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NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

Carol Hallett



May started out looking like we would have a slow wonderful month and then look what the wind blew in. We had board meetings, deployments, trainings, planning meetings and bank meetings which were all very fruitful. It is amazing how many hours we can put into our volunteer jobs. I am grateful for all the staff and all the hours they give to our community.



Beautiful Twain Harte

The weather was amazing all month long with the blue skies, cool breezes and warming sun. It is a perfect time to get projects accomplished before the impending hot weather comes along.

We worked on projects ...inside, outside and sideways! Can you work sideways? It feels like we tried.

You will read more about the projects in the rest of the newsletter. I just want to say that I am honored to be a part of this great team!

COLD AS ICE

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



Our morning CERT training was over and I had just gotten home and was enjoying a sandwich lunch with my husband when I received a call to deploy the UAV unit...lunch would have to wait.

CalFire had completed a prescribed burn on Mount Havela and they wanted to ensure that all the embers were out. Chief Gamez had flown his UAV over the site and made the suggestion to deploy the CERT UAV team to fly the Matrice which has thermal capability and could show any hot spots that might still be out there. They thought it was a good idea and so the call was made.



CalFire Team, Doug Simons, & Chief Gamez

I reached out to Michelle Wagner the UAV Unit Leader, she was teaching a class and unable to run the event. I decided to lead this one. I made a call out to one of our pilots, Doug Simons to see if he was available. He was and we made a plan. I went to load all the equipment in our truck trying to remember to load everything, including back up items just in case. I picked up Doug at his house on the way to meeting up with the Chief and we loaded his stash so that we were prepared for almost everything.



Matrice UAV

We met the Chief and followed him to the site...scoped out the best place to launch the bird and within a few minutes were over the burn site. Doug did a superb job flying and taking pictures to give the CalFire crew confidence that the

burn pile was cold as ice and that the surrounding area was also inspected for possible flare ups. The mission was a great success measured by the confidence we all felt that the underbrush was removed, the coals from the fire were out and our community is a little safer. Everyone involved felt good about the work that was done by all the teams...CalFire, Twain Harte Fire Department, and the UAV Unit of THA-CERT.



FIREWISE CEDARVIEW CLEAN UP

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief, THA-CERT



Firewise Cedarview came together on May 7th, the NFPA Preparedness Day.

Starting our work at 8:30, we all appreciated the cool morning. We were ready to accomplish our day's goal, to clear the corner of Littler Fuller and Gina. Many members of our group as well as friends and neighbors who saw the ongoing work pitched in. I started by putting out safety cones, as Randie and Carol (a neighbor) helped to mark the spot with Firewise signage.



Then, the work truly began. Dave (a neighbor) brought his tractor, along with chainsaws and assorted tools, and Tom (another neighbor) brought his truck to pull the dump trailer I had rented from Sonora Rentals. Randie and Michelle (friends) brought knowledge and a willingness for hard work, as they cut and carried branches and brambles, and did anything that was needed.

Paulette (a neighbor) attacked the blackberries with a vengeance, intent on getting the berries untangled from the cedar tree nearby. And by golly, with help from Ellen (a friend), success was had at last, as the two carried blackberry brambles into the tractor. Jim (a neighbor) clipped and clipped and loaded into the tractor.

Barry and his wife Darlene (neighbors) brought chainsaws, clippers, and other assorted tools, all of which were put to use. Barry cut down the big trees and bushes that had to go, including a beautiful big oak that had split half way down and needed to come down. It had become hung up in another tree's branches, so that presented quite the challenge. Jerry (TUCARE) helped with all that brush clearing and cutting.



While one group of volunteers were starting at one end, Cory and Robert were at the other end, cutting down dead trees, piling up brush, carrying the dead vegetation to the roadside, clipping and cutting and stacking.

I was doing a little bit of everything, all except the cutting. Chainsaws scare me. I've decided I'm too old to play with that toy.

FIREWISE CEDARVIEW CLEANUP, cont'd

We worked until noon, then took a lunch break. Some, who had worked hard all morning, needed to leave, but many remained for the afternoon. The afternoon went just as well as the morning, considering the weather which was perfect for outside work. Tom delivered three loads to the slash pile, and Dave went the next day with one more load. We removed 20 yards of slash from that little corner. Although I can see there is a little bit more to do, I know it will get done, Tom, Dave and Randie have already volunteered to help finish the job.



The day's work reminded me that this is the greatest community I could imagine, with neighbor helping neighbor. I may live alone, but I know my neighbors are here to support me. I hope they all know I would run to help them if they needed it. Thanks to everyone that made this happen. As you drive by Little Fuller and Gina Ave, take a look at our handy work. In my eyes, it looks great and is now much more FIREWISE.

SAFETY TIPS

by John Buckingham, Safety Officer, THA-CERT



Safety Tips when confronted with windy weather, 25 mph plus!!

- 1) Take shelter in a safe location. Move to the middle of the structure away from windows and glass doors.
- 2) Avoid elevated areas and roofs outside. Use hand rails and watch for flying debris. Try to avoid being outside during wind events.
- 3) Avoid using lawnmowers and other power tools. No campfires or target shooting. Also avoid smoking at this time, especially cigarettes.
- 4) Do my seek shelter in manufactured structures or houses
- 5) Take your family disaster kit wherever you seek shelter.
- 6) in advance of a wind event, secure outside furniture or place indoors, along with anything else that could take flight from your outdoor spaces.



FIREWISE TWAIN HARTE HEIGHTS CLEAN UP



by Anne McInerney, President, TH Heights

Prior to the Wildfire Prep day, my neighbors Sue, Joseph (resident fireman), and I walked through our neighborhood to determine the areas that were a high priority in terms of vegetation reduction. We identified the lower part of Timberwood Trail where it hits Joaquin Gully Road as an area that needed attention.

Part of that area was beyond the boundary of our FireWise neighborhood, so we talked to the neighbor about doing a bit of thinning on her property and received her go ahead.



At 9am, May 7, the neighbors gathered in front of my house and we walked over. We started on thinning out the spindly pine trees and limbing up the trees that remained. We then broke out into two groups and each group went to work on opposite sides of the street. We thinned out more anemic pine trees, removed a large tree that was overhanging a driveway, limbed up other trees, removed ladder fuel and raked up pine needles. When we were satisfied with what we had done in that, we moved onto the next one. This one was on Mountain Drive in an area between two houses.

We limbed up trees, removed ladder fuel and thinned out the larger pines. A couple of neighbors made quick work of that with their chainsaws! We also raked down pine needles. Finally, we moved to the last project and that was to help a neighbor bring down the trimmings he had done earlier to the curb for pick up.



We were a finely tuned machine – some of us did the sawing/cutting while others piled up the debris along the curb. Others of us raked. It was a day of high spirits and hard work! After we were done with all our hard work, we gathered for a barbecue at Sue and Jim's and had a great time! It was a good day.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all my neighbors who rocked that day – Sue and Jim, Les, Mike, Blair, Paul, Linda and Bill.

You are what makes Twain Harte Heights the best!!

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



Communication is one of the most important skills we learn in our lifetime and when an emergency happens it is the thing we depend upon the most. It is also the most vulnerable and the first thing that seems to go down during a disaster. This month we had a hands on radio training class that was extremely valuable.

Chief Gamez presented an interactive training on the Bendix King radios, it was one of the best we have ever been to. There were 24 people in attendance, which included THA-CERT, Groveland CERT, THCSO and Radio Neighborhood Watch volunteers. The Chief's presentation was not your typical death by power point. He had slides with pictures clearly depicting the information we needed to learn.



Chief Gamez instructs on the operation and use of the Bendix King radio

He spoke about it and then had us try it on our radios that were handed out. We used all our senses to learn...we heard it, saw it, we touched it and we did it! We learned not only how to turn it on but how to create groups. It did not always go smoothly, there was some trouble shooting that went along with that many people trying something new at one time but that trouble shooting was an amazing learning experience.



(Left) CERT FRS radio

Richard Combs then went through radio etiquette, which utilized a paper that Michelle Wagner had created, followed this up. Again, we listened, learned and then it was followed up with a net drill. Basically each person that had a radio was given a number and Rich read a scenario. He had each person respond using proper radio technique. He had 2 different drills for us to run through which gave us time to practice.

We learned more during this 3-hour training period than we have in a while. We plan on scheduling practice drills and a Neighborhood Radio Watch drill/presentation in the near future. This upcoming event is one you will want to attend. Rich goes through the net drill, breaks people up into groups and then we go to different locations throughout town to test the radios. Look for these upcoming events, remember it may be the lifeline to understanding what is happening during an emergency.

(Right) CERT Bendix King radio



Special thanks to Chief Neil Gamez for this entertaining, interactive and informative training.

SLOW DOWN, YOU MOVE TOO FAST

by Mike Mandell, Team Leader, THA-CERT



Mike Mandell, Team Leader

We received a request from THCS D to help with traffic control so that the workers could fix a water leak on Twain Harte Drive. I called and was able to get two teams of volunteers to help. Each team (which consisted of 3 people) was to work a 3 hour shift.

The first shift (Lise Lemonnier, Ed Proctor and myself) were to start at 1500 (3:00 pm). I gathered all the items we needed ahead of time, signs, portable lights, vests, helmets, radios etc. I greeted the volunteers and gave them their assignments. It was pretty easy because the way THCS D set it up we did not have to stop traffic just slow them down for safety.

Besides the safety cones along the street we set up our trucks with flashing lights so that it

was clear to people that an incident was happening. THCS D had set out 3 caution signs denoting that road work was happening ahead. With all the flashing lights, signs and cones we still had people that seemed to be in a real hurry.

Carol Hallett was on the second shift but came early to give people a break. The sun was warm that day and so finding shade to stand in was helpful. The THCS D crew worked hard and were able to get down to the leak quickly. They could not turn off the water until after 1730 (5:30 pm) because it would effect the local businesses.



Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief

As soon as they could turn the water off they had everything in place to fix the pipes. We had planned that we might be there into the night, you just never know what you might find when you dig a hole. The rest of the second shift (Wes Jordan) showed up but only needed to stay for an hour and a half. The project was done quickly.

I would like to remind people that when you see us on the road in our high visibility vests holding a slow sign and a smile, remember that we are volunteers supporting our community.



Ed Proctor, CERT Volunteer



MERGER HAPPENED

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



It has been happening behind the scene at the same time it was right up front with lots of additional work but the results are exactly what was needed. What are we talking about? The merger of THA-CERT and the Twain Harte Volunteer Fire Department, some how it just made good sense.

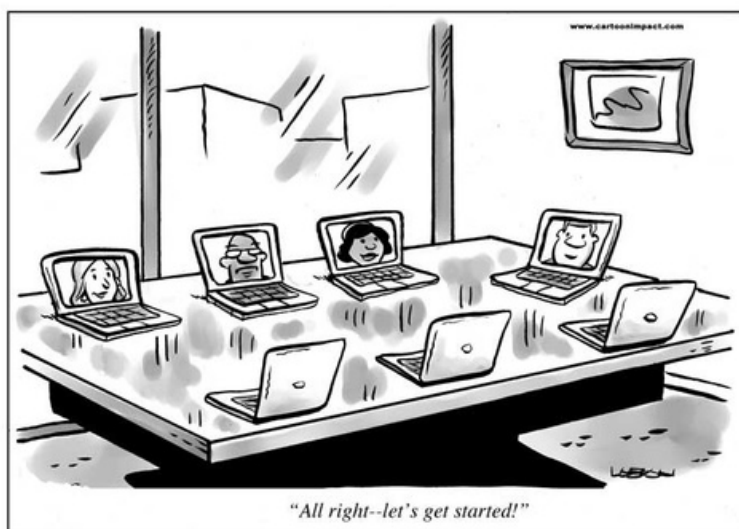
Twain Harte Volunteer Fire Department Association has been in existence since the '40s'. It has a long history and has had lots of leaders and board members along the way. It has gone lots of different directions and most importantly it has supported the Twain Harte Fire Department. The main goal of the Fire Association has been to be in charge of fund raising events for specific items or projects that the Fire department needed.

THA-CERT was established in April 2014 as volunteers to Twain Harte Fire Department with a little different focus. Our focus has been to help train the community to be more prepared for emergencies. We also focus on being trained ourselves and keeping those skills honed in so we can be support to first responders should they need help. We have also redefined ourselves along the way and have found a real need for our volunteer group in the community.

In a discussion with Tom Trott, General Manager of THCSO and Neil Gamez, Fire Chief for Twain Harte Fire it was proposed that we merge these two groups. There are many different reasons for this merger; one being that CERT & the Fire Association will both have a 501c3 status. We will have one board instead of two. We will focus on fundraisers for both groups and our accounting will be a bit easier. The CERT group will continue with their training for emergencies and ensuring we are better prepared as a community.

That all said, it took a lot of effort to rewrite the By-laws, establish the board, change names of the accounts, pay taxes, establish a process for accounting (still working on this) and ensuring security of the funds. It has been a lot of work but the results will be great for our teams and the community.

One decision that we made along the way was that we wanted to have at least one fire intern on the board so that we can share knowledge, leadership skills and mentor them. We are so pleased to have established our first board. Carol Hallett is the President, Jake Noonan (Intern at TH Fire) is Vice President, Bob Wagner is Treasurer, Lise Lemonnier is Secretary and Mike Mandell is a Director.

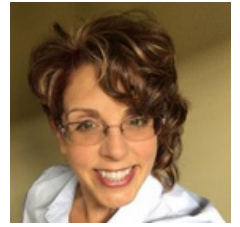


We have so many ideas for the future and for the growth of this organization.

FATHER'S DAY FLY-IN

by Traci Williams-O'Neill

Administrative Assistant, Tuolumne County Airports



We are excited to announce:

There is something in the air this year at Columbia Airport, and it's the 54th Annual Father's Day Fly-In! That's right, after being away for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the fly-in is back and will be soaring to new heights this June 18th and 19th. The gates will be open from 8 am until 4:00 pm on Saturday, and 8:00 am until 3:30 pm on Sunday.

Admission for this year will be FREE! Yup, we said it, FREE.

While the event will be hosted on a smaller scale than in years past, we think you'll like the changes.

From drag cars, airplane/car races, and bounce houses for the kids, to free hot air balloon rides in the morning and evenings, airplane rides for sale, and a Saturday night movie held on the grass runway showing Planes: Fire and Rescue, we think there will be enough for a fun-filled family event!



"You said we could bring a friend!"

So bring your shade tents, chairs, and blankets, and head on out to enjoy a day out in the sun at Columbia Airport! There will be food vendors available at the event, but you're more than welcome to bring your blankets and picnic lunches and enjoy a day out in the sun at the Columbia Airport!



THE BIRD HAS LANDED

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



We had one of my favorite trainings this month, LZ (Landing Zone) training. We coordinated with PHI Cares and Twain Harte Fire Department (THFD) to make this training happen. It was well worth every minute.

There were a total of 27 people including THFD, CalFire, PHI, Groveland CERT, THA-CERT, and residents from the area gathered at Twain Harte Bible Church. The bright, clear morning started out with safety tips from Captain Neff (THFD). He explained everything very clearly and concisely. We made a line, arms distance apart from each other and walked the area for trash, sticks & rocks. We collected it all and deposited the trash into a bag that was supplied by one of our CERT members, Lise Lemonnier.

THFD watered down the area to keep some of the dirt from creating a cloud which can (if too big or too thick) affect the pilot from landing. Once the LZ was secure we just waited for the bird to arrive.



Captain Neff & Landon Bryant prepping the LZ



We had radios tuned to the correct frequency and were able to hear PHI announce their coming. Landon Bryant (an intern at THFD) did a very professional job speaking on the radio to the pilot. He informed him about the location, hazards, winds etc. It was a great follow-up from our radio training class earlier in the week. We were able to listen in on a real radio transmission.



THE BIRD HAS LANDED, cont'd

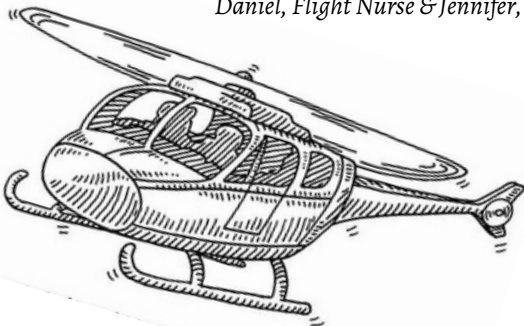
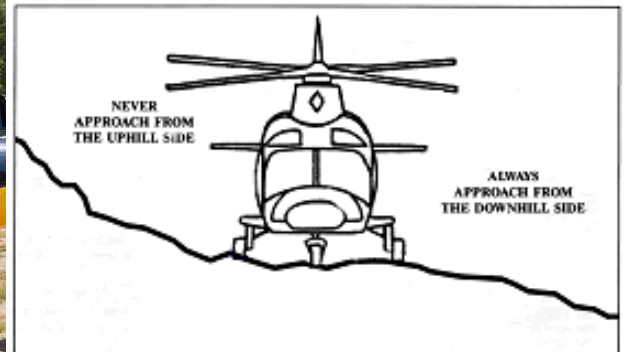
The bird circled and then announce that it was coming around to land. It was spectacular. Once the rotors stopped the team emerged from the helicopter. There were three of them Ross (pilot), Jennifer (med tech) and Daniel (flight nurse). They had big smiles on their faces and were ready to work with us.

“The PHI helicopter is like a flying ER room”
-- Bob Wagner

We broke into 2 different groups and went on either side of the helicopter for training. One side was from the Pilots perspective and focused on the helicopter (size, weight configuration), flights, training to be a pilot, experience, and, the most important, shut off knob. The other side was presented from a medical perspective. Medical experience, background, training, medicines on board, capability. The phrase of the day was, "the PHI helicopter is like a flying ER room". Pretty darn amazing.



Daniel, Flight Nurse & Jennifer, Med Tech



The next time we schedule this training you might want to attend. It is amazing to see what is available in this county. PHI insurance is the best deal. If you don't have it you should look into it.



Ross, PHI Cares Pilot

EVACUATION DRILL

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



Multi-agency Drill

We met at the old Hospital, now known as the Enrichment Center. Red Cross and OES spearheaded the drill. In attendance were people from Public Health, Sonora Fire, THA-CERT, and of course Red Cross.

Debbie Calcota (Red Cross) gave an introduction of how the afternoon would go, followed by a few words from Dore Beitz (OES) thanking all the agencies for participating. The goal was to walk through each aspect of setting up and running an evacuation center.



Red Cross Team, Dore Beitz & Debbie Calcota

Debbie took us to the trailer to explain how things were packed and should be repacked in the same manner. We all helped to take the items out of the trailer and put them into the center. We broke off into 4 groups (there were 4 stations for us to learn). Each station had a Red Cross representative to teach the basics of the station. After hearing about the work that needed to be done we took turns doing the job. When we had accomplished the task we rotated to the next station.

We learned about registration, how to set up cots, we made lunch (and got to eat) and learned about the Medical paperwork. After the rotations were done we loaded up all the supplies and repacked the trailer.



Bob Schreiner

Once a boy scout always a boy scout

It was a great afternoon of learning. It went fast but at just the right pace. We learned a lot because it was hands-on and interactive.



Making sandwiches



Larry (Red Cross) reviewing Medical paperwork with Dan Valenzuela (PH), Charli Freeman & Mike Mandell

I want to thank our team for attending: Mike Mandell, Bob Schreiner, Margaret Lawrence, Charli Freeman. This is a skill that we will be using and practice makes perfect!

NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL LEADER

by Mike Mandell, Team Leader, THA-CERT



Margaret Lawrence & Mike Mandell

We are excited to announce that Margaret Lawrence is our new Traffic Control Unit Leader. Lee Smith stepped down due to the fact that he is focusing on his health. He will still be volunteering but did not want to added responsibility of leading the group.

Margaret is one of our newer members and has been part of our team even before she finished her training.

Margaret brings with her a calm, steadfast leadership quality plus her smile, which she easily shares with all.



FLAGS WERE HUNG BY THE BUILDINGS WITH CARE

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief, THA-CERT

On Wednesday, May 25th, a group of THA-CERT members, along with a couple of volunteers from the neighborhood, gathered at The Heart of The Kitchen in Twain Harte to put up flags, and replace a couple of brackets, for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.



Memorial Day, originally called "Decoration Day", was officially started in 1868 as a way to honor those who had died fighting in the Civil War, although groups around the county had been honoring the day since the end of the war. The holiday has evolved to honor all those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

From 1868 to 1970, Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30th. Since becoming a Federal holiday in 1971, it is celebrated on the last Monday in May; this year it happens to fall on the traditional date for the holiday.



Flags fly along Joaquin Gully

In recent years, the care and hanging of the flags has become a tradition for our THA-CERT members.

In addition to making sure the town is well decorated, we ensure that the flags are cleaned and stored carefully between uses to ensure that they will be fit to hang for many years to come. Thank you to all who helped with the flags. I think the town looks great and we're ready to commemorate Memorial Day in style.



Lise Lemonnier and a neighbor-volunteer hang flags



It pays to be tall!



Unfurling the flags

MEMORIAL DAY FLAG DEDICATION

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



It was a crisp, clear day to dedicate the flag that will fly over our town for the year. The community gathered to watch the festivities. The veterans honored us by marching

up the street in uniform carrying our flag. We were privileged to have several military vehicles drive up as well, one driven by our very own Lee Smith.



Veterans honor us



Jill Main-Paterson SSG, USA, RET our MC

Jill Main-Paterson gave the keynote address honoring Richard DeCausemaker, a Twain Harte Veteran, who was a Mighty Midget on one of the JC Naval Ships during WWII; with his outfit they rescued 43 fellow soldiers from a sinking ship and successfully gunned down 4 enemy fighter planes.

Summerville High School Choir, Jazz at Eight filled the air with their beautiful voices singing "God Bless America".



Jazz at 8



The Flag coming down that has been flown for Doug Halvorsen this past year under the Arch was folded by VVA Post 391, and handed to Mr. Richard DeCausemaker's daughter Cheryl. The new Flag going up will be in Honor of Kenny Overstreet, Vietnam Veteran and a Twain Harte Native, until a new local family receives it next year.

The VFW Post 4748 of Tuolumne, Honored all fallen Comrades with a 21 Gun Salute. Ken played Bugle Tapps to conclude. Chaplain Danny opened and closed with a Military Prayer.



Boy Scout Troup watching the folding of the flag



Lee Smith Korea 1972

The Boy Scouts handed out small flags at the beginning of the event and cookies (handmade by the Harte of the Kitchen) at the end. It was a sweet way to end a lovely flag dedication in Twain Harte.



Lee Smith Twain Harte 2022

SPOA MEETING, WOW!

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



I am thinking we are doing a community meeting during Memorial Day weekend, really? Who is going to show up...well there were over 120 people who showed up...it was an amazing informative meeting. The Strawberry Property Owners Association (SPOA) is active. It was made evident on this lovely Saturday in Strawberry.



Don Barton, SPOA Board President

Dee Martin (Strawberry Fire Protection President) worked hard to bring lots of different speakers. In the line up was:

- o THFD Chief Neil Gamez, Strawberry Volunteer Fire Department
- o Andy Welsh, U.S. Forest Service
- o Karen Caldwell, Tuolumne County Coordinator, FireWise
- o Carol Hallett, Program Manager, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- o Don Barton—Update from Del Oro Water Company
- o Rich Combs—Update on Internet Service and Neighborhood Radio Watch
- o Dee Jackson-Martin—Special presentation in recognition of Lee Dempsey



As you can see from the line up there was a lot of valuable fire related, defensible space, forest clean up and preparedness information shared at this meeting but it was more than that...it was a community coming together.

I was in my element. I always say give me a crowded room, close the door and hand me a microphone and I am a happy camper. Add the fact that they wanted me to speak on a subject that I absolutely love to talk about, CERT...it was a happy day!



Neil Gamez, Chief for THFD & Strawberry Volunteer Fire

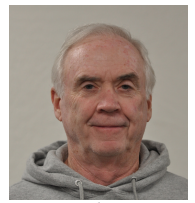


Carol Hallett, Program Manager THA-CERT

Thanks to Mike Mandell, Team Leader for being my partner at this event and my driver. It always pleasantly surprises me the connection Mike has with people and especially fire personnel.

NEIGHBORHOOD RADIO WATCH

by Richard Combs, Volunteer, THA-CERT



On Saturday April 30 ten volunteers gathered at the Strawberry Fire Station to learn more about the Tuolumne County Neighborhood Radio Watch Program, and take part in radio testing to evaluate the range of various radios in the rural, forested communities of Strawberry and Pinecrest. Introductions showed we had representatives from TCARES, Tuolumne's amateur radio group, Twain Harte CERT, residents from Strawberry and Pinecrest, and members of the Pinecrest and Strawberry fire departments. Useful discussions about the purpose and organization of a NRW continued for about an hour, as two dozen bakery cookies slowly evaporated. We next conducted a "directed net" using the radios on hand, with the help of the



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with the help of the TCARES members, to provide an example of the structure needed for successful use of the radios. Then it was time to evaluate radio propagation.

We had a variety of FRS, Family Radio Service radios, GMRS, General Radio Service Radios, along with a portable GMRS repeater station, and a portable mobile station with a high gain antenna. To the surprise of a few of us, even though some of the FRS radios were the cheaper ½ watt style, but most being the more powerful 2 watt version, we found that with the operators mostly outdoors, reliable communication was achieved over most all of Strawberry. The exception was the Summerhill area at the edge of Strawberry which proved to be beyond the range of the FRS radios. The Strawberry fire house was the central location, but communication was reasonably clear between all the locations that operators were dispersed to. Even though Strawberry is a densely forested, hilly, rural area, we were pleasantly encouraged by the results.

We next used some 5 watt GMRS radios, which we expected to be even better, but the improvement was marginal in general. The portable GMRS repeater station was then set up at the Pinecrest transfer station with the hope that we could then relay messages through the repeater between Strawberry and Pinecrest, but this proved unsuccessful.



Another surprise however was that while all the tests so far were simple handi-talkie to handi-talkie, when the 25 watt mobile station was used with a high gain portable antenna sitting in the back of TCARES president George Overturf's truck, we were able to clearly communicate from the Strawberry Fire Station to the end of the road on the south shore of Pinecrest lake, where the hiking trail starts.

NEIGHBORHOOD RADIO WATCH, cont'd

In summary, we were pleased to find that the low cost FRS radios performed better than anticipated, and would be a good choice for the initial phase of a NRW in Strawberry. The FRS radios are low cost, do not require a license, many residents may already have them, and they can be used for a variety of other recreational uses. We do caution that all FRS radios are not created equal and the very inexpensive units may not be suitable. We currently recommend the RETEVIS RT49P which is about \$80 for a pair of radios, available online. Other radios will work and a follow on document will provide some recommendations when shopping for a FRS radio, and how to evaluate the suitability of a radio you may already have. This exercise also made clear that the conditions in each community need to be tested

before buying radios and expecting that everyone will be able to connect. One size likely does not fit all. There are a variety of solutions that can be brought in to play as the conditions dictate. The evaluation process is actually a fun opportunity for some local community adventure, and we look forward to coordinating similar evaluation events in communities throughout the County.

We plan to ramp up the NRW in Strawberry just after the Strawberry Property Owners Association's General Meeting on Memorial Day weekend, where we will have an informational booth, and hope to bring a number of Strawberrians on board.

NRW is all about a local community coming together to be able to support its residents in time of need, be it a car with a dead battery, or a major communication blackout. We will be reaching out to those of you have expressed interest in forming a NRW in areas around the County, and always welcome volunteers willing to take action. Volunteers with TC NRW are always willing to be of assistance.

Comments always welcome. Keep an eye on TCARES.net for late breaking news. Special thanks to all those who attended and worked so hard at the April 30 get together.

LINK TO EMERGENCY KIT VIDEO

by Mary Schreiner, PIO, THA-CERT



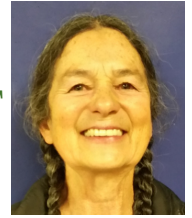
As we told you last month, THA-CERT Program Manager Carol Hallett was invited by Tuolumne County Public Health's Kristina Herrera to join them in making a video on emergency preparedness. The video is now available for viewing on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/TwainHarteCERT/videos/564053051993349>

You can also view the video on the Tuolumne County Public Health Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/tuolumnecountypublichealth/videos/3603692156523798>

We are working on getting the video posted to our web page. Look for it soon at: <https://www.twainhartecsd.com/twain-harte-area-cert>

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief, THA-CERT



The total THA-CERT volunteer hours for May are:

Administration = 188.5
Training = 200
Deployment = 54
Total May hours = 442.5



WHAT'S NEXT?

June

Events

Visit Tuolumne County:

<https://www.visittuolumne.com/events>

Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce:

<https://www.twainhartecc.com/events>

Father's Day Fly-in

Location: Columbia Airport

Date & Time: June 18 & 19, 2022 gates open at 0800

Training

Tuolumne County Wildland Fire Townhall

Location: Motherlode Fairgrounds, Sierra Building

Date, Day & Time: Saturday, June 4, 2022 10:00 - 1:00

Traffic Control Training - Twain Harte

Subject: Training & Drill on Traffic Control

Trainer: California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Location: 22912 Vantage Point Dr, Twain Harte, CA

Date, Day & Time: Saturday, June 30, 2022 0900-noon

Save The Date!

Summer Outdoor Market & Car Show - Gearhead Revival

Location: Downtown Twain Harte

Date, Day & Time: Saturday, July 23 & Sunday July 24, 2022
10:00-5:00

Green Waste

Free Green Waste Drop off

Location: SMCI Slash Site Hwy 108/Plainview Dr, TH, CA

Date, Day & Time: Thursday, June 9 & Saturday June 18
0800-4:00 pm

Holidays

Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, 2022

Meeting

THCSD Board Meeting

<https://www.twainhartecsd.com/board-meetings>

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 9:00 am

CERT & Fire Association Board Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2022, 9:30 am



Date: June 3rd

Time: 7am - 9am

Location: Local Press

We love this community and we know you do too. Come to the "Twain Harte Download" to meet with General Manager, Tom Trott and Fire Chief, Neil Gamez. Get the download on the current happenings with Twain Harte's Fire Department and the Services District. Want to know more about the upcoming Twain Harte Meadows Park Project? Have other questions or ideas? Come stop by the Local Press, chat over a cup of coffee.

Local Press: 23063 Fuller Dr, TH, CA