Association will staff road checkpoints, assist residents and exercise our evacuation procedure, developed last July. From there residents and visitors can participate in a fire safety event, with lunch sponsored by the Mosquito Fire Safe Council and the Mosquito Firefighters Association. There will be fire safety information, firefighting demonstrations, fire safety information and activities for kids. This is an excellent opportunity to get valuable information to our community and get people thinking about what they must do to prepare in advance for a wildfire event with evacuation. Being prepared with essential items to pack, pre-plans for animal transportation, home preparedness, including vegetation management, along with other fire safety information is important. There is a great deal we can accomplish with this one-day event, to better prepare our Community for fire season.

Station Hours:

Station 75 is now open 12 hours (7am-7pm) with a new staffing pattern, on a three-month trial basis. The Captain and Engineer will continue to work eight hour shifts and overlap between 11am-3pm. Response to incidents will be backed up by volunteers. There is a chief officer covering each day to coordinate operations. The trial period will allow us to collect data, evaluate effectiveness and integrate volunteers into responses in a more coordinated way through advanced scheduling. We are optimistic and believe that extending station hours is beneficial for the community and our volunteers.

Personnel Update:

We are experiencing a steady increase in volunteers interested in joining the District. Four new volunteer candidates will be attending the wildland fire portion at the Divide Academy, in addition to the hopeful opportunity to join the academy recruits for the live fire training at Georgetown FD.

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Brian Morris to Firefighter Engineer. Brian has earned this promotion through his hard work, continued training, competency, and ability to tackle difficult assignments. Engineer Morris is waiting for an opportunity to enter paramedic training, funded by the FEMA AFG Medic Training Grant. The pandemic has created a backlog of paramedic candidates waiting to enter the program with a reduced number of available slots.

Our six academy recruits have been reduced to three, for various reasons. The academy class will begin wildland fire training over the next month. The academy graduates on May 27th.

Looking ahead to the next few months, fire season will be upon us again. Personnel will be going through various levels of wildland fire training and preparing for the addition of the OES Type 6 engine. All engine driver/operators will be required to attend an off-road driver training course, which we are in the process of establishing. All personnel assigned to the OES engine for deployment will be required to meet training standards according to OES contract provisions. The standards are the same as our normal training requirements.

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 are ready to place an order for the listed equipment approved by the grant. We will be reimbursed for half the amount we spend. There will be an agenda item during this Board meeting to request advanced funding to cover the purchase. According to grant requirements we must purchase the approved equipment prior to June 30, 2021.

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 contaminate 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 a payment for \$114,000 for more than one incident, which we cannot identify at this time. I have placed a call to the Forest Service (where the payment came from) and hope to have the information and spreadsheet updated at the time of the Board meeting. I will continue to keep the Board updated each month as payments arrive. I do not anticipate all invoices to be paid until June or July.

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.

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. There are some exciting months ahead as we develop these programs and attract new people to the District. I appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email me at jrosevear@mfpd.us.

For information, Visit the Mosquito Fire Department website at <https://mfpd.us>

The next MFPD Board meeting on Thursday, April 22nd starting at 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting. Contact the station at 530-626-9017 prior to the meeting for more information. <https://mfpd.us/>

MVFA Board of Directors

Now with better weather approaching MFVA would like to remind people that Annual Day Use Day Passes (not campground use) are available for \$50 for 1 year, \$75 for 2 years, and \$175 for 5 years. A year is considered 1-1-2021 to 12-31-2021. To purchase an annual pass, please contact Dave Angelo at 530-621-3688. Single day use passes are \$6 per car load and can be purchased at the Kiosk at the drive thru entry by Frank's Diner or at Frank's Diner during normal business hours. Passes are needed for fishing*, swimming, picnicking, disk golf and use of the day use beach area. Hiking and Dog walking are still free. All day use vehicles need to stay out of the Campground areas. Thank you for supporting MVFA and Fannon Lake. *Fishing license are required for persons 16 years and older.

The Fannon campground officially opened March 1. The campground has been full on the weekends, with some visitors during the week. To make a reservation go to:

www.hipcampa.com search on Fannon Lake

Help support MVFA through Amazon Smile

By using this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> - "You shop. Amazon gives."

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice (Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association) which is an eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organization. A message appears after each purchase is made successfully...

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How do I shop at AmazonSmile? To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile? 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!

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, April 1st at 3:00 Fire House, Masks are required

Thank You

by Tom Harris

Thank you to Tom Best & David Blain for their work on the SCPOA board. Specifically their leadership and fiscal responsibility over the past two years for the benefit of all SCPOA residents. Specifically:

- Lowered dues. Fiscal year 2019/2020 dues were lowered from \$600 to \$550. This year your dues will be \$410 instead of \$550. *This is a one-time adjustment, lowering your dues by \$140!*
- Lowered overall expenses, including insurance, legal, bad debt, payroll, contingency & other expenses.
- Purchased new equipment: lawn mower, trailer and snowplow.
- Sealed and repainted the airstrip; restored to FAA and Caltrans standards.
- Moved reserve account CD's into higher, interest bearing accounts.

Your service and commitment to the community is greatly appreciated.
Congratulations to the newly elected board members.

Next SCPOA meeting will be on Saturday April 24th

See SCOPA.INFO for details

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the March Bird Watch. The next Bird Watch is scheduled for the April 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 9:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this event at that time.



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| 4 Canada Goose | 2 Killdeer | 1 Bushtit |
| 4 Mallard | 10 Double-crested | 10 Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| 2 Bufflehead | Cormorant | 2 Western Bluebird |
| 14 Common Merganser | 1 Great Blue Heron | 1 American Robin |
| 2 Pied-billed Grebe | 1 Turkey Vulture | 1 Dark-eyed Junco |
| 4 Band-tailed Pigeon | 1 Cooper's Hawk | 1 Spotted Towhee |
| 2 Calliope Hummingbird -- | 1 Bald Eagle | 14 Red-Winged Blackbird |
| Confirmed by 4 people | 18 Acorn Woodpecker | |
| 50 American Coot | 6 California Scrub-Jay | |

Number of Taxa: 23

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

Unfortunately Crafters will continue to be on hold for a while longer. We know this pandemic is nothing to joke about and we want to get back to crafting but staying safe and healthy is paramount. Please feel free to work on projects at home and we will get back together as soon as it is safe.

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

“Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers.” – **Byron Caldwell Smith Spring at last!**



Frank's Diner would like to thank the community for your support of our little restaurant on the hill. Just to let you know, we are looking towards summer for some awesome events. Look for future announcements on Facebook, Nextdoor and right here at the Byte.

Frank's Diner will be CLOSED on Easter Sunday (April 4th) to celebrate with our family.

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

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$10.00 from 5pm to 8 pm

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| 7 th | - | Pork Chops |
| 14 th | - | Curry Chicken, Beef or Veggie |
| 21 st | - | Lasagna |
| 28 th | - | Beef Tips |

Pineapple Shrimp Tacos

While the days are getting longer, why not make something light and easy.

INGREDIENTS FOR SHRIMP

1 lb. shrimp, peeled, deveined and tails removed

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

2 tbsp. lime juice

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tsp. chili powder

2 tsp. cumin

1/2 tsp. cayenne (optional)

1 tsp. kosher salt

FOR SLAW

1 1/2 c. thinly sliced green cabbage

1/2 c. cilantro

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

Juice of 1 lime

Kosher salt and Pepper to taste

FOR TACOS

1 medium red onion, sliced

1 pineapple, cored and chopped into 1/2-inch pieces (about 2 cups)

2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided

Flour tortillas

TO GARNISH

Lime wedges
Freshly chopped cilantro
Avocado, sliced

Sour cream
Thinly sliced radish (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare shrimp: preheat oven to 425°. Pat the shrimp dry with a paper towel before transferring them to a large bowl. Add oil, lime juice, garlic, chili powder, cumin, cayenne (if using), and salt. Let shrimp marinate for at least 15 minutes.
 2. For slaw: Combine cabbage, cilantro, oil, lime juice, and a pinch of salt in a medium bowl. Move slaw to the fridge while you prepare tacos.
 3. Add onions to 1/3 of the sheet pan and toss with 1 tablespoon of oil and 1 tbsp water. Add pineapple to the next 1/3 and toss in 1 tablespoon of oil. Finally, add shrimp to remaining 1/3 of the pan in an even layer. Roast until shrimp is cooked through, about 12 - 15 minutes.
 4. To assemble tacos, lay down a layer of slaw in a tortilla, then add a mixture of shrimp, onions, and pineapple and top with cilantro, avocado, sour cream, and radish, if using.
- We wish everyone a Happy Easter and an awesome spring.

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.



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



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| 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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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)

HELP WANTED

Looking for a person to work on garden and home maintenance projects. Price set on weekly basis. Saturday and Sunday's are OK. 3 -4 hours a week. \$20 - \$30 per/hour depending on experience and equipment. Call Lou @ 621-4613

FOR SALE

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

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)

WELDING & FABRICATION

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

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). (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. (0721)

UNIQUE JEWELRY

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0721)

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)

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

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
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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)

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)

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

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

| April 2021 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | 1 MVFA Board Meeting 3 pm | 2 | 3 MFPD Support Group Meeting 10 am |
| 4 EASTER SUNDAY MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website Frank's Diner Closed Today | 5 | 6 | 7 Frank's Family Night – Pork Chops | 8 | 9 | 10 Bird Watching Finnon Day use area 9 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 - Curry Chicken, Beef or Veggie | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website | 19 | 20 | 21 Frank's Family Night – Lasagna | 22 MFPD Board Meeting 7pm Zoom Meeting | 23 | 24 SCPOA Board Meeting |
| 25 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website | 26 | 27 | 28 Frank's Family Night – Beef Tips | 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 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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