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Events for MVRC Mark your calendar.

From the President. Les W6TEE

SUN OCT 24 - MVRC
MEETING - 4 PM - Mountain
Mike's Pizza,
5640 Auburn Blvd E of Garfield.
Guests welcome.

DEC - MVRC CHRISTMAS
PARTY - TBA



From I-80, either take Madison East and left on Auburn, then it is on your right immediately after Garfield, OR take Greenback East and immediately turn right on Garfield, then left on Auburn. It is still on your right. Parking in front, but a lot more parking in back via the right side of the building.

**SEE YOU ALL AT THE
MEETING!**

Membership

New sponsor:
D. Pureheart Steinbruner WB6DWP
and family:
Becky KI6TKB
Stuart KI6TKA
Greta KI6NTL
From Aptos, ca.

Here is agenda for our meeting in this Sunday at Mountain Mike's in Foothill Farms. This is adjacent to the former Foothill Dairy which named the area before being subdivided in the '50s, but the cows are gone. I think we have some interesting and important things to discuss while enjoying pizza or hot sandwiches (food optional).

1. Repeaters other than 2 m - Presently we only have our traditional 147.00 repeater on the air. Our former 440 repeater that was on GMRS is off the air. Lew, WA6ESA, our Tech Chairman, has a plan to present that would put the repeater back on 440, despite Pave Paws. Should that plan not pass, ignoring GMRS, we need a Ham repeater besides 2 meters. The choices are, 900 MHz, 6 meters, 220 MHz, or 1.2 GHz. Any band other than 440 would require a plan to raise money.
 - a. 440 - We took this off the air due to Pave Paws, but we will hear what Lew has to say. Everyone is already equipped for this band.
 - b. 900 - This band is a growing local substitute for 440, and equipment is easy to get reasonably. A local network extends from Sacramento to Oakland, Corning, Reno, Ridgecrest, and Fresno. Only Marc and I from MVRC are using it that I know of.
 - c. 6 meters - This overlooked band has easy to get used equipment and we had a 6 meter repeater on Vaca in the past. Many forget that their HF transceivers will go on 6 meter FM.
 - d. 220 - This band can be useful but lacks an easy supply of equipment. I included it to be complete. I am on 220 myself. We had a 220 repeater in the past when we had a member interested in maintaining it.
 - e. 1.2 GHz - We hosted 1.2 repeaters belonging to members at our previous site, but they have made other arrangements since we moved. I also included it just to be complete but it would be more expensive for the club and users. A few of us still have equipment.

2. IRLP/Echolink - This is presently running on the 2 meter input. Marc will explain why this is not as satisfactory as we expected, and our linking plans on 900 MHz. If anyone is interested in Echolink apps that run on Android phones or iPhones, Marc can demonstrate.

3. 2011 Campout - Suggestions for next July include the Marin/Sonoma coast or Mineral/Lassen Park again. These and other alternatives need someone to plan and make reservations. No planner, no campout. I would make arrangements at Mineral, if that is our choice, or step aside if someone else wants to do it there or elsewhere. Related subject - Roger, W6SQQ, and Carole, K6PUP, RV to visit her Ham brother in Portola every Summer. A few years ago, they hosted the Sam's Radio Hams at an RV park in Cromberg, between Portola and Quincy. I scheduled the same location for our campout the following year. They will host a SRH campout at Clio's River's Edge in August 2011. I plan on going. A small number of Ham guests would be welcome if interested. No tents. Let me know.

4. Yes, I know this Yahoo Group does not reach all members. Yes, there are ways of reaching more people, but I consider some methods as unsatisfactory as other members consider Yahoo Groups. We need this resolved to possibly push harder for signups to the Yahoo Group. At the last meeting, I believe everyone there was on this Group, offering no opportunity to reach new subscribers.

July camp out. Those hiking and camping were: George W6GWB, Sue; Jim KT6W, Linda N6ZFB
Marc W6MAR; Bill N6MSI, Linda; Lew WA6ESA, Adrienne WA6CNE; Jim WB6ZII, Marsha KD6TTS;
Bill WA6IVI, Marilyn; Les W6TEE, Matthew W6KDJ; George KK4XU, Maria KC4PGH, daughter Lauren

