



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

July 2006

P.O. Box 417405
Sacramento, Ca. 95841-7405

ARRL
NARCC

www.mvrc.org

Activities

SUN JUL 23 - REGULAR MEETING - Marc, W6MAR QTH in South Sacramento County at Noon (see schedule), pot luck BBQ. Bring the family with your items to BBQ and a pot luck side dish or desert. We will meet indoors if A/C is required. Address is 11527 Lacey Road, Galt, south of Elk Grove, north of Twin Cities Rd, east of CA-99, as follows: CA-99 Exit 280, Arno Rd which goes east and turns several times over 5 miles. Turn south on Lacey Rd, address is on the left. We will be on the MVRC repeaters. Schedule - Arrive Noon for Marc's coax project, no later than 1:30 for meeting and annual election. Dues are due. Cooking starts at 3 PM.

SAT AUG 5 - TEVIS CUP - Public Service. See <http://www.ws100.com/comm>.

SEP 29-OCT 1 - WHITNEY CLASSIC BIKE RIDE - Death Valley to Mt. Whitney at Lone Pine. Ride is 3 PM Sat Sep 30 to 11 AM Sun. MVRC participation is returning Hams. See W6TEE.

Dues are DUE \$48/yr Regular Member, \$18/yr DX member due July 1. \$15 for a Sponsor any 1 yr period.



On the trail between Pomo Canyon State Campground and Shell Beach near the Mouth of the Russian River.

2006 Annual Ham Campout - W6TEE



This was at Casini Ranch on the Russian River, near the ocean, from Thursday, June 15, until Monday, June 19. We mostly used 147.555 simplex. Our RVs had hookups. We could have let dry campers between these big sites, but had no takers. Our motelers came a day later.

Day trips are a big part of our campouts, and Friday morning, everyone then in camp left for a hike through Armstrong Redwoods, near Guerneville. We then drove to the Korbel Winery, where we had lunch.



We stopped at the Hartford Family Winery on our way back to camp. Our three motel campers had arrived by the time we got back. Saturday morning, most of us drove north up the coast. We stopped at a small bakery and coffee shop at Sea Ranch. We continued to Gualala to shop and find the best bowl of clam chowder. We stopped at the Kruse Rhododendron Park on the way back. That night we had a traditional community bean pot, with us all eating together in the pleasant weather. The 13 of us had a good Father's Day Brunc at Northwood Lodge on Sunday. Our three motelers said goodbye and started home. The rest went to another hike. We parked at Shell Beach, and two vehicles took the hikers to Pomo Canyon Campground, on Willow Creek Road, where we took the Pomo Canyon Trail back to Shell Beach. The next day we headed home. It was a three hour drive or less, depending on the route and stops. We used simplex and the MVRC repeater. Everyone said that they had a good time. The weather had been perfect and we had interesting things to do\

We had told people not to depend on cell phones to call home or each other. There were pockets of signal, but none were usable. Exceptions - In the area around the Korbel and Hartford Wineries, we had service on Nextel, but not Verizon. Verizon service started at the southern end of Sea Ranch, and continued north to Gualala, but not Nextel. The camp retro payphone worked fine. Wi-Fi worked good in camp for e-mail.

We had told people not to depend on cell phones to call home or each other. There were pockets of signal, but none were usable. Exceptions - In the area around the Korbel and Hartford Wineries, we had service on Nextel, but not Verizon. Verizon service started at the southern end of Sea Ranch, and continued north to Gualala, but not Nextel. The camp retro payphone worked fine. Wi-Fi worked good in camp for e-mail.



Campout Participants - RVs - George (W6GWB) & Sue, Lew (WA6ESA) & Adrienne (WA6CNE), Jim (WB6ZII) & Marsha (KD6TTS), Bill (N6MSI) & Linda, Les (W6TEE) & Matthew (W6KDJ).
 MOTELS - Mike (WA6RWR) & Doris (WA6UAF), Mike (KT6MJ)