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Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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SUN Jan. 12 - MVRC Meeting

Denny's Meeting Room at Denny's, on Auburn Blvd. at Watt Ave, immediately South of both Capital Freeway and I-80. Denny's is on the East side of the corner Shell station at Auburn and Watt.

Arrangements are that we will eat FIRST at 4 PM. If just coming for the meeting, that will start at 5 PM. Meals (light or otherwise), sandwiches, soft drinks, or breakfasts are available any time we are there. *Interested visitors are welcome.*



Doris Keller threw a wonderful MVRC holiday party on Saturday, December 7 with many members and guests in attendance. Shown left to right in the back row are Doris, Sue and George Besley, Les Cobb, Willie Yoder, Matt Cobb, Lew Barnard, and Wayne Minick. Front row includes Mike Jordan, his wife Teddy, Kaayla Jaret - daughter of Norm Brooks and a long-time ham himself, and Carolyn Minick. Great food, great fun and a special holiday treat for all!

Activities:

* EVERY SAT - MT. VACA 75 m SAT NIGHT SSB NET - 8 PM 3918.5 kHz, open, informal

* SUN JAN 12 - MVRC MEETING - Dinner 4 PM or any time, Meeting 5 PM - Denny's, Auburn at Watt, Sacramento, by Shell.

* SAT FEB 8 - CHILI PARTY - Tentative

* MARCH - QUARTERLY MOBILE RUN - Tentative

President's Column

If you care about what the Club does, please attend the Jan 12 meeting. At the Oct meeting, we had light attendance and some wrong ideas about the state of the Treasury. Treasurer Bill, WA6IVI, and I had only recently got the account transferred and Bill hadn't yet examined the budget. Those of us present erroneously thought that we would have to split the club and merge with perhaps YARS. However, we now know that we have enough money. But we can still divest or merge parts of other activities where you current members have no interest. But none of this is now necessary, just an interest improving option.

What does split the club mean? The repeater must stay with MVRC or it loses its NARCC sanction. If enough members and/or a merging club only want the MVRC repeater, other activities would be transferred to our affiliated Mobileer e-mail group. That was the plan at the last meeting so that nothing would be lost.

Another vote would yield sponsorship and name of the Mt Vaca 80 m Net to either Mobileer or North Hills Radio Club. It will not be offered exclusively to either group unless MVRC lets it go. I am in favor of this net, but I am a member of the other groups so I can accept your vote. All three sponsor the net now, with MVRC the least active despite the name, but we would reduce it to one sponsor and name even if we keep it, while remaining open to all.

See you at the meeting! - Les W6TEE

July 2013 through June 2014 Officers and Appointments:

President - Les Cobb, W6TEE, Sacramento
Vice President - Bill Harrington, N6MSI, Roseville
Secretary - Lee Rominger, W6LFR, Sacramento
Treasurer - Bill Williford, WA6IVI, Sacramento
Director - Bob Olson, W6BO, Yuba City
Director - Kim Scheidel, KE6RKX, Pleasant Grove
Trustee - George Besley, W6GWB, Woodland
Technical - Bob Olson, W6BO, Yuba City
Editor, Roster - Bill Yoder, WA6ACF, Loomis
Membership - open
Activities - Les Cobb, W6TEE, Sacramento
Other appointments in effect until replaced.

Our 4th quarter Mobile Run caravanned on 2 m to Marshall Gold Discovery Park on Nov 9 from Folsom. This was on a Saturday, their monthly Living History Day, when docents were in costume. We all had a good time, most hadn't been there in years. Those going were, Marc W6MAR, Vicki WB6PHQ, Dennis KI6GSJ, Matthew W6KDJ, Les W6TEE, All but Vicki had a late lunch at the former Fosters Freeze in Placerville, still good. Vicki went again on December Living History Day and enjoyed most of the historic town buildings open too.



A Reminder that the **Club Dues are needed**. The club dues are \$48 for full membership or DX dues are \$18.

Please check the roster and if your dues date has expired or will in the next few months please make your membership current. Thanks.

Payments can be made online at www.mvrc.org or by mailing your check to:

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*Check our Activity page on our web for latest updates.
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Operating Guide for Repeater usage

The MVRC repeaters are equipped with 30 second timers in response to the membership's desire that transmissions be short, direct and to the point like face-to-face conversations. The MVRC system is a large party line that should be kept open for use by as many users as possible. When entering a conversation in progress, identify using your **call sign** only. The use of the word **BREAK** is discouraged. Give your call sign in the time period between when one member of the conversation stops transmitting and the courtesy tone occurs.

When the system is being used for Public Service please give that traffic priority.

All Amateurs are welcome to use the open repeaters and in open contacts which do not impede the use by others.