

North Forty 1-27-09

The residents of North Trinity Lake will remember James Swett with great fondness. Jim was our neighbor, brother, friend, or just plain “Ace.” We had the wonderful privilege of knowing Jim during his 20 plus years in Trinity Center. The memories of him telling stories, his acts of kindness, dinner and drinks at the Sasquatch, his humbleness about his life, crazy jeep trips, and a never ending collection of jokes will always make us smile. There are few people who pass through our lives that will forever leave a mark in our heart—Jim was one of those people.

*Because I fly
I laugh more than other men
I look up and see more than they,
I know how the clouds feel...
Because I Fly,
I envy no man on earth.*

Participation at the January 20 Trinity Lake presentation by the Bureau of Reclamation in Trinity Center was high. Residents from throughout the North Lake Area got an overview the Central Valley Project history and lake release data, and finished up with a good question and answer session. A representative from the Trinity River Restoration Project was also in attendance to field questions. The big news to most of us is that Trinity Lake releases into the Central Valley Project versus downriver are about 50-50. It became very clear that much needs to be investigated about the 2000 “Babbitt” Trinity River Mainstream Fishery Restoration Record of Decision’s hard-set April 1 date for each year’s hydrology forecast. Having hard-set dates and flows just doesn’t sync with fickle Mother Nature. Questions were also raised about releasing water to the downstream fish at the expense of the lake fish. There must be a balance of water use and the North Lake Area’s economy and fishery must be included in the mix.

As a reminder, act now and comment on the proposed mandated septic tank inspections and new septic system regulations—AB885. Comments via email, mail, or fax must be received or postmarked on or before February 9, 2009. Links to all AB885 information are on the NorthTrinityLake.com website. Email: AB885@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please plan on attending the February 3 Trinity Center CSD meeting to hear a presentation by LAFCO and our county auditor about the process of annexing property into a CSD. The Covington/Lake Forest/Long Canyon areas have requested annexation into the CSD for fire protection. The Trinity Center VFD has provided fire services to these areas for years even though those parcels are out of district.

On February 3, Trinity Center School's Club Live, 6-8th grade students, will be packaging up and mailing off brownies and cookies to our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan for Valentine’s Day. The students will also be making Valentines to go with the packaged goodies to the soldiers. Anyone who is interested in donating baked goods for our soldiers, or can help with shipping costs, please call Linda Solven at 266-3342 after 3:00 p.m.