South Skyline Association General Meeting

Fire and Native Plants: Myths and Reality
Guest Speaker – Patrick Congdon

Saturday October 18, 2008
7:00 pm - Refreshments
7:30 pm - Featured presentation

CDF Saratoga Summit Fire Station
12900 Skyline Blvd.

Please bring a dessert to share.
SSA will provide hot beverages and soft drinks.

Patrick Congdon, a long time member of the South Skyline Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and General Manager of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, will discuss wildland fire behavior and its relationship to the vegetation that grows on the land. He will share his experiences in finding a balanced approach to fire fuel management, including using tools such as selective vegetation clearance, prescription burning, and fire-safe building practices. He will also discuss how fire is being used to help renew important native plant communities in our area.

Pat has worked for public land agencies at the county, state, and federal level for over 32 years, observing and studying fire behavior and actively practicing firefighting techniques. He worked as Fire Behavior Specialist on the 2002 Croy Fire in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and has worked on prescribed burn crews in California, Oregon, Arizona, and Colorado. As General Manager of the Open Space Authority, he has championed the preservation and enhancement of the remaining native habitats of Santa Clara County, and has provided protection to many of our rare plant populations.

Directions:
The CDF Saratoga Summit Fire Station is located on the west side of Skyline Blvd, approximately 1 mile north of the intersection of Skyline and Highway 9. You may need to park along the road so a flashlight is advisable.
What Is Your SSA Board Doing?
By Secretary, Judy Grote

• The SSA Summer **General Meeting** was held on Sunday, August 3rd at the Jaqua Ranch. The focus was on Fire Safety, Fire Insurance, and Right of Return. The meeting was well attended by an estimated 120-140 people. The next General Meeting will be held on Oct 18th and feature Pat Congdon speaking about the topic “Fire & Native Plants: Myths & Reality.”

• The July **Skylines Newsletter** was published to the Community. The next newsletter is being developed for distribution in early October.

• **Traffic Safety and motorcycles:** There have been several fatal accidents involving motorcycles over the past several weeks. Enforcement seems to have been minimal this year even though in our meeting this past spring Captain Lott promised she would try to coordinate with Santa Cruz & San Jose. We still believe getting the community to call into the CHP dispatch is an effective way to bring the patrols into our area. They are obligated to respond. SSA is continuing to explore Decibel meters with recorders as input to CHP. These meters could be considered as evidence in a legal meeting if they were calibrated correctly.

• **Caltrans/Trucks on 84:** This remains work in progress. SSA has been pushing Caltrans on this issue. It has been difficult to get the stakeholders and decision makers to meetings in order to make progress. The issue seems to be that some of the folks that could help are not familiar with Highway 84 so don’t understand that there really are issues that need to be addressed.

• **Fire Safe Council:** The Board agreed to support the fledgling tri-county South Skyline Fire Safe Council.

• **Firesafe corridor on Old Haul Rd in Alpine-Portola Neighborhood.** The contractor was finally selected and the contract signed. The contractor is ready to begin work once the State Budget is signed.

• **Wood Stoves, Fireplaces, and Air Quality:** SSA representatives have attended BAAQMD meetings which gathered input on the recommendation. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District unfortunately decided on a one size fits all for the area. All wood stoves, regardless of classification, will not be able to burn wood on Spare the Air days. Note that the only exceptions will be for those not having natural gas or baseboard electric heating. This means propane users are exempted as are those without an alternative method for heating their homes.

• **San Mateo County Watersheds:** SSA representatives attended project input meetings at various locations as well as the San Mateo County (SMC) Environmental Board meeting that is co-chaired by Rich Gordon and Jerry Hill. The good news is that the county did not vote to make specific recommendations and make this another one size fits all at this time. Rich Gordon and Jerry Hill asked the project team to come back with clearer objectives for what they were trying to do, to see what was being done from a Regional perspective, and to get better granularity of data for the different watersheds. No recommendations will be made until there are better data and project objectives.

• **SPUG:** The Scotts Valley Amerigas will no longer honor the SPUG price for SSA members. Their new manager explained that the cost basis for operations of the Scotts Valley location is greater than for the Amerigas San Jose office. For Scotts Valley Amerigas fuel, freight, and overhead costs are much greater.

• **SSEPO:** SSEPO is trying to hold another CERT Training beginning 9/20/08 for 4 Saturdays. 10 participants are required to hold the class, and 6 have signed up.

• **Adopt-a-Highway:** SSA (Ruth Waldhauer) received Volunteer of the Year award for this volunteer effort on Highway 35. The next Adopt-a-Highway is Saturday, 11/8/08.

Visitors are welcome at Board meetings. Please check the website for meeting dates. Meeting minutes and agendas are also on [www.southskyline.org](http://www.southskyline.org).

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**Which Way to Vote?**

Come to a…

**Lakeside School District Board Members Candidates Forum**

Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 7:00 pm

Lakeside Elementary School

Come ask your questions of Lakeside Joint Elementary School District candidates Steve Cox, Philip Nelson, and Elise Stassart.

Sponsored by:
SW Santa Clara Valley League of Women Voters, Lakeside School PTA, American Association of University Women

*For more information on this election visit [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org)
Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement with Amerigas, please contact Ruth Waldhauer at ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com, or 650-948-1466. Information is also available on our website at www.southskyline.org.

Recent SPUG prices are:

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The usual pattern of price dropping in summer is not what we see this year. Politics seems to be the governing force this year. Do what you can to conserve! The open market price is about $1.00/gallon higher than the SPUG price.

Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. The prices we post are for the first of the month. Members 55 years of age or older qualify for a 2 cent/gallon discount in addition to the SPUG group price. Our SPUG rate is based on automatic regular route deliveries on a keep-full basis, not “will-call” service.

Those whose membership in SSA has lapsed will be disqualified from receiving the benefit of SPUG price for propane.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

As announced in July, some associate members of SSA who live in Pescadero, Loma Mar, and in the Summit Road areas will no longer get the benefit of the SPUG price. Rob Skinner, a Pescadero resident, is forming a new group to get better propane prices for those who have been dropped by Amerigas from SPUG. Visit his website: [http://www.pescaderolodging.com/pugs/](http://www.pescaderolodging.com/pugs/) This is the signup web site for people interested in joining the group.

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**Backyard “Stay-cation” – Fill up on Seed and Feeders for Backyard Entertainment**

*By Freddy Howell*

It’s the new word – stay-cation; the stay-at-home vacation. Enjoy your home and backyard. With the price of gas still in the stratosphere, many people are choosing to spend their vacation dollars on fixing up the backyard. Planting flowers (hummingbird attractors are very popular) and, installing birdfeeders, birdbaths and birdhouses to attract the local birds and wildlife. It’s almost like our backyards are becoming our “home theaters”.

A couple of years ago, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS) introduced the Bird Sanctuary Program, as part of the national Audubon at Home Program. This program’s premise is that “Every Backyard is Important: Whether small or large, your yard, patio, balcony or even rooftop area can play a crucial role in protecting native wildlife by contributing to a critical matrix of suitable habitats buffering and connecting developed spaces to natural areas.” Toby Goldberg, the Programs Director at SCVAS (programs@scvas.org), has a very detailed and instructive booklet to help you create a bird friendly habitat in your backyard. By following the suggestions, you can have your backyard certified as a Bird Sanctuary. The National Wildlife Federation also has an active Backyard Wildlife Habitat program.

To help in this endeavor, there is a new book by local landscape designer Alrie Middlebrook and native plant expert Glenn Keator called *Designing California Native Gardens*. Alrie Middlebrook owns Middlebrook Gardens, a design, build and maintenance firm on Race Street in San Jose. She is also president of the California Native Garden Foundation (CNGF) whose vision is to demonstrate the beauty, garden worthiness and ecological appropriateness of California native gardens and to advance knowledge of native plants and increase their availability. The book suggests natives for all ecologies including our oak woodlands, grasslands, chaparrals and mixed evergreen. Now for the really good news, Middlebrook Gardens is open to the public on a retail basis on Saturdays from 9am to 3pm. Middlebrook Gardens is located at 76 Race Street, close to The Alameda. There phone number is 408/292-9993.

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**What did the spider say when he broke his new web?**

Darn it!
Coyote Brush Tracks Along Skyline
By Sarah Schoen

Get ready to howl. Like its furry namesake, coyote brush (Baccharis pilularis) is widely distributed throughout many different areas of California, including chaparral, woodland edges, grasslands, and disturbed areas.

Coyote brush, also known as chaparral broom, is typically a 2 to 9 foot, erect shrub with a taproot up to 10 feet long. Inland plants, away from the drying effects of salt spray, are taller than those along the coast. The leggy branches are longitudinally grooved, gray and brown, with leaves clustered toward the ends. The alternate, oblong leaves are ½ to 1” long with short petioles and irregularly toothed margins. There are tiny resinous dots along their surfaces which make them look shiny on hot days and give off a smell. This both discourages herbivores and cools the plant.

Flowers bloom from August through October. The plants are dioecious, with separate male and female plants. Male flowers have small cream-colored disc flowers (no ray flowers) with showy yellow anthers. Female flowers also have cream-colored disc flowers, but with white to beige tufts of bristly pappus hairs. In fall and winter, the long pappus hairs aid in catching the wind, helping to distribute the ultra light seeds across long distances. While still on the plant, the long pappus hairs give the shrubs an overall wooly appearance, as if they caught the hair of a coyote as it passed by.

Coyote brush is associated with a large number of different insect species. As a late bloomer, it is an important nectar source for many predatory wasps, small butterflies, and native flies. Several insects, including midges, also form galls. Plants are somewhat fire tolerant, re-sprouting from the base. But coyote brush is primarily a pioneer species, being the first to grow in disturbed areas. The wind can bring seeds in from far away. Then coyote brush germinates well in mineral soil with plenty of sunlight. The spring seedling’s rapidly growing taproot allows the new plants to follow available water as summer drought progresses. Over the years, as trees take hold nearby, coyote brush can become quite tall, reaching for the sunlight, until it eventually gets shaded out. With a new disturbance, the cycle can start all over again.

Native Californians used coyote brush tea as a general remedy, including as a wash to treat poison oak rash. They also made arrow shafts from the light weight branches.

Take a Hike...

Hike to Grizzly Flat to See The Ladybugs
By Ruth Waldhauer

Start at the Grizzly Flat parking lot in Upper Stevens Creek County Park on Skyline about 3 miles south of the intersection with Page Mill/Alpine, or 3 miles north of the intersection of RT9 and Skyline. Go through the opening in the fence on the east side of Skyline. Two trails leave from this park entrance. Follow the broad jeep road on the left is the well-used and better-graded route. You descend through oak and madrone woods where in summer the madrone leaves crunch pleasantly underfoot. About half way down, the steep grassy slopes of Monte Bello Ridge come into sight on the far side of the canyon.

Black oaks and canyon oaks form a dense woodland here, but as you descend farther into the canyon you see increasing numbers of Douglas firs. Near the creek you find yourself in a forest of large firs and maples. Although some wood cutting has occurred in the past in the upper part of this park, the lower canyon’s great firs, five or six feet in diameter, are a fragment of virgin forest. Big-leaf maples filter the light at the bottom of the canyon, and a mosaic of the large, deeply lobed leaves of Colts Foot edges the stream. Here you will find choice sites for a picnic.

The meadow above the creek is a ladybug wintering site protected by a fence but one can easily see thousands and thousands; truly an amazing sight. Ladybugs are gathering now, and will disperse in response to increasing day length in the spring.

Return to Skyline by retracing your steps (Grizzly Flat – north trail), or following the left fork (Grizzly Flat – south trail) about a mile above the ladybug spot as you ascend. At a leisurely pace you will take an hour and a half to get back to Skyline, a delightful trip in the shade of the hills. As you climb out of the canyon, you will want to pause often to look between the dark firs at Monte Bello Ridge.

Distance: 4 miles round trip. Time: 2 ½ hours.

What’s the ratio of a pumpkin’s circumference to its diameter?

Pumpkin Pi
At the SSA picnic at Jaqua’s in early August there were two related fire threat presentations of great interest. Here is a summary for those that missed the great Potluck food, socializing, and presentations.

Our local Patrick Congdon, who was for many years a volunteer with the South Skyline Fire and Rescue and is now a fire behavior specialist (besides his ‘day job’), talked about how we got to the increased wildland fire conditions that we have today, and what we as a community can do about it:

- As ranching on the Skyline started decreasing in the thirties many fields re-grew with chaparral and woods. At the same time the CDF (now CalFire) fire stations at Skylonda and Saratoga Gap were established, greatly enhancing local fire suppression.
- In the fifties the commuters began arriving, clearing bits of woods and chaparral and building homes.
- The South Skyline and Las Cumbres volunteer fire and rescue departments were formed nearly 35 years ago, peaking at about 30 trained volunteers. This added greatly to available fire suppression. Now the two groups have combined and there are only 8 volunteers.
- The effects of global warming on Skyline over the last 40 years have been dramatic. The start of high fire season in the area has sprung forward from August to, this year, May! Here are a few things we can do to protect our community:
  - Establish our individual home 100 foot (and more when on a hill) defensible space.
  - Join the Volunteer Firefighters!!
  - Start our own tri-county Fire Safe Council to plan and act as a community to actively improve our protection from wildfire.

Pat went on to describe how the practice of wildland fire fighting has changed over the past decade or so to save firefighter lives. Instead of aggressively attacking fires, fire fighting planners now tend to back off, letting more land burn as they set up their defensive positions. More homeowners are now refusing to leave their home (you can not be forced to leave) and are successfully defending their own homes as fire sweeps by and there is no fire crew available to do the defense. Pat was careful not to recommend this course of action, as it takes capability and firefighting resources to do so.

Attorney Jess Love, from the Law Firm of Ropers, Majeski, Kohn, and Bentley then described the rights of residents subject to mandatory evacuation orders in the event of wildfires and their limited Right-of-Return. Jess introduced Attorney Dean Pappas, a recognized specialist in Insurance Law, who explained the difference between an insurance company cancelling a fire insurance policy during its period of application and its refusal to renew a policy which is expiring. Unless an insurance company can prove that the owner had misrepresented the conditions of the property in their Application for Insurance, they cannot legally cancel an insurance policy while it is still in effect. They can also increase the premium at the time of renewal, but the property owner can then request quotes from other insurers.
Wildland Fire near Castle Rock
By Eric Isacson

On July 14 a wildfire suddenly erupted in one of the most remote and inaccessible spots in the Natural Preserve within Castle Rock State Park. Days of aerial water drops, hard working inmate crews, and trained incident management limited the fire to less than 20 acres and prevented a conflagration that could have engulfed much of the Park and surrounding areas.

Because of its location at the bottom of steep dry slopes leading up to the ridge tops along Skyline Blvd., Cal Fire took no chances and attacked the fire with all possible resources. Cargo size helicopters ferried water from nearby lakes and twin and even four engine tankers dove dramatically into the deep canyon to make precision drops of bright red fire retardant. Ground crews, most of them Department of Corrections inmates, worked in the heat on steep slopes and in dense brush and poison oak to cut a containment line while avoiding water drops from the air and falling rocks and tree trunks knocked loose by the drops. Two helipads were cleared by hand on small knolls to ferry in hand crews, equipment, and rubber drums of water to fill their backpack fire pumps. Crews came in from as far away as San Diego and New Mexico. Dozens of backup crews, engines, and tankers were parked along Skyline on-the-ready in case conditions deteriorated.

The fire started on Kings Creek about 3/4 mile downstream from Castle Rock Falls. The cause is still officially under investigation but neighbors familiar with the area suspect an improperly extinguished illegal campfire by illegal campers in a closed area of the Park. It is not uncommon for vagrants to camp in isolated spots in the drainages along the southern boundary of the Park.

Access difficulties delayed ground crews from reaching the fire for nearly a day. In the 1950s, Cal Fire had built a fire road thru the area from Skyline to Waterman Switch in anticipation of such a fire. Unfortunately neither they nor State Parks had done any maintenance on it for years. As a result, the first engine in had to stop frequently to clear downed trees and fallen rocks. Once they got as close as possible by road they had to cut a mile long trail by hand along an ancient woodcutters road because State Parks policies prevented the use of a bulldozer in the Natural Preserve. Then they laid 6000 feet of fire hose over a route having more that 500 feet of elevation difference. The resulting pressure caused the hose to burst frequently slowing effort to extinguish the fire. Later they used portable pumps to supply the hoses from pools in Kings Creek.

In an effort to supply water over a downhill route Cal Fire attempted at one point to run a fire hose from the old Smead orchard near Skyline Blvd. down to the fire. It didn’t work out because of terrain, length, and pressure build-up but the bulldozer used in the initial investigation inadvertently dug up a huge cache of old tires buried in a former dump site. Unfortunately those tires are now exposed and are at risk for creating a toxic hazard should they be ignited in another fire. It is unclear what if anything will be done about this hazard.

The fire did a lot less damage to the vegetation it burned thru than I had expected. Most of the vegetation burned appears to have been the thick underbrush. The general effect is that the area burned is now much more open. Some trees were burned and a few big old redwoods had to be cut down apparently because of fire inside their trunks but there seem to have been few of the dramatic walls of flame the media often shows us. Viewed from Goat Rock the area on fire appeared to be smoldering with lots of smoke and an occasional short flare of red flame when a dry tree or thicket of brush would suddenly burst into flames.

The homes most at-risk were mine and a fire captain's at the now-closed Mt. Bielawski fire lookout. Both are a mile from the fire and at the top of slopes up which the fire could have raced if the winds had picked up. Fortunately damp air came in from the ocean in the evenings and the winds were light. During the fire I took some comfort from having created defensible space, having installed a 2500 gallon tank dedicated to fire fighting and having purchased Barricade and a fire pump to apply it. Fortunately I didn't need to use them -- at least this time!

In Memoriam

Heather Claire Broome

A Skyline resident since 1994, Heather died August 15. She was 83. She married Kenneth Broome in 1946 and raised six children who gave her seven grandchildren.

Heather contributed to both the community and her church. She held leadership roles in the American Association of University Women. She edited a newsletter for the League of Women Voters. She held a position on the San Mateo County Grand Jury, and sang in the parish choir at Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

Heather was a frequent participant in Skyline Community events and a helpmate to her husband Ken who serves on the SSA board and the South Skyline Emergency Preparedness board. She will be missed by her friends, family and neighbors here on the mountain.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the education fund of the League of Women Voters of the San Francisco Bay Area.
New! South Skyline Fire Safe Council
By Dick Schwind

The South Skyline Community, stretching along the Skyline for some 25 miles, has a new organization, the South Skyline Fire Safe Council. Extending into all three counties, its mission is "to mobilize the people of the South Skyline to better protect their homes, community, and environment from wild fires".

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schwindr@yahoo.com

Brush Chipping Help, Burn Permits
By Dick Schwind for Santa Clara County residents

Following up on my article in the July Skylines (please refer back to it, which you can do via the website www.southskyline.org. There is probably still a bit of time for Santa Clara County residents to sign up for free chipping of brush cleared from their 100 ft defensible perimeter and along their driveway, if you are ready soon. This program uses grant money awarded the Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council, but this grant is about to run out. Please email or call me, as I am coordinating these programs so the chipper comes to Skyline only one or two days.

After many years, burn permits MAY again be available in Santa Clara County for burning defensible space brush piles. As a result of the Croy Fire several years ago the Bay Area Air Quality Control Board agreed that it was better to have little bits of smoke during burn season burn days than the huge amount of smoke from big summer fires. There is a question whether they are continuing the program. The CalFire Captain from the Stevens Creek Fire Station would come to Skyline to inspect the burn sites, issue the burn permits, and write the Air Quality paperwork. Our San Mateo and Santa Cruz County CalFire stations on Skyline cannot offer this service in Santa Clara County. Coordination is required to do several permits at a time, so I will also be coordinating this.

Dick Schwind, schwindr@Yahoo.com, 408-867-9422

Free Electronic Waste Recycling Event

Saturday, October 25th from 9AM – 3PM
Akeena Solar Parking Lot at 16005 Los Gatos Blvd.

Do you have a box, garage, or attic full of electronic equipment you’d love to get rid of? Then mark your calendars for a free electronic waste recycling event sponsored by Los Gatos-Saratoga Observation Nursery School (a.k.a. Mountain School) and managed by Earthcare Recycling. This is a great opportunity to discard unwanted:

√ Televisions and monitors
√ Desktop and laptop computers
√ Mice, keyboards, & all networking equipment
√ Printers and scanners
√ Copy and fax machines
√ Stereos, radios, and speakers
√ VCRs and DVD players
√ Telephones, cell phones, and PDAs
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No large appliances, ACs, household batteries, or anything with motor oil will be accepted.

The first 100 people to drop off one or more televisions and/or computer monitors will receive one free Mountain School raffle ticket for fabulous prizes. Drawing will take place on November 16th. You need not be present to win.

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By Dick Schwind
Skyline Adopt-A-Highway
By Ruth Waldhauer

Corina Daw, Kelly Strain, Robert Bradford and I formed the crew of volunteers on July 12, braving the mist.

On September 6, Susan Stucky, Christine Jarvis, Fred Glover and Robert Bradford, despite hot weather, sallied forth picking up litter. Finds of the day were a broken Nordic Track and an abandoned picnic basket on wheels.

Our Skyline area extends from Rapley Ranch Road to a little south of the Skyline Ranch Christmas Tree Farm. So far there are 62 names on the Honor Role listing those who have participated, a few have been out more than once. We love to get new recruits. Please join us. You will find that it is very rewarding, perhaps even habit forming.

Volunteers are responsible for gathering litter every two months. The sweep takes about an hour and a half. A crew of 6 people is ideal. The next scheduled dates are November 8 and January 3. Please volunteer by contacting me at ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com or 650-948-1466.

Volunteers also make a weekly sweep of the CalTrans Vista Point below Russian Ridge. This spot is on Skyline a mile north of the intersection with Page Mill Road. Usually one lone volunteer picks up litter, a 20 minute or less task, and places it in one of the two trash cans there. Valley Trash removes the trash every Thursday morning.

In addition to the SSA volunteers, one devoted non-resident is out there almost every Sunday morning clearing trash from along Skyline Boulevard. After a tree came down at the top of Old La Honda Road last winter, tree trimming crews removed most of the fallen tree but still left a mess, carelessly piling brush and small branches crushing saplings. The devoted non-resident carefully removed the slash and staked up the saplings which are now thriving. Applause to the non-resident!!!

Skyline is our paradise!!! Let's keep it beautiful.

Fall Native Plant Sale
Saturday, October 18, 2008, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery
25870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills
2 miles west of I-280

There will be scores of species of hard-to-find native plants, seeds, and bulbs suitable for California gardens. Speak to experts about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers, and grasses. Native plant books, posters, and note cards. Organized by the California Native Plant Society (Santa Clara Valley Chapter). Free parking. Come early for the best selection; bring boxes in which to carry purchases home. Cash or check only. For more information, visit www.cnps-scv.org, email cnps_scv@yahoo.com, or call 650-941-1068.
HELP WANTED

Administrative Assistant – 4 hrs/day, 3 days/wk. Consulting Engineer needs someone at 20007 Skyline Blvd. to handle bookkeeping, computer search, email, and filing. Call Ken Broome at 650-529-1810.

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On The Mountain Catering by Lindsay Wasserman Emerson
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