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## What a Year!

One year ago, August 22, 2016, I walked through the parking bay of the Mosquito Fire Station. It was 05:30 am. The morning was warm and the sky was clear. Literally within minutes the alarm went off for a medical aid. I readied my equipment as I waited for the first volunteer to arrive at the station. Firefighter Lisa Hampton arrived at the station and climbed into the cab of the engine with me as we responded to the call. We arrived quickly where Volunteer Fire Captain Tom Stuart was on-scene and already rendering aid.



That was my first morning. Chief Hazlett was out of the District on assignment with an Incident Management Team. I set to work, inspecting the equipment and getting ready for the day's operations. My first assignment as Fire Captain was to assess the operational capability of the Fire District, including operational conditions of the fire apparatus and rescue equipment.

Over the next three weeks, I review and identified the Fire District's needs. I had just come out of a forced medical retirement from the Alameda County Fire Department; at that time I had been a professional Firefighter Paramedic for 37 years. Using the template from my previous position, I evaluated the personnel, their capability and their confidence levels. There were only full time paid staff were two full time personnel and a relief Firefighter, along with basically three active volunteers. The medical capability was one full-time EMT, one full-time Medical First Responder and one relief EMT.

One of our firefighters was on the hiring list for El Dorado County Fire District and was slated to start work for them. The Relief Firefighter was testing for another agency and our final full-time firefighter was planning on leaving to go to work for a company that provides rescue systems standby.

Daily staffing minimum was a single firefighter and that's all we had most days. Morale was nonexistent, Full-time staff earning wages were only \$6,000 above poverty level meaning that, when taxes were deducted, their take home pay was \$2,000 below poverty level for a family of three.

All the fire apparatus leaked water and had pump problems, and electrical and/or mechanical problems. We discovered that the maintenance supposedly being performed by a vendor was not completed. The fire station itself had significant electrical problems. On top of everything, we had a budget of roughly \$395,000. Basically, we were nearly non-operational. Any major impact on the fire department would have brought Mosquito Fire Protection District to a standstill operationally.

In my fourth week, Chief Hazlett called to inform me that he was resigning. I had barely even started here and was appointed interim Fire Chief.

Well, things didn't get any easier from that point. This community is different from any I have ever served before. The Fire District is small but has the mechanisms and problems of a much larger Fire District. For years the community has been under-served by the Fire District and unfortunately, still is.

Then the rains came early, literally and figuratively. So, while at the same time we were fighting the storms and mudslides of last winter, many times working while exhausted, and reaching maximum physical capability, we were also working on the needs of the community and the Fire District. For months we battled the mudslides, keeping roads open and borrowing equipment and personnel to provide paramedic services to the community when it was cut off from the world when our only two paved roads were closed simultaneously.

We worked to improve morale, increase staffing, and improve services provided to the community. We also worked on the fire apparatus and replacing outdated equipment and protective clothing. We sent personnel to the Fire Academy and courses to train them to become driver-operators and Rope Rescue Specialists. We hired Paramedic Firefighters as relief personnel, worked hard and petitioned the El Dorado County EMS and El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority (JPA) to allow us to become Advanced Life Support (ALS) also known as paramedic providers. We have re-engaged with the County Chiefs and JPA and have become Fire Engine Based limited time ALS (Paramedic) providers. We have applied for grants for equipment and hiring and we have turned this small fire district into a professional agency. We are constantly searching for ways to increase services and resources to this community.

We have increased the level of professionalism here at the fire station. The firefighters, both paid and volunteer, have taken ownership. They have pride in what they are doing and they give it their all. When you drive by the fire station you see firefighters in uniform. These are professionals, not because of the uniform but because of their attitude and their desire to be professional. They carry themselves and train and educate themselves as any professional would, with the volunteers training weekly and paid staff daily. While I am proud of what we've accomplished, I still believe the community deserves more.

We have applied for grants for apparatus purchases and hiring. We have also put in a bid to take on a half-time Paramedic Ambulance from a Joint Powers Authority since we are 45 minutes from any other emergency resource it takes a minimum of 45 minutes to get an ambulance into the district from Placerville, and that is if the ambulance is in Placerville.

It takes a minimum of 4 firefighters to initiate Fire Attack with Entry on a structure fire. To perform CPR, the average rescue requires 5 people to render care and transport and to perform rope or swift water rescue it requires a minimum of 10 people. To fight a grass fire, contain, control and extinguish, takes a minimum of 3 apparatus with wildland capability and a minimum of six personnel. This would be for a fire less than two acres with slow rate of spread. Most major wildland fires occur because the arriving first alarm resources are greatly overwhelmed by the spread of the fire, the fuel, winds and topography. I have been on fires where on arrival they were at 50 acres with such a rapid rate of spread that by the time we positioned for attack the fire had doubled in size, then within minutes tripled in size, and on final containment had grown to 10,000 acres and burned down two structures. My resources previously had included 10 Strike Teams from CALFIRE and multiple alarm resources from Alameda County and other local Fire Departments.

So how are we under-serving the community? We have two paid firefighters on duty daily from 8am to 5pm along with a Chief Officer. Hopefully, a volunteer will also be available daily in the district. Though our volunteers give their all, their availability is limited. I often stay at the fire station Monday through Wednesday, driving home Wednesday evening, returning on Thursday or Friday. Many times, I come in to provide command coverage at night when no other Fire Officer is available. We have had calls come in at night that went unanswered by our personnel so that now the paid staff has been directed to monitor all calls from home and report to the district if no volunteer reports within 10 minutes. I have driven my two-and-a-half-hour drive in the middle of the night to provide district coverage.

We are doing all we can to decrease the lack of coverage. Our volunteers have to travel outside the district for employment or they go on vacation or take weekend trips. Two of our volunteer firefighters are on staff with the US Forestry and are not available for response. So, after 5 pm, unfortunately, we never know what type of response we will be able to provide to the community. We may get a single firefighter, or three or five, or we may not. Our paid staff live outside the district and with Mosquito Road being closed, it takes 45 minutes or so to get to the station. Though we are doing everything we can to mitigate the issues, we are still failing.

I need to ask you, what do you want for emergency services? What are you willing to pay to ensure that there are 4 personnel including full-time paramedics on duty 24/7? So, I ask how many days a week do you buy a coffee from a coffee house and are you willing to pay the cost of your coffee to make sure your family has emergency resources available to them on 24-hour, 7-days a week through all holidays and at all times? Is that a cost that you are willing to pay? Yes, when you add it up it seems very expensive, so I

ask you how much is your home insurance? How many of you have lost your home insurance? Has your insurance doubled or tripled? Do you pay the \$60.00 annually for CALSTAR that may or may not be available? Over the last year, we have requested Air Ambulances multiple times, not once receiving CALSTAR.

**On September 9th and 10th, we will be hosting Fire Ops 101.** It is a weekend where you can come and work as a firefighter. We will put you through drills, structure fires, grass fires, medical aids, vehicle extrication, and rope rescue. If available, we will use the Georgetown Fire Training Burn Building and bring you into a hot atmosphere while wearing all the same protective equipment as our personnel. Fire Ops will be both Saturday and Sunday starting at 8am and going until 5pm, depending on how many people we get to take part. We will also offer segments for people who can't take part in the whole day. It will take place at the Fire Station, and if I can make it happen, also at the Georgetown Training Grounds for the hot classes. Please call the Fire Station at (530)626-9017 if you're interested and for more information. What I expect you will find out is that our personnel regardless of intent are stretched pretty thin and are underpaid as mentioned previously, with their pay falling just above the poverty level, What I expect you will find out is that our personnel regardless of intent are greatly understaffed and are under paid as their pay rate remains just above poverty level, but I think you will truly come to know the dedication necessary to be a firefighter and the dedication so freely given by the firefighters of the Mosquito Fire Protection District.

In closing all I can say is, "Hey, Sparky where are you going so fast?" Remember we all need to share the road. Please slow down. The life we may not be able to save could be yours!

**The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.  
You are welcome to attend!**

## **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)**

By the MVFA Board of Directors

Each year, while the Mosquito Bridge is closed for maintenance, MVFA sponsors the Mosquito Road cleanup event. On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, MVFA volunteers met to accomplish the roadside clean-up. The bridge closure was concurrent with the repair of the culvert that was washed out due to heavy rains last winter. Watch our website [www.GoMVFA.org](http://www.GoMVFA.org) for road repair updates.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** is the date of the **annual MVFA Spaghetti Feed** at the Fire Station. Proceeds from this event will help pay for the free annual Christmas Turkey Dinner, as well as support MVFA community funds which include the MVFA Station 75 Fund. A complete list of annual MVFA events is at [www.finnonrecreationarea.com](http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com). Click the "EVENTS" button. Watch for further details in the Byte and at [www.GoMVFA.org](http://www.GoMVFA.org).

Halloween is fast approaching! MVFA will again host the "Trunk R Treat" at the Finnon Lake campground. This event will be followed by a camp fire and weenie roast for all "Trunkers." Watch the October Byte and website: [www.finnonrecreationarea.com](http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com) for more details.

The 121-acre Finnon Lake Recreation Area - including the café building - is owned by MVFA, a California non-profit corporation, and managed by the MVFA Board of Directors. At present, most maintenance and improvements are accomplished by volunteers. Contractors are hired as needed. MVFA recently received the first installment of the settlement from the café kitchen fire. Work is now proceeding to restore the building interior and replace equipment damaged in the fire. In addition, MVFA will replace the patio chairs and add umbrellas to the tables on a seasonal basis. If you would like to make a contribution for these items, please contact a board member or email us at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com).

MVFA possesses engineered blueprints for improvements to the campground bathrooms to comply with ADA standards. The MVFA Bathroom Improvement Fund was established for this work and will determine

the timeline for accomplishment. If you would like to donate to this fund, please contact a board member or email us at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com).

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. Or call Tom Harris at 642-2333 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery, or wildlife or to obtain a Resident Annual Day Use Pass. We can also be contacted at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com).

MVFA is a limited membership non-profit community support organization and 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 - such as the Bathroom Improvement Fund.

MVFA is a 501(c) (3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. 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](http://www.GoMVFA.org) and [www.finnonrecreationarea.com](http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com). Thank you for your support.

Notice: The MVFA Board of Directors values the privacy rights of its board members - who are private citizens and not public servants. Membership on the MVFA board does not constitute a waiver of this right to privacy. Public display of a photograph or video recording of any board member without his or her permission is considered a violation of their right to privacy and legally actionable.

**Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.**

## **Spaghetti Feed on September 16<sup>th</sup>!**

It's almost that time again!!! Come join us for the annual MVFA Spaghetti Feed with lots of meatballs, sausage, pesto, marinara, salad, garlic bread!! Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the Fire Station. Join us for the raffle, good food, and a fun evening with your neighbors and the community! BYOB



## **New Mosquito Byte Editor Sought**

Do you love to write? Is Grammar Geek your middle name? The Mosquito Byte is seeking a new Editor. The work mostly involves twisting arms to get articles submitted in time and deleting a lot of commas from submitted articles. Karen Rapponotti formats all these articles and adds all the nice clipart. If interested, (sorry, this is a volunteer position so all you'll receive is a warm feeling from seeing a nicely put together Byte!) please contact Tom Harris at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com).

## MS75

By Lisa Hampton

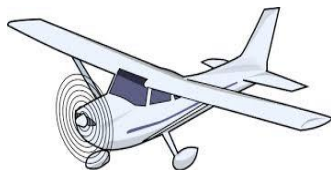


Despite hitting triple digits, or perhaps because of it, the National Night Out was a smashing success. With water balloons, fire hoses, and backpack water pumps all put to use, children and firefighters alike were drenched to the skin and smiling from ear to ear. A huge thanks to all the community members who came out, both to help put on the event, and to participate in it. We could not have done it without you. Our next event will be the **King Fire Potluck on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the fire station. This year, we'll be featuring a Fire & Ice competition – the firefighters will be judging homemade ice creams, so get those arms a 'cranking and perfect your recipes because the competition will be stiff! Stay tuned for more details.

**The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!**

## Swansboro Airport Aircraft Display Days

By Kim Purcell



The Swansboro airport is home to many interesting aircraft, both home built as well as production built. Our display days for **September are Friday, 9/1 – Sunday, 9/3**, from 10:00am - 2:00pm each day. This is your opportunity to see unique as well as aircraft older than 35 years. Aircraft will be out and you are invited to stop by to see them 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 621-1049.

## Crafters

By Sharon Hern

We are working on our Fall and Holiday craft projects with only 3 more meetings before our Fall Craft Sale, 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<sup>th</sup> 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 **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Birding at Finnon Lake

By Dave Angelo



Our next bird watch will be on **Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00am. We meet at the Finnon Lake pavilion behind the restaurant. The community is welcome to participate. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. For more information, call Dee Taylor at (530)626-1196.

## 2017 Mosquito Phone Book Updates

Listed below are new additions to the 2017 Phone Book:  
Page 23 in the Phone Book is for additional listings.

### **Additions:**

**RHOADES**, Don "Dusty" . . . . . 295-0212  
2700 Poke Court



## **WANTED!!! ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES.**

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, wine 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**

### **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)

### **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 Records 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: 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](http://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](http://www.SierraShield.com) or call 530-387-0110.

**FLORIST ON THE HILL** – now offering fresh flowers most every day, unless I'm at the flower market! September is Better Breakfast Month. Say goodbye to Lucky Charms and say hello to a beautiful bouquet of flowers to admire while you ponder something 'better' to eat. Stop by 3342 Stope Drive or call Elaine Galvan 295.0503 to pick up or order flowers. ALWAYS delivered FREE On The Hill.

**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

**SEWER SNAKE RENTAL** - On the hill. Ridgid K750 100 ft. snake. Call Dustin (530)306-9291.

**PET CARE** - Pet feeding while you are away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Dylan's Pet Feeding Service at (530)295-9165.

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**MATT'S LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SERVICE-**

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**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](mailto:AdamsAmigos@gmail.com) for dates and to reserve your space.

**PERSONAL FITNESS PROGRAM** - Improve mobility! Lose weight! Feel younger! Live longer! Enjoy home personal fitness program conducted by certified, insured and experienced Air Force veteran trainer located in Swansboro. 1<sup>st</sup> session includes a free consultation and fitness evaluation. Call James Porter at (907)328-9544 for a free consultation today.

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

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– 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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open most days; call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill! Call Pam or Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688.

**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](http://www.mosquitoadneighbors.com) or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, [snlongjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:snlongjohns@yahoo.com).

**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.

If you are zucchini'd out at this time of year, here's a delicious cake to help use up those squash still out in the garden!

### **Chocolate Zucchini Cake II**

*Recipe By:Sandi*

"A great cake for all that zucchini at the end of the season, and the kids love it too!"

#### Ingredients

1/2 cup butter, softened  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup sour milk  
  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 3/4 cups white sugar  
2 cups zucchini, finely diced  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips



#### Directions



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C), grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan.
2. Cream butter, oil and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and sour milk. Beat until smooth.
3. Mix flour, cocoa, baking soda and cinnamon together and add to creamed mixture. Beat well. Stir in diced zucchini.
4. Pour into a 9x13 inch pan and sprinkle top with chocolate chips. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Aircraft Display Days</b> Swansboro Airport 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	2 <b>Support Group</b> 10 a.m.  <b>Aircraft Display Days</b> Swansboro Airport 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
3 <b>Aircraft Display Days</b> Swansboro Airport 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	4 <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	5	6	7 <b>MVFA Board Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	8	9 <b>Fire Ops 101</b> 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
10 <b>Fire Ops 101</b> 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	11	12	13	14 <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	15	16 <b>Birding at Finnon Lake</b> 8 a.m. Finnon Lake Pavilion  <b>Spaghetti Feed</b> 6 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21 <b>SCPOA Board Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	22 <b>CRAFTERS</b> 10 a.m. Darlene Rood's (see article)	23 <b>MS 75 King Fire Potluck</b>
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