



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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Membership News

**General Meeting
Sunday, April 13th,
at 4:00 p.m.**

**Event Center in Raleys
4650 Natomas Blvd.
Sacramento**

Tech Report

The FCC has informed the MVRC that we need to reduce our power to a level that would make the UHF repeater useless in the valley. The ARRL has requested that all UHF repeaters involved in the PAV-PAWS mess go off the air. They want to prove to the Air Force that UHF ham repeaters are not the cause of the interference to PAV-PAWS.

In the interim we will be re-channeling the UHF repeater on a GRMS frequency so we can continue operating at the 50 watt level. The repeater is down from the hill and I hope to get it back up after the first of May.

The VHF repeater is getting tired. If it is keyed down for very long it goes down to 25 watts or less. I propose the club buy a new Kenwood continuous duty VHF repeater. We can get this repeater at cost (around \$1000). I will not be at the next meeting but the purchase of a new repeater should be discussed.

73s Lew WA6ESA Tech Chairman



Guess what by the July meeting your dues are to be paid, please pay by July, send to our PO box please.

Also elections will be in July, please volunteer now for a board position or a chairperson. Help is needed and your support is appreciate!!

The Membership Chair is happy to announce the addition of Jon Ulbrich, KF6DHQ to the MVRC roster. Jon lives in Antelope and has been a ham for 12 years. He indicated an interest in all forms of communication and a special interest in emergency communications. Welcome to the group Jon, we hope you can join the club at some of our activities and/or quarterly meetings. Thanks for your support.

Adrienne Barnard, WA6CNE
Membership Chairperson



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.

Activities Calendar

SUN APR 13 - MEETING 4:00 pm at Raley's event center inside supermarket, 4650 Natomas Blvd. Sacramento, NE of ARCO Arena (same location as January meeting). Optional dinner after.

MAY 2-6 - DESERT TRIP - Lone Pine - CANCELLED by participants.

SAT MAY 17 - DAVIS DOUBLE CENTURY - Public Service. Signup through link. <http://www.yars.org/events/2008DC/dc08info.html>

JUN 28-29 - WESTERN STATES ENDURANCE RUN - Public Service. Signup through link. <http://www.ws100.com/comm>

SUN JUL 13 - MEETING

JUL 19-20 - TEVIS CUP - Public Service. Signup through link <http://www.ws100.com/comm>.

JUL 24-27 - ANNUAL CAMPOUT - Near Lassen Volcanic National Park. Read info next page.

2008 Ham Radio Campout

HIGHLIGHTS – Annual Ham Campout, July 24-27, 2008. Mineral, CA, near Lassen Volcanic National Park. Full hookup RVs, tents, and motel rooms, same management. We have reserved 10 hookup sites and two adjacent tent sites at Volcano Country RV, part of Mineral Lodge. Motel reservations can be individually made at Mineral Lodge.

WHO is invited to attend? As usual, MVRC and NHRC members, other Mobileer readers, families, and guests. Who are our guests? People interested in doing what we are doing and mixing with the group.

WHERE – Mineral Lodge and Volcano Country RV are located in the town of Mineral, on CA-36, 5 mi West of the South road to Lassen Park. The RV office is in the Country Store, not at the campground, and Mineral Lodge (motel) and a restaurant are located next to the store. The RV park is a block (1/8 mi) East behind the Post Office. All are on the North side of the highway. Ignore the "office" on the RV grounds. (40 20' 55"N 121 35' 36"W) The RV park has a total of 4 tent sites and 26 RV sites. All are nice, in the trees. The central building with bathrooms also has a large veranda that has three picnic tables that serve as a clubroom. Don't be concerned about this being in town because there isn't much else to this town. See www.minerallodge.com and the campground map filed with this announcement.

RESERVATIONS - All RV and tent reservations are presently for 4 nights, Thu July 24 through Sun July 27, departing on Monday. We have until 30 days before that for you to transfer these tentative reservations to your name and credit card and give them your exact number of nights, if not four. You can do this any time from now until June 23, or until we run out of sites, if there are no more available. The one warning was that a monthly renter wanting a specific site could have first priority over us. (Photos: Tent Site – Central Building – RV Site)



Do NOT call Mineral Lodge without going through me. We need to control site assignments to avoid holes in the group. All hookup sites will accommodate any size RV we have. Those making motel reservations are on your own, except I can give you the phone number, and would like to track those reservations too. The office is open all year.

WHY? - Why did we act so early? One of my original three choices to scout in October was already booked for July. I scouted three locations on CA-36 because they were easy to get to and a reasonable distance. There were other places closer to Sacramento, but are they a reasonable temperature in July and do they have the facilities? All locations scouted were 4500-4900 ft in elevation. Our RVers want full hookups. We try to find places with tent sites and cabins or motel rooms on-site or nearby.

WHEN –We reserve a weekend so that people with jobs can come up Fri and Sat nights, and go home on Sunday. Many extend a day on both ends. This weekend was chosen to avoid the 4th of July and the Tevis Cup Trail Ride public service.

WHAT – There are back road and 4WD trips near our campout that look interesting. One would make a loop outside Lassen Park, to return through the Park. Anyone interested in leading one or more day trips?

Les, W6TEE