



t. Vaca Radio Club News

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MVRC Turns 30!

Celebrate our 30th Birthday

by joining your friends at the

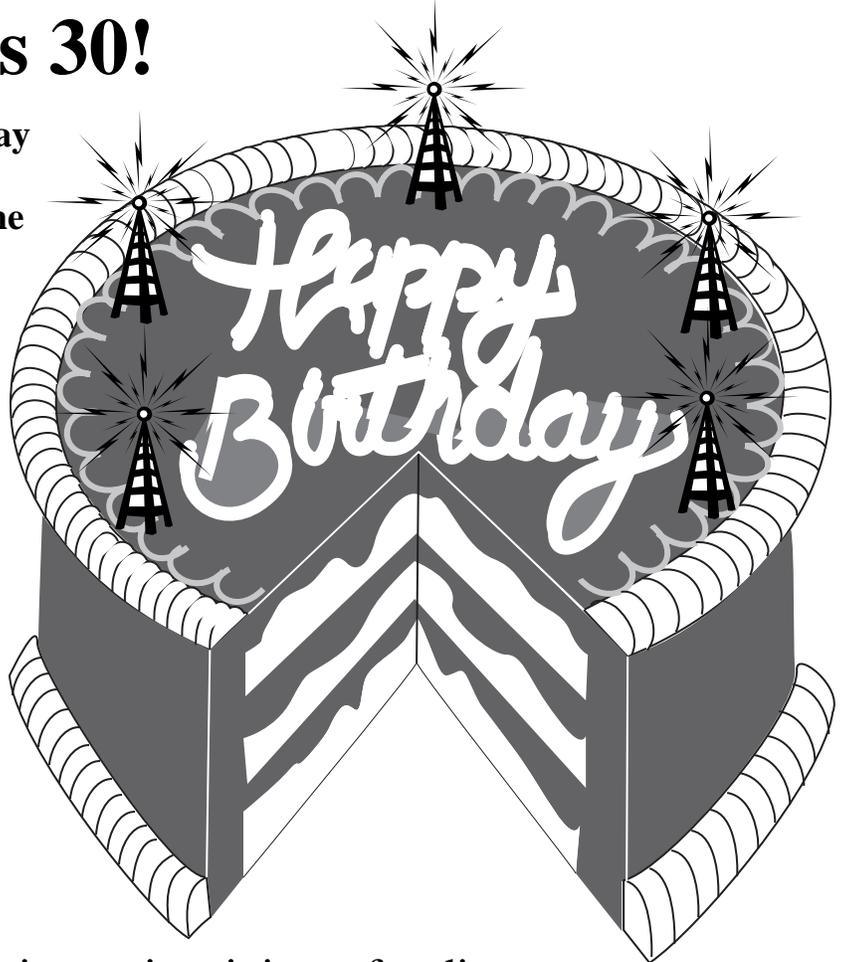
General Meeting

Sunday, July 18, 3:30 p.m.

**Coco's Restaurant
1830 Arden Way**

Election of new officers

**DOOR PRIZES,
and many other good
things.**



Come for the meeting or just join us for dinner

Family members welcome See you there!

MVRC Calendar of Events *(See inside or listen to the net for more details)*

SUN JUL 18 - REGULAR MEETING - 3:30 PM at Coco's on Arden Way, Sacramento.

Election of officers. Optional dinner follows.

JULY 23-25 - ANNUAL CAMPOUT - Medicine Lake, near Lava Beds Nat Mon, No. Calif. See article.

SUN AUG 15 - OLD TIME MOBILE RUN - Meet at Brookfield's, Eureka Rd. exit, Roseville. 9 AM departure or 8 AM for breakfast. Destination: to be announced.

WED AUG 18 - BOARD MEETING

SEP 2 - ?? - Possible unofficial UTAH TRIP

WED SEP 15 - BOARD MEETING

SUN OCT 17 - REGULAR MEETING

Editor's Output

By **Bill WA6ACF**

Come celebrate our club's birthday. This summer, MVRC celebrates 30 years of ham radio adventures, fun years filled with public service events, emergency help to Red Cross, swap meets, and mobile day trips to camp outs. What makes this club fun are the good people who keep it going.

This July meeting is also when we elect new officers for the club. If you have not served on the board, then you have missed a chance to have extra fun in your club. Contact Bill or any board member for details on available board positions.

At this general meeting we will have several door prizes and a raffle to help celebrate our 30 years. So I invite all the members and their families to come celebrate. Looking forward to see you.

I would like to thank the board for their year of efforts. Good volunteers make this organization happen.



If you have not paid your dues then please send \$36.00 (or more) to Les or the Club's PO box. - Dues were due 1st of June, Please pay by meeting. Thanks.



SPECIAL THANKS to the all the members that have paid their dues early, some paying TWO years to help us obtain needed equipment.

The following members went above the dues level to help us in our time of financial need . **MANY THANKS !!**

Warren Kocher WB6RFI, Timberline Communications \$273. (half of antenna cost)

Mike Ulleny KF6PBO \$25.

Bob Warmke W6CXY \$100.

Bill Harrington N6MSI \$14.

Jim Collier WB6ZII \$64.

Doug Spaulding N6XKL \$14.

Chris Denney KQ6ZN \$100.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS and SPONSORS

This last quarter was good for the our membership. We have 3 new members and 3 new sponsors on our roster. A big welcome to all, and please say hi to them when you hear them on the air.

NEW Members:

Eric Retitzell KF6CXK, Sacramento

Bob Warmke W6CYX, San Jose

Ronald Manabe W6RN, Sunnyvale

NEW Sponsors:

Courtland Richmond KA5S, Petaluma

Chas Mahler KN6WW, San Jose

Don Ferguson KD6IRE, San Jose

Please check in to our MVRC NET at 9 p.m. every Monday evening. Latest club activities are heard on our net.



Mt. Vaca Radio Club --- 30 Years of Service

By **Adrienne Barnard WA6CNE**

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mt Vaca Radio Club on 30 YEARS of operation. The club was licensed in the summer of 1969 for operation of a UHF repeater and associated VHF station under the call sign WA6UGY. The repeater(s) are still located on Mt Vaca which is about 10 miles NW of Vacaville, CA at about 2800 ft. In January, 1972 the club is incorporated and by-laws were written and adopted. During the past 30 years the club as operated and in some cases suspended, various modes of operation including 220, 6 meters, auto patch and a 2-meter remote base.

Following are some assorted facts and figures about the club. If you haven't been paying close attention for the past 30 years, read on.....

Of the original "Founding Fathers" and charter members (nineteen), Five are still members - Douglas Macheel, K6HLE; Ross Stevens, W6FRE; Robert Bartels, K5MVZ; Les Cobb, W6TEE and Lew Barnard, WA6ESA. Les and Lew are still in the Sacramento area and very active in the club. Way to go guys.

The club's first trustee was Jay O'Brien, W6GO. In 1977 George Besley, WB6DQP took over the reins and is still a very trustee person.

Some other long suffering (oops a typo, I meant long serving) members who have given generously of their time over the years include Norm Brooks, K6FO - 13 years as treasurer, George Robison, K6JIK - 8 years as president, Les Cobb, W6TEE - 10 years as treasurer, Bill Yoder, WA6ACF, 7 years as president and many others who have served as officers and board members for many years with little thanks and very low pay. We thank them all very sincerely.

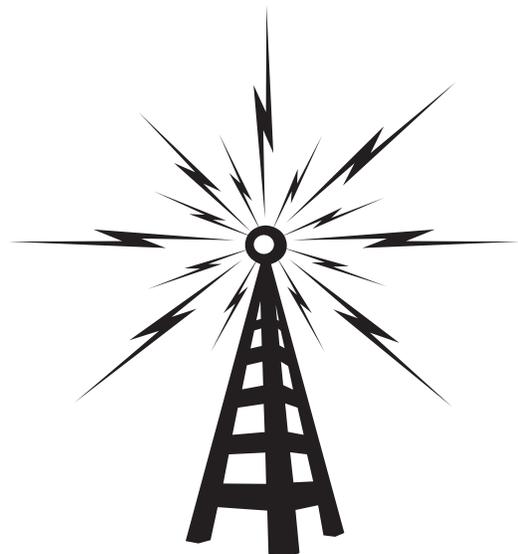
Another little recognized fact is that Vicki Cobb, WB6PHQ is the only female who has ever held the office of president. We really should hear more from the ladies!

Since incorporation, the club has grown from 21 members which included charters and reciprocals to the current membership of 66 (36 full members, 19 licensed associates).

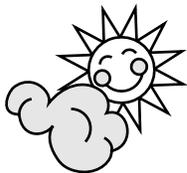
The club has withstood some natural "near" disasters. Heavy rains have made the road to the site near impassable - I'm sure the old timers would be happy to share some stories with newer members...OK so you've heard them all already. Winds in excess of 100 MPH blew the building over onto its side and one of the wildfires in the area came close enough to melt antennas and wires.

But the MVRC lives on thanks to those who provide direction, leadership and participation in club activities whether of a technical or social nature. Good fellowship is as important to our success as are good technical skills.

CONGRATULATIONS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK PROVIDING RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS FOR PERSONAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICE.



Annual Campout Planned: July 23-25



by **Les Cobb**, W6TEE

MEDICINE LAKE CAMPOUT

Our annual campout is to be held at one of several Forest Service campgrounds at Medicine Lake, 10 miles south of Lava Beds Nat Mon in the far northern part of the state. The first bunch to arrive, possibly on Thursday, July 22, will select which camp since campsites are all first-come. Let us know if you are bringing an RV and the size because that affects the campground chosen. Daily fees are \$7 in any camp at the lake. Those who can should arrive as early as possible on Friday. Because of the lack of reservations, it is essential that you RSVP soon with Marc and give your expected arrival, vehicles, etc. Do not expect close campsites to be held for your late arrival.

There are a variety of ways to get there, but the main Forest Service road is reached by turning east off of I-5 onto Hwy 89 at Mt Shasta through McCloud, then north (left) at Bartle. Road is paved all the way. The lake and the roads show up on the AAA state map, and others, but not on Rand McNally. The Yreka 146.79 repeater, the Mt Shasta 146.82 repeater, and the 146.88 Klamath Falls repeater are all linked (no PLs). (A daily noon net is held at 12:30.) Klamath Falls repeaters are quite good down to the Lava Beds and should be good to Medicine Lake,

which is higher, 6700'. Try .82 and .88 for talk-in, or 147.555 simplex. Allow 5-6 hours from Sacramento.

Come equipped for water sports and/or lava caves. For the caves, bring a warm jacket, flashlight, and a hard hat, although the latter two are available from the park. It might be quite cool at night at the lake.



The MVRC is unique because of the public service, operating, and social activities scheduled during the year. One such activity is the overnight outing. This includes a spring caravan to the desert, and a summer campout. In addition, there is an "unofficial" caravan in the late summer. It is not sponsored by the club because of the longer distances and special interests, such as trains or 4WD, but it is open to all interested members.

Where are we, who is in the lead???



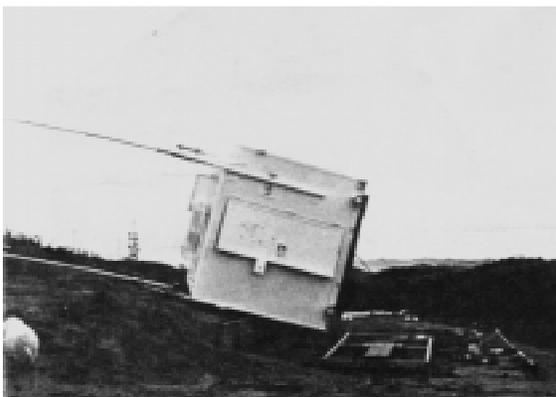
If you surf the World Wide Web then check the Clubs home page at:

<http://www.mvrc.org>

Summer 1998 - fire on the mountain



Winter 1988 - 100mph wind



Tech Talk

By **Bill Yoder, WA6ACF**

Tech Chairman

Well, here it is 30 years since the Mt. Vaca Radio Club was first organized and the list of technical projects to be done is still here. But, there is also good news to report.

While we have been lucky to not get burned out or blown over since 10 years ago we have had to do some upgrading/replacing of our VHF and UHF equipment.

The New 2 meter transmitter and power amp have been installed, and running well and maybe a little warm. One task is to put a bigger fan on the radio heat fins.

We also have a new 147.00 Four Pole antenna and *special thanks to Warren and Renee of Timberline Communications* for donating half the antenna cost. This antenna needs to be installed so if you can help please call Bill (WA6ACF) .

The 1.2ghz repeater and its link to the Bay Area is working really well, *many thanks to Bob, W6CYX*. This system can also be connected to the VHF and UHF systems. (see Bill for commands list update) It is 1285.050 MHz (-) MHz using PL of 88.5 Hz.

There are other projects that could use help so if you have been involved and would like to please give Bill a call.

Special Thanks to Lew, Mike, Marc, Bob, Doug, George and more for their work and trips to the hill during the last and many previous years, and those to come also.

73's and happy repeating, but better still is to be original!!

MVRC Items For Sale

- MSY UHF repeater - short cabinet
- Uniden repeater - model ARU251K
- 4- MITREK radios (T43JJA300AK)
- 3- MCX100 radios
- 100 amp meter service panel

Call Bill, WA6ACF or Lew, WA6ESA