



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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General Meeting
Sunday, January 15th,
at 4:00 p.m.

Event Center in Raleys
1915 Douglas Blvd
Roseville, CA



I just wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year and all your resolutions for the New Year are good ones. I also want to invite everyone to the MVRC Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2006, at the Raley's community meeting room in Roseville. I am not sure what the program will be, but I think we have some

unfinished business we should complete at this meeting.

As far as I can tell, the repeater system is in good working order with minimal interference from outside sources. Every once in a while, there is some "grung," but those moments seem to be on the decline. Hopefully we can eliminate the interference altogether.

After an issue with my Internet service provider (ISP), the IRLP box is back in good working order. The issue was that the ISP decided to block a port which the IRLP was using to get its Internet (IP) address updates. The ISP would not budge on the port blocking issue, so I had to create a work-around which seems to have solved the problem. In addition, I am working on a script which reads traffic reports from the California Highway Patrol computer-aided dispatch system at cad.chp.ca.gov. This script is in a test and evaluation mode and can be launched by entering #99 on your radio's touch tone pad.

In addition to repeater and IRLP news, we have some public service activities that require our participation. The primary events are, of course, the Davis Double Century on Saturday, May 21, and the Western States Endurance Run on June 24 and 25, 2006.

As I recall from last year, the endurance run fell a little short on volunteer communicators. Although this can be a grueling event even for the volunteers, requiring early-morning and late-night shifts, and monitoring of checkpoints that are difficult to access, let's see if we can add a few more volunteers to make sure all of the important check points are covered.

For more information on these and other activities, visit our web site at www.mvrc.org.

Marc Reitzell, W6MAR
President



2006 ANNUAL CHILI PARTY
February 11th 6:30 PM - Loomis QTH of Bill, WAGCF, and Anita, WDGABF

Bring chili or side dish.



RSVP Bill

Mumblings from Membership:

Not a lot of activity to report but we did send out two new member packets in November. One to Joe Parker, W6DY who lives in Stockton and the other to Bob Robertson, KG6VNO in Grass Valley. We do want to extend a warm welcome to both Joe and Bob. Let them know you're out there if you hear either Joe or Bob on the MVRC system. We also sent out our letter of introduction to a system user and hope he will join our organization also. That's all the news from your

Membership Chairperson

Adrienne Barnard, WA6CNE

...of some historical interest

The photo album has been updated thanks to recent contribution of photos from Jim Rainford. The album will be available for your enjoyment at the Chili Party in February. You can take a walk back in time and see more photos like those in this and recent newsletters.

Activities Calendar

SUN JAN 15 - REGULAR MEETING - 4:00-6:00 PM - Event Center inside Raley's, rear, 1915 Douglas Blvd, Roseville. Optional dinner at nearby restaurant.

SAT FEB 11 - ANNUAL CHILI PARTY - 6:30 PM - Loomis QTH of Bill, WA6ACF, and Anita, WD6ABF. Bring chili or side dish. Talk-in on MVRC repeaters. RSVP Bill.

SUN APR 23 - REGULAR MEETING

MAY 5-9 - SPRING DESERT TRIP - Boulder Creek RV Park, Lone Pine. Reservations have been made. RSVP before April 1.

JUN 16-17 - ANNUAL CAMPOUT - Casini Ranch Family Campground, Duncan Mills.

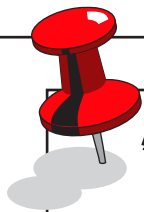
HISTORY PHOTOS



The 1979 Chili Judges



Annual Campout - 1995 (Susanville area)



**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 Activities - **2005** - The Chili Party was held in February at Vicki, WB6PHQ, and Tom's QTH in Lincoln Hills and had a good turnout. Our Spring Desert Trip to Joshua Tree National Park in April was well attended and written up in the MVRC News. A nice group went to our campout in July at Railroad Park near Dunsmuir. Cabins were available for those that wanted them. Some impressive photos from the campout were in the October MVRC News. This article does not include a Public Service report, but those that helped out with the 135 mile Whitney Classic charity bike ride in Lone Pine in early October, found it to have major aspects of a campout because it was so far and the ride itself was overnight. The Christmas Pot Luck Dinner in December was held at Lew, WA6ESA, and



RR Park -- photo by W6TEE



Joshua Tree -- photo by KD6TTS

2006 - We have the usual activities planned for the coming year, but suggestions are welcome. The Chili Party is scheduled in February at Bill, WA6ACF, and Anita, WD6ABF's QTH in Loomis. I believe these started in 1974 at the WA6RWR, WA6UAF QTH, and have been held every year since. Lew, WA6ESA, made a DVD of my VHS copy of the 1980 Chili Party, shot by him. Reservations have been made at the popular Boulder Creek RV Park in Lone Pine for the Desert Trip. Some good day trips are planned. We have reservations in June for our Summer Campout at Casini Ranch on the Russian River near the ocean. Les, W6TEE



2005 Chili Winners --- photo by W6KDJ



2005 Chili Judges hard at work

2005 WHITNEY CLASSIC



All photo's courtesy of Marsha Collier, KD6TTS.

Jim at Badwater - This is the race Starting Point at 3PM on Saturday afternoon. Here I'm communicating on UHF to Lew's cross-band repeater (Lew is located at Rest Stop 2) to Glenn who's acting as temporary net control. Glenn and Kim are located on Hwy 190 near the Saline Valley turn-off.

Lew and AB - They are at Rest Stop 2 along with Marc and together they are checking riders numbers as they enter the rest stop and exit the rest stop.

