



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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General Meeting Sunday, October 29th, at 4:30

Community Room. of the The Carmichael Library.
It is on Marconi between Garfield and Fair Oaks Blvd on the north side of the street. There are brightly painted stylized metal statues out front. Turn on the street on the east side of the building to the parking lot at the rear. The Community Room is to your right as you enter the library from the rear.

Carmichael Library
5605 Marconi Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608

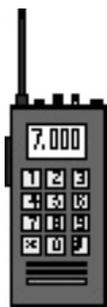


The meeting day is the 29th and Standard time starts that day also.
Check you clocks.

Arrive at 4:15 not 3:15

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Where do we go from here? This is a question that we probably need to discuss at the next general meeting. Our club is now a small group of people supporting two repeaters. We are not the only club in the area or nation wide that is suffering from low membership. New state of the art communications technologies have made amateur radio less interesting for the younger generation. When I got my amateur radio ticket, almost 40 years ago I was looking for good commercial grade communications for my other hobbies. FM radios are what I needed for hiking, biking, 4-wheeling, and railroad photography. I also enjoyed designing and building repeaters and linking systems for the club. Today most of our members use other forms of communication technologies in support of their other interests. There is very little interest today in building complex linked systems. My concern is can we afford to continue support for our repeaters with a falling membership.



Along the same lines, I think we need to accept the fact that we can't support a lot of activity with such a small core group. Our focus may need to be adjusted so that we concentrate on the technical aspects of keeping the repeaters up and running and anything else that happens is a plus.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting for a lively discussion of this topic.

73s

Lew
WA6ESA



MEMBERSHIP REPORT..... sort of

Not much going on in this department. I am happy to report that we have a new Sponsor in JOHN LaHIFF, WA6PHJ. If you hear John on please make him feel welcome. New members and sponsors are pretty hard to come by these days. And speaking of members, I have been running around having fun so I have not sent out the dreaded dues notices yet. So you have another chance to get your membership dues paid up and up to date for 2006-07. You know who you are so PLEASE SEND IN MEMBERSHIP DUES BEFORE THE OCTOBER MEETING and avoid the nasty gram being delivered to you. Continued support from sponsors is also very much appreciated. This fine communication machine we have ain't cheap. Take care and hope to see you all soon.



Membership Chairperson
Adrienne Barnard, WA6CNE

P.S. I hope to be able to find someone to take over as Membership Chair – I just can't work with the new Pres. Also looking for someone to take over as Historian.

1. Jim WB6ZII using two HT's and holding a base station antenna at the ride start in Badwater, Death Valley.
2. The riders leaving heading up the highway from Badwater to Furnace Creek
3. Jim and Glenn, WA7SPY, watching the riders go by Rest Stop 2 at Scotty's Castle Junction.



SEE YOU ALL AT THE MEETING!



Please check your information on the enclosed roster. You should also check the MVRC web site (www.mvrc.org) to insure that your E-mail and Web address are correct.

Please e-mail Bill - WA6ACF if there are changes.

MVRC YahooGroup

At the July MVRC meeting, we decided to expand the membership of the MtVacaRC YahooGroup (aka e-mail list) to include all MVRC members at their option. It had been used only by the Board and Committees. We used the "Invitation" mode to e-mail all known MVRC member addresses that were not already on. Those that replied were added. Any other member can join at any time by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MtVacaRC/> and selecting "Join". Or you can e-mail me with your e-mail address to be added.

Les, W6TEE, w6tee@qsl.net

DO YOU JUST BELONG?
 ARE AN ACTIVE MEMBER, THE KINK THAT WOULD BE MISSED, OR ARE YOU JUST CONTENTED, THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST? DO YOU ATTEND THE MEETINGS, AND MINGLE WITH THE CROWD, OR DO YOU STAY AT HOME AND CRAB LONG AND LOUD? DO YOU EVER GO TO VISIT, A MEMBER THAT IS SICK, OR LEAVE THE WORK FOR JUST A FEW AND TALK ABOUT THE CLIQUE? THERE'S QUITE A PROGRAM SCHEDULED, THAT MEANS SUCCESS IF DONE, AND IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE HELP OF EVERYONE. SO ATTEND THE MEETINGS REGULARLY AND HELP WITH HAND AND HEART, DON'T BE JUST A MEMBER, BUT TAKE AN ACTIVE PART. THINK THIS OVER MEMBER, ARE YOU RIGHT OR ARE YOU WRONG? ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER? OR ---- DO YOU JUST BELONG?