



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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Events for MVRC, Mark your calendar now.

SUN JUL 19 - MEETING - 4:00 pm at Raley's event center inside supermarket, 4650 Natomas Blvd. Sacramento, NE of ARCO Arena (same as recent meetings).

Optional dinner definite after.

JUL 23-27 - ANNUAL CAMPOUT - Golden Pines near Arnold and Calaveras Big Trees. See <http://www.mvrc.org/camp0907gp.pdf> and article in April 09 MVRC News, available on MVRC web page. We have 11 RVs, two tents and two cabins signed up, a good turnout for lots of activities.

AUG 1-2 - TEVIS CUP - Public Service. Equestrian endurance ride. Signup <http://www.ws100.com/comm>

SAT SEP 12 - TAHOE SIERRA 100 (TS100) - Public Service, Mtn Bikes, Soda Springs to French Meadows. Contact Kim, KE6RKX.

SEP 25-27 - WHITNEY CLASSIC - Public Service. Death Valley - Lone Pine charity bike ride. See article here.

SUN OCT 18 - MEETING - Suggested date so conflicts can be adjusted. Please comment!

WHITNEY CLASSIC

This is a 135 mile overnight charity bike ride from Badwater to Whitney Portal, a challenge for riders and Hams. Optionally, RVs are used at rest stops.

See a complete explanation at

http://www.mvrc.org/Whitney_2009.pdf

I am the ride radio chairman for the Sam's Radio Hams (Good Sam) and augment their Hams with MVRC and other Hams from this area. Glenn, WA7SPY, has helped immeasurably several years, was NCS last year, but looks like he is going to ride the year, with his sister Beryl, KC6PMD, driving a support vehicle for him. We can always use more interested Hams, with or without RVs to help operate at 13 locations at various times. Non-Ham Good Sams use their RVs for rest stop support. Sept 27-Oct 1 following the bike ride, the Sams Radio Hams hold a campout at MVRC's favorite Lone Pine RV park, Boulder Creek. You are certainly invited if you bring your RV for the bike ride.



Les, W6TEE

The big 4 0



Who? Why it is us MVRC

See story on page 2.

Join us Sunday July 19 celebrate our survival and have some cake.

Stuff from Bill.



Greetings,

Well it is that time again when we have our General Meeting. Our July meeting is an important meeting since this is when we get to pay dues and elect a new board.

I would like as many members that can attend this meeting on July 19th. It is important to support your club, after all being a member is what pays for the repeater. We could use some new members so find a ham friend and bring them.

We have several public services activities this next quarter. This is a chance to go play radio and enjoy the outdoors while doing a public service for safety.

I want to thank all those that have help get things done this last year for MVRC.

Bill
WA6ACF



**SEE YOU ALL
AT THE MEET-
ING!**

Check the roster for the year your dues are paid. If it does not show 2010 then dues are due. Please verify your information - Email, etc...

NORM! (From Les)

I'm frequently asked by old Pioneer and Mt Vaca members if I have seen Norm, K6FO, and how he is. I saw him at the last the River City meeting which he regularly attends. He is doing fine for a gentleman of 93, 70 years a Ham. He is using a walker and speaks slower, but the humor is still apparent and memory good. His doctor says age is his only problem.



He is still living with his daughter , Kaayla, KA6YLA, who seems to be on all the nets!

Norm was the first Treasurer for the Mt. Vaca Radio Club, 1969-1988



Some 2008 Whitney Classic workers with Mt. Whitney in the background.

Photo by Matt W6KDJ



Two antennas meet on a roof, fall in love and get married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Mt. Vaca Radio Club on 40 YEARS of operation. The club was licensed in the summer of 1969 for operation of a UHF repeater and associated VHF station under the call sign WA6UGY. The repeaters are still located on Mt. Vaca which is about 10 miles NW of Vacaville, CA at about 2800 ft. In January, 1972 the club is incorporated and by-laws were written and adopted. During the past 30 years the club as operated and in some cases suspended, various modes of operation including 220, 6 meters, auto patch and a 2-meter remote base.



Following are some assorted facts and figures about the club. If you haven't been paying close attention for the past 40 years, read on.....

Of the original "Founding Fathers" and charter members (nineteen), Four are still members - Douglas Macheel, K6HLE; Robert Bartels, K5MVZ; Les Cobb, W6TEE and Lew Barnard, WA6ESA. Les and Lew are still in the Sacramento area and very active in the club. Doug has just moved back to the area. Way to go guys.

The club's first trustee was Jay O'Brien, W6GO. In 1977 George Besley, WB6DQP took over the reins and is still a very trustee person.

Some other long suffering (oops a typo, I meant long serving) members who have given generously of their time over the years include Norm Brooks, K6FO - 13 years as treasurer, George Robison, K6JIK - 8 years as president, Les Cobb, W6TEE - 14

(or more) years as treasurer, Bill Yoder, WA6ACF, 9 years as president and many others who have served as officers and board members for many years with little thanks and very low pay. We thank them all very sincerely.

Another little recognized fact is that Vicki Cobb, WB6PHQ and Doris Keller, WA6UAF the only females who has ever held the office of president. We really should hear more from the ladies!

Since incorporation, the club has grown from 21 members which included charters and reciprocals to the current membership of 50 (30 full members, 20 licensed associates).

The club has withstood some natural "near" disasters. Heavy rains have made the road to the site near impassable - I'm sure the old timers would be happy to share some stories with newer members...OK so you've heard them all already. Winds in excess of 100 MPH blew the building over onto its side and one of the wildfires in the area came close enough to melt antennas and wires.

But the MVRC lives on thanks to those who provide direction, leadership and participation in club activities whether of a technical or social nature. Good fellowship is as important to our success as are good technical skills.

CONGRATULATIONS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK PROVIDING RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS FOR PERSONAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

** Please come and join us at the meeting **

Article by Adrienne Barnard WA6CNE in the July 1999 news with updates by Bill, WA6ACF