

## HALLOWEEN IN MIRA MESA - 2017

Well it's that time of the year again. Invitations for Mira Mesa's annual dinner gathering of the occult have gone out. Soon the ghosts, goblins, witches and scare crows will be busy cleaning their brooms,



readying the ghost squadron for flight duty, replacing the noisy muffler on the ghost bike and prepping the cauldron for the annual boiling.

It's

**HALLOWEEN...**

And time for Christa McAuliffe's annual Fairy Shrimp Boil at her Park waaay down at the end of Winterwood Lane. In anticipation of a large turn out she's enlisted some additional locals to

help gather up plenty of Fairy Shrimp. Apparently she's arranged with Soccer Boy to have the MMHS soccer teams chase the little buggers into an AYSO net where the Cane Gang (Craig, Al & Bruce) can club'em with their canes.

The cooking process is really pretty simple, fill the cauldron with water, bring to a rolling boil, stir in 2 lbs. of the Hoosier's Fairy Shrimp Seasoning then dump in 10 lbs. of Fairy Shrimp and stir.

This year Christa has asked a few of the trolls on Nextdoor who enjoy stirring the pot, to handle that chore.

The guest list includes the ghosts of Gil Johnson, Verne Goodwin,



Orlando Vernacchia, Capt. Ned Baumer, Tim Allen, Ellen Breen, Carl Sandburg, Capt. Bill Maddox, Julius Wangenheim, Leif Ericsson, Mary Walker, Ensign Al Hickman and Dr. Jonas Salk.

It is hoped that they all enjoy dinner so they will be in a good mood when

they begin patrolling their community to watch over their name sake facility. Rumor has it that this year Orlando has assumed the persona of a white spider but he doesn't react very well if called gringo...beware !

The Patriarch of all Mira Mesa parks, Gil Johnson, is beaming with pride this year cuz of the eminent opening of the new park addition right across the street from his Recreation Center. Both he, Verne Goodwin and The White Spider will be keeping a sharp eye out over

the entire park. They've even asked the Ghost squadron from Hourglass Field for an extra fly over as a precaution. And speaking of the Ghost Squadron, they've been based at Hourglass Field for over 50 years now and they still haven't come to terms with the fact that a park and college were built right in the middle of their runway!

Oh well, they've always wanted to perfect taking off on a short runway, JATO pods work wonders on those old flying war horses. As usual, led by the Ghost of Capt. Ned Baumer, the old top gunners will be watching all the goings on in the community from 5,000 feet paying special attention to parks and schools.

We hear that Capt. Ned is on the lookout for an old PBY for a flying command center for future years.

The possibilities are endless... can you imagine Tim Allen parachuting in on the Ghost Cycle? Or how about the White Spider being air dropped in his grey Toyota truck, engine running, ready to go. OMG, the mischief makers, trolls and politicians won't have a chance.

Run Khoa, runnnnnnn !

Leif and his Vikings, Capt. Bill and his ghost dogs, Ellen, Mary, Julius, Ensign Al and Dr. Jonas will be on duty all night watching over their parks and schools. Mischief makers beware.



So have a safe, sane, great Halloween and watch out for all those little kids running around on sugar highs.