



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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Membership Meeting.

SUN July 10 - MVRC Meeting - Denny's Meeting Room, We have a reservation for the meeting room at Denny's, on Auburn Blvd at Watt Ave, immediately South of both Business-80 and I-80. (Note - There is another Denny's on Watt Ave next to I-80. That is not it. Go further South to Auburn Blvd, then left.) Our 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.

The MVRC is unique because of the public service, operating, and social activities scheduled during the year. One such activity is the a summer campout. In addition, there is an "unofficial" caravan in the late summer. It is not sponsored by the club because of the longer distances and special interests, such as trains, 4WD, or Public service but it is open to all interested members.

A Reminder that the Club Dues were due by July 1st. The club dues are \$48 for full membership. The DX dues are still \$18 for a year.

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

Thanks.

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Activity Calendar

JUL 10 - MVRC Meeting - Elections. Dinner optional at 4 pm, Meeting at 5 PM, Visitors welcome
JUL 25-29 - Annual Ham C ampout - Olema RV Park, Point Reyes.

Aug 13 - Tahoe Sierra 100 - Public Service.
Contact KE6RKX

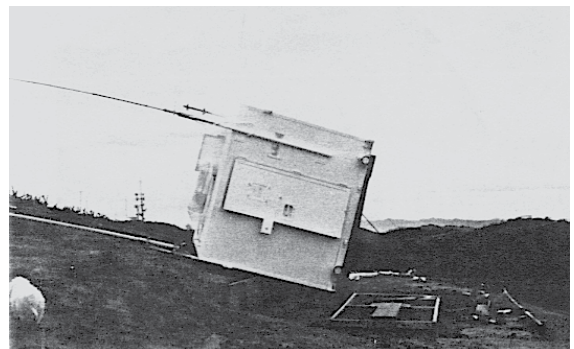
SEP 23-25 - Whitney Classic - Public Service.

Oct 8 - Tevis Cup - Public Service.

See details of events on web site or call Les.

And now a note from the Secretary.

If you are keeping track of which month it is then you know that this month's meeting is our elections. Please consider giving some of your time to **your club**. I do want to thank the current board members and committee chairpersons for their time and help. But as usual we do need people who will take the time to insure the future of this club and its equipment. If you have not been contacted, please call me to let him know which board or committee position you would like. See you at the meeting. - Bill Yoder WA6ACF



Remember when we tried Horizontal Polarization in 1998, the real problem was it was hard to work on the repeater with this orientation.



Special Thanks

To all volunteers this past year - without you we would not have as great club as we do.

Article from the archives published in July 1999.
This was written by Adrienne Barnard WA6CNE
in celebration of 30 years of service.

I thought it would interesting to our newer members. - Editor
We are now at 42 years of service.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mt Vaca Radio Club on 30 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 repeater(s) are still located on Mt Vaca which is about 10 miles NW of Vacaville, CA at about 2800 ft. In January, 1972 the club incorporated and by-laws were written and adopted. During the past 30 years the club has 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 30 years, read on.....

Of the original "Founding Fathers" and charter members (nineteen), five are still members - Douglas Macheel, K6HLE; Ross Stevens, W6FRE; 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. 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 - 10 years as treasurer, Bill Yoder, WA6ACF, 7 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 is

the only female who has ever held the of office of president. We really should hear more from the ladies! (Now add Doris Keller WA6UAF as a president to that list - ED.)

Since incorporation, the club has grown from 21 members which included charters and reciprocals to the current membership of 66 (36 full members, 19 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.

HAPPY 42nd



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



**SEE YOU ALL
AT THE MEET-
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