



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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JULY CAMPOUT

For all tent and RV campers: We have reservations in the redwoods for the 2nd annual joint NHRC and MVRC Ham campout. We have Williams Grove Group Site B in Humboldt



Redwoods State Park on the Avenue of the Giants, on US 101 north of Garberville, from 2 PM Friday July 12, to Noon Sunday, July 14 (2 nights). It is just off the old highway about a mile north of Myers Flat. Reservations for both nights totaled \$60, which will be shared among those camping. At least one couple will be moteling. There are motels in Myers Flat and on 101.

Group Site B faces the Eel River and is limited to 40 people, 15 vehicles (trailers are another vehicle), and 30' max. length. RV parking is in an open parking area, with tenting and tables adjacent. The area is thick with trees. There are restrictions on pets, consisting of short leashes, confinement at night, etc. MVRC was there in 1998 with nine families and 23 people and enjoyed it.

RSVP to me as soon as possible. We need to know the number of people, type and size of RV, if any, and if you want to caravan up Friday morning. There are at least two couples interested in moving camp to a nearby park for a couple more days after our reservation period, so comment on this if interested.

Friday caravan instructions: Meet at Denny's, I-5, West Ave. exit, at the far north end of Woodland, for 9 AM departure. Come earlier if you want to eat. Last year, some went to another Denny's one exit earlier. Please go to West Ave. We will take Hwy 20 from Williams to Hwy 101.

Picnic lunches are suggested. Use the 147.00- 136.5 pl repeater before departure, and the 147.555 simplex camp frequency after. Those not going with this group, call on the camp frequency for talk-in when arriving.

Les, W6TEE

Please check your information on the enclosed roster. You should also check the MVRC web site (WWW.MVRC.ORG) to insure that your information is correct.

Please email Bill - WA6ACF if there are changes.

General Meeting

Sunday, July 21, at 3:30 p.m.

Solarium/green room

Chevy's

1234 Howe Ave.

Sacramento, CA.

3rd Quarter Activities

JUL 12-14 - ANNUAL CAMPOUT - With North Hills RC. Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Williams Grove Group Area B, same as 1998, reserved for 2 nights.

SUN JUL 21 - REGULAR MEETING - 3:30 PM at Chevy's Restaurant 1234 Howe Ave, Sacramento. Solarium Green Room. Optional dinner follows.

SUN AUG 4 - MOBILE RUN - Where? Meet 10 AM at Elk Grove Lyon's. Use frequencies above. Bring picnic lunch. Details, changes, at July meeting.

WED AUG 21 - BOARD MEETING

SEP 7-9 - BIKE TREK - American Lung Assn. Contact Ken, KC6JSV, 916-723-3796.

WED SEP 18 - BOARD MEETING

SEP 21-OCT 2 - Three related optional events. RSVP W6TEE for any or all:

*SEP 21-27 - MVRC SW TRIP - Destination to be set. End at Lone Pine or home.

*SEP 27-29 - WHITNEY CLASSIC - Lone Pine Bike ride, Sam's Radio Hams Public Service.

*SEP 29-OCT 2 - OKTOBERFEST CAMPOUT - Sam's Radio Hams, Boulder Creek RV Park, Lone Pine, following Whitney Classic.

SUN OCT 20 - REGULAR MEETING

Welcome to New Member:

Kerry Cochran - KC6KNT is our newest member.

Kerry has been a Tech for 12 years and besides his Ham radio skills has a special interest in Railroading.

Kerry is from San Bruno, CA.

Public Service

The Davis Double Century

Wanted to thank you all for helping to make DC02 a success. Your dedication and expertise is much appreciated by the Davis Bike Club.

Western States Endurance Run

The MVRC again helped provide communications for the annual Western States 100 mile Run from Tahoe to Auburn, June 29-30.

Lew, WA6ESA; Adrainne, WA6CNE; Wayne, WA6APX; Ken, KC6JSV; Les, W6TEE; Matthew, K6KDJ; Glwnn, WA7SPY.

On behalf of Ken, my co-coordinator, I want to thank you. Wayne (WA6APX) supplied the NCS equipment which is Soooooo user friendly and high quality, and we had several new and repeat operators from the MVRC.

Fred Jensen - K6DGW - Western States communications

Public Service help needed

Registration is beginning for the American Lung Assn. Bike ride on 7-9 Sept. I would urge anyone who may be available to register as a radio operator for this event that covers the Ione-Jackson area. Participation on all 3 days is not necessary, if you can spare 1/2 a day that would be a great help.

73 Thanks

Ken - KC6JSV, 916-723-3796.

Tech report.

Well I'm happy to once again report that all systems on the hill are in working order. In the area of new news our club will be hosting another repeater system. Dennis Humphrey W6FRE will be moving his 440 repeater system into our building. Dennis is a long time friend of the club and many of its members. Dennis has helped us many times over the years fixing our system or finding components for it. He recently donated a GE power amplifier for our 440 repeater. Lew almost has it ready.

On a parting note, I would like to thank all the people who have worked on the tech committee while I was its chairman. But now I am going to hang up my hat and move on to other things. I hope to remain on the committee and still help out where I can.

Thanks,

Mike WA6RWR

The Presidents report.

Happy 4th of July!

A most interesting thing happened to me this week. Your board spent quite a lot of time discussing how to recruit new members, help folks become hams and then members and other related issues. The very next evening, I attended another hobby group where one of the women whom I have known for awhile suddenly asked me if I knew how she could become a ham. I don't know of any regular local classes so I am putting out a request for information that I could pass on to her. I have invited her to our next meeting. A word of warning, the hobby group was a bunch of knitters. Might not be too much longer and we knitters just might overwhelm the rest of you!

Among other things July means MVRC dues are due and we'll have the election of officers at the July meeting. The dues are \$48.00/year with a reduced rate for those some distance from Sacramento. You may bring your dues to the meeting, or mail them to the current club P.O. Box shown on the newsletter. Les, W6TEE has all the details as to who has paid, how much a person owes, etc. He will also make sure you have paid your dues before the voting starts.

Bill, WA6ACF is busy putting together a slate of officers for the next year that will be finalized and voted upon at the meeting July 21st. There is a job for everyone, so don't be shy about volunteering for a job or agreeing to a request from someone. Remember, if you are not at the meeting to cast your vote, you just might find yourself in one of the positions and/or you aren't allowed to complain about who gets elected!

One of my goals for this year was to improve the club communications. We have improved, but we have further to go. A great place to start working on is putting out more information on the Monday night net. Since our newsletter is published only once a quarter, the weekly net is a great place to share and hear the latest and greatest that is happening in the club. It is the perfect opportunity for advertising upcoming social and public service activities. We've not done a good job of that in the past year.

We have all sorts of methods to communicate (talking on the air, e-mail, web page, list serve, newsletter, talking face-to-face, writing hard copy notes, etc.). We all tend to pick the one that is the easiest for us and the most available at the moment. Unfortunately, all of the above methods miss some of those we need to communicate with. If we use two or three of them, we have a better chance of contacting everyone, but are still likely to miss some. We haven't yet hit on the proper mix for getting out

the word on future social and public service activities and there are people who don't know enough details to plan on participating. I would hope we could do better. We have done a terrific great job of reporting most of the stuff after the fact, but that is a bit late for planning purposes.

On the other hand, communication is a two-way street. Everyone has the responsibility to actually pay attention to discussions and listings as they occur, follow-up for more information as needed and to ask about an "annual" event they have not seen listed. All us should make a point of putting events on our calendars as we learn about them, responding to the contact person and taking the time to plan and prepare as needed. I'm sure all of us could do a better job communicating and if we all make an honest effort, things will improve.

The club is pretty busy for the next few weeks, as indicated by the list of scheduled events in this issue. Please be sure to take a good look at the list and make your personal plans as needed. And while you are doing that, also take a good look at the time you might have available to help run the club next year and give Bill a call or drop him an e-mail with your commitment for an office or a committee chair for next year.

Please also read the technical report and be prepared to volunteer on relatively short notice to join a work party on the hill. Several changes are planned including some antenna work that will improve our signal.

Hope to see a bunch of you at the campout July 12-14. This year we will be in the Redwoods where it should be cool. We've been to this great group camp before and it has all the proper facilities including coin operated showers just down the road. Or as I have said in the past, you can also camp like Mike and I do and that is to rent a motel room for the 2 nights and spend the days in camp. Neither of us is any longer inclined to sleep on the ground and the van gets a bit crowded when we are used to a much larger bed.

Look forward to see you all at the July meeting on the 21st.

Doris, WA6UAF

Equipment for SALE:

lengths of 50 to 100 feet of 84147 1/2 inch andrew heliax cable with connectors, also some 1/2 inch superflex.

Membership

After working with the board and being membership chariman, I have become very much aware of the value that each member brings to the club. To increase the membership will bring new dynamics to Mt Vaca. As you are talking with your fellow HAM friends, share the benefits of membership in the Mt. Vaca radio club. If you have ideas for increasing membership or someone you think might be interested, let me know.

Also check-in on the net is very important time to share ideas and get to know all the members. The net is held every Monday at 7:45 pm. Your participation is always appreciated. George is anxious to say "HI!" to you all. Participation at meetings is also a way to share your ideas and suggestions for activities.

Hope to hear you on the NET. Hope to hear and see you at the meetings.

Don - KE6GMJ



A Reminder that the Club Dues were due July 1st. The club dues are now \$48 for full membership. The DX dues are still \$18 for a year.

Please check the roster and if your dues date has expired or will in the next few months please make your membership current.

Thanks.

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Special Thanks

To all volunteers this past year - without you we would not have as great club as we do.