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Flying lawn chairs in Trinity Center? What's next, flying saucers? The August 10 Trinity Journal's Sheriff's Report stated a caller reported a person using a flying lawn chair on the airport. The report went on to explain it was a motorized paraglider, and the person flying it was not breaking any laws, or interfering with planes. Let's see, "flying motorized paraglider" .... airport. Sounds like a fit to me. The young man flying the paraglider was having the time of his life, and shared his joy with a number of Trinity Center residents. Come on, reporting party, get a life! If you have that much time on your hands to worry about something, how about worrying about the empty buildings at the end of Airport Drive. I hear it used to be a thriving business called the "Air Porter" which featured a bar and restaurant as well as motel rooms. The business not only brought planes into our community where many of the occupants chose to spend the night in those rooms, but also spend money at the rest of local businesses as well as the Air Porter's bar and restaurant. This created more jobs for the area, and the "Bed Tax" helped the County budget. Some of the residents of the North Forty area attended the "Fly-In's" held at the airport, and, after spending a few nights, fell in love with Trinity County and decided to buy or build here. I am new to this community so perhaps someone can explain to me why it has been sitting empty, decaying with mildew instead of being sold to an interested business person.

Speaking of Fly In's, the annual Labor Day Fly-In BBQ and Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by the Lions club will be held on Sunday, September 4 from 1pm to 4pm. Don't forget the Lions free hotdog BBQ from 1 pm to 3 pm at the IOOF Hall this Saturday, October 20 to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

I received an email from Susan Hazard calling attention to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event that will be held on for a 24 hour period, from 10:00 am September 17th to 10:00 am on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Lowden Park. Teams for this event were formed in early spring and each team has been having fund raisers to raise money to fight cancer. The ending of the event will be a 24 hour relay where each team will have at least one person walking at all times throughout the 24 hour period. There will be a full day of entertainment starting at 10:00 am September 17 and continuing to 11:45 pm that night. A spaghetti dinner will be offered from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. I have seen the entertainment line up, and I am impressed. It sounds like it is going to be a great time, and wonderful way to earn money to fight cancer.

The Trinity Center Garden Club held a "Tea Party" at Alpine Cellars Winery Tuesday, August 9. Hats worn by club members as well as tables, which were decorated by the group sitting at them, and were judged as "Best Hat and Best Table" Best Table was awarded to Charlotte Scott, Carol Haven, Cheri Macy, Charlene Tucker and Roberta Boring. The group divided the \$100 prize to three charities; \$50.00 to the CC School Lunch Program, and \$25 to each to CCVFD and TCVFD. The Best Hat was a tie between Olga Darling, and yours truly, Betty Eyman. Olga's was chosen for its beauty, and mine for being funny. I am not sure if it were the grapes hanging from my ears, or the banana's and garden tools sewn around the brim that caught the judges attention.. Olga donated her \$50.00 to Dawn Hospice, and mine was sent to Trinity Center School's Art's and Music programs. Olga Darling, with her husband, Ernie, manning the "amps" entertained the group with her Hawaiian dance which was followed by a wine tasting presented by Alpine Cellars.

EAA Airventure Oshkosh, held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin hosted approximately 700,000 people, including Dave and Pat Forbes of Trinity Center. More than 10,000 aircraft were involved in the show, including homebuilt, vintage aircraft, war birds, ultra lights, seaplanes, and rotorcrafts.

Dave judged 160 home built planes and Pat gave a free flight to 16 Young Eagles. The mission of the Young Eagle program is to use aviation as a way to inspire and educate young people, age 8 to 17. This program was started in 1993 with a goal of flying 1 million youngsters by the year 2003. They surpassed that goal, and now fly about 100,000 per year at Air ports across the country. The EAA Airventure Oshkosh convention has been meeting since 1953

Trinity County's Old Fashion County Fair is coming up August 26, 27, and 28 at Hayfork Fair grounds. Norm Zeppa will be singing three shows a day There are two music venues a day, but no name was available for the second singer or group.. There will be Bull Riding in the Rodeo Arena, Mule Races and a Junior Live Stock Auction on Saturday August 27. Also included in the fair festivities is the Jr. Miss Trinity County pageant, Pie eating contest, and the 4/H clubs will be displaying their animals? There will be plenty of vendors whose products are based on the forestry industry. There will also be arts and crafts judging and carnival rides.

Luke Lucas, while at his gas station in Weaverville, suffered heart and respiratory failure Friday August 5, and was rushed to the Mountain Community Medical Services. Luke is at home now and would like to thank all his friends and family for their prayers and concern. He sends special thanks to the EMT's and the personnel in the MCMS Emergency Room.. He is thankful that the hospital is still in Weaverville, and feels certain he would not be here if acute care were not administered as quickly as it was. Luke is unable to have visitors at this time, as his recovery is going to be a slow process that will require him to get as much rest as possible, but would enjoy your phone calls.

Lisa Nyland and her baby, Logan, are both home in Trinity Center, and are doing great. Logan who was born on July 19<sup>th</sup> was re-hospitalized with a urinary tract and a staff infection. While Lisa was at the hospital in Redding visiting Logan, the nurse noticed she was favoring one leg and rubbing it. She was sent to the Emergency room where tests revealed a blood clot and she was admitted to the hospital for treatment. "Daddy" Ron went through some bumpy patches, but he is home with his "family" and doing great NOW as well.

Dave Forbes of Trinity Center had his five seconds of fame while he and Pat were at their home in bay area. Channel 26 called Pat because she is listed as a Director in the CPA directory, and asked her for an interview on her viewpoint of the Air France plane that ran off the Toronto runway and caught fire. Pat, realizing a commercial pilot would have more input, graciously stepped aside and directed the TV reporter to her husband, Dave, who flew for United for 31years before retiring. Both Pat and Dave made sure they were at a TV set when the news was on the air, only to find that Channel 26 is a Cantonese speaking news channel, and the entire interview program was spoken in Cantonese with Cantonese subtitles running across the screen. Dave and Pat had no idea what they were saying.

Shasta/Trinity Back Country Horsemen's Association held their tenth annual fish plant distribution of 51,000 Brook Trout, supplied by the Fish and Game Department, in about 25 lakes in the Trinity Wilderness area. BCHA donates the food, stock, pack mules and riders for this yearly event, and also donates their time and stock to pack supplies and mail to the USFS trail crews all summer long

Congressman Wally Herger, (R-California), will be holding a "Town Meeting" at the Weaverville Library at 3:00 pm Wednesday, August 24.

There has not been an emergency call for assistance from the TCVFD or the CCVFD for the past two weeks. While that is great news, it does not mean the all volunteer fire departments have not

been busy. We reported in last weeks Trinity Journal about the real life training scenario where a car had (supposedly) ran of the road and down an embankment, ejecting the “anonymous” victim. This week the two fire departments took that exercise to more extreme levels, where the same “anonymous” victim supposedly fell down an even steeper embankment while out hiking. I had the opportunity to witness both training scenarios, and saw first hand the two first rate fire departments working in tendon, taking each step of the training deadly serious, which is a poor choice of words, because they saved the “anonymous” victim yet again.

I keep bringing news of these trainings and logs from the two fire departments, because I want everyone in the North Forty area to know they are in excellent hands, whether the emergency is medical or fire.