



t. Vaca Radio Club News

July 1998

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MVRC General Meeting - Annual Elections

Sunday, July 12 8:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST MEETING

Lyons restaurant at 300 Bercut dr. off of
Richards Blvd. and I-5 - Sacramento

This is our elections meeting so if you are interested in helping the club by being an officer then please contact the Election committee: Marc (W6MAR).

MVRC Activities - 3Q 1998

SUN JUL 12 - REGULAR MEETING - Election, Dues.

FRI JUL 17-MON JUL 20 - ANNUAL CAMPOUT -
Williams Grove, 1 mile N of Myers Flat, Humboldt Red-
woods State Park. See article for details.

AUG 8 OR SEP 12 - CARAVAN TRIP - Possibly Utah, RV/
tent camping trip. Participants will plan trip and date. Not
organized by MVRC, but members invited. Contact Les.

WED AUG 19 - BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER - JOURNEY FOR SIGHT (Bike for Sight) -
Cancelled.

WED SEP 16 - BOARD MEETING

SUN OCT 18 - REGULAR MEETING

Les, W6TEE, Activities Chairman

Dues are due, Dues are due, \$36, ONLY for those showing 6/98 expiration. Mail it to the club address, or present it before the July meeting starts.

If a recent expiration was before 6/98, renewal is \$3/month to come up to the fiscal year (month 6), plus the \$36 that is due by the end of June. If exp. was 04/98, then renewal is $(6-4) \times \$3 = \6 , plus \$36. If expiration is after 6/98 but before 6/99, you only owe \$3/mo to 6/99.

Les, W6TEE, Treasurer

Membership

Greeting from your Membership Committee. The MVRC continues to grow at a steady pace with the addition of two new members. Please join me in welcoming:

Mike Ullery KF6PBO From Fair Oaks, who also enjoys skiing, boating, hiking and camping. He should fit right in with our outdoors contingent. Watch out Mike, they also put together some super Wine Tasting trips.

Tim Ryan KF6PBQ Also from Fair Oaks, whose other hobbies include computers and things in the mechanical world. I'm sure his expertise will be a plus to the club's many activities.

We are trying something new with the July MVRC General meeting. In an attempt to diversify our past format we have planned a breakfast meeting at Lyons Restaurant and have reserved the patio for our use, thanks to Tina (KD6VXF) the assistant manager. Hopefully, this will inspire some of our 'missing in action' members to attend. It will be different and it should be fun, plus it frees up the rest of the day for other activities. Please mark your calendars for 8:30 AM, July 12th.

73's Wayne WA6APX

Well another year, and maybe the last year for the club. You think I jest, then where have you been to help the club? People are needed for President, Vice President, Secretary Net control, and 2 Directors. Marc has found no one to run for these offices. We will assume that Les will stay on as Treasurer and George as Trustee.

So what would you all like to do? Attached is a survey that needs to be returned along with your dues.

To encourage you to come to the meeting enclosed is a ticket that you can bring and put in for a drawing. The drawing will be for breakfast at the meeting.

As an incentive to get to return your survey and pay your dues the FIRST 15 to do so will be entered into our Door Prize drawing

Bill - WA6ACF

Please listen to the MVRC NET at 9 p.m. every Monday evening. Latest club activities are heard on our net.



Annual Campout

We have a group camp reserved for up to 40 people at Williams Grove on the Ave of the Giants, off Hwy 101, Humboldt Redwoods State Park.

We will arrive Fri Jul 17, and leave Mon Jul 20. Cost will be prorated, about \$16/camping unit total. You can stay shorter periods if you let us know, but no discount. We expect to have room for lots of guests, but to make this possible, you MUST RSVP member and guest count and arrival to Les, W6TEE or Marc, W6MAR, no later than the July 12 meeting.

Besides sight-seeing in the redwoods, there will be a day trip to the lost coast, the undeveloped area on the ocean, west of camp. We can double up on trips away from camp for those unable to move their vehicle. The camp itself is in heavy forest and is next to a fork of the Eel River. Tables and barbeques are clustered at one point in camp. A set of rest rooms is shared with the other group site.

To get to Williams Grove, take Hwy 101 north, either via Santa Rosa, or by way of Clear Lake, to the Meyers Flat exit, north of Garberville. Continue north through Meyers Flat 1 mile to Williams Grove on the left. Note that Williams Grove is signed as a day use area, and after entering, you pass several group day use sites. The two group camp sites are on a loop at the very end of the road. We have site B reserved. Allow at least five hours travel time from Sacramento. PLEASE take these directions along. See Marc's article on campout repeaters.

Les, W6TEE

CAMPOUT REPEATERS

For those who will arrive at the July campout late on Friday or on Saturday, the repeaters in the area are 146.610 in Garberville and 146.760 on Mt. Pierce outside of Scotia. The two are linked full time and the PL is 103.5 Hz. Start monitoring 146.610 first around the Laytonville area and then use 146.760 somewhere north of Redway. Keep in mind that this is rugged, mountainous country and repeater coverage will be spotty to non-existent in many areas.

We should have HT coverage for 146.760 in the camp-ground, however. There is a repeater on Grasshopper Peak, which is in the state park which should work well, also. One of us will monitor that, too. It is a solar-powered station running 20 or 30 watts or so. The frequency is 147.330 with a PL of 103.5. There is a map of Humboldt County repeaters located at <http://www.sharkk.com/pages/fwra.htm>. It is quite handy.

Marc, W6MAR

DEATH VALLEY

The annual MVRC Spring desert caravan and camping trip was to Death Valley, Sat April 4 through Wed April 8. The following went: Lew, WA6ESA, and Adrienne, WA6CNE; Les, W6TEE, and Matthew, KF6FIQ; Jim, WB6ZII, and Marsha, KD6TTS; Vern, W3DLY, and Trish, WA3GKT; and Doug, N6XKL, and Joanne, KF6GXX, with their guests, Bill and Cathy. Lew, Les, Jim, and Vern had RVs, Doug and Bill tented.

Everyone but Jim and Marsha, Vern and Trish, met Lew and Adrienne for breakfast Saturday in Elk Grove. We traveled through Bakersfield to avoid snow in the Sierras and used 147.555 MHz simplex. Jim and Marsha left later. Vern and Trish live in Lake Havasu and arrived Sunday.

We stopped at the Boulder Creek RV Park near Lone Pine, and had a housewarming in Lew and Adrienne's new trailer. Sunday, everyone except Jim and Marsha moved camp to Panamint Springs. We had a picnic lunch at the Death Valley Visitor's Center, then drove to Scotty's Castle for the tour. Les stayed back and guided Vern and Trish's arrival. Monday, we hiked to the pictographs in Greenwater Canyon. On

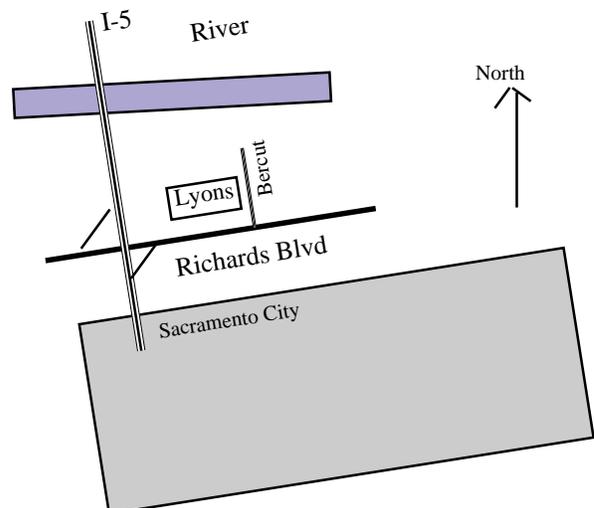
Tuesday, we drove to Rhyolite and toured the Bottle House, then drove to the Chloride Cliffs, with some 4WD. After a picnic lunch, we went to the lower end of Titus Canyon and hiked in a short distance. Lew and Adrienne, and Jim and Marsha hiked Mosaic Canyon on the return trip. We returned home on Wednesday after breakfast in Lone Pine.

(A version with photos is linked from the MVRC Activities web page.)

Les, W6TEE

Directions to meeting:

From I-5 take Richards Blvd east to Bercut drive (next corner from freeway) turn left, then left into Lyons.



July 1998 Survey

Please fill this survey out and return asap.

1. How frequent should there be general meetings ? monthly quarterly yearly none
 other comments: _____

2. Should we continue the club NET? yes no
3. Is the current time convenient for the NET? yes no -- if no then when would be? _____
4. How often would you run the NET? full time alternate months part time none
5. What club board position would you take? President, VP, Board member, Secretary, Treasurer _____
6. What Committee will you help on? Tech committee, Membership, Public service, Activities, NewsLetter _____
7. What Activities do you enjoy with the club? Camping public service Tech work other ?

8. What can we do to increase membership? _____

9. What should we do at our meetings? _____

10. Should we put on HAM RADIO training classes? yes no - will you teach or help? _____
11. Other suggestions that you will help the club with..

Send to:

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