



Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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SUN Jan. 13 - 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.

Fondly remembering Mike WA6RWR
Long time MVRC member and friend of all.



Chili judges 1979: Mike, Ross, & Lew

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.*

President's Report:

Mike Keller, WA6RWR SK, Dec 8, 2012. A good friend over 40 years.

Agenda for this meeting and year.

1. Alternate repeater - This is a replacement to try for our former 440. We share our 2 meter 147.00 repeater with other clubs for nets or public service, and with the "public" on a daily basis. As a result, many Members feel that our 2 meter repeater is not suitable for them to the extent that 440 was. The suggestion to use Skipp's 900 MHz repeater is still in effect, but has not produced results, despite increased use of the band. W6YDD now has a third repeater on 146.625 on Vaca. It is open and if our members don't use it any more than they claim they like to hear, we would be welcome. This invitation is coordinated. Let's try it until at least the April meeting to see if it is acceptable to us and the repeater owners. Although this is an open repeater, this invitation is specifically for MVRC Members and Sponsors. Read the separate article about W6YDD 146.625 before using it.

2. Public Service - We continue to list Public Service in our Activities when we have or might take part. But it is up to individual members to sign-up.

3. Mobile Runs - We used to have these (Sunday Drives, Caravans) occasionally but haven't recently. If there is interest at the January meeting, I propose an interesting industrial tour in Western Placer County, close to home for many of us, in March.

4. Camping - We need to start working on one or more simple campouts during 2013. When we plan and announce Ham campouts, people come. Yet everyone sits on their hands at meetings. Please come to the January meeting prepared to take action.

5. HF Net - The Saturday night 75 meter net is an interesting experiment using HF for a change. It has been in operation almost

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Desert trip: Bill H., Mike J., Bill Y., Doris & Mike Keller, Les C. & Lew B. (the year was early in our lives)



Chili party at Mike's home.



1995 Campout - cans of beans for the evening chili pot.

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a year. Conditions change and present new challenges. I intend supporting it for as long as it generates interest. Unlike our old 2 meter net, no club business is discussed except as rag chewing.

6. Merger - We have no current spokesman for any club merger. Although we are open to suggestions, no action is taking place.

7. Dues - Reducing the dues is said to be impossible because of our annual expenses. But I still would like to map our budget. If we could increase membership, that would change the dues required. High dues work against attracting new members.

8. Repeater - We need to complete moving our Echo-IRLP nodes to the 147.00 repeater on Mt. Vaca from a member's QTH. Some Members and Sponsors express a need for it. Also, we could have GMRS back on, but I have no indication that any Member depends on it.

Les, W6TEE

Activities:

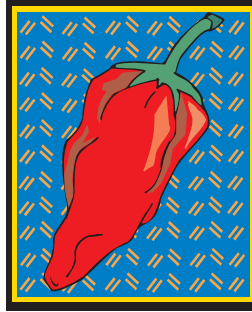
- Every Sat night 8 PM, Mt. Vaca 75 m open informal SSB Net, 3918.5 kHz. See Web Page
- **SUN JAN 13** - MVRC MEETING
- **SAT FEB 2** - MVRC CHILI PARTY - 6:30 PM - at Yoder's Home, WA6ACF see roster for address.
- **MARCH** - MOBILE RUN - Proposed industrial tour in Placer Co. Date to be selected.

W6YDD 146.625

See Pres Column. W6YDD, a "club" call, is known for 1.2 and 440 repeaters, and was associated with the former WB4YJT Grass Valley and Bald Mt (Georgetown) repeaters on 146.625(-), which are now W6YDD. The Bald Mt repeater is used for several public service activities that MVRC members assist. Recently, a W6YDD repeater on this frequency was added to Mt Vaca with a third PL tone. When using any of the three, let the carrier drop, they are not linked. Coverage overlaps in our area, but Vaca would be our primary. Here are the three tones.
Tone One - Grass Valley - 151.4
Tone Two - Bald Mt - 123.0
Tone Three - Mt Vaca - 94.8

July 2012 through June 2013 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, KE6RKK, Pleasant Grove
Trustee - George Besley, W6GWB, Woodland
Technical - Bob Olson, W6BO, Yuba City
Editor, Roster - Bill Yoder, WA6ACF, Loomis
Membership - Dolly Rominger, KC6ZWR, Sacramento
Activities - Les Cobb, W6TEE, Sacramento
Other appointments in effect until replaced.



Facts of Hysterically Historical Interest

(Original article by AB in 2005, updated by Editor)

The upcoming Chili Party scheduled for February 2nd will be the 36th such attempt at this gastronomic event. The first, held in 1977, was undocumented – probably for good reason. We know, however, that the Chili Party (originally referred to as a Chili Contest) began after a number of our founding members had made stopping at Foster's Hotel in Chama, New Mexico for chili a regular stop when visiting the 4-corners area for 4-wheel trips & riding the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.

Those early MVRC chili contests were pretty entertaining with competition high for the hottest, best, and most unusual chili (won by Dan, KH8AF for his Alpo based creation). There were even judges, who we believe, may have been corrupted by bribes passing hands before the judging began.

All that being said, why not re-institute the tradition of the Chili Contest with a panel of judges selecting winners before everyone dives in.



See you all at the 36th Annual Chili Party. **Feb. 2 (Groundhog day) @ 6:30 PM at the Yoder's (WA6ACF) Please RSVP. 916 652-7113**



IT'S PARTY TIME!

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.