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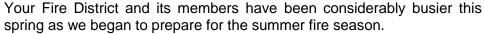
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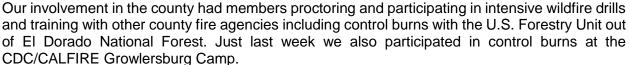
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Community Involvement

By MFPD Chief Eddie Dwyer





As we work to build the professional abilities of our members, we are also doing what we can to increase our capabilities of service to the community. Since beginning our limited paramedic operational capability, we are also expanding fire service capability by adding a Fire Marshal position to the ranks of the fire district. In fact, our new Fire Marshal has already completed his first post fire investigation and analysis.

We endeavor to increase our visibility throughout the Community and our involvement with all residents. This is where we come to you for help since there is only so much the fire district can do to affect change.

As you all know, we have had a considerable statewide heat emergency that has cured the wildland fuels faster than what was predicted. At the time of writing, CAL FIRE is expected to place full restrictions on outside burning of all types by June 26, 2017. The weather has wreaked havoc on the community throughout the winter and spring and, as you all know, has caused considerable damage to the roads that enter and exit the community. Our roads were not safe to begin with and the considerable erosion of the road shoulders and damage to the pavement only increase the danger. We are asking you (yes, YOU) to slow down on the roads. Leave a little earlier if need be, be courteous to others and share the road.

Here is the guilt trip. How do I go to your family and explain to them that your life was lost because you were the one we couldn't rescue? How does your family go on without you there, and then most of all, who will take care of your family if you are lost? Please slow down.

With the heat, as with the extremely wet weather, please check on elderly neighbors and remember your furry little friends. Keep an eye on each other but also remember to take care of yourself. Drink plenty of water. If you are sweating heavily due to physical exertion, remember the need for electrolyte replacement. Hydration is the key to health throughout the summer but it takes more than water. Please check before you burn, CAL FIRE will have fire prevention personnel who have the authority to write citations in the district.

What are the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion?

- You may have heavy sweating.
- You may feel faint, dizzy, weak, or tired.
- You may have a headache.

- You may breathe fast or feel like your heart is beating faster than normal.
- You may have muscle cramps.
- You may have nausea or vomiting.

So, just like when flying, where you are supposed to put the oxygen mask on yourself before helping others, you need to take care of yourself before helping others and remember the signs of heat emergencies. Should you be experiencing any of the above symptoms following exposure and periods of significant sweating, immediately call 911. Sit down and begin to cool yourself as quickly as possible. Heat injuries can also manifest with significant cardiac dangers due to the loss of electrolytes.

For our residents who have chronic illnesses, it may be best for you to visit family during periods of extreme weather including heavy rain, excessive snow/cold and now the summer heat. I know I prayed all winter for the rain to stop so we could get some rest and rehab, but be careful of your prayerful requests, you might just get it, and then some.

Please be safe and have a fun-filled summer with family and friends. Remember if you're about to do something and it starts with either "Hey, y'all watch this!" or "Hold my beer" think twice about doing it.

The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, July 13th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

By the MVFA Board of Directors

Mark your calendar for the annual MVFA Community Picnic - all day long **Saturday, July 29**th at Finnon Lake Campground. Lunch will be available at noon for a donation of \$10 for adults, \$4 for kiddos age 4-12 and free for those under 4. There will be a gift raffle after lunch, and donors are requested to bring a gift or drop one off at a board member's home ahead of time. In addition, there will be a 50/50 cash raffle. Get your raffle tickets early. Major credit cards accepted. See Darcy's article for more information.

Other upcoming events include the Swansboro Pilots Association (SPA) Community Cleanup day **Saturday July 15**th. MVFA partners with SPA to organize the event. Then, **sometime in July**, MVFA sponsors the annual Mosquito Road cleanup event. The date for this will coincide with the annual Mosquito Bridge maintenance closure. A complete list of annual MVFA events is at www.finnonrecreationarea.com. Click the "EVENTS" button. Watch for details in the Byte and at www.GoMVFA.org.

If you have any questions about MVFA please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the fire station starting at 7 pm. Call Tom Harris at 530-642-2333 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 530-621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery and wildlife or to obtain a Resident Annual Day Use Pass. We can also be contacted at mvfa95667@gmail.com.

To the many donors, patrons and volunteers of MVFA who offer their overwhelming support, to the Disc Golfers, fishermen and the many campers from around the world who have visited Finnon and read our newsletter and websites and offer their support, THANK YOU from our hearts to yours. A special Thank You to our local Dolphins Fan Club for their donation to our fund to build an ADA compliant bathroom at Finnon Lake!!

MVFA is funded entirely by grants, donations, fund raisers and rents and fees at Finnon Lake. MVFA receives no tax money from any source, nor any dues money from SCPOA. MVFA has no financial connection to Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates entirely with volunteers - who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place.

If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, become a volunteer. If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. We have a community fund designed to help neighbors in need, and the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides funds to purchase tools and other items at the Chief's request. And there are always future projects at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Please send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667. For up-to-date information, photos from MVFA events and happenings at Finnon Lake, please visit www.GoMVFA.org and www.finnonrecreationarea.com. Thank you for your support.

Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, July 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

MVFA Community Picnic

By Darcy Krieger

Please join us on **July 29**th **at Finnon Lake** starting at 11 am for the annual MVFA Community Picnic! Lunch will be served starting at noon, with all your favorites including Karryn Morris' Almost World-Famous BBQ chicken, burgers and brats with all the fixins, salads, and ice cream for dessert.



Requested donation for the meal is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children 4-12 and free for children under 4. As mentioned elsewhere in the Byte, we'll also be holding a raffle, including the popular 50/50 raffle. We have reserved the entire campground for the day and all of the facilities at Finnon, including disc golf, fishing and day use are free all day. We'll also be having our popular watermelon seed spitting contest. (Honestly, the hardest part of this event is finding watermelons with seeds, I think...)

Please come out, visit with your neighbors and friends and enjoy our beautiful Finnon Lake, full for the first time in 20 years!

Swansboro Airport Aircraft Display Days



Come join us for our next display dates which are **July 14, 15 & 16,** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day. You will see unique, as well as old, aircraft. Aircraft will be out and you are invited to look but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway. Please also be respectful and look but do not touch without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, you can contact Kim Purcell at (530) 621-1049.

SCPOA President's Message

By Mark Hermann

DANGER! IT'S FIRE SEASON AGAIN!



And here is another danger - the danger of possibly losing your homeowner's insurance policy. During the last SCPOA Board Meeting, we had a member provide some vital information at the open forum. He was in danger of having his homeowner's policy cancelled due to the fire danger in our community.

What did he do? He put a plan into action. He made sure he had a defensive space clearing around his home of at least 100'. Then, he contacted his local Fire Station 75 and/or Cal Fire and got them to write a letter acknowledging he had defensive space clearing for fire preparedness. Listing a nearby Fire Hydrant always helps as well.

If you are contacted by your insurance company and advised of rising rates or the possibility of cancellation, try putting his plan into action for yourself. This may save your home as well as your homeowner's fire insurance premiums or even the policy. Either way you should always have that defensive space clearing of at least 100' around your home.

UPDATE, UPDATE

Roadside Vegetation Spraying

Your SCPOA board is currently receiving bids from area vendors for the upcoming fall roadside vegetation spraying. Many have asked where they can receive an opt-out form or even if their roadside will be sprayed.

Here is the list of roads that will be sprayed this fall and next spring:

Swansboro Rd	Gold Ct	McGuire Ct	Claim St	Claim Ct	Riffle Ct
Orval Beckett Ct	Cordor Ct	Sluice St	Dyer Wy	Nugget Dr	Poke Ct
Yankee John Ct	Peycos Dr	Gold Trail	Shilo Dr	Amber Ln	Highgrade Ct
Buckboard Rd	Lawyer Dr	Indian Wy	Immerville I	Dr	Highgrade St

If you desire to maintain the frontage of your property to the road's edge, and want to opt-out, you can obtain a form at our website www.SCPOA.info. Please check out our website for vital information in our community. The header bar will allow you to navigate to the three currently live pages on the website. If you do not have computer access please contact The Management Trust at (916) 985-3633 x5160 to request a form.

AIRPORT INFORMATION Special Airport Provisions Exclusion Clause

For members and their guests who use the SCPOA Airport, please take note of an exclusion in the SCPOA Airport Insurance.

SCPOA'S Airport Insurance does not apply:

- A) To the conduct of any contest, exhibition, air meet, air race, air show, permitted, sponsored or participated in by any insured, or to any claims or "suits" resulting there from:
- B) To the ownership, maintenance, use or operation, by any insured, or to any claims or "suits" resulting from;

Please be aware that SCPOA does not permit any of the above actions under section (A). So, pilots please have your insurance coverage up to date if you plan on flying in or out of our airport.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, July 20th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

MS75 Update

Lisa Hampton, Volunteer Firefighter and MS75 President



MS75 would like to thank everybody who came to our May pancake breakfast. It was our best event to date, with a turnout so great that we had to scramble to find extra tables and chairs midway through the morning! That, combined with generous donations and a great raffle, earned us over \$2,000 towards new

structure gear for our recent Academy graduates which leads me into my second shout-out. Thank you to all who came to the Academy celebration during the Fire Preparedness Picnic, co-hosted with the Fire Safe Council. With free food and informative handouts, we had a wonderful gathering of folks of all ages who swam all day and partied well into dusk with a kid-friendly movie capping the evening. Stay tuned for our next event!

Community Clean-up Day

The Swansboro Pilots are again partnering with MVFA for a community clean-up day. We've made arrangements to have two large dumpsters available for household and yard trash disposal. We cannot accept tires, construction debris, appliances or any hazardous waste. We're working on getting the option of tire disposal but have not secured that yet. Please have cardboard broken down and bring your cans and bottles for recycling.

When: **Saturday July 15th** from 8:00 a.m. to noon or until the dumpsters are full.

Where: Mosquito Fire Station parking lot 8801 Rock Creek Road



If you have any questions call Kim at 621-1049.

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

Our next "on the hill" craft sale will be at the MVFA Picnic on July 29th at Finnon Lake, and we hope to see you.

We are now starting our Fall and Holiday craft projects, so.....If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, you are encouraged to come join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, and goodies. Our craft meetings are generally held on the **4**th **Friday of each month** from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Don't miss out on the Friday Fun Day!!!

Our next Craft Meeting is **July 28**th from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on **June 28**th.

Birding at Finnon Lake

By Dave Angelo

Our next bird watch will be on Saturday, July 15th at 8:00am (please note time change). We meet at the Finnon Lake dam behind the restaurant. The community is welcome to participate. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the camparound access road. For more information, call Dee Taylor at (530)626-1196.



US-CA-Placerville-9100 Rock Creek Rd - 38.7967x-120.7519

Jun 17, 2017

8:58 AM Traveling 1.10 miles 85 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.5.2 Build 140

Comments: 82 degrees

25 Canada Goose 1 California Quail 2 Turkey Vulture

2 Osprey 10 Band-tailed Pigeon 5 American Coot (Red-shielded)

1 Calliope Hummingbird 2 Acorn Woodpecker 2 Black Phoebe

1 Common Raven 4 California Scrub-Jay 10 Ash-throated Flycatcher

10 Bushtit 1 Western Bluebird 10 Violet-green Swallow

2 California Towhee 2 House Finch 10 Red-winged Blackbird

3 Great-tailed Grackle 2 pied-billed grebes

Number of Taxa: 20

CLASSIFIED ADS

<u>COME FLY WITH US!</u> I am interested in seeing more of our beautiful area. I called a helicopter company and they can take 3 passengers up for 30 minutes for \$300. He can stay for as long as he has appointments.

If you would like to go, let me know. We haven't set a date yet since we want to see what works for interested folks. And, if you are a single rider, we'll pair you up and you can meet some of our neighbors. Email me at sikobza@gmail.com or give us a call at (530)621-3875. Solon & Jeanine Kobza (7)

FOR SALE

1968 CORVETTE RESTORATION PROJECT.

Original 427, 4spd, a/c car. Matching numbers with rebuilt engine ready to be installed. Fiberglass body is clean but needs to be repainted. No cracks or rust. Priced at \$16,000 Mark (916) 873-4522 (9)

Five Piece Office Set: Desk w/5 drawers, computer desk w/2 drawers over shelf, printer cabinet and chair. Solid oak construction - good condition, \$150.00. (8) Call Taffy (530)626-8689.

LOTS FOR SALE BY OWNER

Three Lots in **GRIZZLY FLATS** for sale

- 0.6 of an acre at 5169 Evergreen Dr, Grizzly Flats Ca. Price \$22,500.
- 0.41 of an acre at 4904 Coralaine Dr, Grizzly Flats Ca. Price \$20,000.
- 0.39 of an acre at 7273 Grizzly Creek Dr, Grizzly Flats Ca. Price \$15,500.

Or package deal for all three lots at \$52,000.

All lots have water and electricity at the street. Water meter needed at a price of \$6,000 per meter. Cash sale with transfer of deed at County Recorders office by owner. If interested, please contact: Mark (916) 873-4522 (9)

SWANSBORO LOT FOR SALE - 3729 Stope Dr, Placerville Ca. 95667. Nice lot between Buckeye Court and Pawdick Court. A little over 2 acre lot with water meter installed. Nice drive onto property into a nice clearing. Priced at \$45,000. If interested, please contact: Mark (916) 873-4522. (9)

GEORGETOWN PROPERTY FOR SALE-

11.5 Acres of paradise. Located at the end of Ringtail Rd, 1.5 Miles from Wentworth Springs Rd off Volcanoville Rd., is this beautiful, peaceful lot. Lightly southern sloped lot with many level areas and drive in locations. Power at the road with transformer. Invest in pure paradise for \$95,000 If interested in any of the above, please contact: Owner: Mark (916) 873-4522 (9)

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.

SERVICES

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.

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HOUSE CLEANING – I have been cleaning houses for 10 years. I enjoy cleaning and would love to make your house sparkle for you! I am a trustworthy, honest, and a very hard worker, with 10 years' experience. \$15 - \$20 per hour. Call Sylvia at (530)417-7315

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OPTOMETRY CLINIC – Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eye Care, 118 Main Street. Open Tues - Fri 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday by appointment. Call (530)622-8300. Most insurances accepted. New patients welcome!

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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.

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All events are held at the Fire Station unless otherwise noted.

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