

# Monte Rio Musings

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by Suzi Shaffert of the Rio Theater

Here I sit, rushing with writing my column, which of course is late. By the time you read this most of the kids will be back in school and summer will be winding down as we get prepared for fall. Which is my most favorite time of the year.

We have some big happenings in Monte Rio. The Monte Rio Recreation and Parks District is putting on the fabulous Russian River Car Show on August 29. Come enter your car or just come by for the incredibly beautiful classic cars, great Fireman's Breakfast, and a full day filled with games, vendors, raffles and all around great day. The fun starts at 8am and the trophies are awarded at 2:30pm. Don't miss it!

Then the very next weekend on September 5, the Rio Theater will be putting on that incredible Rocky Horror Picture Show. The show starts at 9:30pm, the admission is \$15.00, which includes all props needed to "play" along with the movie. We do a great show so again---don't miss it!

Then another great event, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wonderland Golf and Gourmet Tournament is scheduled for Friday September 18. It is a great event filled with a fabulous afternoon of golf at the beautiful Northwood Golf Course and followed by a spectacular evening of incredible dining! Make your reservations early by contacting Dawn Bell, the events manager, at 865-9956.

Also coming back to Monte Rio is the Mermaid Festival---don't miss it. Call Dawn for information!

Café Les Jummells has open mike every Friday night being put on by that famous Manny (of the Maniacs fame) and Michelle Britton. Every Friday from 7pm to 10pm, just go in and sign up and have fun singing!

Thanks to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Russian River Redevelopment Agency for the \$144,000.00 grant that Monte Rio Recreation & Parks just got awarded to repair and rebuild the tennis courts.

Don't forget, we have a darling Quonset hut complete with a side yard available to rent for your business starting in October.

Finishing out the month of August birthdays, Happy birthday wishes to: Don Souza on Aug 17 and Skippy-John Gildea, our speed racer nephew turns 24 on Aug 20. Famous George Zastrow celebrates 58 on Aug 21 and Nancy Goodenough turns 58 on Aug 22. Laura Wachtel, great person celebrates on Aug 26. RuthAnn Tye, another ageless beauty, and Suzi Schaffert entering senior citizenship, 55, both celebrate on Aug 25. Finally Emily Sawyer, 30 and ageless Jack Adams on Aug 28.

Happy anniversary wishes to Jenny & Dave Simms who celebrate their 18 years of wedded bliss on Sept 3. Sept 12, a very special day for my mom, Pat Gildea and my great Dad watching us from heaven. On Sept 23, hard to believe but Don and I will celebrate our 30 years together! Then on Sept 27, a special day for Don's Dad while Mom smiles down from heaven! Congratulations and best wishes for continued love, health and happiness for us all!

Now those great September birthdays! Sept 1 Emma Pearlman celebrates and on Sept 3, Alex Voight, turns a whopping 29! Sept 6, Kelly Fornell, 47 & her daughter Adria, 27 both have a party. On Sept 8, one of my favorite people Emma Curtiss turns 24! On Sept 9 Boo Sauve turns 26 and Liz Foster-Shane turns 27. Then on Sept 12, Shashauna Andersen turns 15. On Sept 13 a truly wonderful person, Kenny Schaffert, turns 63. Sept 14, infamous Steve Baxman turns a whopping 57! We will finish the September birthdays next month, and for now Best Wishes to some great Virgos and Libras!

# Cazadero Communications

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As I write this from my sun-filled cyber hut, I can't believe that it is already early August! The recent 'Taste of Cazadero' wine and food tasting held at the lovely CazSonoma Inn was a fabulous day of great tastes and incredible music from the Cazadero Performing Arts Camp, who are the main recipients of the proceeds. Several members of the Cazadero Community Club ably assisted innkeeper Rich Mitchell with this splendid event. The Wednesdays at the Waterfall series at CazSonoma continues on Wednesday, August 26, with a lecture, live music, art exhibit, special wine and dinner-proceeds benefit the Music Camp. Please call 632 5255 for reservations.

Next up for the CazClub is the Old Tyme BBQ on Sunday, September 6th at the Music Camp. This traditional event is a big fundraiser and fun-filled day! There will be steak or chicken dinners, games, raffle, fabulous pie baking contest headed up by Caroline Davenport---please call her at 632 5054 and Bingo! Presale tickets are advised and may be purchased at the Cazadero General store, the Post Office, Weavers and Dreamers in Duncans Mills, and Vine Life in Guerneville. The next meeting of the CazClub will be Tuesday, September 1st-7 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

As I visited Raymond's Bakery for some tasty baked goods, I became aware of their Elim Grove Bed & Breakfast! Two cozy cabins and a loft are available and of course a delicious fresh-baked breakfast is included! Their website is [www.raymondsbakery.com](http://www.raymondsbakery.com)

Be sure to stock up on many of life's necessities at Cazadero Supply's 1st Saturday 15% off sale.

I am sure that many of you have received an informative letter from Pole Mountain Lookout regarding their role in spotting potential wildfires. As we are in a very precarious dry season here, I encourage you to donate, if possible, to this private community resource. Their mailing info is P.O. Box 568, Monte Rio, CA.95462.

The Montgomery Elementary School welcomes all newcomers and returning students. The 1st day of school will be Monday, August 24. Please call 632 5221 for registration information. The K-2nd grades will be practicing their geography and compass skills in September as they search for hidden gold around the campus. The 3rd-5th graders will be preparing for an overnight living history field trip to Ft. Ross in early October as part of California studies.

I would like to congratulate Gregorio Pehrson (aka DJ Gershom) for being awarded the 2008-09 Best Community-based KGGV music show for 'Freilach! The Russian River's Jewish Music and Cultural Show'. Several other locals are volunteers and programmers on KGGV, including Ferd Sabino, Beth Hearn and Natasha Pehrson. Tune into 95.1 FM or go to [www.kggvfm.org](http://www.kggvfm.org) for the streaming link.

I wish a Very Happy Birthday to Andrea Ritter, who turned 19 on 8/1, Arian Port will be 27 on 8/23. Ryan Hartnett turns 22 also on the 23rd, Claudette Davis celebrate on 8//29, Jessica Shephard will be 23 on 9/14 and Rose Orlando-Griggs will be 22 on 9/22.

Please be fire-safe and call me at 632 5545 or email [mayawrld@sonic.net](mailto:mayawrld@sonic.net) with info for your Cazadero Column!

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