

Fire Brigade News

I guess the big news to write about is our Muster/BBQ, we had it last week end with just about perfect weather! As always the BBQ was the very best! Thanks to the Master BBQers Ken Wright, Robbie Warken and Michael Trotter, with assistance from Ken Cowan and "apprentice" Ryan Warcken. Ray Sanborn was able to help for part of the day but had to leave to attend his grandson's birthday. Ryan Warcken and Janet Sommerville Hardisty also celebrated their BDs at the BBQ☺. More thanks to the "Salad Queen" Mary Trotter and her crew, Jeri Chesebrough, Karuna Licht, JoEllen Hathaway, and Debbie Reed, and all the rest of the kitchen crew led by Janet Warcken; Mary Wright, Janet Sommerville, Nadine Clark, with guest appearance from Tori Chesebrough-Buckles. Also my refreshment duo, Ken and Barbara daughters! Yet more thank yous, huge ones to Nepenthe for donating the tri tips, Holly for her seriously decadent chocolate cake, (she warned us to park close to pick it up it was so heavy and full of chocolate), Ventana for the chicken, to Deetjens for making the beans, John Harrington for all the salad fixing's, Post Ranch for the Hot dogs and accompanying buns, condiments and ice, Ken Wright for bread/butter/garlic, Ripplewood for ice and fridge space, I think I remembered everyone??

The Muster games are always a lot of fun, we had some serious competition between engine crews, with E7831 winning the Make and Break and E832 battling to win the very damp Water Polo. Christian Nimmo was the epitome of concentration, not moving that hose nozzle one iota!

Apparently there was a field trip for the Captain Cooper kids the day before to San Francisco and they all arrived home pretty late Friday night so we didn't have enough kids to do the small people muster games. Next year. And speaking of next year, (I know already...), we are hoping to move the Muster/BBQ to the Saturday on the second week end in June next year to be able have the USFS and Cal Fire come down and compete in the Muster games, also we can avoid all those pesky BDs.... John Handy brought a sample of all the new Brigade merchandise he will be selling at Treebones, (also can be found at River Inn store) some cool stuff there, never too early for Christmas shopping. If you are cruising the Internet take a moment to check out our website, www.bigsurfire.org. It was revamped by Terry Hallock and now being managed by a retired FF, there are pics from the Muster on there as well as our fire trailer. We will have a link to the stores selling our logoed merchandise soon.

And last but not least thanks to the Parks for waiving the day use fees and helping with the banner, and to Tracy Chesebrough and Sal Manzo for hanging and taking down the banner, (CHP helped with traffic control) and we are always happy to have Smokey bear make his appearance! Another wonderful day enjoyed by all who attended!

A side note here, our Lieutenant Sal Manzo, was bid a fond farewell at a breakfast held for him at the Café last week. He has moved on to be on a helitac crew in Montana for the fire season, an excellent job opportunity for him, a huge loss for the Brigade. We already miss him☺

We had our annual CAPS, (Community and Public Safety) meeting this month, among other things discussed was having a Resident Deputy. The SO will do their best to provide one and we are looking for a place to house someone for the summer.

We also had a couple busy days recently and all our calls seemed to be on the same day. On the day of the Muster, we started the morning with a DBF in the Park, and when we were cleaning up from the Muster got called to a woman with a possible broken ankle on the trail at JP Burns, another rescue in the back country, (not our area). Then, an accident at MM4, we were committed on the JPB call so Cambria came up. And lastly, got called again for fuel leaking from the vehicle that had been involved in the accident at MM4. Then yesterday had a medical again at the Park, followed by the car over the side at Hurricane Pt., (Sheriff's rescue handled that) after that tried to teach a CPR class but got interrupted by a veg fire at the McQueens meadow, apparently a tree limb fell on a power line starting the fire. Got home about 01:00. We shall see what Memorial Day brings, there are lots of people out on the road!

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