



# Stirling Boiler Steam

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Welcome to the first edition of the ***Stirling Boiler Steam***. This newsletter is to inform residents of the goings on in town. What is happening and what is coming up. There will be groups featured as long as articles are submitted. If you have something you would like published, please submit to Diane Cuming at [cuming@hughes.net](mailto:cuming@hughes.net) or 530 873 2143 (land line) or PO Box 43 Stirling City. We can advertise your business or run a classified ad for a donation of your choosing. Also, if you have any comments, questions, suggestions we are happy to hear those. We hope you enjoy the efforts of this newsletter.

## Historical Article of Interest

The year was 1929. Three Cents an acre per year for your fire protection! That is the first dollar amount for “official” Fire Protection in Butte County. When Stirling City really started to grow and with it being surrounded by all those woodlands Diamond Match realized something had to be done. Wildfires could wipe out thousands of valuable trees, and you would hope, more importantly, wipe out a town that was growing and prospering.

In an ironically tobacco smoke filled room, they discussed wild fires. Diamond’s average annual loss was up to 5,677 acres, and there was a town to protect. It became clear that something must be done. Meeting and proposals are always a good start. In March of that same year with the State Board of Forestry, the then Director Fred Stevenot proposed development of a statewide forest fire protection plan. This plan would include equipment and men, to assist in protecting Diamonds beloved property, along with California towns, one of which was Stirling City.

The proposal was to select a demonstration area to prove its merits with a formal forest fire protection plan. The then Deputy State Forester William B. Rider proposed that Butte County should be that area, knowing that the Diamond Match Company would be depended upon to cooperate. That year the Board passed a resolution for a joint project of fire protection in a concentrated area between a national forest and the adjacent county to have fire protection. The proposal became reality with formation of the North Butte Fire Protection District on 31st of December 1929. There were four (4) major parties to the agreement, 1) Diamond Match Company, 2) State Division of Forestry, 3) US Forest Service, and, 4) Butte County. They all agreed to furnish protection for three (3) cents per acre. The amount, which more than equaled the cost of fighting fires, made the North Butte Fire Protection District a sanctioned entity. In 1930 they hired the first full time forest fire fighting crew in California history. Diamond saw a quick drop in losses to their timber. In mid-1931 it was reported to the State Board of Forestry that the district’s efforts were successful. It remained in effect until 1947 when it was liquidated and its duties assumed by the California Division of Forestry. 1947 was also the year the US Forest Service turned over their Fire Station to the Division of Forestry to become Battalion 1 headquarters, then becoming Station 13 and now the Museum.

## Stirling City Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

The Stirling City Volunteer Fire Department along with the Auxiliary (SCVFD-A) have a long history. The Auxiliary was re-founded after the Camp Fire. It is organized exclusively for assistance of financial and administrative support to the SCVFD. The Auxiliary is in charge of two (2) major buildings in town, Station 12 and the Community Hall, both with long histories. Along with the Fire Department's major fundraiser with the selling of Christmas Trees, the Auxiliary also raises funds by providing Bingo quarterly. Depending on weather Bingo is held at the park next to Station 12 or at the Community Hall. Our last Bingo was a success thanks to all who attended.

Under the direction of the Volunteer Fire Department the Auxiliary stays active with the Firewise Community to keep our town safe from fire danger. Work is done to assist getting green address signs on houses for quicker response time and help with delivery for orders done online. Actively working on keeping the siren tested for emergencies. Further protocol of what the siren means will follow in the next edition.

The Community Hall has a fully refurbished kitchen and the main hall was cleaned and repainted. Makes for a nice venue for an event. We are currently working on upgrading the back yard to make your event even more pleasant.

If you have an interest in renting the hall for an event contact Nirvana at 530 873 6705 (land line). If you have an interest in the Auxiliary contact Diane at 530 873 2143 (land line).

## Stirling City Historical Society

The Stirling City Historical Society has been around since 1993, and in our museum since 2003. Our collections include items from Diamond Match, (the logging industry at that time in the area) histories of some of the families of old and other "neat old stuff". We have a gift shop with shirts, books, train whistles, DVD's and more.

We are trying to gain the interest of current folks in the local area to join the Society with new ideas, simply to help or to learn our rich history.

Currently the Museum is getting a face lift, getting ready for our opening on the 28th of May, 2022. All three buildings are being restored outside with construction and paint. This year during the Grand Opening the Clampers will be dedicating the Museum and Community Hall with bronze plaques.

On the 6th of August we will be open for the "Stirling City Old and Young Timers" picnic. The picnic will start at Merlo Park with everyone invited for conversation and lunch, then move over to the Museum for free root beer floats.

Please come to the opening on the 28th of May and also the Picnic in August.

For a tour of the Museum, if we are not there, call Pete at 530 873 2143 (land line).

## Stirling City Quilters

In 2011 Ellen Cheda got a group together and taught them how to make "Rag Quilts". They made several quilts and sold tickets for a raffle. The proceeds went to the Stirling City Volunteer Fire Department and the Stirling City Community Hall.

They later heard of making American Flag Rag Quilts and decided to start making them and presenting them to Veterans. The group became known as the "Stirling City Quilters. To date ninety-five (95) quilts have been completed and presented.

Other projects they have completed are Baby Quilts for a local hospital, red white and blue "lap quilts" for Veterans in nursing homes. Fireman quilts for ten (10) volunteers who remained in town during the CAMP Fire.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Jeanie at 530 873 1608.

## Stirling City Sheep Barn

We are a group of individuals that love to reach out to our community and share the love of Christ through many avenues. Our vision for Stirling City is to become a community that can connect and support one another. Currently, we are excited to share some of the things our fellowship and neighbors are doing in this community. The Food Cart is located at 17107 Manzanita St. We are open 7 days a week from 8am to 5pm offering a variety of supplemental food, including fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, deli, and non-perishables.

Free Hot Meals!!! When? The last Friday of every month. Where? The Stirling City Community Hall. What time? 5pm to 7pm (to-go's only after 6:30).

**All are welcome!**

Point of contact for the Sheep Barn is Caleb Hambleton who can be reached by email [cableham@gmail.com](mailto:cableham@gmail.com).

## Stirling City Firewise Community

The national Firewise USA® program is to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to reduce wildfire risks to their homes and community. Any community that meets certain criteria on an annual basis earns certification to identify as a Firewise® Site.

California has witnessed a steady rise in wildfire activity and experts predict this trend will continue. It has been proven that voluntary individual and community actions are a major component to reducing wildfire risk around homes and neighborhoods.

In September 2021, Stirling City assessed the risks and submitted an action plan to qualify for certification as a Firewise® Site. We have educational material and helpful advice on how to prepare for living in the WUI (wildfire urban interface). This certification gives homeowners an opportunity to save up to 10% on their home insurance. We sponsor community events to assist in mitigating our town's wildfire risks which include National Wildfire Preparedness Day on the 7th of May 2022. Our event will have a dumpster available for townspeople to dispose of GreenWaste. Any household participating that day will be entered in a drawing to receive one of four \$25 gas cards.

In order to stay a part of the Firewise program one of the things we need to do is record hours the community has put in to help maintain that clean space around your home. Whenever you do any raking, trimming, gutter cleaning, etc. please report those hours to the POC listed below. Even if it is only half an hour it all adds up.

We welcome any Stirling City residents to become part of a proactive and worthwhile group designed to educate and assist the community in reducing its wildfire risks. Point of contact is John Hawkins who can be reached by land line at 530 873 1013

## Calendar of Events

<b>April 2022</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 <b>Quilters</b>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Quilters</b>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <b>Quilters</b>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 <b>Quilters</b>	27	28	29 <b>Community Meal</b>	30

<b>May 2022</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <b>Quilters</b>	4	5	6	7 <b>Green waste Dumpster</b>
8	9	10 <b>Auxiliary Meeting</b> <b>Quilters</b>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <b>Quilters</b>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <b>Quilters</b>	25	26	27 <b>Community Meal</b>	28 <b>Museum Grand Opening</b>
29	30	31 <b>Quilters</b>				