

t. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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General Meeting

Sunday, April 25, at 3:30 p.m.

Solarium/green room

Chevy's

1234 Howe Ave.

Sacramento, CA.

Dinner will follow meeting (5:30)

2nd Quarter Activities

SUN APR 25 - REGULAR MEETING - 3:30 PM

SAT MAY 15 - DAVIS DOUBLE CENTURY - Public Service.

SUN MAY 16 - NORTH HILLS HAMSWAP - Bella Vista HS, Fair Oaks.

WED MAY 19 - BOARD MEETING

WED JUN 16 - BOARD MEETING

SAT JUN 26 - WESTERN STATES ENDURANCE RUN - Public Service.

SUN JUL 18 - REGULAR MEETING

JULY 22-25 - ANNUAL CAMPOUT - Cromberg (Portola area) with North Hills RC. Camping reservations required, see W6TEE early April.

Hookups, 1 onsite trailer, cabins, motels available.

SAT JUL 31 - TEVIS CUP - Public Service.

Presidents comments

Hello and happy spring to all MVRC amateurs.

You may have already guessed it is time for another general meeting. One of the important pieces of business we will be addressing at the April meeting is a vote on the change of repeater frequency. NARC has allowed us to operate on the new frequency for several weeks as a test and now it is time to decide if we are going to stay there or not. So come to the meeting and have a voice in the decision. There are other club and repeater happenings that will also be discussed at the meeting. See details in other columns and articles in this issue.

The busy summer is going to be soon upon us with

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PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Here are the upcoming events:

May 15 – Davis Double Century bike race. This is a very well organized race that needs plenty of ham radio support. I worked at net control a couple of years ago and it was a great education just to see all the technology that supports this race. Please contact Dave kc6fyg (dhnishik@wheel.dcn.davis.ca.us) for more information.

June 26 - Western States Ultramarathon. This is a 100 mile run from Squaw Valley to Auburn with a cutoff time of 30 hours. There are 25 checkpoints (most require at least 1 ham operator). Fred Jensen k6dgdw has the website up now (<http://www.foothill.net/~andrea/WSER0.htm>). Volunteers are needed.

Sept.11-13 – ETBT Bike Tour (American Lung Assn.) The trek will start and end at Abel's Acres in Apple Hill. Routes go through parts of Amador and El Dorado Counties. Please join us! It is a fun event with meals and overnight camping provided at no cost to us. Contact me or the Lung Assn. Office at 916 444-lung to signup.

Thanks to all for their continued support.

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Please check your information on the enclosed roster. You should also check the MVRC web site (WWW.MVRC.ORG) to insure that your EMAIL and Web address are correct. Please email Bill - WA6ACF if there are changes.

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a stepping up of the club activities (including the summer campout), public service activities, and trips to the hill for repeater updates and maintenance. We are committed to several public service activities and we need operators for all of them. There will be more details at the meeting about all the events, but if we all peruse the list and put the events on our personal calendars, we will have a better chance of meeting our commitments.

The end of the club year is coming to a close and we will need to start thinking about a new slate of officers and committee chairs for the 2004-05 year. Elections will happen at the July meeting. Expect that you will be contacted with a request to contribute time to the club and please seriously consider saying yes. All of the jobs are "doable" especially if we spread the wealth among many. And don't be afraid that you don't have the ability to perform any of these jobs . . . we've had a long history of amateurs in all the positions.

I am going to put this is writing so there will be no doubt about what needs to occur at the July elections. There appears to be no relief from the increasing demands of my job for the next 2 or 3 years unless there are some drastic changes such as layoff, retirement, or a fully funded operation with full staffing (Ha!). Therefore, I cannot be President again next year. Besides without an active vice president there is no one else to legitimately blame for what may have happened during my tenure, so I'm going to get out while the getting is good. (But under pressure, I may still try to blame John, since he probably won't be around much to defend himself.) The president's job does not require a huge contribution of time; conducting either a board meeting or a general meeting every month and maintaining telephone and e-mail communications and reminders with the other board members. I have been able to keep up with most of it, had to rearrange club meetings a few times, missed only a couple of meetings, but it is getting more and more difficult to keep the job from interfering, especially when I am required to be out of town.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the April meeting

and dinner after the meeting.

73's Doris, WA6UAF

Trustee Report

At our next general meeting we will be voting on the change of our 450 club frequency from 444.00MHz to 443.95MHz.

We need this change to eliminate the receive harmonic interference we experience on 444.00MHz. As you have noticed we have changed the frequency but, before we file the change with NARCC we want the clubs approval.

Hope to see everyone Sunday April 25th at the regular meeting.

Trustee, George - W6GWB.

WELCOME ~~NEW~~ BACK MEMBER
Dan Dufficy KH8AF

Words to the Wise....



and Otherwise.

The best way to stay informed about MVRC appenings is to tune in and check into Monday night's 7:45 p.m. net.. Please check the roster for correct information.