SSA GENERAL MEETING - AN OPEN FORUM

Friday, January 27 - Saratoga Summit CalFire Station #21, 21900 Skyline Blvd

Directions: The Saratoga Summit Fire Station is located on the west side of Skyline Blvd. approximately .6 of a mile north of the intersection of Skyline Blvd. and Highway 9.

Socialize 6:30-7PM - Bring a dessert to share - SSA will provide beverages

Meeting Begins at 7PM

Agenda:
• Call to order, introductions – Michael Rowe
• Board elections
• SSA Vision Statement
• Interactive discussion

Bring YOUR comments/thoughts/suggestions!

Lets share some information and see if we can solve some problems!

• What is your best memory of living on the hill?
• What would you change about living on the hill if you had a magic wand?
• Why did you move to this area?
• What skill or craft did you learn living here?
• What community issues can we tackle if more people got involved?
  • Herbicide spraying by CalTrans?
  • Marijuana grows?
  • Problems with trespassers?
  • Difficult getting police to come up the hill?
  • Reckless driving/racing?
  • Can we ever get improved cell service?

Four $25 prizes awarded for favorite recipe using local ingredients.
Come prepared with your recipe to enter drawing for prizes.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT - DECEMBER 2016

Debra Born

First of all, let us all celebrate finally being able to renew or join online via the SSA website!

This is a major accomplishment after much hard work for the past few years by several Board and other members. This online payment system will hopefully be used and appreciated by members for years to come. No longer will you need to drag out a checkbook and look for stamps. You can simply go to the “Membership” page on our website and hit the “Renew” or “Join” buttons, which will allow you to first pay, then second fill out a registration page with all of your contact information and propane supplier. Then you’re done!

You can also review or change your profile information such as your email address, propane supplier, telephone, etc. by hitting the “Update Profile” button. However, to do this you will need to log in.

To log in go to http://southskyline.org/membership/

• Simply enter your email address in the “Log In” area on the “Membership” page, and if you are doing this for the first time, click on “Forgot Password”. This will enable an email to be sent to you so you can set your password.

• After you set your password, go back to the log in page and enter it before hitting “Log In”. If you later forget your password, you can repeat this same process. Of course, it’s best to make a note of your password so you can log in directly the second time.

With over 1,600 active members South Skyline Association has grown to a point where it is necessary to use a more automated system for keeping track of our members and communicating with them. We shall still accept paper application and renewal forms, which is included in this newsletter as well as on our website. However there is more room for error in reading and entering handwritten information, and it is vastly more time consuming for our members to process. So thank you to all who have already used our website to join and renew. It’s already eased our workload which is especially large at renewal time.

It is also worth noting that our members now extend well beyond the South Skyline area thanks to the SPUG program. With so many new members we are able to provide more grant funding to local organizations.

Donations:

There is one more thing about our website payment system to share. We have not yet implemented a process for donating directly through our website to other SSA supported organizations but hope to do so in the not too distant future. However, we strongly encourage you to continue your donations to those organizations as you have so generously in the past by mailing them a donation or by donating via their individual websites. We have provided links to those organizations on our website, and have included a list in the enclosed 2017 SSA Application and Renewal Form. These organizations greatly benefit from your support as they provide valuable services to our community largely with volunteer help.

Finally, the South Skyline Association Board recognizes the enthusiasm our members show for our association, our quarterly meetings and our Adopt-a-Highway program. We expect our 2017 meetings to be every bit or more interesting and fun so please stay alert to those dates and plan to attend. If you have ideas about how our Association can benefit our area, please communicate that to our President at mrowe517@gmail.com.
2017 SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL

All residents 18 years or older who reside or own property within the South Skyline Association boundaries are encouraged to join SSA (see map on “Contacts” page of our website Southskyline.org). Members who live within SSA boundaries are considered “Regular” members with voting rights and may serve on the board. Associate non-voting memberships are available to those outside our boundaries with an interest in the area.

All members receive the Skylines quarterly newsletter, can attend quarterly general meetings, and participate in our SPUG propane program (verify with your provider your address qualifies).

Annual dues are $20.00 and are payable in January of each year for EACH property address. Donations to SSA are always appreciated. Simply add the amount you wish to donate to the dues amount when you pay by check. Please no cash, and remember to pay annually before the end of each January regardless of when you join.

You are also encouraged to join or renew online anytime via our website southskyline.org/membership.

All information will be kept confidential. Note to Associate Members – You must provide an email address as you will receive an electronic copy only of the Skylines Newsletter. Regular members will automatically receive a hardcopy newsletter.

[ ] RENEWAL   [ ] NEW MEMBER

Primary Name: _____________________________________________________________________________
Secondary Name: ___________________________________________________________________________
Email Address(s): ___________________________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________________________
(Street Address/PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)
Property Address: ___________________________________________________________________________
(Street Address/PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)
Telephone(s): ______________________________________________________________________________
Do you want to participate in the Skyline Propane User Group (SPUG)?:    Yes _____    No _____
Supplier:    Amerigas____  Kamps____  Suburban/SJ____  Suburban/SV____  FerrellGas_____
Other_____________________________________________________________________________________

You may include a donation to any of the organizations supported by the SSA (see page 4).

Please return this application with your dues check and donations payable to “SSA” and mail to:
SSA Membership Chair, 7405 Alpine Road, La Honda, CA 94020-9737

Would you like to meet more people in the Skyline area and get involved in issues affecting our community?

We are looking for new SSA board members for a two year term beginning January 2017. The board typically meets for two hours in the evening on the second Thursday of each month.

Contact president@southskyline.org

The South Skyline Association depends on volunteers to help manage the propane discount program, produce the Skylines newsletter to communicate events and issues in the area, and other programs such as providing grants to our volunteer fire and rescue and other local groups.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Skyline community, please consider serving on the board.

If you would like to help out as a regular SSA Member, contact volunteer@southskyline.org
ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION

Below are other South Skyline area organizations or programs dedicated to improving the safety, beauty, and quality of life in our area. To learn more about these organizations or program, contribute your volunteer time, or make a donation please indicate on this form by inserting your contact information next to the organization you’re interested in.

To donate enclose a check payable to that organization.

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WHAT IS YOUR SSA BOARD DOING?

*Michael Rowe, President*

Welcome to 2017 (even though I write this in the closing weeks of 2016)! On behalf of the SSA Board, I hope you enjoyed the Holiday Season and are looking forward to the upcoming year. I’d like to take a few moments to review 2016 SSA Highlights before letting you know about our plans for 2017.

In no particular order, here are the SSA highlights for 2016:

- Stayed within our 2016 fiscal goals;
- Donated $10,000 to local community organizations;
- Grew SSA membership;
- Continued the modernization of the SSA website, including a new logo and landing page;
- Launched online membership renewal;
- Created/updated our Vision Statement;
- Hosted a great series of speakers at our quarterly General Meetings that helped promote community engagement and knowledge of regional topics;
- Created a grant application form and guidelines for donating to community organizations;
- Expanded SSA region to include the Waterman Gap area residents;
- Created an online zoomable map of the SSA region;
- Created a Volunteer Waiver for the Adopt-A-Highway program that helps us keep track of volunteers (a safety issue) and better communicates the risks and responsibilities to our volunteers.

In 2017, our humble group of do-gooders hopes to achieve goals including, but not limited to, the following:

- Increase community grants while staying within budget plan;
- Create a strategic plan to fully realize our Vision Statement;
- Initiate a community outreach program to businesses and other non-profit organizations within SSA borders;
- Continue to organize and host community meetings that feature interesting speakers;
- Continue to work with State Parks and local authorities to help police our neighborhood (in regards to safe and legal use of our roads and parks).

On related topics, the SSA board will have a January meeting to set the budget for 2017 and review grant applications we’ve received. We are also hosting a General Meeting for all members at the Saratoga Summit Fire Station (see details on page 1). This meeting will not only provide members with an interesting open forum, but also allow members to vote on board member positions that are up for renewal as well as new candidates that are volunteering for the board. Speaking of board membership, I want to share a sincere sentiment of gratitude and appreciation to Eric Jewett who has been a long-standing board member and generous member of the community. Eric has decided to resign from the board for 2017. Thank you Eric, we will miss you.

In addition, I want to introduce you to a new candidate for the SSA Board: Joshua Littlefield. Joshua provided me the following statement:

*I want to join the South Skyline Association Board so that I can use my strengths and passion to contribute to our community through building relationships and furthering the sense of belonging and purpose. I want future generations to be able to appreciate and recreate in these incredible outdoor spaces that are so important to us. I was previously a manager with the outdoor Co-Op, REI, for nearly 15 years and was able to partner and volunteer with numerous community non-profit groups including; POST, San Mateo County Parks, Portola & Castle Rock Foundation, and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. I built and lead teams to work together for the* 

continued
benefit of all. I was a mentor to both staff and managers. I lead my team to the best results in the district. I will use these skills to serve the South Skyline Association and serve our community.

My wife, Michelle, and I have lived in the South Skyline neighborhood now going on 5 years and she was born and raised here on the Peninsula. We plan on living here and being a part of this community indefinitely. As a Realtor with Coldwell Banker serving the Peninsula I connect with neighbors to learn and understand what community means to them, and my goal is to find creative ways to build on this and further our common goals.

Sincerely,
Joshua Littlefield

In closing, I hope you can join us for the January meeting, meet Joshua in person, and provide your support for his bid for a board seat. Perhaps you’ll think about throwing your own hat in to the ring too -- we are always looking for people to join our board (aka “humble band of do-gooders”).

ELECTION ROSTER

At the January general meeting, members will be electing five South Skyline Association board members. The following board members will be running for re-election: Dave Anderson, Debra Born, Jerry Parsons, and Patti Begley. There is also one new candidate, Joshua Littlefield (see his statement in the article What is Your SSA Board Doing?).

CURRENT (2016) SSA BOARD MEMBERS

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SSEPO DOINGS

*Jerry Parsons, President of SSEPO*

Maintaining emergency response skills of our neighborhood volunteers is an ongoing goal of South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Organization (SSEPO). This past quarter was no exception. Here are some things SSEPO has been doing.

**Medical Training**

Our Medical Director, Dr. Rich Lee, and instructor Glenn Nielsen conducted a CPR/Choking and a First Aid/Triage Class on October 8, 2016. Fourteen of our neighbors attended and all agreed that the class was both informative and fun.

**Night Drill**

A disaster, such as a major earthquake, can happen any time day or night. In the past we have held daytime drills for simulated earthquake disasters. This time we conducted a night time emergency response drill on November 18, 2016. There was no pre-drill set up. We relied on our normal planned standby emergency readiness. Participating neighborhoods were primarily Portola Heights/Castanea Ridge and Las Cumbres, with one GMRS radio operator from Monkey Rock.

The primary objectives of this drill were:

1. In after-dark conditions, utilize our community response teams (group leaders, cluster leaders in Las Cumbres, CERTs, residents with medical training, ham radio operators, other volunteers) in an exercise involving checking status of residences, triage, and transportation of victims;
2. Test effectiveness of community level communications using GMRS, MURS, or ham hand-held radios;
3. Test effectiveness of inter-community communications (for mutual aid) using stationary and mobile ham radio units.

The drill results were an excellent learning exercise, as every drill is. The two participating neighborhoods have good neighborhood emergency response plans, so they responded resourcefully to the simulated emergency situations at hand. Each neighborhood has identified where improvements will be made.

Looking ahead, key plans are:

1. The involvement of more South Skyline Area neighborhoods. Monkey Rock, Rosemary Lane, and Rocky Creek are in the process of getting themselves organized. We need other neighborhoods to step forward and do the same. SSEPO can help any South Skyline Area community get started and can support purchases of radios with grants.

2. The activation of the Saratoga-Summit CERT Team in future drills. See next item.

**Formal Launch of The Saratoga-Summit CERT Group**

This has been a long time coming. By the time this edition of Skylines is published, our Saratoga-Summit CERT Group will have been sworn in and formally activatable by Santa Cruz County as of January 2017. SSEPO plans to organize a Steering Committee to guide the planning of group meetings, basic and specialized trainings, and practice drills. Anyone interested in joining this emergency response team should contact Peggy Wargo or Jerry Parsons. Contact and other information, including our meeting times and locations, are found at our website [www.ssepo.org](http://www.ssepo.org). All residents of the South Skyline Area are welcomed to attend our meetings.

*SSEPO is doing things!  
Want to get involved? Contact us!  
We are looking forward to your participation in what we are doing!*
Incidents

The last quarter of 2016 was fairly average for incident response. Engineers Les Niles and Doug Aumack did several 12 hour shifts at the Loma Fire, assisting with water supply. In addition, our new split litter basket (purchased with your donations) was used in a half day search and rescue in Big Basin State Park. Below is a graph of our year to date incident responses:

Donations

We’d like to send a big “Thank you!” to the SSA and the membership for their support in 2016.

As a volunteer organization, we are always looking for donations: time, funds, and now, cars. Do you have an old car you want to dispose? Here’s your chance to donate it to us for a tax deduction. We will use it for all sorts of training, including use of the “Jaws of Life” and other tools. If you are interested, please contact us at interest@southskylinefire.org.

New Candidates

We have one candidate working his way through the process, and we have reserved his slot in the upcoming fire academy. Recruiting starts up again in the spring, and we are hopeful for a good crop for 2018.

http://southskylinefire.org/join.php

THE SOUTH SKYLINE STORY

A fascinating biography of our scenic Skyline region

Upon opening the book you will follow the paths of the native Ohlone peoples; experience the rugged life in the logging camps, mills and ranches and learn how the crude trails, dusty ranch and private roads of the ridge properties through four different counties were connected by the building of Skyline Boulevard. The book introduces the various waves of people who left the comfort of the “flatlands” to succumb to the lore of the mountains. Complete with detailed maps, it should be in your library!

Your cost is just $27.01. including tax or $33.81 by priority mail.

For information email chuck_sch@hotmail.com or phone 408-867-9229
SOUTH SKYLINE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL COMPLETES 2016 FREE CHIPPING PROGRAM

Ed Hayes

On November 2nd, 3rd & 14th the SSFSC completed three days of free chipping for residents of the SSA area, encompassing parts of San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties. In all, there were 33 individual residences serviced; 15 in Santa Cruz County, 13 in San Mateo County and 5 in Santa Clara County. Over 36,000 cubic feet of brush was chipped. Juan Huerta B. Tree Service was this year’s contractor; many thanks for their hard work. They provided a chipper, truck and five-man crew, at the lowest rate.

Fire safety is the primary goal of the SSFSC in particularly this year due to the drought conditions in our area. The Loma Fire near Morgan Hill was a good example of how quickly a fire can spread when the fuel on the ground is dry, and if your house is not defensible it will burn along with the fuel around it.

Each spring and fall SSFSC offers this free chipping program to members of the South Skyline Association. Spring time applications are due by April 15th and Fall applications are due by October 15th.

Applications can now be made directly on our WEBSITE: www.southskylinefiresafecouncil.org.

SSFSC has two programs aimed at assisting homeowners and communities achieving both fuel reduction and defensible space around their homes and access/escape routes from their homes. The first program is the free chipping program aimed directly at individual homeowners who are required by California law to provide defensible space around their homes. The space is generally defined as 100 feet around the home. Cal Fire has jurisdiction over this and annually inspects homes in our area for compliance.

The second program that SSFSC offers is a reimbursement policy for fuel reduction and brush clearing along evacuation/access roads for communities or driveways that service more than three residences. SSFSC will assist the property owners with applications for grants and/or contracting with work crews such as the Cal Fire crews at the Ben Lomond CDCR Camp, also they can help provide sponsors or monitors to direct the work. Note that through SSFSC crews can be arranged at only $250 per day for a 10 to 15 man crew. The reimbursement policy will cover a percentage of the cost based on community size with a sliding scale that favors the smaller size community. For those resident groups of 3 to 10 this could mean up to 50 percent of cost or a maximum of $500.

SSFSC wants to thank the various contributors that make these programs possible. They include Santa Cruz County, Santa Clara Fire Safe Council, San Mateo Fire Safe Council, South Skyline Association, P.G. & E., and local residents who have donated individually.
THE “KILLER CORNER” PROJECT
Jim and Frances Mann-Craik

Road Signs and Potholes – How to Work with Caltrans

This spring, stopped by another tragic “car over the cliff” accident on Highway 9, (on the north side of Skyline, about a mile from the top), I thought, “It’s always this same place, why doesn’t someone fix it?”

Realizing I’d been thinking this very thing for 14 years, I wondered if the “someone” who could/should do the fixing might not even KNOW this corner “surprises” several tourists (and perhaps a few locals) every year - right into the oncoming traffic and/or over the cliff. Sadly, people’s lives are lost. I decided to see if I could do something about this and perhaps a few other dangerous corners as well.

It worked! Two “Killer Corners” in Santa Clara County now have extensive warning signage. While Dead Man’s Curve, in San Mateo County, alas, has just one new sign. (Sadly, we need to record more accidents to prove the need.) As a bonus, a car-swallowing pothole on Highway 9 has been filled in.

HERE’S THE PROCESS THAT WORKED… this time.

1. Identified the most dangerous spots: Asked the SSA community, at the Spring 2016 meeting, to share their knowledge of the worst corners on the mountain. They identified the three most dangerous corners.

   • Killer Corner 1: (Highway 9 North, about 1 mile down the mountain from Highway 35/Skyline.) More than 30% of all injury/fatal accidents on Highway 9 North occurred at this corner in 2013 and 2014. A Caltrans engineer told me that their independent research, resulting from our inquiry, identified this as the most dangerous corner in ALL of Santa Clara County and eligible for funding from the repair budget.

   • Killer Corner 2 (Monkey Rock) – Highway 35, 2 miles north of Highway 9 – this is a long stretch with a tight curve. Many vehicles miss and flip here.

   • Killer Corner 3/Dead Man’s Curve – (Skyline Ridge/Horseshoe Lake) – Highway 35, 3.8 miles north of Highway 9, 2.6 miles south of Alpine Road. This is a twisty section that catches people unaware.

2. Researched accident data: Validated that these are indeed three of the worst “Killer Corners” on the mountain. Goal of providing this data was to ensure Caltrans understood the urgency and that we weren’t just complaining locals, but had empirical data to back our claims.

   There is data on accidents in the TIMS database. TIMS has been established by researchers at the Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) at the University of California, Berkeley, to provide data and mapping analysis tools and information for traffic-safety-related research, policy and planning. TIMS uses data provided by CHP’s SWITRS http://tims.berkeley.edu/

3. Outlined the problem: Sent a nice email to Caltrans, (contact info below), essentially saying, “We know you would have fixed these killer corners if you knew they were a problem…”

4. Caltrans Ride-Along: After discussions with Caltrans’ Roland Au-Yeung, the Office of Traffic supervisor, agreed the next step was a ride-along, in the car with the Caltrans representative for each county.

As the Killer Corners were in two counties, there were two ride-along events in July. In both cases, the Caltrans
reps were considerate, helpful and truly wanted to make the mountain safer. (My impression is the only thing they can do “quickly” and on their own initiative, is replace downed signs and get potholes filled. New signs, etc., require more time/approvals.)

5. Signs placed: All were finally in place by September 2016.

Killer Corner #1 Highway 9 – 26 chevrons installed, sadly cars are still flying off the mountain here, but we hope fewer than in the past. This, the most dangerous corner in Santa Clara County, will be rebuilt someday.

Killer Corner #2 Monkey Rock – 22 chevrons installed, no accidents since installation!

Killer Corner #3 Dead Man’s Curve – disappointed that only two signs were added. San Mateo County is less generous than Santa Clara County in this case.

NOTES AND TIPS:
Timeline: Start - April, Ride-along - July, Signs up – September
A. Document, follow-up, use email for a record. Although Caltrans prefers to handle all business over the phone, I documented each call, including promised dates, and sent to the Caltrans rep and their manager. Then, followed up on each promised action when a deadline came and went. It was tedious, but it worked.

B. Potholes - during our ride-along, we took our Santa Clara County Caltrans rep to a horrible pothole in a pullout along Highway 9, (about 2 miles north of Skyline). We asked him to stand in the hole, while we took a picture. He was knee deep. The hole was filled THAT DAY, July 2.

CALTRANS CONTACTS:
Supervisor (Office Chief, Office of Traffic): Roland Au-Yeung, (510) 286-4560, roland.au-yeung@dot.ca.gov
San Mateo County: Dwight Caldwell, (510) 502-9125, dwight.k.caldwell@dot.ca.gov
Santa Clara County: Tuan Le, (510) 589-3792, tuan.le@dot.ca.gov
Santa Cruz County: Deb Larsen, deb.larson@dot.ca.gov (I have not worked with her. This name was provided by Roland Au-Yeung.)
SOD STUDY RESULTS RELEASED BY UC BERKELEY’S FOREST PATHOLOGY AND MYCOLOGY LAB

Jane Manning

Thank you to the South Skyline residents who participated and supported the spring Sudden Oak Death study, aka SOD blitz. 328 people in 16 counties in CA sampled or inspected 1430 trees. At the results meeting held on Nov 12 at Villa Montalvo, Doug Schmidt, researcher at the UC Berkeley Forest Pathology lab, discussed the 2016 results and the updated management recommendations. For the first time, SOD has been detected (thanks to the blitzes) in SLO and Big Sur and many towns are starting to detect strains that likely originated from nursery plants. As with most of CA, the South Skyline area results were as expected: SOD was more prevalent than any time since 2011 (Fig 1).

This means that spore loads are increasing. Matteo Garbelotto, professor and PI of the UC Berkeley Forest Pathology lab, has shown conclusively that the primary transmission mode is splashing and wind-blown rainwater from nearby infected bays and tanoaks. SOD prevention remains twofold: reduce exposure by reducing the spore load and forewarn the oak immune system with phosphonate treatment. Reducing exposure is just like avoiding crowds during flu season, but unlike humans and the flu vaccine, oaks cannot ‘learn’ the SOD pathogen to specifically defend against it. The treatment does however prime the same immunity that is usually triggered in response to native herbivores. To know your trees’ risk, use the free SOD Mapper app while standing near your tree. It is very easy to use!

Management recommendations by UC Berkeley are based on long-term, peer-reviewed research. To reduce exposure, create buffers (Fig 2) around Coast Live, Canyon, Black, and Shreve oak trees by removing bays with trunks up to 20” diameter in summer-early fall. If bays are uphill or upwind from your oaks, increase the buffer by 10-20%. Refrain from bay removal within 10 yrs. of streams because they are important to stream ecology. If bay and oak branches intertwine, consider pruning the bay back. Fresh bay leaves, twigs, and chips are very infectious, so spread them out because the pathogen cannot reproduce without water. Once dry, there is little risk in using the material, but never broadcast within the oak buffer zones. Thinning tanoaks to 50/acre lowers tanoak infection rates as well.

For immunity priming, spray or inject the phosphonate-surfactant mixture Nov 1 – Dec 15. Also, this is new, gypsum broadcast around the base of oaks 1-2 weeks prior to fungicide spraying enhances phosphorous uptake and halves the needed treatment frequency to 1x/2yrs! Gypsum alone does not do anything. Also, injection dosage was dialed down (see website). As always, there is a list of arborists who can both diagnose and treat your trees at www.suddenoakdeath.org. Prices should be no higher than $30/tree, according to meeting attendees.

Finally, here’s great new database where experts have answered questions and you can pose new questions:
https://nature.berkeley.edu/garbelottwp/?page_id=1286
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Jerry Peters

On Monday, September 12th, volunteers Lynn Gale, Emma McGrath, Armen Leonian and Jerry Peters met at the Vista Point at 10 am to gather litter. There was a significant amount of cans, bottles and plastic containers. Also, a lot of paper products were dispersed throughout. Emma was very thorough, removing every cigarette butt from the parking area. Lynn was very busy removing all the paper and wrappers that blow across the highway. Armen and JP removed the stuff that was on the bank below the parking area. We collected 6 large bags and a small wheel with a good tire. Midpen Ranger, Frances Reneau stopped by to offer moral support and was nice enough to take our photo.

On Monday, November 21st, volunteers Lilly Blum, Armen Leonian and Jerry Peters met at the Vista Point at 10 am to gather litter. As usual, the amount of cans, bottles and plastic containers was significant. Lilly was an excellent first-time participant and I can always count on Armen. We collected 4 large bags and added to the 3 bags I had already collected, made a total of 7 bags. The amount of litter thrown around the Vista Point and along the 4-mile stretch of roadway (which I clean myself) is increasing at a staggering rate. No photo was taken.

SSA & SHS volunteers are responsible for gathering litter every two months. The sweep takes about an hour and a half. So far over 180 names are on the honor roll, listing those who have participated. We love getting new recruits. Please volunteer once. You will find it both rewarding and fun. I am putting out a plea for volunteers as the response I have been getting lately is disappointing. If you are free on Mondays in the morning and can help, please let me know. The Skyline Historical Society is included in our signage. How about a volunteer from this group?

Jerry Peters is the Coordinator of the Adopt-A-Highway project. Contact Jerry if you wish to volunteer.

JPontheridge@gmail.com.
SPUG QUARTERLY REPORT
Ruth Waldhauer

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement, please contact Ruth Waldhauer at ruth.waldhauer3@gmail.com or 650-948-1466. Information is also available on our website: www.SouthSkyline.org.

SSA has agreements with Amerigas, Kamps Propane, Suburban Propane, and FerrelGas. The open market price is about $5.00/gallon. Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. The prices SSA posts are for the first of the month. Our SPUG rate is based on a keep-full basis, not will-call service.

You are not required to pay sales tax on propane if you do not have natural gas available where you use propane. If you get your propane from Amerigas, you will need to submit a sales tax exemption form. Contact Amerigas for the form.

Recent SPUG prices ($/gallon) are:

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Don’t Lose Your SPUG Discount for Propane

Members who have neglected to renew their SSA membership for 2017 will no longer qualify for the SPUG price. To renew, print out the membership form displayed on www.southskyline.org. Send the form and check to: SSA Membership Chairperson, 7405 Alpine Road, La Honda CA 94020.
TAKE A HIKE - Thornewood Open Space Preserve
Ruth Waldhauer

Conveniently located in the hills above the Town of Woodside and ideally situated for a quick morning or afternoon getaway, Thornewood is a 167-acre preserve offering nice, easy hikes or horseback rides through beautiful surroundings. The preserve’s 0.8-mile Schilling Lake Trail gradually winds through sunlit canopies of big-leaf maples and moss-covered oaks and ends under the shade of the giant redwoods that surround the lake. Schilling Lake is an excellent site to view waterfowl during their migration, so please be sure you dog is on leash and at your side when visiting this sensitive wildlife habitat area.

The new multi-use Bridle Trail opened in May 2009 and connects with Schilling Lake Trail. Accessible to hikers, equestrians, and dogs on leash, the 0.7-mile long Bridle Trail ascends through a second-growth redwood and Douglas-fir forest near Dennis Martin Creek and emerges in a drier madrone and oak canopy forest.

Elsewhere on the Preserve, the Thornewood House, surrounded by 3.5 acres of landscaping and a breathtaking view of the valley, is an example of estate life of the 1920s. This 87-acre estate was willed to the Sierra Club Foundation and later given to MROSD. Currently, the house and 10-acre private leasehold are being restored and are closed to the public. However, the remaining 77 acres of the estate, including an easy walk along wooded trails leading to Schilling Lake, are open to the public throughout the year.

Access to the preserve is through a brick gate on the south side of La Honda Road (Highway 84), 1.6 miles west of its intersection with Portola Road in Woodside or 2 miles east of its intersection with Skyline Blvd. in Skyline, A narrow driveway winds through the woods for 0.3 miles before reaching the parking lot located on the west side of the driveway. Parking for approximately 9 cars is available here.
GOOSEBERRIES OVERCOME THEIR PRICKLY NATURE
Sarah Schoen

Hillside gooseberries (Ribes californicum var. californicum) are woody shrubs, 3 to 6 feet tall. Gooseberries differ from currants (the other members of the genus Ribes) in that they have spines – spines on their twigs and spines on their fruit.

Hillside gooseberries have 3 nodal spines on their hairless (or nearly hairless) twigs. Leaves are thin, 1/2 to 1-1/2” wide and grow in alternate clusters of 3 to 4. They are 3 or 5 lobed, and smooth.

Flowers are more noticeable because they bloom early, February to March. They hang in small clusters of 1 to 3 blooms. Reflexed sepals are more colorful, red or purple, while the contrasting petals are white and fused into tubes. Five stamens hang outside the petals.

Fruits are spherical berries, up to 1/2” wide. When ripe they are red and covered with spiny and glandular hairs. Some California natives ate the fruit. Kawaiisu ate the berries fresh, or stored the berries after drying them for a week in the shade. Kashaya Pomo first singed the fruits before eating them. Mendocino Indian children ate the fruits directly from the bushes.

Another and similar looking gooseberry species also grows in our area.
Canyon gooseberry (Ribes menziesii) leaves are up to 1-1/2” wide and are hairy. Twigs also have 3 nodal spines, but the surface between nodes is hairy or spiny. Flowers, with purple reflexed sepals and white tubular petals, bloom later from March to June. Spherical berries are reddish purple to purple when ripe and are covered with dense bristles, some of which are glandular.

Both species grow in woodlands, while hillside gooseberry also grows in chaparral. Hillside gooseberry is found in the California coastal range from Mendocino County, south to Monterey County, and some isolated plants as far south as Orange County. Canyon gooseberry is found in the coastal range from Oregon south to Santa Barbara County, with some isolated plants further south and on the western slopes of the southern Sierra Nevada foothills.
UPCOMING CERT CLASS

The La Honda Fire Brigade, San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services & Coastside Fire Protection District is hosting:

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team Training)

La Honda Fire Brigade will be holding CERT training on two consecutive Thursday evenings (6:00 pm to 9:30 pm) and Saturdays (8:30-4:30) starting March 16th through March 25th.

No registration fee is required. Student manuals will be available either electronically or as a physical copy. A personal response pack and a CERT field operations guide will be provided. A drill will be held on the last day to practice the skills you have learned. The class will provide 20 + hours of FEMA designed training for citizens to become trained to assist First Responders during disasters. This is a very rewarding and “fun” way to learn techniques for search and rescue, triage, Incident Command structure, emergency communications and more with your neighbors and friends.

To register for the course contact Peggy Wargo at peggy.wargo@lahondafire.org

Capacity will be limited to 30 participants. Sign up early to ensure you can take care of your family and help your community when the next emergency strikes.

Location: La Honda Fire Station, 8945 La Honda Road, La Honda, CA 94020

Class #1 - Thursday, March 16th, 2017
6:00 pm – 9:30 pm
**Disaster Awareness & Preparedness**
- Registration/Introduction
- Disaster types, history & probability
- How to prepare before it happens
- What to do when a disaster strikes
- Natural gas, water & electrical controls
- Earthquake, Tsunami, Wildfire Awareness
- CERT Incident Command System

Class #2 - Saturday, March 18th, 2017
6:00 pm – 9:30 pm
**Fire Safety**
- Types of fire & use of extinguishers
- Hazardous materials in the home/workplace
- Reducing Fire Hazards at Home & Work
- Documentation
- Communications
- Managing the Disaster
**Medical – Part I & II**
- Stopping bleeding & controlling shock
- Burns, fractures & other injuries
- ABC’s of life saving
- Triage
- Treatment Areas
- Head to Toe Assessments
- Burns
- Wound Care
- Fractures, Sprains, & Strains

Class #3 - Thursday, March 23rd, 2017
6:00 pm – 9:30 pm
**Light Search & Rescue**
- Classifying damaged buildings
- Interior search patterns
- Lifting heavy objects
- Victim carry techniques
- Review

Class #4/Final exercise /Graduation
Saturday March 25, 2017 at the Fire House
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
**Skills Development & Applications**
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism
- Review
- Extinguishing Fires
- Triaging and treating victims
- Extricating victims trapped by heavy timbers
- Interior search for reported missing persons
- Course Review
- Graduation
UPCOMING AMATEUR RADIO CLASS

Lisa Chupity

The SC4 Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce the dates for the upcoming licensing class this coming Spring. This is a two day class, Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2, from 9:00 to 4:30 for everyone who would like to prepare for the Technician Class license exam. The class will be held in La Honda at the fire station, 8945 La Honda Road. Please bring a bag lunch. Getting your Amateur Radio license is easy and fun, and there is no longer a requirement to know Morse Code.

We will be using Gordon West’s Technician Class book, 8th edition (provided) as our textbook and assign as homework practice using the online tests. Go to http://copaseticflows.appspot.com/hamtest for the online tests. Plan to spend about 30 minutes each day with the practice exams. The exam is an easy, 35 question multiple choice test. You must register before March 22. The $25 class fee includes textbook and materials. Visit www.sc4arc.org to download the registration form. For more information, please contact Peter Chupity before March 22 by emailing ki6fao@arrl.net, or call (650) 564-4238.

Saturday, April 8, we will carpool to and from the Sunnyvale VE test session. For the exam, you will need to bring $15 in cash, two forms of ID (one with photo) and your social security number or FRN. You may use a calculator. Youngsters can be identified by an accompanying adult with satisfactory ID. Within a few days after you pass the exam, your new call sign will be posted on the FCC database and you will be mailed your license. There are other exam sites and test sessions if you can’t attend the one on April 8, and we can help you find one that’s convenient for you.

MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS, BUT NO NEIGHBORS?

Dick Schwind

We started this all-volunteer group nonprofit Mountain Neighbors Helping Neighbors (MNHN) more than two years ago, sure that some of our neighbors with some partial disability would need our volunteer help. However, essentially no ‘neighbors’ are asking for help! Our help is most commonly given to someone who cannot drive and that needs a ride to a medical appointment, replacing a ceiling smoke detector battery, taking the trash containers to the curb, minor help in the house or in the yard. We have a good number of residents that have signed up as volunteers. We likely all have our local group of friends that one can rely on for help, but do they even know we exist? If you have a needy friend please remind them that we too can usually help. We are the South Skyline Unit of the MNHN, a ‘daughter’ of the original, very active group in the Summit Road area. If you have a temporary need of nonprofessional help, call Patricia Wood, our President and Help Coordinator, at 408-353-4565 or send an email to her at mnhn95033@gmail.com.

If you would like to volunteer to help, even if only once or twice a year, go online to our website, www.mnhn95033.org for more information and an application form. Or, just call me, Dick Schwind, 408-867-9422 or email me, schwindr@yahoo.com, and I will answer your questions and send you the volunteer application form. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please send a check to MNHN, 1438 Longridge Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033. Thank you!

Due to many requests, we will attempt to keep a list of ads that will run every issue. However, there is no guarantee that an ad won’t be missed because of our changes in staff.

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For Sale: Whitfield pellet stove, free-standing; uses clean-burning pellets from Lowes, Orchard Supply, etc. Good condition, $325 OBO (Original cost $2,200) email Chuck Schoppe, chuck_sch@hotmail.com

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Those members who live locally where we stuff mail boxes will continue to get a paper copy.

SSA 2017 CALENDAR

**Board Meeting** will be held on January 12

**General Meeting** will be held on January 27 7pm at Saratoga Summit Fire Station

**Board Meeting** will be held on February 9

**Board Meeting** will be held on March 9

For locations and more information contact Michael Rowe mrowe517@gmail.com
408-872-1775

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